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The War Cloud that was so Black for Some Days Past Has Settled so that Some

Of the Prophets say They can See Beyond the Bright Light of Peace.

The war cloud that has been agitating our people for some weeks past on account of the insolence of Chilli seems to be breaking away, at least the Cabinet officers and parties at Washington most directly connected with him, have cooed down and are sleeping soundly of nights under the hope that Chilli will soon apologize for all the insults she has ever offered Uncle Sam, and then all will be serene again. The president is withholding his message to congress with the hope that there will be no need of calling the attention of congress to the treatment this government has received from Chilli during his administration.

While some of Blaine's friends are saying that he is not in manner to do so at this time for fear of putting his foot in the political pot and spoiling his chance of a re-nomination. For the Secretary of State has been doing some work in the matter, declaring that there would not be any war with Chilli and this country, and Benjamin was afraid to declare to congress that there was a necessity for us to resort to arms for the purpose of righting a wrong, or as it may be fancied wrong, at least he has been slow to move in the matter and now is still waiting to see if they will be good and, like a spoiled child, offer to do better in the future if, forgiven for this act and also that they will never repeat it. They are having a fine time in trying to see who can get the lead for the Republican nomination for president this year. There seems to be more in looking after the nomination than the interest of the people whom they are the servants of, like Sherman and his friends in Ohio, they may have something to look after when they get the nomination of the party.

## Enterprise.

Through the kindness of Jesse Niblick, the senior member of the firm of Niblick & Son, dry goods merchants and grain dealers of our city, we were shown through their grain elevator on the G. R. & I. rail road, where they have one of the best arranged elevators in the state or any other state, having recently put in one of the Miami Valley cornshellers, the finest that are made, and not only the finest but the best made. The machinery being all new and of the latest improved.

To the original building they have added a fine addition to the north end, also a brick engine room in which they have a fifteen horse power engine to move the elevator, shell the corn and furnish all the power that is required in the running of the machinery.

The drive way to the main building is attached a corn crib, before coming to the corn crib and shed in which the grain is unloaded, the team can be driven onto a pair of scales and the load weighed and then to the shed where it is unloaded. If it is corn in a wagon the hind end gate is taken out and by means of a trap door in the floor the wagon is tipped backwards so that the corn drops into the crib below where it is caught or thrown into a trough of the elevator that carries it to the sheller which shells as fast as two men can throw it in with a scoop shovel. From the sheller the corn is carried to the third story of the building where it is dropped into a bin while the dust is carried by a fan to the outside of the building and the cobs are delivered near the furnace where they are used for fuel. The machine is capable of shelling 1,500 bushels per day.

The machinery for handling the smaller grain and seed is as complete as the one for corn. The wheat when not clean enough for market it is run through a mill which removes all the chaff and imperfect grains thus fitting it to seed as well as milling purposes, while the seed is taken through the same process.

The firm pays out about \$1,500 per day during the good roads, always keeping abreast of the market, so that our farmers have the full benefit of the prices, thus benefiting the farmers and the business men of the town. Our city may well feel proud of the business that such a firm brings to the place, for such institutions is a city made up, and to such is due the prosperity of the city.

## Guaranteed Cured.

We authorize our advertised druggist to sell Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, upon the condition. If you are afflicted with a cough, cold or any lung, throat or chest trouble, and will use this remedy as directed, giving it a fair trial, and experience no benefit you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We could not make this offer did we not know that Dr. King's New Discovery could be relied on. It never disappoints. Trial bottles free at A. R. Pierce's drug store. Large size 50c and \$1.00.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

## AGRAVEL ROAD.

This Time it is in the Hands of Men Who Say There will be no Let-Up Until the Work is Completed.

The road is to start at the center of Kirkland township and run one mile east to the Election school house and from thence north two miles to Peterson from east to Decatur on what is known as the old Bluffton road and to join Monroe street at the corporation line, where the macadamizing of the street stops, so that it will make a continuous line from the business part of the city to the center of Kirkland township, where the road starts.

The petition is in the hands of Samuel D. Beaver and James Bell, who have a large number of signers on the same at this time and they have just started out with the petition and in the first half day got enough to make the two first miles and will continue the work until the same is completed. They, with their neighbors see the necessity for good roads. While the roads are good they can come to Decatur with their produce and for their wheat to day can get three cents more on the bushel than any place around here some of the farmers from twelve miles west of here are hauling their grain to our markets now while the roads are good, the three cents on the bushel paying them well for the haul, and such will be the case if we have good roads. The enterprise of our grain dealers is such that they will be shipping the facilities that we can always lead all the towns surrounding us in prices on grain, and as they are all well equipped for handling it they will always lead all competitors, so that with good roads through our county our farmers will have the advantage of the prices paid by our grain dealers, but while our farmers are doing their duty in the way of building the roads, our merchants should not be asleep but should be up and ready to meet them half way, in order to get the project fully completed at an early day for from that direction our merchants must draw a big trade.

The road will not be completed until a line will be built from Beyna Vista through Honduras to connect with this road, thus giving us a gravel road from the south part of the county here, thereby giving the people of Hartford and French townships a chance to reach our markets at any time of year. While now they can only come in the winter when frozen or in the summer when dry and dusty, but with such a road they can come anytime. The parties who have the petition in charge will move it so that the road is completed by the middle of next summer.

## Epworth League.

The lecture room of the M. E. church was filled last Friday night with an audience composed of children and adults, the occasion being Epworth League night.

The exercises opened with prayer by Rev. Lewis, after which the president spoke briefly of the purposes of the league, the object of which is to promote intelligent and loyal piety in the young people of the church and to train them in purity and promote religious entertainment. The rapidity of its growth, at present there being about seven thousand chapters in the United States. Following this the program was given, which consisted of readings, recitations, etc. After miscellaneous work, the league closed to meet Friday night January 29, 1892.

The Cabinet met at the M. E. parsonage on last Tuesday evening and selected the committee for the ensuing year in the different departments of work, also spoke in favor of establishing a reading room in the city.

The League Mite social will meet this Friday evening at the residence of Mr. T. F. Auten on Fifth street. The older members of the church have a special invitation.

The following is the program for Friday night, January 29:

Essay.....	Emma Teeple
Boccination.....	Olive Dailey
Solo.....	Delia Spangler
Auto-ograph.....	Media Louisa
Recitation.....	Ella Gerard
Biography.....	Gertude DeVos
Prayer.....	John Morrison
Recitation.....	Jennie Conington
Solo.....	Mr. Baday
Recitation.....	Constance Sherrill
Reading.....	Etelle Hale
Duet.....	El Jones
Recitation.....	John Hendricks
Recitation.....	Roma Holmes
Solo.....	Bessie Conington
Recitation.....	Loisie Sherrill
Solo.....	Matie Young
Recitation.....	Mona Steele
Duet.....	Nellie Blackburn
Recitation.....	Sadie Hale

## Militia Notes.

Target practice will be held on Washington birthday, the weather permitting.

Orders has been issued for a meeting of the board of directors which seems to be the meeting mostly requested at present.

The boys who attend drill regularly are getting very proficient in the new tactics which has been adopted by the War Department.

The muster role is in the hands of the recruiting committee, all those desiring to become members should sign it as it will be forwarded to headquarters the first of the week.

Co. B. Decatur Guards, will be mustered next Thursday evening, after official business a banquet will be given. All members are requested to be present without fail. Invitations have been extended to Commanding officers of the regiment, a number of line officers and members of other companies. Committee's have been appointed and all preparations made for a jolly good time.

## AT REST.

A Good Citizen and Benefactor of Our Town Laid Away.

Last Sunday morning about nine o'clock, at his residence on Third street, Henry Dorkes, one of our aged pioneers departed this life after living to the good old age of 84 years and over.

He came to this country when it was comparatively new and but little of it was cleared. He settled in the woods and commenced to make a farm for a home for himself and family where he continued for some time, but finally moved to town where he remained until his death. For some time past he had been confined to the house, but not until a few days before his death was there thought to be any immediate danger of his being called away so soon. In his death Decatur loses one of her most respected and valuable citizens, being always ready to assist any enterprise that would advance the interests of Decatur. He done more for the improvement of the city than any other man that has ever lived in this town. He leaves a large estate to his relatives leaving no children of his own. He was a director in both of our banks, being a stockholder in them. Of late he had sold about all of his real estate outside of the city and turned his money to building houses here both both business and tenement houses of which he had a large number. Always being reasonable in his demands of his rents, he always had a good class of people to deal with. They will miss him as will also the Catholic church of which he was a devout and consistent member and while living contributed freely and generously to the support of the church and in his will again remembered the church in a manner that showed his confidence therein. His funeral was held Wednesday at the Catholic church, Father Wilkins officiating, assisted by three other Divines from abroad. The Catholic Legion turned out in a body and were headed by our Brass band. The weather was intensely cold yet it did not deter his friends from attending to these sad rites at him their friend and neighbor. "Peace be to his ashes."

## Monroe Items.

Our teamsters are improving their time logging.

V. B. Simcock is selling drugs, patent medicines, notions, candies, etc. at about cost. If you don't believe it call at his drug store and be convinced.

Our grain merchant, B. F. Majors, has purchased since harvest up to January 1st, 22,000 bushels of grain, paying for same \$13.00 spot cash. How is that for high? Grain is still coming in every day and let her come Gallager.

The case of Davis vs. Nelson has been appealed from the Monroe court to the circuit court a two monthly contested case before Squire Simcock.

There is a fellow creature now far from Monroe thinks that justice has not been meted out to one of the contestants for a possession of a certain premises in this locality. After an honest deliberation and verdict of two juries, he thinks that the law and evidence produced in the case was not honestly given to the jury. That man, if a man, knows more than the law allows, and we can't conceive what to do with him.

S. S. Wagoner has put up enough ice to cool off the warmest citizen of Monroe in the hottest days of the coming summer, if needed. Sam will furnish ice to any person wanting it during next summer. So register your name in time.

Monroe's two pugilists voluntarily came into Squire Simcock's court last week and pleaded guilty to offending the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana. They were welcomed and snug seated, also snugly. They thanked the court and took their exits feeling much relieved, two ways.

Killed, Tuesday morning of last week, "Fanny," one of Jim Hendricks' pet dog; aged about three years; color, brown; nationality, water spaniel. But looks like a dog.

There is a prospect of another hoop factory at Monroe, so says gossip, and gossip says the widowers, widows, and old maid in and around Monroe are now on the stir. There is something in the air. Of course this is a prophecy and we had a right to exert their influence. We advise the ladies not to pay all their attention to one man, as appears in a certain case here, but give other fellows a show. You all can't marry one man. There are several widowers here who would marry if a chance would be given them.

## In Memoriam.

Henry Dorkes was a native of Hanover, Germany. He was born on the 3rd of October, 1808. At his death he was in his eighty-fourth year.

He came with Anton Kohn to this country in the year 1832. At New York where he landed, he stayed two years.

In 1837 he married Miss Wilhelmina Kohn, with whom and her brother started out to the west, wild west. Having arrived at Fort Wayne in head of government land in Adams county he came and bought land. Having been reared in the avocation of farming he made a perfect success of it until in the late 1851 he moved to the village of Decatur of which he has ever since been a good and successful citizen, respected by all and in many an enterprise he has a great part.

In the year 1853, the 21st of August, his beloved wife precessed him in death. This was at the time a hard loss as he had been very kind to her and they had lived so long together in peace and happiness.

Decatur has lost in him one of her best citizens, the Catholic St. Mary's congregation, of which he has been a practical member, for the last forty-eight years, has been to him one of her greatest benefactors.

In life he was every ready to give and in death he has remembered the congregation most magnificently.

He was buried on Wednesday morning from the St. Mary's Catholic church, and although it was so bitter cold the church was well filled.

The church gave him unusual honor, that of solemn high mass, with Rev. H. Theo. Wilkins as celebrant, Rev. B. Hartman, of Monroe, as deacon, Rev. C. Miller, of Arcola, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Fred. Koepsel of Sycamore, as master of ceremony.

The high school desire to return thanks to those who assisted in the entertainment.

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## Pleasant Mills Items.

Cold, with the thermometer away below zero.

Dr. T. T. Dorwin, of Decatur, spent last Sunday at this place with friends.

Dr. Hill is able to be about again after being confined to the house for about three weeks with a gripe.

Mrs. David Eicher and Mrs. Pearce, of new Wilshire, Ohio, were the guests of William Smith last Sunday.

Samuel Acker gave his school quite a treat last Friday afternoon in the way of the Dr. in a sled ride. The children enjoyed themselves quite highly.

Rev. Foster, of the M. E. church, commenced a series of meetings at this place last Thursday evening. We wish him success and hope much good may be accomplished.

Last Sunday afternoon Dr. Harper and some small boys of this place, were riding down hill on a hand sled, the sled ran against a tree from the effects of which the Dr. is nursing a sprained ankle. The boys may be very thankful for such a tight punishment for deserting the Sabbath.

Friends to the number of about twenty-five from Greenwood, Ohio, called on Rev. Freeman and wife last Tuesday. They came prepared with a large donation, besides well-filled baskets to partake of a sumptuous repast. They spent the day very pleasantly; when they departed wishing the Rev. gentleman and lady many more such happy occasions.

Linn Grove Items.

Levi Schaeppi has sold his barber shop to Benjamin Moyer.

Mrs. Louisa Hoffman and Mrs. Mary Neaderhouser and daughters were at Berne last Friday.

We find that several of our items have frozen in and our breath is inadequate to the task.

M. P. Vance and Aaron Zeigler passed through here and were at Bluffton on Wednesday, provided they did not congeal on the way.

The piping of felt boots are entirely too short for the depth of the snow in the woods. So say the timber men.

Calvin Biberstein, of Vera Cruz, was found dead in his bed at Ft. Wayne on Friday night and was buried at his home on Monday.

By oversight we omitted the name of Edward Hallinan among those taking the third degree at the organization of the L. O. O. F. Lodge.

We have just been informed of the death of Clark Pyle, of Geneva, which occurred Tuesday evening. Clark was a traveling salesman for Messrs. Grubbs & Co., of Richmond.

Indians has not lost its supremacy, judging from the amount of song, timb, r, ee, etc., seen on the move. The amount of song alone that is being hauled from here is worthy of remark.

Andrew and Fred Pyle, of Geneva, were callers on us last Friday. While they are contracted for the store at the Porter & Pyle hotel and business block which will be constructed early in the season.

We have been a denizen of Hoosierdom for thirty-six years and during that time the temperature was 22° below zero, it was when we had no machine indicating the temperature at hand. This degree was given by the thermometer on Wednesday morning.

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Cark Pyle, who has been traveling for a Richmond grocery house for some time, died at his home in Geneva, last Wednesday morning about eight o'clock, a drop of the heart. Funeral Saturday morning.

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