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## WAR!

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 Chili, seems to be breaking away, at least the Cabinet ministers and parties at Washington most directly connected with it, have cooled down and are sleeping soundly of nights under the hope that Chili will soon stop its war for the 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 Chili 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 Chili 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 a 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.

In 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 gets taken out and by means of a trap door in the floor the wagon is tipped backward 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 for 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 will well feel proud of the business that such a firm brings to the place, for of 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 this 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 if we did 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.

### A GRAVEL 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 signatures 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 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 with the shipping 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 Bequa 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 any time. 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 intelligence and loyalty 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 songs, 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 committees 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:

Prayer.....Emma Teeple

Reading.....Olie Daney

Essay.....Della Spangler

Auto Biography.....Melie Leonard

Song.....Ella Sprang

Recitation.....James Gerard

Biography.....Gertrude DeVos

Prophecy.....Olie Hale

Essay.....Richard Morrison

Question.....Ethel Connelton

Song.....Ella Bady

Recitation.....Corn Shickley

Reading.....Ethel Hale

Song.....Ethel Hale

Duet.....Emma Teeple

Recitation.....Emma Teeple

Reading.....Emma Teeple

Song.....Emma Teeple

Recitation.....Emma Teeple

Reading.....Emma Teeple

Song.....Emma Teeple

Recitation.....Emma Teeple

Reading.....Emma Teeple

Song.....Emma Teeple

Recitation.....Emma Teeple

Reading.....Emma Teeple

Song.....Emma Teeple

Recitation.....Emma Teeple

### 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 Drakes, 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 Wilkens officiating, assisted by three other Divines from abroad. The Catholic Legation 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 of 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 \$13,000 spot cash. How is that for high? Grain is still coming in every day and let her come Gallagher.

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

There is a fellow creature not 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. This man, if a man, knows more than the law allows, and we can't expect 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, it 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 snugly seated, also snugly fined. They thanked the court and took their exit feeling much relieved, two ways.

Killed, Tuesday morning of last week, "Fanny," one of Jim Hendricks' pet dogs, aged about three years; color, brown; nationality, water spaniel. Battle took place at a M. P. Ball and the main reason was Buck Baker and Elwood Leisure. Cause of death the drivers on the highway No. 19.

There is a prospect of another hoop factory at Monroe, so says gossip, and gossip says the widows, widows and old maids in and around Monroe are no on the stir. There is something in the air. Of course this is the year and the ladies have a right to expect 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 widows here who would marry if a chance would be given them.

### School Notes.

Report of fourth school month was as follows: Number of pupils enrolled, 69; average daily attendance, 597; per cent of attendance, 96.31; cases of tardiness, 1; number of visitors, 71.

The entertainment at the court house Monday evening was well attended and all well pleased with the exercises. The collection amounted to \$7.98, and expenses \$7.50, leaving a balance in the treasury of forty-eight cents.

The high school desire to return thanks to those who assisted in the entertainment Monday evening, especially those non-members of the school.

### 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 la grippe.

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

Samuel Acker gave his school quite a treat last Friday afternoon in the way of a sleigh ride. The little ones enjoyed themselves quite hugely.

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 light punishment for desecrating 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 with 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 Schupp has sold his barber shop to Benjamin Moyer.

Mrs. Louisa Hoffman and Mrs. Mary Neidermuser and daughters were at Decatur last Friday.

We find that several of our items have frozen in and our breath is inadequate to produce a "thaw."

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 an oversight we omitted the name of Edward Hoffman among those taking the third degree at the organization of the I. 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.

Industry has not lost its supremacy. Judging from the amount of snow, timber, etc., seen on the move. The amount of stone alone that is being hauled from here is worthy of remark.

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

We have been a denizen of Hoosier land 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 shown by the thermometer on Wednesday morning.

### In Memoriam.

Henry Derkes was a native of Hannover, Germany. He was born on the 31st of October, 1838. At his death he was in his eighty-fourth year.

He came with Anthony Koln to this country in the year 1852. At New York where he resided, he stayed two years.

In 1857 he married Miss Wilhelmine Koln, with whom and her brother started for the then yet wild west. Having arrived at Port Wayne he heard 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 year 1881 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 took a good part.

In the year 1883, the 21st of August, his beloved wife preceded him in death. This was at the time a hard loss, as he had been always 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. Marys congregation, of which he has been a practical member, for the last forty-eight years, has lost in him one of her greatest benefactors. In life he was every ready to give and in death he has remembered the congregation most magnanimously.

He was buried on Wednesday morning from the St. Marys 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. Wilkens as celebrant, Rev. B. Hartman, of Monroeville, as deacon, Rev. C. Miller, of Arcadia, as sub-deacon, and Rev. Geo. Koeddy, of Jackson, as master of ceremony.

God certainly has rewarded him for his many good deeds.

John Wehley is on the sick list.

Ex Auditor Miller is not expected to live.

Miss Della Spangler has been on the sick list.

Harry Moltz, of the Boston store is on the sick list.

Mrs. Ernest Wicking of Bluffton is visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. Chas. Niblick and Mrs. Laura Jelliff spent Sunday at Newville.

Go and hear the two Irish hearts, at the opera house next Tuesday night.

A small child of George Rodenbush was buried at the Evangelical church.

Ex Senator R. C. Bell of Ft. Wayne was attending court here this week.

Miss Emma Marshall of Dayton Ohio, is the guest of Miss Hattie Studebaker.

Geo. Haefting and family have all been down with the gripe, but are now getting better.

George Gault of near Monroeville was visiting his cousins, Miss Dora and Becky Steel, this week.

John O'Connell, of Ft. Wayne, was in our city last Saturday, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Hanky and Schaefer's dramatic company in "two Irish hearts," will appear at the opera house next Tuesday night.

FOR SALE—Improved farms and timber lands, also town property at prices to suit purchasers. SCHURGER & REED. 42\*

Sarah Coll, living in the North part of our city, died last Tuesday, funeral this forenoon. Services conducted by Rev. Work.

Two sleigh loads to Bluffton, one to Van Wert and one to Berne, is the way our folks are enjoying the fine winter weather.

Be J. J. Kohn and family, of LaPort, were called here to attend the funeral of his uncle, Henry Drakes, they will remain some days with friends here.

Ella, the nine year old daughter of Jno. J. Meyers, of this office, died last Wednesday morning about eight o'clock, of dropsy of the heart. Funeral Sunday morning.

The surgical institute, of Indianapolis, burned this (Friday) morning. It is thought that a large number of patients were burned to death, while a number will die from burns and exposure.

Clark Pyle, who has been traveling for a Richmond grocery house for some time, died at his home in Geneva, last Wednesday. His funeral took place Friday morning in charge of the K. P. lodge.

The Messrs. Woods who have had their dress making shop over the Boston Store have moved to their home on West Monroe street, where they will be pleased to see their friends and solicit your patronage.

Chicago is the place where the next President of the United States will be nominated, Tuesday, June 21, being the time set for the convention. The windy city carried off the two sons on the fifteenth ballot.

The Bryant and Berne Manufacturing Co. is the name of the new organization formed last week at Berne. The name of J. E. Thomas, formerly of this place, appears as president of the concern. They will manufacture slack barrel staves and butter tubs.

The Misses Anna Wines and Libbie Linn spent last Sunday with their friend, Sadie Miller, at St. Marys township. They found her much improved in health, and her many friends will be glad to hear of her recovery, and her return to Decatur and the church of which she is a great worker.

Charles, Liebhongst, of Fort Wayne having purchased the beer and bottling works of Henry Mayer, will furnish beer to Mr. Mayer's old customers, and is desirous of forming the acquaintance of all parties who deal in or have use for beer, pop or mineral water, any of which will be delivered at your house without any extra charge.

Travelers may learn a lesson from Mr. C. D. Cop, a prominent attorney of Parker, Dakota, who says: "I never leave home without taking a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with me, and on many occasions have been able to rely on the relief of some sufferer, and have never known it to fail. For sale by W. H. Nachtrieb."

One dose of Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup taken in the evening before retiring will give you a good night's rest. It will cure your cough quicker than any other and is pleasant to take. If you have never tried this remedy, ask your druggist for Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup the next time you buy. It is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Sold by all druggists.

The superintendent of public instruction has decided that Indiana teachers cannot make up lost time by teaching on Saturdays, but that the provision of the law that "a year term of three months shall be six x days a school month to be accepted and a school week five days" is to be accepted literally. Teachers may collect pay for teaching on holidays, even though their contract with a trustee waives claim for compensation.

Thinking our customers for their past patronage, I shall still continue to solicit the same, as I am prepared to furnish as good and as cheap drain tile from 3 to 10 inches as can be had in the state. All persons contemplating drainage this coming year, will do well by calling before purchasing elsewhere. Respectfully, Z. O. LEWELLEN.

Monroe, Ind.

John Barnett is improving very slowly.

Mrs. Henry Vogelewede is among the sick.

Uncle Jake King is recovering from the la grippe.

Godfrey Christen is confined to his home with the gripe.

Ex Treasurer Gottschalk of Berne was parading our streets this week.

Mrs. David Fitzgerald who has been sick for the past week is recovering.

Mrs. J. C. Fisher has been confined to her bed for some days with la grippe.

Theo. Dippleman has succeeded H. A. Fristoe as manager of the opera house.

Our trouble with Chili has reached a size when she must fight or apologize.

A. C. Gregory, house painter and paper hanger, solicits your patronage. 30\*

A number of married ladies of Olesian spent Saturday in our city. They were a merry crowd.

John O'Connell, of Ft. Wayne, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Fitzgerald and family, this week.

A. Mr. Cline and wife of Van Wert O. spent some time this week with the lady's aunt, Mrs. Kate Champer.

Owing to the death of Eda, daughter of John J. Myers, one of the typists of this office, we are late in getting out our issue.

MONET TO LOAN—At six per cent interest with privilege of partial payment. 37½ CHURCH & SCHIRMAYER.

Benjamin Moyer, of Linn Grove, and Mrs. Y. Selby, of Menden, Mich., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Thomas M. Fisher.

A Gentleman from Van Wert O. was in our city this week looking up a location for a real estate office. He will locate here in a few days.

Mrs. Dr. McMillen was called by telegram to Ft. Wayne, Wednesday, to attend the bed side of her mother, Mrs. Ferry, who is very sick with La grippe.

Christen Stauffer, of French township an old pioneer of this county, died with dropsy Wednesday. His funeral takes place at his late residence to-morrow afternoon.

J. C. Beery, of Boston, Mass., is now in the city and wants a car load of horses from five to twelve years old, sound and fat and weighing from 1,000 to 1500. He will also be here next Wednesday Thursday.

The following ladies composed the sleigh party to Van Wert, last Thursday: Misses Emma Starost, Anna Omlor, Rose Holthouse, Ella Touhey, Minnie Eiting, Anna and Rose Rademaker, Minnie and Lena Han.

In last week's issue in the makeup we got two items that belong to Pleasant Mills in the Honduras items. While the Honduras citizens are constant readers of Dr. Talmages sermons they deny having any gambling dens in their part of God inheritance.

Following are the names of those punctual to the Williams public school, for the month ending Jan. 15, 1892: Eva Hobbs, Arthur Hobbs, May Hobbs, Louis Houk, Charles Houk, Alice Biggs, Ades Biggs, Homer Biggs, Bertha Biggs and Willie Daugherty.

E. S. CHRISTEN, Teacher.

SOLDIERS ATTENTION—Now is the time to apply for increase, under present laws many pensioners are entitled to larger pensions than they are now receiving. No pay unless successful.

JAMES T. MERRYMAN, Att'y and Claim Ag't.

NOTICE TO ALL—That I will keep constantly on hand, at my mill corn, oats, chop, mixed chop, bran and shorts of the best quality, and at the lowest possible prices. Will deliver free to any part of the city. Call and examine stock and prices.

34½ City Mills, J. S. HART.

The girls attending college at Columbia Missouri, have organized a sort of marriage mutual aid society that is working very satisfactorily. Every time one of the girls has a gentleman come to whom she is not engaged she pays 25 cents into the treasury. When a member becomes engaged she pays 50. When a member gets married the club makes her a present of \$100.

Mr. William T. Price, a justice of the peace, at Richmond county, Nebraska, was confined to his bed last week with a severe attack of lambrago, but a thorough application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm enabled him to get up and go to work. Mr. Price says: "The remedy cannot be recommended too highly." Let any one troubled with rheumatism, neuralgia or troubled with lambrago back give it a trial, and they will be of the same opinion. 50 cent bottles for sale by W. H. Nachtrieb.

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Monroe, Ind.

33½

Go to J. H. Mayer for first class brick 18½

Remember the Opera House Thursday night.

James T. Merryman, the attorney is improving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Colchin, a boy last Saturday.

Peter Tonneller, of Anderson, Ind., was in the city last Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Reynolds is visiting relatives at Huntington this week.

The wife of James Johnson of Jefferson township was buried last Thursday.

Miss James A. Dailey of Bluffton is visiting her mother and other friends here.

Mrs. J. S. Hart has been confined to her bed for several weeks with la grippe.

For rent—five rooms in Mayer & N. Schenck's new block. 35½

Miss Emma Teeple returned home from Van Wert, last Wednesday, after a four weeks visit.

James T. G. and wife, of Rochester, were the guests of J. D. Edwards and family this week.