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1. Because it is absolutely pure.
 2. Because it is not made by the so-called Dutch Process in which chemicals are used.
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 5. Because it is the most economical, costing less than one cent a cup.
- Be sure that you get the genuine article made by WALTER BAKER & CO. Ltd., Dorchester, Mass. Established 1780.

BOBO.

Preaching services at the U. B. were well attended Sunday night.

There will be preaching services next Sunday evening at the U. B. by Ralph Beaber. One week from next Sunday there will be preaching services at Mt. Tabor.

Miss Laura Bunner is teaching school at No. 3. The schools of St. Marys township had no vacation at the end of the fall term.

Jesse Schwartz passed teachers' examination last Saturday.

The teachers of our schools had several callers last Friday.

Hattie Rawley and Clarence Brodbeck were the guests of Colter Bros. last Sunday.

Small pill, safe pill, best pill. De Witt's Little Early Risers cure biliousness, constipation, sick headache. W. H. Nachtrieb.

PETERSON.

Miss Pearl Kohn of Willshire, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Lettie Ernst of Decatur, visited her grandmother last week.

Services will be held at Washington church for several weeks, beginning tonight.

Trustee Fruchte of Preble township, was a caller at the Peterson schools last Monday.

People in this vicinity are taking a great deal of interest in the new pike, and the general feeling seems to be that a long-felt want has been filled. Give us more good roads by all means.

Teachers Hocker and Weldy enjoyed an old fashioned turkey roast Wednesday evening.

There is no need of little children being tortured by scald head, eczema and skin eruptions. De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve gives instant relief and cures permanently. W. H. Nachtrieb.

BINGEN.

Report of school in district No. 5, Root township for the month ending Nov. 26, 1897: Number of pupils enrolled 12. Per cent. of attendance 99.7-12. Those punctual for the month were Arthur Hobbs, May Hobbs, Nora Hobbs, Alice Biggs, Homer Biggs, Benjie Houck, May Mock, Effie Jones, Willie Hoene, Gustave Meyers. W. A. Fonner, teacher.

B. J. Rice was a business caller here Wednesday.

Our band is progressing finely under the management of Wm. Biggs. The boys have just received a new supply of music and are now ready to please the populace.

Henry Erb has become quite proficient as a carpenter.

P. Erb will again sell intoxicating drinks. Bingen is sure to come to the front as this will be a noted place.

Henry Koeneman, the popular stock buyer, is our crack sport.

You can't cure consumption, but you can avoid it and cure every other form of throat or lung trouble by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. W. H. Nachtrieb.

LYNN GROVE.

F. A. W. Lindsey, wife and daughter Sundayed at Geneva as the guest of Fred Lindsey and Wm. Drew.

Alonzo Runyon has bought the Amos Herrmann lot in the burnt district and is erecting a business house on the same.

Died on his seventy-third birthday, John G. French at his home in South Harrison township, Wells county, Saturday morning Nov. 29. Mr. French was among the early settlers.

Our townsman, John Ensley held the chance number that drew the horse, buggy and harness at Geneva Nov. 22.

Sixty-nine was the number.

A. VanCamp of Decatur was presenting his slightly physiognomy among the voters here last week. Mr. VanCamp is one of the seven aspiring for clerk of the Adams circuit court.

Your itemizer was at Bluffton on business Wednesday.

The light of a large fire was seen by some of our people about 12 o'clock Friday night, southwest of this place but as yet it has not been located.

Z. M. Thirswend, of Grosbeck, Tex., says that when he has a spell of indigestion, and feels bad and sluggish, he takes two of DeWitt's Little Early Risers at night, and he is all right the next morning. Many thousands of others do the same thing. Do you? W. H. Nachtrieb.

PLEASANT MILLS.

There will be services at the U. B. church Sunday evening.

Burt Fuller contemplates going to Georgia.

A. N. Acker and family were rusticated in the country last Sunday.

Horace Bethoff has joined his family at this place, and has settled down to real life again.

Miss Viola Worden of Frankfort, spent Thanksgiving here with friends.

Henry Jackson has purchased a farm near Celina, Ohio, and will locate there soon.

Misses Maggie Hill and Maggie Fortney spent Thanksgiving in the country, the guest of Charles Bartling and family.

William Comer and wife were very agreeably surprised last Thursday by their children and grandchildren calling on them and presenting them with many useful and appropriate presents.

A junior class of eight girls of the Baptist Sunday school were each presented with a beautiful book last Sunday by the pastor, D. B. Reckard, for their diligence in learning many beautiful scripture lessons.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. H. Nachtrieb.

BERNE.

A party of twenty-six young people took Thanksgiving supper at Daniel Welty's last Thursday.

Laura Clauser closed her school at Bunker Hill with an entertainment Friday.

Milo Harris was at Hartford City on business.

H. S. Mischaud was at Chattanooga on business Saturday. Bob has quite a number of agents working for him, and all have the necessary papers to show. Beware of swindlers.

Berne will soon have a right to boast of having the finest postoffice in the county.

J. W. Craig, Daniel Stauffer, Peter Soldner and Amos Hirshy were summoned before the grand jury Tuesday.

Daniel Shalley is preparing for a big holiday trade.

Haecker is trying to have his new dwelling completed before Xmas.

Rev. Ruff was in the pulpit again Sunday, although hardly able to stand the strain.

By buying a ticket for the lecture on Dec. 17, you will not only have the opportunity of hearing a first-class lecture, but will help the school library fund.

Berne has a ladies foot ball team.

The new produce company established Wednesday was a surprise to all. The cause being that so much produce raised by our farmers could not find a market. The aim of the new company will be to buy all the eggs and poultry offered, handle apples, potatoes, garden and field seeds when possible at whole sale and large quantities at retail. They will also handle new varieties in seeds, and for that purpose intended to erect a building outside of town, but as they were not certain as to what success they might have and in case of failure would lose on such blinding concluded to buy the building now occupied by Campbell, Ervin & Co. This company if rightly managed, will surely prove a benefit to this community, and we bespeak for them success.

Eugene Ashleman has offered to sell his brick building to Campbell, Ervin & Co.

For convenience you can pay your subscription for the DEMOCRAT at Stengel & Craig's.

WARNING:—Persons who suffer from coughs and colds should heed the warnings of danger and save themselves suffering and fatal results by using One Minute Cough Cure. It is an infallible remedy for coughs, colds, croup and all throat and lung troubles. W. H. Nachtrieb.

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Dr. Hartman's latest book on chronic catarrh will be sent free to any address for a short time by The Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg Co., Columbus, O.

Ask your druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1898.

For the holidays the Clover Leaf will issue reduced rate excursion tickets between all stations on its line, Toledo to St. Louis inclusive and stations on connecting lines within a radius of 200 miles from initial point. Usual dates of sale and limits will apply. For further information apply to nearest agent Clover Leaf.

You can't afford to risk your life by allowing a cold to develop into pneumonia or consumption. Instant relief and a certain cure are afforded by One Minute Cough Cure. W. H. Nachtrieb.

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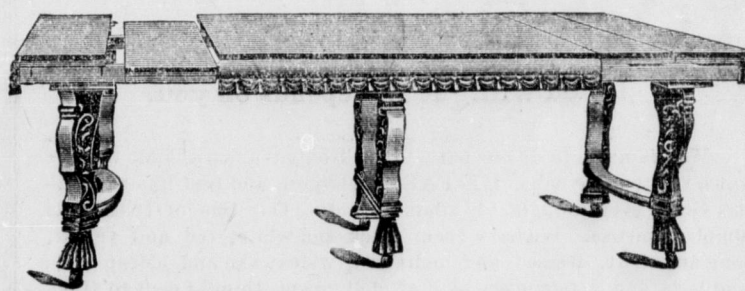
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