

#### Additional Locals.

The new Fair Store for crockery.

The new Fair Store for notions.

We have the finest line of hammocks in the city. Holthouse, Callow & Co.

Mrs. Vincent Bell and babe of Honduras, are visiting with her uncle, William Pillars.

Buy one of those Electric Bug Exterminators for destroying all kinds of insects. Holthouse, Callow & Co.

Dr. Miller, will again be at Dr. Boyer's office Tuesday Sept. 6th, eyes carefully examined for glasses, one day only. 24-2

Thomas Everett and Harry Elston, of near Willshire, are attending the Preble county, (Ohio,) teachers' institute, this week.

Holthouse, Callow & Co. are headquarters for everything in the line of paints and oils. Rock bottom prices and goods guaranteed.

FOR SALE—Fence machines for the weaving of farm and lawn fence. It is the best and cheapest fence in the market. Address Harry Karr Monroe Ind. 21m6

Get the children ready for school next Monday. They have had several months vacation now and should go back to their studies with renewed vigor.

For Sale, fifty bushels of Rudy Seed Wheat. It is the best wheat for seeding there is, as was fully demonstrated this last season. Motts Miller. 22-4

M. V. B. Archbold was a business caller at Lima, Ohio, several days last week. He was there in the interest of the popular book firm, Archbold & Haugh.

Our readers should not fail to read the long and interesting letter which appears in this week's issue from George W. Johnson who is with the United States army in Cuba.

Miss Bessie Wilson and Robert Cook of Fort Wayne, came down on their wheels last Sunday to spend the day with T. R. Moore and family. Miss Wilson remained several days.

At the Baptist church next Sunday morning Rev. Pearce will, by request, preach the same sermon that he delivered to the Baptist Association at Muncie; subject, "Dead, buried, risen," Evening, "Cup bearer in the palace."

Stolen—A reward of one dollar will be paid for information leading to the arrest of the thief who stole the wire and posts from around the Robinson graves at the Backestoe cemetery. Any one so unprincipled as to steal from a grave should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Information should be addressed to Alvia Robinson, Decatur, Ind.

The new Fair Store for lamps.

The new Fair Store for glassware.

The five year old daughter of Irvin Brandyberry has been quite sick for several days with the flux.

Irene, the bright little daughter of Auditor Mangold is very low with flux. Her recovery is quite doubtful.

Surveyor W. E. Fulk has been transacting business in Wells county during the past week. He has been surveying on several joint ditches.

Strayed from my farm Tuesday night, a good sized bay mare, about twelve years old. Will pay for her return. Dr. Trout.

Miss Becca Steele wishes to announce that she now has her dress-making parlors at home, corner of Fifth and Marshal streets, where she will be pleased to see her many customers. 24-4

FOR SALE—Thirty-two acres of good land located one half mile east of Preble. Here is a bargain as the land is among the best in Adams county. Good timber land. FREDERICK KOLEWAY, Freidheim, Ind.

St. Mary's Lodge, No. 167, I. O. O. F., will observe its 39th anniversary on Thursday evening, September 1, at the lodge Hall, commencing at 8 p. m. Rev. Duckett will deliver the address and music and songs will be given. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Citizens' Telephone Company of Decatur, Indiana, will be held at the office of the secretary of said company in the city of Decatur, Indiana, on Monday evening, September 5th, 1898, at 7 o'clock for the election of five directors and for the transaction of other business as may be properly brought before said meeting. 24-2 F. M. SCHIRMAYER, Sec'y.

An open meeting to all ex-soldiers who contemplate going to the national encampment Monday, Sept. 5, will meet at the G. A. R. hall next Saturday at 2:00 o'clock. A general invitation is extended to all. Special coaches will be set off at G. R. & I. depot for as many as desire to go. It is desirable on the part of the committee to have arrangements as complete as possible, hence this meeting. Robert Blackburn, com. on transportation.

Program of special service to be held by Rev. Pearce at the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon for the various secret societies of the city: Organ prelude, Prof. Falk; Invocation; Hymn, "My country 'tis of thee;" solo, Miss Eichler; scripture reading; duet, Misses Everett and Eichler; address to the orders, Rev. Pearce; organ voluntary, Mrs. Lutz; hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds;" benediction; organ postlude, Falk.

The new Fair Store for blankets.

The new Fair Store for underwear.

The new Fair Store for hosiery.

Miss Maggie Dorwin left yesterday for Indianapolis, where she has accepted a position in the Orphan's Home as an instructor.

Miss Julia Tracy who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donovan for the past two weeks, left for Indianapolis last Monday to visit relatives for a short time before returning to her home at Circleville, Ohio.

The famous side-splitting comedy, "Side Tracked," which is to be presented here on Sept. 6, comes heralded as one of the best attractions to be witnessed here this season. Aside from the highly amusing situations in the play and the hilarious antics of Horatio Xerxes Booth, the tramp, scenic effects have been added with unstinted liberality and the mark of wonderful and pains-taking drilling and the severest discipline are apparent in every scene and in the work of every participant in the performance.

Grand opening. On Tuesday, Sept. 6, Bosse's opera house will again open the season of '98 and '99 with Jule Walters famous comedy "Side Tracked," one of the most laughable farce comedies on the road. The manager, Mr. Bosse, wishes to thank those that patronized his house last season, and he will endeavor to secure only first-class attractions the coming season, and with the aid of the citizens of Decatur and suburban towns, with their liberal patronage, will make Decatur one of the leading theater towns in the state.

The county commissioners were in extra session yesterday and although it was warm enough to melt smaller men than these worthy officers, still they managed to work right along all day. The meeting was called for the purpose of opening bids for the construction and improvement of a number of large bridges in the county. The bids for the building of abutments for the Miller, Wabash, Strickler and Lehman bridges were first opened. John S. Bowers was the lowest bidder, his price averaging from \$2.44 to \$2.54 per perch, everything furnished, and he was accordingly awarded the contract. Those who bid on the work besides Bowers were Calvin Miller & Co., and Hoffman & Liddy. Their bids however, were considerably higher and were accordingly rejected. It was advertised that the contract for the building of three bridges should also be made. The bids however, were so high that it was determined that only two bridges would be let at present. The contract for this work was after much delay given to the Attica Bridge Company for \$439. The two bridges which will be built are the Miller bridge, east of Monroe, and the Lehman bridge north of Berne.

#### Notice to Secret Orders.

The brethren of Decatur Lodge, No. 571, F. & A. M., are hereby notified to meet in lodge hall on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of attending Divine services at the M. E. church. John H. Lenhart, Secretary.

All members of St. Mary's Lodge No. 167, I. O. O. F. are requested to meet at the lodge room Sunday, September 4, 1898, promptly at 2:00 p. m. to attend divine worship in a body at the M. E. church. By order of Lodge. L. C. Miller, Secretary.

#### Successful Cleaning and Dyeing.

Special attention is given to cleaning men's clothing. All grease and spots are removed. Repairing clothing is done to perfection. Binding, re-lining, pressing and general repairs are made and the garments are made to look like new. Dyeing is done only after the clothing has been thoroughly cleaned, and after being repaired and pressed, one would be surprised to see how well an old suit of clothes is made to appear. The colors are fast and will not crock or fade. We pay express charges one way. Give us a trial. Johnston's Steam Dye Works, Bluffton, Indiana.

#### Notice to Pupils, Teachers and Parents.

The Decatur Public schools will open next Monday, September 5. Patrons, pupils and teachers will please note the following:

#### CHILDREN OF FIRST GRADE.

First ward—All children of first grade living south of the C. & E. railroad will report at room 1, First ward building.

Second ward—Children of first grade living north of the C. & E. railroad and west of G. R. & I. railroad will report at Second ward building.

Central—All children of first grade living south of Monroe street, north of C. & E. road and east of G. R. & I. road will report at Central building.

Pupils of grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, will report to the teachers of the buildings at which they attended last year, but with these exceptions.

1. Pupils of these grades living south of the C. & E. road will report at south ward building. This change is necessary to relieve the overcrowded rooms of west ward building.

2. Those who have moved from one part of the city to another will report to the teachers of the nearest school building in which they find their grades (grade one to six inclusive in each of the ward buildings and grades one, two, three, seven and eight in central building).

3. Pupils who were not in our schools last year will please report at the superintendent's office at central building.

4. Pupils who attended at central last year and were promoted to grade 4, will report at North ward building. Teachers will please meet at central building at 3 p. m. next Saturday.

W. F. BRITTON, Supt.

#### A CRITICAL TIME

During the Battle of Santiago. Sick or Well a Rush Night and Day.

The packers at the battle of Santiago de Cuba were all heroes. Their heroic efforts in getting ammunition and rations to the front saved the day.

P. E. Butler, of pack-train No. 3, from Santiago, de Cuba, on July 23rd, says: "We all had diarrhea in more or less violent form, and when we landed we had no time to see a doctor, for it was a case of rush and rush night and day to keep the troops supplied with ammunition and rations, but thanks to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, we were able to keep at work and keep our health. In fact, I sincerely believe that at one critical time this medicine was the indirect saviour of our army, for if the packers had been unable to work there would have been no way of getting supplies to the front. There were no roads that a wagon train could use. My comrade and myself had the good fortune to lay in a good supply of this medicine for our pack-train before we left Tampa, and I know in four cases it absolutely saved life."

The above letter was written to the manufacturers of this medicine, the Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa. For sale by Holthouse, Callow & Co.

#### FAIR.

September 15 and 16 at Beaty's Blue Creek grove, two miles south of Steele, Adams county. This beautiful grove, with a half mile track is peculiarly suitable for an annual fair and other festivities in their season. There will be running and trotting races, ball games, bicycle races and other attractions. Music by brass band. Our books are open to all competitors who wish to enter stock for premiums. We will have entries for every farm or mechanical production. We will have refreshments so that all may feast sumptuously and have a day of social enjoyment together. We will select committees and judges who will award premiums as merited on first and second in all competitive classes of entries pro rata. We will also have an auctioneer who will offer for sale any stock or implements that is entrusted in care of the secretary for the purpose of sale. We will have feed for stock and room for all who come previously for rest and training. Come from country, city, town and village. Everyone come. Remember place and date, Sept. 15 and 16, in Beaty's Blue Creek grove, Steele, Indiana. For further information address Sec. G. M. Tyndall, Steele, Ind.

George Maddy spent Sunday with relatives and friends at Muncie, returning home Monday.

Opera house opening, Sept. 6.

#### Purdue University Experiment Station. Sugar Beets—Prevention of Leaf-Injury—Harvesting.

A large number of progressive farmers in central and northern Indiana have undertaken experimental work with sugar beets this season. The season has been favorable for the rapid and continual growth of the beets. From all sections come the reports that the beets in most cases are doing well. At this season, two dangers threaten the plants—the leaf spot disease, which appears as brown spots on the leaves, and the blister beetle or old-fashioned potato bug, which is very fond of the bee foliage and can greatly damage the crop. The remedy for the leaf spot disease is to spray the plants with Bordeaux mixture, made of dissolving three pounds of blue vitriol in water and adding to it lime water made by slaking two pounds of lime and stirring it up with water. The mixture is made up for one barrel. If the blister beetle is on the plants, add five ounces of arsenite of soda or of Paris green to the mixture. If the blister beetle alone is present, the arsenic compound may be simply mixed with water and sprayed on the plants.

There is a tendency to harvest beets too early. They seldom ripen until the first of October and sometimes not until the middle of November. During the ripening period, the increase of sugar is very rapid. Ripeness is shown by the leaves becoming lighter in color; but the most satisfactory method is an actual test of the amount of sugar in the beets.

The Experiment station will select certain fields and make tests at short intervals and when the beets are ripe, will call for samples from the experimental plots. The whole of the experimental plot should not be harvested until after the reports of the sample is received, as an additional sample may be necessary. The beets will not be in any danger from frost if left in the ground until the middle of November. But if the beets are shown to be ripe they should be harvested at once to prevent a second growth after the fall rains begin, as the quality of the beet is seriously injured by this.

Beets may be stored in cellars or in piles covered with straw or stalks, and a thin layer of earth. If they are to be left through the winter, another layer of straw and earth should be added

about the last of December. Where large quantities are stored, it is necessary to provide ventilation.

An examination of the field should be made at once, and if the beets show a tendency to project above ground, the earth should be ridged up along the rows and cover the roots as complete as possible.

#### Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that France & Merryman this day, by mutual consent, have dissolved partnership in the practice of law. Mr. France will occupy an office over P. Holthouse & Company's clothing store and Mr. Merryman will remain at the former location. The books and accounts of the late firm will be left in the hands of Mr. Merryman for adjustment. We thank our clients and friends for all past favors.

14m3 JOHN T. FRANCE, JAMES T. MERRYMAN.

It is reported that in some towns in Indiana certain conditions must be met before any teacher can expect a position in the schools. Among these conditions are: That the applicant must be an old neighbor or a son or daughter of some member of the school board. If not this, the applicant must agree to board with some member of the board.—Ligonier Banner.

#### MARKETS.

CORRECTED BY J. D. HALE, GRAIN MERCHANT, DECATUR, IND.

Wheat, new.....	\$ 62
Corn, per cwt (mixed).....	38
Corn, per cwt (yellow).....	38
Oats, old.....	20
Oats, new.....	20
Rye.....	35
Barley.....	22
Clover seed.....	2 50 @ 2 75
Timothy.....	1 00
Eggs, fresh.....	09
Chickens.....	05
Ducks.....	05
Turkeys.....	08
Geese.....	04
Wool.....	16 to 18
Wool, washed.....	18 and 20
Hogs.....	3 85
TOLEDO MARKETS, AUG. 31, 1898.	
Wheat, new No. 2 red, cash.....	65 1/2
September wheat.....	64 1/2
Cash corn No. 2 mixed, cash.....	31 1/2
Prime clover, Oct.....	3 60

#### Read What Your Neighbors Say.

MRS. WINNES, corner Fifth and Jefferson streets, Decatur, Ind., writes: Having faithfully tested your Dr. Bayer's Cough Syrup and Penetrating Oil, I must say that I am highly pleased with them and shall use no other in the future.

XAVIER M. MILLER, North Fifth street, Decatur, Ind., says: It gives me great pleasure to state that I can not praise your Dr. Bayer's Cough Syrup too highly. It cured mine and my neighbor's bad cold very promptly.

MRS. A. C. WAGONER, Decatur, Ind., says: I admit that your Dr. Bayer's Cough Syrup, Penetrating Oil and Spanish Cross Tea are the best remedies I have ever used. They do all they are recommended to do.

Ask for pamphlets and samples at B. J. Smith's drug store.

## Farmers, Mechanics, Merchants.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

You are cordially invited to call and see our immense stock of

## General Hardware.

The famous Hoosier Grain Drills—The "Farmers Friend."

The celebrated Studabaker Wagons—The Best on Earth.

Surreys, canopy and extension top, Buggies and Road Wagons, Harness, Fly Nets and Robes, New Home Sewing Machines, Plows, Disc Harrows, Land Rollers, Stoves and Ranges.

A steel cook stove that meets the wants of every household. Saves 50 per cent. in fuel bill

Call and examine our line before buying.

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