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Special shoe sale.—The Big Store.

C. K. Bell and wife were guests New Years day with relatives at Lima, Ohio.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Blossom next Saturday, January 1, at 2 p. m.

The up-to-date farmer will attend the institute here Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

All-round printer, married, desires position. Address B. D. Holmes, 508 N. Martin street, Muncie, Ind.

James Foreman as treasurer of the Democratic County Central Committee was transacting business in this city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sutton, of Geneva, spent New Year's day at the home of J. C. Sutton and wife in this city.

For Sale or Trade—I have some very good farms for sale or exchange. Also a list of city property for sale at a bargain. Money to loan at five per cent. P. K. Kinney, Stone Block, Decatur, Ind. 401

If it is true that "if a man is treated well at home, he would rather eat at home and sleep at home and loaf at home than anywhere else," there are a lot of husbands who belong to the henpecked brigade.

The man with a fondness for the woman benefit of a husband should keep his eye on the village of Buchanan, Mich., where it is reported, there are 117 widows, among them many who are young and attractive.

A Wabash woman thus thanks an insurance company for the prompt payment of her claim: "August 9th last, husband took out a policy and in less than a month was drowned. I consider it a good investment."

An effort is now being made to secure the appointment of Henry C. Hanna of Fort Wayne, to fill the vacancy on the Indiana Supreme bench. He is the brother of R. B. Hanna, the late lamented republican candidate for congressman of that district.

In the January number of the Review of Reviews, Mr. Thomas C. Martin tells the interesting story of the latest developments in high speed electric locomotion, describing the famous tests at Zosson and the results of these experiments as already embodied in traction improvements planned and under way in this country.

A veteran tobacco chewer, who is somewhat of a philosopher, recently said: "I have been chewing tobacco for forty-two years at the average rate of \$15 a year. If I had put this amount at interest each year I would today have \$4,000, or enough to buy a farm." Strange to say he has not quit and his experience warrants the statement that he has spit away a farm.

A dispatch from Warsaw to the Indianapolis News says that smallpox prevails to such an extent in Kosciusko county that it is feared before many weeks the country will be quarantined. The first case appeared in Sidney about two weeks ago and the disease has spread so rapidly that already there are twenty-six cases there with three cases in Pierceton and five in Packerton.

"Within five years every farmer as well as every city resident will have his mail delivered at his own door," is the statement made by Superintendent Machin, of the free delivery of the postoffice department. He also says that the rural free delivery system will then be in operation over an area of 1,000,000 square miles, and this will include all the inhabited territory in the United States.

Manager Bosse will offer one of the pronounced successes of several seasons when the comedy drama, "The American Girl," will be seen at his house Friday, Jan. 3. The piece is what may be termed a true type of the American dramatists best efforts. The company, which is under the direction of Mr. A. Q. Scammon, is carefully selected and is headed by the versatile comedian, George F. Hall.

The days of the "dizzy blondes" and "bright brunettes" are past. The people have discovered that the best persons are neither pronounced brunettes nor blondes, but just plain gray or brown eyed persons, with an ordinary complexion and indescribable hair. They are the best balanced mentally and physically, and are the most capable and willing. They average up better in all desirable respects than the extreme types.

The woman who is a slave to the fashion plate is rarely ever perfectly gowned, no matter how expensive her apparel may be. There must be a distinct individuality in clothes to appear well dressed. A simple, inexpensive gown can have the appearance of perfection in dress as worn by one woman while another with a gown that has cost many times more appears but indifferently clad. After all it is the individuality behind the dress that counts.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Cutting, of Rockford, Ill., are guests in the city of Agent John Jewell and wife.

Half a dozen of Decatur's sporty society young men are being liberally roared by Bluffton boys and girls. They were here Thursday to attend the dance, which was over at one o'clock. A visitor to the hotel later in the night found the boys, with one exception, asleep in chairs in the writing room, where they spent four hours awaiting the morning train. The exception was unable to sit in a chair, and his companions secured a room for him.—Bluffton News.

It is claimed that Indiana has the youngest delegation in congress. Major Steel is sixty, and the senior; Jim Watson thirty-one, is the youngest and he has been there since 1896; Robison is forty; Brick and Hemeray, forty-one; Overstreet, forty-two; Landis, forty-three; Cromer and Holiday, forty-five; Crumpacker, fifty; Griffith and Miers, fifty-three; Zenor, fifty-five; Senator Beveridge is thirty-nine; and Senator Fairbanks ten years older. Congressman Steele is thirty-nine; and Senator Fairbanks ten years older. Congressman Steele has served seven terms (fourteen years) prior to this one.

"The American Girl," a comedy drama by H. Grattan Donnelly, will be offered the patrons of Bosse's opera house Friday, Jan. 3. The play has a wholesome moral in depicting the final triumphs of a pure American girl, insulted and persecuted by a villain, and her restoration to husband and friends from whom she has been separated by his machinations. Strong in situation, lively in action and carefully interpreted, the attraction should bring out playgoers in force.

Elmer J. Ray will offer at public sale at his residence, two miles west and one mile south of Monroe, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, January 15. Three work horses, broad mare with foal, yearling colt, two yearlings, ten head of shoats, 200 bushels corn, two geldings, spring colt, four milch cows, three fresh soon, broad sow, 20 tons of hay. Terms—Sums of \$5.00 and under cash. All amounts over \$5.00 a credit of nine months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security.

Good Advice.—The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from dyspepsia and liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent of the people of the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects, such as sour stomach, sick headache, habitual costiveness, palpitation of the heart, heartburn, waterbrash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, yellow skin, coated tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, etc. Go to your druggist and get a bottle of August Flower for 75 cents. Two doses will relieve you. Try it. Get Green's Prize Almanac. Blackburn & Christen

Notice—On and after Jan. 1, 1602, there will be no more sittings made at Moser's studio unless payment is made at time of sitting. No work will be finished unless payment is made in full. Under no circumstances will proofs be allowed to leave the studio. Re-sittings on account of expression, hair or dress, will be charged for extra. These rules will be strictly enforced. This custom is being adopted in all the leading galleries of the state. We will do you good work. Thanking you for your past patronage and a continuance of the same, I remain yours, J. E. Moser, Photographer.

Twas a False Alarm. I have used your Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and can truthfully recommend it. Some four years ago doctors told me that I had Bright's disease. I was laid up three months and nothing I used helped me and no food would stay on my stomach. I used one bottle of your Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and food would stay on my stomach, and I craved something to eat. I got well. There was no Bright's disease about me. It was a "false rumor." Ever since I have recommended Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin to friends and strangers. It is just splendid. I have full confidence in it. Geo. F. Benedict, 639 West King St., Decatur, Ill. Sold by Smith, Yager & Falk.

An article which will prove of the widest interest to all those engaged in teaching or who may be interested in education, is one in the January Cosmopolitan by Elisha Benjamin Andrews, ex-President of Brown University, who for the first time in a leading magazine, has had the courage to show the great evils resulting from the private contract school-book system—educational officials corrupted, school books often the poorest selected, and the prices paid by the children themselves of the highest—an annual tax going up into the millions which could be very easily avoided if the proper organization were brought into this effort.

Remarkable cure of croup. A little boy's life saved. I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steele of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breath. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up," and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got this bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth today. Joel Demont, Inwood, Iowa. For sale by Holthouse, Callow & Co.

Before Inventory Sale!

GENT'S CLOTHING AND FURNISHINGS.

All single and odd garments left of our immense stock of fall and winter goods must go in the next thirty days, and positively will be sold regardless of original cost. Come early and share in the rare bargains. All goods are strictly up-to-date, and though low in price will please the most fastidious.

Men's fine black, blue and brown Beaver overcoats, worth \$7.50, go at

\$4.50

Men's fine pure wool black and blue Kersey dress overcoats, all sizes, worth \$10.00 to \$11.00, go at

\$6.50

Men's heavy all wool suits worth \$7.50 to \$8.00 go at

\$4.50

Men's suits, left of lots that sold at \$10.00 to \$12.50, must go and will sell at

\$7.50

Youth's suits, odd garments, at less than cost.

Children's suits, the \$6.00 kind, go at

\$4.00

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3.50

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2.75

" And down to

75c

Men's heavy camoas gloves

5c a pair

Men's heavy fleeced underwear worth 50 cents goes at

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Men's heavy random mixed underwear, worth 25 cents, goes at

15c a garment

Boys all wool knee pants go at

25c pair

Men's pants, your choice of a lot that sold up to \$3.00, go at

75c a pair

Men's pants, odds and ends, go at

50c a pair

Men's heavy sweaters worth 50 cents go at

40c

Equal reductions throughout the store. Strictly one price to all and your money back if you are not pleased. Call before the sizes are broken too badly and take advantage of this greatest money saving.

GUS ROSENTHAL, The Square Man, Decatur, Ind.

Greeting.

Thanking my friends for their liberal patronage and good will in the past, and particularly in the past year, I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Respectfully, Gus Rosenthal.

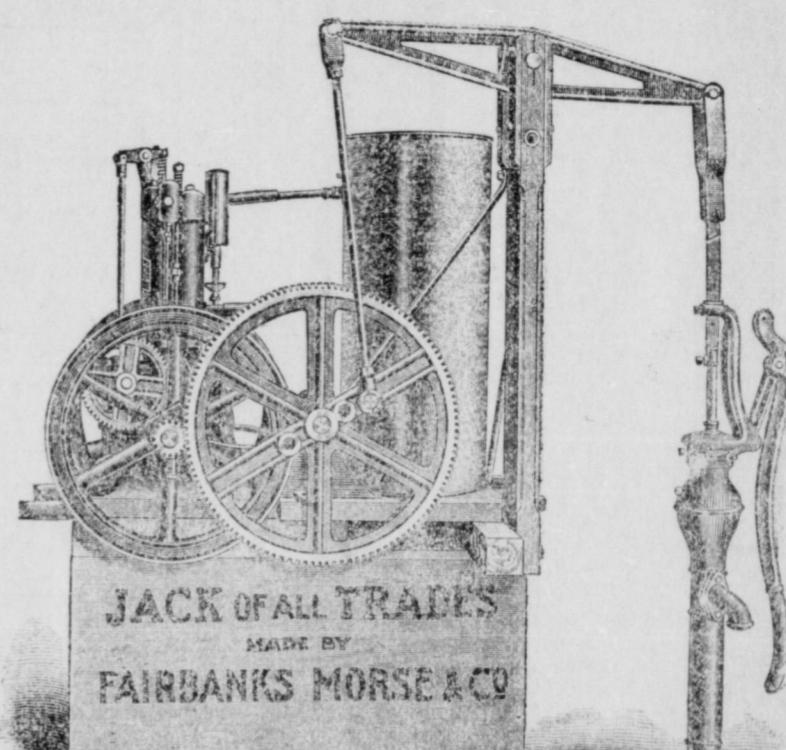
John Brown.

On Christmas eve last, there passed away another father in Israel to be forever with the Lord. Another pioneer of Adams county departed from the scenes of his labors, from the home his faithful toil had provided. The church was deprived of a faithful member; the community of an excellent citizen, and a large family circle of a loved and revered father. On Sunday, December 22, John Brown fell at his doorstep, sustaining severe injuries. For a day it appeared that he might recover, but Tuesday he became unconscious and sank away and was gone in the evening hour. He had achieved the great age of 85 years, 3 months and 2 days. Mr. Brown was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He has been a resident of Adams county for some fifty years. His wife departed this life some two years ago, and one son and two daughters had died before him. He left a multitude of descendants who almost filled one side of the church the day of his burial. There survive him eight sons, five daughters, fifty-one grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren. His coffin was borne on the shoulders of his sons. He united with the Presbyterian church of Decatur in 1861, and remained a faithful and consistent member of the same until the end came. His late pastor, the Rev. H. C. Duckett, says the kindest things of him and of his Christian character. He writes that he never saw Brother Brown but what he was happy in the Lord; that in a number of conversations with him, he found him to be perfectly orthodox as to scriptural doctrine, a Presbyterian in every sense of the word; that to his pastor he was as a father, always present in the house of God, ever ready with godly counsel. Mr. Duckett tells of their last interview, how they prayed together, read the Word, and how Father Brown, just able to sit in his chair, rose to his feet and blessed his pastor and his wife, as a father to a son going out upon a journey. Brother Duckett says of Father Brown that he possessed the mind of a little child in spiritual matters, just such as the Savior said everyone must be to inherit the kingdom of heaven. Father Brown's funeral took place from the Presbyterian church of Decatur, Friday, the 27th, and was conducted by the Rev. Dr. C. G. Hudson, assisted by Rev. Beger. The interment was in the Decatur cemetery by the side of his wife. Having lived long and well, having faithfully done his duty in his generation, he has now gone to his rest, that rest so well deserved, so valiantly won. There may be his sons and daughters, his numerous descendants, his fellow church members, his neighbors all, meet him again in the Many Mansions.

Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years and have never known it to fail," says James Prendergast, merchant, Anna Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly warded off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. Sold by Holthouse, Callow & Co.

The name of H. Grattan Donnelly usually carries with it a suggestion of comedy or boisterous farce. In "The American Girl," however, which is to be presented at Bosse's opera house Friday January, 3rd. Mr. Donnelly has constructed a play in which the comedy is second to the real interest, in which the farce element is evil. There are several exceedingly strong scenes, and there is a plot that maintains its interest until the last curtain. The story is that of a Virginia girl, Jasmine Carew, who secretly married Philip Devon, an artist and who is separated from her husband through the machinations of Sampson Goaf, who wants to marry Jasmine. Two children, twins, are born, and the apparently deserted wife follows the husband to England, the villain Craft having foreclosed a mortgage on her home and forced her away. She struggled with poverty, but finally finds husband and friends through the attractiveness of her children. Ros Bolter, an American hustler, and Twister, a precocious serving maid who becomes famous as a music hall singer in London, furnish the comedy element, and assist in untangling the plot.

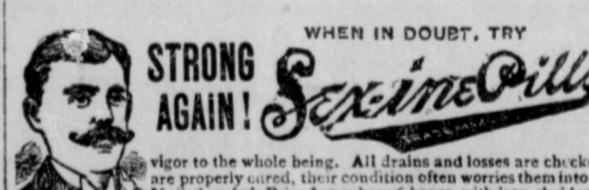
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Mrs. Mary Hendricks of Geneva, visited relatives here last week.

Page Blackburn, druggist, Decatur, Indiana.