

Hodge Corner.

Lola Baker is on the sick list.

Miss Clara Kintz is visiting at Preble.

Henry Kintz sold a fine lot of hay this week.

Anna Wolpert, of Ft. Wayne, is visiting relatives here.

Miss Addie Boster of Ft. Wayne, is visiting at this place.

Fred and Willie Shultz spent Christmas with their parents.

Ed and Harve Baker went north to hunt deer and other game.

Any one wishing to learn how to shoot boys call on George Geels.

Orel Kintz, of Ft. Wayne, is visiting for a few days at this place.

The merry chime of the school bell can be heard again after a week's vacation.

Line Grove.

Our little folks gave Robert Slavson a surprise Monday evening.

Ed Nevenschwander has bought the Hermann Heits property.

Major Ed Miller of Decatur is here looking after business at the Pioneer Mills.

George A. Adler and wife spent their Christmas with relatives at Fort Wayne.

Alfred Reynolds of Muncie made a short visit to his people here enroute home from Lima Ohio.

John Sandhauer and wife of Wells county, were guests of D. F. Hoffmann and wife over Sunday.

Frank Kring and Andrew Klingman of Kokomo are guests of Fred Buehler and Andrew Schlegelmeyer of this place.

Joseph Eckroat and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Eckroat's father, Benj. Filler, of Bryant, last Saturday. Aged 57 years, 11 months and 22 days.

Charles Ulrich, George Gotschalt and August Reynolds were added to the I. O. O. F. here on the evening of January 1st. They installed their new officers for the ensuing term: Lawrence Opliger, N. G.; Daniel Baumgartner, V. G.; Lucius Dunbar, financial sec'y; Peter Hoffmann, treas.; Samuel Opliger, Fred Gotschalt and Lewis Reynolds, trustees.

Andrew French was an eye witness to a scene that gave a stranger a close call to a home beyond. As a party was cutting down a tree near Smith & Bell's saw mill northwest of this place, the tree was being cut with intent to fall south, but instead fell over the stump to the west, just as a party was driving along the highway near by, the timbermen gave a vigorous alarm of distress which prompted the driver to speed his horses and the escape was safely made. However, some of the smaller limbs brushed the vehicle.

Stable.

Miss Maud Wells is working for Mrs. Linn Davis.

C. A. Davis and wife visited with Nelson Louden and family Sunday.

W. A. Hamrick has sold his barter chair and tools to John Davis and left here for Winchester last Monday.

That the holidays are over, we sincerely hope that everybody enjoyed a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Misses Fay and Gag Krugh, who have been visiting their brother, C. A. Krugh, of this place, returned to their home at Elletts, Ohio, last Monday.

Quite a number of the friends and relatives of John Myers and wife gathered at his home Sunday and were highly entertained by those worthy people.

Jefferson Township.

John Gilcher and wife were at Daniel Bower's last Sunday.

Ed Ferry and family visited at A. D. Buckmaster's last Sunday.

Thomas Lehman and family Sunday with Byron Buckmaster and family.

John Bryan, at this writing, is suffering severely from inflammatory rheumatism.

John Buckmaster is overseeing a slot machine at Chautauque, O. Salary \$20 per month.

C. W. Bower spent Christmas week on the railroad visiting several Indiana and Ohio towns.

Samuel Woodward, one of Rock township's teachers, spent his holiday vacation in our township.

S. J. Fagle and family left last Saturday for Hamilton, Ohio, where they will visit relatives during the holiday week.

Mr. Frank Bower is now at home to spend the winter after clerking during the summer in a large dry goods store at Geneva.

Oren Champer is in the retail dog business having disposed of three the past week. Any person having dogs they wish to have retailed try him.

Santa Claus Orendorf slid through the chimney of the Buckmaster school house on Friday before Christmas and treated the school. Bully boy Frank.

Everett Ferry states that the weather is intensely cold in Michigan, this winter. He was not there himself but received the news from a special correspondent located in the remote regions of that state.

The Mt. Carmel Sunday school elected officers for the coming year as follows: C. E. Irwin, superintendent; J.

M. Duff, ass't supt.; Zorphy Reid, secretary; Alta Rumpke, ass't secretary, C. Stinner, treasurer.

Ed and Byron have given their face a hard dip.

Not a hair can be seen on chin or on lip.

As smooth as a boy though, as big as you please.

One look in their face will make a man sneeze.

Each candidate greets us with a smile, and says he'll down the whole blamed pile.

With a kind adieu then off he'll go. To call on Harry, Jim and Joe. He says to all "I'm sure to win it." When perhaps there's at hand. That will make him so sour. That vinegar won't be in it.

The writer is one among the many friends and relatives who partook of an excellent Christmas dinner at Geo. W. Bower's. It would be putting it lightly to say that all were highly pleased by the way we were entertained by Mr. Bower and family. The afternoon was spent in a rabbit chase in which two rabbits and one quail was killed out right, and one rabbit taken prisoner. The only injuries sustained on our part was a broken pants leg on the part of G. W. Bower, and a dislocated cap for John Hoffman and an hour's time for all to pick burrs and spanish needles from our whiskers.

Permanent Tills.

The social given New Year's eve was a success.

Bomer Gause is confined to his home with a fractured knee.

Ora Bonner is home from Chicago, spending the holidays with friends.

Charles Cowan of Chicago, spent a few days with his parents and other friends.

Bob Peterson and family of Decatur, Sunday here with Squire Noll and family.

Frank Haughton and wife of Linn Grove, spent the past week here with relatives and friends.

Miss Mary Fuller returned Tuesday from Toledo, Ohio, after a few days visit with relatives.

Dr. Vanzor was wearing a broad smile Monday and setting out up to the boys. We can now seem one more democrat for St. Mary's township. The little fellow arrived Sunday evening, and since then the doctor can be consulted free of charge.

A social time was enjoyed Monday evening at the home of Prof. Smith and family, Monday being the Mrs. Smith's birthday. A number of young people gathered at his home in the evening to celebrate the occasion, an elaborate supper was served, after which music and games were enjoyed until a late hour. May be live to enjoy many more birthdays is the wish of his many friends.

Marion Butler.

Mrs. Agnes Andrews of Decatur Sunday with Mrs. Will Smith.

Mrs. Jennie Shepherd is visiting her sister, Mrs. Otto Frann, at Berne.

Miss Nettie Valentine is home for a few days and attending medical services.

Mr. John Weldy and sister Ida of Peterson, Sunday with Mae and Gertrude Sells.

Mr. Elmer Cook's mother came from Michigan today and will remain for a few days with her son and friends.

Harvey H. Hocker will go back to Upland tomorrow we are always sorry to have him leave, and hope he will not remain as long as usual.

Grandma Hendricks spent Christmas in Decatur with friends, and came home to eat New Year's dinner with her son, J. A. Hendricks.

Jacob Lungenberger accompanied his father to his home in Eastern Ohio, where he will remain visiting friends and relatives during holidays.

Mr. George Murray and Miss Mary Pittenger, of Dennison, Ohio, who have been the guests of Frank and Maude Thompson for several days, returned to their home today.

The revival conducted by Rev. Peters, is growing in interest. The Reverend has been delivering some excellent sermons to saint and sinner, and during holidays is aided by H. E. Hocker and M. T. Beaudyberry, who are home from Taylor University spending their vacation.

Berne.

Born to Rev. Vornholt and wife a little boy.

B. F. Welby of Lima, was a caller here Sunday.

Dr. C. Kuntz was a caller at Ft. Wayne Monday.

C. G. Egley was a business caller at Geneva Saturday.

Chas. Grinn and wife returned to Ft. Recovery, Ohio, Monday.

Mr. Bergman of Portland, was a business caller here Saturday.

Mr. Miller, of Highland, is the guest of W. Holmes this week.

Dr. C. Kuntz was a business caller at New Knoxville, Ohio, Friday.

F. G. Buehler of Liberty Center, is here visiting his mother this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bump were callers at Fred Hoffman's last week.

Thompson of Thompson & Case, of Peoria Ill., was a caller here this week.

Miss Marie Baker left here Wednesday to attend the wedding of a friend at Portland.

Dr. Sinkins and wife returned home Tuesday from their visit at Plain City.

Bomer Harris of Winchester, is the guest of his sister Mrs. Chas. Berns this week.

Mrs. T. G. Hopkins and son, Howard, returned home Saturday from Ottawa, Ohio.

Olaus Goble of Bluffton, O., was a caller here Sunday, the guest of Miss Sarah Welby.

Ed Engler was called home Sunday as his sister-in-law died. Funeral services held Tuesday.

The Misses Minnie and Dora Springer and a lady friend, were visiting parents here this week.

The members of the Evangelical church presented Rev. Eshel with a gold watch as a Christmas gift.

Harry Knoff, of Decatur, candidate for sheriff, was making friendly calls here Thursday and Friday.

Miss Carrie Dunbar of Linn Grove, who has been ill for some time, was calling on friends here Saturday.

Fred Neaderhouser was acting as overseer for Ed Engle & Co., during his absence Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. Vornholt's sister of New Bremen, O., arrived here Tuesday to take care of her sister-in-law, who is sick.

Mrs. Tuna Richard who was taken to the Elmer Hospital at Fort Wayne for an operation, returned home Friday and is getting along nicely.

Harry Teller or "Sunshine" as they call him, who was introduced beyond reason is somewhat better at present. His father arrived here a few days ago.

Adrian and Nora Hawk returned home Monday from Danville, Ill., where they were visiting with relatives and friends. They report a lovely time.

A large surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Jacobstein in honor of Mr. Jacob who has returned home from a hunting trip in Louisiana. Sixty guests were invited and spent a fine time.

The Democratic Club of Berne will entertain in honor of their first anniversary of the organization of their club, Friday, January 1. They will entertain all of their democratic friends. They will have some able speakers and expect most of the candidates to be present and will serve an oyster supper.

Miss Marie Baker entertained a jolly crowd last Tuesday evening. The Misses Martha Schug, Mary Egler, Bessie Rumpke, Esther Knoll, Amanda Smitner, and Misses. Nona and Anna Zeir, Frank and Noah Elster, Mark Tager and Oscar Augspurger. They watched the old year go and the new one come. Report a nice time.

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