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Word comes from Jesse Sellemeyer, announcing his safe arrival at Hutig, Arkansas, where he is filling an important position with the Forest Lumber Co., one of the largest concerns of its kind in the country.

Frank Davis is pushing his preparatory medicines, and from the present outlook the business will be quite a good one for Decatur. He purchased the business from a concern at Greenfield, and moved it here several months ago.

J. M. Haggard and family have returned to Adams county after a three years' residence at Albion, Michigan. Mr. Haggard says he has no particular complaint to register against that country, but that Adams county was more like home, and he is glad to get back.

The price of choice timothy hay is advancing and men in position to know, declare it will be selling at \$20 a ton before March 1st. There is big shortage in hay in the state and many people who have never before fed straw are feeding it now. Straw prices have advanced but little and probably will not.

Willshire is in on the President Roosevelt jaunt to the Canal Zone. Sidney Walters, son of Professor and Mrs. J. H. Walters is a gunner on the war ship Tennessee, and the Tennessee is one of the presidential escort. The Tennessee, by the way, is the largest ship in the American navy. It is 502 feet long. The party expects to be back at League Island about the first week in December.—Willshire Herald.

Representatives of the Salvation Army whose headquarters are in Decatur, came over last week and canvassed our city for supplies to aid the worthy poor. Reports indicate that they were not very successful as our people, as a rule, look after our local poor. Cases of extreme poverty are reported by neighbors and some of our many charitable organizations at once minister to their wants.—Ossian News.

By a deal made Wednesday, Joe Sawyer becomes the owner of the bakery recently conducted by himself and Lloyd Dalrymple in Dunkirk. Mr. Dalrymple disposed of his interest in the shop and will go to Ohio where he will engage in some other line of business. Mr. Sawyer is the son of Benjamin Sawyer of this city, while Mr. Dalrymple is also well known here, having formerly made Bluffton his home.—Bluffton Banner.

The almanacs for 1907 are now out and are being looked over with interest. They show two eclipses in January, one on the 14th and the other the 29th. The latter, which will be partial, may be seen here by early risers as it starts at 6:06 in the morning. The next eclipse will be on July 10, but will not be visible here. On July 24 there will be an eclipse of the moon at 9:04 o'clock, continuing until 11:41. It will be visible here.

Eggs are steadily on the advance and lovers of the hen fruit will soon purchase an equivalent to the golden eggs laid by the little hen of yore. "Twenty-five cents per," the grocery man says when you step in and inquire the price of the breakfast delicacy. "Pretty high, isn't it?" you ask, and he straightforth informs you that they will be higher in a couple of weeks. It is predicted that eggs will be three cents apiece before the winter is over.

The third quarterly meeting of the Bobo M. E. circuit will be held at Clark's Chapel the 17th and 18th inst. Rev. C. U. Wade, D. D., presiding elder, will be present and conduct the business session at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. He will preach Saturday at 7:30 p. m., and Sunday morning at 10:30. The sacramental services will follow the morning service. The pastor will preach Sunday evening at 7:30. Let every one attend all these services. We desire all the official members of the charge to make especial effort to be at the business session with their reports.

There are about eight classes of town killers and every town is afflicted with one or more of them. First, those who go out of town to do trading; second, those who are opposed to improvements; third, those who prefer a quiet town to one of push and business; fourth, those who imagine they own the town; fifth, those who deride public spirited men; sixth, those who oppose movements not originating with themselves; seventh, those who oppose every movement that does not appear to benefit them; eighth, those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of their neighbors.

Had a Close Call.
"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickel, of Miletus, W. Va. Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns and Injuries. 25c at Blackburn Pharmacy.

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WOMEN troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, belching, (flatulence), general debility, indigestion or nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, hot flashes and tired worn out feeling, should call and I will explain my home treatment to them.

The Euterpean Club will meet on Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. Heller. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Nachtrieb and Miss Niblick. All members are urgently requested to be present.

An Indianapolis boy who was incorrigible has been made good by the removal of his tonsils. If the surgeons can prove that similar operations will make other bad boys good it may be reasonable to expect an immediate boom in the tonsil-cutting line.

The law firm of Sturgis & Stine has dissolved, the former assuming his place as judge of the Wells-Blackford circuit. Mr. Stine will now be a law firm all by himself, and he is fitted to successfully continue the lucrative practice that the old firm possessed.

Capt. Mihm of the American Salvation Army, has now to his assistance, Rev. Helfinstine from Ohio, who will speak Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., on Holiness. Mr. and Mrs. Adj. Betz will also be present to assist in the great work, on Tuesday. The adjutant is known as the cowboy.

A letter received from W. B. Suttles, a former resident of this city, but now located at Greenfield, Pa., states that he has received a promotion in the railroad business, and is now acting supervisor of the Bessinger lines. Since leaving here, Mr. Suttles' climb in railroad circles has been remarkable.

The investigation into alleged cruelty on the part of a Wells county school teacher to his pupils was conducted yesterday and it has been found that there is some ground for the complaint. The matter is in the hands of the school authorities and action is deferred pending further reports.

This is the time of year to take to the woods. A day out of doors will do you good and a little closer communion with nature will give you food for much wholesome thought. It will awaken the memories of long ago and will stimulate the imagination and hopes about the future. It's the cheapest and best of tonics.

Next week will be a gala one for the different departments of the Odd Fellows. All of the different departments of the lodge will have their days set apart for the state meetings, at Indianapolis, each department of the lodge having one or two days in the week. Every lodge in the state will have delegates to the big meetings.

The Bluffton business men are pushing out, striving for a greater Bluffton. It is now proposed to sell a couple of lots and locate factories with the sum derived therefrom. It is a great scheme and is expected to do the business.

Samuel Jones of Decatur, spent a few hours in this city Friday afternoon as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Janette Minehart on West Wash street. He was changing trains on his way home from a business trip to Keystone.—Bluffton Banner.

Tonight Henry Thomas of this city, will put on "Hickory Farm" at Winchester and will be assisted by Fred Patterson, who plays the leading part, and True Frisette, who will handle the musical end of the play. The balance of the cast will be made up of Winchester talent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Walmer, Alfred Saurer, James Lepper and Misses Nellie Krill, Jessie Foncannon and Mrs. Etta Heller will be guests Sunday at a dinner which will be given by Mr. and Mrs. James Snyder at their home east of town. It is the third annual dinner.—Bluffton News.

The City of Marion is the latest Indiana town to be thrown up against the artificial gas problem. The City Gas and Oil company, a newly organized corporation, has asked the board of works for a franchise for a fifty-year period at a rate not to exceed \$1.40. The city attorney has issued a statement saying that the rate should not exceed \$1.10 at the outside, but the matter has not been officially acted upon.

The "Ole Olson" company was greeted by a fair sized audience last evening at the opera house, and those who attended were royally entertained, as the show was a good one and pleased every one immensely. John B. Cumpson, as "Ole Olson," played the part to perfection and had the crowd in an uproar constantly. His specialties were fine. The balance of the company was exceptionally fine, and would be welcomed to our city again.

'Tis the last flimsy shirt waist on the streets left alone; all its net work companions to the closet have flown. 'Neath its soft open lattice blue goose flesh is seen, where the eye stilly pierces, the lace threads between. Soon the fair but vain wearers so proud of her bust, may lie under the quiting of dust unto dust. For the demon pneumonia sits on autumn's chill fence, on the lookout for victims with more pride than sense. 'Tis the last bust exposé, the last peek-a-boo, and the chilling breeze whispers, you'd better skidoo.

A peculiar thing occurred at the farm of John Ritchey, five miles north of Plymouth. While his cattle were grazing in the orchard and occasionally picking up an apple which had fallen, one of them choked. An apple lodged in the throat of the animal, and in order to save her life Mr. Ritchey took a buggy whip with which he was pushing the apple on down into the stomach of the cow, when she bit off the buggy whip stock and swallowed a piece of it a foot and a half in length. A veterinary surgeon was called and after making an examination stated that the buggy whip was in the stomach of the cow. This was a week ago and the animal still lives, apparently as healthy as before.

C. F. S. Neal of Lebanon, has been re-elected president of the endowment rank, Knights of Pythias. The term is for two years and the re-election carries with it a substantial increase in salary. When Mr. Neal first took charge of the endowment rank, says the Lebanon Reporter, the insurance branch of the order was in a very bad way. He quickly brought order out of the chaos that prevailed and in a remarkably short time he had placed the rank on a sound financial basis, made its investments secure, paid off all claims, increased the membership and put new life into the organization. Its present high standing among fraternal insurance companies is due very largely to his untiring efforts. His re-election for another term of two years comes as a deserved compliment.

A Year of Blood.
The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption with the astonishing result that after four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for Sore Lungs, Coughs and Colds, at Blackburn Pharmacy. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Fred Linn Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

Mrs. Judge Day who was a guest in Geneva with her son-in-law, A. G. Briggs and family, changed trains here Monday morning, en route to her home at Celina, O.—Portland Commercial Review.

The Hon. William P. Breen of this city, who is one of the most eloquent orators of the middle west, will be one of the principal speakers Friday night at the Irish Nationalists' celebration in Chicago. The occasion is the thirty-ninth anniversary of the deaths of the Manchester martyrs.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Clinton Haughton and wife spent Sunday with his parents, Dr. Haughton and wife, in this city. For some time past young Haughton has been at Geneva, where he acted as day operator and station clerk for the G. R. & I. railroad, but last week he was transferred to Hoagland as agent for the company at that place with a considerable increase in salary.—Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. Henry Thomas and child of Decatur, who have been guests of Elizabeth King of East Walnut street, accompanied by Miss Goldia King of this city, went to Winchester Monday afternoon. "Hickory Farm," a three act comedy, given for the male chorus of Winchester, will appear in that city this evening, Mr. Thomas being manager of the show.—Portland Commercial Review.

Dr. C. H. Schenk of Berne, changed trains here Monday, leaving on the noon train for Independence, Kansas, for a short visit with his brother, C. F. Schenk and family. His father, G. F. Schenk of Salamonia went to Kansas two weeks ago for a visit and while there was taken ill. His son was sent for and will return home with his father as soon as he is able to travel.—Portland Review.

At a meeting of representatives from all sections of the farming communities of Wells county, including the township vice president of the county farmers institute arrangements were made to hold the annual farmers' institute session in Bluffton on January 10 and 11. The speakers will be J. M. Kantner of Logansport, and Miss Bertha Miller of Franklin. Prizes will be offered for the best exhibition of corn.

Though Harry Rosebrough of Huntington, a member of the hospital corps in the Philippines, was killed almost a year ago, and his funeral was held in Huntington May 30, his parents have just come into possession of definite information as to how their son was killed. He was administering to the relief of a wounded soldier beyond the sixth line of trenches, and as he straightened up a volley struck him, the shot piercing his heart and his right eye. Death was instantaneous.

He had been calling on the young lady for many moons, but being rather backward his suit progressed slowly. Finally, the dear girl decided it was up to her to start something, so the next time he called she pointed to a flower in his buttonhole and said: "I'll give you a kiss for that rose." A large, open-faced blush meandered over his countenance but the exchange was made. Then he grabbed his hat and started to leave the room. "Why, where are you going?" she asked in surprise. "To the florists for more roses," he explained. And further the deponent sayeth not.

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