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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Mrs. John Bixler went to Decatur this noon accompanied by her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Fetter of Warren, and by "Grandma" Bixler, who will spend the summer at Decatur. The other members of the party will return home next week.—Bluffton News.

Excitement was at high tension on east Monroe street Monday afternoon when a big electric light wire conducting 2,000 volts of electricity burned through and each end fell to the ground. J. Elzey an employee of the Citizens' Telephone company was engaged in taking down a Central Union line, when in some manner he cut several wires which fell across an uninsulated electric wire. The electric wire burned immediately and the eight wires which lay across same were heavily charged. The charged wires were strung across the street and alley in such a manner as to make it almost impassable for a team of horses to pass without coming in contact with same. The electric light plant was shut down for several minutes to allow the workmen time to remove the wires and thus no serious results were sustained. Several men were stationed at different places to keep barefooted boys and curious men from being electrocuted.

James Hahn, the Monroe young man who has been a conspicuous character in Decatur police circles for several years, again appeared in the lime-light. He brutally assaulted Joe Eley in a saloon and officers Fisher and Bohnke arrested him. He was arraigned before Mayor France shortly after his arrest and was assessed \$15. The docket was staid and the young desperado was released.

Marshal Bohnke received a telephone message from Hartford City Monday morning asking him to be on the alert for a stolen horse. A young man hired the outfit from a livery man at that place and when last seen he had two girls with him headed this way.

Daniel Straub, a familiarly known character about Decatur, figured in a saloon brawl Saturday night and as a consequence was landed in jail. He was arraigned before Mayor France Monday morning and was assessed the usual amount \$15. Daniel staid the docket and was released.

After only an hour and ten minutes for consideration, the jury returned a verdict Saturday afternoon at 3:50 finding Herman Miller guilty of the murder of Marshal Croy, of Woodburn, in the first degree and fixed his punishment at confinement in the state prison for life. They retired at 2:20 and at 3:30 sent word that they had agreed. Judge Erwin and Mr. Underwood, attorneys for Miller, immediately filed a motion for a new trial, and were given thirty days in which to file their written reasons. Judge O'Rourke thanked the jurors and dismissed them and Herman Miller, in charge of Sheriff Grice, left the court room for the county jail, where he will await his transfer to the prison at Michigan City. Mrs. Columbus widow of the murdered marshal, heard the reading of the verdict. She was sitting outside the railing behind Miller. She was visibly affected when the words fixing the guilt and the punishment of her husband's slayer were read, and after court adjourned she said, when spoken to by a Journal-Gazette representative: "I feel that justice has been done." Miller had nothing to say, and was taken to jail by Sheriff Grice. During Sunday his wife and children called on him and he wept several times. The Journal-Gazette said Monday morning: Public opinion generally seems to endorse the verdict of conviction. The murder of Croy aroused deep feeling all over the county, and the early failure to make any arrests or to secure indictments was the cause of unfavorable comment that was universal. It is generally conceded that the state made a strong case against Miller and among attorneys the opinion prevails that he will not be able to secure a new trial.

### After Once Tasting

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Word has reached our city announcing the death of the mother of W. P. Edmundson, who formerly was manager of the Decatur Lumber company. The aged lady passed away after suffering from paralysis for some time. The news of her demise will cause sorrow among her many friends.

Robert D. Beery, son of Joseph D. Beery of this city, who some time ago went to Mott, North Dakota for his future abode and was elected subsequently to the office of county auditor, was re-nominated at the primary election held there the twenty-fourth day of this month. "Bob" is a hustler and is admired by a host of Adams county people. He is possessed of excellent business qualifications and is a good jolly and sociable young man. It is safe to say that he will not betray the confidence reposed in him by the people of Hettinger county, N. D.

A grand time is to be had at Maple Grove Park next Saturday, July 4. The management has engaged good attractions beside having arranged for an elaborate display of fireworks in the evening. Prof. DeKay, the human torch, who makes the slide for life with his clothing on fire, is scheduled for the evening's entertainment, and an interesting time is expected.

Decatur merchants should all read the following little article, written by E. G. McQuinn, sales manager of the Hoosier Mfg. Co., of Indianapolis and headed "Furniture Advertising that Pays." Along with this we wish to add that our idea has always been that the proper time to advertise is when business has fallen off. Mr. McQuinn says:

Several hundred dollars have been practically out of business for three or four months. They are not doing any business because they are putting in their time talking hard times and complaining, in place of advertising and hustling. Every live merchant knows that this is true and is taking advantage of the opportunity this condition provides him to strengthen his own position.

I know of one merchant who actually increased his summer sales by keeping his stock in good shape and advertising when the other dealers in the town didn't have the nerve to do it.

The advertiser got the pie—the other fellows took the crumbs, and that is the way it always goes. The man who waits for business to come to him in place of going after it, and who regards advertising as a useless expense, never gets anything more than the crumbs which fall from the advertiser's table.

I spent practically all of the month in the Chicago and New York markets, and I met dozens of merchants who expect to increase their business this year. They are not the kind who are satisfied with "their share." They get all they can and keep all they get, and they do it by the right kind of advertising. When the dealers who are not pushing and advertising for business finally wake up they will find that these merchants have a lot of their business and have it for keeps, too.

Rev. N. C. Shirey, district manager of the anti-saloon league, discussed their work to a fair sized audience at the M. E. church Sunday morning.

The speaker claimed the league had neither politics or religion, and their sole aim in life was the banishing of the liquor traffic from the state. They want to hold fast to the Moore remonstrance law, and at the same time favor local option with the county as a unit. In this respect the league is in variance with the arguments of the prohibitionists, as they contend that but one law can be constitutional upon any one subject. The speaker endorsed the Democratic candidates for the legislature in Adams, Wells and Miami counties, but severely opposed the senatorial ambitions of Steven B. Fleming.

At the same hour Prof. Whitenock, formerly a professor of history in the South Bend high school and now manager of the anti-saloon work for the Terre Haute district, gave a similar argument at the Presbyterian church. He gave no facts as to when a direct fight would begin in this territory but simply gave an account of the league's work in the past and how it is done.

Rev. Minton was scheduled for here, but a change was made on Saturday and Prof. Whitenock came in his stead. The occasion was Temperance Day, observed generally all over the country. At the close, a collection was taken for the support of the league, the donations to be quarterly for a year.

Temperance services were also conducted at the various other churches during the day, the two evangelists putting in a busy day.

At the conclusion of services at the various churches last evening a business men's session was held at the Methodist church, where the possibility and plans for starting an anti-saloon campaign in Decatur were discussed. Varied opinions were expressed and a committee was appointed to investigate and report some time during the week. About twenty men attended the meeting.

Mrs. DeVilbiss went to Fort Wayne this morning, she being joined by her father, Mr. Kunkle, at Monmouth, where they will proceed to Fort Wayne and visit the DeVilbiss fruit farm north of that city.

Mrs. W. A. Wisner, of Decatur, who has been making a short visit here, returned home this noon. She was accompanied by her hostess, Mrs. W. A. Markley, who will make a short visit with her and with other Decatur friends.—Bluffton News.

Alva Shoemaker, of Oklahoma, son of John Shoemaker, who was married at Marion on the 13th inst., left with his wife for Marion Saturday after a visit here with his parents. They will visit in Marion a few days and from there go to their future home in Oklahoma, where Mr. Shoemaker is engaged in the oil business.—Geneva Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Latchaw, of Findlay, Ohio, left on the Wednesday evening train for their home, having been to Berne attending the marriage of their son Guy C. Latchaw and Miss Lillian Ely which took place Wednesday noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ely. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Latchaw left on the same train for Findlay, where they will reside.—Portland Sun.

Postmaster H. P. Loveland, of Peru has been notified that unless many of the roads in Miami county are improved within 90 days the government will order several rural routes out of Peru abandoned. Postmaster Loveland has called a convention of township trustees, road supervisors and farmers, to be held in the Commercial Club rooms July 11, to take steps toward the improvement of the roads.

Messrs. G. M. Wilson, John Burris, Henry Stahl and C. O. Rayn of Geneva attended the I. O. O. F. lodge at Berne last Thursday night. The initiatory and third degree were conferred on candidates. The visitors all enjoyed a very fine time. Berne lodge voted to attend the Geneva lodge the first meeting night in August, and this order will try to have some candidates ready for degrees to be conferred on that night.—Geneva Herald.

John Fulk is now attempting to organize a company for the manufacture of one of his new perpetual motion machines. Some time ago an account was given of Mr. Fulk's work along this line and the flattering success he had achieved. He now wishes to give a practical illustration of his theories and it is for this the company is being organized. Already he has secured several men to go in with him, and if successful in getting others, the engine will be made.—Bluffton Banner.

A telephone message to J. L. Snyder from Decatur this morning, brought the word that Gene Morrow, the Fashion shoe clerk, was taken suddenly and rather seriously ill at that place last evening and is now confined to his room at the Murray hotel, unable to be removed to this city. Gene went to Fort Wayne yesterday and attended the ball game, going from Fort Wayne to Decatur to call on friends and intending to return home on the Commercial Traveler last night.—Bluffton Banner.

If a man is down on his luck and thinks he is tired of farming because he cannot lay up something year by year, just let him remember that there are thousands of men as honest as he, who are working in the cities at day or week labor and eat up everything they make so that if they get out of work for a day they must go in debt for rent and food, and let him be thankful that he has a hearth and home of his own and roof to cover himself and family and that he can raise enough wholesome food to live on, and breathe wholesome air and call no man master.—Ex-change.

Fred Stevens was in Bluffton last evening for a short call on his brother L. B. Stevens. He had been on a trip to various points and is incidentally looking for an opening for a good hotel. The news is informed that he is not a member of the new hotel firm which incorporated Tuesday under the name of the W. D. Jones company, of Fort Wayne, with a capital stock of \$7,000, with John McAlevey, Harry Palmer and Mary C. Rossiter, incorporators. Mr. Stevens returned to Fort Wayne last night and he was visited there today by his brother, L. B. Stevens, and wife and son Belden.—Bluffton News.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Carolos and the members of the party of Greeks that went to the old country early in the spring to spend the summer, are now in New York and will return to Marion in a few days. A telegram was received in Marion Tuesday evening announcing the safe arrival of the party in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Carolos and their party have been in Sparta, Greece, and they have visited Athens, Rome and other famous cities. Mr. Carolos is a member of the firm of Chocos and Carolos, proprietors of the confectionery store at Fourth and Washington streets.—Marion Leader.

Rev. C. U. Wade, Rev. J. K. Cecil, and A. B. Cline, left this morning for Warren, where they will make a short business visit in the interests of the Old Peoples Home. Mr. Cline was elected a trustee of the home during his absence while on his recent trip through Europe and the Holy Land.—Bluffton News.

The regular meeting Wednesday evening of the Bluffton Lodge No. 92, Knights of Pythias, was an epoch-making event in the history of the order. A splendid class of forty-seven new members was initiated, raising the total to 330, and in addition to this increase beyond the long-coveted three hundred mark, the lodge took steps which means another large class, and the enthusiasm is such that predictions are freely made that the lodge will reach the four hundred mark by October first, and eventually will go to the splendid figure of 500 members.—Bluffton Chronicle.

To foreclose a mechanic's lien for \$3,000 against five miles of the track and roadbed of the C. B. & C. railroad in Lancaster township, Philip J. Herzog and Herman M. Herzog, the firm of Herzog Bros., contractors, have brought suit in the circuit court. The defendants in the case are the Inland Construction company, which employed the plaintiffs; the C. B. & C. Railway Company, and J. C. Curtiss, general manager and receiver of the line. Before this suit could be brought permission was first granted by the Huntington circuit court, as the road is in the hands of a receiver.

There is not much doubt but that Bluffton will be going out to the west side ball ground rooting for Bluffton's own team in the I. O. League around about July 4th. Ever since the letter came from Maggert stating that he would come to Bluffton at any time to manage and captain a team, the bug has been working, until this morning it began to bore in to the extent that an effort to do something was started. It is already known that finances can be raised, and all that remains is to locate some good players, who seem plentiful this year, and start doing business. The I. O. League now has four teams and want two more, and it is expected that Kokomo and Bluffton will take a go in the league.—Bluffton Banner.

In a runaway north of Bluffton, W. J. Dustman, democratic nominee for county treasurer of Wells county, was severely injured. He and Richard Rienhard were driving to the home of Mr. Dustman in Villa North in a wagon belonging to Rienhard, when the team of horses became frightened and ran away. Dustman jumped from the wagon. He was picked up with both bones of the right leg broken above the ankle, but it is not thought internal injuries will develop. Rienhard stayed with the team and succeeded in stopping them after they had run a mile, and he escaped without injury.

A marriage license was issued last Wednesday to Mr. Philip Leander Andrews and Miss Lillian B. Lewton, both of this city and both popular and well known. The details of the wedding were not made public, an effort being made to keep the affair a secret until they had departed on their wedding tour. Mr. Andrews has been prominent in Decatur affairs for a number of years and has a wide acquaintance, having served as postmaster for four years, practiced law and for a year or so was editor of the Decatur Journal. His bride is also well known, being a daughter of the late Perry Lewton, an ex-sheriff of the county. While the plans for their future is also a secret, it is intimated that they may reside in the far west in the not very distant future as Mr. Andrews has been talking of such a move for some time.

Charles Rainier, formerly of this city, who last October purchased a restaurant at Willshire, disposed of same last Monday to Charles Lackey, the man who abandoned the Eagle saloon a few weeks ago, leaving a large number of creditors in this city. Mr. Rainier did a flourishing business at the Ohio town and while there made a host of friends by his upright principles and courteous treatment. Mr. Lackey, the new proprietor, was in business in this city for some time. He purchased the Eagle saloon from L. L. Sheline and after conducting same for some time he did not find it to be a very prosperous business so he packed his belongings and left the city unexpectedly. However he was not broke as he had at least part of the necessary funds to pay for the restaurant he has purchased. It is hoped that Mr. Lackey does not make a mysterious disappearance from the enterprising town of Willshire as he has from Decatur.

Miss Goldie Brown, of Chicago, and Miss Stella Ellis, of Decatur, who are the guests of Miss Estella Gerhardt of south Thirteenth street, have been honor guests at a number of social functions since their arrival and the remainder of the week is booked with interesting outings for them, Monday night they attended the K. of C. dance and last night a theater party was given them to see "Twelfth Night" presented by Maude Adams, which was followed by a luncheon. This afternoon they attended a party given at the home of Miss Hinton and tomorrow afternoon and evening a boating party has been planned for them. Thursday evening they will have a brewery party. On Saturday evening Miss Brown and Miss Ellis will go to Indianapolis where they will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cooper for a few weeks before returning home. Miss Gerhardt will go to Indianapolis about July 1 where she will visit Miss Brown and Miss Ellis at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper. Terre Haute Tribune.

The Ministerial association of Marion is back of a move to establish a stone pile for the city prisoners. The ministers point to the ineffectiveness of imprisonment without labor and to the inconsistency of handling prisoners better than they might expect outside the iron bars. The stone pile has a moral effect that the ministers seek to obtain. They believe there would be less drinking and less misdemeanors of other sorts under a regime of the working policy.

At the Methodist church in Wabash the minister, Rev. Dan H. Guild, has ruled that coats are not requisite for worship. Consequently hereafter the men attending services will be privileged to discard their coats. Rev. Guild says it is a return to sanity and country simplicity, which is decidedly in good taste this sort of weather. Rev. Guild is a member of the Northern Indiana Conference quartette. In Decatur some of the women attending Methodist services remove their mercury widows. As yet the men have not removed their coats.

To the editor of the Daily Democrat—You may publish this notice for the benefit of all the farmers that are not familiar with the city milk and cream ordinance. This ordinance only affects those who sell milk and cream within the city limits. Those who make and sell butter only are not required to have their cows examined as the state pure food laws govern the butter as that comes under the food laws of the state, and as there is a misunderstanding of the new milk and cream ordinance of the city I authorize you to publish this notice so that all the farmers understand what the new ordinance is for. If they wish to sell milk and cream in the city of Decatur they must then have their cows examined and get a license to do so, but to sell butter they need not take out a license or have their cows examined. Hoping that this makes the matter plain, I am respectfully yours,

DR. H. E. KELLER,  
Secy. Board of Health.

Fire which started at two o'clock Friday afternoon destroyed the S. W. Peterson barn in the south part of the city and the home of his son Frank Peterson, with a total loss of perhaps \$3,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The big barn was filled with baled hay and the blaze was fierce and rapid in its headway. Mr. Peterson's loss could not be estimated, but will probably not be less than \$500 to \$600. The home of Frank Peterson nearby, a pretty little cottage, was soon ablaze and was beyond control before anything could be saved. Every piece of furniture and all the family's wearing apparel were totally destroyed. Frank's loss included an old fashioned Bible, water set, which he secured in Cuba, and which he valued at \$1.00. He also lost a \$70.00 set of harness. His loss is estimated at \$2,000 beside the water set, with \$1,000 insurance on the house and \$500 on the contents. The home of Charles Peterson, also near, looked like it was doomed and all his household goods were removed, but the flames were controlled before they spread to that building.

Mrs. J. D. Bollinger delightfully entertained a few of her friends at her home on west Monroe street in honor of Mrs. E. S. Bollinger, of Columbia City. The evening was spent in a good social way and at a late hour dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present included M. S. Doak, C. Hower, M. Berry, Fred Heuer, L. Annen, J. Harris, Sellemyer, L. Baumgartner, Franks, D. O. Steele, E. S. Bollinger, of Columbia City, and the Misses Lilly Steele, Pearl Baumgartner and Flossie Billinger.

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The \$5,000 stock offered for sale the Citizens' company a few days ago at \$1.20 was "gobbled" up quickly and the entire bunch has already been spoken for, showing the high value placed upon this stock here. The offer for this guaranteed six per cent stock was first made to the stockholders and so anxious were they to secure that four times as much could have been disposed of without going outside of the original company. Such a record certainly speaks well for a local institution.

A great time will be had at Grove Park the fourth and fifth July. The management has left nothing undone in securing the very best attractions.

This season's acreage of tomatoes says an Indiana packer, will be about 20 per cent short. "We are receiving almost daily reports of serious damage to the tomatoes—wounds have been made by cut-worms, army worms and other pests. Of course, some damage was expected, and most of packers thought that they had situation fully discounted, but as season advanced our country clubs who had contracted acreage of tomatoes with us kept calling for more plants to replace those destroyed by the worms, until our stock of plants was depleted. Since that time complaints of damage have still been received, but now it is too late to plant.

That Decatur can well be called manufacturing city is evidenced by the fact that many useful articles made within the boundaries of the city. There are but few people who realize the enormity of the volume of business carried on in our enterprising place and for that reason quote the different articles manufactured in the city: Washing machine blocks, shingles and pine mitten, gloves, tile, brick, whips, castings, forgings, ax handles, broom flour, ice cream, soft drinks, incubators, furnaces, automobiles, farm mills, grain separators, wire fence, Acme medicine, B. B. Ointment, moments, wagons, harness, egg cases, butter tubs, barrel staves, hoops and fillers for eggs. With these flourishing industries it is no wonder that Decatur people prosper even when the surrounding cities experience reverses in business. Everybody should boost our town and help it even better than it is.

Bert Segur, one of the most prosperous young men that Decatur ever produced, who recently graduated from Purdue university with honors, in civil engineering, received a civil service commission few days ago, and Wednesday morning he left for San Francisco, from whence he will sail for the Philippines July 1, where he will be in the government's employ. Mr. Segur, while at college, was recognized as one of the most intelligent and diligent students on the roll. His grades were very creditable. In the civil service examination he recently took, Mr. Segur had the coveted average 94 per cent. While awaiting the turns from his examination, Bert went to Angola, where he took a semi-annual course of study. The government position which has justly been given to this enterprising young man carries with