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Rev. Hinkle, of the church, has been to Vicksburg, owing to his pastorate, to attend the dedication of Indian monuments, but with the further object also of visiting the lands of the Bluffton Timber and Land company in the south. He is one of the incorporators of the company and is interested in the sale of stock. His wife accompanied him. Others taking the train from here are Col. L. C. Davison and wife, with Governor Hanley's party, and County Auditor O. D. Garretson and wife. The latter also will visit timber lands.—Bluffton News.

Mrs. Jessie Laugh returned to her home Decatur this morning after spending a few days in the city, the guest of friends and relatives.—Bluffton Banner.

Ed Lyons left on a business trip to

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—Whether or not an attempt will be made to re-apportion the state for legislative purposes will be determined within the next month. It is possible that the entire matter may be passed over until the next session, inasmuch as the Democrats are in the saddle in the house, while the Republicans have control of the senate. If the Democrats had elected three more members of the senate they could have put into effect a gerrymander that would have given them control of the legislature for an indefinite period. It is understood that the Republican leaders had tentative plans for a re-apportionment that would have made it even more difficult for the Democrats to gain control of the legislature than it is now. Under the present circumstances if there is to be a re-apportionment it will be along lines that will not give either side a decided advantage. No re-apportionment bill that is unfair can be adopted with the Democrats able to block it in the house and the Republicans ready to retaliate in the senate.

There has been a suggestion during the last two or three weeks of a joint meeting of Republican and Democratic leaders for the purpose of submitting a re-apportionment bill that will more evenly distribute the voting population than it is at present. That is believed now to be the only hope of reaching an agreement. The law provides for a legislative re-apportionment every six years. If, however, it is not made at the coming session it can be passed over to the next one, which, it is thought, will be the scheme of the Republicans, who are in hopes of being in control of both branches then.

Miss Anna Bucher entertained at a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening Miss Emma and Frank Schultz of this city, and Miss Irene Baker of Fort Wayne at her beautiful home northeast of Decatur.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Jacob Heller's home on Christmas day, when a big family reunion occurred. Those present were William Heller, wife and family; Warren Jones wife and family; Benjamin Fisher, wife and family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heller, Pearl Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Oiville Heller, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Walburn and two little sons from eastern Colorado. There were ten grandchildren in the crowd. Mrs. Walburn is a niece of Mr. Heller, and this was her first visit to Indiana for sixteen years, during which there has been many changes to talk over. The Christmas was certainly a merry one.

A greatly enjoyed occasion was a six o'clock dinner given Saturday evening by Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Thomas for Mr. and Mrs. Otto Haubold of Evanston, Ill. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Allison and daughter, Miss Marie, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewton and daughter Eloise, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hooper. On Sunday evening the same party enjoyed a similar affair at the R. K. Allison home.

The Xmas tree was the attraction at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Nichols Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were calling on friends, while Lena Miller, Josephine Lang were entertaining their gentleman friends at the Nichols home. They lit up the Xmas tree and was seen dancing around the tree with dolls and playing with toy dishes and toy hobby horses and in fact all the play things that dear old Santa Claus left for the wee little children at the Nichols home.—Contributed.

Henry Heuer and wife, residing on R. F. D. No. 3 gave a delightful country dinner Sunday for the family. All the children were at home to partake of the hospitalities of the parents. The home was prettily decorated and presented a beautiful appearance. The party consisted of Henry Heuer wife and son and Fred Heuer an dwife of this city, besides the members of the family who live at home.—Contributed.

The funeral services for Raymond Stalter, a well known lad of Peterson, were conducted Monday at two o'clock at the Antioch church and the remains laid to rest at the cemetery near by. The boy who was thirteen years old, died Saturday morning at eleven o'clock after an illness of but two days, death resulting from pneumonia. He was the very picture of health, weighing 160 pounds, a remarkable size for one of his years, but the dread disease soon caused death. He was a son of Elmos Stalter, who lives at Elkhart, Indiana, the boy having since the death of his mother several years ago lived with his aunts, the Brown sisters at Peterson. He was loved by the many who knew him and his death after so short an illness caused much sorrow. Besides his father he is survived by several stepsisters and brothers.

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Bids were opened for the stationery contract for Adams county, two bids being filed and considered, those being made by W. B. Burford of Indianapolis, and the Fort Wayne Printing company. A comparison of the bids revealed that the Burford bid was by long odds the best one for the county and contract was entered into with him for the same. The contract covers all books, records and stationery for the use of the county during the coming year of 1909. Mr. Burford has had the Adams county contract for a long number of years. He has perhaps the largest printing house in the west, and is well equipped for this kind of work.

Bills were allowed and a general cleaning up indulged in of the accumulated business, much of which had to be disposed of before the beginning of the new year. At this time the county starts with a clean slate, in so far as the business of the county is concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith entered at Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hatfield, Mrs. Martha Hatfield, Miss Clara Cook, and Mrs. Kathryn Smith, of Decatur.—Bluffton Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller entertained at 5 o'clock dinner yesterday evening Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bell, of Decatur; A. B. Comer and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, of Marion.—Bluffton Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Syphers, of Fort Wayne, returned to their home this morning after a visit with Jacob Eady and family and Thomas Fisher and wife. They were at Marion visiting relatives before coming here.

Although the city election is many months distant, several candidates for offices have informally announced themselves already. It is quite evident that several people will make a race for the various positions.

Ed Ashbaucher and William Van Camp and their families were here from Decatur to attend a family dinner at the Martin Stair home. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Burroughs were present from this city.—Bluffton Banner.

The factories of the city continue to operate at full blast with a large number of men on their pay roll. The present business of Decatur concerns is indicative of a very prosperous year during 1909 and promises to exceed by far the business of all former years.

Messrs. U. S. Drummond and Elijah Nidlinger will take possession of the Yager general merchandise store next Wednesday. Mr. Drummond is preparing to move his family to Pleasant Mills Wednesday, and they will occupy the Yager home, while Yagers will move to Decatur on the same day and occupy the Johnson property and Johnsons will move into the Drummond house.

All members of the Modern Woodmen lodge should be present at the regular meeting Wednesday night as at this time the newly elected officers will be installed. The session will be delightful.

The ice man has not been made happy so far this winter by any weather that permitted him to pack away any of the goods so saleable in the good old summer time. Of course there is January and February to come and it can't be said exactly that he has given up all hope.

Decatur business men are again talking about the early closing hours which have been practiced for several years from January to March and it is likely that beginning next week the most of the places including clothing, hardware, shoe, dry goods and general stores will close at six o'clock, thus giving the clerks and proprietors the evenings for themselves.

The Christmas rush is over and it is now of importance that we all get down to the real work. Are you going to advertise in 1909? That's a question of great importance not only to us, but also to you. Are you going to stand still or move out? If the latter, you should set aside a liberal amount to be used in boosting your business in the newspaper columns. It will pay.

William H. Wiley, who has been connected with the Coppock Motor Car company of Decatur for a year, will sever his relations with the company January 22 and will return to Marion. He expects to return to Marion and engage in the practice of law. Clarence Hill, who had rented the Wiley home on south Washington street, has been given notice to vacate.—Marion Chronicle.

Judge Erwin, Fort Wayne, was in the city Thursday evening when the judgment and alimony in the Summers divorce suit was settled up. The desertion charge, which Mrs. Summers filed against her husband in the circuit court here prior to the divorce suit, will be dismissed. By the verdict of Judge Sturgis the woman gets the household goods and \$150 alimony. The money was paid over by Summers this morning.—Bluffton Banner.

W. A. Ketchum is the most likely candidate for commander in chief of the G. A. R., according to the statement of Capt. W. H. Armstrong of Indianapolis. Captain Armstrong has just returned from Salt Lake City, Utah, where it is proposed to hold the next encampment of the civil war veterans. He went there with the officers of the G. A. R. and members of the executive committee to make arrangements for the encampment. He says Mr. Ketchum is well thought of in the Grand Army organization all over the country.

Mrs. J. E. Moser, who has been in very poor health for several months and underwent several severe operations is reported greatly improved today.

Rev. J. H. Walters of this city preached a sermon at the Methodist church at Willshire Sunday in commemoration of St. John's day, celebrated particularly by the Masons.

A number of watch parties are being arranged for Thursday evening, the occasion marking the end of the old year and the birth of the younger, 1909. Get your resolutions ready.

"A Texas Ranger" at the Bosse opera house Saturday evening played to a fair sized house and proved to be one of the best seen here this season. All who attended speak of it in the highest terms.

R. K. Allison is now grandpa and has been busy for several days passing out the cigars. A telegram received Saturday announced the arrival of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allison, of Cardwell, Mo.

Dr. J. W. Vizard, of Pleasant Mills, was here today looking after business affairs. He will go to Indianapolis next week to give the boys a run as a candidate for principal clerk of the house of representatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Briggs and sons, James and Richard, returned Saturday to their home at Geneva after spending a couple of days at Celina, Ohio, with her parents, Judge and Mrs. James H. Day.—Portland Sun.

Robert Schrock, a popular young man of this city, who by his own efforts has been forging ahead in an educational way and who is now an instructor at Cornell university, one of the leading educational institutions of the country, is the guest of his mother and other relatives and friends in this city.

The attention of the public is called to the second annual musical to be given tomorrow evening at the opera house by the Sisters of St. Agnes. The program will last an hour and a half and will be one of the best in the musical line ever heard in Decatur. Get tickets at once for you will enjoy every minute.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Green was at Hoagland Monday a. m. where he arrested Dr. Orville Smith on a charge of provoke filed by August Koeneck. It seems that Smith and a man named Crawford in trying to collect an account overreached the bonds somewhat, and the arrest of Smith followed, Crawford leaving on a visit.

Several of the live merchants are getting ready for the big January sale, always a feature looked forward to with great interest by the ladies. These sales have long been recognized as the best way to move the goods into cash and are conducted by the best business houses in cities large and small. Watch for them and you will save yourself many dollars.

The Firemen's home talent show has been postponed until January 18. The title is "Miss Nobdy from Nowhere" for the show and it is a companion play to the "Girl of the Golden West" and "The Rancho." Every one should plan to attend.

A. C. Leach, of Mansfield, Ohio, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Suttles here for several days, left Saturday for Chicago. From there he will go to Hampton, Ill., and from there to Wisconsin making extensive visits at each place, and returning here in a month or six weeks for another visit with his daughter before returning to his home in the Buckeye state.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. B. Archbold and two sons Harry and Rella and Miss Leona Clark, of Fort Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Murphy of this city were guests at a big dinner Monday given at the home of Mr. James L. Edge, of north Fifth street, the occasion being that gentleman's seventieth birthday. Of course the affair was a thoroughly enjoyable one. Mr. Edge is the father of Mrs. Archbold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hendricks, Monroe, Ind., entertained Christmas for dinner Mrs. Herb Majors, Cleora and Geraldine, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kopp, Preble; Mr. Omer Banta. A fine dinner was served with an eighteen pound turkey. An enjoyable time was had in the evening by Misses Mabel Hocker, Florence and Fern Hendricks, Messrs. Archie Bailey, Leo Scherer and Chester Hendricks.

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Mrs. J. Bowers returned to Berne this afternoon from a visit in this city with friends.

A report was circulated here today that the fast train on the Lake Shore railroad between Goshen and Kendallville had been held up last night about nine o'clock by a band of train robbers and three people killed, while a number of others were badly injured. The report also was that everybody from babies up had been robbed of their possessions. The story could not be verified and is not believed.

Since the articles of incorporation of the Bluffton Land and Timber company have been returned from the office of the secretary of state the stockholders there have been active and are boosting the business of the enterprise. A bright future is anticipated for the company. If the present congress should pass the appropriation bill, giving half a billion dollars to the opening of a waterway up the Mississippi to Chicago the cost of sending freight from the county where the land is located to the trade centers would be considerably lessened.

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