

# Time Table ERIE RAILROAD.

EFFECT

November 12, 1905

AT

DECATUR.

EAST BOUND

1. New York Express.....	2:35 a. m.
2. Marion and Columbus ex. ....	6:55 a. m.
3. New York, Boston Ves. ....	3:45 p. m.
4. New York, Boston Ves. ....	8:30 p. m.
5. Wells Fargo Express.....	8:30 p. m.
6. Chautauqua and Buffalo ex. ....	9:37 p. m.
7. Chautauqua and Buffalo ex. ....	10:00 p. m.
8. Daily except Sunday.	
9. Daily except Monday.	
JOHN FLEMING, Ticket Agent,	
C. L. ENOS, Trav. Passenger Agent,	
Marion, Ohio	

## GRAND RAPIDS & INDIANA R.Y.

February 25, 1905—Now in effect. Sun  
South Daily ExSun Only  
Decatur 12:51am 7:45am 1:15pm 7:46pm  
Portland 1:15am 8:15am 2:15pm 8:45pm  
Chicago 1:15am 9:45am 3:45pm 10:15pm  
Richmond 1:45am 9:45am 3:45pm 10:15pm  
Cincinnati 8:45am 12:05pm 5:55pm

train, Parlor car.  
train, Parlor sleeping car to Cincinnati  
Daily to

Daily Gd. Rapids ExSun  
1. Daily 1:30am 7:59am 3:17pm  
2. 2:00am 8:40am 4:00pm  
3. Grand Rapids 6:45am 1:50pm 9:40pm  
4. Traverse City 1:25pm 7:50pm  
5. Petoskey 2:55pm 9:30pm 6:05pm  
6. Mackinaw City 4:15pm 10:55pm 7:30pm

## TOLEDO, ST. LOUIS & WESTERN R. R. CO.

"CLOVER LEAF ROUTE"  
In effect June 26, 1904.  
GAST.  
1. Commercial Traveler, daily... 5:30 a. m.  
2. Mail, daily, except Sunday... 11:55 a. m.  
3. Day Express, daily... 7:22 p. m.  
4. Local Freight... 2:35 pm

WEST  
1. Day Express, daily... 5:50 a. m.  
2. Mail, daily, except Sunday... 11:50 a. m.  
3. Commercial Traveler, daily... 9:15 p. m.  
4. Local Freight... 10:55 a. m.

Lake Erie & Western  
Time card from Bluffton Ind.

SOUTHBOND

1. Daily except Sunday... 7:15 a. m.  
2. Daily except Sunday... 11:57 a. m.  
3. Daily except Sunday... 6:35 p. m.

4. 41 runs through to Indianapolis without  
change, arriving 10:30 a. m.

5. 41 leaves Indianapolis at 7:00 a. m. Runs  
through without change, arriving at Bluffton

6:45 a. m.

6. 41 and 42 run via Muncie & Bi. & route

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David Gerber was attending the  
horse sale at Berne today.

Ed Vancil made a business trip to Fort Wayne this morning.

Mrs. Ed Sullivan returned to VanBuren today, enroute from Berne.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Archbold were at Fort Wayne today visiting with friends.

D. W. Beery, Fred Reppert and John Weber are attending the horse sale at Berne today.

Mrs. J. W. Hamilton went to Hoagland this morning to spend Sunday with friends.

Albert Sellmeyer arrived this morning from Berne and will spend Sunday with his parents.

Miss Marguerite Moran returned this morning from Berne and will spend Sunday with her father.

Mrs. W. A. Wetter returned from Wren, Ohio, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. H. L. Stults and family.

Charles Brock wrote to his parents yesterday that Dr. Rosenthal was more than pleased with his condition. While he has not been able to sit up any yet, the worst is past.

Some miscreant last evening took the liberty to throw a stone through the plate glass window in the business place occupied by Mrs. Whit, right, in the west part of the city, known as the West End grocery, breaking several show cases in connection. She is positive she knows the guilty parties and trouble may follow in the way of arrests in a few days.

## To-Night



Charles Myers made a business trip to Bluffton today.

M. F. Rice was attending to timber business at Berne today.

L. C. DeVoss was attending to legal matters at Willshire today.

L. C. Annen returned today from a business trip at Magley.

George Nichols of Berne, was a business caller to the city today.

Marion Oliver of Monroe, was a business caller to the city today.

Rev. J. A. Sprague of Monroe, was a business caller to the city today.

Miss Johnson went to Geneva today to visit with her sister, Mrs. Wells.

Frank Cottrell of Berne, was attending to legal matters in the city today.

Miss Mattie Ball went to Berne today to spend Sunday with friends.

R. K. Allison and French Quinn made a business trip to Chicago last evening.

Mrs. N. Detro and son went to Geneva today to spend Sunday with relatives.

Mrs. D. A. Dent of Fort Wayne, passed through our city today, enroute to Willshire.

Dick Holbrook went to Fort Wayne this morning to spend Sunday with relatives.

A. J. Smith returned today from Fremont, where he was attending to timber matters.

Mrs. J. C. Moran went to Berne today to spend Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Yager.

Raymond Gerould of Orchard Lake, Michigan, is in the city the guest of Charles Loch.

Miss Nellie Klopfenstine returned to Berne today after being the guest of friends in this city.

J. Williams of Glenden, Indiana, has accepted a position as night operator at the Clover Leaf depot.

Robert Schrock arrived today from Crawfordsville and is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Nettie Schrock.

Delma Elzey returned today from Fort Wayne, where he had been called owing to the illness of his baby.

Judge R. K. Erwin returned today from Fort Wayne where he was acting as special Judge in a civil case.

Mrs. Jacob Hart, who has been ill for some time, is no better, and indications are no encouraging as to her recovery.

Thomas Beatty returned to Indianapolis this morning after making a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. Buhler.

Word was received from Chicago last evening stating that Will Helm, a son of Joe Helm, was suffering from appendicitis and would be operated upon today. Harry Helm left last evening for Chicago to be at his brother's bedside during the same.

One prosperous merchant: "I advertise in the newspapers because am not ashamed of my goods or my work. Because I cater to the intelligent class; they read the newspapers and I believe in increasing my business. I advertise in the newspapers because I can talk to more people through the newspapers, a great distance, in less time, and at a more reasonable cost than in any other way."

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

### Methodist.

The conference year closes with tomorrow's services. The pastor will preach morning and evening. The evening service, at 7:30. Baptismal service at 2:30, for probationers or children. Junior league at 3:30, led by Miss Mary A. Miller and the pastor. Plan to be present and enjoy the services. All will be present in his name.

Sabbath school at 9:15 at which quarterly report will be given by service of song and sermon at 10:30. Subject of sermon, "A Divine Blessing." The evening preaching hour has been yielded to the young people who have prepared quite an elaborate program. Following is a part: Recitation, Zelma Stevens; responsive service, song by choir, recitation, Harry Fisher; vocal solo, Mable Harb; recitation, Mary Mum; vocal duet, Pansy Ball, Inez Coverdale; recitation, Marie Ball; song by choir, paper and talk, by pastor; recitation, Lillie Steele; vocal solo, Cecil Harb; song by choir and Mizpah benediction.

### Presbyterian.

Sunday services Presbyterian church.

9:15—Sunday school.

10:30—Morning worship. Quarterly Communion Service.

6:00—Christian Endeavor society.

6:00—Evening young people's evangelistic service.

The annual Presbyterian Woman's Missionary society meet in the church next Wednesday afternoon, April 4, at 2 p. m. The sessions will continue until Tuesday night. Mrs. Glenn will give a popular lecture in the church Wednesday night no admittance fee. Everybody cordially invited. Alfred Fowler, pastor.

### Baptist.

Rev. W. B. Culliss will preach at 10:30, subject, "Our Lord's Command" 7:30 subject, "The serpent in the Wilderness." Illustrated with stereopticon views. All welcome.

### Denial Made.

#### Special Telegram To The Democrats

New York, March 31.—An official denial was made today of the report that the anthracite operators had refused to meet the miners next Tuesday. The anthracite roads will not attempt to operate the mines at present.

### Hotel Man Dead.

By United Press News Association  
New York, March 31.—James Breslin, one of the best known hotel men in the country, died today.

### Notice.

I have plenty of money to loan on farms. No commission. D. B. Erwin, Attorney at law.

For sale.—A cook stove and a heater, both soft coal stoves. Also an oak bed room suit, dining table and buffet. Inquire of Mrs. Frank Smith, Decatur. Iwk

Wanted.—A piano box, second-hand. Inquire at this office.

For sale.—White Brahma eggs. Fifty cents a setting. See or address Michael Miller, rural route one, Monroe. Imo

Wanted.—A good steady German girl who can do good plain cooking. Good wages to right party. Apply with references to Mrs. J. P. Evans, 42 Old Fort Place, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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Before you buy or sell farm or city property see The P. K. Kinney Real Estate Agency Over 100 farms for sale Money to loan at 5 per cent ten years time. P. K. Kinney Decatur, Ind. Room 5 and 6 phone 242 Studabaker Block. tf

### Children's Names in England.

The vicar of Membury, Derbyshire, writes in his parish magazine, "A hundred and thirty-eight baptisms, and I have not yet had a 'Sarah Jane'—that delightful, old fashioned name."

Amused, as he said, by the vicar's sad wail, a parishioner replies to the vicar, saying the reason is not far to seek. The custom of the parents residing in these parts is to consult with their incumbent regarding the choice of the name for the offspring.

The natural consequence is that all children born on a saint's day are called after the saint. Thus a girl born on St. George's day would be christened Georgiana and one on St. Clement's day Clementina, and so on.—London Express.

### Too Expensive.

"What a happy dog you are! Don't you ever borrow trouble?"

"Nope. Can't afford it. The interest is too high."—Town and Country.

### SAVED THE LANDS.

#### How De Cosmus' Great Speech Happened to Be Delivered.

The longest speech on record is believed to have been that made by Mr. de Cosmus in the legislature of British Columbia when a measure was pending the passage of which would have taken from a great many settlers their lands. De Cosmus was in a minority. The measure had been held back till the eve of the close of the session or session. Unless action was taken before noon of a given day the act would fail. De Cosmus got the floor at 10 a. m. and began a speech against the bill. Its friends supposed he would be done by 1 o'clock. At 2 o'clock he was saying, "In the second place." At 3 he produced a fearful bundle of evidence and insisted on reading it.

Then the truth dawned. He was going to speak till noon the next day and kill the bill. Then they made merry over it and tried to shout him down, but that gave him time and breathing space. They finally settled down to watch the combat between the strength of will and weakness of body. They gave no mercy, no time for dinner or wetting lips with water and no sitting down. Members went to dine and sleep in squads, but De Cosmus went on. Day dawned.

The speaker was alternately dozing and trying to look wide awake. At last noon came, and single man was triumphant. Although his voice had sunk to a husky whisper, his eyes were blearied and bloodshot, his legs tottered under him, his baked lips were cracked and smeared with blood, De Cosmus had spoken for twenty-six hours and saved the lands.

### THE BANANA PLANT.

#### Each Tree Produces Only One Bunch of the Fruit.

The banana plant is not properly a tree at all. It has no woody fiber. It is a large, green, fleshy plant, with big leaves six or eight feet long and sometimes two feet broad. It grows to a height of ten to fourteen feet or even more, according to the variety of plant and the soil and climate. Each tree produces one bunch of fruit only, which is really the terminal bud of the plant, just like an ear of wheat or barley. It has no branches, and when the fruit is ready, which is twelve or fifteen months from the date of planting, the tree is cut down and done with.

But while it is growing up and maturing its fruit it is at the same time sending up from its roots other young plants or suckers—perhaps eight or nine of them. Each of these will produce its own bunch, in turn, some of them in a couple of months after the parent plant, and there will thus be a regular succession of fruit. Many of these suckers have to be dug up and planted elsewhere, or they would be too thick on the ground.

And there is this peculiarity about the banana: You can plant it at any season, and the fruit ripens all the year round. When once a banana field has been planted out, all that is necessary to be done is to keep it clear of weeds and keep thinning out the multiplying suckers.

### A Curious Wooden Watch.

The most curious timekeeper perhaps was ever made in this country was the work of one Victor Doriot, who lived at Bristol, Tenn., in the last century. This horological oddity was nothing more or less than a wooden watch. The case was made of brier root, and the inside works—all except three of the main wheels and the springs, which were of metal—were made from piece of an old boxwood rule. The face, which was polished until it looked like a slab of finest ivory, was made from the shoulder blade of an old cow that had been killed by the ears. "Doriot's queer watch," as it was called, was an open faced affair, with a glass crystal, and was pronounced an elegant piece of workmanship by all the watchmakers in east Tennessee.

### A Wonderful Memory.

Hortensius, the great Roman lawyer and orator, had a memory of extraordinary scope and tenacity. After composing a speech or oration he could repeat it word for word exactly as he had prepared it. On one occasion he went to an auction, where the business was carried on during an entire day, and at evening, for a wager, he wrote down a list of the articles that had been sold and the prices, together with the names of the purchasers, in the order in which the purchases had been made.

### A spot is most seen on the finest Month.—German Proverb.

### Mistaken Kindness.