

## Summer Specialties at Fendig's Exclusive Shoe Store

**Men's, Women's and Children's**  
Elk Skin Shoes  
Barefoot Sandals  
Seamless Shoes  
Women's Serge Shoes  
Tennis Shoes  
and Slippers  
Canvass Shoes  
and Slippers.

**Fendig's**  
EXCLUSIVE SHOE STORE,  
OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

#### Brief Items of Interest to City and Country Readers.

Gary now has 168 saloons.

To-day's markets: Corn, 54c; Oats, 34c.

Buy your Binder Twine at Eger Bros.

John Eger and wife were in Chicago Thursday.

C. W. Rhoades was in Chicago Wednesday.

Watch for the Big Removal Sale of the 99 Cent Racket Store.

The Johnsin-Jefferies fight-pictures will be barred from Indianapolis.

Excursion to Chicago to-morrow. Round trip from Rensselaer only 75 cents.

Almost giving goods away at the closing out of the Cash Store.—G. B. Porter.

Simon Fendig of Wheatfield spent Tuesday and Wednesday here with relatives.

G. B. Porter's closing out sale will save you \$5 on all kinds of dry goods and shoes.

Harry Albahand and wife of Chicago came Wednesday to visit Miss Eva Greenlee.

Bargains in hats, shirts and all gents goods at the closing out of the Cash Store.—G. B. Porter.

Miss Mabel Nowels went to Chicago Heights Thursday to visit her brother Jesse and family.

A son of James Hurley, who lives with Al McCurtain at Parr, is suffering with summer complaint.

All kinds of footwear for all kinds of people at Fendig's Exclusive Shoe Store, Opera House Block.

N. E. Schriver of near Mt. Airy left Wednesday for Battle Creek, Neb., to visit the family of Joseph Shipley.

An ice cream social will be given at the Brushwood church in Union tp., Saturday night. All are in vited.

Everett Halstead and Miss Rebecca Askew were in Chicago Wednesday to see the military maneuvers.

Going out of business—all kinds of dry goods and shoes at your own price.—The Cash Store. G. B. Porter.

After Saturday, July 16, the Nowels restaurant will serve no short orders, meals or cooked orders of any kind.—V. Nowels, Prop.

Philip Mossler of Hammond returned home Thursday after a few weeks visit here with his grandfather, A. Leopold, and family.

Mrs. H. J. Clark of Mt. Airy went to Lafayette Thursday to visit her husband, who is employed by the Johnson Harvesting Co.

Charles Payne and wife of Logansport, who had been visiting W. I. Hoover and family of south of town the past week, returned home Wednesday.

Ed Mauck of Muncie is here visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Critser.

The big rain Thursday night caught quite a number of farmers with considerable hay down.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wilson of Remington spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bellows.

Mrs. Axwell Johnson of Lee took the train here Thursday for Reynolds to visit relatives.

Geo. Havens left Friday for a couple of weeks visit with his daughter, Lucy Griswold, at Marion, Ind.

Frank Page, who has been visiting with Mark Reed for a few days, returned to his home in Frankfort Friday.

Father Sauer, of the College, left Friday for Springfield, O., on business. He expects to be gone for about a month.

Olin Lewis of Evanston, Ill., was here a few days this week looking after some real estate which he owns here.

Everything goes at less than manufacturers' prices at the big closing out of the Cash Store.—G. B. Porter, Prop.

Mrs. Sarah Phillips of Bismark, Ill., came Thursday to be with her brother, Alex Leach, who still continues to grow weaker.

I. H. Mahle and family of Chicago returned home Thursday after a two weeks visit here with Mrs. Mahle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gangloff.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson and children of Sullivan returned home Thursday after a three weeks visit here with her mother, Mrs. Austin Hopkins.

The popularity of oiled streets is extending in Rensselaer. Judge Hanley and C. W. Duvall have each oiled in front of their properties, and there's more to follow.

Mrs. Clifford Parkison of Pleasant Ridge went to Frankfort Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Rinehart. She will also visit at Fickle while gone.

M. Ruhstadt, proprietor of one of Hammond's largest stores, went into voluntary bankruptcy Wednesday. The assets and liabilities are each given at about \$17,000.

Rev. Joel Green, the new Baptist minister, is moving here this week with his wife and son and will occupy the Lewis Davison tenant house on South Weston street.

Mrs. N. L. Grose of Richmond went to Indianapolis Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. James Denmire for a few days. She had been visiting relatives here for the past two weeks.

Miss Ione Zimmerman, who has been visiting her uncle, Bert Rhoades and family at Blue Island, Ill., since the 4th, came home Wednesday afternoon. She also visited in Chicago while away.

The Democrat must decline to publish obituaries or other items that are a month old. We are glad to get news when it is news, but please do not ask us to publish happenings several weeks old.

Ten members of the local Rebekah lodge went to Parr Wednesday night to witness the installation of officers. They report that the work of the Parr lodge was excellent. After installation a banquet was served.

Mrs. E. L. Hollingsworth and son Emmet left Wednesday for a several weeks sojourn at Charlevoix, Mich. Mr. Hollingsworth accompanied them as far as Chicago, where they took a boat for the rest of the way.

Eugene Purtelle, President of the Northwestern Indiana Traction Co., was in Lowell Thursday, looking after the interests of his road. He speaks very encouragingly of the road's prospects.—Lowell Tribune.

Clyde Gunyon and George Peters, who have been working on a dredge near Three Rivers, Minn., are now working in the same capacity near Woodward, Iowa, and directs us to forward their Democrats to that place.

Absolute satisfaction is the verdict of those who have attended the closing out of the Cash Store.—G. B. Porter.

Mrs. James Griswold, of Valparaiso and daughter, Mrs. A. M. Andrews of Shawano, Wis., are visiting Mrs. W. H. Eger and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Montgomery will leave to-morrow for Peoria, Ill., where they will take a boat on the Illinois river for a trip to St. Louis and return. They expect to be gone for a week.

When you are going away visiting or have friends visiting you, phone The Democrat and tell us about it. It is such items that make the local columns interesting.

Mrs. George Hopkins accompanied her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Vern Hopkins of Kalamazoo, Mich., who had been visiting relatives here the past week, as far as Chicago yesterday on her return home.

Misses Carrie Pierce, Cora Dexter and Grace Hornaday and brother Ralph spent yesterday at Water Valley fishing. The latter came up Thursday from Plainfield for a visit with J. H. Cox and wife.

The young ladies of St. Augustine's Catholic church will give a lawn social on the church grounds next Wednesday evening for the benefit of the new priests' house. Tickets 15c, including refreshments.

Thursday's Hammond Times: Mrs. Lawrence Becker will informally entertain a few friends this evening at her home in Rimbach avenue in honor of her home guest, Miss Orpha Timmons of Remington, Ind.

John Poole and son Bradford went to Streator, Ill., Wednesday to attend the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. Mary Poole. The funeral was held Thursday. Deceased was 88 years of age, and died of pneumonia.

William Washburn was in Chicago Wednesday to look after the selling of a carload of fat steers shipped up the night before. He struck a very good market, selling for 7 1/2 cents. The steers were good ones and averaged almost \$100 per head.

J. W. Mauck of Kankakee has purchased the Wishard property just south of uncle David Newels' residence in the east part of town, and expects to move to Rensselaer about October 1. Consideration \$1,300.

Leo Hordeman did not go to Mitchell, So. Dak., after all. Arriving in Chicago he secured a position as clerk in the sweater department of the J. V. Farwell & Co. store, starting off at \$10 per week, and remained in Chicago.

Miss Ada Merritt of Miami, Fla., is visiting the family of her nephew, John Merritt, a few days this week. She will start Monday for Atlantic City, N. J., where her sister, Miss Nan Merritt, will join her for a few weeks outing at this popular resort.

Mrs. M. J. Conn and granddaughter, Ruth Conn, and Mrs. Paris Daugherty of Crawfordsville, who had been visiting relatives here the past few days, returned home Wednesday accompanied by Miss Esther Padgett, who will spend a week with them.

Mrs. O. A. Garriott and little daughter, and Oscar Leach of Hammond came down Thursday night to see their father, Alexander Leach, who continues to gradually grow weaker and can last but a little longer. He has wasted away until he is a mere skeleton.

Mrs. Jesse Gates and Mrs. Jane Woodbeck, who have been visiting the former for a few weeks, returned to Laurens, Ia., yesterday, being accompanied by Mrs. Gates who will go from there to Glencoe, Minn., for a visit of a few weeks with her mother Mrs. Martha Strickland.

The little son of Van Wood was operated on Tuesday afternoon for aspiration. A pint of fluid was taken from the pleural cavity. It is thought the boy will have to undergo another operation as it is likely the cavity will fill again. The present trouble followed pneumonia.

Ex-congressman Frank B. Posey, who made the principal address here July 4 at the unveiling of the Milroy monument, was nominated for congress by the republicans of the First district Thursday. It is practically conceded that the democrats will win again in the First, however.

The little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp, who was brought here from Chicago Heights Saturday, suffering from summer complaint, in the hope that the change would benefit him, was taken worse Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning Mr. Sharp was sent for and a consultation of doctors was held. Yesterday morning he seemed a trifle brighter, but it will be a miracle now if he ever recovers.

J. Cecil Alter of Salt Lake City, Utah, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Alter of Union tp., expects to start for home Monday, but will stop at Chicago and other points on the way on business, and will not reach home until about the 25th. Mr. Alter has charge of the U. S. weather bureau at Salt Lake, and has been connected therewith for the past seven or eight years.

Miss Orpha Timmons of Remington, Ind., is the guest of Miss Inez Eaton of Doty street and Mrs. Lawrence Becker of Rimbach avenue for several days. Miss Timmons formerly lived in Hammond but left here to go to Seattle where she has been engaged as a teacher in the public schools for the past few years. She is spending the summer vacation with her mother in Remington.—Hammond Times.

A reunion of the Keener and Casey families was held in the grove at the home of George Casey of Union tp., last Sunday. There were 42 present, those from a distance being W. E. Keener of Marion, Ind.; John Belcher and family of South Bend. A bountiful dinner was served in the grove and an enjoyable time was had by all. Leo Reeve was out from Rensselaer and took a picture of the gathering.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

July 12, to Dennis Casto and wife of south of town, a son.

July 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Jens Jensen, a daughter.

### TO TICKET-HOLDERS.

All parties having sales tickets redeemable at the 99 Cent Racket Store must present same before August 1. No tickets redeemed after that date.—E. V. Ransford

What a mistake you make by not getting J. W. Ward, the old reliable well driller of Jasper county, to drill your well. See him before contracting with anyone else.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney and bladder trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more.—A. F. Long.

### TRY A WANT AD.

If you want a situation, want to hire a man or woman; want to buy, sell, rent or exchange a farm or other property, try The Democrat's Want Column. Only 1-cent-a-word for first insertion, 1/2 cent for each additional insertion.

## This is the Handy Store

During the heat of summer there are a host of appetizing things that we can supply ready to eat.

No necessity at all for cooking oneself cooking meals.

Our canned goods department is always ready to serve you.

Potted Ham, Sliced Beef. Delicacies in biscuits to no end.

The freshest fruits from far and near.

In short, there is every requisite here to enable a housekeeper to prepare appetizing meals easily and quickly.

And best of all, the grades that we handle are guaranteed to be pure and wholesome.

Try us on anything you like

**McFARLAND & SON**

RELIABLE GROCERS.

## BALLOON FALLS; FIVE MEN KILLED

Victims Are Oscar Erbsloeh and Four Companions.

Oscar Erbsloeh, the noted German aeronaut, and four companions were killed when the dirigible balloon Erbsloeh burst at a great height and dropped to the earth a crumpled mass. The accident happened in Rhenish Prussia.

The dead are Oscar Erbsloeh, inventor and balloonist; Herr Toelle, a manufacturer of Barmen; Engineer Kranz, Engineer Hoeppel and Motorman Spicke.

There have been various opinions as to the height of the craft when the explosion occurred, but it is said to have been about 1,000 feet.

The fatal flight started from Dusseldorf early in the morning and the dirigible swung along before the breeze for forty-five minutes, then observers saw the great gas bag crumple up in mid-air and the car underneath hurtled earthward. Falling from such a great height, the bodies of the five men were so mangled as to be unrecognizable when soldiers and physicians reached the spot. The car itself was shattered to fragments.

There were few eyewitnesses of the accident. According to these the start was well made. The Erbsloeh rose gracefully, pushing its way through the fog to a height of several hundred yards. At this altitude a series of evolutions was begun.

Suddenly there was a loud report, and at the same moment the forepart of the balloon crumpled up and the gondola was twisted about until it appeared as though standing on end.

As the gas escaped from the forward compartment the prow swayed downward. For a flash the airship fluttered like a wounded bird and then fell swiftly to earth. Erbsloeh and his companions were killed the second they struck ground. Their heads were battered in and every bone was broken.

An examination of the wreckage showed that the benzine tank had burst, tearing to shreds the rubber envelope directly above it. The destruction of this envelope caused the bow to collapse. The stern compartment was still filled with gas when it struck the ground.

Oscar Erbsloeh is well known in the United States. In October, 1907, he won the St. Louis balloon races as pilot of the great German balloon Pomern No. 1. Nine balloons and their crews took part in the great contest, which attracted the attention of the world.

## WOMAN AVIATOR FALLS

Baroness Delaroche Becomes Confused in Aeroplane.

Baroness Delaroche, the first French woman aeroplanist, was fatally injured at Rheims, France, by falling from a distance of fifty meters.

The baroness had flown around the field once at a height of eighty meters when suddenly, in front of the applauding tribunes, she appeared to become frightened and confused at the approach of two other aeroplanes.

She started to descend, but while still far from the ground lost control of the machine. The aeroplane turned over and fell like a log.

The baroness' legs and arms were broken. Her mangled body was taken from the wreckage and conveyed to a hospital, where she is dying. At the hospital it was found that her skull was fractured.

While momentarily conscious the baroness explained that the rush of air from a motor passing over her head had frightened her, whereupon she cut the ignition and lost control of her machine.

### AVIATOR ROLLS KILLED

Dashed to Earth from His Biplane While Making a Flight.

Hon. C. S. Rolls, son of Lord Llangatock, hero of the recent channel flight from Dover to France and return, was killed by a fall while flying with his Wright biplane at Bourne-mouth, England.

The machine suddenly buckled up while forty feet from the ground, was overturned, and the young aviator was dashed to the earth.

### TO PURIFY ASSEMBLY

Peoria, Ill., Conference Committee Prepares for Campaign.

A statewide campaign in Illinois to arouse the voters to the necessity of voting for honest and capable candidates as the fundamental need in the movement to regenerate the general assembly was planned by the committee of seven appointed by the recent good government conference held at Peoria.

Permanent headquarters are to be opened this week in Springfield and in Chicago, massmeetings arranged in every large city downstate, large quantities of literature distributed and conferences of citizens called in many of the senatorial districts to consider the legislative candidates and map out plans to circumvent the election of "undesirables."

## Better Clothing FOR LESS MONEY

THERE should not be any sentiment in business; wherever your dollar has the greatest purchasing power, there you should spend it. My boss enjoys advantages buying for so many stores, saving you the middleman's profits, etc., which enables him to outbuy and therefore outsell the average merchant. It will not cost you anything to see, and it may mean a good deal to you.

JIMMY, THE BOOSTER,  
with

**Gus Reiss & Co.**

The Up-to-Date Clothiers,

Knox, Ind. North Judson, Ind.

### CHARLES G. GATES

Son of "Bat-You-a-Million" John W. Gates Who Was Operated On.



New York, July 15.—Charles G. Gates, son of John W. Gates, was operated on for appendicitis. The operation was performed in the New York hospital by Dr. Fellowes Davies, Jr. Early recovery is expected.

## 106 ARE DROWNED IN SEA DISASTER

Ships Collide, Boiler Explodes and Vessel Goes Down.

### JEWISH FUGITIVES AMONG DEAD

Trapped on Burning, Sinking Boat Many Thrilling Scenes Are Witnessed—Less Than a Score on Board Escape.

Odessa, July 15.—Trapped on a burning, sinking steamer, 106 men, women and children perished near Kherson, on the Black Sea, according to dispatches received here. After a collision with the steamer Wampoa, the passenger steamer Lovki, crowded with passengers, foundered. Her boilers exploded and many of the victims were scalded to death. Many of the dead are reported to have been Jewish fugitives.

Not a score of those who were aboard the ill-fated ship escaped in the tangle of blazing debris men fought down women in the struggle for safety. Mothers threw their children overboard, hoping they would be picked up, only to see them drown. The stampede for the boats, in which all but the strongest were trampled down, was checked by an explosion of the boilers, which lifted the vessel from the water and rent it asunder.

The survivors declare that the explosion of the boilers filled the vessel with steam within a few moments. There were many of the passengers quartered between decks, and these had no way to escape the steam.

They shrieked for aid as the riven vessel foundered. But a fraction of the small boats could be lowered in time, the explosion tearing some of them from the davits and splintering the bottom of others.

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