

Some Useful Presents

SILVER PLATED KNIVES AND FORKS
SILVER PLATED TEA AND TABLE SPOONS
CARVING SETS
RAZORS
POCKET KNIVES
SCISSORS AND SHEARS
TIMBALE IRONS
WASHING MACHINES
WRINGERS

And last, but not least, a

Banner Steel Range

Buck's Cash Hardware

LOCAL NEWS

H. A. Camp and wife spent Monday at South Bend.

Mrs. Niles Wolf of Bourbon, spent Monday in Plymouth.

Mrs. Henry Green of Tynes, was a caller in this city Monday.

Earl VanCuren spent Monday at South Bend on business.

Miss Lottie Fuller spent Tuesday afternoon at South Bend.

Miss Nada Livinghouse of Hibbard, was a Plymouth caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Reeve and son Charles, spent Monday at Chicago.

Mrs. George Keifer is spending a few days the guest of friends at Culver.

Miss Marie Morsches of Chicago, is visiting with her parents in this city.

Mead Logan is spending a few days with his son, Ward, and family at Niles, Mich.

Peter Bergman has returned to Culver after a short visit with his parents here.

Miss Della Berkypile of Bourbon, called on friends here Monday, enroute to South Bend.

Miss Loretta Hershberger has gone to Bourbon to spend a few days with relatives.

Howard Brooke of Casey, Ill., spent Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brooke.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. VanCuren of Warsaw, are guests of E. C. VanCuren.

The council of Warsaw, has passed a resolution fixing peddler's license at \$10.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Clize were called to Greenwood, Mich., by the death of a relative Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sines and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harner of Flora, were Plymouth visitors Monday.

Mrs. Albert Crance went to Bourbon to spend the week with her sister, Mrs. Oliver Armantrout.

Mrs. J. W. Coleman of Logansport, was the guest of friends in this city Monday enroute to Warsaw.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Chenoweth have returned from spending a few days with relatives at Monterey.

C. W. Beatty returned to his home in South Bend Monday, after visiting with relatives here for a few days.

Miss Catherine Shunk returned to her home in Valparaiso Monday after a short visit with friends in this city.

Mrs. Anna Cochran of Argos, was a Plymouth caller Monday enroute to Mishawaka, where she will visit for a few days.

The 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln will be celebrated by the Indiana Lincoln league February 12.

Mrs. Joseph Hess returned to her home in Bremen Monday, after a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. S. H. Jones in this city.

J. H. Keim and family of Millersburg, returned to their home Monday, after spending a few days with the family of Daniel Foult.

John Nagle of Rensselaer, who has been spending a few days with his parents in this city, went to South Bend for a short visit Monday.

North Manchester has been a dry town for a year and the Journal says the absence of saloons has helped the general business there.

E. W. Price and family returned home Saturday to Plymouth after a visit with Chester Love and family at Akron—Rochester Sentinel.

Arthur Dickinson who teaches school at Owatonna, Minn., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dickinson.

Miss Nettie Henne who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Mann for several days, returned to her home in Nappanee Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ladd returned to their home in Bourbon Monday, after visiting with the family of Herman Croup for a few days.

Mrs. A. W. Boggs of Mishawaka, who has been the guest of her brother, James M. Gibson in this city, for a few days, returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. French of Buchanan, Mich., who have been spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. F. W. Bosworth returned to their home Monday.

William O. Pyles, 40 years of age, died at Logansport and a post mortem examination disclosed an ordinary needle in the man's heart. It is supposed that he swallowed it at some time.

Mrs. W. M. Egan and two daughters, Leona and Gertrude, of Newark, Ohio, and her mother, Mrs. Isaac Weirman of Hibbard, are visiting her brother, Monroe Steiner and family in this city.

Mrs. C. A. Meredith of Monterey, was the guest of friends here Tuesday enroute to South Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pray left for Kalamazoo, Mich., Tuesday where they will remain for about a year.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Emenecker returned to South Bend Tuesday after a short visit with his relatives.

Mrs. G. W. McBride of Lakeville, was in this city Tuesday, enroute to her home from a visit in Chicago.

Miss Minnie Swindell has gone to Kalamazoo, Mich., to visit with her uncle Harry Swindell, for a few days.

Circus Man Sued by His Wife.

Alleging cruelty and habitual drunkenness, Mrs. Bernard L. Wallace, of Logansport, daughter-in-law of Col. Ben Wallace, millionaire circus man, has brought suit against her husband for divorce and alimony. The Wallaces were married less than a year ago. The woman is young Wallace's second wife. He has been associated with his father in the management of the Wallace-Hagenbeck circus.

Pie-Plant for Rust Stains.

"You can remove rust stains from a white dress completely by soaking the dress in pie plant juice, secured by boiling the pie plant in a quantity of water," says Woman's Home Companion for January. "It makes the dress pink at first, but this comes out at the first washing and the stains will be effectually removed."

LABOR BEING INVESTIGATED

COMMITTEE OF STATE FEDERATION VISITS THE STATE PRISON.

Propose Purchase of Large Tract of Land by State Suitable for Manufacture of Vitrified Brick

The state prison at Michigan City was visited Saturday night, Monday and Tuesday by the prison labor committee of the Indiana State Federation of Labor. The committee came upon invitation of Warden James D. Reid to look over the labor situation for the purpose of securing information to be used in drafting a bill to be presented at the next session of the legislature. The bill will be in relation to the employment of prisoners and will have in view the reduction of any competition of convict labor with free labor. The following gentlemen were in the party: John Hughes, chairman, Edgar A. Perkins, Clarence Gaumer and J. W. Peters.

In a general way the committee looks with favor on a plan that would provide for the purchase by the state of a large tract of land on which is clay suitable for use in the manufacture of vitrified brick, and other essentials of the manufacture of such brick. The plan further provides for the erection of an institution on this land. This institution would be used for confined criminals, for those defective mentally and for those who otherwise would be sent to some jail on long sentences.

Could Make Brick.

These prisoners, according to the work making vitrified brick for the paving of roads and also some of them would be engaged in farming. It is pointed out that such a plan would relieve the prison and the reformatory of a number of men, and would give the prison officials a better chance to accomplish reformation and the best work among those that are left. It is said that W. S. Blatchley, state geologist, would, when the proper time comes, be able to furnish information as to where the proper land could be purchased. After the prison labor committee has completed its information and a bill has been drafted it will be presented to the legislature through the legislative committee of the state federation of labor.

Petition Filed by Creditors.

Petitions asking that Robert A. Leavitt of Winamac, Ind., merchant, be declared insolvent and that a receiver be appointed to take charge of his affairs was filed in the United States District Court. Petitioning creditors are Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co., Chicago and the C. W. Leder Hix company and Hibben, Holloway & Co. of Indianapolis. The aggregate claim is \$791.27. The petition alleges that the defendant has not been at his home for thirty days and is now in New Mexico. They further allege that four months ago he conveyed portions of his property to satisfy claims against him, making some preferred creditors.

Postage Stamp Slot Machines.

If one can drop a coin in a vending machine and obtain a piece of chewing gum or a handful of peanuts, why not a postage stamp? That is just what the postoffice department wants to make a popular feature of its service, and in an order issued announcement is made that the department is prepared to issue limited quantities of postage stamps in rolls of five hundred or one thousand for use in stamp vending and stamp affixing machines. Postmasters desiring to try the new proposition are requested to make requisition to the department.

Tells of Downfall.

To fast women and slow horses, and the consequent craving for strong drink and life on a couch of roses, Edward Burkhardt, alias Chas. Schultz and known to the Chicago police as "Chinatown Charlie," told Laporteans as the robber of the Teegarden and Croup Bros. Hotels, attributes his downfall and present confinement in the Jeffersonville penitentiary.

ANNUAL SESSION OF INSTITUTE

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FARMERS OF THE COUNTY CONVENES.

Court Room Was Crowded During Opening Session—Interesting Program Last Night.

The Marshall County Farmers' Institute convened Wednesday morning. The court room was crowded at the opening session, and a much larger crowd is expected Thursday. The program was carried out as previously announced, Wednesday both morning and afternoon. Owing to the death of a friend, J. B. Burris, who was to have lectured Wednesday afternoon and evening, was unable to be present, and his place on the program was ably filled by J. W. Mills of Lagrange, Ind., who spoke on "The oil—how improved and impoverished." Wednesday

The program as carried out yesterday was as follows:

Wednesday Forenoon, December 30.

HORTICULTURE.

The Bush Fruits. Prof. James Troop Horticultural Dept. Purdue Univ.

Discussion E. E. Jones, Donaldson. The Fruit Garden

Discussion

How to Start and Care for an Orchard

Discussion Prof. Troop General Discussions

Wednesday Afternoon, December 30.

SOIL.

The Soil—how improved, how impoverished

Discussion J. W. Mills

Discussion B. W. Ross

Soil Impoverishment and Soil Improvement.

Wednesday Evening, December 30th.

Music

Seybold Orchestra

Reading Erma Humrichouser

Lecture J. W. Mills

"Some Glimpses at the World's Agriculture"

Music

Orchestra

RAILROAD ASKS INJUNCTION.

Big Four Railroad Company Files Suit Against Railroad Commission—To Block Recent Order.

Counsel for the Big Four railroad company have begun injunction proceedings in the Marion county superior court to enjoin the railroad commission from enforcing its recent order compelling an interchange of carload freight shipments between the Big Four and Winona Interurban railway company at Warsaw. The suit is directed against the three members of the railroad commission, Henry M. Dowling, J. F. McClure and V. J. Wood and asks the court for an order setting aside the ruling of the commission and an injunction to prevent the members from enforcing the provisions of the order recently made by the commission.

On November 28, Union B. Hunt, then chairman of the railroad commission, rendered a decision to the effect that the laws governing the commission are such that the members can order the interchange of carload traffic between the steam roads and interurbans under certain conditions. Shipments of this kind received over the Big Four were switched to the Pennsylvania tracks at Warsaw and were run to Winona Lake where the cars were switched to the tracks of the interurban company.

Some More Delinquent Dogger.

Isaac Cromley, Bruce Artz and Arley Washburn have furnished bond for appearance to answer to the charge of harboring dog without paying license on the same.

Protsman is Insane.

A commission consisting of Doctors Aspinall and Eley and Justice Young, examined Charles Protsman Wednesday morning and adjudged him insane. Application has been made for his admittance to Longcliff.

Chicago Has Largest Clock.

One of the largest clocks in the world has been placed in Mitchell tower at the University of Chicago. Prof. Earl B. Ferson, who designed the mammoth timepiece, has made provision for a bell weighing 7,000 pounds, and the strokes may be heard five miles. The four dials, which will be illuminated at night, are readable for half a mile.

Wish the Law Amended.

Citizens of North Manchester will present a petition to Thomas Riley Marshall, governor-elect, asking him to recommend in his message to the legislature that the cities and towns act be amended so that the expense of paving street crossings will be borne by the whole town, instead of by the owners of adjacent property, as now.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Charles Spry

Eliza Warren

Chas. Henessey, card

B. Grimes, card

H. C. West (so letters)

Mrs. Anna Gilmer

Mrs. Anna Beidler card

Miss Sophia McIntire, card

Continuing. In calling for these letters please

A fee of one cent will be charged for ad

J. A. Vockey, P. M.

For Sale.

A good, clean, up-to-date stock of general merchandise in a good town in northern Indiana. Present owner wishes to retire from business. Would consider a good farm in exchange. This is an excellent proposition. Any person meaning business should see or write Summy & Lehman, Warsaw, Ind.

KEEP SELLING STAMPS.

Red Cross Emblems will be on Sale Until New Year's—Sales Are Large.

Announcement has been made that the success of the Red Cross Christmas stamp sale has been such as to induce continuance of the sale until New Year's. Reports from New England show a sale of \$300,000 Christmas stamps with receipts of \$30,000. The fund is to fight tuberculosis. Encouragement for the committee in its idea of extending the stamp sales until New Year's day has come from many influential sources.

Among the letters received was one from Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), in which the writer said: "Ladies—In paying New Year bills and also in postponing them, I will stick on a Red Cross stamp. If you will suggest in print that the whole country do the same, the Red Cross will prosper to your content. I know this, for I know that all America is warm at heart and generous at this time of the year, and will thank you for your suggestion and follow it. Respectfully yours, "Mark Twain."

Robbed of \$35.

While walking along the B & O railroad tracks between Syracuse and Cramwell, William Debrular, a farmer, was held up by two men and relieved of \$35.

OPTION WINS FIRST FIGHT

LAWRENCE & WABASH COUNTIES VOTE AGAINST CONTINUING SALOONS.

Temperance Forces Are Rejoicing in "Dry" Majorities of 1,508 and 897.

Two counties in Indiana—Wabash and Lawrence—for the first time there has been a test on the question in the state, voted Tuesday for county option and against the saloon.

The majority in Wabash County was 897, while that in Lawrence County swelled to a grand total of 1,508.

Tuesday night there was rejoicing on the part of the temperance forces not only in the counties affected, but also throughout the entire state. Parades were the order in both Wabash and Bedford.

In both the counties the vote cast was a heavy one.

In the city of Wabash Sunday school children paraded the streets during the voting and, headed by members of the W. C. T. U., visited the polling places.

The election on the part of the temperance element in Lawrence County is particularly enthusiastic because the fight between the anti-saloon people and the adverse element has been going on for the last two years.

Lawrence County's majority was 1,508. There was about a two-thirds vote cast, and twenty-nine out of thirty-four precincts voted dry. Seventeen saloons in Bedford and four in Odell will close their doors by or before April 1.

The temperance victory in Wabash county will dispose of twenty-one saloons. Most of these will go out next month, with one or two holding over until next October.

The weather was wet most of the day in Lawrence, but dry in Wabash.

WIRELESS IN INDIANA.

Comes in for Stations in Latest Expenditure and \$500,000 Will be Spent.

The eastern operating department of the United Wireless Telegraph company announce the placing of an order with the company's manufacturing department for 250 complete sets of wireless instruments, all of which are soon to be installed at stations to be established in cities east of the Mississippi river.

This is the largest order ever placed for wireless apparatus, and to manufacture, erect and put the stations into operation will require an expenditure exceeding \$500,000. The majority of the stations will be of small capacity, with a range of from 100 to 300 miles, but some, which are intended for long distance service, will be of greater capacity to transmit wireless messages, under all conditions of weather, for a range of from 500 to 2,000 miles overland and from 1,000 to 3,000 miles over the water.

In Indiana Fort Wayne will be one of the stations and these cities will be the others: Michigan City, Elkhart, South Bend, Hammond, Gary, Valparaiso, Goshen, Muncie, Logansport, Kokomo, Andersonville, Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Indianapolis, Connersville, Columbus, New Albany, Evansville, Vincennes and Terre Haute.

As rapidly as these stations are completed they will be put into operation with the stations already established, of which there are now about two hundred, including seacoast stations and ships equipped. The business to be handled by this extensive wireless system include commercial messages and from boats, between boats and shore stations, "oversea" cable business commercial land service between cities and the distribution of press matter, in competition with the wire systems.

Tippecanoe People Wed.

Quincey Cram aged 52, and Charlotte Kueley aged 31, of Tippecanoe, Marshall County, were married by Rev. E. Miller at the home of Charles Walker Tuesday afternoon. They will reside at Tippecanoe.

LEGISLATURE WILL CONVE

ON JANUARY 7, AND HANLY WILL BE GOVERNOR FOUR DAYS.

Lieut.-Governor Miller Will Preside Over Senate and Can Appoint Committees.

There has been considerable discussion recently as to how long after the legislature convenes Governor Hanly will serve as governor and Hugh T. Miller will serve as lieutenant governor. It has been announced that the legislature will convene on January 7, and that Thomas R. Marshall will be inaugurated as governor and Frank J. Hall as lieutenant governor on January 11. Thus, during four days of the session Hugh T. Miller will preside in the senate as lieutenant governor. Some have looked on this as an innovation and have characterized it as a trick of the Republicans to allow Mr. Miller to appoint the committees in the senate.

As a matter of fact, the constitution of the state specifically provides when the legislature shall convene and when the official terms of the governor and the lieutenant governor shall begin.

Convening of Legislature.

The constitution provides that the legislature shall convene on the first Thursday after the first Monday in January every two years, and that the official terms of the governor and lieutenant governor shall begin on the second Monday in January every four years. This rule has been followed ever since the present constitution was adopted. Four years ago Governor Durbin was the executive of the state for four days after the session of the legislature was convened.

It has never been customary, though, for the legislature to take up any work of consequence until after the governor and lieutenant have been inaugurated. Usually the committees are not appointed in either branch until after the inauguration, and as a rule no bills are introduced before the inauguration.

BUTTER SOMETIMES BAD.

State Drug Commissioner Says Farm Product Does not Average as Good as Creamery.

When the average housewife asks for country butter and objects if the grocer attempts to tell her he has something just as good, or even better, she had better take the advice of the grocer, provided he can make good his assertions concerning the product he proposes to substitute.

This much is gathered from the forthcoming report of H. E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner, in the chapter devoted to food analysis for 1908.

From time immemorial the prudent housewife has thought that country butter is the sum total of excellence in that class of dairy products. She may hesitate to accept the view of the state commissioner, but he has his assertions backed up by figures compiled by expert chemists and is prepared to support them. In his report he says:

"The character of the country butter sold throughout the state is most unsatisfactory. Occasionally the butter produced at the farm is of fair quality, but by far the larger amount is of such a poor grade that it can not compete with the butter produced at the creamery, and consequently much of it finds its way to the renovating factory. Samples of country butter purchased on the Indianapolis market have contained as much as 33 per cent moisture. The average water content of these butters is so high that it can not be legally sold. The only explanation for the unsatisfactory character of country butter, once so highly prized and in such demand, is the lack of knowledge of the maker and the use of unsatisfactory utensils."

The state laboratory tested eighty-nine samples of butter during the year and sixty of these samples were classified as pure, and twenty-nine illegal. Twenty-one of the illegal samples were sent in by health officials or dealers who suspected their character. Mr. Barnard found some oleomargarine sold when butter is called for, but, says the report: "Both dealers and manufacturers of this whole some food product are beginning to realize the wisdom of selling oleomargarine on its merits and not as a substitute when butter is called for. Mr. Barnard finds the greatest fraud practiced by restaurant and boarding house keepers who buy uncolored oleomargarine and, having colored it, serve it as butter. The practice is illegal, but the offenders are extremely hard to catch."

1909 Has One Hoodoo Day.

During the year 1909 there will be but one Friday, the 13th. During this year there were several of such days but the year 1909 will have but one and that will be in the month of August. According to the weather prognosticators who figured out the kind of weather for at least a year ahead, a storm wave is to cross the continent at that time. Thunder storms with destructive lightning and hail will cause much damage to crops and buildings. In the southern part of the country there will be a heavy wind with rain storms if the weather men have their way about it.

Series of Township Meetings.

The Executive Committee of The County Sunday School Association held a meeting on Saturday, Dec. 26. Plans were laid for a series of Township Conventions, Jan. 17-23. The annual County Convention will be held in this city sometime in February.

Follow the Crowds THAT WILL BE ATTENDING LAUER'S Public Benefit Sale



This is the First Money-Saving Event of the Year. Don't miss it.

If you are not bargain-proof the prices we are making will interest you positively. The days of profitable selling are past. We are determined to close out the balance of our Fall

and Winter stocks in every department. These are the days we lose money nicely, as we are determined to clean up on all heavy goods.

Men's Suits and Overcoats, the famous Kuppenheimer and Kerschbaum hand-made suits, all go at a reduction of 83 1-3 per cent. All finest Young Men's suits, Overcoats and Cravettes—all go at a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent. All Furnishing Goods, Underwear, Shirts and all classes of men's and boys' apparel, prices cut 25 to 33 1-3 per cent.

All Footwear, including the best brands of Rubber footwear—Sels, Royal Blue, Bamban, hoods in arctics, Rubber Boots, Felt Boot combination—cut from 25c to 33 1-3 per cent.

Come early while the stocks are complete you'll be more than pleased. Have a look, anyway.

WE ARE AGENTS FOR MISHAWAKA RUBBER GOODS.

LAUER'S Good Clothes Store—"of course."

THE STORE THAT ALWAYS MAKES GOOD

CANCER, ITS CAUSE AND PREVENTION

STATE SHOULD DO SOMETHING IN INVESTIGATING THIS DISEASE.

Average Annual Death Roll From Cancer for Past Five Years is 1367.

The state should do something to discover the cause and prevention of cancer. It is slowly increasing and is the cause of an enormous loss of money and happiness to the people. Medical science does not know the secret of cancer. Its cause is unknown. The pathologists have so far been foiled and the state should help on the search. It would be money in the state's pocket to do so, writes J. N. Hurty of the State Board of Health.

The annual death roll from cancer is startling. The average annual deaths from cancer for the last five years in Indiana is 1367. The annual average total deaths from all causes for the same period is 36,461. Then from these facts we learn, that of every 26 deaths, one is from cancer. Surely it is high time we were getting after cancer with a big stick if we are ignorant of the cause and origin of cancer, why are we ignorant? One reason for our ignorance lies in the fact that the private workers in medicine have so far had the whole burden to bear. The state has not so much as lifted its finger to unravel the cancer secret, and yet, no subject is of more importance to the people. Suppose Indiana were to establish a Pasteur Institute, and no better name could be found, and suppose the scientists in control should in five or ten years discover the cause and hence the control of cancer, then great honors and profit would be ours. The plain way for us to practice true economy is to discover, and then conform to the laws of our well being.

Indiana could well afford to expend one or even ten million dollars, if found necessary, just to know from whence cancer proceeds. This secret being known, then prevention is possible. It is an easy matter to convince those who have cancer or those families which have been torn by it, that the above proposition is true. The trouble lies in convincing those who are certain they will escape the horror, and who in their selfishness will not act. Oh, for a statesman who will lead a big economy, and leave cheese paring and all minor things to low ambition and the pride of kings.

\$200,000 IN GIFTS DESTROYED.

Trains Crash in Chicago, and Although No One is Injured Contents of Cars Are Lost.

Christmas mail and express valued at \$200,000 was destroyed in the Chicago and Alton yards Tuesday night when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train ran into an Alton passenger train bound for St. Louis at Thirty-eighth street and Artesian avenue.

The Alton train carried several hundred passengers. The mail loaded down with Christmas presents for the west, was next to the locomotive and the express car, carrying even a heavier and more valuable holiday freight, was just behind the mail car.

What caused the collision has not yet been explained by the officials of the two railroads. The freight was not going very fast but owing to its great weight it kept right on going when it struck the passenger train. The engine was smashed to bits but singularly, neither the engineer nor fireman was hurt, and he only in jury that occurred from the disaster was a burned hand sustained by a mail clerk.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

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Owners of the only Abstract Books in the county. Abstract of title to all lands in Marshall county compiled promptly and accurately.

Gertrude Hoadley and hus to Gideon W. Blain, lot at Maxinkuckee Lake; \$500.

Wm Cooper and wife to Henry G. Alldredge, lot 3 and 4 Hawkins' add Culver; \$500.

James H. Matchett to Florence Upinger, lot 6 blk 2 Davis' add Bourbon; \$475.

Henry Taber Estate by com, com deed to Sherman Ellis, part of