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DECATUR MAN DROPS DEAD

Decatur, Ind. Dec. 18 - John W. Coffee, aged 68 years, former street commissioner and marshal of Decatur, dropped dead Saturday while at work, death resulting instantly from heart trouble. Mr. Coffee, who had the contract for hauling the city coal for some time, was engaged in loading coal from a bin into a wagon at the Hoosier Packing Company's plant, working with John Case. Mr. Coffee was in the bin, loading the coal, when the fatal attack came. He had seemed in his usual good health and the attack came wholly unexpected.

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DECATUR NEWS

DECATUR, Ind. Dec 22 - Among those that attended the John W. Coffee funeral were John Ruter, Irwin, Pa., Mrs. C. Lennon, Joseph and Charles Braun, Toledo, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Braun, Canada; Mrs. C. Allbright and daughter, Rose; Aloysius Buchheit, Mrs. M. Romberg, Mrs. Lena Weber, Miss Kate Wise, John Mitchell and Miss Kate Bell, all of Fort Wayne.

DECATUR, Ind. Dec. 21 - Many from out of town attended the funeral of John W. Coffee. His death resulted suddenly when he dropped dead from heart trouble Saturday. The funeral was held from the St. Mary's Catholic church.

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