

AN OLD CITY DIRECTORY

A GLANCE AT ONE PUBLISHED IN THE YEAR 1806.

It is Calculated to Refresh the Memories of Old-Time Residents—Some Peculiar Facts.

Every one has either heard of or experienced the rare delight of rummaging among the boxes and chests of an ancient, deserted attic and with the treasure trove thus brought to light conjuring up alluring pictures of days long gone by.

An Indianapolis directory dated Feb. 7, 1806, came out of the old corner of local residents' home recently and kindly consented to submit itself to a searching examination by an eager antiquarian.

OF PENS WITH A COMPLAINT. One of the first interesting things that strikes the eye in the Edwards directory of 1806 is the complaining preface.

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tions are now but memories in the minds of even the older generation. Few will be able to recall the John F. Walker, superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was a member of the faculty of the Bryant, Stratton & Spencer Indianapolis Business College in 1806.

JOHN CAVEN WAS MAYOR. John Caven was mayor of the city in that year; Cyrus S. Butterfield, city clerk; W. W. Butterfield, treasurer, and ex-Supreme Judge Byron K. Elliott, was city attorney.

The public school buildings were divided equally among the nine wards, one to each ward, except in the Fourth, which had an old and a new school building.

Hon. David Davis was United States circuit judge and Hon. David McDougal, the district judge. John Hanna was district attorney; John D. Howland, clerk; J. V. Spomer, marshal, and Edwin A. Davis, John W. Ray and Eben W. Kimball, commissioners.

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boundary, fourth, continuation of part of the third line, commencing at Virginia avenue and running east on Washington street to the corporation limits. The motive power was of the variety that makes itself heard in braying.

The local insurance companies of that ancient time were the Mississippi, Indiana Fire, Home Mutual, Indianapolis Insurance Company, Equitable Fire, Union Insurance Company of Indianapolis, Farmers' and Mechanics', German Mutual Fire Insurance Company and the American Horse Insurance Company.

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A RAILROAD CENTER. Indianapolis has grown to be a great railroad center in the past thirty-four years. The city was pretty important from a railroad point of view, even in 1806, but there were only eight roads running into the old station, which, at that time, stood on the ground now occupied by the tracks and trashed of the splendid depot built in the year 1857.

A FACTORY RESTAURANT. The manner in which one firm provides for its employees. One of the many large companies turning their attention to some provision for the well-being of their employees is the Burnham & Munger Manufacturing Company, of Kansas City, Mo., manufacturer of shirts, shirt waists, overalls, thick clothing, ladies' wrappers, etc., and is another illustration of the wisdom of having men of advanced ideas in charge of large numbers of employees.

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EXPERTS WERE DECEIVED

TANAGRA FIGURINES ACCEPTED AS GENUINE FOR TWENTY YEARS. It is No Uncommon Thing for Art Connoisseurs to Blunder Sadly in Their Estimates.

Philadelphia Press. Mr. Edward Robinson and the Boston Museum have just illustrated, as other curators and other museums have before, that archaeological criticism is not yet an exact science.

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- TRIMMED HATS—Nearly all are made hats, trimmed with velvet or taffeta silk and fancy feathers, up to \$1.48. SHAWLS—Of split alpaca, sizes from one to one and one-half yards square, colors black, white, gray, red and light blue, closely knitted and fringed borders. 65c. The up to \$1.25 qualities. 95c.

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On the Bargain Table—Rear Main Floor:

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These Below Can be Bought All Day, From 8:00 A. M. to 9:30 P. M.:

- A Chatter Arrival. And we are mightily glad of it. Just in time to complete our pet section for the holiday shopping. Well, they are charming and deserve attention if for no other reason than their representation of high art in textiles and printings.

French Flannels for Christmas Presents

- We doubt very much if there is anything in the line of wearables that will please a woman more than a French Flannel Waist Fetter. No matter how many she has another one will not come amiss, so long as it is not like the ones she has.

Silks for Holiday Shoppers

- A Black Silk Waist, Skirt or Dress. For to-morrow we will sell: Our 90c black Peau de Soie, 20 inches wide, for 68c.

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Be Prepared!

Advertisement for Ely's Cream Balm. The bearing of children is not a very serious ordeal to the woman who is prepared. If Mother's Friend that wonderfully soothing and relaxing liniment be faithfully used during the period of pregnancy, there will be little morning sickness or nervousness, the critical hour will be relieved of much pain, and labor will be brief.

Nasal CATARRH

Advertisement for Nasal Catarrh. In all its stages there should be treated. Ely's Cream Balm cleanses, soothes and heals the inflamed membrane. It cures a cold and drives away a cough in the head quickly.

Come and Take

Advertisement for DUCAS Jewels. A look at our immense display of Watches, Rings, Chains, Charms, Opera Glasses, in fact everything in the ..JEWELRY LINE.. We are satisfied that we will save you money, as our prices are lower than any one else.

A Nice Useful Present

Advertisement for Chamois Vest. For a member of the family get a Chamois Vest. And lengthen their life.

FOR THE BEST

Advertisement for Ice Cream. All Flavors. The R. W. FURNAS ICE CREAM CO. 104 North Pennsylvania Street.