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 Rev. A. TAYLOR, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath, at half past ten o'clock, A. M., and at seven o'clock, P. M.
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 Prayer meeting, Wednesdays, at 7 o'clock, P. M.
 Seats free, and the public cordially invited.

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 Rev. Dr. HEWES, Rector. Divine service every Sunday at 10:30 A. M., and at 7 P. M. Seats free to all. Sunday School and Bible class at 12:30 P. M.

AMERICUS LODGE.
 No. 91 L. O. O. F. meets every Thursday evening at 7 1/2 P. M. Resident and visiting Brothers are cordially invited to attend.
 A. L. REEVES, N. G.
 S. E. REEVES, Secretary.
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F. & A. M.
 PLYMOUTH, February 20th, 1873.
 The stated communications of Plymouth Lodge, No. 148, F. & A. M., will be held on the 1st & 3rd Friday in each month during the year 1874, as follows:

January 2d and 17th,	July 4th and 18th.
February 7th, 21st, Aug 1st " 15th.	
March 7th " 21st, Sep 21st " 19th.	
April 4th " 18th, Oct 31st " 17th.	
May 2nd " 16th, Nov 7th " 21st.	
June 4th " 20th, Dec 4th " 19th.	

Members and visiting Brethren Fraternally invited to be present.
 In order of the W. M.,
 THEO. CRESSNER, Jr., Secretary.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.
 JNO. A. BENDER, P. O. JONES
BENDER & JONES,
 ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
 A Plymouth, Indiana, will promptly attend to all business entrusted to them. The settlement of Estates and Guardianships, and a specialty.
 Dec. 4th, 1873, ly.

CORBIN & CHANEY,
 ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Will Practice in Marshall and adjoining Counties, in every Court when called upon. All business promptly attended to. Office in Corbin's block, second floor, Plymouth, Ind.
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AMASA JOHNSON,
 NOTARY PUBLIC, Attorney, Commissioner at Law, and Authorized War Claims Agent, Plymouth, Ind. Special attention given to the settlement of Estates, Conveyancing, and the collection of Soldiers' Claims for Pensions, Bounty, Back Pay, and all other War Claims. Office on Michigan street, over Back & Toan's Hardware Store. [3417]

R. D. LOGAN,
 ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC, Pat Office Brownlee's Block, over Becker's Store, Plymouth, Ind. Collections a specialty. ly31

ED. S. FISH,
 Attorney at Law, and Insurance Agent,
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A. C. & A. B. CAPRON,
 ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS, Real Estate and Collecting Agents, Plymouth, Ind., are practicing in the law courts of Marshall and adjoining counties, and will give prompt attention to all legal business entrusted to them. General collecting agents for Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan. Particular attention given to the settlement of decedent's estates and guardianships. Deeds, mortgages, and other contracts drawn up and acknowledgments taken. Office, Brownlee's Block up stairs.

The Young Folks Rural is an excellent paper. Specimen copies can be seen at this office. For three dollars, we will furnish the REPUBLICAN and the Young Folks Rural for one year—and with the Rural two pretty chromos are sent. The subscription price of the Young Folks Rural is \$1.50 with chromos. Published by H. N. F. Lewis, Chicago. tf.

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W. B. HESS,
 ATTORNEY AT LAW AND NOTARY PUBLIC, will attend promptly to all professional business entrusted to him. Particular attention given to real estate business, titles examined and quieted. Collections made and promptly remitted. Room No. 1, over the Post Office Book Store, Post Office Block, Plymouth, Ind.

PHYSICIANS.
DR. J. S. LELAND,
 PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Argos, Indiana, attends to all calls promptly. m29v14

T. A. BORTON M. D.;
 HAS removed to his new residence, one door south of his former dwelling, on the east side of Michigan street. Office in Post-Office Building, Plymouth, Ind., where he may be found and consulted professionally. 2e7

E. W. VIETS,
 HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN & SURGEON, Office at residence, on Michigan Street, opposite H. G. Thayer's, formerly occupied by Dr. Vinal, Plymouth, Indiana.

A. O. BORTON.
 DENTIST, Office 2d story Post Office Building. Teeth extracted without pain, by the use of Nitrous Oxide (or Laughing Gas). "Traction" from one tooth to a full set, so cheap that the rich and poor can all get them. Office open all day except Mondays and Tuesdays. [3417]

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DRS. MATCHEE & FRANCE,
 PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, BOURBON, IND. The doctors request their patients to call early in the day to insure prompt attention to patients in the country. Special attention given to chronic diseases and operative surgery. Office always open and one doctor in constant attendance—no-16.

W. JACOBY, M. D.
 PHYSICIAN AND OPERATIVE SURGEON,
 Treats all diseases according to the most improved and scientific plans.
 Special attention given to Chronic Diseases, Diseases of Females, Deformities, etc., and performs all operations in Surgery.
 Office and residence on Michigan Street, third door south of the Parker House, nearly opposite the Bank, Plymouth, Ind. 1e-1

W. KELLEY, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, and Notary Public, Money promptly collected. Office over the Post Office, vol. 18, no. 201f.

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 Inserts artificial teeth upon any of the bases known to the dental profession, and performs all operations on the mouth and teeth. An anesthetic applied to the gums before extraction, which greatly relieves the pain of the operation. Office in Corbin's block. mar-16mo.

A. C. PERRY,
Clairvoyant Physician.
 The most remarkable and wonderful tests given to those who will consult him.
Diseases Diagnosed Without Seeing the Patient.
 Persons from a distance enclose lock of hair, address, sex, and stamp. It is a true and accurate description is not given in every case, the money will be refunded.
 Examining and diagnosing; \$1 for first prescription and medicine.
 Office hours from 9 A. M. to 12 M., room 3, Sherman's block; from 12 M. to 4 P. M. at residence, cor. 4th and Washington.
 Michigan City, Ind.
 Mr. Robert Neil, of this city, is acting as agent for Mr. Perry, and persons desiring any information in regard to the above notice can get it, by calling on him at his residence.

MISCELLANEOUS.
McCurdy House,
 SOUTH side P. St. & C. R. W., Wanatah, Ind. Frank McCurdy, Proprietor. Convenient and extensive accommodations. [3417]

C. L. BRINK,
 PLYMOUTH, IND.,
 PROPRIETOR OF THE PLYMOUTH PLASTERING MILL, and dealer in Lumber, Lath, Walnut Bed Stuff, &c.
 South of the P. Ft. W. & C. R. R., also, manufacturer of Mouldings, Brackets, and Scroll work of all kinds and patterns, at prices more than 50 per cent below the Chicago and Milwaukee rates. And the work is warranted to be inferior to none. ly 12y

Sewing Wanted.
 Mrs. Elvira Wilcox respectfully informs the citizens of Plymouth that she will be glad to do any kind of sewing, except on coats. She is in need of employment by which to support herself, and will esteem it a favor to receive orders. n20 tf.

200,000 Acres
R. R. Lands.
 Short Winters in South-West Missouri!
FREE!
 Transportation from St. Louis to all purchasers of HOMES in South-West Missouri, Timber, Prairie, Mineral, Fruit and Agricultural lands at low prices and Long Credit, with good water and perfect climate. For sectional maps—showing each separate section—pamphlets and information you may desire, call upon or address.
 Dr. J. E. BROOKE, Agent,
 Atlantic & Pacific R. R.,
 June 5-30-74. Plymouth, Ind.

Done what you Wanted AND Started a First Class RESTAURANT.
F. J. KENNER
 HAVING started a first class restaurant in his rooms on Laporte street, west side of the P. & C. R. R. Depot, where he desires the support of one and all. Mr. Kenner has sacrificed a great amount of money in order to please the public generally, and now waits the liberal support of one and all. He has everything in the confectionery line, such as Cakes, Nuts, Ice Cream, in fact everything that is kept in a first class restaurant.
Warm Meals at all Hours
 and Lanches of every description. There is nothing that the appetite desires which Mr. Kenner has not got. His rooms have been re-painted, papered, and finished up in good style, and cannot be excelled for a restaurant. F. J. KENNER. Plymouth, June 13, 1874.

REPUBLICAN Congressional Convention.

At a meeting of the Republican Congressional Central Committee, held at Goshen, Ind., on the 30th day of June, 1874, it was decided that the Republican voters of the 13th Congressional district, of the state of Indiana, be notified that a Delegate Convention of the Republican party will be held at Kendallville, Noble county, on Tuesday, the 18th day of August, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress for said district. Each county in the district will be entitled to the following number of Delegates, representation being based upon the votes given for W. W. Curry, for Secretary of State in 1872

Marshall county,	37 delegates.
Kosciusko "	53 "
Elkhart "	58 "
LaGrange "	34 "
DeKalb "	37 "
Stroben "	37 "
Noble "	47 "
Total	305

The Republicans of Marshall county are therefore requested to elect in their several townships, delegates to the above named convention, as follows:

Union township,	2 delegates.
Centre "	2 "
Greene "	2 "
Bourbon "	4 "
Tipton "	3 "
German "	3 "
North "	3 "
Polk "	2 "
West "	2 "
Walnut "	4 "
Total	37.

By order of the Congressional Central Committee.
 H. G. THAYER, Chairman.
 E. W. H. ELLIS, Secretary.

Camp Meeting Notice.
 The camp meeting for LaPorte district Northwest Indiana Conference will be held in the grove, two and one half miles north west of the Union Mills Station, on the Chicago and Lake Huron railroad. Our friends are earnestly requested to come and tent on the ground and enjoy the benefits of a good meeting. Ministers who will work for the Master, will be provided for. Persons desiring plank for tents, can be accommodated on very reasonable terms by applying to Henry Loomis, Jr., at Union Mills Station.

Our friends from Valparaiso district, and from all other sections of the country, are cordially invited to come and share with us in this feast of tabernacles.
 Conveyance from and to the railroad, will be furnished on reasonable terms.
 A good boarding tent will be allowed, if desired, but huckstering will be forbidden within the limits of the law.
 The meeting will commence August 19th, and continue until Monday or Tuesday following. G. M. BOYD, P. E.
 G. P. VANHOEN, Com.

Missouri State Lottery
 Drawn in public daily. As reliable as a National Bank. In scheme, for which \$1 is charged tickets, (drawn daily), the capital prize is \$5,000, the second, \$2,500; and 32,346 prizes in all, ranging down to \$1. This one dollar scheme is recommended to out-of-town patrons. Drawings are published in the newspapers of same day on which they are made, and official lists sent to all ticket holders, with full instructions, so that the most inexperienced can determine for themselves. Any bank or express company will take tickets and collect prizes. The undersigned will take pleasure in attending promptly to all orders, and seeing that satisfaction is given all. Tickets mailed day before drawing, and list forwarded immediately thereafter. This is the best and most trustworthy lottery in the country in which to try your fortune.
 Address,
 J. L. BOWMAN,
 n37-3w. Box 2528, St. Louis, Mo.

Notice.
 Argos, July 7th, 1874.
 Persons knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned, are earnestly solicited to call and settle, either by cash or note, as my book must be closed up by the 1st of September.
 DR. L. BARR.

The best Boys and girls' magazine, and the MARSHALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN at greatly reduced rates. We will send the MARSHALL COUNTY REPUBLICAN and DEMOREST'S YOUNG AMERICA, which is \$1.00 for one year, to any person who pays us \$2.50. DEMOREST'S YOUNG AMERICA is always sparkling with entertaining Stories, Poems, Music, Puzzles, Games, Travels, and other pleasant features; is profusely illustrated, and cannot fail to amuse, instruct and elevate, and assist to make the lives of youthful Americans useful, fruitful and happy. 2-tf.

—Parts, extras, attachments, needles, oil, &c., for all the different sewing machines can be supplied on short notice, by calling on Stout & Kelley, agents of the Domestic Sewing Machine, or leaving orders at Blain's Drug store, Plymouth, Indiana. July 2d '74 3mo.

—Business cards very neatly and cheaply printed at the REPUBLICAN office.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

Edited and Conducted by
 J. F. LANGENBAUGH.
Selection of Teachers.

The selection of teachers is a matter of the greatest importance, especially in case of the High and Grammar schools. Book knowledge is generally regarded as the essential element. This we do not believe. For teachers, we want men and women, not living dictionaries and walking encyclopedias. The teacher has not only to instruct, but also to keep his school. The success of teaching will depend upon the success of keeping. The teacher may be able to read Latin, French and German at sight, give the parts of irregular Greek verbs without hesitation, demonstrate equation to perfection, and recite every proposition of the Legendre in order, yet if he lacks the manhood which compels scholars to respect and obey, he will utterly fail as a successful teacher. The qualification of a good keeper of school, is neither book knowledge nor brute force. It is strength of character and knowledge of human nature. No objection to examinations of teachers. They are necessary. The teacher must be competent to teach in the department to which he or she is chosen. The examination determines whether he or she is or is not. But we should object to this being made the Alpha and Omega of selection. Find out their social and moral qualities also. Is the candidate upright and energetic, or lazy and slothful? Is the teacher feared and disliked, or loved and respected by his associates? Is the candidate temperate or intemperate? Pious or profane? These facts are of the highest importance. Send the proper school officer to inquire into these matters. If the person has taught before, let the officer be sent to interrogate parents and pupils; as well as committees. But this will cost money? Suppose it does! Shall we not willingly expend a few dollars to secure a teacher for our High or Grammar and also our Common Country school, who is to have the training of our children's minds and hearts for, perhaps a number of years? O, this penny wise and proud foolish course of action, shall we never escape it?

Many deserving men are pushed to one side, because they have not received a collegiate education. But a collegiate education may have injured instead of benefited a student. It would undoubtedly be a benefit to the community, if the diplomas of many were written in ink which disappeared as soon as it saw the sunlight. Whom do we choose as the foremen in our mills, factories and shops? Not often the best workmen but the best manager. Not the one who knows the most about every part of the machinery, but the one who from general knowledge can get the most work out of the men with the least grumbling. The best navigator often proves the poorest captain. He must be able not only to tell his sailors how the ship should sail, but to secure their hearty co-operation in having her sail. If the teacher cannot by force of his own emotion and belief inspire his pupils with some of the energy, ambition, and honesty which moves him, then the education of our children becomes a dead letter or a means to evil. Let us have men and women for teachers, or else fill our High, Grammar and Common schools with text books and encyclopedias, and let the children educate themselves. It will be vastly cheaper. School Trustees and school officers, in the selection of your teachers this fall, to teach your fall and winter term let not favoritism sway you in the discharge of your official duties, but give your thoughts and reflections to the few suggestions made in the above.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.
 Land's End, is a cape projecting from the south-western corner of England, and can be seen on almost any map. Who originally gave it this name does not appear upon record. By looking carefully along the south-western coast of that portion of England known as Cornwall, on the map, you will be able to find Land's End.

An arc is any part of a circumference; one half of a circumference is called a semi-circumference; one-fourth is called a quadrant, and one-sixth is called a sextant.

To find the solid contents of a prism or cylinder, we multiply the area of one end by the length. If the area is in square inches we multiply the length in inches, and this gives the solid contents in cubic inches, etc.

A cone is a curved solid whose base is a circle, from which the remaining surface tapers regularly to a point at the top, which is called the "apex" of the cone, and to find the solid contents of a cone or pyramid, we multiply the area of the base by one-third of the perpendicular height.

The School Fund of the State of Indiana is, \$8,575,047.40; Illinois, \$6,158,052.40; Iowa, \$3,191,483.01; Massachusetts, \$2,120,864.09; Missouri, \$1,199,139 acres of land granted by Congress. Texas, \$2,575,000; Vermont, Colorado and Utah, none.

ARGOS CORRESPONDENCE.

BY BRIMSTONE.
 ARGOS, IND., August 5, 1874.

MR. MILLIKAN:
 Unless there be rain within a few days, the corn and potato crop in this vicinity, will fall far short of what was anticipated.

"Frank Sundown," (Argos correspondent for the Bourbon Mirror,) has been seriously ill for two weeks past; hopes are entertained however, of his recovery.

Last Saturday the streets were thronged with teams from early in the morning, until late in the evening. Pickert Bros. report the cash sales that day \$87. Parker & Atkinson report sales on same date \$200.

Last Saturday, Mr. Frank VanHorne was accidentally shot by a sportsman, who fired at some game "on the wing," just as Frank came in range. Several shot penetrated the cheek, lodging against the inferior maxillary, and were subsequently extracted. The wound is not considered as endangering life.

The Christian Church in this place, (Rev. B. L. Dickson, Pastor,) will be dedicated on the 2d Sunday in September. Rev. N. Summerville, of Cincinnati, is expected to preach the dedicatory sermon. On the following Tuesday, there will be a Union Sunday School Pic-Nic, in the grove near Argos, at which time Rev. Mr. Summerville has promised to deliver an address.

Married on Sunday last, at the residence of the bride's father, near Union town, Mr. Robert Barnhill to Miss Dorcas Medburn. The happy pair have the best wishes of their numerous friends for their future prosperity. The bounteous supply of cake, the receipt of which we hereby acknowledge, convinces us that in their own domestic happiness they are not unmindful of their friends.

Last Friday evening the members of the Bourbon band, together with several other gentlemen from that place, made Argos a visit, which to many of the citizens was a surprise. The company, consisting of Messrs. G. N. Hupp, G. W. Hughs, Henry Strubach, J. W. Parks, Daniel Kinsley, J. C. McCrum, I. J. Hoag, P. Kinsley, H. Grass and Wm. Snyder, comprising the band; also, J. W. Swooverland, F. Campbell, Fred. Bartsch, L. Caw, Mart. Reed, J. H. Chamberlain, Wm. Sear, and H. Mock, after administering to the wants of the physical man by partaking of a bounteous supper, at the Argos House, repaired to the wigwam of Shawnee tribe, No. 19, I. O. of R. M., where the band discoursed some very excellent music. After which (the most of them being members of the order) assisted at the adoption of a "pale-face." The ceremonies being ended and council fire quenched, the members of the order (with a few exceptions) repaired to Pickert Bros., where refreshments in the form of ice-cream, etc., were plentifully served to all who desired to partake. After a street serenade by the band, at a late hour of the night, the company departed for home, feeling (we hope) that their time had been pleasantly spent.

For the purpose of giving pupils and teachers, as well as politicians, a little exercise in arithmetic, we copy the following from the Indianapolis Journal: Lord CUELMSFORD, who, we believe, has been Lord Chancellor, "stumped" the House of Lords the other day with a "sum," which he said the naval cadets, twelve to fourteen years of age, were required to solve in two and a half hours. "He thought some members would be severely taxed to answer it themselves." If they would, the education of the British nobility in the "elementary branches" is by no means creditable to their schoolmasters or their own sense. This is the question: "Assuming that the value of the paper required for papering a room, supposing the paper to be three quarters of a yard wide, and worth 4 1/2 d. a yard, is £2 3s. 1 1/2 d., what would be the cost if it were two feet wide and worth 4d a yard?" There are "mental arithmetic" pupils in our city schools who can solve that "in their heads" in five minutes, or if they fail it will only be from the trouble of "reducing" English currency and retaining the results in the memory. Putting such a question to a body of grave legislators reminds us of a similar "stump" furnished by the Journal to Mr. J. R. Coffroth and the Democrats of our State Legislature in 1869. Mr. Coffroth had introduced and carried to engrossment a bill requiring assessors to value property for taxation at gold rates. A madder piece of extravagance was never heard of. The Journal showed that the effect of it would be to make assessors calculate gold values from currency values, and, so long as taxes were paid in currency, the county treasurers would have to calculate back again from gold to currency to find out what the tax was. In other words the assessors would have to make a troublesome and intricate calculation for nothing in the world but for the treasurers to make it. And then to show how hard a

task the calculation was, it asked Mr. Coffroth to do a little sum in gold assessment: "A farm is rated a \$1,250 in currency, what is its gold value when gold is \$1.53 1/2?" as it was the day the Journal's article was written. Mr. Coffroth wouldn't try it. The Republican members laughed at him, and he laughingly confessed that the bill demanded more arithmetical skill than the assessors would be likely to possess, and that was the end of it. Nobody ever heard of the gold bill again. Some of the recent Democratic financial projects are about as smart as this; that one, especially, which proposes to pay \$900,000 of expenses a year with \$600,000 of revenue, and \$300,000 of borrowed money.

An eight year old son of Mr. Hall, of Laporte, left home about three weeks ago without the consent or knowledge of his parents, and visited New York City about three days, and was afterwards found by pursuers at Utsa. That exceeds the adventures of a nine year old girl of this place, who left home in a similar way and went by railway a few months ago, to Crown Point and Chicago.—Valparaiso Vallette.

—The liquor lovers have suddenly fallen in love with Luther, and are singing his famous couplet:

"Who loves not woman, wine and song
 Remains a fool his whole life long."

If Luther could have seen the men who roll this couplet as a sweet morsel under their tongues he would probably have restrained this poetical jingle.—Lagrange Standard.

—The Fort Wayne Sentinel of Wednesday last, has the following:

The races introduced an annual supply of gamblers and burglars. The premises of Mr. Edward Downey were entered last night, and he was relieved of a gold watch and other valuables; but the worst sufferer was Mr. S. F. Smart, Secretary of the Merchants' Real Estate Exchange, who lost some \$3,000 in United States and Allen county bonds, about \$240 in coin, and papers of considerable value, the joint property of himself and Mr. Downey. Mr. Smart is confident of apprehending and convicting the thieves.

—The feeble voice of the present ice-venter, elicited the following doggerel:

No "Potter's voice" of old is heard,
 By those of frozen ice removed,
 But like an insect or a bird,
 Comes daily forth the piping sound,
 "ICE."

No hard in meditations deep,
 Would at the feeble cry awake,
 As silently as one doth weep,
 Low, like a still small voice doth break,
 "ICE."

Off at the hour when dawning morn,
 Peeps o'er the distant hillslope 'round,
 Weak as the voice of babe new-born,
 Breaks on the air the tiny sound,
 "ICE."

No one replies, none seem to know,
 That ice is cast within their gate,
 The scorching rays shoot down below,
 They find the ice when it's too late,
 NO ICE.

Fence Planting on the Iowa and Nebraska Prairies.

The erection of board fences on a prairie farm is an expensive operation. In Nebraska the law wisely removes the necessity for fence building, by providing for the herding of live stock; and in Iowa, the needs of practical farming bring about very much the same results.

But in each case, the law and the practice are the things of the day. It is an instinct in the owner of land to define his possessions by metes and bounds, obvious to the eye, which separate his land from that of his neighbor. If fences were not a convenience there would be fences therefore; but, as fences are a convenience, the improving prairie farmer sets himself to their creation as soon as his house is built, and his land broken.

Live fences, of course, are the desideratum; and there are three plants which are most in favor for the purpose. The Honey Locust, the Osage Orange, and the White Willow, make good fences. The two former are impenetrable to stock; and when the latter is well established, the same character may be claimed for it. The White Willow is also of hardy and rapid growth.

Mr. C. B. Mendenhall, of Marshall County, Iowa, has used the White Willow extensively. On his farm there are about thirteen miles of White Willow fencing, of from three to seven years' growth, about half of which will turn cattle; and a portion cut half a cord of wood to the rod. Mr. Mendenhall has also a grove of White Willow, covering twenty acres, set out six years ago, and which he considers to be worth \$500 per acre.

As, we doubt not, some of our readers are even now considering the question of moving west to Iowa or Nebraska, and, as knowledge is a light burden to carry, we give Mr. Mendenhall's method of planting:—The willow slips are to be 8 inches in length, thrifty sprouts of one or two years' growth. The ground for the hedge row is to be plowed as deeply as possible during August, a dead furrow being left where it is proposed the fence shall stand. Just before frost comes the land is to be turned back, the dead furrow being filled in. As soon as the earth is open, plant the slips eight inches apart, covering them with finely pulverized earth. Cultivate as corn for two years, keeping the infant fence entirely clear of weeds. The following method will ensure a rapid growth:—Mutch well in the fall after the second year, placing the mulching as close to the plants as may be, without touching the stems. By following Mr. Mendenhall's plan, the prairie farmer, with White Willow, will have a thrifty fence in the course of three or four years; and in six years his enclosures will be perfect.