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EARLY COUNTY HISTORY.

By One of the Old Settlers of the County.

Editor Tribune:—I would like to have the names of the men published in your noble paper who first applied the axe to the forests and were connected with the early incidents within five miles of Bourbon. John C. Hedrick settled on the land now owned by Austin Downing. John A. Shirley and Thomas Pittenger settled on land now owned by the Erwin brothers. John Greer bought land of the government on three corners of Bourbon. He sold the northeast corner to Robert Blakely, the northwest corner to Wm. G. Carter, father of the late Elder Carter, of Plymouth, the southwest corner to Moses Greer. He retained a quarter section, improved it, then gave it to his children, now owned by J. M. Greer, Enos Metheny and Mrs. Emma and Miss Nellie Greer. Emery Hullet settled on the north side of the road on the creek, lived there some years, sold his land to James O. Parks and left. George Baylor, father of Mrs. Sophia Senour, settled on the land where Omar Slough now lives. He improved his land, done blacksmithing and kept tavern. He erected a large sign at the roadside and adorned each upper corner of the frame with a full attire of buck horns. It was known as the "Buck Horn Tavern." For hospitality it was not excelled. Henry Huffman settled on the land known as the Moffit farm. He cleared the land and built the house that stands on the farm. He was thought to be the best chopper in Bourbon township. He was a very strong man. In his prime he used a seven pound axe. At log rolling it was very common for him to lift against two men. F. N. Thompson settled on the land now owned by Samuel Keller. He cleared quite a farm and kept tavern in opposition to the "Buck Horn." He lived there a number of years, then sold his farm and moved to Illinois. After he had been gone about forty-seven years he came back to see some of the old neighbors he had left and the farm he had made. His neighbors were mostly all gone. S. D. Parks took him out to see the land he had once lived on. He said he didn't want anybody to tell him when they came to the farm, he said he would know it as soon as he saw it. After they had drove one mile past the farm, he was told they had passed it. He was taken back and shown where he lived. He couldn't see any trace of anything to show that he had ever lived there. The old man wept. Robison Ocheltree settled on the land where Oliver Armantrout now lives. He cleared quite a farm, lived there several years, sold out, and moved to Illinois. Clarkson Martin settled on the land now owned by Cyrus Jones, he sold out to Willis Jones in 1852. On the south side of the road Frank Williams lived a number of years, then went west. August Weissert now owns the land. Wilarid Sampson settled on the land now owned by A. J. Payne. He cleared the land, built the barn that stands close to the road, served as squire for several years, sold out and went to Illinois. Anderson Lynch, father of Mrs. Anna Minard, of Bourbon, settled on the west part of the A. J. Payne farm. He cleared the land and built the log house that stands on the land today. He died there. Isaac Updike settled on the land on the south side of the road and built the log house that stands there today. He lived there a few years and died with typhoid fever. Benjamin Cruzon settled on the land where Morris Banks now lives. He cleared a good farm, set out an orchard very early. He was the first man to sell apples. He died there at a good old age. Joel Parker settled on the farm now owned by John Hite. He erected buildings, cleared the land and lived on it a good many years. He was a great fancier of fine horses. He was generous, sociable, kindhearted, and had great affection for his children. Benjamin Reed settled on the land now owned by Alvin Reed. He lived there a long time and cleared a good farm. When he got old he sold the farm to his son Martin, and moved to Bourbon. He lived there some years, and died at the home of his son, William Reed, in Kansas. Charley St. John settled on the land now owned by Mary J. Young. He lived there a number of years. He went to the woods one day to hunt, killed a deer, hung it up, and was taking out the entrails preparatory to taking his prize home when some other hunters who were in the same woods, espied him and his deer. One of them leveled his gun and fired. He shot St. John through the fleshy part of his hip making four holes with one bullet. I saw Charley going to Plymouth a few days after he was shot. He was standing up in the wagon. Asa St. John's land bordered on the big marsh, he also owned some marsh and a large island in the marsh. His farm was a good stock farm. He was in-

dustrious, honest and a good financier. He left quite a fortune for his children. He lived to be old and died on the farm which he had spent most of his active life in improving. Nathan Baldwin settled on the land now owned by Elijah Reed. He erected buildings, cleared the land, lived there a number of years and died with erysipelas. John Pervo settled on the land now owned by Jones Grant. He lived there a short time then moved to Fountain county, Ind. Wm. Dawson settled on the Peter Apple farm. He built the house that stands on the farm, cleared the land and lived there over twenty years. He sold to Peter Apple and moved to Tippecanoe county, Ind. Johnson Carl settled on the land now owned by Otto Apple. He erected buildings, cleared land, lived there a number of years. He preached the gospel as he understood it: That God's last ultimatum to the sinner was "h—, fire and brimstone." He moved to Minnesota and wrote back that there were no grave-yards in Minnesota. The people lived to be extremely old, died up and the wind blew them away. Elias Marsters settled on the land now owned by David Carl. He was a Methodist preacher and a fine man. He lived there quite a number of years but finally sold out and went west. John McCoy lived on the land now owned by Elmer Armantrout. He was killed in an accident in an old style wooden cane mill. The sweep that turned the rollers passed close to the corners of the frame. He raised up and the sweep caught his head against a corner of the frame, crushing it so badly that death resulted instantly. He was a devout man. The land that is now owned by Baker was settled by Israel Reed. He erected buildings, cleared the land and died in Bourbon. He was a brother to Martin Reed, of Bourbon. Saul Marsten settled on the land now owned by McAfee. Wm. Gunn settled on the land now owned by William Bland. He made spinning wheels in an early day for the pioneers. Henry I. Bell, deceased settled on the land where Mrs. Bell now lives. George H. Thayer settled on the land now owned by Milton Martin. He erected buildings, cleared the land and done blacksmithing. He also preached the gospel and was a talented and good man. John Greer settled on land half a mile south. He was a violinist. When I was a small boy I heard him play a piece he called "Sugar in the Gourd." I thought it was delightful. It might have been the sugar that made it sound so well. Some of the old pioneers used to keep sugar in a gourd. I suppose that is what the song started from. It went something like this: Sugar in the gourd, sugar all about, It's hard to get the sugar in, And hard to get it out. Thomas Plummer settled on the land now owned by Enos Metheny. His wife's name was Barbara. They lived a long, happy life together. It was said of them that never a cross word passed between them. They were Christians. If everybody would live that way it would stop the divorce business. They had two sons, Abi and William C. who died a few years ago in Bourbon. Elisha Plummer, a brother of Thomas, settled on land joining. He had six sons, Joseph, William, Thomas F., John, James and Elisha, jr., all deceased. Mrs. Luther Banks was a daughter of Elisha, sr. South and southeast of Bourbon, Thomas Fife settled on the John Beck farm. He erected frame buildings, cleared a good sized farm and lived there fifteen years or more, then sold out and bought a farm a short distance south of Plymouth and died there. Wooley settled on the land now owned by Joseph Wood. He was hard on his horses and drove through the mud under the whip. He sold his land to Franklin Martin and left. Jessie Burkett was a pioneer. He was a remarkable man and rose to zenith in his profession and retained it through life. Joseph Hall settled on land now owned by Lewallen. He bought the land of the old Indian Benack. Barney Gerrard settled on land now owned by Sellers, about the year 1845. To have asked him if he ever voted the democratic ticket would have been an insult. Philip Hancock settled on land now owned by Beards and Downing. He lived there quite a number of years. He had a long spell of sickness and it was thought he was going to die. The doctor went to his bed one day when Hancock said: "Doctor, I am going to get well." He said he had a sign that told him that he would get well, and he got better from that time on, and finally fully recovered. Samuel R. Coons settled on land that is now owned by Mrs. Vernette. He was somewhat of a politician and wanted to be sheriff, but never got there. J. B. McFarlin was a very sociable man and loved to sing. He compiled the Books of the Old and New Testament into song. I have heard him sing it. It sounded pretty well. Joseph Palett was a turner and cabinet maker and a brother-in-law to A. H. Buckman. Joseph Palett

(Continued on Supplement.)

GET RIGHT MAIL BOXES.

Farmers on the Rural Routes Must Comply with Order.

Farmers on the rural routes must have approved mail boxes on their gate or hitching posts or their mail will not be delivered to them by Uncle Sam, warns an exchange. Postmasters have received the following mandatory order: "You are informed that at the expiration of the sixty-day notices given the patrons of rural free delivery to provide themselves with approved boxes, you will withdraw service from all patrons who have failed to comply with this requirement. Respectfully, P. V. DeGraw, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General."

Notes From Company I.

Governor's Review Sunday afternoon was the most spectacular feature of the encampment. Thousands of visitors lined all sides of the review grounds.

Private Smith was overcome by the heat and "fell out" at Governor's Review Sunday afternoon.

Co. I has forty men in camp and the new men are picking up the work very rapidly.

Claude Soice, who is attached to the hospital corps, spent two hours last Friday picking stumps from the grounds around the hospital tent so that the ambulance could drive to the door with the sick.

The general health of the camp is very good. Only four men have answered the sick call, and that for minor disorders.

While building a pyramid on the company street, Eugene Knapper had his eyebrow stepped on. The injury was not serious but may leave a scar. Lieutenant Logan was slightly indisposed Sunday because of a too strenuous tour of duty on the previous evening.

Sergt. Fields still maintains his honorary position as "ladies man," and he is also a strict disciplinarian. After an interview with the captain at the hospital it is said that he declined a very pressing invitation to the city for Sunday evening so that he might keep in communication with the sentry in the rear of company quarters. It was learned later that the captain feared a "hurry up" call in that direction and Sergt. Fields was highly praised for the example he has set the men.

The new plan for officers mess is giving entire satisfaction and the menu is all that could be desired. There are only two persons in the entire mess who take exception to the bill of fare. Lieutenants Logan of Co. I and Diehl of Co. E passed up the excellent vanilla cream served for Saturday dinner, announcing their preferences for chocolate cream. The other officers say that their appetites have been spoiled by caterers in the city.

Plymouth Girls Want His Address.

Rochester has a boy that is a peach a plum and persimmon all in one, says the Republican of that city. His mother is away on a visit but the work of the home goes right on. The young man holds a responsible position in a down town office, and is a faithful and trusted employe. After business hours, Wednesday night, he went home, started the gasoline fire, put on the wash boiler, and before 11 o'clock had two lines the full length of the lot, hanging with snow white clothes. Next morning he was up bright and early and began the ironing. At night this smart young fellow attended the commencement in all the glory of a billed shirt, as the result of his industry.

New Suits.

Eran Lloyd and Company vs William L. Sarber and Charles M. Sarber on account. John W. Parks attorney for plaintiff.

Maud Jackson vs Delbert Jackson, for divorce. L. M. Lauer attorney for the plaintiff.

Stephen A. Hampton vs William H. Murphy, to quiet title and for partition. H. A. Logan, attorney for plaintiff.

Charles E. Seltentright and Lizzie B. Seltentright vs the Vandalia railroad company to recover value of fence and attorney fees. H. A. Logan attorney for plaintiff.

Robert Lamraux vs William H. Murphy, to quiet title and for partition. H. A. Logan, attorney for plaintiff.

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TAX COLLECTION UNCERTAIN.

Indiana Law Defining Duties of City Treasurers to Be Tested.

Wabash, Ind., Aug. 6.—The inhabitants of small incorporated towns in this county, as well as Treasurer Brown of the city of Wabash, are very much interested in a new construction placed on the law which in cities and towns defines the duties of the city treasurers and town treasurers and town treasurers.

In cities of the fifth class it was the design to have the city treasurer elective and to continue as the collector of the taxes. Through the peculiar wording of the statute, however, it appears there is a question concerning the collection of fifth-class cities and town taxes and several local attorneys say that the city and town treasurers have nothing to do with the city and town taxes save to disburse them on warrants.

The law apparently makes it the duty of the county treasurer to collect the municipal taxes and turn them over to the city and town treasurers, who remain the custodians until they are dispensed in the regular payment of obligations. The effect of placing this construction on the law is to compel the taxpayers of the small cities and towns of the state to go to the county seats to pay their local taxes and they are demurring at the necessity of doing so.

Prohibited Postal Cards.

Postal cards with certain pictures on them have lately been prohibited in several countries. In Russia all cards bearing the portrait of Tolstoy are confiscated and destroyed; in Turkey no card bearing the name of Allah or of Mahomet, the photograph of the Kaaba or the portrait of a Mohammedan woman, is allowed to go through the mail, in Saxony all postal cards are prohibited which refer in any way to a recent adventure of Princess Louise; in Portugal the postal officials have been instructed to destroy any card which is designed to cast ridicule on the king on account of his corpulence; in France strenuous efforts are constantly being made to keep out of circulation picture postal cards which are an offense to good taste; and, finally, all cards referring to the late Queen Draga Machin and to Prince Henry of Holland have been prohibited.

Linkenhelt—Mann Nuptials.

The marriage of Miss Laura Linkenhelt of this city and Mr. George A. Mann of Streator, Illinois, occurred Wednesday evening, August 2nd at 5:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride on West Garro street.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. George A. Pluff of the Presbyterian church and was strictly an informal affair no one but the immediate relatives being present. The bride is one of Plymouth's popular and accomplished young ladies and has a host of friends in this city. Mr. Mann is a train dispatcher on the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa railroad at Streator, Illinois.

The newly married couple left on the 6 o'clock train, immediately after the marriage for Chicago. They will make a four week's tour of the west including the Portland Exposition, after which they will be at home at their new residence in Streator.

Mexican War Vets Will Hold Reunion.

Although the Mexican war was fought nearly sixty years ago, there are still surviving a few veterans. The annual meeting of the State Association will be held at Greenfield, September 19 and 20. Captain Geo. T. Barney, of Elkhart, is president of the association and is confident of a liberal attendance. He is eighty-four years old, hale and hearty, a member of the Elkhart school board ex-judge and ex-representative.

We believe that John Langenbaugh is the only survivor of the Mexican war living in Plymouth.

Believes in Day of Rest.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul system has decided that so far as possible, without interfering with the traffic necessities, Sunday shall be a day of rest to its employes. Sunday excursion trains have been discontinued, and whenever practicable freight crews reach headquarters Saturday night and remain until Monday morning. The road believes its men should have one day of the week in which to rest, and because of this respite from work, they will give better service and more complete protection is furnished the patrons of the road.

Wedding Announcement.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ida Long to Ralph P. Mattingly, both of Nashville, Tenn. The wedding will occur Wednesday evening, August 9th at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Long, in Nashville. Mr. Mattingly is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Mattingly of this city.

OLD OFFENDER NABBED.

Miami County Detective Association Finally Lands Old Criminal.

A few weeks ago Plymouth officers received requests from the sheriff of Miami county to be on the lookout for an old horsethief, who passed as a minister of the gospel under many aliases.

It is now reported that Chas. Fundy, alias Chas. Bright, alias Charles Aldrich, alias Charley Wilson, alias John Hill, an old man in his 77th year, feeble and grey haired, is in the Miami county jail acknowledged by himself to be the man who stole a team of sorrel horses in May last. He was caught near Portage, Wis., last Monday morning and brought to Peru by John W. Volpert. The capture of this criminal was effected after the most stubbornly fought case ever brought before the Miami County Detective association, requiring the expenditure of nearly \$1,000, besides the united and persistent efforts of the officers of the association. The old thief has served several terms in the penitentiary for horse stealing and many years ago operated as the leader of a notorious gang of robbers that infested the county around Winamac. He will undoubtedly spend the rest of his years in prison.

Auto Accident.

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