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LAPAZ.

Lapaz, Dec. 19, 1895.

Mr. Forsythe, the Teegarden tinner, has contracted for and is putting on the roof of the Logan brick.

Dr. Holtzendorff has been carrying his voice tied up in a flannel string for the past week.

Alvin White and wife were visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity last Sunday.

W. J. Forsythe and A. Davenport were at South Bend Friday on business.

Mrs. Abbott sustained serious injuries in a fall while doing her house work one day this week.

The music and the room being donated, the free dance Saturday evening was a success financially as well as in attendance.

The creamery men are still working here. Plymouth and Bremen skimmers please take notice and watch developments.

The Coquillard rent agent did a bright thing when he rented Johnson's hall to two different parties for the same time.

Trustee Sherland and wife were at Plymouth, Saturday.

Misses Mary Shafer, Georgie Linepark and Ed Kanaar attended the oyster supper at Linkville Friday evening.

Mr. George Lenabak and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. B. Shirk, at South Bend, over Sunday.

The school scholars gave an entertainment at the school house Friday.

Lex Brown and Sol Fisinger are working at the sawmill, six miles north of here, which Mr. Brown purchased recently.

Rev. Kauffman is holding protracted meetings at the U. B. church, two and one half miles north of here.

Miss Bertha Sluss has returned home from Plymouth, where she has been employed.

Dr. A. Moore, of North Liberty, who moved away from here two or three months ago, was here in view of purchasing property again.

Mr. Sluss and wife are spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. McChesney, five miles northeast of LaPaz.

H. J. Shirk returned from his eastern trip Saturday and reports a good time.

The west section gang had a narrow escape from being hit by the B. & O. flyer Wednesday morning. They had a margin of about three feet.

The LaPaz library club has postponed its entertainment, as the "stars" in the force are needed for Christmas entertainments. We are sorry that the pub-

lic, who have been looking for this treat must be disappointed.

There was quite a pleasant surprise in store for Mrs. Wm. Noble on Saturday. Six young ladies, who were her Sunday-school scholars at Walkerton, came over and took dinner with her.

Mrs. Sam Burger, in attempting to pick up her two-year-old baby by the arms, severely wrenched its left shoulder. This should be a warning to mothers who have a habit of picking up their children by the arms.

From appearances this will be a gay village during the holidays. If all is carried out that is on foot, we shall have an entertainment, two dances, a grand hunt, three turkey shoots, a few parties and the Christmas entertainments at the churches.

Ever since Dr. Hamilton has been to Washington he has wanted to tell about it. The LaPaz library club decided to give him the floor Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Waltz. As the doctor talks free no admittance will be charged.

Argos.

Argos, Dec. 18, 1895.

Shirley and Stevens were at Rochester Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Flagg were visiting relatives here over Sunday.

Mr. Vangilder, the cigar maker, returned to Plymouth to work this week.

John Bowell has returned to Chicago where he will remain through the winter.

Brad Krouse who has been at Milford Ill., has returned to Argos for the winter.

Mrs. Brewington, of Chicago, has been transacting business in our city for the past few days.

Quite a number of our county people have been attending court this week to settle for dog tax.

Argos, Dec. 19, 1895.

Wm. Sarber and son were in Chicago this.

Mrs. Fisher visited friends in Plymouth to-day.

Ed Turner spent Sunday in Argos with his parents.

Mrs. George Baldwin is visiting in Rochester this week.

Dr. C. Chapman is very sick at his home east of town.

Asher Boyce and family are visiting in Plymouth to-day.

Mr. Isaac Reed was over to Knox Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Geo. Alteman is enjoying a pleasant visit with friends in Rochester this week.

John Oyler reports at Cleveland, Ohio,

this week, and will commence work on the Nickel Plate road.

Mrs. Hickman and Mrs. Edwards were in Plymouth this week on business.

Rank work was conferred upon a candidate by the order of K. of P., Wednesday evening.

The Young Ladies' Guild intends giving a milk maid's convention some time during the holidays.

The Argos Reflector was not in circulation until Friday, as something went wrong with the press.

The firm of White & Boggs, dress makers were compelled to move their stock in a hurry, owing to the heavy rains. Too much water.

DONALDSON.

Donaldson, 19, 1895.

The teachers of this township held their fourth institute at Donaldson the 14th. There were several visitors present, and they report a very interesting session.

Miss Mabel Wallace leaves Saturday for Chicago, where she expects to spend her Christmas vacation with friends.

The people of Donaldson are arranging to give a Christmas entertainment at the church Christmas eve. And as the word "fall" never enters this town, a fine entertainment is anticipated.

Mr. Fred Mann expects to spend a few days of the vacation with his brothers and sister in South Whitley.

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Boyer, of Plymouth, were the guests of Mrs. Ella Burger, a part of this week.

There will be a box social held at Mr. Wm. Kurtzinger's Saturday evening, for the benefit of the Christmas entertainment. Everybody is cordially invited.

The schools of this township will close Tuesday the 24th for a vacation of eight days. X. Y. Z.

Clergy Rate Will Remain the Same.

The question of a change in railroad fare charged clergymen has been settled by the managing officers of railways in territory covered by the Central Traffic Association agreeing to continue to allow a rate of one and one-half cents per mile. For the coming year regularly accredited clergymen, who may be entitled to the same under the rules, can therefore procure reduced rate tickets over the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, same as during 1895.

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While the increase of population in the United States during the decade from 1880 to 1890 was 30 per cent, the increase in divorcees was 80 per cent. Comparing different States, it appears that in Ohio the increase of population was 20 per cent, and of divorcees 56 per cent; in Indiana, population 17 per cent, divorcees 21 per cent; in Michigan, population 38 per cent, divorcees 108 per cent; in Illinois, population 21, divorcees 81 per cent; in Delaware, population 17, divorcees 400 per cent; in New York, population 15, divorcees 14; in Arizona, population 318, divorcees 2,200 per cent; in Wyoming, population 127, divorcees 61 per cent.

Very Close.

Ever since the Bond outrage, which occurred in Christian county, Illinois, some years ago, that county has been kept before the public by some peculiar freak among its inhabitants. During the recent term of court, an attorney in speaking of a plaintiff who was attempting to retain the custody of a child by her former husband, said: "That he was so stingy that he kept the cow in the kitchen, and went so far as to 'dirt' the hired girl because she used so much coal oil when she heated the curling iron to curl her bangs."

A Mathematical Genius.

Milford, Kosciusko county, has a mathematical prodigy, Arthur Griffith, who is about 15 years old and is an epileptic. When a mere infant his astounding gifts of mathematical acuteness was observed by all who came in contact with him. At 4 years of age he counted to 190 and knew the multiplication table up to that point. At the present time, he instantly recognizes every power of 5 up to the 17th and every power of two up to 4,000,000. He readily solves almost impossible problems, mentally and by his own methods.

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