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MEDALS RECEIVED.

Company D. of the 3rd I. N. G. Received Their Medals Monday From Mrs. Roby.

Members of Company D. of this city received the much talked about medals Monday. The Medals represents three bars, with a medal attached. On the first bar is a wreath encircling a stack of arms. The second bar bears the inscription: "Riots 1891." While the third bar the simple word "Roby." The center of the medal represents the state seal, with the words "Faithful and Meritorious Service." "Indiana Legion" around the outer rim. Upon the back is the likeness of Governor Matthews and the words "Claude Matthews Governor." It is a very neat piece of workmanship in bronze and will be highly appreciated by the boys who when looking upon it can recall vividly the service rendered the state in 1891.

Went Fishing.

There have been a great many fish stories in circulation regarding successful fishing expeditions the past winter and we have given those who participated in these excursions a great amount of credit regarding the number of fish they have caught and the weight thereof. But when Ad Vinnege, the renowned fisherman of this section of the state, goes fishing, and states that he only gets a bite, a great deal of allowance must be made for those stories of three and four-pound bass that are being brought from their watery berths.

Now, Ad, observing the signs of the moon, and with the proper amount of bait, rode afoot to Pretty Lake yesterday and after cutting a hole in the ice and using a bunch of rye straw for a seat, hung his feet over the cold and transparent ice, but got only one bite during the entire day. Some of the boys have been so cruel as to intimate that fish were afraid of Ad's feet.

TWO BEERS WITH EACH MEAL.

The Restaurants Compete with Saloons and Give Free Drinks.

Out in St. Joseph, Mo., the keepers of restaurants have grown weary of the competition of the saloons in the matter of feeding the hungry, says the Courier Journal. The saloons are popularly supposed to devote their attention to quenching thirst, but they will not stick to that in St. Joseph, any more than they do in other towns. Every saloon sets one lunch a day and many set two, while some have a lunch always in evidence. Nothing is said of an oyster with each drink, always excepting a schooner, but it is likely that such a system prevails there.

The restaurateurs are tired of this. They do not see why they should not offer a premium for men to eat their meals, as the barkeepers offer a premium for men to drink their liquors. If meals are to be given away with drinks, why should not drinks be given away with meals? The restaurant keepers are, therefore, seriously discussing the question of giving away two glasses of beer with each meal. They think they can do this without a license as they propose to charge nothing for the beer. Whether they are well advised as to the law may be a question.

If this sort of competition be attempted, it will be interesting to see how it will turn out. It would rather seem that the odds were in favor of the saloons. As the saloons get a large per cent profit on their sales of drinks, they have a good deal larger margin of profit than any but the high-priced restaurants. But the higher-priced restaurants charge so much more for a meal than the saloons charge for a drink with a meal thrown in that the two beers would hardly prove an inducement to those in quest of cheap provender, which is presumably the class mostly found around the lunch counter. Moreover the saloonkeeper sets a free lunch in the hope that those he feeds will come in between meals to stake their thirst, which many of them actually do. No such hope as this is open to the keepers of the restaurants. The latter will, besides, run a serious risk of driving away their temperance customers, who are willing to pay more rather than take their meals in a place where liquors are sold.

Retaliation in trade seldom works well, but as the St. Joseph restaurateurs have a real grievance they may try it. If so, all other purveyors of food in free-lunch towns will be anxious to know how they come out.

Home Seekers Excursions.

During several dates in January, February and March the Vandalia line will sell home seekers excursion to points south and southwest. For full information call on or address the undersigned. T. A. Downs, Agent.

RELIGION AND REFORM.

English curates are thinking of forming themselves into a professional union on the plan of trades unions.

Russia is turning the tables on the American foreign missionary board, and is sending several priests of the Greek church to minister to its interests in this country. Ever since it sold Alaska to us, the Russian government has expended \$50,000 annually on Greek church missions in this country.

Fifteen thousand pilgrims annually visit St. Baume, in Provence, not far from Marseilles, where Mary Magdalene is said to have spent the last thirty years of her life.

The Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, of Philadelphia, spent his vacation in Europe on a wheel, riding 3,000 miles in England, France, Belgium and Germany.

The latest novelty in the services of the Church of England is the holding of a private confirmation in a cathedral. English clergymen's salaries are not as high as is believed. In Crockford's clerical directory for this year statements of the actual value of 8,636 benefices out of 13,243 in England are given. Of these 638 are worth \$500 a year or less, 2,748 more \$1,000 or less, 4,219 less than \$2,000, 792 less than \$3,000, 173 less than \$4,000, 43 only \$5,000 or less, and 23 more than \$5,000, six being above \$7,500, and but one of these above \$10,000.

OMNIBUS.

Disraeli prophesied in his novels that the workmen one day would take a great revenge upon radicalism.

Venezuela is one of the important markets of American petroleum, though it has important oil fields of its own.

In the public schools of Germany the bright pupils are separated from the stupid ones. Medical men do the sorting.

It is estimated that the Kafirs in the diamond mines at Kimberley, South Africa, steal \$1,250,000 worth of diamonds a year.

There are more than seventy halls in Paris devoted to fencing, each presided over by a fencing master more or less famous.

Leaves of the talpat palm in Ceylon sometimes attain the length of twenty feet. The natives sometimes use them in making tents.

The amount paid in the form of interest to shareholders in public companies in England annually is something like £220,000,000.

Dijon, France, has a poplar tree with a record that can be traced to 722 A. D. It is 122 feet high and forty-five feet in circumference at the base.

Marriage Licenses.

The following licenses have been issued since our last report.

Wesley Freese, Ruth E. Cormican, William Stratton, Ida Ward, Lafayette Awdney, Nellie M. Ward, German H. Johnson, Ida Forman, Albert M. Harris, Maggie A. Holem, Wm. H. Graham, Alice H. Sanmer.

It's a Great Show.

The Howorth's Grand Hibernica, who are billed for Plymouth Feb. 27th, have acquired a world wide reputation. The Advocate, of Hope Valley, R. I., says:

Howorth's Grand Hibernica, in conjunction with Blodgett & Hyde's Comedians, which gave an entertainment in the opera house Wednesday evening, was without question the finest entertainment that ever visited this place. The scenery of Ireland, as shown by a panorama, called forth continued applause and admiration from the large audience. Particular mention might be made of the storm at sea and St. Peter's cathedral.

The hit of the evening was Mr. Hyde's latest composition, entitled "America is Good Enough for Me." This was sung by Mr. Hyde himself in the character of the familiar Yankee, and for which encore after encore.

Jurors for March Term.

The following are the names of those drawn for jury service at the March term of court which convenes next Monday.

GRAND JURY.

Frank Pickrel, Walnut, Geo. Goddard, Center, John A. Jamison, North, John C. Buttler, Center, Joseph E. Marshall, Center, Albert Kinsey, Bourbon.

PETIT JURY.

James M. Becker, Walnut, Wm. Rough, Bourbon, Chas. Voreis, Union, Noble G. Goddard, Walnut, John H. Dill, West, John A. McFarlin, West, Henry H. Miller, German, J. A. Sickman, Tippecanoe, John Graverson, German, Gilmore Carothers, North, Wm. H. Chne, Center, John Sibert, Polk.

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HIBBARD.

February 24, 1896.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Watson are the happy recipients of a little boy boarder.

Mrs. J. H. Watson, of Argos, is the guest of her son, John H. Watson, the day operator of this place.

Mrs. F. A. King, of St. Joseph, Mich., was circulating among relatives and friends here last week.

Mrs. Frank Shepherd made a flying trip to Argos Friday.

Supt. S. S. Fish, of Plymouth, and J. J. Cromley, of Burr Oak, called on this school Monday a. m.

Editor Nearpass and son Homer called on friends here last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Daniel Voreis, Mrs. Uretha Lowry, Hattie Wise and Miss Hallie Wilson were the guests of Mrs. F. A. King Sunday.

Jesse Stuck, of Elkhart, attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Daisy Warner-Hammond, at Sligo, last Saturday.

Rev. Bragg, of Kewanna, passed through this place Thursday afternoon.

Miss Hattie Wise is in St. Joe, Mich. this week, the guest of Mrs. Manda King.

Mrs. Jennie Banks is entertaining her brother of LaPorte this week.

Lawrence Voreis, who has been indisposed for some time with typhoid fever, is speedily recovering.

Edward Thompson left for North Manchester last week.

Our "P. M." made a flying trip to Plymouth last week.

Vohl Butler and little Blanche Walker, of Plymouth, are visiting their grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Moshier, this week.

Miss Anna Stuck, who has been visiting her sister at Bluffton, Ind., returned home last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Forest King and Miss Hallie Wilson were entertained by Miss Lizzie Listenberger last Sunday night.

Misses Mabel Lowry and Gracie Voreis were the guests of Estella and Ida Wilson Sunday afternoon.

Oscar Voreis was entertained by Ralph Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. M. Baker and children, of Shawtown, were the guests of her daughter, Mrs. J. Listenberger, last Sunday.

Mrs. John Davis visited Friday with Mrs. John Listenberger.

Dr. Loring, of Burr Oak, and J. I. Cromley were seen on our streets Saturday afternoon.

Quite a number of young people from here are attending the revival meetings in the Vinnege hall at Rutland this week.

Mrs. Peter Listenberger is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Lewie M. Clifton was quite sick last Thursday, but is much improved at this writing.

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