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## COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE.

In the New Residence of John W. Houghton Now Almost Completed on Walnut Street—A Substantial Addition to Plymouth's Improvements.

The new residence of John W. Houghton on Walnut street is now almost completely finished in every part. There remain but the placing of the mantel and some odds and ends of carpenter and mason work yet to be done before Mr. and Mrs. Houghton will have completed one of the most admirably arranged and comfortable residences in the city. They have occupied the house for nearly a week in order to more closely superintend the finishing work.

The general plan of the house was drawn by Mrs. Houghton and the admirable general arrangement of the completed structure shows most careful and intelligent attention to the general and relative arrangement throughout.

The front entrance is directly into a reception room finished in hard oil finished white pine and lighted from the front by a board plate glass landscape window and transom. At the side a smaller window affords an excellent street view. The very noticeable feature of this room is its staircase which is entirely new and strikingly unique. The design is described by straight lines and right angles and embellished by a most pleasing grill work effect wrought in hard white pine. This leads to a spacious landing on the second floor from which the apartments of that floor are easily accessible.

From the reception room the parlor is reached by broad folding doors, the back parlor being reached from the parlor in the same way. Opening out of the parlor on the left is the door leading to the dining room. From the dining room entrance is had to a hallway from which access is to be had directly to a spiral stairway leading from cellar to attic with landings on the first, second and third floors, also to the kitchen, lavatory, water closet and out doors. The kitchen is plumbed and fitted for hot and cold water and has all the conveniences of sinks, utensil cabinets and provision lockers that could be desired. A pretty china closet is one of the indispensable features of the dining room, the shape and arrangement of which for light and in its general appointments is most excellent.

The parlor is provided with an Aldine grate and mantel artistically fashioned in oxidized copper, plate glass and oil finished hard white pine. This may more properly be described as an up-ground furnace from the fact that it is designed to heat more than one room. The wood work throughout the house is in white oiled and polished pine and all hinges, locks and metal fixtures and finishings are in oxidized copper. The incandescent light chandeliers, in this effect, will add much to the artistic ornamentation of the house when completely furnished.

The walls and ceilings were tinted by J. W. Collinger, of Chicago, in delicately subdued colors, each apartment being individualized by a special shading done in such manner however that the colors of any two or more rooms thrown together blend artistically with very pleasing effect.

The six rooms on the second floor are finished in a style identical with that of the first floor in such a way as to permit of varied pretty effects in the furnishing. A spacious attic from which the observation points are excellent in every direction, occupies the entire third floor.

The cellar is a model and contains a flowing well of pure sparkling water.

The building was superintended and the wood work done by Jenkinson & Robertson, contractors and builders of this city of whom Mr. and Mrs. Houghton speak in the most unstinted terms of praise. They slighted nothing and cut all lumber to the absolute minimum of waste. They are now located at the corner of Michigan and Adams streets and are prepared to furnish designs and specifications for architectural work of all kinds. Mr. Houghton himself selected and purchased the material.

This new home and valuable addition to the residence improvements of this city is a model in every way of which Mr. and Mrs. Houghton may well have a pardonable pride.

## A Memorable Gathering.

The teachers of Green township will hold their association at what is known as the Santa Anna school today and the citizens of this district are arranging to have all their ex-teachers present.

Dr. Jackson is the oldest one known of at present. He taught there twenty-two years ago and of forty-four pupils

enrolled that term, the following persons have held places of honor and trust in this county: John C. Butler, county surveyor; Daniel W. Marks, county commissioner; Thomas M. Walker, present county recorder; Geo. D. Marks, deputy county clerk.

The following are those who have had the honor of being teachers in this county: Daniel Wolf, Daniel W. and Geo. D. Marks, Thomas M. and L. D. Walker, John C. Butler, Mrs. Lizzie Butler-Shaw, Elworth and Fairy Lowe, Mrs. Cornelia Low-Lockwood, Mrs. Viola Nicholson-Morris.

David Allman was township trustee and Thomas McDonald was county superintendent.

Supt. S. S. Fish, J. C. Butler, Dr. Jackson and Thomas Walker are expected to attend.

## Circuit Court.

Mary A. Plummer vs. Baylos Garrard et al. default. Judgment on note \$253.92.

A. P. Callahan vs. Heinz Bros. & Co. Judgment for defendants on attachment proceedings and against defendants on account \$2840.72. Appeal granted and 20 days given in which to file bond and 90 days in which to file bill of exceptions.

J. R. Deitrich vs. D. C. Smith. Judgment for plaintiff in replevin. Appeal granted, 20 days to file bond and 90 days in which to file bill of exceptions.

Lucy A. Caldwell vs. Zonetti Filson, et al. H. A. Logan appointed to sell real estate.

J. C. Hisey vs. the Town of Argos. Plaintiff files affidavit and motion for a change of venue from the county and asks to have case sent to Fulton county.

J. G. Steinmann vs. J. H. Cooley; default. Judgment on account, \$245.95.

J. W. Jones vs. Ida L. Jones. Divorce granted plaintiff and custody of child until further order of court.

Jerry Blain vs. W. W. Bybee et al.; foreclosure of mortgage. Judgment \$1189.55 and judgment over.

Petition of Elias and Ida Day. Leola Sumner adopted as the heir of petitioners and changed today.

State of Indiana, ex rel Samuel Stewart vs. D. C. Smith, sheriff. Defendant files petition asking for a writ of habeas corpus and to be discharged. Cause set for hearing on Friday, March 13th, 1896, at 10:50 o'clock a. m.

## Commissioners' Court.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Petition for bridge in Bourbon township by Ira E. Sarber and W. J. Acker et al. Continued.

Petition for bridge in Green township by Jno. R. Jones. Continued.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Appointment of school land appraisers 2d Commissioners District.

Matter of vote of thanks and allowance to Mrs. W. E. Bunch for her favorable services. Allowance \$50.

The matter of petition for revised statutes by David B. Hull et al referred to township trustee.

Matter of insurance for county infirmary.

## Justice Court News.

Wm. Shroader was brought before Justice Reeves Wednesday and fined \$5.00 and costs, amounting to over \$15.00. He was returned to jail to lay it out.

In Justice Corbin's court Wednesday Lib Cross was fined the usual \$9.55 for participating in the Greenburg-Shroader Cross, fight.

## Our Birthday.

On the 12th day of March, 1834, just 62 years ago, according to history, the first building was erected in the now magnificent Queen City of Indiana. The one to erect this building was Judge Grove Pomeroy, father of Mrs. A. P. Elliot of this city. The building was a log cabin and was situated on the spot where the Phoenix cigar store now stands.

Who of our citizens looks back over the by-gone years and in his mind's eye sees the dense forest that encircled the primitive cabin, but will marvel at the wonderful advancement of our city? And still the march of progress is only fairly begun, and as each year adds a gem to the history of its past, its future greatness promises better.

## Their Fifty-Fifth Mile Post.

As the years roll by and each succeeding mile-post is met, it causes a deeper impression, not only on the mind of the one who celebrates his birthday, but also his relatives and friends. This matter was brought to our mind this morning when we learned that two of our popular citizens had celebrated their fifty-fifth birthday anniversaries

Wednesday. They were Major Kendall and Dr. G. W. Reynolds. Both of these gentlemen have held the honored position of postmaster in this city, placed there by their respective parties. While the two gentlemen are marshalled under different political banners, yet their jovial good natures have given them hosts of friends. THE INDEPENDENT desires to congratulate them upon their good fortune in coming up to the latter portions of their lives with good health and wish them a long life of enjoyment.

## Will Leave Our City.

Miss Myra Bunnell will leave Plymouth next Saturday for Kalamazoo, Mich., where she has accepted a position as book-keeper for the Witwer Baking Co., of that place. While her host of friends will be pleased to learn of Miss Bunnell's good fortune in securing such a lucrative position, yet, they will be sorry to see her leave our city. But while the social gatherings in which she has been such a potent factor will lose her presence, another in her future home will receive a pleasant acquisition.

## Cleaning the Bridge.

The editor of the News has suddenly awakened to the fact that there is a snow ordinance, and in a fit of developed energy he calls the city's attention to the condition of the Michigan street bridge, with probably the last snow of the season upon it. We might refer this gentleman to remarks along this line in connection with his own sidewalk, which a large number of people living on the South Side have to walk over each day.

## Passed Away.

M. Allman received a telegram announcing the death of Jacob Wile, an old acquaintance of Mr. Allman and a number of our citizens, at 3 o'clock this morning. Dr. Wile was the well known physician at the Palmer house, in Chicago. He died of paralysis in a sanitarium at Alma, Mich.

## The Army Will Come.

The Salvation Army that has been doing such good work in our neighborhood will be in Plymouth, and conduct services at the M. E. church. They will commence on the evening of March 19th, and be under the directorship of captains Wright and Jones. The Army will remain here ten days. They will have a brass band.

## Society Events.

Mrs. Wm. Kendall entertained guests Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Geo. M. Marble will next Tuesday give a "thimble party" at her residence on South Michigan street. Her afternoon gatherings are very popular.

Mrs. Dr. J. Kaszer will assist her next Tuesday evening in entertaining.

## Will Fix Up.

The Masome Hall will be put through a thorough renovation next week. It is expected that the walls will be repapered artistically and everything repainted, giving it an inviting appearance.

## "Keep Off the Grass."

Jacob S. Coxey, of common wealth fame, will hold forth at the opera house tonight at 7:30. Mr. Coxey is stumping a large number of towns in this state and had this one night to fill. He is a great agitator on the good road problem, and the opera house will no doubt be filled to overflowing.

## Sold Out.

John Shirey, proprietor of the Argos house, at Argos, has sold that hostelry to a man named Morris from Ohio. We understand that the new proprietor will take immediate possession.

## Marriage Licenses.

The following have been licensed to wed since our last report:

Edwin S. Turner and Hattie M. Pickering.  
Barkey A. Martin and Bertha M. Suss.  
Cary Wright and Rebecca L. Furgeson.  
Oliver B. Smith and Alma Spencer.  
Ed. S. Stoner and Hettie Tracey.  
Riley Irwin and Minnie M. Davenport.

## A Card.

Dr. Ph. D. Paul, the eminent German eye doctor of Chicago, thanks his many patients and friends for past patronage and favors during the last 20 years, and will again meet his patients (by special appointment) at the Ross house, Tuesday, March 17, Providence permitting. Examination free. Poor treated free. Patients admitted by tickets to avoid confusion.

## For Sale.

A comfortable dwelling near the Bicycle factory. Enquire of C. Bergman.

## "TO CORRECT A FALSEHOOD."

Nathan Boyer Possibly Did Not Understand the Situation When He Signed a Statement for "Editor" Ed. S. Brooke—An Affidavit.

The petty trickery to which "Editor" Ed. S. Brooke has recently resorted to accomplish certain of his ends is leading him into some complications that must result in a situation less pleasant than was evidently anticipated.

When THE INDEPENDENT published a conversation relative to the manner in which Brooke hired two INDEPENDENT carrier boys to deliver his alleged "News" the said Brooke found himself in a most embarrassing position before the public of whom he was about to ask additional patronage and he waxed wrath accordingly. It was plainly evident that he did not think the public would be made acquainted with the degree of microscopic meanness to which he could stoop with the purpose of undermining the business of a worthy competitor.

In the vain hope of counter acting the effect of his own deliberate action he was driven to the doubtful expediency of securing a statement from Nathan Boyer—father of Darwin Boyer, ex-INDEPENDENT carrier and carrier of Brooke's alleged "News"—which would discredit by suggestion the statements made by THE INDEPENDENT of Monday.

The alleged conversation published by THE INDEPENDENT Monday is quoted in and made part of the affidavit given below.

Our authority for it was the statements of Darwin Boyer, which were freely made in THE INDEPENDENT office Saturday night at a time when it does not appear that Darwin had any motive whatever to tell anything but the truth. He evidently had not at that time been "coached" and had evidently not been instructed as to the things he should say to justify the course of his new employer.

It is our purpose to give both sides of this case freely, and with that object we publish the statement of Nathan Boyer, secured by "Editor" Ed. S. Brooke yesterday, which is as follows:

PLYMOUTH, Ind., March 9, 1896.

"Ed. S. Brooke, editor Evening News:—  
"I desire to correct a statement in THE INDEPENDENT where I and my son Darwin are made to have a conversation with you regarding his occupation. I hereby deny the whole statement as not containing a word of truth. You never spoke to me regarding Darwin, and I believe him when he says he first spoke to you, asking to be employed to pass papers for you.

"NATHAN BOYER."

The only comment we care to make at this time is that if the statement is wholly true Mr. Boyer is very far from understanding the situation.

Bearing on the conversation quoted below from Monday's INDEPENDENT respectfully present the following

## AFFIDAVIT:

"Mr. Brooke approached the father of our carrier boy, Darwin Boyer, with the question: 'What is Darwin doing now?'"

Mr. Boyer answered: "Carrying papers for THE DAILY INDEPENDENT."

What did this man do then? He laid in wait until he saw Darwin Boyer, and here is the conversation:

The Tempter: "What are you doing now, Darwin?"

Darwin: "Carrying papers for THE INDEPENDENT."

The Tempter: "Well, you had better come and carry papers for me. I will give you more wages than what you are getting."

"How much?" asked the boy.

The Tempter: "Not less than \$2.50 a week, and you will not have to fold papers either."

STATE OF INDIANA,  
COUNTY OF MARSHALL,  
ss

We, the undersigned, being present at a conversation held in THE INDEPENDENT office, of Plymouth, Marshall county, Indiana, at which Darwin Boyer made a statement which was published in THE DAILY INDEPENDENT of March 9, 1896, a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, do upon our oath say that we have carefully read over said printed paragraph here annexed and that it is in substance the statement then made by said Darwin Boyer in our hearing.

WILLIAM A. SHOCK,  
CLAUDE D. FISH,  
JACOB GEISELMAN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, A. D. 1896.

C. B. THIBBETTS, Notary Public.

The above is a true statement properly subscribed and sworn to before a notary and we rest the case here on the judgment of the people to determine who is responsible for the falsehood.

## 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.

## POLITICAL INFORMATION.



Patient—That razor of yours ought to be in politics.  
Barber—Why?  
Patient—Because it has such a pull.—To Date.

## Editor and Owl.

[With proper apologies to whomever apologies are due.]

An editor sat in his easy chair,  
Stuffed with books from a magnates' fair,  
And he talked to an owl of the public growth  
And asked what to do in his sanctum there;  
To which the owl, with eyes wide blinking,  
Said to the editor all unthinking

"Cover your lies with evasive replies.  
Work for your man as long as you can  
With the money his great store supplies.  
Be deaf to your conscience;  
Forget all your prayers;  
On the wreck of your honor  
Build network of snares;  
Think not of success;  
Live but to disgrace  
Your party, your church,  
And the name of your race.  
To succeed in your purpose  
These things you must do—  
And flapping his wings  
The owl said "too hoo."

The editor bowed his head in shame  
And into the air he uttered "too hoo."  
But the owl only sat and blinked at his game  
And all that he said was "too hoo."  
—ALLEN DREDD.

## THE PLYMOUTH RIM.

One of the Industries that Has Grown up in Our City.

One of the important industries in our city has been spoken frequently of by THE INDEPENDENT, and yet in the estimation of intelligent and patriotic citizens the story never grows old. Wednesday we were favored with statistics regarding the steady growth of this industry, but unfortunately were compelled to omit the important matter until today.

In the month of March, one day's work of 10½ hours labor produced the enormous outfit of 8,300 rims. While this was without a doubt the largest number produced in one day, in any factory of like character, yet we are informed they can turn out at this factory 1000 rims every working day.

While at this time they are not turning out the full capacity, yet it can be readily seen that this number could be reached if necessary. A portion of their lathes are unemployed owing to the necessity to hold a few in reserve for an extra push of the work.

It will be remembered that some time ago THE INDEPENDENT spoke about the company contemplating the making of wooden handle-bars for bicycles. They now have this portion of their work under systematical management, and by the time the spring trade is thoroughly opened, they will be prepared to push this growing trade. Mud rims and chain guards are also made by this establishment.

Such industries help along a city in many and various ways, and our people show their appreciation by pointing out with pride to visiting strangers, the Indiana Novelty Works.

## Maimed Himself.

Late Wednesday afternoon Henry Jones, a convict in the northern prison, picked up a hatchet and deliberately cut off all the fingers on his left hand. He worked in the japanning department of the Allen Bicycle factory and made use of a hatchet employed there in cutting kindling wood for starting small fires under ovens used in that part of the work.

Jones made a complete job of it, cutting his hand diagonally from the first joint of the little finger to the knuckle of the index finger. He was at once taken to the hospital for treatment and will remain there until he gets well.

When asked why he did the desperate deed Jones said that he was discouraged and tired of work. He is a mulatto about 24 years old and was received November 16, 95 from Indianapolis to serve twenty-one years for murder. He has certainly incapacitated himself from future labor on contracts.—Michigan City Dispatch.

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## DR. FRANCE HURT.

IN GETTING FROM A TRAIN, HE IS THROWN VIOLENTLY.

A Gas Well Talked of for Bourbon—Eli Shoemaker Has His Jaw Broken—Also Berg Loses a Toe.

BOURBON, Ind., March 12, 1896.—[Special to THE INDEPENDENT.]—Dr. Samuel France, one of Marshall county's most prominent physicians is confined to his bed with a severe wound in the forehead, received while trying to alight from a moving train at Valparaiso.

The doctor left here for that city on the 8:45 accommodation Monday morning, in answer to a summons from a patient at that place. Upon arriving at the station at Valpo, he left the train, but unfortunately he also left his medicine case in the car. When about four blocks from the station he thought of his case and asked the driver of the bus in which he was riding if he could return to the depot before the train started. The driver drove his team in a hurry back to the station, arriving just as the train was about to pull out. Mr. France hurriedly asked the conductor to hold the train a minute and he started after his case, but, it seems, the conductor misunderstood him, for as soon as the doctor was on the train he signalled the engineer to start.

The doctor had unfortunately boarded the wrong car and was delayed in finding his case, and when he did find it the train had gained considerable speed. But he risked getting off, and in doing so he was thrown some twenty feet, striking his forehead against an iron post, causing a deep gash which required twelve stitches to close. The railroad surgeon of that city had it in charge.

Mr. France returned home that evening and has been confined to his bed since, but is reported as improving.

## Think They Can Find Gas.

BOURBON, Ind., March 12, 1896.—[Special to THE INDEPENDENT.]—Mr. Tom Lee, of this city, and Mr. John Listentell, of near Inwood, are reported as being engaged in organizing a stock company for the purpose of putting down a gas well, which they feel sure they can make a gusher. They claim knowledge of a spring near here which never goes dry, and from which arise strong fumes. They say that a lighted match held above the water will produce a bluish fire upon the surface, which will remain there so long as the match continues to burn. They think that a well sunk at this place would prove a sure winner, and if they can not succeed in organizing a stock company, they intend to put it down at their own expense.

## Had His Jaw Broken.

BOURBON, Indiana, March 11, 1896.—[Special to THE INDEPENDENT.]—Bourbon seems to be having its full share of accidents. Mr. Eli Shoemaker, living four miles northeast of here met with a very serious accident yesterday at about 2 o'clock. He was engaged in dragging logs out of the woods for the purpose of sawing them into stove wood, and while attempting to pry up a large log his hold slipped on the pry which flew up, striking him on the left upper jaw, crushing the jaw bone and mashing the flesh of the cheek into his teeth and the shattered bone, one of his eye-teeth being forced through the flesh to the cheek bone. His neck and head are swollen so badly that it is impossible for him to partake of either food or drink.

Mr. Abe Berg, of this place, is minus a toe since yesterday. It seems that he was in the woods cutting down some timber and had just felled a tree and laid the saw to one side, when he accidentally kicked it so hard that the teeth penetrated his boot and cut off the toe.

## Death of Miss Hattie Ruppel.

The announcement of the death of Miss Hattie Ruppel was made Tuesday in THE INDEPENDENT. Miss Hattie was the efficient teacher at the West school house, and taught the largest school in the township. Her ability was recognized by the trustees of that district, as was plainly shown by her securing such a large school.

Hattie Ruppel, if she had lived a few days, would have been 19 years of age. In her last sickness but two brief weeks elapsed before death removed her from her bed of suffering.

The funeral services will be held at the Dunkard church, five and one-half miles southwest of the city, tomorrow at 11 o'clock. An obituary will appear in this paper Friday.