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Eight Hot Rounds.

An eight round sparring match was pulled off last night on the Bourbon fair grounds between McDonald, of Louisville, Ky., and a man by the name of Streeter, of Indianapolis. The managers of the affair had rented a hall in the town hall of Bourbon and it was supposed that every thing was fixed and that there would be no hitch in the proceedings, but the Marshall didn't propose to be out done, so he rallied his deputies and put them on guard, with orders to arrest every person who had a pugilistic look in his eye. As the Marshall had blood in his eye it was evident that he meant business. Still he was not smooth enough to prevent the fight for the party repaired to the fair ground and in a very short time a ring was pitched and with the thermometer at zero or thereabout the fighters stripped for the tray. About one hundred sports were present and witnessed a pretty scientific sparring match. It was give and take until the 8th, round when Streeter planted a terrific right hander on the jaw of McDonald and the latter went down in a heap and was counted out. In the meantime the marshall of Bourbon was standing guard and he remained at his post of duty long after the fighters had taken their departure. Streeter would like to meet Whitesell of this county and it is likely that a match will be arranged. The boys are still laughing about how they hoodooed the Bourbon marshall.

Report of County Assessors.

Mr. Ely, the county assessor, has reported to the county commissioners for the official year ending Nov. 12, '97 showing the amounts and value of taxable property and number of polls that have been placed on the duplicates for taxation by the county assessor during the said year

The value of the property in the county so placed on the duplicates amounts for years 1896 and 1897 to $130,960; amount of taxes $1639.93; number of polls 97; amount of poll tax $190 75. Total tax $1830 68.

This is certainly a good showing for that officer as the amount of taxes found by this officer amounts to more than $1,200 above the salary allowed the assessor.

In Plymouth alone, he found 27 poll taxes to add to the tax duplicate and a total on personal property and polls the amount of $347.36.

Ghosts.

It is reported that a ghost has been seen on the boyou north of the city where the young folks congregate every night to enjoy a few hours skating. Highostship shows up about the hour of 10 p. m., and glides silently and swiftly over the smooth surface and then disappears in the darkness. Some of the young people say that the ghost is that of a woman, and that she comes close enough for them to touch her, but when they stretch forth their arms, she very quietly subsides into space.

This is not the first time that ghosts have been seen up there, but up-to-date no one seems to have been able to discover whether it is all a myth or a living reality. Some of the brave young men have made up their mind to investigate the matter and we await further results In the the mean time the girls will keep their eyes peeled for supernatural objects while skating on the boyou.

This Applies Well Here.

The following lines in the Goshen Democrat might with propriety be taken to heart by persons in this city: As winter is at hand we desire to call attention to the fact that there are some persons who have so little feeling or sympathy for dumb animals, that they will leave their horses standing on the streets for hours in the cold, unprotected. A number of instances of this character have occurred in the past, but we hope the proper authorities will put forth great efforts to suppress this carelessness and inhuman habit. The person, who will compel a dumb animal to stand at the hitching rack a day at a time when the mercury is below zero and the wind blowing at the rate of sixty miles an hour, while he is roasting his shins in some store or saloon, should be placed in the same position as the dumb animal for a few hours.

How Is This?

COLUMBUS, Dec. 16—Special—The trial of the state vs. Frank Coryill for the murder of Ellen Backs, venued here from Jackson county, was called for trial today before Judge Hord. He sustained a motion to quash the indictment because it did not charge that the gun with which the charge was fired and did the killing was loaded. The prisoner by his counsel, then asked to be reindicted here, and Judge Hord ordered a special grand jury to meet **Monday to return a new indictment.**

Cycle Notes.

George Kress is contemplating spending his Christmas with friends in South Bend.

Messrs H. Wolf, Chas. Becker, G. Briemier, Frank Thompson, W. Fox, A. Brasins, J. Rupert and Harry Cragg, all expect to leave Friday night for Ft. Wayne where they will hang up their stockings Christmas eve and eat turkey with friends and relatives.

Paul Ketcher expects to play with his baby and visit with his wife all day Christmas in Plymouth.

Many of the boys are looking through the dry good stores and buying bolt after bolt of bright and gaudy colored calico with which to make neckties to wear to the calico dance Thursday night.

Chas. Becker has begun taking lessons in dancing. He says it is no fun to play wall flower at every dance, it was a question with him for some time whether to take lessons in tight rope walking or lessons in dancing, but after one lesson with the rope with a big black calf at one end, he concluded to take the dancing lessons.

It is a question with "Billy Smith and Mr. Olnell which will "ring out" first every time the woistle blows.

Ed Shearer, is now acting as foreman of the frame makers department who are now pushing the 98 "Elektran" models.

Ed Zumbaugh looks after the "smithy" department of the second floor in the frame makers department.

Marity Sellbman, who has the last work on all frames, such as adjusting, numbering etc. is a thorough machanic and can tell very quickly whether or not a wheel is properly adjusted.

There is something about Plymouth, which the wisest and most learned of our city cannot explain, nevertheless the fact remains that when young men who have traveled all over the country from city to city come to Plymouth, they most invariably find their future happiness right here, such has been the case with a large number of the cycle boys. Therefore many of us were not thoroughly surprised when last Saturday afternoon it was learned that our good natured jovial shopmate Harry Woodard had launched his bark on the matrimonial sea, and carried off one of Plymouth's fairest, Miss Mary Wade. Harry met the boys at the factory Monday with a box of cigars, which he handed out. All the boys wish him a happy and prosperous life. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard are stopping for the present with Mr. Ball. The writer wishes you success Harry, and may your lives be as a bright summer day with no cloud to mar its sunshine.

Frank Thompson is thinking of building a house in the spring or move on a farm south of Argos. He is spending his spare moments looking after and learning the names of the different farming implements.

A Rare Treat.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 1st, Miss Rose Maxwell the gifted daughter, of Rev. J. A. Maxwell, formerly pastor of the M. E. church here, will appear at the opera house in this city under the auspices af the Epworth League. She is a violinist of rare ability, a graduate of the Cincinnati school of music, and has been engaged in concert work for two or three years. She is to be supported by Mr. Hubert Snow White, a talented pianoist.

Miss Maxwell will be remembered as a sweet spirited girl when living here, and those who knew her then will be pleased to hear her now.

Brutal.

Chris Merry is without doubt the most cold blooded and cruel murderer that the country has known for years. He will make a hard fight for his life but he will eventually stretch hemp. Merry beat his wife to death with a stove poker. Her disappearance was as complete as that of Mrs Luetgert, the wife of the rich sausage manufacturer, now undergoing a second trial for wife murder, but after sharp work by the police the body of Mrs. Merry was finally discovered in a hastily made grave in a ditch outside the city. The telegram stated that the indentification of the two fugatives was complete, and requested that another officer be sent to Princeton at once to assist in bringing the prisoners to Chicago.

Married.

Porter Kleckner and Miss Ola Mathison, were married last evening at the residence of the brides step father, Mr. Delphos Gray, on Sophia street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Landis. Mr. Kleckner is one of Marshall county's best young men, and his bride is well known in Plymouth for her many noble traits of character. The **Independent extends congratulations.**

He Was After the Money.

A talking detective supposed to represent the American Guaranty Bond Co., was in Goshen yesterday and he declares that after working a week on the case he is satisfied that Ex-Treasurer Holdeman is in hiding in that county. He says Mr. Holdeman had not been absent from Goshen two hours until detectives were put on the case and that the theory that the missing man passed through Chicago is ridiculous. All trains entering that city were watched and it would have been impossible for him to have escaped the detectives. The theory is that Holdeman was driven out in the country and then went under cover. Interesting developments are looked for within a few days.

Holdeman swiped the county out of $22,000 and is now in the west having a time. Holdeman at one time lived in Nappannee and tried to run a newspaper, but in this he failed, just as he did as county treasurer. The only difference he made money in the latter and lost in the former.

Time Has Made Many Changes.

Saturday being Dr. Borton's 66th birthday Mrs. Aspinall entertained about 40 of Plymouth's oldest citizens. those who forty years ago represented the young people of Plymouth There has been many changes in their numbers and in the last few years the decrease has been great and many who in those olden days were gay young women and gay young men and who have now gone to their long sleep were greatly missed last night. The evening was spent in the reacting of games of long ago which seemed to bring a sparkle to the eye and elasticity to the step and proved that although the heads had been touched by the frost of many winters their hearts were as young as 40 years ago. Among those present were.

Judge Capron and wife, C. H. Reeve. and wife, H. G. Thayer and wife, John Blain and wife, Daniel McDonald and wife, H. Humrichouser and wife, J. Reeves and wife, W. W. Hill and wife, J. W. Parks and wife, Dr. A. C. Hume and wife. James Gilmore and wife, R. A. Hume and wife, Miss S. C. Simons Miss L. Borton of Bourbon. Mr. Allen of Nashville, Tenn.

Lost His Yellow Metal.

Sixty dollars in gold are whirling over the Pennsylvania system daily and as yet there has been no attempt by anybody to secure the yellow metal. This is the way it happened: The Ft. Wayne brass foundry and machine shops had a contract for manufacturing car wheels for the Pennsylvania system. A quantity of magenesia, mixture for toughening the iron, had been placed in small envelopes in proper proportions ( ) in each ladel of molten metal. It so happened that the envelopes used were of the same kind used in paying off the men and the morning in question was pay day when the manager of the ladel in reaching into his pocket for the envelope containing the message took by mistake the envelope containing his months wages, $60 in gold and dropped it into the label before discovering his error. The gold coin was melted in a second and the metal of that label made three car wheels which today are among the thousand of wheels running on the Pennsylvania system.

Lapaz.

Isaac Werner is on the sick list.

Nellie Greeg of Bremen is visiting friends in Lapaz.

Christmas will be celebrated at the Union church.

Mr. Fry and brother of Ohio are visiting James Dowell.

The Lord's supper was celebrated at the county line church Saturday evening.

A number of persons were recently added to the communicant list at the Radical church near Lapaz.

Mr. Cadmus Grable of Grace M. E. church, of South Bend and Miss Christene Markert of the First Presbyterian church were the main speakers at the Sunday school convention last Thursday at Lapaz. The following sentiments were well expressed: The Sunday school should be under the control of the church. It should never be independent of the church. Only Christian men and women are proper teachers in the Sunday school. The training of the youth ought to receive more attention in the future. "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined," so give us the youth and the future is ours.

Travel at Holiday Rates

Via the Nickel Plate road, December 24, 25, and 31st, and January 1st. Tickets are good returning until January 1st, 1898.

Tippecanoe Township Teachers Institute.

The teachers of Tippecanoe township met in institute at Tippecanoe, Saturday Dec. 18, 1897. The morning session was opened with singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus name." Roll call by the secretary.

Miss Jordan then gave a short but interesting talk upon history work as outlined for first six years work.

Mr. Harrington then presented "Method in Arithmetic," under the heads (a) subject matter, (b) steps. (d) basis, (c) devices; giving also a plan for presenting fractions to fourth year. This discussion was very instructive and helpful to the teachers.

Miss Lillie Gerrard read a well prepared paper on Socrates ideas of law and justice. The paper followed the line of work as presented in Book II of Plato, the teacher, and compared the idea of Socrates with that present in Matt, VII; v-13 "Enter in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at."

W. E. Fifer continued the subject in a discussion of the state, its nature origin needs and powers.

Miss Bertha Fites gave "Division of Greek Education," in a well worded paper.

O. N. Taylor discussed the subject, "Teaching Reading as an Art." He presented the subject in an interesting manner. A general discussion of the use of Diacritical marks followed.

Adjournment for noon,

Afternoon session opened at 1:30. A. E. Babcock led in singing America, after which Erwin Fites presented "Teaching Reading as Thought," Reading should be as much a thought study as any other branch. The talk placed particular stress upon making the mind picture The subject of music was introduced by Harley Taylor and concluded by A. E. Babcock.

J. F. Laird gave an outline of history work in fourth, fifth and sixth years. Also general aim and benefits to be derived from history work in these years.

The subject of geography.—The earth viewed in relation to special distribution of heat, was given by Alfred Laird. He suggested the use of moulding board as a good device by which to present the subject to the class. This concluded the program for the day, and the miscellaneous business was in order.

A motion to accept an invitation to visit the joint institute at Argos, January 8, 1898 was made and carried.

The subject of Township Student's association was discussed.

Miss Lillie Gerrard was chosen secretary of the association, the township trustee Mr. Taylor, to act as president. A commitee on program was appointed The chairman then assigned the duties for the next institute to be held January 15, 1898.

Mr. Taylor, the trustee then brought in a fine Christmas treat of candy and bananas.

DAVID HAREINGTON, Chairman.
MAUDE E. JORDAN. Secretary.

Ways That are Dark.

The Independent is recognized for its frankness in calling "things" by their proper names. Plymouth has some fine people You can count them by thousands There are among this number a few that have no regard for the marriage vow. They will rob a poor man of the last cent of money he has in the way of a business transaction. The individual that the Independent has in mind won't speak to a man that works by the day for a living. But the poor man who toils ten hours a day for a competence to keep the wolf from the door is so far ahead of this libertine with his thousands, this man who nightly violates his marriage vows that comparison is odious. Because a man wears diamonds and is in a position to grind the poor man to the wall does not make him a man by long odds. His work is known in Plymouth, and the method he resorts to for the purpose of deceiving the public is well known. While there is being an effort put forth to redeem and save the youths of our country, why wouldn't it be a good idea to devise some means of turning those old reprobates from their evil way? It is true that money cuts a big figure in this country, but money does not make character. Don't look to one particular class, but size up the world at large, and in the great number, you will discover that there is one man who stands in need of some sort of reformatione, and that he lives in Plymouth, but for years past his money has covered up his many sins.

About once a month this good man is visited by elegant attired ladies, who claim Chicago as their home, but they only remain a few days and quietly depart from the city. There are a number of citizens in Plymouth that know all about those visits, but are afraid to say anything. If a small fry goes wrong how quickly he is brought to time but the big fish can spread it on and go unpunished. Keep your eye peeled and watch the trains.

LOCAL BREVITIES

From Thursday's Daily.

The thermometer stood at the zero mark all night last night.

Don't fail to inspect the Sterling silver novelties and cut glass at Losey's.

Weather:—Generally fair tonight and Friday. Not so cold Friday afternoon.

Tea sets, fountain pens, watch chains and charms in all designs at Losey's.

Orla Young will take the 3rd degree tonight in Americus lodge No 91 I. O. O. F.

More trains pass at Plymouth on the Pittsburg than at any point between Chicago and Crestline Ohio.

Durants lawyers are still at work trying to save the clients neck which will probably be stretched on Jan. 7.

George W. Marble and George H. Thayer are in Chicago transacting business for the Novelty company.

There has been no less than 100 cords of wood sold on the streets of Plymouth today.

Frank Purcells, of Monticello, will be the guest of Bert Harris during the holidays.

Mrs. James Reeves is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reeves. She arrived last evening from Columbia City.

Everything in the line of Sterling silver novelties, silver backed combs and brushes at Losey's.

Ed Hillsman and wife will spend their Christmas in Peru with Mrs. Hillsman's parents Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Scott.

Look over the elegant assortment of ladies and gents rings, diamonds and opals at Losey's. You can't make a prettier present.

But little politics is being talked now days. It requires warm weather to get the average politician in a talking mood.

We pride ourselves upon the stock of cut glass we have secured for the Christmas trade and invite the public to inspect it at Losey's.

Only one popular priced toy department in Marshall county at Bargain basement of Kloepfer's New York store. 6t

Officer Baxter is laying for the fellow who resisted a summons yesterday and made his escape. It is only a question of time when the young man will have to answer the charge of resisting an officer.

Arthur Johnson, changed cars to Bourbon this morning on his way home from LaFayette, where he has been a student in college for the past year.

The calico dance tonight in the opera house will be one of the events of the winter and from what we can learn it will be one of the largest attended dances that was ever held in Plymouth.

Turner, the North Michigan street meat market man, has a nice deer that he will serve to his customers on Christmas. A real nice young man said that he proposed to "fake" the head of this beautiful deer and keep it as a momento. Turner wants to be on the alert.

Odd Fellows will meet in regular session tonight. This is their night for nominating officers and an interesting meeting is promised.

There was never any need of going out of town for toys and Holiday goods, since we had our Bargain basement. Prices the very lowest.
6t Kloepfer's New York Store.

Mathias Feiter and wife who have been visiting friends in Buffalo New York for the past four months have returned to their home in Plymouth.

Did you see those 25 cent kid body, bisque head dolls that open and shut their eyes? They are at the toy department of Kloepfer's New York store. 6t

J. N. Wilson is not feeling the best of late from a physical standpoint yet for the past few days he has been able to transact business at the old stand on Center street.

Now there is a 16 year old youth of English birth doing this country. He is an orphan without a cent who proposes to make a tour of the world.

For hot water bottles go to the Peoples drug store. The line of perfumeries found at the People's drug store is unsurpassed in Plymouth. The purest drugs, and the most reasonable prices at the People's drug store.

A skinny girl hates to climb a fence or walk over a muddy crossing but the plump girl delights in the exercise and frequently goes back to repeat it when there is a young man in sight.

George Wolford returned home from Chicago last night and will spend the holidays with his father and sisters. George is the picture of health and is receiving a welcome by his friends.

The mails which daily arrive at the Plymouth post office is exceedingly large. There are hundreds of Christmas gifts sent through the mails. After the holiday season closes the work in that office will likely ease up some.

At this writing it looks as though Young Lieter, the great Chicago wheat king, has the best of Young Armour to the turn of about $1,000,000. It looked for a while as though Lieter would get the worst of the deal but it now looks as though he was on top, and that Armour would be short.

The editor of the Rochester Daily Republican prides himself on the fact that he has not missed a publication of his paper for the past 16 years. That is a good record, but a man certainly ought to take one holiday in 16 years, so why not break the record Saturday next Brother Bitters?

The Goshen Daily Democrat had only been running two weeks when it had six libel suits on its hands. The Goshen Times gets a like number at the same time, and now the Valparaiso Messenger is threatened with one. Libel suits are not a very good thing to have around.

The Grand Sweedish Concert company entertained one of the largest audiences in the opera house last night that has ever before assembled in that building. This company did not disappoint the people but gave them an entertainment which was highly appreciated and should this company ever visit Plymouth again they can rest assured that they will be accorded a very warm and hearty reception.

The Independent is in receipt of a handsome Christmas remembrance together with an elegant white silk handkerchief the compliments of A. J. Horner, advertizing manager of the Nickle Plate railway. "The Carol of the Cars" which accompanies it is a beautiful souvenir, the neatness of which is quite indicative of the pains taking management of this road.

There is no excuse now for postponing that libel suit. In his last issue Editor Baker says in plain English: "We are making war upon the rascality practiced by the chairman of the county committee and the chairman of the executive committee during the campaign who absolutely robbed the committee of funds provided for the legtimate expenses thereof." But when notoriously unworthy and dishonest men are appointed to places of honor and trust it has a tendency to vivitate and destroy the bands of adhesion that should be kept clean in order that the strength incident to party unity remain in tact. Now let the band play on. Columbia City Post.

Married.

A very beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Holem, of Twin Lake, Wednesday Dec. 22 '97, at which their daughter Ruey M. was united in the solemn bonds of wedlock to Harry I. Mead, of Plymouth. Over forty invited guests and friends of the contracting parties were present to witness the ceremony, officiated by Rev. Landis, of Plymouth.

A splendid dinner was prepared by the experienced hands of Mrs. Holem and at the conclusion of the ceremony, all repaired to the dining room where the table was loaded to its fullest capacity with the good things.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead are young people of whom the community may well feel proud and they start in life with the best wishes of a host of friends. The bride is a young lady of a most exemplary character and is respected by a large circle of acquaintances. The groom is a young man of excellent and industrial habits and is respected by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead expect to visit a few weeks at various points in Michigan and Ohio and on their return will take up their residence in Plymouth.

U. B. CHURCH

The Christmas exercises promise to be exceedingly fine the children seem to take extra interest in preforming their parts. The program is one of the best ever used in the church. The home class members are invited to be present and enjoy the entertainment. The exercises begin at 7:30 Christmas eve. The public are invited.

Rev. Landis will preach a sermon next Sunday morning for the teachers and officers of the Sunday school.

Holiday Excursions

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