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CLOTHIER AND GENTS' FURNISHER,
OFFERS FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADE
CHOICE PRESENTS.

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FOUR IN HANDS,
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BAND BOWS,
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MEM'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING,
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Holidays at Argos.

We will during the Holidays display the finest lines of

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Ever shown in this place, also large lines of

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Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, have been bought for cash and selected with great care, and our Dress Goods Department never was more complete. Our wareroom is full of the best stock of Mixed Candies, which will go at 5 cents per line.

W. L. SARBER & SON.

A Fact

which many good people overlook, or forget, in deciding where to get their EYE GLASSES and SPECTACLES, is properly fitted glasses are absolutely essential to correct the defects of the eyes. Improperly fitted glasses are most as bad as none. Did you know that

J. R. LOSEY

has made glass fitting a study for several years and has purchased one of the finest Optical and Testing Cases and Lenses made? He is here for legitimate business only.

Away with the Quacks.

A NEW COURSE.

The Independent From This Issue Withdraws From the Political Arena.

Before the INDEPENDENT was established in Plymouth, and ever since its first issue was presented to the public, it has been known as, and plainly bore, the ear marks, of a people's party journal.

While we acknowledged and announced our political lines of action to be in harmony with that party, and in our political efforts used our ability to serve the people's party, yet, we believed, that under the circumstances, our trying to advance the interest of Marshall county and Plymouth, and publishing a good local home paper, the people would overlook, to a certain extent, the political views advocated and advanced by the INDEPENDENT.

While we intended that the editorials appearing from week to week, should not prove obnoxious to our readers, yet we have become fully aware that they have, to a large extent, hampered and interfered with, the growth and popularity of the INDEPENDENT.

After careful and due deliberation upon this subject, and to free ourselves from everything that might interfere with our efforts to work harmoniously in our endeavor to advance home interests and an unbiased compiling of local events in Plymouth, we have, with a view to our future interest, decided to withdraw from the political field. In arriving at this decision we do not wish to be understood as retiring our political views to a reclusive field of inactivity, or in the least compromise our ideas in regard to the great issues before the American people. But we wish to be understood to mean, that while we may differ with a number of our readers upon political issues, these ideas will be withdrawn from the columns of the INDEPENDENT. Our editorial columns will be taken up in the future with such subjects as can be handled from a strictly independent point of view, and comments made upon whatever we believe to be for the best interest of the people. The principal effort and work will be in the local field, putting forth all the concentrated forces at our command to produce a good, spicy, local newspaper.

Hoping that those who have given us their patronage and support in our short acquaintance will continue to feel kindly toward the INDEPENDENT, and realize with the editor, that not being controlled or encompassed about by party ties or affiliations, we will be able to do more for ourselves and the people in the future than in the past. The INDEPENDENT will thereafter be all that its title implies, independent in every way, with an eye single to the advancement and improvement of Plymouth.

Sweetened Thoughts.

We are indebted to the ladies of the Altar Guild of the St. Thomas Episcopal church, for some most delicious candy which was presented us as a sample of what they would offer for sale at the residence of Mrs. C. R. Hughes, on Saturday and Monday next. We have this to say: That if all the candy displayed there is as good as that presented us, there will be no difficulty in disposing of it. It is such little things as this home made candy sale that show up the true merit of the young ladies of any community and develop talents which otherwise would remain hid under a bushel, or some other convenient covering.

It is probable that few people here ever surmized that the young ladies of the Altar Guild, of St. Thomas Episcopal church could develop such skill in artistic, beautiful and deliciously fine candies as their product displays. If the old saying that "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," has any truth in it, these young ladies have the key to the situation and should never lack admirers amongst the sterner sex. It certainly was nice of them to remember that even an editor sometimes has a liking for the good things of this world, and their candy certainly sweetened the labors of everyone in this office.

A Surprise.

The routine duties of an editor, though at times monotonous, finds an epoch in his life that brings pleasant thoughts and recollections. And while as a rule, he thinks at times his labors are vain and unappreciated, there occur sometimes, little trifling incidents that warm his heart and puts new zeal into his efforts. One of those incidents occurred at this office Tuesday evening.

It was while puzzling our brain over a difficult problem, that the office door was opened and the harmonious strains of mandolins and guitar struck upon our ears. Looking up, we discovered

that Hansen's mandolin orchestra, composed of John Hansen, Bert Harris, Ed. Kuhn, John Capron, Harry Corbin and Fred Burkett, had walked in unannounced and taken possession.

For over half an hour we were delightfully entertained by this popular and accomplished club, and can truly say they are no amateurs, their selections being finely rendered. The man who cannot appreciate the music produced by these gentlemen must surely have a soul for harmonious sounds constructed on the plan of a cast iron kettle. Gentlemen accept our grateful thanks and call again.

The Independent.

With this the tenth issue the Marshall County INDEPENDENT comes to its readers with its Christmas edition.

The typographical construction and make-up is not what we desired to place before our readers, owing to the lack of time to more fully prepare the matter.

The INDEPENDENT has during its short period of existence made a host of friends, and its publisher feels proud of the many words of encouragement received, and the many commendatory comments that have come to him unsolicited in regard to its reception among the people of Plymouth and surrounding country.

The future of this publication is becoming brighter and more substantial every day, and for the confidence that has been placed in its publisher shown in so many ways, gives encouragement that will assist him to more earnestly strive to please his patrons.

The subscription list is growing very rapidly, and at the present rate, before the spring trade opens up we will be able to show over 1000 benefited subscribers upon our list. One of the most pointed reasons why we have a right to feel proud of this rapidly developing symptom of appreciation, is, that the INDEPENDENT is making itself welcome to the many homes it visits to-day upon its own merits.

Those who are not securing this publication regularly, are cordially invited to give it a trial at least, as we believe this trial will give to us a regular subscriber.

Our First Effort.

In this our first effort to give a compact write-up of Marshall county and Plymouth and the numerous business interests, we may through an oversight and our slight acquaintance, overlook some one who is connected with some line of business in Plymouth. Our endeavor has been to make the matter interesting and readable, and if in the hurry and bustle of compiling the statistics some one has been omitted, it has not been intentional.

We are under obligations to Mr. Alex. Thompson for the statistics and references in regard to the early days of the county and Plymouth. We hope that the efforts put forth and the great amount of labor necessary to present this number to our readers, will be understood and appreciated.

In the near future, it is our intention to get out an edition that will not only be a credit to the INDEPENDENT from a mechanical point of view, but a lasting benefit to Plymouth, and a great help in inducing those who are looking out for favorable locations to invest their abundance of wealth among us. Concentrated action upon a given point or subject, will work out great benefits for a community. Will you lend us your assistance in these efforts that will in the future be put forth to advance the financial interests of our beautiful city?

A Misrepresentation.

In the notice of the Plymouth Cycle Manufacturing Co., in another column of this paper, we inadvertently made an erroneous statement, in attributing the invention of the bicycle manufactured and in securing to Plymouth the manufacturing company's plant to the efforts of Mr. Geo. W. Marble alone.

It is only fair to Mr. M. D. Smalley to say, that the bicycle which has made the company famous, is the sole invention of that gentleman, and the location of the factory here was due to the efforts of Mr. M. D. Smalley and Messrs H. G. Thayer, G. H. Thayer, Jr., Jos. A. Gilmore, C. L. Morris and Geo. W. Marble but not by the single efforts of any of the gentlemen named.

Teachers' Association.

Through the courtesy of County Superintendent Fish, we received a copy of the program of the Forty-first Annual meeting of the Indiana State Teachers' Association. This interesting event will take place at Indianapolis, December 29th, 27th and 28th, in the Plymouth church of that city. The program is an extensive and interesting one, and some of the most prominent educators of our state will be present and participate in the exercises. We understand a number of our teachers will be present.

CHRISTMAS.

"Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Man."

while it is admitted by some writers that there is some cause for disputing the date set apart to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, one of which is, that in the month of December in Judea, it is the height of the rainy season, where it is chronicled in history, neither docks nor shepherds could have been at night in the fields of Bethlehem. Yet we commemorate that date with the same love and veneration.

In all civilized countries the annual arrival of Christmas has for ages been celebrated with merry-making and festivities. In none, we believe did it receive a more hearty welcome than in England, where even to-day the old time honor has not been entirely extinguished.

In that country it was the practice after the evening's devotions, to which great reverence was given, to throw on the open hearth a large log, called the "Yule Log" or Christmas Block. At court, or the homes of the wealthy, an officer named "Lord of Misrule," was elected to take charge of the revels. In Scotland a similar officer was appointed under the title of "Abbot of Unreason," and this office was continued until the year of 1555, when by an act of parliament it was abolished.

The functions of these officers commenced on All-Hallow eve, and continued until Candlemas.

We might extend on this article, giving the games and sports entered into by the young and old on this occasion, but we desist.

But this day and age how differently do we observe this occasion. While the young look forward to the time when Santa Claus will appear with the good things for them, and the wild and noisy boys have by sheer force of will be on their good behavior, yet the masses of our intelligent, home loving Christian people view with heartfelt emotion the approach of that day of all the year with profound reverence.

We think that Christmas is a time of peace, of joy, of love. In commemoration of the birth of Him who came from Heaven to bring peace, joy and love. It is the anniversary of the union between the God and man, Heaven and this world. It is a time when hearts may ring out to each other sweet music of affection. It is the day when the One in honor of whose birth the day is celebrated stands by the cradle and the bed of every sleeping little one and also brings love and peace into the hearts of every father and mother. It is the time when the moroseness and selfishness of one's nature is thrown out into kindness and charity, and when everything bears on its front the inspiration of Christianity. All the channels of one's better nature are filled with genial thoughts and higher aspirations for good. It is a time when good resolutions are easily grafted with fine prospect of good growth and fair fruition. In every household in the land, rich and poor alike, the rich benediction of that life which commenced on earth in Bethlehem eighteen hundred and ninety-four years ago are felt and realized in, that a life of love is better than the mere emotions, and all are happy because of this realization. Men of business, full of care and anxiety, are ready for one day in the year to shut out their cares and give themselves entirely to the pleasure of a holiday which is born of love, and is the harbinger of peace, and which brings back all the joy and happiness of their childhood days, with mother, father, brothers and sisters in the background. Home never seems so pleasant, wife and children never so dear. By the general good will of the occasion, one's neighbors and friends seem nearer to him and are more highly prized. The old year is fading out. A general balance sheet is to be made. The old put aside, and as with new purposes and better aspirations we step into the new year, every one should be willing to lay aside all animosities and reach forth an open palm to all who are of the same spirit.

Extension Lecture.

The last of the first series of the university lectures was delivered by Prof. Grose at the opera house Tuesday eve. With this lecture ends one of the most enjoyable and instructive courses, the people of Plymouth have had occasion to attend. In the establishment of a local center for this work, the executive committee have taken a great stride in the right direction.

Prof. Grose has a pleasant voice and his articulation is excellent. He has an effective manner of expressing a thought. He indulges frequently in antitheses, which has the effect of making his arguments remembered. In fact, a more able or accomplished lec-

ture has never been in our midst, and his many friends regret exceedingly that the course conducted by him has ended.

The beginning of the second series of the lectures will be some time in January. The subject for this course will be different statesmen of our country and their policies.

Narrow Escape.

On Friday afternoon while a number of local shooters were practicing at a trap, a gun in the hands of John B. Astley, was accidentally discharged in the midst of some four or five spectators, Chas. Harris, J. K. Houghton, Chas. F. Shadel and some six or seven others were standing directly in front of the muzzle of the gun, when Mr. Astley in endeavoring to lower the hammers accidentally discharged the left barrel.

Luckily the heavy charge of shot struck the ground directly in front of these gentlemen, but many of the shot rebounded and some struck the bystanders. Fred Kuhn received one shot in the chin, Chas. F. Shadel was struck on the hand by one shot and several shots hit Chas. Harris and J. K. Houghton in the legs. No one was seriously injured, but it was a most narrow escape for all present.

The gun Mr. Astley was using was a new one and it is probable that the hammers and triggers were somewhat stiff; but this can in no way excuse so careless a handling of firearms. Too much care cannot be exercised in the use of any loaded gun, more especially at such a place as a shooting match where many are sure to be standing around the score.

In the first place, at any trap shooting match, all the shooters should be compelled not to handle or load their guns until they are called to the score to shoot, and no one should be allowed to "scout" on the side of the man at the score. Such a rule would reduce the chance of such an accident as this to a minimum, and should be enforced at all shooting tournaments.

The fact that the mishap resulted in no more serious injuries, is the only thing that has saved the business manager of the INDEPENDENT from being charged to-day with manslaughter, murder or at least criminal negligence. It is hoped that this accident may prove a lesson to local sportsmen and be instrumental in making them more than ordinarily careful in the future.

A Needed Reform.

It is very true that the Plymouth post-office is not beautiful and our citizens are well aware of that fact, but to a man up a tree there would seem to be no definite reason why it should be made more unsightly than ever by the display of the lot of badly written and oft times ill spelled signs, announcements and notices which are usually displayed on the railings around the front of the delivery windows. It would appear to an outsider that Uncle Sam's place of business was regarded as "Pro Bono Publico" by the man who has a house to rent, has lost anything, or the church or Sunday school that has any meeting or social to announce. This would be alright if some bulletin board or frame were provided in which to place these announcements and notices, but it does not seem right to decorate the postoffice with a lot of cheese box covers and shoe box lids daubed up with blueing and ink, as apologies for signs. If our churches and societies, our lecture courses and public institutions have anything to announce to the public it would be as well for those in charge to remember that Plymouth is no longer a jerk-water milk depot village but a city which should, and does rank amongst the most prosperous of its size in this part of the country, and consequently treat our post office as something better than a mere dumping ground for free and horrible apologies for advertising. Such displays as these are naturally an eyesore to many people and there is really no need of them, while the columns of the INDEPENDENT are open free to any society or church having anything to announce to the public.

Shooting Match.

The greatest shooting match of the season will be held at the Fair grounds Tuesday, Dec. 25th. There will be fifty turkeys and many ducks and geese to shoot for. Blue Rock, Peoria Black birds, and various marks will be put up as targets for both shot gus and rifles.

Every one in this vicinity is cordially invited to come and try their luck for a good young turkey. The shooting will commence at 10 a. m.

Notice.

I have in my possession one robe, one duster, two table spreads and one half dozen napkins. Supposed to have been stolen. Any person owning same and proving property will please call and pay expenses and get them.

SIMON MEYERS,
City Marshal.