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MAYER ALLMAN, Clothier and Gents' Furnisher.

For 10 Days

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE

Mayer Allman,

CLOTHING, OVERCOATS.

Duck Coats, Fine Trousers, Plush Caps,

Men's, Women's and Children's

Shoes and Rubber Goods.

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All kinds of Furnishings. Call on me and save money.

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We have a great variety and a splendid assortment in this line and are selling at exceedingly low prices. It will pay you to call and see us. Also a choice stock of

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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 HOT FIRE.

Hansen's Music Store Destroyed—Caused by a Defective Flue.

Carl Luhr's Life Saved by a Cat.

Thursday morning about 2:30 o'clock Carl Luhr, who is in the employ of John Hansen and sleeps at the store, was aroused from his sleep by the frantic scratching and wailing of the office cat. Springing from his bed he discovered through the stifling smoke the entire front portion of the store in a mass of flames. He staggered out the back door, and after reviving somewhat, returned and secured his clothes.

Carl hurried to the watch house on the corner of Michigan and LaPorte streets where he notified Watchman Meed of the fire. The alarm was given and the company arrived in time to save the frame of the structure.

By the assistance of outsiders two show cases, a few sheets of music and a few small instruments were saved. The whole stock comprising of two pianos, five organs, six guitars, nine violins, four mandolins, besides all the smaller instruments and goods were destroyed. It can be called a total loss.

Outside of the stock that belonged to Mr. Hansen, there were instruments that belonged to the orchestra and mandolin club. Harry Corbin lost his mandolin, Geo. Wiser a double bass, G. Blain a cello and J. Hoffman and Bert Bowells a violin each.

Mr. Hansen informs us that his stock was insured for \$1,500 in the Firemen's Fund and the Phoenix. The loss above the insurance he puts at \$800. He will secure a new location immediately, and commence putting in a new stock.

It is surely a surprise that the fire was not discovered sooner than it was. For without the air to fan it into a lively blaze, it must have been some time eating its way along the side of the roof and in the room.

We are informed that the owner of the property, will immediately proceed to erect a substantial building on the spot, and while the citizens of Plymouth sympathize with Mr. Hansen in his loss and hope to see him in a short time conducting his business with his old time vigor, yet it surely will be a satisfaction to know that a fine building that will be a credit to our city, will be erected upon this spot made vacant.

A Great Spread.

Thursday evening, Jan. 3, 1895, Our Lady of Loretto Council No. 33 C. B. L., had a great love feast. After the installation of their newly elected officers by the deputy state chancellor, a splendid banquet was spread by the lady friends of the council, and the evening was spent in music, recitations, short addresses, papers, etc.

This is strictly a benevolent institution, but this council does not confine its charity simply to its members, but has in the past four years distributed, clothing, provisions, etc., to those who were in need regardless of their religious belief, nationality or color, as a number of our citizens already know.

This council was organized Dec. 23, 1890, with fourteen charter members; it now has 23 members in good standing. Below is a list of the members as taken from the roll book:

Rev. L. A. Moech	James E. Hanes
Augustine Carabin	Prosper A. Ball
Michael Ryan	John P. Sullivan
Peter J. Krueyer	Dennis E. Walters
Jerome A. Ball	John Miller
Ben Welsh	Peter Keller
Ferdinand Eich	George H. Krueyer
Francis Hager	Charles L. Ulrich
Anthony Keller	Rev. Edward Boecard
Lawrence F. Hager	August R. Keller
William Rober	John L. Keller

Edmund J. Ball.

New Banking Hours.

The Plymouth State Bank and the National Bank, have commenced a new mode of work regarding their opening and closing hours, for the benefit of their customers. From last Monday morning the hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12; from 1 p. m. to 4. The banks not being open for the transaction of business from 7 to 9 o'clock in the evening as formerly. This we believe to be an excellent move, not only for the benefit of those who are employed in the banks, giving them a better opportunity to prepare their books for the next day's work, but does away with the tempting opportunity for those who might be inclined to transfer the large display of cash to their pockets which the dark hours of the night would completely cover. While the hours for the transaction of business have been continued for some time for the benefit of their numerous customers there is no doubt that their patrons will readily adopt the new rule, when they learn the reasons of the change.

A MODERN FACTORY.

Some Brief Facts Regarding the Indiana Novelty Manufacturing Co.'s Works.

It is always gratifying to the residents of any city to know just what kind of manufacturing and industrial enterprise is being conducted in their midst. The INDEPENDENT with a view to advancing the interests of Plymouth will give from week to week notices pertaining to the various factories here and with that end in view we visited the works of the Indiana Novelty Manufacturing Co., one day last week.

There are doubtless many citizens here who have never been inside these works, and consequently cannot imagine the vast amount of skill and ingenuity displayed there, nor have they any adequate idea of the magnitude of the business conducted.

The buildings of the Indiana Novelty Manufacturing Co., consist of a main building 290x60 ft., an addition of 180x60 ft. with a fine office building of two stories 60x40 ft. Passing through the office and entering the main building we find at once much to interest us. We are shown first the various stages in the manufacture of the wooden bicycle rims that have made this factory famous. There are large amounts of lumber here and automatic circular saws soon convert it into strips suitable for bending. Then these strips are placed in a large steam chamber where they are steamed until they are capable of being bent. Taken from this steaming room they are placed within a steel bending machine, turned around a cone and the two ends clamped together. Next these rough circles of heavy lumber are placed in the drying rooms where they are subjected to a steady heat until thoroughly dried and seasoned. After being dried, these circles are handed to the men who take charge of the jointing of these rims and this is without doubt the most interesting of any portion of the mechanism of this factory. A series of circular saws revolving swiftly under the influence of enormous steam power cuts the peculiar joint which holds the rim together. After being jointed and glued these rims are allowed to dry for 24 hours and are then placed in two lathes one of which cuts and forms the outer, and the other, the inner side. Then they are handed to the finishers who sandpaper and smooth them down and from there to the finishing department where they are first coated with hot oil to render the wood waterproof, after which they are varnished and polished and are ready to ship. Every piece of the special machinery used, and which is the invention of Geo. W. Marble, works automatically and an hour's visit to this factory will demonstrate the fact that an enormous amount of inventive ability and engineering skill has been utilized in the construction and manufacture of the various intricate machines used in the construction of these bicycle rims. It is only a few months ago that the idea of using a wooden rim for bicycles was looked upon with a certain amount of disfavor by the bicycle manufacturers throughout this country.

Yet to-day every factory is using these rims and despite the fact that there are several firms manufacturing and placing upon the market wooden rims of one kind or another, the fact that the Indiana Novelty Manufacturing Company supplies ninety per cent. of all these goods used, is a good criterion of the value of these goods and speaks well for this company's efforts.

The lumber used in the manufacture of these rims is known as Rock Elm and is brought here from Wisconsin. In addition to this brand of manufacture this company also makes a large number of tennis racquets and base ball bats for the celebrated firm of Spaulding Bros., Chicago, and also a line of fancy tables.

The power for this factory is supplied by a 200 horse power Bass Corless engine which with a new 125 horse power boiler has just recently been added to this plant.

At present the Indiana Novelty Manufacturing Company is running night and day and employs some hundred and fifty hands. A few days ago they closed a contract with the Western Wheel Works, Chicago, for 45,000 wooden rims to be supplied during the next twelve months. They are receiving now about four car loads or an average of 45,000 feet of lumber from Wisconsin every week.

Taken all in all this factory is an honor and a credit to Plymouth and one which will well repay a visit from all who are any way interested in machinery or mechanism of any kind. The thanks of the INDEPENDENT are extended to Mr. W. E. Shilt, who so kindly devoted his time, and made our visit to the Novelty works so pleasant.

Railroad Accident.

On Wednesday afternoon, while the local freight on the Pennsylvania road, drawn by engine No. 191, in charge of Engineer Bechtol and Fireman "Stormy" Gable was backing up over the bridge, the engine and three loaded cars left the track. The cause of the accident is unknown. The probabilities, however, are that a defective switch was the reason. The entire force of the train assisted by the section men, succeeded in a short time in replacing engine and cars on the track. As usual in such cases, the man who thought he knew it all, was there in force and many original ideas were advanced and a number of suggestions made by the bystanders. Some would recommend one means, others would advocate different, and if trainmen had endeavored to carry out even a small portion of the methods suggested, it is probable that these cars would have remained derailed to the present moment.

The only serious results of this mishap was the displacing of two rails of the main track, but it is extremely fortunate that no more serious trouble occurred.

Of Interest to All.

The Saturday Tribune of South Bend, published quite an extended article in regard to equipping the new naval vessel of the United States Navy, Indiana, with a library and silver service. It is the intention of our beautiful state to contribute the amount of money necessary to purchase the above mentioned articles, and not only feel a kindred pride in our patriotic efforts, but follow out the plans that have been promulgated by other states. We confidently believe that the amount necessary to make these purchases will, as soon as understood by the people of Indiana, be forth coming.

The Tribune enters into a graphic account of the matter and has announced itself as willing to receive all contributions for this worthy purpose, and will receive these donations under the head of the Battle Ship Fund.

What public-spirited man of Plymouth will take the initiative in this movement? This notable effort should be at once taken up, and let us fall in line with our sister cities throughout the state who are moving forward in this commendable cause.

Time to Move.

The INDEPENDENT is in Plymouth for a purpose, and that purpose is to use as far as lies within its power, all honorable means to advance the interests of Plymouth and Marshall county. At all times and under all circumstances work for its advancement and tell of its advantages as a home for capital, which is seeking a place for investment, and in every way possible to assist our citizens to reach out and grasp these opportunities that are presented to wide-awake communities for their benefits.

These benefits as a rule cost a little money; but after once secured, the results cannot be accurately demonstrated in dollars and cents. There is no doubt if the actual location of Plymouth, with its enormous body of pure water which underlies it, ready to spring fourth from its confines at the touch of the drill, to assist in the work of progression, was announced to the hundreds, yes, we can consistently say thousands, of sagacious capitalists, who are looking for just what we have to give them, propositions would come in thick and fast. These are not idle vaporings. The people of Plymouth should awake to these great advantages they have, and let the world know of them.

Do not depend alone upon your Business Men's Association to do all the work. They need your assistance and encouragement. Make it a practice when away from home to attempt to at least, to convince them with whom you come in contact, that you live in one of the grandest, the best, the most fertile—the Eden of Indiana, the greatest hustling geographical center, located on the footstool of the great Jehovah. Contribute of your money for this work, tell it to the stranger who may be with you in your gates, even for a night. Show him a flowing well that cannot be competed with this side of the Dakotas. Do this, and the news will be carried throughout the length and breadth of the land, that Plymouth, Indiana, is just the spot most desired for those seeking locations.

Give this an honest careful and conscientious thought, fellow citizens, and see if you are doing your duty. We know such things are essential for the growth and prosperity of a town, as meat and drink are to a growing child. Agricultural pursuits, while they stimulate and in reality are a necessity to trade, they never add to population in a large degree; and the community that depends alone upon this source for

trade and revenue, are like a feverish patient whose pulse is never normal! But manufacturing industries, gives tone to the financial system, that is always lacking in the community that depends alone upon the load of wheat or corn, raised by the industrious farmers.

The days begin to lengthen, and ere long the opportunities will be propitious for these benefits. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel, and while some of our enthusiastic neighbors removes the "bumps," push the beautiful city of Plymouth up to the front rank.

Resolutions of Respect.

Resolutions adopted by the Plymouth Fire Department on the death of James Moor.

Comrade Jas. Moor became a member of the Fire Department in the year 1874, joining Torrent Hose Co., and continuously held a membership therein till the time of his death, Dec. 29, 1894. He served for sometime as chief of the department, and performed the various duties of his office to the credit of himself and its members.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of this department all unite in testifying to the fact that in all the relations of life Comrade Moor conducted himself as an honorable, upright, conscientious man and fireman, in every particular, and as such we revere his memory and deplore his loss.

Resolved, That our sincere and heartfelt sympathies are hereby extended to his wife and children, and other relatives, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and that the same be spread upon the records of this department, and also sent to the city papers for publication.

Signed,

ADAM E. WISE, }
C. R. LEONARD, } Committee.
A. R. UNDERWOOD. }

Late Literary News.

An old-fashioned sea story full of interest and adventure, with a strong love motive, is begun by W. Clark Russell in the January Cosmopolitan. "Ouida" succeeds Froude, Gosse, Lang, and other distinguished writers with an instalment of the "Great Passions of History" series, which has been appearing in The Cosmopolitan. A discussion is aroused by Mr. Edward Bok's article on "The Young Man and The Church," which will consume tons of ink before it is settled. Just preceding the famous Charcot's death he prepared an article for The Cosmopolitan on Pasteur, to be published after Pasteur's death. But Charcot has died first, and so with the consent of Charcot's executors, the article is given now. The present "Theatrical Season in New York" is critically considered by Mr. James S. Metcalfe, editor of Life, and there are stories by Tourgee, Howells, and the famous French writer Francois Coppee.

Minstrel.

Something new in local theatrical amusement is promised for Monday, January 28, at the Opera House, where a complete minstrel program will be presented by local amateurs assisted by well known professional talent. The musical portion will be under the direction of John Hansen and will be one of the most enjoyable features of the program.

Judging from the rehearsals which are now in progress, it is safe to say that this minstrel performance will be one of the best amateur entertainments ever offered in Plymouth. The time honored custom of musical first part followed by an olio of specialties will be adhered to and the costumes and draperies of silk, satin and plush which have been provided for the first part, all said to be gorgeous and beautiful.

Farmer's Institute.

Plymouth, Ind., Jan. 8, 1895.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT, Plymouth, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Will you please insert the following notice in your excellent paper:

"The annual meeting of the farmer's Institute of Marshall Co., Ind., will be held in the Opera House, Plymouth, Ind., on Monday and Tuesday the 4th and 5th of February 1895. The foreign speakers assigned for the occasion are T. B. Terry, Hudson, Ohio, and Cal. Husseiman, Auburn, Ind.

There will be a full program interspersed with music and recitations etc. A good time is anticipated. Let everybody turn out, and enjoy the interchange of ideas pertaining to the farm and farm life.

Wm. Erwin, President.
J. V. Vangilder, Secretary.

I. O. O. F. Notice.

Americus Lodge No. 91, I. O. O. F., will nominate and elect three trustees for the ensuing year.

GUS WOLF,
Secretary Americus Lodge.