

MARSHALL COUNTY INDEPENDENT.

Vol. I.

PLYMOUTH, MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA, FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1895.

No. 15.

HATS! HATS! HATS! SHOES! CAPS! UNDERWEAR, \$1.00 A SUIT.

77

SEVENTY-SEVEN

DUCK COATS

—AT—

M. Allman's

BROWN AND BLACK,

FROM \$1.00 UP.

"They will last longer on your back than they will on my my counters at these prices."

Come While They Last.

This is our Special Clearing Week.

NO COD.

SEEING IS BELIEVING.

Must make room for SPRING GOODS which are daily arriving.

Sincerely Yours,

MAYER ALLMAN,

THE CLOTHIER.

Great Bargains

—IN—

Chinaware

—AND—

Queensware.

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

Christmas Candies.

Nussbaum & Mayer.

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.

BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Meet on Tuesday Evening and Transacts Business.

The Old Board of Directors Unanimously Re-elected.

Although the evening was cold and disagreeable, some thirty members of the Business Men's Association met at the City Hall, Tuesday night last, to make amends for the apathy displayed the week previous. The meeting was called to order by President Mattingly, and the desire of those present asked to be made known.

Mr. Jas. A. Gilmore in a few remarks stated why the meeting had been called, owing to the inability to do the regular business at the annual meeting, no quorum being present.

Secretary Ketcham was asked to read the minutes of the previous meeting which were approved.

President Mattingly then informed the Association of the matters brought before the directors of the board, and dwelt at some length on the resolutions sent out by the State Board of Commerce and the objects sought after. The secretary then read the resolutions. H. G. Thayer thought it an auspicious time to proceed to the election of directors, making a motion to that effect.

The president announced that an expression of those present in regard to the feasibility of continuing the association was of the most importance. He had about come to the conclusion, taking the annual meeting as a criterion, the business men of Plymouth did not seem to desire the further continuation of the Business Men's Association.

Mr. G. H. Thayer said he desired to make a motion to the effect, that the business men of Plymouth were in hearty accord with the Business Men's Association, and appreciated the work accomplished by them, and that it was the desire of every earnest and patriotic citizen, and the voice of those present, that the association should continue.

H. G. Thayer here spoke the sentiments of Mr. Tanner and himself, believing the work accomplished was of great importance to the city, and thought every one present should give a word of encouragement to the board who were using their time to push the city of Plymouth to the front.

Judge Capron also believed the association was the means of doing much good. Though not so much accomplished as desired, it filled a prominent position in the affairs of Plymouth.

Prof. Chase thought the association deserved credit for standing between the city and hundreds of snide corporations that had at different times attempted to foster on an unsuspecting community.

Gus Wolf also gave his ideas of the matter which were practical.

Mr. J. Swindell desired to know what was best to do in regard to the canning factory. Although the committee had worked faithfully, no more shares were forthcoming. He was convinced the balance of the shares (fifty) could not be raised, and that some action should be taken immediately. A motion made by Mr. Swindell, securing a second was put by the president, and the canning factory project was dismissed and no further action will be taken by the association in regard to the matter.

A motion was then made that the present board of directors be re-elected by acclamation. An amendment to the previous motion, that the secretary be instructed to cast the vote, was unanimously carried. It was so ordered and the secretary announced the same. The following are the members elected:

T. C. Mattingly, O. F. Ketcham, R. A. Chase, L. Tanner, J. Swindell, Sig Mayer, F. M. Burkett, O. G. Soice, R. B. Oglesbee, M. Allman, W. C. Leonard, J. A. Gilmore, M. W. Simons, A. C. Capron and Jas. Brink.

Mr. Swindell was elected to represent this association as a delegate to the State Board of Commerce.

At the conclusion of the business part of the meeting, Mr. Swindell said, that there seemed to be such an apathy among the business men of Plymouth in regard to the business transacted by the association, that he had become thoroughly convinced that something entirely foreign to the regular routine of business was needed to stimulate them and create some enthusiasm. He believed that if a banquet was held it would have a tendency to draw them closer together.

Mr. Geo. H. Thayer heartily endorsed the idea advanced by Mr. Swindell. He had come in contact with other associations that followed out to a certain extent, the plan advocated, and with marked success. One feature, he further remarked had not been taken into

consideration by this association, and that was the social one. A plan should be formulated whereby this neglected feature would be more carefully fostered in the future.

Mr. Jas. A. Gilmore had become convinced that one of the potent reasons for inactivity among business men was the smallness of the membership fee. If the amount was increased, and the association merged into a commercial club, with appropriate rooms for assembling, having social entertainments, banquets, and all other features added thereto to make the gatherings interesting, a marked improvement would soon be the result. Mr. Gilmore then moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to meet and talk over some plan of action favoring the forming of a commercial club in Plymouth.

The motion carried. The chair said he would appoint the committee in a few days.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

The Farmers Institute.

As announced a few weeks ago, the Marshall County Farmer's Institute will convene at the Centennial Opera House in Plymouth, on February 4th and 5th, 1895. Extensive preparations have been made for this interesting occasion, and every effort put forth by the executive committee to make this meeting a profitable one.

The subjects to be discussed are of vast importance to the farmers of this county, and their efforts to attend should be unanimous. Attention is called to the program printed below, which is the official program for this convention:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

Morning Session, 10:00 a. m.

Musie.

Prayer.....Rev. J. D. Allerton, Argos.

Address of Welcome.....

.....Mayor Joe Swindell, Plymouth.

.....Frank Baker, Bourbon.

....."Shall We Continue to Raise Wheat,"

.....T. B. Terry, Hudson, O.

....."Wastes on the Farm," Robert Erwin, Bourbon.

.....Afternoon Session, 1:30 p. m.

Musie.

....."The Big 4 Combination on the Farm,"

.....Cal. Husselman, Auburn, Ind.

....."Tile and Drainage,"

.....Charles Fribley, Bourbon, Ind.

....."Clover vs. Stable Manure and Treatment of Clover,"

.....T. B. Terry, Hudson, O.

.....Evening Session, 7:30 p. m.

Musie.

....."Children and the Farm,"

.....Mrs. H. E. Voreis, Argos.

.....Recitation.....Miss Mertie Pickler, Argos.

....."The Wife's Share,".....T. B. Terry, Hudson, O.

.....Recitation.....Master Elmer S. Strang, Walkerton.

Musie.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

Morning Session, 9:30 a. m.

Musie.

....."The Best Acre, Garden and Small Fruits,"

.....Cal. Husselman, Auburn, Ind.

....."What Improvements Can be Made in Our Common School System," C. F. Cooper, Bourbon.

....."One Way in Which Many Injure Their Crops,"

.....T. B. Terry, Hudson, O.

.....Afternoon Session, 1:30 p. m.

Musie.

....."Reports of Committees on Resolutions, Election of officers for the ensuing year, and Miscellaneous Business,"

....."How to Breed and Feed for Profit,"

.....Cal. Husselman, Auburn, Ind.

.....Recitation.....Miss Blanch Kline, Maxenkuckee.

....."Boring With a Big Auger,"

.....T. B. Terry, Hudson, O.

Getting to be a Nuisance.

A letter from W. E. White, formerly of this county, containing a clipping in regard to the sending of stamps to Miss Gorman, of that place. Last week we published a letter received by Mr. Jas. A. Gilmore in regard to sending stamps to a Miss Edna Brown, of that place. Mr. White informs us that the two ladies are in the same line. We republish the article as it is stated the matter has become a nuisance and they have received enough stamps to meet the desired end.

"Miss Clara Coddington, writing from Kaneville to the Hincley Review, says it is wished to discourage the further sending of cancelled stamps to Miss Gorman, of Kaneville. She already has more than she knows what to do with. It is stated she has received over eight million and there is no let up. Prominent citizens of Kaneville, as well as the newspapers of Aurora and the county are annoyed by daily receiving letters asking for information as to the scheme and its legitimacy, very few of them enclosing a stamp, thus making it expensive as well as troublesome to attempt to reply."

From 15,000 to 20,000 letters a day containing stamps, besides numerous packages, both by mail and express, are received. The family have stopped taking the express packages and paying the charges. The postmaster and mail carrier are both waxing indignant, seventeen large sacks of mail matter daily preventing the carrying of passengers or freight. If all those receiving chain letters will at once consent them to the

stove they will confer a favor on all concerned. It is hoped that this may be widely copied by exchanges so as to fall under the notice of all who may contemplate sending stamps. W. H. Shoop received a letter from the assistant postmaster general asking if the parties starting the chain were responsible persons, proving that they are getting to be a great nuisance to the postoffice department. Many bushels of letters are still unopened.

The Adleman Trial.

All day Tuesday a trial of seeming great interest was in progress before Justice Corbin. It would be unnecessary for us to enter into a review of this case as the public generally are fully aware of its principal points. There has been so many conflicting reports going the round that it would take the wisdom of a Solomon to render due justice to the affair.

The charge against this girl was, that she associated with people of ill repute, and thus was liable to the law for this association. At the trial the evidence was such, that the jury failed to agree, standing on the first ballot, five for conviction and six for acquittal one not voting. After remaining out until the next morning the attorneys of the case got together and compromised the matter. The result was that the girl Minnie Adleman, is to leave Plymouth for one year, the case being dropped.

As our residence in Plymouth is short we are not acquainted with the actual facts in the case, or the parties interested. But we do believe there are places in Plymouth that are more pronounced in their character than the place entered last week. If our city is to be purged let it be done thoroughly. There should be no favorites, and a move should be made at once, and an unrelenting war begun and continued to a finish.

In the arrests made last week the reports are conflicting. On one side it is stated that the officer of the law broke down the door without demanding admittance, and that the door was unlocked. On the other side it is claimed admittance was demanded, and refused.

Be that as it may, an officer has certain duties to perform and in the performing of those duties he is supported by the law so far and no farther. If in this case the report that he did not demand admittance was true, then he overstepped his authority and should be dealt with accordingly; for every citizen be he ever so humble, has rights which the law must respect.

But if on the other hand the officer demanded admittance and was refused, having conclusive evidence and the proper authority, he had a right to enter even by resorting to force.

Let the work go on, do not stop at one poor unfortunate, but clean out the remaining blots permeating the moral atmosphere of Plymouth. If reports are true there is plenty of room to work upon, and the officers that conscientiously does his duty will be upheld by the people.

A Sad Death.

Death entered the home of Mr. Albert R. Webber last Tuesday, Jan. 22d, and removed his wife Mrs. Johanna Webber. Mrs. Webber's illness had been of short duration, only ten days, and was not considered dangerous until a few days before her death. But lung fever, secured a firm hold upon her, and she passed out into the great beyond.

Mrs. Webber had resided with her husband in this locality for a number of years, and through her efforts and that of an industrious husband had accumulated a goodly portion of this world's goods. Two daughters, and a loving husband are left to realize the loss of an affectionate wife and mother.

The funeral services will be held from the German Lutheran church, in this city, this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Grobe, of Bourbon, officiating.

The sympathy of a host of true and loving friends is extended to the family in this their sad bereavement.

A Commercial Club.

While the tenor of the remarks made at the meeting of the Business Men's Association Tuesday evening, were in accord on the forming of a commercial club, there were those present who did not seem to like the idea of the forming of such a club. As no expression was made regarding the matter, it would not be proper for us to advance our theory for the reasons, if any, of this luke-warmness.

It is surely a move worthy of consideration. One thing of great importance lacking in the city of Plymouth, which is a drawback to financial advancement, is the lack of social intercourse among the representative business men. It appears they are so thoroughly wrapped

up in their individual welfare that the social functions that have a tendency to draw them together for mutual benefit has been overlooked and neglected, until something of more than ordinary importance must attract their attention before they will be aroused to the true condition of affairs. By all means let this effort so fortunately brought forth, be pushed to a successful terminus.

HUMBUGGERY.

The Necessity of Being Defrauded Before Being Convinced.

There are a few things more discouraging to the friend of humanity and its progress, than the apparent desire of so many people to be humbugged.

There is hardly any person with sense enough to go in when it rains, but knows that in the commercial world, something cannot be secured for nothing, or, in other words, anything of financial value must be paid for. Yet, there is nothing so catching to most of us as the promise to give something for nothing. No matter in what form the offer is made, thousands rush up pell mell at the offer of the promiser, and even after they have been swindled over and over again, are always as ready for the last new fake that may be presented as they were at the first.

If such persons were found only among the ignorant, or those who never read the newspapers, there would perhaps, be nothing surprising about it. But they are not. A wheel of fortune at a horse race perhaps takes in nothing but the foolish. But the patent right swindlers, the illusory insurance companies, the set up horse or foot races, the patent medicine peddler, the foreign grocery seller, reach classes that are certainly intelligent and are ordinarily looked upon as shrewd and sharp.

Perhaps the greatest credulity of the people is shown in their aptitude to fall in with the biggest swindlers and quacks of them all, the traveling doctor and the spectacle man. We do not pretend to say that all those who follow this line of work are quacks and swindlers, but we do believe the majority that go from town to town, are not responsible.

Persons who are not willing to place any trust in a physician they have known for many years, and whose whole interest lies in advising them fairly and for the best, will run after some loud-mouthed swell quack who comes along periodically and claims to be able to cure all the ills flesh is heir to. They will pay an enormous price for his advice or for some villainous compound, they have no evidence other than his mere word, that it will cure anything from a tapeworm to an ingrowing toenail, or spavin or bots in a horse.

Another gross humbug of the same class, is just now a sort of fad with many, and that is the slick individual who puts on the garb of piety, and gulls the faithful with his faith cure.

Still another gross humbug is the spectacle doctor, who by some unknown sorcery, hypnotizes the people into the belief that he is the only person in the known world who has spectacles which will make the blind see, and palms off glasses which can be purchased of any reputable optician for from one to five dollars, for ten, twenty and sometimes twenty-five dollars. Why this is true is a mystery.

Sometimes, undoubtedly, people place faith in promises from the quack, which no known responsibility, which an educated and responsible physician, who has his reputation and honor at stake, would not assure.

In the great majority of cases, this success of humbuggery can only be laid to the inherent passion of the people to be gulled and swindled. So long as people insist on being humbugged we do not see how it can be helped.

If people insist upon being swindled there are always plenty of swindlers to occupy the field. The liberty of individuals is one of the sacred institutions of this land, even though it is the liberty to swindle. So note it be. But how true is this fact, that "The 'Sucker' harvest never ends."

A Family Memento.

Mr. J. Houghton brought into our office a family heirloom, that since 1550, has been handed down from generation to generation. It is a medical work, and though not very large, is full of good, sound, sensible advice.

It is printed on old fashioned parchment being bound together with leather thongs. It can be said that the mechanical and typographical construction is not up to recent date, and it would puzzle a scholar of to-day to read it readily.

It is quite a curiosity, and Mr. Houghton may well feel proud to be the possessor of such an ancient document.