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- Don't Fail to Attend Our Regular Saturday Sales.

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PLYMOUTH, INDIANA, 2 DOORS NORTH OF POSTOFFICE.

### Death of Mrs. Bofinger.

But a short three months ago, Nov. 10, 1894, Rev. Carl Bofinger succumbed to the silent reaper, death, who came upon him like a thief in the night, and without warning laid its icy touch upon him. But it found him ready, his lamp "trimmed and burning" ready to enter into the rest prepared for him.

And now after these three weary months of waiting and watching, the aged widow, stricken almost to the death by the breaking of the golden cord of love that bound her and her affectionate companion together in earthly ties, has been repaid for her sufferings, and gladly answered to the call, "come up higher."

Mrs. Bofinger for some time past has been in very poor health, and since the sudden death of her husband has been anxious to join him, looking forward to the time of departure with joy.

On Sunday morning last the summons came, and her spirit returned to God who gave it. The funeral services were held at her late residence on South Miner street, Tuesday last at 2 o'clock, Revs. Grob, of the Evangelical church of this city, and Lendenmeyer, of LaPorte, Ind., officiating. These reverend gentlemen were present and took part in the funeral exercises of Rev. Bofinger. The death of Mrs. Bofinger leaves three daughters and a number of grand children and relatives to mourn their loss.

Mrs. Conradine Bofinger was born in Wolfenhausen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, on May 11th, 1820, and would have been 75 years of age upon her next birthday. Shortly after her marriage with Mr. Bofinger, over forty years ago, she came to this country, and in 1885 came to Plymouth, since which time she has resided here.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Marshall County Sunday School Association Met in a Two Day's Session.

The members of the Marshall county Sunday school association met in annual session at the Presbyterian church in this city, Monday and Tuesday of this week. The meeting was a successful one, and a great deal of business, as well as good accomplished.

The first day's session was called to order at 1:30, and the opening exercises conducted by Rev. I. Rothenberger, followed by an address by I. R. Ladd, the president of the association.

At the afternoon session, an interesting report was presented by Mrs. M. R. Watson, who is the recording secretary of this body. It shows the total enrollment for the different Sunday schools throughout this county for the year was 6,455. The number of schools in the county being 66. That during the past year nine new schools were established, which makes 75 schools up to the present time. If we understand there had been the same ratio in the increase of scholarship, the number would reach 7,100, which shows that our Sunday schools are well attended, but not so well as they might be.

At the evening session, under the directions of C. R. Leonard, a song service was rendered by the Presbyterian chorus class, which was very fine. Following this part of the service an address was delivered by John W. Parks, who is the president of the 23d district. This address was full of good thoughts pertaining to the Sunday school work.

An address by C. D. Meigs, on the subject: "Why am I in the Sunday school, and what am I doing," was practical and full of food for thought.

At the Tuesday morning services praise and thanksgiving exercises were held, led by C. O. Wilder, of St. Joseph county Sunday school association. After these exercises a subject: "What is the matter with the Sunday school," was given. The principal points made in this excellent address, was the fact that the lack of preparation by the officers and teachers had a great deal to do with the lack of interest, and not enough earnestness and energy put forth by them to make it successful. There is a great deal of truth in that, and should be prepared for by the teachers in the future.

Dr. J. H. McKinzie, president of the Culver military academy, gave an interesting talk upon the subject of "Sunday school management." It was instructive and highly entertaining.

At this juncture those present were invited to partake of refreshments, prepared by the ladies of our city and vicinity, and spread in the basement of the church, was taken advantage of. Comments of the highest character were heard on all sides in regard to this feast prepared, and will long be remembered by those who had the pleasure of participating.

At 1:30 the assembly met again, and

listened to C. D. Meigs on the subject of "Bible Sermons." The next on the program, was an address by Byron McAlpine, of Bourbon, on the subject of the "Teacher's preparation and responsibility." It was fine, and surely must have convinced all primary teachers present, that it indeed was no light responsibility they assumed when they undertook to mould the character of a child to hold that reverence and render that obedience due the Creator of all.

The subject by Mrs. Wm. B. Outcalt, on "Normal Bible Lessons," was exceedingly well handled and bore the fruits of patient study, and no doubt many a golden thought will be treasured up by those who were fortunate enough to hear this subject so well handled.

The papers on "Primary Work," by Mrs. Lily Johnson, of Tyner City, Mrs. Worthington, of Argos, Mrs. Elizabeth Duddleson, of Marmont, and Mrs. Ed S. Brooke, of Plymouth, were each filled with bright crisp, elevating thoughts, that could not fail to be appreciated by all present.

"Mistakes" handled by Chas. Weaver and others present, gave their hearers numerous illustrations that will be profited by in the future.

The evening session, like previous meetings was opened by song service, closed by consecration services led by C. D. Meigs.

The attendance upon this convention was large, the attention the very best, while the entire meeting was instructive and helpful. The occasion is one among the many that will long be remembered by those who were fortunate to be present.

### Altar Guild Social.

The Guilds of St. Thomas' Episcopal church gave a verified invitation and a birthday party to all families directly connected with the church, and to as many others as could be comfortably accommodated at the Rectory, last Friday evening. The scene of gathered and vocal life was most inspiring. Neighborly visiting was at its best. This was followed by a musical entertainment, and the following program rendered:

- "All Together"..... Quartette
- Mrs. James Armstrong and Misses Messrs. Small and Brooke..... Mrs. Drummond
- ..... accompanist.
- Duett, from..... "Dr. Syntax"
- Mrs. James Houghton and Mrs. McDonald
- Loves Sorrow..... Mrs. Brooke-Smith
- "Bohemian Girl," Piano..... Mrs. Drummond
- "Too Progressive," Recitation..... Robert Reeves
- Song, "Happy Days,"..... Mrs. Houghton
- Song..... "When the Night in Dusky Shadows"
- ..... K. F. Brooke.
- Lullaby Song, Violin Obligato..... Mrs. McDonald
- Concert Mazenka, and Concert de Plymouth..... Piano and Violin, Messrs. Capron and Hansen
- ..... Encores.
- Quartette..... "Good Night"

After the program, coffee and sandwiches and doughnuts galore, were served by efficient caterers. A net income of \$60 clear of all expenses was gathered from the birthday box of ages to be divided between the new church fund and general missions.

It goes without saying that this was a most enjoyable affair, and it truly indicates that such a party merits a sequel of continuance with increased opportunities for attendance.

### Reading Rooms.

Several weeks ago the INDEPENDENT contained an article favorable to the opening of Y. M. C. A. rooms in this city. In an interview with a number of the prominent young men of our city, we learned that the desire to have such apartments in Plymouth, met with universal favor. The subject was taken up and numerous conversations held in regard to the matter, and it was unanimously decided that the movement was in the right direction and along the right lines, and was one of the needed societies for the social advancements of our beautiful city.

But this important movement has been no farther advanced. The exact reason of this stagnation in this worthy enterprise, is the lack of sufficient funds. It was considered necessary to place the membership fee at \$5.00; and while our young men were anxious to push this laudable enterprise to a successful finish, they did not feel able, owing to the stringent times, to pay out that much money.

While the young men of our city have been contemplating the forming of a Young Men's Christian Association, other societies, composed of Christian women of the different churches of Plymouth, have been earnestly discussing the locating of reading rooms for the benefit of the young men, giving them a suitable place to spend their evenings profitably. This effort should be appreciated and a determined effort put forth in this direction.

Let our business men assist in this matter. A little cash donation from each firm in this city would bring grand results, and no more worthy cause could be found to place a small donation than in the establishment of good comfortable reading rooms for the benefit of these young men in our city,

many of whom have no home with its love inspiring influences, to lead them along the path of truth and rectitude. It is a duty our citizens owe to the young and rising generation, and it is to be hoped that our young men will be encouraged by the interest taken in their endeavors to create an interest in the matter. Let some citizen of a philanthropic turn of mind, and who believes in the advancement and education of the youths of our land, start the ball rolling by contributing \$100. Who will do this?

### Our City Park.

For some time, we have been informed, the beautiful park belonging to Plymouth, lying north of our beautiful city, has been in a state of chaos, and delapidation, and that upon numerous occasions appeals have been made to the citizens of our hustling city to donate a sufficient sum of money to place it into a suitable condition to do honor to the city to which it belongs. But it seems so far these appeals have been in vain, and those desiring this much needed improvement have been compelled to sit silently by and see the ravages of decay reign supreme.

But hark, you, a well founded rumor has reached our ears, that there is soon to be a radical change. That the young ladies of the city, who upon beautiful summer evenings desire a spot where the beauties of nature, combined with the shimmering light of a full moon, will charm the classic eye, have made up their minds to raise a sufficient fund to have this work done, and that very soon. They emphatically assert that if the "lords of creation," have not the courage and stamina to go ahead and have this important piece of work done, they will show them the women, who even have not the everlasting right of suffrage, will put them to shame by entering into a movement that will bring results this spring favorable to this laudable enterprise.

We are exceedingly glad these ladies are undertaking this work. At times it becomes a necessity for the fairer sex to launch a movement, if for no other purpose than to knock out that everlasting conceit that predominates in the make-up of the sterner qualities of mankind.

The INDEPENDENT is ready and willing to assist them in every way possible, all there being necessary is to make known their desires.

### South Side Fire Alarm.

For some time it has been recognized that a fire alarm of some kind was needed on the south side. If at any time a fire should break out in that part of town, so much time could be lost before the department would be informed of a conflagration, that their services would be of little avail when on the ground, only to prevent the spread of the fire.

Why would it not be a feasible plan to have arrangements made with the United Brethren church, to utilize their bell for such urgent emergencies. If such a project could be arranged, a great deal of valuable time could be saved in case of fire south of that point. We are aware of this form of fire alarm being used in cities where a great deal of territory is covered by the residential portion of the city, and much valuable property has been saved.

### The Columbia Opera Company.

This comic opera company held the boards at the Centennial Opera House Monday night last, and presented the romantic opera "Said Pasha," to a full house. To dwell upon the different parts by the members of this company would not be necessary. This opera like all other comic operas, as a rule, was light, but was good, and appreciated by those present. It is fitting to remark, that it would almost be an impossibility, for an opera company to give a musical performance in the Plymouth opera house and do the subject justice, if from no other reason, than the presence of a hollow tin pan for a piano. While the public are anxious and willing to show their appreciation for the appearance of a good company, it is embarrassing to an intelligent and music loving audience to realize the difficulties to be surmounted by singers of note, who heroically attempt to overcome the jingling rasping tunes of an ancient piano.

### Small-Pox at Laporte.

Dr. Darling, health officer of Laporte, reports a case of small-pox in that city in the family of F. J. Smith. The victim of the malady is a four-year-old boy, and the disease was contracted at Whiting, where the mother is critically ill. The child was taken to Laporte before there were any indications of the disease. The premises have been rigidly quarantined and every precautionary step has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

### Resolutions.

WHEREAS, Death has entered our union and taken from our ranks Mrs. Fannie P. Work who has been identified with the W. C. T. U. since its organization in this city.

Resolved, That we deeply mourn her death, and realize that this union has lost one of its most earnest and devoted workers, and the temperance reform an efficient and tireless advocate.

May we bow submissively to the Divine will of our Heavenly Father and thank Him for the life and work of our departed sister.

That we extend our deepest sympathy to the husband sister and brothers, and commend them to Him who "doeth all things well," and whose grace is sufficient for every time of need.

Resolved, Through our dear sister and friend has parted from our mortal sight the memory of the sterling qualities which made her a strength in the union and in every department of life, will linger fondly in our memory, and it shall be our aim to simulate the virtues which graced her womanhood.

Resolved, That we as a Union will endeavor to take up the work as it has fallen from our dear sister's hands and ever be faithful to teach the children scientific temperance which was her grand aim. We mourn the loss of our helpmate, but thank our Heavenly Father for the many good inspirations that her life gave us.

ERA H. BLAIN,  
HARRIET M. AULT,  
BELLE OUTCALT. } Committee.

### A New Firm.

A partnership has been formed by Messrs. Chas. Kellison and L. Lauer. The new firm merged into existence the later part of last week, and are fitting up a cosy apartment in the front room formerly occupied by Mr. Geo. Kleinschmidt. The present location will be retained until the new Corbin block is completed, when they will remove to that building. These gentlemen have purchased one of the finest law libraries to be found in this state and are preparing for a large business which they no doubt will secure. Kellison & Lauer are so well known to the people of Marshall county, that it would be superfluous for the INDEPENDENT to comment. Separately these gentlemen are excellent in their different lines of work; but as a firm they have no equal in the county. We wish them unbounded success in their future efforts.

### An Oil Explosion.

Miss Jessie Flory, the daughter of Mrs. S. Casler, met with a very painful but not serious accident, Wednesday, and miraculously escaped fatal injury. Miss Flory was at the residence of Mr. J. J. Sullivan, attending his mother who has been ill for some time. In fixing the fire in the stove, it having become quite low, she resorted to the use of coal oil. She poured a large quantity into the stove, and ere she was aware of the danger, it exploded with terrific force, dashing the burning oil and coals of fire into her face and hair. Her cries brought speedy assistance, but not before she was severely burned. At the present writing she is getting along nicely, and it is believed in a short time no vestige of her terrible experience will remain.

### Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our sincere thanks to our many friends, for their kind ministrations to our mother during her late illness and death. And especially do we wish to thank Mrs. A. Koontz, for her faithful and efficient service.

MR. AND MRS. L. A. KLOEFFER,  
MR. AND MRS. E. J. WELCH.

### North Towel.

The wife of J. C. Cummins was taken seriously ill with catarrhal fever Sunday night, but under the care of Dr. Brown she is improving.

Last Saturday while Henry Arnold was on the road to Plymouth, he was taken with a severe chill, which resulted in him being confined to the house. He is some better.

Welcome Miller is the owner of a new buggy. The protracted meetings at Shilo have closed.

The quarterly meeting was quite largely attended considering the cold weather.

James Meade our hustling trustee is somewhat under the weather.

### For Sale.

Owing to my removal from my farm at Twin Lakes, I have the following property for sale cheap if purchased before I move:

- Two sets of light double harness.
  - One set single harness.
  - Two road carts.
  - One wagon.
  - One St. John riding, breaking plow.
  - One Jersey cow, soon fresh.
  - I also desire a renter for my farm at Twin Lakes.
- JOHN W. NICHOLS,  
Twin Lakes, Ind.