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Observations.

For several weeks past we have observed with interest, efforts put forth in villages throughout the adjoining states to secure an ordinance making the license for peddlers and non-resident auctioneers so high, as to be virtually prohibitive. It has been favorably commented upon by different papers. This is an excellent move if carried out in the proper spirit. The newspaper man is the first to come to the front and condemn this mode of depriving the business man of his locality of their deserving patronage. But how is it on the part of some of those who cry the loudest against this imposition?

Our mind is brought to bear upon certain business men in Plymouth, who have come under our observation along this line since our short sojourn here. They had grievances the same as above mentioned, wherein men dealing in the same line of goods, who paid no taxes or supported families in our city, came here to do business for a few days, then "vamoose." We were approached regarding the matter, and did refer to unfair competition. It was but a short time subsequent that we approached these same parties in regard to advertising. Their answer was: "They did not think it necessary to advertise, they were so well known." It is a fact, that when a "bummer" comes to Plymouth whose line of trade competes with them, they expect the newspapers to take up their fight. And what is the actual fact in the case: Look over the files of your home papers and you discover this peddler has spent more money in the publisher's office in his two or three days sojourn than the kicker has during the entire year.

Yes, we believe in protection, and such protection to, that benefits the merchants of our city above all others. But we do not believe in that kind of protection that helps the merchant, while the printer goes begging for the work that unfair competition secures. There is no business in a town that begins to do for its patrons, gratuitously, than the newspapers, and their influence for good is greater than any other single influence exerted, if used in the right direction.

We observe the Nappanee News tells something of interest to its readers in regard to money contributed toward public enterprises. It remarks that during the past ten years the money given for such enterprises, if made public, would not only be startling to outsiders, but also an object lesson for a method of building up a city.

The Walkerton Independent, in commenting on the wail of dissatisfaction of the News, says: "If all the sums of money which have been donated toward public enterprises in Walkerton during the last ten years were published, the figures would also be startling."

Now there is food for thought. Whether the shot of Brother Endley was intended to be sarcastic, and intended to denote the sleepiness of that village, we leave our readers to infer. But here is an object lesson we have an opportunity to illustrate to our above quoted friends, which we cannot help but utilize.

Have you people a wide awake business men's association; an association that keeps its eyes open for something that will prove beneficial to the welfare of your different cities? That is one of the most important features of a progressive city. Now Plymouth has got this essential feature, and ere the hard earned dollars of her citizens go to assist some heralded enterprise, the closest scrutiny of the board of directors of our business men's association must pass favorably upon it before a move is made. This one feature,

gentlemen, is the key note to our success. And while we speak of success, just for the purpose of gaining valuable information, keep your eye upon our movements this coming summer.

A gentleman of an observant turn of mind was in our city Saturday of last week, and in conversation with some of our business men coincided with our utterances of last week in regard to the erection of a modern hotel in Plymouth. He stated that the state of Indiana could not produce a more lucrative location for a first class hotel than Plymouth. The reputation that our beautiful lakes have abroad, makes this feature a necessity.

We have been informed that at Maxenkuckee great preparations are going to be put forth to make that place very attractive for their summer patrons. Of course a greater majority of these people will pass through Plymouth, and will need hotel accommodations. Are we going to be prepared for their arrival?

While we are trying to locate everything that is of interest to the people of Plymouth, we might add for the benefit of our city dads, that there are a number of complaints made in regard to the condition of the Garro street bridge, across the river. It is said that it is in need of repairs badly. We have not examined this structure, but of course give them this information so that they can act in accordance to the necessity of the case.

Council Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 7:50 p. m. All the councilmen, mayor and city clerk being present.

Minutes were read and approved. H. Corbin filed a petition as J. C. Kuhn, F. H. Kuhn and H. Corbin were rebuilding where they lately burned, and as the city and themselves would be liable for damages if anyone would be hurt, that the west side of Michigan street and north side of LaPorte street, and sidewalk in front of said building be kept from public use and allow them the use of the same for the construction of said building.

It was moved by Councilman Tibbetts and seconded by Councilman Maxey that prayer in petition be granted. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Maxey and seconded by Councilman O'Keefe that petition of John S. Bender for cutting down South street, be referred to the street and alley committee. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Reynolds and seconded by Councilman Maxey that the bill of the Plymouth Republican of \$9 for printing the ordinances changing the fire limits, be referred to the city attorney and he to report at the next meeting, as to the propriety of the city paying the bill. A vote was taken which was as follows: Tibbetts, no; Bailey, no; Gretzinger, no; Tanner, no; Hughes, I; Maxey, I; O'Keefe, I and Reynolds, I. The mayor records his vote no, and declares the motion lost.

It was moved by Councilman Maxey and seconded by Councilman O'Keefe that the Republican bill be not allowed. The vote resulted in another tie and the mayor voted no, and the motion was declared lost.

It was then moved by Councilman Bailey and seconded by Councilman Gretzinger that the Republican bill be allowed. The vote being a tie the mayor voted I, cast the deciding vote. The motion was declared carried.

It was moved by Councilman Tibbetts that the city attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance putting lots 46, 47 and 48, into the fire limits. (Lots 46, 47 and 48 are the Williamson lot, engine house lot and the Briggs lot.) The motion was seconded by Councilman Bailey and by a vote taken was carried.

It was moved by Councilman Tibbetts and seconded by Councilman Bailey that the report of the street and alley committee, be received, filed and placed on record and the sidewalks be ordered built. The motion was carried.

Moved by Councilman Tibbetts that bills be allowed. Motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Bailey that the street and alley committee and city confer with the county commissioners and prosecuting attorney in relation to building new bridge across the river (Bownee bridge) and report at next meeting. Motion was carried.

Moved by Councilman Reynolds that the chief of fire department and superintendents of water works open all hydrants of water mains and slush them out wherever they may deem necessary. Carried.

Councilman Tanner moved that the report of sewer and drain committee be

received, filed, and placed on record, and that the committee on sewers and drain be authorized to purchase tile sufficient to carry off water. Motion was carried.

On motion of Councilman Bailey the street commissioners report was received and filed.

It was moved by Councilman Maxey that the committee on sewers and drains be instructed to purchase two car loads of sewer tile. Carried.

It was moved by Councilman Maxey that the report of the superintendent of the water works be received, filed and placed on record. Carried.

Councilman Maxey moved that they adjourn. Motion was carried.

The following bills were allowed:

Napoleon Sherman, labor.....	8.50
Chas. Ebel, labor.....	50
I. E. Lauer, labor.....	50
Carl Reynolds, labor.....	1.00
J. E. Bentz, shop labor.....	1.15
W. M. Kendall, oil.....	2.05
Geo. Null, labor.....	4.75
David Wiser, labor.....	5.90
H. G. Thayer & Son, tile.....	9.00
Plymouth Republican, printing..	9.00
W. E. Reynolds street commis'srs.	9.63
Stansbury & Co., coal.....	13.73
Nussbaum & Mayer, groceries....	22.57
F. H. Kuhn, (cleaning hose).....	23.90
Chas. J. Eich, labor.....	47.68
Star Refining Co., oil.....	77.78

Commissioners Court.

Commissioners court met last Thursday and the following is the business transacted:

Clinton Jones, Alexander Newhouse and Ezra Jones, who were heretofore appointed new viewers to view a route for location of road in Green township, filed their report.

John Leffert and Joseph, by their attorney, Chas. P. Drummond, filed remonstrance for damages against the location and establishment of the highway petitioned for in this cause, before the board. The board appointed James Smith, William Scott and John Davis reviewers to assess damages, if any, that said John Leffert and Joseph Leffert will sustain by the location of a public highway as prayed for in this cause and said reviewer will on the 11th day of April 1895, meet at Levi Allemans, in Argof and proceed to review said route and make a report of their doings to the auditor's office of Marshall county at least ten days prior to first Monday in June, 1895; and this cause is continued.

James B. Snyder, Philip Heekeman and John S. Wisler; heretofore appointed new viewers to view route, proposed location of public roads in German township, filed their report. Joseph Balsley and Jacob C. Balsley have filed remonstrance against the location and establishment of the highway petitioned for in this cause. The board appointed Lambert M. Comb, C. G. Halt and William Hildebrand, reviewers as to utility and damage, to assess the damages if any, that said Jacob C. Balsley and Joseph Balsley remonstrators herein will sustain by the location of a public highway as prayed for and report the 4th day of April, 1895, at office of Christian Seiler, in Bremen. They are to make a report of their proceedings at least ten days prior to first Monday in June, 1895; and this cause is continued.

Ella F. Snyder on the part of herself and others, files a petition for the location of a road in Center township. The board appoints James Parker, Morris Banks and Wesley Updike to view the said route and make report of their doings to the auditor's office of Marshall county, at least ten days prior to the first Monday in June, 1895.

Auditor of St. Joseph county showed to the board that by certified copy that the board of commissioners of said county, after having examined the report of the viewers, filed in this cause, dismissed the cause and directed the auditor of St. Joseph county, to collect from the bondsman the cost incurred in this matter and that their action be made known to board of commissioners of Marshall county.

The board being of the same opinion as the board of St. Joseph county ordered the cause dismissed and further find that the cost due Marshall county are as follows, to wit: William Schofield, viewer, \$20; August Weisert, viewer, \$20; for sheriff's fees \$7, and Peter Hahn's auditor fees, \$3; total \$50; and the auditor is directed to certify this order to auditor of St. Joseph county and the case disposed of.

The county auditor was ordered to purchase for the use of the board, a copy of "Burns Indiana Statute Revision" of 1894, 3 volumes.

A report was filed by C. H. Woodberry, F. Sparr, S. N. Champlin, appointed viewers of a proposed ditch in Polk township, petitioned for by F. L. Johnson and others, for such ditch.

L. Mc Donald, of the Democrat, filed a report that a notice was published of a petition of the Lake Erie road by its

attorneys. M. A. O. and O. M. Packard filed a motion to quash which was overruled and exception taken and motion made to dismiss; leave given to file amended report and cause continued to March 13. Board adjourned to Friday. Jacob Carbiner filed report relative to poor of German township; approved.

The purchase of a rod and chain by county surveyor Warner was approved. A report of the poor of Green township by T. L. Green, approved.

A bid for county physician of West township, by Dr. Richey, was laid over. Daniel Savage and others asked for a highway in Union township; board appointed Eugene Benedict, Ezra Jones and E. McElfresh viewers to report ten days before the first Monday in June.

The water works contract with Plymouth was renewed to Mch. 8, 1896. Adjourned to Saturday.

Aug. Weisert, Jas. Parker and John Hite reported in favor of road in Bourbon township and road 40 ft. wide ordered open, kept in repair, auditor to notify proper trustee to have work done. Aaron Herr, Geo. Clark and Samuel Wauer appointed viewers of road in German township, asked to be vacated by Stephen Knoblock and others.

Petitions of Drs. Wahl and Spencer to care professionally for poor of German and Tippecanoe townships laid over.

Attorney Drummond, for Moses Rose and others, asked for a joint ditch of Starke and Marshall counties; O. Webb, H. J. Jarrell and Benj. Snyder appointed viewers to meet those of Starke Co. April 11 and file report by four weeks prior to next regular session of the board; auditor to notify auditor of Starke county of this order.

William T. Vanvactor and D. C. Knott, copartners, by attorney C. B. Tibbetts filed petition for exclusive right of highways and other public grounds of the county for erection and operation of toll, and telephone lines between Plymouth and Bremen and Argos. Given the right but not exclusive. Conditions that should not interfere with use of highways and right shall not effect the right of owners of lands abutting on said highways to recover any damages they may sustain by additional use of such highways thereby granted.

Jacob Martin who is platting Marshall county asked instructions, board directs that plats be finished up to date and parties living within the incorporated town of Marmont, be designated so that the assessor's books be properly finished. Cause was continued.

The matter of Index Book No. 7, of the recorder's office is again considered but dismissed.

Board ordered Thomas Walker, recorder of this county to have deed record "P" and mortgage index No. 7 reserved and report cost to board at next term.

Adjourned till Monday. Auditor of Kosciusko county, filed a memorial of the viewers of Army ditch asking for extension of time on account of inclement weather. Granted.

John R. Deitrich on part of himself and others, filed petition for joint road between St. Joseph and Marshall. Benj. Snyder, commissioner of Marshall county, will meet with commissioner Adam Dittle, of St. Joseph, at the office of Monroe Stiner, Lakeville, on Monday April 1st, 1895, to view proposed road. Notice is to be given to auditor of St. Joseph and road commissioner by auditor of Marshall county.

T. M. Walker filed a final report of fixing shelves in recorder's office. Approved. Adjourned till Tuesday.

N. E. Bunch files final report of enlargement of radiators at county asylum. Approved.

N. E. Bunch, superintendent of county poor farm files a quarterly report of condition of asylum. Approved.

T. L. Voreis, trustee of Green township, petition for iron leg bridge known as "Logan bridge." Continued.

Matter of "Hermie bridge," Center township is continued.

Trustee Bonham filed report of poor of Center township. Approved.

Carver bridge in Union township is continued. Adjourned till Wednesday.

Frank L. Johnson et al, by Attorney H. A. Logan, filed a motion to permit viewers to amend their report. L. E. & W. road filed a motion to strike motion of petitioners out. Overruled and motion to amend sustained.

C. H. Woodberry, F. Sparr and S. N. Champlin, viewers of proposed ditch in Polk township, asked for by F. L. Johnson and others filed their amended report. Lake Erie road file motion to dismiss petition. Overruled. They then filed remonstrance with bond duly approved by commissioners. Sustained. Board appoints Anthony Turner, Jacob Zumbach, and Henry Roberts to meet at surveyor's office on Monday April 1st 1895.

Dr. Viets filed application for pauper practice of Center township, not including county infirmary. Continued.

Henry Humrichouser, by attorney Kellison, filed petition for remission of taxes assessed against him in this county. Dismissed for want of jurisdiction. Court then adjourned.