

Semi-Weekly Independent.

Vol. II.

PLYMOUTH, MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 1895.

No. 28.

A Bargain

IS WHAT EVERY MAN WANTS,
AND HERE THEY ARE.

From now on until January 1, 1896, for each and every cash sale I will give the following bargain: With every suit of clothes, an extra pair of pants of the same material as suit; with every single pair of pants, a good pair of suspenders; and all overcoats will be made at rock-bottom prices. Give me a call.

**KLEINSCHMIDT,
THE TAILOR.**

Our Handkerchief Stock

acknowledged by all to be the most complete and finest line ever put on the market in this city, is still unbroken. Thousands have been sold, but such large quantities have been purchased that still sufficient remain to satisfy the wants of all.

Our Special Sale of Curtains, Blankets, Comforts and Spreads

still continues. That money can be saved at this sale can be proven. All new goods at reduced prices. Don't delay for this sale closes tomorrow, the 24th inst.

BALL & CARABIN, PLYMOUTH

P. S.—This store will be closed all day Christmas.

FARMERS, DO YOU WANT CASH?

Then cut your second growth White Ash into bolts and logs and deliver to our factory. Bolts cut 4½ long, 6 inches in diameter and up, \$6.50 per cord. Logs cut 5½, 11 or 16½ feet long, 12 inches in diameter and up, \$18 per thousand. Must be straight timber and free from knots.

INDIANA NOVELTY M'FG CO.

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

LOCAL CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS GIVE PROGRAMS.

The Feast of Old Kris Kringle Is Observed in this City with Mirth and Music Galore.

Hard as it may seem to believe it, yesterday brought Christmas eve, that chief of all occasions for the juvenile. It is that wonderful night when the jolly little snow-bearded patron saint of merry, laughing childhood—Kris Kringle—holds undisputed sway over the homes and hearts and hearts of men through all this world of ours. What a dear old necromancer he is, to be sure! A single wave of his kindly hand and there springs into full and sudden growth the Christmas tree, with its green boughs lighted with the brilliant candles and glittering trimmings, and bowing to the ground with its varied gifts. And what a marvellous memory old Kris must possess! For year after year he comes on his flying visit and seldom or never are the little ones forgotten. Not less glad is he to visit the bedside of the shivering waif in the chilly attic than the romping children of wealth in their luxurious boudoirs.

Well, Christmas eve belongs exclusively and solely to Kris Kringle and his fleet reindeers and his wonderful trees. And here in Plymouth the customary Christmas eve services were held by the various churches and bible schools.

At the Methodist church, a really charming program had been arranged, including among its numbers anthems by the choir, recitations and dialogues by the children, solos and quartets and class exercises of number and character to make the evening pass like a dream, no matter how dismal the night without.

At the Presbyterian church was presented one of the prettiest little cantos which this season of mingled mirth and melody has ever called into being. It is entitled "Santa Claus on Time," and the children have been devoting their time and labors to its preparation with a vigor and enthusiasm which precludes any possibility of failure. The rehearsals have been given under the careful and competent direction of Miss Grace Brownlee, Mrs. Auleult and Charles R. Leonard.

Nearly all of the other churches and schools had prepared something in the way of special entertainment for the evening—and something which delightfully repaid all for their attendance. And all were free to every youthful watcher for that day—for on that night of all others there may be no caste distinctions drawn between the children of wealth and of poverty. Santa Claus knows and loves them all.

K. O. T. M. at the Front.

At a special review Plymouth Tent, No. 27, being the second special review in December, five candidates were initiated and a general good time was had. Thirty-two members were present. On account of our regular review coming on Christmas eve the meeting was changed to Thursday, December 25. Sir Knights should turn out, as we will have a lot of work to do; be prompt, as our time for opening is 7:30. S. N. C.

Cheap Enough.

An Indianapolis jury has just awarded a verdict of \$5,000 in favor of a young woman who sets up an unusual cause of action.

The plaintiff says that for the last nine years her time and attention have been monopolized by a young man who has courted her and kept company with her steadily, to the utter exclusion of all other gentlemen. At the end of nine years the young man explained to her that he had never contemplated matrimony, but was "merely trying to enjoy life as he went along." Thereupon the fair object of his monopolistic devotion brought suit for \$10,000 for the time she has wasted. The jury gave her half the amount she demanded. Not knowing the principals in this case, we are not in a position to speak positively on the justice of this verdict, but there can be no question of the principles involved. Generally speaking, \$555 a year is too cheap rent for a Hoosier sweetheart.

Simons' School Entertainment.

One of the pretty features of the holiday season occurred at the Simons school on Saturday evening. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the attendance was large.

The decorations that adorned the wall were a superb array of evergreen intermingled with snowy flakes of

popped corn, while in the background the national banner floated conspicuously among the gilded trappings.

The program, excellent and well rendered, reflects much credit on the teacher, Mrs. Mamie Kleinschmidt, as there were many venacious difficulties to contend with.

The last act, a tableau, "The Star Flag Drill," was a striking one which appealed fervidly to every beholder. The financial proceeds of the entertainment will be applied upon the school library.

From Georgia.

LAGRANGE, GA., Dec. 13, 1895.

MR. J. S. BENDER, Plymouth, Ind.
My dear Sir:—I am at last again compelled to take to the pen. I have been in "the woods" long enough, for I hear there are many false reports going the rounds at Plymouth about me concerning my health, and general success here.

Now I saw in an article in the Plymouth Republican of Nov. 15, purporting to be a statement of Mr. John C. Cummins, to the effect that I was suffering terribly from rheumatism, leaving the impression that it was the result of this climate, when in fact I came here with it, as you well know. I often came to the office with a walking stick before I left Plymouth. It is true I have had the rheumatism very bad this winter again, but at present feel as free from it as though I had never had it; and further I have lost but four days work since I have been here from any cause; and all my work has been out of doors.

Ist, I built a house on a lot I purchased near the city and now I am building a barn on same, and have been cutting cord wood and clearing up my farm preparatory to planting cotton in the spring. I have about 50 acres of land in cultivation and as many in timber lands, I have 200 grape vines which require pruning and staking, and much more to do, so that I have plenty to do and am hard at it, and what is most gratifying to me, that I am enjoying good health, in fact have not felt better in a long time.

I am more and more pleased with this country every day, as well as is my neighbor Charles Schmiden, who has come here not as a few, who came here from Indiana, it appears, under the impression that southern hospitality was something good to eat; they have gone back to Marshall county. Mr. Schmiden and many other Northerners from other points, however, who have come here and gone to work, have found plenty of helping hands, and are much pleased with the country and its people. All are enjoying the beautiful weather, we have had but one or two heavy frosts yet, and no cold weather.

As yet we have no notion of coming back to take sleighrides with you, we prefer grass and flowers.

Yours very truly,

J. D. MOLTER.

La Pearl's Railroad Show.

Mr. J. A. La Pearl, proprietor of "La Pearl's Big Railroad Show" with which Plymouth and Marshall county people are well acquainted, is in winter quarters at Danville, Ill. Of last season's business Mr. La Pearl, in a letter to the INDEPENDENT, says:

"It has been the most successful during my career in the show business, enabling me to put before the public this coming season of 1896, the very best show that has ever been witnessed in your city for the price of admission, still heralding, as in former years, an honest, moral and pure show."

They Know Him.

The Valparaiso Star is well acquainted with Mr. E. E. Small, our city editor, and in the issue of Friday says:

E. Eldenne Small has been installed as city editor of the Plymouth Independent. Mr. Small is a young man of pronounced ability for news paper work, and with his fund of practical experience will no doubt score a splendid success in this new field of work."

An Essay on "Corns."

[ANON.]

Corns are of two kinds—vegetable and animal. Vegetable corn grows in rows; animal corn grows on toeses. There are unicorn, Capricorn, corn dodger, field corn, and the corn you feel the most. It is said, we believe, that gophers like corn; but persons having corns do not like to "go fur" if they can help it. Corns have kernels, and some colons have corns. Vegetable corn grows on ears, but animal corns grow on the feet. Folks that have corns sometimes send for a doctor, and if the doctor is corned, it would be better if they had not sent for him. The doctor says corns are produced by tight boots and shoes, which is probably the reason why, when a man is tight, they say he is

corred. If a farmer manages well he gets a good deal of corn on an acre, but we know of a farmer that has one corn that makes the biggest ache on his farm. Another kind of corn is the dodger. The way it is made is very simple, and it is as follows: You go along the street and meet a man that you know has a corn and rough character, step on the toe that has the corn on it and see if you do not have occasion to dodge. In that way you find out what a corn dodger is.

Council Proceedings.

From Tuesday's Daily.

There were two vacant chairs at last night's city council meeting, and the fourth ward was only a reminiscence.

Councilmen Hughes, Tanner, Gretsinger, Bailey and Reynolds were present.

After calling to order, Mayor Swindell notified the body that the supreme court had reversed the decision of the lower court in the fourth ward case, and added in effect that he had always believed the council's action in creating the fourth ward illegal; that he believed at the time he gave bond to carry the case to the supreme court that it stayed any further proceedings; and that he had not been legally bound to recognize Messrs. Maxey and O'Keefe as councilmen but did so in obedience to the will of the court and for the public good. The rules of the council had never been repealed, and were now in force.

The standing committees were reorganized as follows: Finance—Gretsinger, Tanner, Tibbetts; Accounts—Bailey, Tibbetts, Hughes; Ordinance and Police—Tibbetts, Bailey, Tanner; Streets, Alleys, Etc.—Bailey, Tibbetts, Gretsinger; Fire Department—Tanner, Hughes, Bailey; Water Works—Tibbetts, Gretsinger, Bailey; Electric Light—Hughes, Reynolds, Tanner; Sewers and Drains—Tanner, Bailey, Hughes; Telephone and Stationary—Gretsinger, Tibbetts, Tanner.

No. 5—Died Crying for Cigarettes.

William Green, a 16-year-old Buchanan boy, who has been at the point of death some weeks from cigaret smoking, died yesterday. The boy has smoked as high as 165 boxes of cigarettes in a month, always inhaling the deadly nicotine. One of his tricks was to drink a glass of water after inhaling the smoke and then blowing it from his lungs. On his death bed he cried piteously for a cigaret.

Annual Social.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Reformed church will give its last social for the year on New Year's eve at the home of their pastor, Rev. Rothenberger. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend and help make this the best social of the year.

BESSIE WILKINSON, Cor. Sec'y.

A Publisher's Union.

We have made arrangements by which we can supply almost any newspaper or magazine published in the world in combination with the INDEPENDENT, Daily or Weekly, at a reduction of from 5 to 75 per cent from regular subscription price. It will pay you to call at the INDEPENDENT office before renewing subscriptions for any American or European literary or news publication.

Clergy Rate Will Remain the Same.

The question of a change in railroad fare charged clergymen has been settled by the managing officers of railways in territory covered by the Central Traffic Association agreeing to continue to allow a rate of one and one-half cents per mile. For the coming year regularly accredited clergymen, who may be entitled to the same under the rules, can therefore procure reduced rate tickets over the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh, same as during 1895.

J. E. HANES, Agt.,
Plymouth, Ind.

Cheap Rates to Atlanta, Ga.

On account of the exposition the Vandalia will sell round trip tickets daily until Dec. 25, to Atlanta, Ga., limited to 10 days from date of sale for \$17.80. T. O. DOWNS, Agent.

Holiday Excursions via Pennsylvania Lines.

On December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1895, and January 1st, 1896, excursion tickets will be sold from ticket stations on the Pennsylvania Lines West of Pittsburgh to points on those lines, valid to return until January 2d, 1896. For details please apply to nearest Pennsylvania Line ticket agent.

Santa Claus

Has induced the Nickel Plate road to sell excursion tickets at low rates to all points on the line between Buffalo and Chicago December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1895 and January 1st, 1896.

MISSING CHRISTMAS MAIL.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Postal Sack from Bourbon Causes Wonder and Investigation.

If a number of Plymouth people don't get those letters, Xmas presents they expected by way of Bourbon, they should not jump at any rash conclusions regarding the matter. A sack full of mail from the Bourbon postoffice is missing some place, and has thus far eluded the watchful eyes of the departmental men who are endeavoring to locate it.

Mrs. Lewis is the messenger who carries the mail, under contract, from the office to the depot. Train 8, eastbound, does not stop at that station, but the mail clerks aboard catch the sack from one of the hanging iron crane arms, frequently seen at small stations.

On Friday evening last, after the mail sack had been hung upon the crane and the train came through, the report came back to Bourbon in the shape of a telegram from Warsaw, that no sack had been received on the train. The railway mail clerks say that when the train passed through, no sack was on the crane. On the other hand Mrs. Lewis is positive that she hung the leather bag up while the train was in sight and nearing the station.

The only possible explanation is that somebody who was near at hand and watching, stole the mail. It has not turned up yet, and a postal inspector has been put upon the case to discover its whereabouts.

The Secret Out

The newspapers all over the country are trying their best to solve the problem of the "new woman" with but little success as yet. Some say that she only exists in imagination, others claim to have seen her, but know nothing of her origin. Now a young western lady has come to the front and cleared up the mystery to every one's satisfaction. She says, in a letter to a well known patent medicine firm: "After taking four bottles of your medicine, I have become a new woman."

LAST ATLANTA EXCURSION.

Special Low Rates via Pennsylvania Line December 20th.

The last special low rate excursion to the Atlanta exposition has been fixed for Friday, December 20th, when tickets will be sold via Pennsylvania lines based on the exceptional low rate of one cent per mile. Tickets will be good returning ten days from date of sale. The exposition closes December 31st. This will be the last chance to see it. The fare from stations on the Pennsylvania system will be very reasonable, making a delightful holiday trip possible at slight expense. For details see nearest Pennsylvania line ticket agent. Ticket Agent J. E. HANES, Plymouth, Ind., will furnish information about rates, time of trains, etc.

Died from his Injuries.

Walter Christwell, a Wabash freight brakeman who fell between the cars at Columbia City Friday and was terribly mangled, died later from the injuries thus received. Both legs were crushed and he was otherwise badly hurt. He was a man of family and lived in Peru.

Holiday Rates.

Account Christmas and New Years the L. E. & W. will sell excursion tickets at 1½ fare for round trip tickets. Will be sold Dec. 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1, 1896. Good returning Jan. 2, 1896.

Fur! Fur! Fur!

We are in the market as usual and announce to trappers and dealers, that our facilities for handling large quantities are the best. Bring in your collection early. We are also in the market for hides. Nussbaum & Mayer.

Turkey Time.

The time to sell turkeys is when they are fat don't hold for holiday markets. The markets usually on our stock at that time. We can take care of all that will come, any day in the week, at full market value. Don't feed on the day you bring to market. J. SWINDELL & BRO.

Cheap Rates to Atlanta.

Dec. 20, the L. E. & W. R. R., will sell excursion tickets to Atlanta, Ga., \$13.75 for round trip. Tickets good 10 days. C. H. Hughes, Agent.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

For the holidays, the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa railroad will sell excursion tickets between all points on its line at the low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25, and 31st, 1895, and Jan. 2nd, '96. Good returning until Jan. 2nd, '96. For time of trains, rates of fare and all information, inquire of agents. S. S. WHITEHEAD.