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## Pants! Pants! Pants!

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A good pair of steel gray jeans working pants made to order for... **\$3.00.**

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### HELD FOR STEALING

A MAN KNOWN AS "ROSE" IN TROUBLE.

Hires a Rig at South Bend and the Silent Evidence Shows that He Was on a Sheep-Killing Expedition.

From Tuesday's Daily.

S. E. Jacox received a telephone message from South Bend this morning asking him to look out for a brown horse with one white hind foot and a cropped tail. Ora Jacox had hardly stepped out on the sidewalk when he saw the identical horse and buggy passing by.

The proper officers were notified, and the man, who gave his name as Rose, was arrested by office Klinger, and placed in jail. His horse and buggy were taken to Jacox's barn where upon examination, it was found to be in a very bad condition. On the spokes of the wheels on the left side of the buggy were found large blotches of blood, and on the cover was found other indications that where the buggy and its occupant had been, a legitimate business had not been practiced. Mr. John R. Shanks a South Bend liveryman, arrived here at noon. The following is his story of the affair. This man Rose came into his barn, and hired a horse and buggy, for the supposed purpose of going out into the country a short distance to be gone but a few hours. The man not returning last night his suspicions were aroused, and he telephoned to Plymouth with the above results.

On further investigation, pieces of wool were found on the buggy and a two-bushel sack marked, "Deedle." It was soon discovered that a man of the above name resides near Lakeville and is a raiser of sheep. This clue was followed until it was learned that this man Rose had sold thirty-four sheep pelts at Schmetz's tannery.

Mr. Shanks took his horse and buggy home while the thief will be returned to South Bend on this evening's train.

A report to the effect that this man was wanted at South Bend for murder is an entire mistake, and originated in the brain of a sensational telegraph reporter.

Got Five Years.

James McDowell, of Logansport, passed through Plymouth Monday with a silver mounted pair of bracelets on. This is the fellow, who a few days ago got badly mixed with Logansport liquor, and then went home. When he arrived there he desired his aged mother to give him five dollars. She refused to give it to him; the brute then beat her almost to death. It did not take a jury long to mete out the proper punishment to him—only five years.

Chimney on Fire.

Monday night while the wind was playing hide-and-seek around the corner of the houses the chimney of Mrs. S. Pearman was discovered to be on fire. A number of neighbors rushed in and in a short time the fire was extinguished.

It is reported that when Melvin Chase and Frank Petcher arrived on the scene they thought heroic measures should be used. After due deliberation salt was thought of as an effective remedy. Chase being the youngest he was called upon to scale the roof, while Petcher acted as director.

Securing a crock full of salt, Melvin cautiously approached the chimney along the comb of the roof, having some trouble to hold on to the salt and at the same time keep his coat tail in the proper place. After an effective dose of salt down the chimney he attempted to slide the vessel containing the salt down the roof, while Petcher tried to catch it as he would a ball. He didn't catch it, but his head did.

Vehicles Taxed.

When you talk about wheels and desire to discover the largest, geared to run the fastest, we would refer you to the city dads of Anderson, Ind. It is currently reported that they have under consideration an ordinance for the taxing of vehicles that appear on their streets. For instance, if the unfortunate farmer (he always seems to get it in the neck) desires to go to town Saturday and dispose of a couple dozen eggs he will be met at the suburbs by a collector and be required to pay a small sum into the city treasury, unless, perchance, he has previously called upon the city clerk and deposited a sufficient sum of money which would entitle him to a license to come into town in his wagon as often as he wanted to, Sunday included. Of course the farmers could

avoid this little inconvenience by walking into the sacred precincts of this great city, or, to more thoroughly meet the new condition of affairs, use pack mules.

It is said that the farmers in that section have astonished the city "pluggers" by informing them that they will boycott the place and do their trading elsewhere. It is also asserted that the livery men and other lines of carriers are foolish enough to object to this new mode of raising revenue, which informant says was introduced into the council chamber by an aspirant for the position of pound-master of that city.

GOES TO SHELBY COUNTY.

The Belt to be the Property of the Most Cowardly Set of Men, Goes to Shelby County.

It is a common phrase that "self preservation is the first law of nature," and it must be admitted that down in Shelby county some of those people who wear pants, and pass as men have studied the above quotation, and stick to the text. An exchange tells of a Miss Wallie Cooper, an estimable lady and secretary of the M. E. church Sunday school, who was keeping company with Charles Lanneham, whom the father disliked. She started for the church Friday, and when out, met her lover who took her in his buggy and they went to attend a party at Henry Thomas residence. The father heard of it put himself in a rage, took a buggy whip and went directly to Thomas' house where the party was in progress and the couple was. He dashed into the room, seized the girl and began abusing her with the whip, broke it and then kept up his pounding with the butt until the lady fell fainting to the floor, he meanwhile saying he would kill anyone who interfered. Afterwards he picked up the senseless girl, put her in his buggy and drove home. The surgeon was called, who pronounced her injuries serious. Her clothes were saturated with blood, two fingers were frightfully lacerated and her condition is critical.

A Remarkable Hen.

BOURBON, Feb. 7, 1896.—[Special to THE DAILY INDEPENDENT.]—Since the report of a few days ago regarding the great production of eggs from some 25 hens owned by Upton Stansbury, of Plymouth, there has been brought to our notice a most peculiar freak of nature, so it would seem to the casual observer, but to the person concerned it seems as only a result of study and labor.

Mr. Chas. Spencer, a prominent barber of this place, has been engaged for the past four years in raising thorough bred poultry. He has at last succeeded in producing a most remarkable pullet noted for its peculiar striping, the stripes begin just back of its ear lobes passing around the body and changing from red, white and blue, each color being very distinct. Mr. Spencer claims to have produced this pullet by cross-breeding with the Red Pile, Leghorn, White Wonder and Blue Andalusian.

But what seems the most strange is that the pullet has just laid her first egg which is striped the same as herself with circles of red, white and blue, but this has been satisfactorily accounted for by Mr. O. P. Greer, and Mr. Wm. Rudi, both of this place. After making close examinations of the coops and the parks they found that Mr. Spencer had placed some two years ago an old barber pole in the coop for a roost and this pullet has always used the same for roosting. This, with the nature of the hen has caused some curiosity.

A Country Social.

A very enjoyable social event occurred at the elegant country residence of David Staley, just north of Inwood, on Friday evening last.

Quite a number of intimate friends gathered at about 8 o'clock, and perpetrated a very pleasant surprise on Miss Mary Staley in honor of her 17th birthday. An excellent program of music was well executed by the accomplished musician, Miss Bertha Staley. After partaking of light refreshments the participants of the happy occasion departed for their homes, wishing their hostess many birthdays as happy as the one just spent.

Dr. Roy Discovers a Fraud.

Dr. Roy says that the longer he lives the more experience he gets. He recently rendered some slight medical assistance to Alonzo Grenner a stout, short young man about 22 years of age, a young man whom the doctor now says has had according to his own statement two or three wives.

When Grenner represented that he was poor and wanted a home the doctor says he gave him shelter and food

and \$3 per month for his service. Day before yesterday Grenner asked the doctor to become his surety for a pair of shoes and a suit of clothes.

The doctor bought him a pair of shoes for which he paid \$2 but would not extend credit to the amount of a suit of clothes whereupon Grenner took offense and "skipped" Friday night leaving the doctor \$4 in the soup.

The Sprague Concert.

Monday night the people of our city turned out enmasse to spend an evening with the Gertrude Sprague Concert Company, at the M. E. church. The large auditorium of this church was packed, every seat being filled and chairs placed in the aisles to accommodate a large number.

With the exception of the necessity to use an organ instead of a piano, the latter being an actual necessity to completely give the musical numbers the desired effect, the concert was a success, and highly appreciated by all present.

While some of our people were inclined to think it was not up to the standard of the original Schumann Quartet, yet as a whole the entertainment was of the highest musical order. The presentation of this musical treat, is mainly through the efforts of Dr. C. A. Brown, who is Superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school, and the funds received, some \$25.00 will be turned over to the school for their use.

Obituary.

Mrs. Ellen Jilson was born at Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 20, 1814, and died at Dayton, Tenn., Feb. 6th 1896. Mrs. Jilson was married to Sidney Jilson in 1834, and moved to Dayton, Ohio, where three children were born, John C. Jilson, of our city, Arthur Jilson, of Brookfield, Mo., and Mrs. W. E. Bailey of Dayton, Tenn. She leaves one surviving sister, who resides at Holmsburg, Pa., who is in her 90th year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jilson lived in Plymouth with their son, for some time, and after the death of her husband, Sidney Jilson, which occurred some two years ago she went to Tennessee to live with her daughter. The remains were brought to Plymouth and laid to rest by the side of her husband in Oak Hill cemetery last Sunday.

Death of Dessa May Truex.

Dessa May Truex departed this life at the home of her parents in Union township, Elkhart county, Ind., Jan. 31st, 1896, aged 14 years, 2 months and 29 days.

She was born near Plymouth, Ind., but when she was 11 years old her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zibe Truex, moved to Elkhart county, where she soon gained many friends and associates and where she was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Her health began to fail in the winter of 1894-95, and in the spring, being exposed to and taking the measles they left the germ of consumption, which caused her death. Her parents did all in their power to restore her to her former health, but efforts were no avail, she dropped and faded as a blossom and has gone to take up her dwelling with the angels. During the last few weeks she was confined to her bed, where she received the most careful attention of the family and neighbors. Her suffering was borne with true Christian fortitude. On Tuesday before her death she gave up all hope of recovery, putting her whole trust in the Lord as her only helper in the last few days of her earthly sojourn. Friday morning, Jan. 31st, after having called the family to her bedside, she kissed them a last farewell, and passed away at 12 m.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church, Sunday morning, Feb. 2d, at which a large concourse of friends expressed their sympathy with the bereaved family. Sermon from John 14-1, by Rev. Brewington of Nappanee. By her request, when in life, the remains were taken to Plymouth for interment.—Nappanee News.

Hardly.

The Valparaiso Messenger says: "The Warsaw band is assisting in a series of revival meetings being held in the Goshen M. E. church. This is a new departure getting out a band to drum up sinners. Goshen must be tough."

Not necessarily tough Brother Zim. They realize the need of a rattling among the dry bones, and are honest enough to utilize every proper means to produce the desired effect. Try it in Valparaiso.

St. Thomas Church Items.

The Altar Guild will meet with Miss Ida Schultheiss next Monday afternoon. Important meeting.

### GREATEST OF TRUSTS

J. PIERPONT MORGAN'S NEW DEAL ON COAL.

Coal Advanced 35 Cents a Ton by the Trust, Which Controls Over \$2,000,000,000 of Capital—\$56,000,000 Annual Tax on Consumers.

From Monday's New York World.

A new trust, greater, richer, stronger, more important than any other trust now in existence, has been formed.

Involving thousands of miles of railroad and more than \$2,000,000,000 of capital of the Vanderbilts and J. Pierpont Morgan, it is far ahead of the wildest dream of wealth and monopoly which the late Jay Gould ever conceived. J. Pierpont Morgan is the master spirit and originator of the new trust, the magnitude of whose operations makes the profits of a gold ring seem insignificant and trifling. The anthracite coal mining and railroad companies sold last year 46,000,000 tons of coal at an average wholesale price of \$3.08. It is proposed by the new trust to raise the price to \$4 a ton. On decreased production an increased profit of \$38,000,000 is assured and will be divided among eleven companies.

The great Coal trust begins operations today by advancing the price of coal 35 cents a ton. This increase is only the first step, but it means over \$15,000,000 increased cost to consumers and an even greater profit to the trust, as many middlemen and selling agents are to be dispensed with.

The new trust is a giant, compared to which the Standard Oil, the Sugar, the Tobacco and the Leather trusts are mere pigmies. The magnitude of these interests since the monopoly of anthracite coal mining has been added to the enormous railroad interests already centralized is so vast and far-reaching that bankers and railroad men cannot estimate its ultimate effect. Excluding bonds, the new coal and railroad trust stands for nearly \$1,000,000,000 capital and 24,530 miles of railroad. This capital stands for two and a half times the entire bonded debt of the United States.

The advance in the price of coal made today by the trust is the first step. It is proposed soon to get about 90 cents a ton more for coal than last year's prices.

Last Night's Lecture.

From Saturday's Daily. The lecture under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. last night was a successful affair and was the first event of this kind that has been in the city this winter. The hall was tastefully decorated, was well filled, there being about two hundred present. The lecture was the chief attraction, as the subject was one of the most important now upon the public mind. The lecturer, Hon. Chas. H. Reeve, discussed the Monroe Doctrine, its origin and its present application to our own country and Great Britain. His talk was closely followed throughout. Many of Mr. Reeve's old friends who had heard him on various public issues for years back were present.

At the close of the lecture a song was rendered, and brief talks were made by Judge Capron, Mr. Gilmore, Mrs. Harriet Ault, Mrs. H. G. Thayer and President Redd, attesting their appreciation of the occasion, which the Y. M. C. A. was giving for the benefits of its members and the people of Plymouth.

Acknowledgment.

TO THE DAILY INDEPENDENT:—The Press Superintendent of W. C. T. U. desires to make public acknowledgment of the kind favors extended to her by our honored citizen, C. H. Reeve, at the receiving of two complimentary tickets to the lecture given by himself before quite a select and cultured audience in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Friday evening. The subject was one of interest to the public citizens of the present day. It was handled with ability and in a clear, concise manner, everyone present being able to fully understand the doctrine referred to, references running back of the Monroe administration for fifteen or twenty years, including over sixty years of the past history of our government.

When we remember Mr. Reeve's age, it is a source of wonder to us, his remarkable retentive memory, to be so explicit in explaining the conditions existing at the time of the Monroe administration, and a close scrutiny down the line to the present administration. It certainly was an intellectual feast to the young men of the Young Men's Christian Association.

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