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## 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.**

An Appropriate . . .

## Christmas . . . Gift.

Ladies French Kid Gloves, pure silk lined, in blacks, browns, tans and English reds, with large pearl buttons; every pair guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, good wear, or a new pair to replace it.

There are yet many dozens of the \$1.00 and \$1.25 goods that are selling now at 75c. per pair. We place on sale to-morrow morning

A GREAT LINE OF

## Knitting Silks,

just received, at the phenomenally low price of 5c. a spool. This is the same goods that we have been selling at 7c.

Come in and be convinced that we are selling just as cheap, and perhaps cheaper, than anybody else.

**BALL & CARABIN,  
PLYMOUTH**

**FARMERS, DO YOU WANT CASH?**

Then cut your second growth White Ash into bolts and logs and deliver to our factory. Bolts cut 4 1/2 long, 6 inches in diameter and up, \$6.50 per cord. Logs cut 11 or 12 1/2 feet long, 12 inches in diameter and up, \$18 per thousand. Must be straight timber and free from knots.

INDIANA NOVELTY MFG CO

### CRAYON PORTRAITS FREE.

Our Free Gift Offer is Extended to Readers of the Semi-Weekly Independent.

Our free crayon portrait offer has met with such pronounced success, as given in Plymouth with the DAILY INDEPENDENT that we have concluded to extend it to all new and old subscribers to the SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT. With every cash in advance subscription of \$1.50 for the SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT one year we will give absolutely free one 14x17 crayon portrait enlarged from any good photograph or tin-type. The regular subscription price is \$1.50 but with the reduction of 50 cents made on all advance yearly subscriptions the net cost of the picture to the subscriber is only 50 cents. To subscribers who would not otherwise pay in advance the cost of the picture is nothing.

The pictures are fine and are guaranteed to be satisfactory in every respect on delivery. There is no obligation whatever on the subscriber to buy a frame or anything else when the finished portrait is delivered. Sample portraits may be seen at the post office at Kloefer's and at the INDEPENDENT office. This offer is for the holiday season and is necessarily for a limited time only. Come in and see the samples.

### Commissioners Court.

The commissioners court is now drawing to a close, after a nine days session.

### FRIDAY'S COURT.

A petition was presented by Fanny Jones asking for money to pay for the completion of her home which had been erected by the county, caused from the burning of her old home by the board of health officers, of this county on account of small pox. The auditor was therefore ordered to draw a warrant in favor of the said Fanny Jones. Cause disposed of.

The report of the poor of North township comes now. William M. Sherland trustee of said township of Marshall county, Ind., who by virtue of his office is overseer of the poor of North township, and files his report as such overseer for the quarter ending November 30th, 1895. The same was approved and case disposed of.

Oscar R. Porter was ordered by the board to procure a book for the assessors plat books of Marshall county and files his report which report was approved.

The report of the grand jury in regard to the poor farm and asylum by C. E. Thornburg, chairman, who files and presents the report of said grand jury as to the condition of county asylum and poor farm, was approved.

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 7.

The report of the secretary of board of health, J. H. Wilson the present secretary, who filed and presents his written report. Accepted.

Report of the poor of Polk township, B. W. Ross, trustee of said township, observer of the poor, given due consideration. Accepted and approved.

Jackson Wagoner et al., commissioner Pulaski county, Wickizer, commissioner in behalf of Marshall county, and Christopher Campbell commissioner in behalf of Fulton county, submitted their report favorable to the location of the joint road as petitioned. It was ordered by the board, that said report be received and the highway be laid out to the width of 40 feet.

The road petition of Mary E. Campbell, of Polk township, was presented to the viewing committee for a route for a proposed location of a highway in Polk township. It was ordered by the board that the said highway be located as described in said petition and the same be opened. The auditor is directed to give the required notice to the proper trustee.

The road petition of Adam Kauffman et al., of German township, was received and viewers heretofore appointed by the board were instructed to view the road for proposed vacation and also routes for the location of roads in German township. The report was accepted and confirmed.

Report of grand jury as to condition of the jail was filed by C. E. Thornburg, the foreman. The board after examination disposed of same.

N. E. Bunch files his report as to the sale of certain timber on the poor farm. The report is in all things accepted.

The ditch petition of John Ruby et al. was received, and the viewers heretofore appointed by the board to view a proposed location of a ditch in Bourbon township filed and presented their

report. There being no remonstrance the same was approved.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9.

N. E. Bunch files his quarterly report as superintendent of the poor farm and asylum, and the board after due consideration, approved and disposed of the report.

Report of the poor of West township, filed and presented by Henry S. Grube, is approved by the board.

John C. Gordon et al. file and present a petition to the board asking for an allowance from this county for the erection of a cottage at the soldiers' home at Lafayette. The matter was continued until the March term, 1896.

The ditch petition of John E. Johnson et al. was presented and approved, and Charles H. Woodbury, Hiram Shafer and David Howe, the viewers heretofore appointed by the board, were instructed to view the proposed location of the ditch in Polk township.

### IS AN INVENTOR

And is Working on a New Pouch Lock for Uncle Sam's Mail.

Mr. W. E. Peterson, of the postoffice, of this city, is an all around practical man. He has demonstrated this in more ways than one. He is the only man in Plymouth, one or two skilled mechanics possibly excepted, that can make a key for a Yale lock without a pattern. Where he has opportunity to observe he has a quick eye to detect the necessities of improvement and a ready suggestion as to how improvement may be accomplished and now, by a single bold stroke of genius he is to revolutionize the methods of locking and unlocking Uncle Sam's mail bags.

The present method of locking and unlocking mail bags is the same as it was years ago and while the postal department has undergone wonderful improvements in almost every way within the last few years postmasters and railway clerks have to handle the same today as they did years ago. Mr. Peterson's device will greatly expedite matters in this respect with the result of an almost incalculable saving of time when the whole department is considered.

The United States has millions of dollars invested in mail bags and a strong recommendation for Mr. Peterson's device is that its adoption will not necessitate discarding or throwing away the bags now in use. The present mail bag can be adapted to it with but slight alteration.

### A New Exchange.

While looking over our exchanges this week we came across, one of an unfamiliar nature. When we examined its contents we discovered it was the Daily Evening News, of Dunkirk Indiana. Being aware of but one person in that city who had previously been in Plymouth, we were not very much surprised to see the name of Smalley Bros. at the head of the editorial page. J. R. Smalley, formerly of this city, is no doubt one of the proprietors as he seemed to have a sneaking desire when he left Plymouth to encase his form in an editorial chair. The News is a well conducted and interesting local paper, and by the appearance of the advertising, an appreciated auxiliary in Dunkirk. The INDEPENDENT extends well wishes.

### A Word to the Young Men.

Young man, don't get too foxy. If you happen to get in possession of a few dollars, act just as you did before you got them. Don't swell up and burst. If you have a good share of brains you won't do this; you will remember that neither money, clothes, nor good looks makes the man, and that worth is as often garbed in a ragged coat as in broadcloth. Don't stand on hotel steps, dangling your watch chain, and talk "Hoss." Those who load themselves with airs are the smallest kind of potatoes, and the fewest in the hill. A fat job often spoils young men of weak minds; they immediately commence to dress fine, and take pride in cultivating an aldermanlike corporeity and a sporting air. Sensible people are always disgusted with such actions when they deign to notice them, which is very seldom.

### Paper Walls.

Mr. J. W. Maxey has introduced into this city a novelty in interior house finishing. Instead of plastering he is using a specially prepared manilla wall and ceiling paper in a house just being finished in his addition in the west part of the city. The paper leaves a smooth even finish, looks well and from the manner in which it is applied appears desirable in every respect. It is claimed to be superior to plastering in many ways.

### "WANTED."

Some of Our Citizens who are Interested in the Welfare of Plymouth to Erect an Opera House.

The INDEPENDENT has always endeavored to advance such subjects as would be of material benefit to the intelligent people of Plymouth. Among those spoken of, is the need of an opera house in our city. No village of 1,000 inhabitants throughout the broad domains of Indiana, can boast of such an eye-sore in the shape of a public hall, as disgraces Laporte street to-day.

We do not desire to be dubbed as kickers, but it is time that our citizens who desire to attend an entertainment in a public hall, received some consideration regarding their own personal comfort. It seems that the present owner of the Centennial barn has refused to do anything toward remodeling that structure and making it a fit place for an evening's gathering. The present management is, in our estimation, in no way to blame for the condition of the place, and has, so far as he is in its power, without the expenditure of its own personal funds, made the place as comfortable and attractive as may be.

What is now needed for our fast growing city, is some place for the proper presentation of public entertainments. There surely can be found in Plymouth a sufficient number of men who will form a stock company for the purpose of erecting some suitable place for these entertainments. While this movement would be a great help to our city, it would also be a paying investment to those who would enter into the enterprise.

We believe this is one of the most important subjects to be settled at this time. There is not a town in the state of Indiana the size of Plymouth, that is not the possessor of an opera house that gives its location prestige. And we will venture this assertion: No stranger has ever entered the prehistoric structure known as the Centennial opera house, but has been astounded. This is important. The Queen City of Indiana, with its magnificent business blocks, its beautifully shaded and graded streets, its magnificent manufacturing enterprises, its intelligent and handsome women, its broad, liberal and progressive business men, who all are interested in the welfare of this community, cries out against this antediluvian imposition.

Let some one set the ball in motion, and see how quickly this matter will be adjusted.

### The Last Lecture.

The good results from the lecture given by Mrs. Trego while in Plymouth will live, when she with us, have been carried to the other shore, where the white ribboned host are gathering one by one. "The good we do, lives after us, the evil lies buried with us." As a union we publicly thank Bro. Smith, of the M. E. church for his kind invitation to Mrs. Trego, to preach in his pulpit on last Sunday morning. Her lecture in the opera house on Sunday evening was given to the largest audience ever gathered in our city for a lecture. The close attention, the death like stillness which reigned through the vast crowd, was commented upon by the thinking ones present. As we looked around over the mass of faces, we wondered if there was one home in our city not represented. "The bread has been cast upon the waters," and we have the infinite promise that "After many days we shall find it." Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock the ladies waiting room at the P. F. W. & C. depot was filled with W. C. T. U. women, to bid Mrs. Trego good-bye. God speed, as she left us, first for her home in Delaware, Ohio, then to other fields of labor. She was given the Chatauqua salute, and we parted to meet again—we know not when.

Thanks are due to the ministers who assisted us in the devotional exercises of these meetings. P. S.

### Surprised.

Monday noon a few of the friends of Mr. David Hew gathered at the residence of Nelsa McLaughlin, on North Walnut street, where a birthday dinner had been prepared in honor of Mr. Hew's 69th anniversary. In the evening the party all left for Wm. Murphy's farm residence near Pretty lake, where an oyster supper had been prepared and a good social time is reported.

### 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.

### An Evening Snow Storm.

[An Idyll, by H. B. Jordan.]

On you lowering brow, a symbol,  
Hurrying, skids the pale blue sky,  
Whilst muffled clouds in anguish tremble,  
Where chill Aurora breezes fly.  
Ling'ring flakes of snow wave softly  
In one lonely silent legion;  
And are pillowed tenderly  
Beneath that dim Aerial region.  
But lo! on you far eastern horizon  
Is dropped a single silvered tear;  
On heaven's restless bosom 'tis moon's arising  
Above the storm clouds bright and clear.  
Her gentle beams unfold and softly glow,  
And the leicied air of night reveals  
The lustrous garments of snow,  
On the woods and in the lonely fields.  
Like a stormy idyll, is the realm of life  
Where troublesome clouds bring low  
In the endless world of strife,  
And frosted age, comes ere we know.

### A MASS OF FLAMES.

An Exciting Incident Connected With a Burning Lamp.

Last evening about 5:30 those in the neighborhood of the corner of Michigan & Garro streets, saw the rear door of Ryan & Joseph's store fly open and a burning lamp sail through the air, and just before striking the ground it exploded with a loud report. Upon investigating the matter it was learned that Mr. Joseph's little boy innocently ignited the oil that had accumulated in the little cup that hung below one of the large lamps, and before those present had time to act the entire lamp was a mass of flames.

Mr. Ryan made a swipe at the offensive customer and succeeded in getting it as far as the door, when Joseph, who is built for foot ball work gave the glim a lifting kick that drove it to the goal amid the cheers of the large host of lookers on.

### A Feted Fall.

Ever since we have been located in Plymouth, one of the great annoyances that has accompanied entertainments at the opera house, is the order kept in the gallery. It is a hard matter to locate this blame regarding this crying evil. If the management of the Centennial barn received the proper encouragement from the power of the property, a radical change would be inaugurated in the matter. Yet it seems to us that some means could be devised to protect those who give their good money to be allowed to sit on an uncomfortable chair two or three hours, to protect them from the mischievous pranks of the "gallery gods." At the entertainment, Wednesday night, at times when the lovers of music were giving the closest attention to some passage of music that was of great interest to them, they were disturbed by the boys in the gallery in more ways than one. There is no rasing the fact that this could be prevented, and the responsibility should be located and attended to.

### Must Have Horses Shod.

At South Bend the humane officer has commenced giving notice to the farmers, that if they expect to be allowed to drive their horses upon the streets of South Bend, they must get their horses shod. While this in some respects looks like discriminating against the country folks, yet it is a matter of human sympathy for the beast.

### Don't Trust to Luck.

You cannot afford to subscribe for a paper that you run a chance of being dissatisfied with. Therefore I say don't trust to luck but subscribe for the paper that is admitted by all to stand high as a farmers' trade journal. THE NATIONAL STOCKMAN AND FARMER is authority on all agricultural and stock topics. Each department is complete with live articles treated briefly. The leading topics of the hour are discussed practically by practical writers. Its market reports are made a special feature and acknowledged to be the best published for the general farmer and stock raiser. Most of the leading market centers are represented, and are in every way reliable and trustworthy. Many subscribe for this feature alone. Agriculture, horticulture, poultry, dairy, the apiary, live stock, and in fact all matters of interest to the general farmer and stock raiser, and pertaining to his business and social life are discussed for the good of its readers from a practical and scientific standpoint. Sample copies may be had free by addressing THE NATIONAL STOCKMAN AND FARMER, Pittsburgh, Pa. I will be pleased to take your order to start from the date I receive it to January 1, 1897, for one dollar. Subscribe now and get the most for your money.

CAL SWITZER, Agent,  
Plymouth, Ind.

Low rate Holiday excursion tickets are sold by agents of the Nickel Plate road, December 24th, 25th, and 31st '95, and January 1st 1896.