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A Word about the Progress.

THE PROGRESS is now in its 26th year under its present management, having been issued under the above name on the 5th of May, 1867.

As a Republican paper it has never flinched, supporting cordially all nominations of the party whether the men selected were friends or personal enemies. This has always been a part of the paper's religion, and will be so long as it is under control of the present owner.

THE PROGRESS has endeavored to give "the facts" in printing news of the county, without coloring statements to make them startling, and has endeavored to be thought of as reliable rather than sensational.

The paper is now laboring under some disadvantages because the subscription list, with the entire office, was destroyed by fire on the 23d ult., but hard work and perseverance will soon put the PROGRESS on its old time footing, and all will be well.

It is pleasant to find so many warm friends and supporters among our best citizens of town and county. Scores of men have come forward with not only words of sympathy but with financial assistance in the way of paying up bills—all unsolicited upon our part. It shows, however, who your friends are, and we are proud to know that the PROGRESS has many of them.

—That was an enjoyable reception which the survivors of Co. E, 118th Ind. Vols. held on the home of Capt. Wm. B. Hughes, Saturday night, Dec. 31st. Previous to the entertainment, however, the association re-elected the old officers: Pres't, Capt. W. B. Hughes; Treasurer, Gen. C. Smith; Secretary, W. L. Adams.

It was determined to hold a picnic on some day in June next. Maj. Mulky and wife were invited guests, and together with the "boys" of Co. E, sat down to one of the grandest dinners of the year. Recitations were given by Mrs. Mulky, Miss Ollie Hughes, and by the son and daughter of Col. Layton. After some time enjoyed spent in talking over the old days, the company separated, every one warmly wishing the hospital Captain and his accomplished wife another year of happiness and prosperity.

Members of the company present were as follows: Wm. L. Adams, Gen. C. Smith, Wm. C. Smith, A. H. Wilson, John W. Walker, Thomas Kilpatrick, W. M. Kerr, Milton Myers, Robert H. Patton, Jacob W. Patton, W. C. Fife, Andrew J. Lampkins, David B. Gray, and Thomas Evans. The comrades living in the county who could not be present were: W. I. Potter, James C. Voss, John C. Rock, Gilbert T. Paul, John Adams, John M. Faris and N. E. Mathers.

[The above was written for last week's Progress.]

—Adjusters (as they are called) for insurance companies, have some peculiar methods of arriving at results. For instance you may have \$4,000 worth of goods or stock entirely destroyed by fire, and the adjuster will place his own figures on the loss, deduct 50 per cent. for wear and tear, 10 per cent. to make himself solid with the home office, and then expect the insured party to be extremely grateful because the adjuster didn't worry him into a spell of sickness.

According to the theory of the average adjuster a man could with propriety pay 50c. for a good dinner before it is eaten, but after it has been stored away it has depreciated, and he should then hand the landlord a quarter. If the Progress is wrong in this criticism we trust some other good Christian man will correct us, as we would not knowingly do these shrewd gentlemen an injustice.

Foundation Day.

On the 20th, Foundation Day, the 73d anniversary of Indiana University will be celebrated with appropriate ceremonies. The program is as follows:

MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

At West. St. Pres. Church: A citizen's view of the university, Hon. W. B. Seward.

Readings from the New Purchase, Prof. O. B. Clark, Fifth Chapter University History, Dean David D. Banta.

NOON, 8 O'CLOCK.

At Old College Chapel: The Spirit of the Occasion, Miss Larimer (Sophomore class). The Ordinance of 1787,

Z. B. Leonard, (Senior class.) Next Steps of the University, J. G. Giles, Junior class.

—Louden's agency has the companies in which the Progress block was insured. It is a reliable line of companies, and Louden differs from many agents in that he does not desert the insured in the hour of distress.

If I Were Fair.

If I were fair,
I'd be little hands and slender feet;
To my cheeks the color rich and sweet;
I'd have dark eyes, and hair of brown;
I'd have clinging curls of burnish'd brown;
I'd have dimpled eyes aglow with smiles;
I'd be a girl of grace, and of sweet grace;
If I were fair, love would not turn aside;
Life's path, narrow, would be broad and wide;
I'd be fair!

If I were fair,
Perhaps like other maidens I might be bold;
A true heart's a store of maidens tested gold;
Love with me on earth is sweet, sweet love alone;
But to me for a maid there's no such love;
The secret of charm is strong, and love obeys;
The mystic witchery of her shy ways.

If I were fair, I'd be a maid so soft, so fair;
I'd be a maid so sweet, pictures to my view;

If I were fair!

If I were fair,
I'd be a maid of maidens I might be bold;
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