

The Local Department.

D. McDONALD, Editor.

PLYMOUTH, INDIANA, APRIL 9th 1857.

Card Playing.

Among the many bad habits that are being formed by the young men of our town, that of card playing is the most prevalent. A great many of the boys have already contracted such a habit of it that there is but little or no hope of their quitting, even when they become old men.

As to playing for mere pastime, there may be no more harm in it than any other game, only it appears to be so much more exciting and bewitching. Men that appear to be perfectly rational on all other matters, will sit and play all day and night, and almost forget to eat or drink—unless they have some of the “ardent,” which is too often the case on such occasions.

We do not expect to reform any of the boys by this little article, nor by any other means that we could make use of, but suppose they will “tramp right along” in the path they have chosen: but we have a word to say to the girls who may think of becoming the wives of some of our boys, who have formed this habit. If any of you conclude to cast your lot with such boys, though good enough in every other respect, we will say; you need not be a starveling if—even shortly after marriage, you may have the exquisite pleasure (?) of waiting until the “small hours” of the night for his return, and then find—bu also too late, that a deck of cards and his associations are a substi to his company. And the master does not end with a few such evenings, but will continue through life. This we judge of, from the number of gray whiskered and bald headed individuals we see almost daily and nightly engaged in this exciting game.

Now girls, we hope you will look at these things as *facts*, which they really are, and act accordingly; and should it be in after life your unenviable lot to be sitting “sad and alone” at an hour you should be most happy in the society of him you love, then you should not murmur, but remember now, that it will then be too late.

The election on Monday last, for Township officers resulted, as usual, in favor of the Democracy. The entire democratic ticket was elected by a majority of about one hundred and seven. The snow fell without any cessation until dark, which may be the reason of so small a majority. Had the weather been pleasant, there is no telling how much our majority would have been! The officers elect are as follows:

Township Trustee,
DANIEL JACOBY, sen.
Clerk,
JOSEPH EVANS.

Treasurer,
A. C. STALEY.
Constables,
DAVID HOW,
SAMUEL FRESEE.
A. K. BRIGGS.

We have heard frequent inquiries made in regard to the arrival and departure of trains on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago R. R., but there are very few persons that can give the information, except those in the employ of the company, as they have introduced a new system of economy in their expenditures, that forbids the publication of their time-table, in the newspapers along their line. The publication of the time of arrival and departure is not only an advantage to the Company, but an accommodation to the public. Others advertise in the different papers published at the different towns along their line, and if the advantages were not equivalent to the expense, we suppose they would not do it. The citizens have to make a time-table of themselves for the accommodation of those who have business with the different trains, when the publication of a short advertisement would avail all such unnecessary trouble, and many disappointments.

The So-bomites have lately passed through a great excitement occasioned by the marriage of Miss Baker, a lady of the upper-tendom, to Mr. Dean, a gentleman of the lower-tendom. The parents of the aforesaid lady, sought, by legal proceedings to sever the holy bonds by which they were united, on the plea that the daughter was insane when the marriage contract was made; but the evidence proved that the lady, instead of being insane, was “in love,” and possessed more intelligence than is generally allowed to the cranium of one female. The Judge, after duly considering the case, concluded that what the minister had joined together, he could not part asunder—and they went on their way rejoicing.

A Post Office has been established on the east side of Maxinecreek and called “Maxinecreek” Post Office. This is a good arrangement, and the citizens in that vicinity can now depend on one mail per week certain, as they have the mail carrying in their own hands. Since the mail matter from this place for Yellow River Post Office has to be sent via South Bend or Rochester, it takes, as a general thing, from seven to fourteen days to get there, a distance of twelve or thirteen miles. We hope some arrangement can be made so that Yellow River Post Office will have a regular mail once a week from this place.

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