

**Local Market Report.**

Turkeys, 9@10c.  
Chickens, 8c.  
Eggs, 14.  
Wheat, 55c.  
Oats, 27@29c.  
Rye, 37c.  
Hay, \$5@87.  
Corn, 35c.  
Butter, 20c.  
Creamery butter, 28c.  
Hides 24@34.

H. L. Robertson, three miles east of here, moved to town Friday and the same evening his wife presented him with a 11-pound daughter. This may be an inducement for some more of our farmer friends to move to Rensselaer.

For big bargains in town lots call at A. Leopold's. He will sell you lots in his addition which are larger and better situated to the school house than any other you could select. Call soon and find out terms and prices.

Porter & Wishard are now in their new quarters in the Hollingsworth building and will be pleased to have all their old customers call. They will carry a much larger stock than formerly and in addition will carry a full line of clothing.

The bill abolishing the printing of sample election ballots in newspapers has become a law and thousands of dollars will annually be saved to the tax payers of the state. By their exorbitant charges last fall the newspapers have cut off a valuable perquisite for themselves.

It is said that the girls of Decatur are so modest that they actually blush at the sight of the "lower limbs" of the trees along the street, and South Bend has a girl so homely that when she appears on the street everything runs except the town clock.

We publish this week two sides to the Goodland school controversy, as it is but just that each side should have their say. Hereafter controversies of this nature will be excluded from our columns, so please do not send them. Nothing but hard feelings can result from their publication.

A citizens' association has been formed at Goodland for the purpose of prosecuting investigations in relation to enterprises calculated to benefit the community if established. Seventy citizens have joined and contributed money for expenses. Why wouldn't a like association be a good thing for Rensselaer?

Rensselaer has a man who buys cat hides. We wish Hammond had some one who would purchase dog hides.—Hammond News. For the information of the News we will say that the same party buys dog hides, also. If you have a surplus ship them down here. They sell for about fifty cents each.

The latest and most amusing money-making scheme for church socials is to regulate the price of the suppers by the number of pounds the lady weighs, with whom you desire to eat. Drive her onto the scales and pay a half cent a pound for her. That is, if she weighs an hundred pounds the supper costs you fifty-cents—and so on.

Unless more working members join the Remington Fair association no more fairs will be held. This decision was arrived at at a meeting of the association recently. The stock is now held by a very few persons and the work and responsibility fall upon one or two members of the association, who will no longer shoulder all the work.

A. McCoy had a narrow escape from a watery grave at the river Tuesday. Himself, with a number of others, were watching the ice gorge, and in attempting to push a large cake of ice Mr. McCoy fell in the water and but for the assistance of friends would have went under the ice gorge. Friends pulled him out in a soaked condition, and another narrow escape was added to his record.

Not two hours had passed after the outrage perpetrated by the commissioners Tuesday until two Republican ex-officials and very prominent citizens rushed up to the PILOT office and planked down a dollar each for the PILOT a year. "Such outrages by the servants of the people are sure to defeat the whole Republican ticket at the next election, and nothing could have been done which will strengthen the PILOT and the cause it advocates more than the shameful proceedings of the commissioners Tuesday," remarked the gentlemen.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago has just added to its rolling stock two new sleeping and two boudoir cars, costing nearly \$45,000 each. These cars are said to be the finest ever placed on any road in the country and are specially designed for use during the World's Columbian Exposition. These cars are models of elegance and beauty, each compartment or boudoir being fitted with a complete toilet set, cleverly hidden from view when not in use. They are in daily service between Chicago and Cincinnati and should be seen and used to be fully appreciated. All of the Monon's through day trains are made up of smoking cars, new coaches and parlor and dining cars.—Chicago Tribune.

Nearly all our readers are familiar with the attempt of the town board a few years ago to break up a cheap store in the interest of the home merchants, by passing an ordinance to tax the cheap store so that it would have to quit business. Being unconstitutional, of course the ordinance could not be enforced, and in consequence of the free advertising given the store, today it does more business and carries a larger stock of goods than any other store in Rensselaer. The outrage committed on the PILOT by the commissioners will have the same result in our case. People love to see justice done, and will condemn this overriding of the laws by rushing to our support.

"O! my head," was the exclamation made by Wm. Payton Monday morning and instantly he dropped dead at the feet of an acquaintance. About eight o'clock Monday morning Mr. Payton met John Warren opposite the Makeever House on the west side of the street and stopping the latter engaged him in conversation of a business nature.

It was during the conversation that Mr. Payton made the above exclamation, and throwing his hand to his head dropped dead, presumably from heart disease. As he was falling Mr. Warren caught his body and supported the deceased in his arms. Mr. Payton gasped but two or three times and was dead. A crowd at once assembled and bore the body to his residence where he was met by a sorrowing wife and daughter. A doctor made an examination and said that death had been instantaneous, but this not being his first attack his relatives were not satisfied that life was extinct and Tuesday batteries were applied to the body but without result. He leaves a wife and one child in almost destitute circumstances, and the wife is at present confined to her bed with sickness. The funeral was held at the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Rhoades conducting religious services. A large number of sympathizing friends were present. Mr. Payton was a carpenter by trade, and at the time of his death had the contract for building two or three houses in Rensselaer. His age was 43 years. Sympathizing friends contributed over \$60 toward the funeral expenses.

Smoke the Mendoza cigar. For a good smoke try the Safety cigar.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE DEESTRICK SCHOOL.

We go every day  
To a little school.  
Where the teacher is strict  
If you break a rule.  
And Robert is fond  
Of his studies and books.  
And don't get from his teacher  
Many bad looks.  
But sometimes the boys  
Have to go in a corner,  
Where they don't have a pie  
Like "little Jack Horner."  
And some get a "lickin'"  
If they break a rule,  
And they don't like that part  
Of the "Deestricks Skule."

WALKER POET.

### GOODLAND.

Oats 27@29.

Corn 33@34.

Dr. Humston was in Brook on a business trip the latter part of the week.

The grand jury was in session at Kentland last week but Goodland did not have many visitors before that august body.

Three or four new cases of measles are reported in town within the last week.

Mr. B. F. Butler, our new Pan Handle agent, has moved in to one of J. W. Wilson's houses near the C. & I. C. depot.

Will Flat and Mr. Michaels, of Jasper county, have moved to Goodland.

The express messenger on the C. & I. C. LaCross division, has moved his family from Brazil to this place and occupies property in south Goodland.

About a week or ten days ago all the section men on the C. & I. C. between Momence and Brazil between Goodland and LaCross struck for a dollar and twenty-five cents a day. This has been their wages since last fall until a few days ago the company proposed to reduce them to \$1.15 and last Thursday the company sent out a lot of "scabs" from Chicago to take the place of the old men, but did not meet with any success at it, from the fact that all the hotels and boarding houses along the line refused to board them on any terms. A number of the men were put off the trains when they attempted to get back to Chicago, and others slept in depots and box cars and with the rest of their unfortunate companions walked through cold and rain, without anything to eat, back to the World's Fair city. A railroad as contemplated as this ought to have their road-bed sunk at least two feet under the level of their right-of-way when spring opens.

Prof. Davis spells homely, "homly." He only omitted the letter, "e," that is all. People that live under glass roofing should not throw stones. Do you see the point, Mr. Davis?

Mr. James, the livery man, sold some half dozen horses at public auction, at his barn, last Saturday.

We have been informed that our public schools will close April 18th, instead of May 27th, as was at first reported.

Mr. Rue Hough, a former resident of this place, was on our streets shaking hands the latter part of the week.

To an unbiased spectator it looked as though there was a little dirt in the awarding of the prizes to the contestants last Saturday night at the spelling school. A man that has no more judgment than to award the first prize as he did had better go to the Hawaiian islands and weigh sugar for the natives as his judgment would be brought into dispute less than here. A school boy that has graduated from the primary department would know that if two persons were spelling for a prize and both of them missed the same word that neither of them would be entitled to first prize. But the man that missed the word last was awarded the first prize, and the one that missed it first was given the second. We ask for an appeal to a higher court.

A man by the name of Prof. Davis, and now occupying the position of principal of the Goodland high school heads an article in last Saturday's Herald something like this: "Ripping Jack the Ripper." This Professor, or we might say "the man of destiny," who has just risen from an obscure teacher in a country school to a professor in a graded school like Goodland ought to be a condemner of "fads" instead of a protector of

some of this worthless work in our public schools. If our memory serves us right this professor taught a country school near the little town of Wadena, in Benton county, just before he was made principal of the schools at this place. The professor had "fads" at that place which resulted in his occupying the school room alone for the last four or six weeks of his term. Empty seats and a large school room occupied by but one person began to be a little motionless for the taxpayers, after the first three or four weeks, and a committee headed by such men as Amos Hoganbaugh called upon Trustee Barce and begged him to relieve the gentleman of his perilous position as they supposed he must be getting very lonesome. But Mr. Barce, it appears, under the law was unable to do anything and Prof. Davis was allowed to draw his pay and practice his "fads" alone. The professor (?) (the reader will observe we use a question mark after "professor," but do this because his brother, once editor of the Kentland Enterprise, did the same thing and we suppose he ought to know where the punctuations belong in his name) attacks our bad grammar, our bad spelling and even our looks, while he is greatly surprised that the PILOT company allows such mangled manuscript to appear at all. What surprises us most is that anyone else is allowed on earth while the professor is here. O! say, Mr. Davis, what about those few sentences that were written on the blackboard a few days ago, by yourself, in which you put the capitals at the last of the words instead of the first? Have you forgotten the time, sir? If the readers desire any farther explanation of the "fadist" we would respectfully ask them to call on or address Trustee Barce, of Union township, Benton county.

### JACK THE RIPPER.

### SOUTHEAST MARION.

Spring is here and we feel like a jaybird set free from a cranberry marsh.

There are lots of changing around this spring. Baz Dewey has moved to his residence near Brook; Frank Sunderland has moved to Englewood; Henry Sparling has moved to his place near DeMotte; and also the gentleman that bought the Thornton property—we have not learned his name yet; Simon Parcell has moved on Al Worsell's place.

Our farmers are getting ready for a crop. We look forward for a good crop. We don't believe that our wheat is killed yet.

Samuel Dunn was the guest of Mr. Thomas Penright this week.

William Shuster was the guest of George Havens.

Henry P. Jones' new barn is nearing completion.

Our school is getting along nicely though the attendance is not large.

William Mader has sold his farm in Milroy township and has moved in a house on the Henry Luer's place.

The literary at the Blake school house is a grand success, both in attendance and oratory.

Mr. William Haley was in this part this week visiting Isaac Senesac.

### LITTLE SCHOOL BOY.

WHEATFIELD.

Wheat is badly damaged. Rye will be very poor.

One-half of last year's hay crop is yet unmarketed.

From the amount of water in this locality one would think the proposed Wheatfield ditch is needed.

Isaac Blocher and wife are visiting friends in Wabash county.

Jasper Page and wife went to DeMotte on the 24th of December to spend Christmas with their friends and returned home last week. You must have had a good time, Jap.

Noah Hamilton and family will move to Clinton county this week.

Jacob Heil has purchased the Hamilton farm and will move thereon soon as Clark Brothers have bought and moved onto the John Wallace farm.

James Clark has moved to Stoutsburg.

William Smith has moved to Barkley township.

Max Ahlgren has bought the Alf Tilton property in Wheatfield.

Joseph Austin speared forty-two muskrats last Saturday.

### ADRIFT.

### HANGING GROVE.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Banta have moved to Chicago. Mr. Banta has a good position with a large furniture establishment.

Mrs. Mary A. Robinson is visiting her son, Samuel, who lives at Morocco. Her niece, Marie Robinson, is keeping house for her during her absence.

Your correspondent understands that there was a dance at the residence of Mr. Martin last Saturday.

Two of Hanging Grove's pedagogues went over to Lee last Tuesday night to defend their political faiths, J. H. Lang as representative for the Democratic party and L. H. Hamilton for the Republican party. Messrs. Bert Rockwood and L. Nolan, both of Lee, were advocates respectively for the Prohibition and People's parties. There was quite an interesting discussion but Grover took the chair on the fourth just the same.

Miss Rosie Belle Dedrick spent last week with Mrs. Smith, who lately moved to her new farm west of Rensselaer.

Scott T. Robinson spent last week with friends and relatives at North Judson, Ind.

All the teachers attended the Institute at the Banta school house last Saturday, with the exception of Lerie Wilson, who teaches at Fair View.

Mr. Thompson, of Hanging Grove, is moving to Anderson, Ind.

Mr. Adams and family have moved to Monon.

The Hanging Grove Literary Society has adjourned sine die.

### SPUG.

### CARLIN CROSSING.

The above is the present name of a milk station on the railroad between Surrey and Fair Oaks from which has been shipped daily during the past year from six to sixteen cans of milk. Also express matter, besides being a convenient point for passengers. The place now has a prospective future as the road has agreed to put in a switch in the early spring. The switch will be located on the eastern side of the Thompson ranch and will be a convenient shipping point for the neighborhood. A depot, store, post office, etc., are only matters of time.

Doctors Hartsell and Washburn came out last Thursday and removed a tumor from the right breast of Mrs. Theodore Warne. At last accounts she was doing well.

S. A. Brusnahan has a very sick child.

Mrs. J. R. Wilcox was called Saturday to the bedside of her father, who is very poorly at his home near Medaryville.

Thos. Hamacher will move to D. S. Alter's farm in the north part of the township. Tom is a good neighbor and a good People's man and we cheerfully recommend him to his new neighbors. A Mr. Brown will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Hamacher.

E. J. Stuzman has purchased a new feed mill and will grind feed for his neighbor dairymen.

There will be several applications for graduation at the coming examination at Rose Bud.

Our town school (Slip Up) looks like a dilapidated barn, the weather boards being mashed on every hand. Why do people delight to destroy public property.

### CIRCLE.

### SOUTH MARION.

Rose Evans has returned from a visit to Montgomery county.

John Reed has moved onto the Dr. Denning farm which he purchased last fall.

Theodore Kiper runs the milk wagon in this part of the township. He has delivered more milk to the creamery than any other man in the township.

Winfred I. Chilcote is working for Jas. W. Pierce.

F. M. Hanley and Delos Thompson were in this vicinity last week trying to buy horses.

Joseph Mitchell and John Kiper were helping Henry Sparling move last week.

Wm. Reed, who moved from here to Remington last fall, is said to be quite sick at his home.

Chopping and sawing wood seems to be the order of the

day in this vicinity.

John Penright still wonders if those buggies are as thick over at Jim Pierces as they used to be.

### JUMBO.

Milroy is prospering.

A series of meetings this week at Center school house.

The people are rejoicing in the anticipation of a new church.

The schools are prospering.

There will be a Sabbath school organized at the school house the first Sabbath in April.

Old Uncle Peter Foukis says the wheat will average about two-thirds of a crop or more.

B. F.

### EAST WALKER.

Joseph Salrin and wife have gone to Iowa.

The roads are in bad condition.

Mr. Mayors from the south part of the state was in Walker last week looking after his land. Mr. Mayors thinks he will move to Walker soon.