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MONON TIME TABLE.

SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 5—Mail and Express, daily.....	10:55 A. M.
No. 27—Milk Accom., daily.....	6:17 P. M.
No. 31—Vestibule, daily.....	12:55 A. M.
No. 3—Night Express, daily.....	10:47 P. M.
No. 45—Local Freight.....	2:47 P. M.
NORTH BOUND.	
No. 4—Mail and Express, daily.....	5:38 A. M.
No. 26—Milk Accom., daily.....	7:35 A. M.
No. 32—Vestibule, daily.....	2:47 P. M.
No. 46—Local Freight.....	3:30 A. M.
No. 6—Mail.....	3:47 P. M.

A daughter at Dal Yeoman's last Friday.

Eight foot pillar tables for \$6 at Williams'.

Peter Giver has returned from California.

Call and see those fine baby cabs at Williams'.

Smoke the Mendoza cigar for sale everywhere.

There will be fifty-three Sundays this year.

Subscriptions taken for any paper or magazine at this office.

Seventy styles of carpets at Williams'.

No doubt the Esquimaux at Chicago are enjoying this chilly weather.

Linen sale, Wednesday, May 24th.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Fowler now has a regular pawn shop, with the sign of the three balls.

A horse belonging to M. L. Spittler was killed by the cars Sunday night.

Decoration day comes on Tuesday, May 30th. It will be observed as usual.

The greatest bargains in linen next Wednesday you ever saw.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

J. C. Paxton and wife, of Albany, Ind., were visiting in Rensselaer this week.

A new supply of fine baby cabs just received at Williams' furniture store.

Mrs. E. K. Mason, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is visiting Rensselaer relatives.

The best bread in the town can be had at C. H. Vick's—Ruger's celebrated brands.

A. M. Hootman, of Valparaiso, held services at the Tabernacle Tuesday evening.

10 to 25 per cent saved on linen next Wednesday.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

A Leopold sold twenty lots last Saturday and it was not an extra day either.

A new stock of summer dress goods just received.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

N. J. Newton and wife, of Houston, Texas, are the guests of Mrs. M. E. Roberts.

A Leopold last week sold six lots to Jud Perkins in his "New Paradise" addition.

Regular services will be held at the Tabernacle next Sunday, morning and evening.

"Business carried on without publicity" must be the motto of the man who does not advertise.

Albert Fendig, of Brunswick, Ga., is visiting his parents in Rensselaer, the first time in two years.

The wise buyer will lay in a supply of table linen and towels next Wednesday at the

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Elsworth Hayhurst, who has been working in Phillips' barber shop, has gone to Lowell to work.

Ruger's Pinafore, Home Made, Vienna and Cream brands of bread at C. H. Vick's, the best in the market.

A woman can throw more expression into a toss of her head than can be defined in a quarto dictionary.

Barkley township held its graduating exercises last Saturday night. There were six graduates.

The clerk reports the marriage license business unusually dull this month; not a single license being issued so far.

The graduating exercises of the Rensselaer high school will be held at the Opera House next Thursday evening.

The Catholic concert to be given at the Opera House Wednesday evening, May 31st, promises to be very interesting.

J. W. Horton's new house is well under way.

The north and south bound passenger trains Sunday failed to pass through Rensselaer, owing to a freight wreck at Cedar Lake.

The last Linen sale it rained all day and many customers have requested us to have it over, so come next Wednesday, May 24. CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

The town marshal has now been given the power of arresting disorderly persons, a power which should have been conferred on that officer long ago.

Are you going to the World's Fair? If so, you should procure one of our nobby spring suits. The latest styles and colors. R. FENDIG.

Michael Snyder and wife, of Columbus, Ohio, stopped off in Rensselaer this week to look after their property interests. They were on their way to the World's Fair.

The best of workmanship and fabrics combined with style and make up has been our aim in selecting a spring and summer line of clothing. Call in and inspect. R. FENDIG.

Mrs. J. F. Warren, of Rensselaer, and Mrs. Frank Wolfe, of Remington, attended, as delegates, the convention of the Daughters of Rebecca at Indianapolis this week.

Have you seen that beautiful line of children's suits, hand-some jerseys, pretty three piece suits, nobby double breasted. Call in and inspect them. R. FENDIG.

Mrs. Healey and daughter Maude left Monday for a visit in White and Carroll counties. After a short visit there they will leave for their future home in Sedalia, Mo.

A conductor on an Ohio railroad took in a ticket 37 years old the other day. It was bought by a man in 1856, and hadn't had occasion to go over the same road again until now.

The auditor of state has issued a letter to county treasurers stating that those who are operating under the new fee and salary law have no right to charge a fee for collecting current or delinquent tax.

We are not joking this time. The firemen have swept out their engine house and cleaned up their fire apparatus until it shines. Bully for the boys. Keep it this way and the citizens will not have a word of censure for you.

The annual district convention of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held in Rensselaer Tuesday and Wednesday June 6th and 7th. Delegates will be present from Porter, Lake, Newton, Jasper and Starke counties.

A little item in a newspaper may sometimes make a man an enemy for life, but it won't stop him from reading it. It merely changes him from a subscriber to a borrower. Every publisher can recall the names of citizens who come under this head.

A society to inform the wives of traveling men who flirt and associate with girls when away from home has been organized by the young ladies of Danville, Ind. There is a good opening for a similar organization in Rensselaer.

Sheriff Hanley and Mrs. Frank Hanley visited the World's Fair this week. They started Sunday, but were compelled to lay at Cedar Lake all day and were brought back to Rensselaer on the milk train. They took another start Monday.

Jim Blake recently lost a pair of No. 8 shoes and three pairs of socks between Rensselaer and Alter's mill. He says as it is not warm enough yet to go barefooted, he will be under everlasting obligations if the finder will leave the articles at the PILOT office.

Chas. Kleist, the Monon agent at Reynolds, is taking the place of Agent Gwin at the Rensselaer depot this week. Mr. Gwin has sickness in his family at Monticello and has gone home. Later: Since writing the above the "sickness in his family" has resulted in an eight pound boy.

W. A. Huff: "Well, I was never so surprised in my life. A ten pound boy arrived at our house last Thursday—nearly as big as its daddy. A boy, remember, and the others are all girls. Fact is, you can't tell what a day will bring forth. I am getting along nicely, however."

"Girl About Town" in Fowler Leader: "Rensselaer, I see by the PEOPLE'S PILOT, is about to get a bicycle factory. I presume the pneumatic tire will be made extra large so that the natives can use them in the pursuit of 'musk rats,' on both land and sea. If this is done the factory will fill a long felt want."

County Superintendent Warren has just received 100 copies of township maps of the county. They are right up to date and were made on a special order for Mr. Warren. J. H. S. Ellis drew the original copy from which the plates were made. Burford, of Indianapolis, did the printing and engraving. Anyone wishing a copy will be furnished, while they last, at one dollar each.

We still have a few more delinquents on our list that we would like to have call and pay what they owe us. We need our money badly and are not trying to run the paper just for the fun of the thing. We believe we are now giving the people the best local paper in the county, and hope that they will try and help us by sending in the small price we ask for the paper.

Lottie Mair, of Berwick, Pa., is a victim of the lie that by collecting 1,000,000 cancelled stamps one can get \$500. She gathered the required number in about three years' time, after having made herself a nuisance to every body about her. When she failed to find the purchaser with the \$500 she grew melancholy and it is feared that she will lose her mind.—Columbus Dispatch.

It seems that Mr. John L. Sullivan has been distinguishing himself again just as he has done so many times before. His victim this time was a one-armed man whom he attacked with great fearlessness and valorously overcame. It is feared Mr. Sullivan has wholly forgotten the little lesson he received at New Orleans a few months ago. He was arrested and placed in jail for his assault.

A Valparaiso visitor to the World's Fair, in discussing the extortionate prices of the restaurants there, told an amusing incident. Next him at the table sat an Englishman rather roughly dressed, who was charged \$1.65 for a meal that would have been dear at half a dollar. He eyed the cashier who gave him the check, for a moment, and then ejaculated, "Guess again, ye bloomin' robber. I've got more than that."—Valparaiso Star.

Alfred Thompson has also been appointed a member of the Advisory Council of the World's Congress Auxiliary on farm culture and cereal industry and also a member of the World's Agriculture Congress, which will convene in Chicago the week commencing Monday, October 16th. Any farmer from Jasper county wishing to attend said Congress can have a letter of introduction to the Hon. Samuel Allerton, chairman, by calling upon Mr. Thompson or any of the other members in Jasper county.

Three young fellows from Atlanta, Ga., stopped in town a short time Monday afternoon, en route for Chicago, via the bicycle route. One of them represented the Keating Wheel Company, while the other two were newspaper men, reporters of the Atlanta Constitution and Atlanta Journal (Hoke Smith's paper). They had been informed that they would find a desert in Jasper county that resembled the great Sahara, and wanted to know how they could avoid it. Some one had given them the idea that Northern Indiana was nothing but a howling wilderness. They left here for Fowler, where they will take the C. & I. C. track north to Crete and expect to arrive in the World's Fair city Tuesday evening.—Oxford Tribune.

A suit which, if it comes to trial, will fill the front rows full of bald heads, has just begun in the Circuit Court. Margaret Gray, of Jordan township, has brought suit against John W. Sage, of the same township, for \$10,000 for alleged utterances made by the latter against the plaintiff. The alleged utterances which can not be published in a family newspaper like the PILOT, were made March 15, 1893, and accused Miss Gray of unchastity toward Huffman Keen, a married man of that vicinity. The case will probably be compromised before coming to trial.

Recently a little group of farmers were chatting on the subject of their local papers. One expressed the opinion that it had too many advertisements in it. Another said: "In my opinion the advertisements are far from being the least part of it. I look them over carefully every week and save at least five times the cost of my paper every year through the business advantages that I get from them." Another said: "I know they pay me well, and don't think it good policy to find fault with the amount of space taken by advertisers."

Frank O'Brien, better known as "Gumption Cute," was found back of Huff's jewelry store Tuesday evening. He had just awakened from a drunken sleep, and when discovered his face was painted with shoe blacking in imitation of a Zulu from the wilds of Africa. He was the occasion of considerable mirth and had a procession of school children following him down the street. Finally the town marshal discovered him and attempted to take him to jail. "Gumption" resisted and declared he would not go, but when nearing the jail, he began begging and promised to go home if released. Consequently he was led across the river and started on his way to the country, but his best friend, the whiskey bottle, had been lost in the scuffle, and great was his grief thereof. "Gumption" is an inoffensive fellow, but whiskey gets the best of him whenever he comes to town. Those guilty of selling him liquor should be prosecuted, and the ones who painted him should be treated to a dose of the same kind of medicine.

John Sunblad, a German living in the north part of the county, was in town last Saturday and related a curious experience which his son Jim had with a snake. Jim was out in the field when he discovered an enormous snake, fully six feet long, which in the west is called a red racer. It is similar to the blue racer, of this part of the country, except that it is a deep red in color. It is harmless, so far as man is concerned, and has no poison in its fangs. Jim had no use for snakes and quickly dispatched this one with a large club. Resting from his exertions, Jim observed some peculiarities in the reptile. It was big in places, and even though the snake seemed to be dead the big places continued to move and agitate. Bound to discover the cause Jim picked up a hoe which was laying near and cut the snake in two. Then Jim was astonished, for from the racer's body there crawled a live and active rattlesnake, about two feet long. The rattler was then killed and the buttons, which numbered three, were cut from its tail, and Mr. Sunblad exhibited them when in town as evidence that he was telling the truth. Authorities on snakes explain that the red racer, like the blue racer is of the boa constrictor variety. Its habit is to strangle its prey within its powerful folds and then swallow it. In this manner the racer destroys rattlesnakes, and for this reason is very useful. Mr. Sunblad gave instructions to every one on the place to abstain from killing any more of the snakes as they would come in useful in ridding the farm of that dangerous reptile, of which many are to be found in that vicinity. We were inclined to believe that son Jim had been indulging in some of Grover Smith's whiskey, as he lives in Grover's vicinity, until the old gentleman assured us that strong drink is never used in his family.

Try the PILOT a year for \$1.

BANK FAILURES.

The Columbia National Bank, of Chicago, Zimri Dwiggins, President, Closes Its Doors.

With It a Number of Country Banks Go Down—The Citizens' State Bank, of Rensselaer, Is Safe.

The main topic of conversation in Rensselaer and in fact all over the country the past week has been the failure of the Columbia National Bank, of Chicago, of which Zimri Dwiggins is president, and the subsequent failure of many country banks, of which the Columbia held much of the stock. From the fact of Mr. Dwiggins holding a few shares of stock in the Citizens' State Bank, of Rensselaer, a constant run was made on the bank from Friday morning until Tuesday evening and over \$40,000 in deposits was withdrawn from the bank, but it stood the test and confidence in its solidity is being rapidly restored.

The Columbia National Bank suspended payment last Thursday and did not open its doors. Unexpected and large demands made by the numerous country banks with which the Columbia did business, coupled with a run on the bank by city depositors, exhausted the cash on hand. Failing to secure assistance from the clearing house or from the other Chicago banks, the officers of the Columbia decided to suspend. It is given out upon good authority that Zimri Dwiggins, the president, had been promised a loan of \$100,000 by other banks, upon security which was deemed good. With this the Columbia hoped to tide over the expected run Thursday, but when Mr. Dwiggins called for the loan in the morning it was refused. The doors were not opened for business, and at 10 o'clock the following notice was posted on the door:

"There being a constant run on us for a number of days, in order to protect the depositors and all interested, the board of directors have decided to close for the present. All depositors will be paid in full."

Shortly afterward Bank Examiner James D. Sturges assumed charge of the Columbia's affairs. He posted a notice that he was in charge in the interest of the comptroller of the currency. Mr. Sturges immediately held a consultation with President Dwiggins and began the task of investigation. The investigation has not yet been finished and until that is done the condition of the bank will not be known.

Mr. Dwiggins said that the immediate cause of suspension can be traced to a suit brought against the Columbia by the Sioux City Loan and Trust Company. The Sioux City company, one of the largest concerns with which the Columbia did business, made a draft on it for \$35,000, its balance. When the draft was presented for payment by an Iowa man the bank refused to honor it, explaining that it had loans outstanding against the Sioux City company which would offset the latter's deposit. The company at once entered suit against the bank. The news of this affair spread and precipitated the big run which caused the suspension.

Following the announcement of the failure of the Columbia came the news of the closing of the doors of numerous country banks in which the Columbia was largely interested in the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. A large number of them have since resumed.

A steady run was made upon the Citizens State Bank of this place upon receipt of the Columbia's failure, but it was able to meet all demands and up to Wednesday morning \$40,000 had been withdrawn from the bank.

Mr. Sears, the president, being asked as to the condition of the Citizens' Bank, replied:

"The bank is perfectly solid and has paid all demands made upon it. We have plenty of money to pay all claims, but we have passed through the crisis and confidence is rapidly being restored."

"What connection has the Citizens' bank with the Columbia?"

"None at all. Zimri Dwiggins, the president of the Columbia, owns 15½ shares, and that is as far as his interest goes. The

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Where it is Received Fresh
every morning and where
you will not get any old,
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For Sale,
At
(The World's Fair Restaurant.)
C. H. Vick's.

Columbia was our correspondent, but we have now changed to the Metropolitan, of Chicago.

"The rumor that R. S. Dwiggins and son Jay," continued Mr. Sears, are connected with this bank, is unfounded. They have no interest at all in the bank. They own the Lowell and Hebron banks, however, which were forced to shut their doors. They have since resumed business."

"Was there much of a run on your bank?"

"There was, from Friday until Tuesday evening. We paid out over \$40,000 and promptly met all demands. The reaction is now setting in and money is being re-deposited. M. H. Hemphill, the county treasurer, had \$10,000 of county funds deposited with us, and owing to the uneasiness of his bondsmen, drew out the entire amount Monday."

B. J. Gifford, who has large land interests in the county, has examined the books and is well satisfied with the condition of affairs.

The Citizens State Bank was organized as a state bank several years ago and is examined quarterly by a state bank examiner. It is owned by a stock company, nearly all of whom are residents of Jasper county, and solid financially. The board of directors are Zimri Dwiggins, Geo. H. Brown, Jr., Val Seib, Berry Paris and F. J. Sears.

The only stockholder of the Columbia National in Rensselaer so far as known, is Geo. K. Hollingsworth. "You may tell the people," said Mr. Hollingsworth, "that the report that I have 67 shares, or \$6,700 stock in the Columbia is a mistake. When the annual statement of the bank was made in August of last year, was the owner of 67 shares, but since that time I have been disposing of it and at the present time I own but a few dollars in stock. I thank the people for their sympathy, but it is not needed."

The methods employed by the Columbia were not approved by the solid banking houses of the country and it was refused admission as a member of the clearing house, their methods of doing business not being considered as altogether sound.

At a meeting of the board of directors Monday it was decided to resume business as soon as the government gets through with its investigations.

Many ugly stories have been afloat in regard to Dwiggins and Starbuck, the other principal member of the firm, but until the investigation is concluded, their truth can not be determined.

The closing of the Capital bank at Indianapolis caused the closing of a great many Indiana banks, also. Its methods were similar to that of the Columbia. The Capital was run by Paris and Nava. Paris is Robert Paris, formerly of this place.

Dr. I. B. Washburn, the optician, handles the celebrated Trolley's Kohinoor eye glasses, the best made. Attention is called to the ad. "See Again as in Youth," in another place in this paper.

Hemphill & Honan are selling out to quit business. Now is the time to get bargains for cash.