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## MONON TIME TABLE.

SOUTH BOUND.  
No. 31—Mail and Express, daily.....10:49 A.M.  
No. 5—Mail and Express, daily.....11:33 A.M.  
No. 39—Milk Account, daily.....12:21 P.M.  
No. 3—Night Express, daily.....10:37 P.M.  
No. 45—Local Freight.....2:50 P.M.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 26—Mail.....5:40 A.M.  
No. 40—Milk Account, daily.....7:37 A.M.  
No. 8—Mail.....7:55 A.M.  
No. 30—Mail.....3:27 P.M.  
No. 46—Local Freight.....9:25 A.M.

Milk shakes at Vick's.

Corn for sale at Dexter & Cox's.

George Soucie visited his wife at St. Anne, Ill., this week.

Buy your threshing coal at Dexter & Cox's.

Baby carriages at Williams'. All styles.

Best grade of threshing coal at Dexter and Cox's.

The infant child of Logan Woods died at Aix Tuesday.

Dexter & Cox can sell you corn by the wagon load.

Corn for sale at C. S. Baker's, 3 miles south of Mt. Ayr. 2-5

A fresh supply of tropical fruits just received at Vick's.

Price those laces at Mrs. Lecklinder's. Cheap.

George McElfresh has purchased a lot in New Oklahoma.

A trial trip of eight weeks for ten cents.

The McCormick binders and mowers at Isaac Glazebrook's.

Advertised letters: Mr. Herman Cohn, Mr. Chas. G. Consad.

Subscriptions taken for any paper or magazine at this office.

For a good smoke try the Crown Jewel cigar.

J. W. Horton has moved into his new residence.

Subscriptions for the Nonconformist taken at this office.

Geo. Dexter is now in the grocery business at west Lafayette.

Buy your threshing coal of C. W. Coen, (successor of Coen & Paxton).

Mrs. Zook, of Barkley township, died suddenly Monday morning.

McCormick binder and mower extras for sale by Isaac Glazebrook.

Mrs. Wm. De M. Hooper, of Indianapolis, is visiting at M. L. Spitler's.

Miss Eva Washburn was visiting relatives in Medaryville last week.

Closing out sale of summer stock of millinery at Mrs. Lecklinder's from now on.

Miss Abbie Griswold, of Hammon, is visiting relatives in Rensselaer.

Try a sack of our White Lilly flour.

W. R. Nowels & Son.

Mrs. Isaac Miller, of Barkley town, died last Friday night of consumption.

Go to M. & A. Meyer for your stylish millinery and dress-making.

A new bakery is being started in the room recently vacated by Minikus & Troy.

The only place in town to get the Henderson shoe is at Porter & Wishard's.

Mrs. Ray Mossler, of Thorn-ton, Ind., is visiting her parents, A. Leopold and wife.

Goods going at cost all through July and August at Mrs. Lecklinder's. 50 per cent. off.

Bun Leaming, of Goshen, as jolly as ever, spent a few days in Rensselaer the past week.

E. P. Honan gave a party in honor of Miss Thompson, of California, Friday evening.

The editor of the Hobart Gazette is running an ice cream parlor in connection with his paper.

There will be no preaching at the church of God next Sunday owing to the death of Mrs. Connor.

D. H. Yeoman has struck a good flowing well on his farm in Union township at the depth of 56 feet.

Miss Katie Sneedenberger, of Welcott, and Miss Lena Dawkins, of Chicago, are visiting Miss Rose Platt, of Rensselaer.

## FIRE BUG AT WORK.

A Dastardly Attempt to Burn Nowels' New Flouring Mill Falls—A Curious Incident in Connection.

A dastardly attempt was made to fire the flouring mill of W. R. Nowels & Son, near the depot, Monday night by an incendiary. Fire was discovered in the old elevator portion of the mill just after the noon hour and the alarm given, but the fire was easily put out with a couple of buckets of water. The fire company had a hot run, only to find their services were not needed upon their arrival.

After the fire was extinguished an examination revealed the fact that the fire had started in a bin of oats, and caught on the north side of the mill and was eating its way along the sheeting to the top of the mill. A round hole had been burned in the oats, as if a candle had been placed in the bin and allowed to burn, setting fire to the oats, but smouldering until the next day, when it communicated to the sheeting on the mill. A further search brought to light the remains of a piece of cotton batting taken from a bed comfort, evidenced by the fact that a part of the calico and string used in tying the comfort were still hanging to the cotton. The fire in it had smouldered and finally went out.

This attempt was supposed to have been made a night or two previous to the last attempt. The would-be incendiary had entered at a small opening in the mill next to the railroad tracks and making his way to the bin had attempted his dastardly work. Footprints were found in the dust on the floor leading to the bin. The proprietors of the mill think they know the guilty party, but have no evidence to convict him of the crime. If the guilty one is discovered he should be made an example of and be found the next morning hanging to some convenient tree. If his attempt had been successful the depot and a number of residences in the vicinity would have been burned to the ground, as a brisk wind was blowing and water is very scarce, owing to the dry weather.

B. F. Ferguson, whose mill was burned near the depot some years ago, has always held that the fire was the work of an incendiary and this seems to confirm it.

One curious incident in regard to this last attempt and which will bring an incredulous smile to the face of many is as follows: C. E. Nowels, the junior member of the firm, Monday night, saw a citizen of the town enter the mill by the hole in the side next to the railroad track and climb the stairs to the top of the mill. He saw the man's face plainly and followed him and hid behind some of the machinery. He saw the fellow light a candle and place it among the oats in the bin, carefully arranging the candle so that the oats would catch fire when the blaze from the melting candle reached the oats.

The incendiary started to leave the building, and snuffing out the candle Mr. Nowels started to follow, when a curious thing happened. With a start he looked around and found that he was sitting upright in bed at home—he had been dreaming. This was but one of three similar dreams, the other two taking place Saturday and Sunday nights. The vision of his dream those nights entered the mill but had no candle. He seemed to be placing matches in the machinery with the object of the machinery doing the rest when it started the next morning. Mr. Nowels told of these two dreams to the help at the mill the following mornings, but of course they laughed at him, and an examination showed everything to be all right. He did not tell of his third dream, as he did not believe in it any more than the two former ones, and made no examination of the mill this time. Mr. Nowels has never believed in dreams, but can not help but believe in these, since what has happened. The face he saw in his vision was so clear and well known to him that he is satisfied in his own mind that this is the guilty party. There is no doubt but that Mr. Nowels is telling the truth. He

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The greatest reduction in prices ever offered in western Indiana. We must have room and cash for fall goods and prices now will make it. Read facts then come and bring your families and secure the matchless bargains while they last.

Every piece of men's and boys' summer clothing at exactly manufacturer's wholesale prices.

All walking shoes and all shoes in broken sizes 20 per cent. off prices marked in plain figures.

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Every piece of ladies' muslin underwear at exactly cost.

Every piece of ladies' waists in silks, satin, percale, etc., at exactly cost.

Every lace curtain, some very handsome at exactly cost.

All wool, late style ingrain carpets worth 75c yard now 55c.

Wash dress goods was 5@15c yd. now 3@10c.

Men's fine wool stripe shirts was \$1.75 and \$2 now \$1.25.

Flannel outing shirts 25@50c. Laundered colored or white 75c to \$1.

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requested the PILOT not to mention the incident, but realizing his extreme modesty, we think it will do no harm to let our readers have the story.

Some means should be taken to ferret out the parties who have been up to so much rascality in Rensselaer in the past. Until they are captured and placed behind the bars no person's property is safe.

Safes have been broken into in the past, stores and residences robbed, attempts have been made to burn buildings and in one or two cases have been successful. This is all supposed to have been the work of home talent, but so far all efforts to fasten the guilt on anyone has failed. At one time a detective was paid \$100 by our business men to come here and endeavor to locate the guilty parties, but he was unsuccessful. Something should be done, and that at once, to stop this devilry.

The Rensselaer butter in the July exhibit at the World's Fair graded very low, only one creamery receiving a lower grade. This was owing to the short notice given, no time being given in which to prepare for the exhibit. The grades were as follows: Robert McBeth, Fairland, 97; Winnetka, 96; Oak Grove, 95; Lowell, 94; Zionsville, 93; Indianapolis, 89; Rensselaer, 79; Lewisville, 72. Mrs. Caroline Edgerton, of Spiceland, Henry county, received the highest grade on dairy butter—92. A cheese exhibit will be given in October, at which all creameries in the state making this product are invited to exhibit.

Charlie Zacker, of Nebraska, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. C. W. Platt, in Rensselaer. Last Wednesday he started for home, going by way of Chicago. When he got off the train at the latter city, he was approached by a stranger, who asked Zacker to show him the way to the World's Fair. Zacker informed the stranger he did not know the way to the fair, and struck up a conversation with the stranger, which ended in an invitation to take a beer at the stranger's expense. They were followed into the saloon by a second stranger, who partook with them. Stranger No. 1 presented a ten dollar bill to the bartender, who said he could not change it. Zacker offered to change it and took out his pocket book to do so, when it was snatched from his hand, and the strangers disappeared through the saloon door. The book contained \$110 and Zacker had to pawn his return ticket to get enough money to return to Rensselaer, where he was supplied with money enough to see him through to his home. The matter was reported to the police, but no arrests were made. This is another warning to steer clear of strangers when in the city.

Smoke the Mendoza cigar.

Semie Fendig has purchased the drug store of Dr. Turner, of Wheatfield, and took possession Wednesday. We take pleasure in recommending Semie to the citizens of that vicinity and can assure them of fair treatment by the new proprietor. This is the only drug store in the town, and the only one in the northern part of the county, so it should be a paying business.

Emma, the wife of Elder L. E. Connor, died suddenly at their home in Macy, Ind., last Saturday noon, of apoplexy. She was ill but about three hours and her death was unexpected. Her husband was not at home at the time of the attack but was expected in a few hours, and Mrs. Connor had made arrangements to meet him with a buggy on his return. Her age was about 33 years. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss. Mrs. Connor is well known in Rensselaer, having resided here from 1889 to 1890, a period of one year. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Macy, members of all his former congregations attending. Those from this charge attending were Mrs. Ben Harris, Mrs. N. H. Warner and son Charlie. The funeral took place Monday.

Reed's circus was in town Monday. The show opened with a grand street parade, which consisted of a band wagon, two ponies, Landy McGee and Billy Towers. The people who attended the performances seemed to be satisfied and to think they had got their quarter's worth. Wils Porter was so well pleased that he attended both afternoon and evening. Among the prominent citizens who attended the evening performance were Hon. S. P. Thompson, Hon. Mordecai F. Chilcote, Judge Healy, S. E. Yeoman, Harry Murray, Recorder Hunt, Simon Phillips, Jas. F. Antrim and Lyman Zea. We can say without fear of contradiction that this was the best circus that has been in Rensselaer since Robinson's show three or four years ago. From here they went to Fair Oaks.

The engineer finished his work on the proposed gravel road Wednesday. His report has not as yet been filed with the auditor, but we are able to give the estimated cost of the work. The cost is either based on gravel or stone, the same to be placed on a grade 30 feet wide. The gravel is to be 14 inches in the center and 10 inches at sides, and 12 feet wide. If stone is used it will be 10 inches in the center and 8 inches at the sides and same width. The road bed is to be thoroughly drained and graded. The estimated cost is as follows: College Road, from \$2,800 to \$2,600 per mile; Long Ridge road, same estimate; County Farm and Pleasant Ridge Road, from \$1,800 to \$2,200. Next week the figures will be verified and we will be able to give the exact amount.

Men are not to be judged by their looks, habits and appearances, but by the character of their lives and conversations, and by their works.

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