

## SETTLED.

### The Gravel Roads Question Went With a Whoop.

Last Friday was the day set for the voters of Marion township to decide whether they should tax themselves to build gravel roads or not. The same question was before them last fall, but was defeated by a small majority. This did not satisfy those who were interested in the improvement, and finally they presented another petition to the county commissioners praying for an election for the purpose of voting on gravel roads. More hard work was done this time by both sides than before. Those for the road determined that if it carried this time it would be by a fair majority, and the opposition likewise. The newspapers were used by both factions in explaining the different views pro and con. The street corner crowds talked it over again and again. Finally the day arrived when the question would, no doubt, be finally settled. Great care was taken that the election should be carried on in a legitimate manner, and the Australian system was used to a letter in every particular. The day was a beautiful one and brought a great crowd to town to see the fun. Everything passed off smoothly and nicely. The vote cast was a full one. It seemed that those who had said they cared little how it went and did not know whether they would vote or not, were out in full force and consequently a full vote was polled. The following was the official vote as taken at the different voting places:

COLLEGE ROAD.		
	For	Against
East Precinct.....	140	64
West Precinct.....	154	99
South Precinct.....	112	75
Total vote.....	406	238
LONG RIDGE ROAD.		
East Precinct.....	147	55
West Precinct.....	162	91
South Precinct.....	104	75
Total vote.....	413	221
POOR FARM & PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD.		
East Precinct.....	142	58
West Precinct.....	199	94
South Precinct.....	167	71
Total vote.....	508	223

The large majorities for the gravel roads surprised even those who were for it. It was a complete defeat of the opposition, and, of course, tickled those who were for it.

There is no one who will deny the worth of good roads, but it is a question in our mind as to whether it was a proper thing to do under the existing circumstances. The outlook for the future is as gloomy as the past. There is not much prospect of a better time coming, and with these vital things staring our people in the face, we do not think it a proper thing to vote this tax on them at this time. We think that the commissioners should use good judgment in awarding the contracts for the building of these roads. Let the contract be given to home parties. This will give our laboring men work and help the taxpayers pay the taxes which has been thrown upon them. Other roads have been built that way and the money kept at home for the entire work. This is what should be done and we hope to see it that way.

#### BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by F. B. Meyer.

#### Brown Giant.

The undersigned has a number one Black Spanish Jack, that will stand the coming season at his farm 1 1/2 miles east of Wheatfield and 3 miles west of Dunnville, Jasper county. Terms \$6 to insure a colt that will stand and suck.

JOHN DAVIS.

It not only relieves; it does more, it cures. We refer to One Minute Cough Cure. Suitable for all ages, all conditions, at all times.

## What Gambling Is.

Wagering, as such, involves necessarily no element inconsistent with the best citizenship or the most exalted sanctity. It makes no difference to the essential features of the act whether it is done by Moses or Josue in the distribution of the Promised Land, by a modern board of church trustees in providing against the chances of loss by fire, or, to go a little farther, by a professional gambler who sells pools on a race. The essential features are always the same. Hence it would seem that in a generic sense gambling or wagering or betting, or by whatever name the transaction in which a valuable "thing" is staked to become the property of a party to the contract on the determination of a future and uncertain event.

But usage, in this our day and generation, and with the people among whom we live and move and have our being, has attached to the word "gambling" a different sense from that which it had in the beginning. "Gambling" specifically represents not only the idea of disposing of property by wager contract, but also the additional idea of success. It calls up the idea of thriftlessness, of vice, of ruin of the moral character.—Rev. T. A. Hendrick in Donahoe's for March.

#### Public Sale.

The undersigned will offer at public sale at his farm, five miles northwest of Rensselaer, Jasper county, Ind., beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., on **Thursday, Mch. 15, '94**, the following described property: 33 head of cattle, consisting of 6 milk cows, 13 coming two-year-olds, 14 coming yearlings; 5 head of horses, binder, mowing machine, cultivator, riding plow, walking plow, 2 harrows, set of bob sleds, wagon, top buggy, set of double harness, household and kitchen goods, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Terms: Eight months credit without interest will be given on all sums over five dollars, if paid at maturity. If not paid at maturity to draw 8 per cent. interest from date. Eight per cent discount for cash. All sums under five dollars cash in hand. G. W. STRICKLAND.

SIMON PHILLIPS, Auctioneer.

#### Our Honor Roll.

The following persons have our thanks for the amounts following their names, subscription to the PILOT, since our last issue:

Levi Clause, Rensselaer.....	\$ 35
James E. Walters, Rensselaer.....	1.00
Jasper D. Spain, Blackford.....	1.00
Peter Hinds, Pleasant Ridge.....	.50
Win. Paris, Medaryville.....	1.00
W. Reed, Rensselaer.....	2.00
J. F. Garrett, Aik.....	1.00
W. J. Reed, Remington.....	1.00
L. Hollingsworth, Rensselaer.....	1.00
Chas. Duzak, Remington.....	1.00
Jesse Nichols, Rensselaer.....	1.00
Jerome Andrews, Rensselaer.....	.50
Francis Geese, Brook.....	.50
Reuben C. Yeoman, Rensselaer.....	1.00
Chas. Yeoman, Rensselaer.....	1.00
Marion Cooper, Virgil.....	1.00
Sampson Irwin, DeMotte.....	1.00
A. McCoy, Rensselaer.....	1.00
Thos. Elyat, Brook.....	1.00
J. C. McColly, Chicago Heights, Ill.....	1.00
NEW SUBSCRIBERS.	
Fred Shuster, Remington.....	1.00
Chas. Daniels, Craig, Colo.....	1.00

#### Cupid's Papers.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

Leonidas Watson and Annie R. Jessup. Jas. N. Taylor and Rose D. Yeiter. Scott Cooper and Jerusha Long. Victor E. Loughridge and Farrie E. Wilcox. John W. Hammerton and Nellie J. Watson.

#### Dentistry.

When wanting new teeth see Dr. Horton, the old reliable. He can make a plate of any kind—gold, platinum, aluminum, etc. Perfect fitting plates guaranteed. Over LaRue's.

#### Corn for Sale.

Good, sound, yellow corn by the wagon load, two miles southwest of Lamson bridge. Would exchange corn for a few shoats. 33-6t eow. J. F. LAWRENCE.

No better aid to digestion.

No better cure for dyspepsia. Nothing more reliable for biliousness and constipation than DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills.

## OUR MILK CHURCH.

### Devoted to the Dairying Interests of Jasper County.

Extract from an address delivered at the recent farmers meeting in Clinton Co., Ind., by M. H. Belknap.

How to increase the fertility of the soil is not a new question. Since the days when the Egyptian Swain first wandered with his dusky maiden along the banks of the historic Nile singing orisons to the Gods for the annual gift of the waters, the fertilizing effects of which was to render the Nile land, that mysterious cradle of human culture, the granary from which the tribes of other lands drew their supplies of corn in times of want. Down to the day of Jethro Tull's dogmatic declaration that "Tillage is manure" fertility has been a vital question to the agriculturalist. It has modified, directed and controlled to a greater or less extent the processes of agriculture, all along the ages of human history.

There are but three mineral elements with which as farmers we need concern ourselves, Phosphoric acid, Potash and Nitrogen. Now the question recurs, how not only to prevent the loss of these mineral compounds, but to increase the available supply. This question is much easier asked than answered. We can do something at least that will be a long step in the right direction.

We must increase our supply of barnyard manure by every means possible.

The first thing on many farms will be the improvement of the stable floors.

The old, wasteful plank floors with their gaping cracks, must give place to floors of cement, or if this is not practical, plank floors laid double will be a vast improvement. Having the floors properly constructed, then with a liberal use of rock phosphate or land plaster in the stalls to fix the volatile gases, and plenty of good bedding, the quantity as well as the quality of the manure will be greatly improved. As to the handling of the various crops of the farm, the kind of stock to be kept must depend on the taste and circumstances of the farmer.

Whether he should grow more straw than can be used as an absorbent in and around his stables is a question upon which we might differ, but certain it is the farmer who has old straw piles dotting his fields or woods pasture is not living up to his opportunities.

Whether the corn crop should be cut up and the stocks carted to the barn yard, thence back to the field or let them stand until they are ripe some frosty morning, and then swipe them down with a long pole thus getting the maximum of benefit with the minimum of labor is a point each farmer must settle for himself, as the question of labor is a very important factor in all farm operations. Of course it is not necessary to urge the imperative necessity of an intelligent system of rotation of crops. Upon this more than upon any one thing depends all soil improvement. Neither do farmers need to be told of the importance of the clover crop in the rotation; like all the legumes, clover has the trick of fixing the free nitrogen of the atmosphere and storing it in the most available form for the use of future crops. If you take care to have a good clover crop the other crops will take care of themselves.

The rotation should be in the interest of this crop. But with the clover as with the corn-stalks and straw, every farmer will have to decide for himself whether he will cut the crop and cure it for hay and haul it to the barn and back to the field or utilize it where it grew; carting to and fro certainly adds no manual value to the clover. But there is another factor that enters largely into this question of increasing the fertility of the soil. It is worse than useless to apply manure to wet soil. The first step towards increased fertility is thorough drainage; this with thorough tillage and liberal manuring will bring a profit out of the most unpromising farm in the county. You will see by examining the reports of Mr. Laws, of Rothenstead, England, that the application of fertilizing matter containing 87 lbs nitrogen per acre produced 37 bu. of wheat per acre. Now an acre of any of our strong soil at a foot in depth contains 15,000 to 20,000 lbs of nitrogen; as long as the soil is saturated with stagnant water it is so conservative it yields but a small per cent. of its fertility, but give it thorough drainage and thus bring to our aid the most powerful of all chemical agents, the solar rays, and by cultivation let in the air the oxygen of the atmosphere decomposes the organic matter of the soil, producing ammonia and nitric acid or in other words we get available nitrogen.

Wet clay lands are never exhausted by farming, for the man who lacks the enterprise to drain them lacks the energy to wear out any soil by cropping.

The first step toward increased fertility is first thorough drainage; second, thorough tillage; third, manure. Who ever reverses this order

loses his time, his labor and his money.

The golden rule of agriculture is to return as much or more to the soil in natural elements as is removed by each crop grown. This may be done by growing stock and feeding all the products of the farm at home, carefully sowing and returning the manure to the soil, supplementing the inevitable loss in manure elements by the purchase and feeding such by products as bran, oil cake, cotton seed meal, or malt sprouts, or by using ground bone or such other commercial fertilizers as contain Phosphoric acid, potash and nitrogen.

We all recognize the fundamental principles, we cannot get something for nothing.

We all ought to recognize the vast importance of this question of fertility.

Who are the most famous writers and artists of both continents? The Cosmopolitan Magazine is endeavoring to answer this inquiry by printing a list from month to month—in its contents pages. This magazine claims that notwithstanding its extraordinary reduction in price, it is bringing the most famous writers and artists of Europe and America to interest its readers, and in proof of this claim, submits the following list of contributors for the five months ending with February:

Valdes, Howells, Paul Heyse, Francisque Sarcey, Robert Grant, John J. Ingalls, Lyman Abbott, Fredrick Masson, Agnes Repplier, J. G. Whittier, (posthumous), Walter Besant, Mark Twain, St. George Mivart, Paul Bourget, Louis Chandler Moulton, Flammarion, Tissanier, F. Dempster Sherman, Adam Badeau, Capt. King, Arthur Sherburne Hardy, George Ebers, De Maupassant, Sir Edwin Arnold, Spielhagen, Andrew Lang, Berthelot, H. H. Boyesen, Hopkinson Smith, Lyman J. Gage, Dan'l C. Gilman, Franz Von Lenbach, Thomas A. Janvier. And for artists who have illustrated during same time: Vierge, Reinhardt, Marold, F. D. Small, Dan Beard, Jose Cabrinety, Oliver Herford, Remington, Hamilton Gibson, Otto Bacher, H. S. Mowbray, Otto Guillonnet, F. G. Attwood, Hopkinson Smith, Geo. W. Edwards, Paul de Longpre, Habert Dys, F. H. Schell. How this is done for \$1.50 a year, the editors of the Cosmopolitan alone know.

Sabina May Richards vs. Wm. S. Richards, is the title of a suit for divorce filed Wednesday with the county clerk, to come up during the March term. The plaintiff says in the complaint that the defendant is guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment, also abused her by calling her bad names and "cussing" and swearing at her. The plaintiff further says that the defendant is guilty of adultery and desires to be released from further marriage bonds by action of the law. Thompson & Bro. are the attorneys for the plaintiff.

The Rensselaer fire company, at a regular meeting, last week, elected the following officers: Chief, E. P. Honan; Captain, E. C. Owen; Foreman, E. L. Gay; Ass't foreman, C. W. Duvall; Sec'y, E. M. Parsons; Treas., D. G. Warner; Standing committee, I. W. Porter, H. C. Smith, Jr., and I. J. Morlan.

Mrs. James A. Kays, living four miles north-east of Rensselaer, in Barkley township, has some farming implements for sale. Any one needing anything in this line can get a bargain by calling on her.

Prof. DeWolfe, of Lafayette, has secured a class in violin music here. It will be remembered that Prof. DeWolfe was here last fall and took part in a concert.

Early Risers, Early Risers, Early Risers the famous little pills for constipation, sick headache, dyspepsia and nervousness.

Don't forget LaRue & Miller's sale to-morrow. Here is a chance to get some good stock.

The county commissioners were in session this week,

Mrs. Jennie McColly, wife of John F. McColly, of Fair Oaks, died of heart disease, on Tuesday morning, March 6th. She was 38 years of age and was the mother of seven children, the youngest being but three weeks old. The remains were laid to rest in Weston Cemetery on Wednesday morning.

Our people are beginning to look forward to Sigler's furniture sales, as a good place to make valuable purchases in that line at a low cost. To-morrow, Saturday, March 10th, you can have another chance to buy furniture at your own price.

The Mite Society, of the Missionary Baptist church, gave an elaborate social at the residence of Henry Harris, on last Friday evening. About two hundred persons were present and enjoyed the evening. Healy Bros. furnished the music.

LaRue & Miller will have a public sale of horses and cattle to-morrow, Saturday, March 10, and here will be a good chance for those interested in dairying to get some excellent stock as there is a herd of 15 Jersey cows to be sold.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago earned, gross, in February, \$172,208, a decrease of \$47,326 as compared with February, 1893. The Wabash earned, gross, in February, \$862,915, a decrease this year of \$157,339.

Burns are absolutely painless when De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is promptly applied. This statement is true. A perfect remedy for skin diseases, chapped hands and lips, and never fails to cure piles.

Vic Loughridge and Miss Farrie Wilcox were married at the home of the bride's parents in Surrey, on last Wednesday at 5 p. m. Rev. B. F. Ferguson performed the marriage ceremony.

Not one minute elapses between the taking of One Minute Cough Cure and relief. Why shouldn't people take One Minute Cough Cure? They should. They do.

Mrs. M. E. Lecklider left for Chicago, this morning, to buy goods and study the styles of millinery. She will be gone all next week.

Elder J. D. Carson, of Remington, was here the first of the week and assisted Elder Brady in the revival at the Christian church.

Farmers, LaRue & Miller have 15 head of horses and 15 head of Jersey cows to be sold at their sale to-morrow. Here is your chance.

The county commissioners this week granted saloon licenses to Chas. A. Gundy, of Fair Oaks, and August Rosenbrook, of Rensselaer.

Mrs. W. H. Coover and son, Clyde, visited friends in Remington the latter part of last week and the first of this.

John Graves, the Republican candidate for Commissioner of 1st district, was in town, Monday.

The Marshall did a good job cleaning out the gutters along Washington street, this week.

C. B. Harrold has moved into Mrs. Allen Catt's property, in the south part of town.

Advertised letters: Mrs. Sarah Holland, Rev. T. C. Payner, Mrs. Janet Ulyate.

Clarence Lecklider is in Chicago selecting a stock of installment goods.

Spencer Vick and wife, of Chicago, are here visiting the former's parents.

Horse and jack bills made to order at this printery. Come in and get prices.

The Daily Vidette is a new venture in the newspaper world at Valparaiso.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Christian church at Fowler has 90 members.

April 12th, is the date set for letting the gravel roads contract.



JAMES R. WAITE.

Manager of Waite's Celebrated Comedy Co., Premium Band and Orchestra.

Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind. You will remember the condition I was in two years ago, when I was afflicted with a combination of diseases, and thought there was no help for me. I tried all kinds of medicines, and scores of eminent physicians. My nerves were prostrated, producing dizziness, heart trouble, and all the ills that make life miserable. I commenced to take

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and in three months I WAS PERFECTLY CURED. In my travels each year, when I see the thousands of physical wrecks, suffering from nervous prostration, taking prescriptions from local physicians who have no knowledge of their case, and whose death is certain, I feel like going to them and saying, "GET DR. MILES' NERVE AND BE CURED." In my profession, where there are so many suffering from nervous exhaustion, brought on by the character of the business engaged in, I would recommend

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as a sure cure for all suffering from these causes. JAMES R. WAITE.

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DR. MILES' PILLS, 50 Doses 25 Cts.

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Are you at all Weak, coughed or inclined to be Consumptive, with just a touch of Cough now and then? "Try this Wonderful Medicine." The Cough and Weakness will disappear as if by magic, and you will feel a strength and power never had before.

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Bronchitis and Asthma it relieves instantly. The Spasms of Coughing so dreaded in Whooping Cough become less with each dose of medicine. It is an old adage, "To be forewarned is to be forearmed." So let it be in your case, who read this, and keep on hand Allen's Lung Balm. See Directions accompanying each bottle.

**SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS AT 25cts, 50cts, AND \$1.00 A BOTTLE.**

The "Rensselaer Symphony Club," is the name of the new mandolin, banjo and guitar club. The club now has fifteen members and owing to lack of space we cannot give the names of the members and instruments taken by each. They have secured a teacher.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cleanses, purifies and heals. It was made for that purpose. Use it for burns, cuts, bruises, chapped hands, sores of all descriptions and if you have piles use it for them.

The farmers in this vicinity will lay considerable tile this spring.

The river is doing a rushing business since the recent rains.

George Strickfaden visited friends in Hammond last week.

The Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company is at Goodland.

BORN—To Frank Corbin and wife, on last Friday, a boy.

Mrs. Dr. Jackson was here this week from Hammond.

W. H. Coover visited friends in Woolcott, over Sunday.

Smoke the Mendoza cigar. For sale everywhere.

We take subscriptions for the Youth's Companion.

Miss Emma Tullis visited Carrie Walsh last week.

Easter comes on the last Sunday in this month.

Don't forget Sigler's furniture sale, to-morrow.

Farmers' Institute, March 9th and 10th.

Some real March weather this week.

It will soon be garden making time.

LaRue & Miller's sale to-morrow.

Campfire to-night.