

Mrs. Frank Wood has been on the invalid role for a week.

Mrs. Geo. H. Brown has been very sick for the past four days.

Wick Robinson of Hammond, an old Rensselaer citizen, is visiting at the old home.

James Irwin will move into his house now occupied by Nelson Randle, about March 1st.

It is said that the sleighing is much better in and about Rensselaer than it is a few miles out.

Miss Sarah Chilcote is visiting in Chicago and taking a course of training in kindergarten work.

Postmaster W. L. Wood of Aix was in this city Saturday on his way home from a trip to Ohio.

Fred Liston, the Nimrod of the Pilot, bagged seven fat rabbits with his target rifle last Monday.

Miss Effie Clark went to Remington Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. T. W. Grant, for a few days.

Friday and Saturday were the most severely cold days of the season and few people were upon the streets.

A. C. Robinson, who is in the hay business at Monon, was in town Thursday and took a drive into the country.

Henry Wood has been absent from his accustomed post with the Robinson Bros. Lumber Co., because of an attack of pleurisy.

Michael Nagle's home is filled with gladness through the presence of a boy baby that made his advent Friday morning the 11th inst.

LaRue Brothers will occupy with their furniture store about Feb. 1st the store building recently used by John Eger as a grocery.

LaRue Brothers were given a verdict for \$320.00 yesterday morning in their suit for commission in selling the farm of John Pultens.

A. J. Dillon of Rochester, Ind., general agent of Continental Insurance Co., has been here for a few days in charge of the hustling local manager, H. W. Porter.

Wm. Baker has sold his residence on Main street near the Monon depot to Nelson Randle for an even \$2,900. Mr. Baker will move to his farm March 1st.

If the delinquent real estate taxes for 1893 are not paid with all the penalties and costs before the eleventh of February next the county auditor will make public sale of the same.

Mrs. Cora Iliff claims to have seen a white wolf near her home in the east part of Jordan township not long since. It has created some excitement and efforts are being made to capture it.

The red boys from the Indian school are having their share of fun during the passing season of sleighing. A load of jolly fellows is frequently seen passing down Washington street.

Mrs. P. W. Clark and children returned Wednesday from Lowell where she has been in attendance upon her mother, Mrs. Wm. Pulver, who has been sick for a number of weeks, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Michael Eger is entertaining two sisters, Mrs. John Ries of Kendallville and Mrs. Martin Lehman of DeCalb county. The ladies are accompanied by their husbands and will remain until Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Yeoman, Miss Etta Yeoman and Mrs. James Welsh returned from Chicago Tuesday night, where they have been for a few days receiving treatment from Dr. Dowie, the famed prayer healer. They all acknowledge, it is claimed, that they received substantial benefit.

People who had the courage to attend church last Sunday morning were forcefully reminded that many of their neighbors were over-sleeping themselves, and neglecting a little healthful exercise with the snow shovel; and some seem to have remained in a hibernated condition for several days.

The Pilot reporter is under many obligations to the Rev. Rector of St. Joseph's College, Augustine Seifert, C. P. P. S., for personally showing him through that excellent and modern institution of learning a few days since, of which this paper will have something descriptive to say in the near future.

At present there are one hundred and seven students, though the accommodations when complete will care for about double that number.

The grand jury was discharged Thursday after about ten days session. Several bills were returned.

J. A. King capitalist and real estate speculator is looking over this vicinity with a view of purchasing.

Dr. Kaonal, Rensselaer's able veterinarian, will address the Farmers' Institute on "The Veterinarian—His relation to the Farmer."

Prof. Purdue has in preparation a valuable paper on the "Origin and nature of soils," which he will present to the Farmers' Institute.

Mrs. A. Anderson who is dangerously ill at her home north of the city is convalescent.

Several prospective investors from Illinois are viewing the fine farm lands of this vicinity.

It is probable that St. Joseph's College already commodius building will be enlarged this year by the addition of two wings, or the construction of a separate building, to provide for the departments of music and physical culture. It is possible that only part of the work will be done this year.

About thirty merry makers executed a delightful surprise in honor of Miss Laura Fielder last Wednesday evening at the home of her sister Mrs. Harry Murray. The young lady is about to return to Illinois after spending several months very enjoyably here.

Judge Field of Indianapolis has been representing the Monon in court this week.

Judge O'Connell of Logansport occupied the bench this week in Judge Wiley's place.

C. E. Mills has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney for Jasper county.

John T. Brown, attorney of Fowler has been in attendance at court this week.

Prosecutor Annibal was at his home in Goodland from Friday evening until Tuesday morning.

F. D. Craig and wife are living at the home of Mrs. M. E. Hopkins, corner of Front and Susan streets, where they will be "at home" to their friends in the evening whenever it pleases them to call.

Elias Owens has commenced building a new house five miles north-west of Rensselaer on the Rowen farm. Cox Brothers are the contractors.

Master Edward Catt who has been near death for some time is recovering.

Wedded 20 Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Grant entertained a company of their friends Thursday evening, at their home two miles west of town, in commemoration of their twentieth wedding anniversary. Mrs. Grant's maiden name was Dillon. The life of this estimable couple has been of the pleasantest in their married relation, and has been blessed with three promising children, one daughter and two sons.

The guests were royally entertained and will long and pleasantly remember the occasion.

Faith Healing.

There seems to be nothing inconsistent with Christian teaching in the claim that the sick may be relieved by prayer. A fundamental command of the great Nazarine to his disciples was that they should heal the sick. There are those who maintain that the great secret which he taught was nothing less than the conquering of death itself. During all ages there have been individuals who claimed to relieve the sick without the use of drugs or the knife, and during the last fifty years the number of such "healers" has reached hundreds, and the testimony of those believing themselves benefited is voluminous. True it has not all been attributed to prayer, some profess to know nothing of the source of their gift, others call it Mental Science, Christian Science, Magnetism, Spiritualism, Occultism, etc., and among all are conscientious and honorable people.

This session of congress will weld the final link in the chain that unites the two grand old parties and binds their political machines to the undisguisable service of the money power. The union of the Democratic and Republican parties is the positive policy of the high managers who believe it is the only way that the new party of the people can be held in check.

RAILROADS POOLING.

Leaving it to the Discretion of the Commission.

The interstate commerce act prohibits pooling (a division of earnings) by railroad companies. The bill passed by the house last week authorizes pooling, provided the contract is reduced to writing, filed with the interstate commerce commission and the commission does not disapprove it. The pool goes into effect twenty days after filing contract. The commission may, after a pool goes into effect, modify the pooling arrangement or cancel it. The bill allows any company to apply to a United States Circuit court to test the reasonableness of the commission's rulings and the court may approve the pool notwithstanding the commission disapproves it. The patrons of the road and communities affected by the pool are not given a like right to have the commission's rulings passed upon by a court. Pending litigation on the subject and appeals to the United States Supreme court, the commission's orders are in force.

When a railroad goes into a pooling contract it can't get out of it except upon an order from the commission or the court.

Pooling means no competition. Where there are several companies pulling for the same trade there is competition, rate cutting, etc. The present law prohibiting pooling is no doubt directly violated, but the companies will not be honest with each other and will violate their agreements, and by all manner of scheming each road will get as much traffic for itself as possible.

The pending bill compels the companies, when they agree to skin the public and divide the spoils, to stick to the agreement. While the rates fixed in the pooling contracts must be reasonable in the eyes of the commission, that body is considerable of a railroad auxiliary and will not likely consider any rates unreasonable that failed to yield interest on watered bonds and dividends on stock that is all water.—Missouri World.

FROM A REPUBLICAN PAPER.

"There is no Lack of Faith in the People as a Redeemer."

The history of the past year has demonstrated that the currency of the country is based more on the faith and credit and confidence and wealth of the people than anything else. Gold has nearly failed twice, and it has been necessary to fall back on the people's credit each time. That there is no lack of faith in the people as a redeemer is evinced by the scramble to get their securities. If the credit of the government must stand behind the gold, and the silver, and the coin certificates, and the national bank notes, and every other form of currency, it does seem like folly to call in a lot of fellows between the servants of the people and the people themselves. If the government must stand good for everything, and it is conceded that it must or the money can not be relied upon, why shouldn't the government take the whole matter of banking and the issuing of currency into its own hands. It surely could be managed much more cheaply and safely than at present. If there were gold enough to go around there would be no need of banks of issue, either government or otherwise, but there isn't.

—Topeka, Kan., Daily Journal.

The Journal is evidently drifting into anarchy, Populism and flat lunacy.

This is treason.

What strange influence, or to express it vulgarly, "pull," has Andrew Carnegie with the national administration? How the heavy fine assessed on this typical plutocratic manufacturer for having palmed off on the navy department defective and fraudulent armor plates was heavily cut down by President Cleveland is a matter of recent history. Now comes a parallel to it. Carnegie, Phipps & Co., are furnishing the armor for the new battleship Oregon. One plate, singled out at random, was subjected to ballistic test and cracked like a sheet of glass before a stone. The natural inference is that the rest of the armor furnished for the Oregon is equally faulty. But the armor is not to be rejected, nor is there to be any further test, though the members of Carnegie's firm protest that the other plates are all right. After a personal conference with Mr. Carnegie Secretary Herbert announces that "the cracking was caused by the use of a projectile much superior to the ordinary service shot," and that he will accept all the armor despite this failure under trial. What, then, is the use of having tests at all? And, above all, what is the mysterious influence which Andrew Carnegie exerts at Washington?—Chicago Times.

The game of making prize battleships goes merrily on. England has just launched a couple of elegant killing machines, and the American builders are confident that they can make faster, finer and more destructive ones.

Who is it continues to drain the treasury of its gold? Is it not the poor man. He isn't seeing any gold at all. It is the capitalist who takes a profit on bond issue in order to get gold into the treasury, and then hurries around with his legal tenders in order to take it out. This is our wonderful national financing.—Chicago Times.

The Eastern Star.

The Mouticello Democrat has the following notice of the Evening Star Chapter's visit to that city, the guests having only lavish praise for the hospitable manner in which they were entertained:

"Crystal Chapter, Order Eastern Star, was organized last Tuesday night by Chas. G. Spitzer, of Rensselaer, assisted by Evening Star Chapter of that place. Crystal Chapter starts out with a good healthy membership, and flattering prospects for the future. May her luster never grow dim.

About 11 o'clock the members and guests repaired to Pettit's restaurant for refreshments, after which they returned to theodge room and pleasantly whiled away the hours until train time, most of the visitors returning home on the morning train.

The following members of Evening Star Chapter No. 46 were present and assisted in the work: Mrs. Lizzie Long, Mrs. Mary Spitzer, Mrs. Agnes O. Kelley, Alfred W. Hopkins, Mildred B. Spitzer, Mrs. Ada Coover, Maud E. Spitzer, Mrs. Alice Meyer, Ray Mossler, Dora Hardeman, Miss French, Mrs. Isador Morris of Remington, Albert R. Hopkins, B. F. Fendig and Nellie Moss.

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