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LOCAL NEWS

Matthias Kitch of Bourbon township was a Plymouth visitor Friday.

E. A. Gerard of Chicago, visited his uncle, Prof. Frank Carey and family Thursday.

Thomas Neville of Marion, was in this city Thursday, renewing old acquaintances.

Rev. J. J. Coleman has left for a ten days' trip to Fountain City, and Bryant, Ind.

Conrad Bergman of Montpelier, O., is in this city visiting with friends and relatives.

James B. Clough of Michigan City, is visiting with the family of Mrs. Chas. Clough.

Mrs. Mary Ritter and daughter, Ola, of Tippecanoe, visited with Plymouth friends today.

Mrs. Caroline Craig is visiting with friends and relatives at Mishawaka for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Hughes have gone to Wabash to spend a few days with friends and relatives there.

Misses Julia Yockey and Irene Kuhn took part in a musical recital at Winona Lake, Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ed Hunter has returned to her home in this city, after spending a few days with relatives at Rochester.

Mesdames Wm. Everly, C. S. Cleveland, and J. E. Ellis, spent the day with Mrs. L. M. Mattingly at Argos.

County Surveyor Percy Troyer and C. P. Holloway, have gone to Goshen to spend a couple of days on business.

Mrs. Cassius Brown, who has been visiting with her father, Wm. Ridenour, returned to her home in Rochester, Friday.

Mrs. Etta Day and daughters went to Plymouth this morning where they will make their future home—Rochester Sentinel.

Miss Beulah Leslie returned to her home in Bourbon, Friday after spending a couple of days with Miss Lottie Fuller in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Snyder who have been visiting with the family of David Yazel in this city, returned to their home in Mishawaka Friday.

Aaron Jones of South Bend, president of the national grange, is in Washington to see what he can do in behalf of a bill in congress for good roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith and children of Fondue, Iowa, who have been visiting with Mrs. Smith's father, Anthony Molter, in this city, went to Frankfort, Friday, where they will spend a few days with friends.

The Independent threatens to publish the names in full of those who participated in the poker game Sunday. We dare Mr. Metesker to do so. He might publish a partial list, but the names of all the players would implicate Mr. Metesker, and the publisher would hardly do this.

General Superintendent Blake A. Mapledoram, of the Chicago-New York Air Line, makes the announcement that on or before March 8 the company will place Broadway division at Gary in operation. At first a 15 minute schedule will be observed. When the business warrants it the schedule will be shortened by placing extra cars in commission.

It is said that between 4,000 and 5,000 unskilled laborers are now idle in South Bend. The Studebaker, Oliver, Singer and Birdsell factories have all laid off many of their employees. The cause assigned is that no currency is available to make up the pay rolls. As yet skilled labor in South Bend is not affected by the tightening of the money market.

The Pension Department must have its rules, of course, but when a widow 83 years old, who has lived with the husband of her youth for fifty-seven years is refused a pension because she can not prove that the marriage ceremony was performed, as related in a Carroll County case, it appears to be more of a circuitous office than is necessary and the exercise of common sense a virtue to be recommended.

Monday, while we were writing copy, getting out some bills, waiting on six customers and answering the phone, all in one breath, a fellow from up the street rushed in to prove a bet by us and we have been crazy with the heat ever since. He only wanted to know—If a lion can eat a cow in four hours and a bear can eat the same cow in six hours, and a wolf can eat the same cow in eight hours, and a coyote can eat the cow in eleven hours, how long will it take the coyote to eat what is left of the cow after the lion has been eating two hours, the bear an hour and twenty minutes and the wolf three quarters of an hour?—Kewanna Herald.

Mrs. C. Firestone who has been quite sick with grip is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Alva Porter spent Sunday with friends at South Bend.

O. M. Welborn has bought the Lemert barn and will move to Plymouth.

Noble McCrory of Indiana Harbor, visited with his parents in this city Sunday.

Robert Gear of Chicago, spent Sunday with friends and relatives in this city.

Miss Lizzie Fortune of South Bend, is visiting with Mrs. Bert Ostum in this city.

Thomas Kennedy, operating at the L. E. & W. spent Sunday with relatives at Ambia, Ind.

Mrs. Ernest Shriver of Ft. Wayne, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ulrich, in this city.

Chester Miller of Auburn, Ind., was the guest of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. Miller, Sunday.

Mrs. D. O. Reynolds went to Peru Monday, to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. John Tramer.

Miss Alice Smith has returned to her home in Rutland, after spending a couple of days with friends here.

Miss Mary Wynn of Tiosa, who has been visiting with the family of Jacob Gick, returned to her home, Monday.

Miss Lottie Kubley has returned to her home in Walnut, after visiting with her sister, Mrs. C. M. Walker in this city.

A week has passed and Metesker the unholy has not as yet published the names of the poker players. Cause why?

Mrs. L. E. Dial and Miss Mary Schlarb went to McLean, Ill., Monday to attend the funeral of their brother, Charles Schlarb.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zumbach, of South Bend, who have been visiting with the family of J. T. Hinkel, went to Culver for a short visit Monday.

Mark Jacoby was called to Rockford, Ill., Monday, on account of the serious illness of Dan Rhodes, who formerly made his home with Mr. Jacoby.

Miss Vivian Stacy of Niagara county, N. Y., who has been visiting with the family of Joseph Mead, in this city, went to Chicago, Monday, for a visit with friends.

Bradley Polytechnic Institute, of the University of Chicago, is enriched by the sum of \$40,000.00 by the death of Mrs. Lydia Bradley, the Hetty Green of Peoria.

Miss Lucretia Loring and her guest, Miss Mamie Blair, of LaPorte, went to Greencastle, Wednesday, where they will attend a formal party given by the Alpha Omicron Pi, sorority girls.

Because, it is alleged, Dr. H. P. Hansen, corner of Story county, Ia., talked saucily over the telephone to Miss Alice McKee, an operator, a jury awarded her a verdict of \$50. He has appealed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Mills, have gone to Indianapolis to attend the meeting of the State Dairy Association, also to spend a few days with the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Mills.

Plans to raise a fund of \$100,000 for the relief of the unemployed in Chicago were made at a meeting of 24 of the most prominent men of the city at the Grand Pacific hotel Thursday afternoon.

Congressmen generally increase their salaries when times are hard and wages of laborers lowest. The votes next November will be given to men who think \$5,000 is enough pay for six months work.

Fire Sunday night totally consumed the fine new barn belonging to Clarence Fulmer and located about three and one half miles southwest of Mishawaka. As the result of the structure being attacked by flames 13 cows perished.

Some 115,000 tons of the wool from farms and sheep ranches as far west as the Rocky Mountain slopes curiously enough was whirled past Chicago in 1906 to mills in the east, where "it went right in and turned around" and came right back west again.

William Clark, the baker, has resigned his position with J. R. Hewitt and will quit the business for a time at least. He commenced baking in Plymouth in 1876 and has worked almost 10,000 days, baking over three million loaves of bread, besides pies and cakes in this city.

At the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. a special service for young men will be held. It will be in recognition of the third anniversary of the Young Men's Bible class of which Mr. E. B. Carey is the teacher. The presence of the class in a body, the militia company, the extra fine music and the sermon appropriate to the occasion by the pastor, will be special features of the service. All young men especially invited.

Mrs. Claude Schlosser is visiting at Huntington.

John R. Jones is transacting business at Gary.

W. E. Leonard is putting in lights at Walkerton.

Mrs. Asher Boyce spent Wednesday at Argos.

Mrs. Fellers of Bourbon, is visiting at D. C. Smith's.

F. M. Meador of Polk township, was a Plymouth visitor Wednesday.

Look out for the big bargain sale at the 5 and 10 cent store, on LaPorte street, Saturday.

John T. Brosnahan of Pierceton, visited Harry Humrichouser Wednesday.

Oliver Mattice of South Bend, is visiting with friends and relatives in this city.

Miss Leona Wickey went to Peru Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Clay.

Wm. Bangier has returned from Madison, Ind., and is spending a few days in this city.

The state convention of the Lincoln League will be held at Wabash, February 12 and 13.

Mrs. Z. M. Tanner spent the day with her daughter, Edna, at St. Mary's Notre Dame.

Next Sunday is ground hog day and all his friends hope that the day will be very cloudy.

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Miss Avis Daubenspeck of Kokomo, is visiting in this city, the guest of Miss Cecile Burkett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ritchie and Mrs. Blanche Beyer were South Bend visitors Wednesday.

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George Krueyer and Hon. Adam E. Wise transacted business and visited relatives at Valparaiso Wednesday.

There was a big fire in the Coburn warehouse at Indianapolis Tuesday night and the loss is placed at \$500,000.

General John Coburn, distinguished as soldier, lawyer and politician, is dead at Indianapolis at the age of 83 years.

The ice is now eight inches thick and several hundred tons have been hauled in his city since last Friday morning.

Messrs. Lloyd Lowry and Chas. Lawn have returned to Walnut after spending a couple of days in this city on business.

Mrs. Frank Cullison went to South Bend Wednesday, for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Clyde Swinderman.

It is said that Frank E. Herring of South Bend, will try to get the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

Members of the Illinois legislature have put aside all other business to rush inquiry into the abuses of Illinois asylums.

Mrs. Sylvester Unger has returned to her home in Walkerton, after spending a few days with the family of Louis Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sisk have gone to Packerton, Ind., for a few days' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Boyer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Losey entertained about forty friends Tuesday evening. They will entertain again Thursday evening.

F. Peters and Peer Matquedsen of Chicago, have been visiting in this city this week. Mr. Peters was a former resident of Hibbard.

Ex-Judge Isaiah Conner is ill with pneumonia at his home in Rochester. He has been frail since he was injured by a fall about a year ago.

Henry Grossman and his niece, Mrs. Myers of Virginia, who is visiting here, went to Bourbon Wednesday to visit Isaiah Grossman.

There were three hundred and fifty guests at the Vanderbilt wedding. Wonder what was the matter with the rest of the four hundred.

Jesse Allman of Marshfield, Wis., for several years manager of the "Big Store" here, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Allman.

Mrs. C. N. Staylor, who was called to Delong last week by the death of her father, John Lige, has returned to her home at Wanatah.

Mrs. George Dimmit of Argos, who has been visiting with her son, Willard and wife in this city, returned to her home Tuesday evening.

The meeting of the Y. P. Social Union of the Presbyterian church will be held at the Manse instead of at Mrs. Dial's on Thursday evening.

Prof. W. H. Banta of Rochester, has been seriously ill for several weeks and does not show much improvement. He has many friends in Plymouth.

A fifth time a Chicago jury has refused to convict saloon keepers who keep their places open on Sunday. There seems to be no law observance in Chicago.

Vincent P. Kirk who returned from the state of New York recently, after an absence of several years, will probably become a resident of Plymouth.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Dickinson Jan. 30 at 2:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present and a very cordial invitation is extended to all.

Over a foot of snow fell in Laporte county Sunday night. It drifted six feet deep in places and five rural route carriers out of Laporte were unable to deliver their mail Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester McGowan have returned from Delhart, Texas, where they have been located for a few months, and will probably make their home in this city in the future.

It is a matter of frequent comment that the rates for fire insurance are much higher now than they were years ago when fire protection was much less efficient than it is at present.

Langfield-Hillman Wedding.

At the Catholic church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 28, Mr. Harry Langfield and Miss Bertha Hillman were united in marriage by Rev. John Tremmel. The impressive ceremony of the Catholic church was used and there was a large attendance.

Mr. Langfield has been employed for a long time at the Kuhn meat market and is one of Plymouth's most popular young men. His bride has been employed at the telephone office, and is an amiable, accomplished and beautiful young lady, worthy of a good husband.

A reception was given at the home of the bride immediately after the wedding and a large number of invited guests were present. The happy couple will make their home in this city and the Tribune joins their hundreds of other friends in congratulations and good wishes.

Plymouth Team Loses to Culver.

The high school basketball team of this city, went down in defeat to the Culver, H. S. team, at that town Friday evening, by a score of 41 to 13.

The local boys say that they were handicapped by the absence of Cullen, one of their stars, also by the smallness of the room in which the game was played. Although Culver has a strong team, the Plymouth boys expect to win a return game which will be played here. The line up for Plymouth was: Center, Lloyd Zumbach; right forward, Harry Alexander; left forward and capt., Earl McLaughlin; left guard, Claude Switzer; right guard, Gustavus Adolphus Kuhn.

Entertained at Bourbon.

The "Eleven Club" of this city, was most royally entertained by Mrs. J. C. Erwin, at her home in Bourbon, Monday. The full day was put in by the ladies. They were treated to a sumptuous spread, and had a good time in general. All voted Mrs. Erwin "par excellence" as a hostess.

The Eleven Club is composed of eleven ladies. Membership papers are held by the following: Mrs. Harry Bennett, Mrs. O. P. Bair, Mrs. Harry H. Humrichouser, Mrs. H. A. Shambaugh, Mrs. M. Lauer, Mrs. Z. M. Tanner, Mrs. B. Strang, Mrs. E. B. Miller, Mrs. C. D. Snoberger, Mrs. George Neff, and Mrs. Fred Hill.

Stella Strauderman.

Miss Stella Strauderman, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Strauderman, died at the home of her father, six miles northeast of this city at 11:30 o'clock Saturday, aged 17 years.

Deceased has been suffering for about two years with diabetes, but has been seriously ill only for the last couple of weeks.

She is survived by both parents, and one brother, Chauncey.

Funeral was held at the Jacoby church Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Attend K. of C. Initiation.

A delegation of members of the Knights of Columbus lodge from this city, attended an initiation at South Bend, Sunday. Leo Pesch of this city was taken through three degrees of the lodge.

Members from here who attended were: Peter J. Krueyer, Thomas Stack, J. A. Molter, Ed Bergman, Jr., George Hendricks and Earl Twomey, Bourbon.

Tower at Lakeville Burns.

The interlocking tower at Lakeville, situated at the crossing of the Vandalia and Wabash railroads, was entirely destroyed by fire, Sunday night. The fire started at about 12 p. m. and its origin is unknown.

The burning of this tower has excited much suspicion, for its predecessor burned down about a year ago and was supposed by many to have been fired by malicious hands.

Death of John W. Wolf.

John W. Wolf, one of the old residents of this county, died at his home in Donaldson, Wednesday night, aged 87 years. He is survived by his wife Margaret and nine children.

The funeral was held at the U. B. church at Donaldson Saturday afternoon.

New Suits Filed.

Lavina T. Bryan is suing her husband for support, et al., to have deeds declared valid.

Wickizer and Bondurant Co., have foreclosed mortgage on Orlando F. Warner, et al.

Chas. Steele has brought suit against John F. Gries on note.

Catherine J. Prior has brought suit against her husband Milo Prior, for divorce and alimony. Parties are residents of Culver.

Assisting the Democratic Party.

The Republican county chairmen does not send this paper any notices of conventions. It hardly seems possible, as suggested by some persons, that the "organization" is trying to elect a Democratic county ticket by keeping genuine Republicans outside.

Marriage License.

Marion Richart to Grace I. Compton, of Bourbon.

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Bryan's Financial Plan.

Mr. Bryan, before leaving the capital, dictated, in response to a request, the following interview setting forth briefly his views on the financial situation:

"Lack of public confidence is what drives money out of circulation. Restore public confidence and money returns to its accustomed channels. For lack of confidence the best remedy is insurance of bank deposits and I have urged upon the various states and Congress the passage of some measure similar to the law adopted by Oklahoma. This provides for the creation of a guaranty fund by assessments from time to time as may be necessary to restore the guaranty fund when it is lowered by the payment of money to depositors of failed banks."

"This permits the resources of all the banks to be the resources of each bank, and insures each depositor against loss. The Oklahoma statute permits national banks to take advantage of the state law and a national law should permit state banks to come under the provisions of that law in states which have no guaranty system."

"As to an elastic currency, I think provision could be made for sufficient elasticity in time of emergency by a law providing for the issue of United States notes, such notes to be loaned by the Government to the banks upon adequate security and at a rate of interest which would compel the retirement of the notes when the emergency is over."

"I suppose nearly all members of Congress and senators favor some provision for an emergency currency. The Democrats as a rule, favor a system under which the Government will issue and control the value of emergency currency, while most Republicans favor some system under which it would be issued and controlled by the banks. This presents the point in dispute between the two parties."

Progress in Currency Legislation.

Before the Aldrich currency bill was drafted the idea was sedulously spread that the tracks were all cleared for that bill, whatever it proved to be, and that no other bill would have a chance for enactment. How faulty that idea was appeared quickly enough, and already a number of changes have been announced designed to make the bill more attractive to bankers and business men.

Congressman Fowler's bill, as a rival to the Aldrich bill, has developed so far as can be seen, little or no strength. In place of it the "bankers' bill," which has now been introduced in both houses of Congress, has come to the front. The issue is drawn, therefore, to all appearances, between the bankers' plan for asset backed currency and the Aldrich plan for an extension of bond-secured currency issues.

The progress of these two plans has not, however, suppressed the arguments in favor of a central bank. Under the guise of a central clearing-house association United States Treasurer Treat has recently spoken for this plan. Even more frequently arguments are heard for some form of clearing-house currency to be used in emergencies on a legalized basis, much as the volunteer issues of the clearing-houses have been used twice already in times of especially great need. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Gage has, for example, renewed his advocacy of this plan, and James G. Cannon, a New York banker, in lecturing at Columbia University the other day, not only thought that an emergency currency issued through clearing-houses only was desirable but that its issue at a rate that would make it cost the banks 12 per cent would be wise.—Record-Herald.

Supreme Court Decision.

The supreme court of the United States handed down a decision of far-reaching effect and general importance Tuesday in which the act of congress of June 1, 1898, prohibiting the clearing-houses engaged in interstate commerce from discriminating against members of labor organizations was held unconstitutional. It was in the case of William Adair versus the United States, and it was decided by the supreme court favorably to Adair.

The case went to the supreme court on a writ of error from the United States district court for the eastern district of Kentucky. Adair was sued on the charge of threatening to discharge a locomotive engineer named Coppage, because the latter was a member of a labor union. The act of 1898, which was one of the results of the great Chicago strike, was invoked for Coppage's protection and the district court fined Adair \$100. The constitutionality of the act was attacked in the district court by the railroad attorneys, and when the decision was announced they took the matter to the supreme court, with the result that the decision of the lower court was reversed.

Justice Harlan wrote the decision for the United States supreme court and holds that Adair, as master mechanic of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad company, had a right to discharge an employee because he was a member of a labor organization just as it was the employee's right to leave such employment because of his membership in the organization. Such a course, the decision added, might be unwise, but as to the matter of right there could be no doubt. Congress could not authorize a violation of contracts in the guise of protecting interstate commerce.

Rebating Admitted.

A. B. Starr, of Pittsburg, superintendent of transportation on the Pennsylvania lines, testifying before the Indiana railroad commission's investigation into application of reciprocal demurrage rules in the state, which was held at Indianapolis, admitted that railroads in the past have discriminated in favor of some shippers and against others in the matter of car service charges. This sort of rebating, he said, is even to this day common where competition between roads is heaviest.

Council Proceedings.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening, with councilmen Buck and Ness absent.

Report of boiler inspector on water works boilers was received and submitted to committee. Superintendent of water works Armstrong, reported that the brick wells under the boilers had been repaired in accordance with instructions.

The matter of renting the land recently purchased by the council, from O. P. Bair, came up. It was decided that sealed bids be received by the council, at the next meeting, on Feb. 10th. This land known as the Selten-right farm will be rented to the successful bidder, for one year rent payable quarterly in advance. This will include all of the buildings but will reserve four acres which will be platted this year, for burial purposes.

A resolution was passed approving the report of the city civil engineer, and accepting the North Michigan street sewer. The report showed that the sewer was O. K. in all respects, except two man-holes and a small trench which remained in the street. It was decided that \$50 be retained from the \$149.20 due contractor H. H. Bonham, until the deficiency be corrected.

Committee on accounts and stationery reported bills to the amount of \$67.28 which were allowed. Finance committee then reported.

Cash on hand.....\$139.92
Bills allowed..... 67.28

Balance on hand.....\$66.64
It was reported that in many cases the water rental was far in arrears, and that some of the accounts were badly in need of adjustment. This matter was referred to committee on water works, with power to act.

Planning to Beat Back the Temperance Wave.

An organized movement against the wave of prohibition which is now being made in New York and elsewhere. The brewers and dealers in liquors' supplies and machinery are behind the movement, and are organizing associations throughout the country, the object of which will be to fight the prohibition movement. The organization in New York is known as the Manufacturers and Dealers' Club of Greater New York, and circulars have been sent to jobbing firms and men in the financial district in an effort to extend the membership throughout the business world.

It is proposed, as soon as the local organizations are well under way throughout the country, to organize them into a national organization. It is said that large numbers of business men are joining the local organization. In this connection attention is called to a recently published statement of the Distillers' Securities Corporation to the effect that while the prohibition movement lessens the consumption of beer, it has had at the same time the effect of increasing the demand for stronger beverages.

Longcliff Again Crowded.

Notwithstanding the fact that Longcliff hospital at Logansport was recently enlarged by two ward buildings, each with a capacity of 80 people, the men's building is already full and the women's building is rapidly filling up. The tent that formerly provided very healthful and satisfactory quarters for 30 men has been taken down and consigned to destruction as it was worn out but a new one will likely be put into service if the increase of patients on the men's side continues. Longcliff is one of the very few institutions in the country where the men patients outnumber the women.

Quashed Affidavits.

Mayor Rigdon,