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The man who fails to advertise in dull times is on a par with the fellow who refused to eat because his stomach was empty.

It is said that Garfield was the only President who ever made a speech in a foreign language. He could make a fluent oration in German.

By a decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois, Hyde Park, lately annexed to the city of Chicago, has been separated and placed under its village charter once more.

Gov. Dorsheimer, editor of the New York Star, is dead. He was a brilliant writer and speaker and an influential man in the Democratic party of his state.

A. J. Snell, the millionaire who was recently murdered in Chicago by burglars, was, forty years ago, a clock peddler traveling through Indiana. At times he was penniless.

Minister: Next Sabbath morning a collection will be taken for our Fiji mission. ("Amen" ring through the congregation.) And, the minister added, impressively: "Amen, however resonant and sincere, make little rattle in the contribution box."—N. Y. Sun.

An escaped convict from the Michigan penitentiary learned that a reward was offered for his capture. He induced his poverty-stricken wife to "capture" him, deliver him up and get the reward. When this was done the convict, Albert Frazer, was happier than he had been for years.

A tinner named Jerry Hayes, of Toledo, Ohio, took up an empty nitroglycerine can last Saturday to solder it, and when the hot iron touched the can it exploded with a terrific shock, blowing off Hayes' head and injuring two workmen, besides demolishing the building.

Chief Justice Waite of the United States Supreme court, is dead. He ably filled the chair on the Supreme Bench for a period of more than fourteen years. His death changes the political complexion of the court, which loses a Republican and gains a Democrat. There will be three Democrats and six Republicans on the Bench after the next appointment.

The Walkerton INDEPENDENT has a railroad right on its hands. It seems that the editor had contracted with the B. & O. to publish their card in exchange for a pass and that the latter called the pass in, and the INDEPENDENT claims a balance due. That's right, Bro. Endley, give the "blasted" monopolies the best you've got and if they don't come to time sue them for "breach of promise."—Plymouth Democrat.

Yes the way we figure it that monopoly monopolizes about 40 cents of our money, which, according to our figures, it owes us for work. It is not the 40 cents we want, but the fun we can get out of it.

G. G. Grady, the great Indians showman, and at one time a dangerous competitor of P. T. Barnum, has consolidated with another fellow and is giving hourly matinees in the out townships with two performing bears.—Indianapolis Independent.

A great many Marshall county people will remember the man above referred to, who started his career as a showman on a small scale not far from here and at one time a few years ago visited Plymouth with an aggregation that rivaled Forepaugh. Last summer he showed again in Plymouth with one small tent and two common black bears. His life has been an eventful one.—Plymouth Democrat.

Exchange: Grover Cleveland is the only clergyman's son who has ever been elected President, though Arthur's father was a clergyman. He was not, however, elected President. The fathers of Virginia Presidents—Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe—were planters. John Tyler's father was a lawyer and a statesman, and John Adams, the father of John Quincy Adams, was by profession a lawyer. Grant's father was a tanner, Hayes' father a merchant, and the fathers of Garfield, Lincoln, Pierce, Filmore, Polk, Van Buren and Jackson were farmers. The chances for the presidency in the past have thus been with the farmers' boys, and out of the eighteen Presidents elected by the people only one has been a parson's son.

The Boys Are Catching On.

Sixty pupils in the high school of an Iowa town struck yesterday because they had been denied the usual spring vacation of one week. They marched out into the suburbs and indulged in a picnic, going home for dinner at the usual hour. In the evening their parents did some striking, too, and when the young people report for duty Monday morning their teacher will probably continue the amusement.—Saturday's Indianapolis News.

POINTS ON CORN CULTURE.

"To grow corn successfully," says Mr. A. B. Coleman in the *Rural New Yorker*, "make the soil fertile if not already so; break deep; pulverize thoroughly; run a drag over it and let it take a rain or two. Re-break it not quite so deep; harrow again; then run a drag over it to make it smooth. Lay it off 3½ to 4½ feet each way. Plant good, sound corn. Begin to cultivate early, and quit early. Do not be too impatient to plant. Better to wait until the ground gets warm. If you plant too early the corn will make a slow start, the stalks will get hard and the crop will never do so well; besides, the grass or weeds may get ahead of the corn. Put the turning-plow and double-shovel under the tool-shed as soon as the corn is planted, and use the cultivator and a one-horse harrow with short teeth. It is a fallacy to throw up a big ridge next to the corn to keep it from being blown down. The roots hold up the corn. Just as well pile soil around a fruit tree to keep it from being blown down. It is a fallacy to plow corn deep when it is silking, during a drought, to bring up the moisture. The plowing is a serious injury. If the soil has been properly prepared the moisture will be brought up by capillary attraction. It is a fallacy to undertake, by five or six plowings in a field of growing corn, to do the work that ought to have been done before planting."

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE.

The teachers of Liberty township met at the school building in North Liberty on Friday evening, March 16, 1888, to discuss the topics assigned them at the sixth institute.

The president being late the meeting was called to order by Vice-Pres. Bates; the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by instant.

After roll-call, there was seen rising with a smiling face, John D. Troyer, and as usual pleading not prepared; but he gave a very eloquent discourse on the life of Bach, a celebrated German musician. This was followed by Chas. F. Keck who very successfully related the truths connected with the life of the famous Hayden, another great musician.

Then Ed. G. Geyer explained very vividly, the 9th chapter of *Psy.*, revealing the absurd objects which might be brought to the mind by "Imagination;" this was followed by a well-chosen treatise on the life of "our" great essayist, Ralph Waldo Emerson, by Edwin Steele.

Following this, we see B. Frank Houser in the arena, explaining fully the facts of the 13th chapter of *Psy.*, in a very agreeable manner.

The committee then assigned subjects to those pupils who are to participate in the commencement exercises, which are to be held at the M. E. Church, of North Liberty, Thursday evening, March 29, 1888.

The institute was favored by a large number of visitors, among whom were our worthy trustee, L. M. Houser, and Titus E. Kinzie, of the State University, Bloomington, Ind., where he means to finish his education. Both made a few remarks: the trustee, on the ability of a teacher, also the manner of conducting a school; Mr. Kinzie dwelling principally on the greatness of Emerson. For the presence of these worthies as also for their remarks, the Institute renders its grateful thanks. This finished, the institute adjourned sine die.

Geo. M. Urey, Pres.
Elia Cullar, Sec.

MOI & VERNON.

Our school closed last Friday, Willie Shoemaker visited friends and relatives in Maple Grove a part of last week.

"Doc." Wenger and Joe Suders, of Mishawaka, spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity, returning Monday.

Chas. Shoemaker, who, for the past year, has been sojourning in Maple Grove, spent two weeks in this vicinity visiting with friends and relatives. He departed the 24th inst for Parma, Mich., where he intends working with his brother at the manuf. trade.

Of the two applicants from this vicinity for certificates of graduation, at the examination held in Walkerton some time ago, one, Miss Anna Swartz, fourteen years of age, was commendably successful; her general average being 91, falling below 90 in but one branch (geography, 87), the other branches running from 90 to 100. The other failed.

Married, Saturday evening, March 24, at the M. E. parsonage in Walkerton, by the Rev. Tinkham, John E. Wenger, a highly respected young man of this vicinity, and Miss Alice Rinehart, of Oregon, Starke county. They go to housekeeping in the Frank Byers house, recently occupied by James Bost. May they enjoy a long, happy and prosperous married life, is the sincere wish of

CHASE.

Cleveland Bays.

Recently Mr. R. P. Stericher of Springfield, Illinois, contributed an article on this breed of horses to the *Farmer's Review*, in which he condensed many facts concerning this excellent race of horses. We haven't room for it entire but give the main points of public interest. He says that for over a century this horse has been carefully bred, and brought up to his present fine type. There has been in that time a little infusion of the racer of thoroughbred blood. The main characteristics of the Cleveland Bay are its adaptability to almost any kind of work, wonderful uniformity of size and color, good disposition, great endurance, bold, free action and fine style, making it a very desirable animal to breed to, for getting either a fine carriage, or good general purpose horse. They should stand at maturity from 16 hands to 16 hands 2½ inches high and weigh 1,200 pounds to 1,450 pounds, have good sloping shoulders, short backs, powerful loins and good quarters, head well-set onto arched neck and carried in a style not seen in any other breed. In color, he is a bay, either light or dark, with clean black legs, almost or entirely free from white, although a little white in the heel or a star in forehead is considered allowable. He has good action and some instances are on record showing him to have considerable speed. For instance King William 169, trotted a mile in three minutes, carrying 196 pounds, and Plato 417, trotted 18 miles inside of an hour, carrying the enormous weight of 260 pounds. These are undoubtedly exceptional cases, but as a rule ten to twelve miles an hour on fairly good roads can easily be made, and this is as fast as most people want to travel. We merely mentioned the foregoing in order to show that the Cleveland Bay has a certain amount of speed, and also a wonderful amount of endurance and courage. These desirable qualities combined with his handsome color and appearance have gone far to make him the most popular horse in England, and command him to the people here as a most desirable horse for either that purpose, or almost any other where activity strength and appearance are required. The farmers find him an excellent horse either on the road or in the field, and in breeding him to ordinary mares most satisfactory results are obtained, as he transmits his color and form with a certainty truly remarkable, thus making it an easy matter to raise matched teams of the proper size and style for carriage horses.—Indiana Farmer.

LITTLE DEBTS.

(Prairie Farmer.)
"I'll not pay it, and I'll give that doctor a piece of my mind." "It's an outrage, he's forgotten himself," were the expressions that dropped from a pair of pretty lips as the young matron stood with flushed face, looking at some small bills just received.

To one consultation in office, \$1.00. James Jones, M. D.

To one pair boots, 1.90.—To one pair slippers, \$1.50.

The query would come to my mind, "Why were those dues an outrage?" True, the young lady who sought the physician's advice did not apply the remedy prescribed, but the doctor had given her some of his valuable time, while other patients were in waiting, and everyone knew his charges before consulting him. It seemed to me a just debt. As for the shoes, they had been in use long enough to be almost worn out. I could but think the shoe dealer had waited as long as he ought for his money. Mrs. J. often loudly boasted "there was nothing small about her, and she abominated littleness."

I could not think she meant to "act small," yet it did look as if she forgot to be just before generous. "Pay what thou owest," is a motto that should be hung where our eyes can daily, hourly, rest upon it. There are times, no doubt, when debts accumulate, but they sap the very joy from our hearts, and we find no pleasure in anything for thinking of the obligations we cannot meet. Such debts are not the ones we speak of. No, we mean the little ones we do not meet promptly, the newspaper subscription, the doctor's bill, butcher's little account, or for a little coal, or dry goods, and the like. A reputation for honesty and prompt payment of just debts, is a good thing to possess during life, and a good legacy to leave one's family. It does not excuse us from the payment of these debts, that the same due when times are hard, and we have no money to meet them. It is better to stint one's self than to owe for unpaid comforts. "Honesty is the best policy" is a good old maxim. We do not believe any one feels at peace with others until all these annoying little scores are settled up. It is a blessed thing to be able to say, "I owe no man anything."

Is CONSUMPTION INCURABLE?—Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with consumption of Lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable, consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm. It is the finest medicine ever made." Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: "Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of Lung Troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at Endley's drug store.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

NORTH LIBERTY.

This is the last week of school in this township.

The season for making maple sugar and syrup has been a failure so far.

Knepp & Houser are hauling a large lot of lumber to South Bend.

Israel Irvin has purchased the Andrews property on North Main street.

John B. Rupel was in the village a few hours last Monday on business.

Alex LaPiere, of South Bend, was on our streets again last Tuesday.

Wesley Travis, of LaPorte county, visited relatives here last Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. Ward is making arrangements to move to Huntington county, his former home.

Township election next Monday, April 2. Turn out and exercise the right of suffrage.

E. P. Lee is at home again after a brief visit to his daughter in Illinois. His daughter, Estella, accompanied him home.

Wesley Rieker, the wide-awake mail-carrier, has become a resident of North Liberty. He occupies the Fetzer property on Main street.

Mrs. Lena Snook and her sister, Mrs. Jacob Feuston, are visiting their parents here at present. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ruwert, of the Empire house.

Look well to the selection of men for the office of road supervisor. This is very important when we consider the condition of the roads in certain localities.

Benjamin Hostetter, who has been visiting in this vicinity for the past week, left for his home in Garrett City on Wednesday.

The third quarterly meeting for the year 1888 will be held at the Methodist church in this place on next Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder Beck will officiate, assisted by the pastor.

Miss Emma Tutt has gone to South Bend, where she will visit for a short time before leaving for her home in Nebraska.

The revival meetings that have been in progress at the M. E. church for the past two weeks, will probably close on Sabbath evening.

STARKE COUNTY'S CAPITAL.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM KNOX.

A Chicago pickle concern is looking for a location in our county.

During the last blizzard the thermometer registered 5 below 0.

Court is in full blast. I will give a full report of proceedings in next communication.

JOHN T. B. NAVE, aged upwards of 70 years, died at his home in Wayne township, recently.

J. B. Prettyman has purchased the farm of Louis Brenner and proposes to remain at Knox.

F. B. Yarbre makes regular trips once in two weeks to Knox to practice his profession, dental surgeon.

Dr. Arlington answers calls night or day. Office next door to Arlington's old drug stand.

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The news of Andrew Cunningham's success was received with pleasure by his many friends in this county.

The Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists have each put full tickets in the field for township election.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGill, daughter of Wm. Callaway, is very low. The attending physician has but very little hope of her recovery.

A. L. Jones, of Valparaiso, J. C. Nye, of Winamac, and M. A. O. Packard, of Plymouth, have been in attendance at court this term.

Judge Field will be in Knox on next Wednesday to try the Johnson vs. Taylor case. It was begun before him in October, 1882, while he was on the bench. He now proposes to close it up.

Judge Brackenridge, of Ft. Wayne, attorney for the P. F. W. & C. R. R., was here and arranged for a compromise, of the high claims that have been sold. Dealing with the R. R. Co. is like prosecuting a pension claim—slow but sure.

Within the past two weeks the following pairs have mated: James B. Fry to Matilda Page, William Wilson to Mary Hill, James B. Welch to Dora M. Justice, Alfred F. Singleton to Florence Hansman, Edward J. Curtis to Permelia E. Curtis, all of Starke county.

TYNER CITY.

Simon Snyder has moved into his new home.

Fred Myers was at home on a visit Sunday.

Grandmother Jarrel has gone to South Bend on a visit.

Why not ask the president of Starke county for a history of said county?

Mrs. Lilly Johnson and Nettie Chart have gone to South Bend to visit friends.

Bill Wallace has gone into the gas business in connection with his championship.

John Troyer has bought a house and lot from Adison Johnson and moved his family in last Tuesday.

The quarterly meeting at the U. B. church Saturday and Sunday last was well attended considering the rain.

No, Bill! E. R. was not beheaded on the 18th inst., for his is no headless ghost, but a mere shadow of his former self that now walks our streets, but here is what Quantrell says became of him: "Died, at the residence of Larkin Thompson, E. R. Monroe, of that fatal disease, matrimony, he having lingered and