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The optical department will be kept, as heretofore up to date in every respect, and watch and clock repairing will receive careful attention at the lowest prices.

The Ground Hog.

A good many of our friends seems to be demoralized over our article on the ground hog in Monday's paper. Even our old friend J. V. Astley informed us that after such a break, which closely indicated that we were not up Sunday morning in time to go to church, he would be compelled to discontinue taking the best paper in the county owing to the position it had taken on the ground hog question.

We have also been informed by disinterested parties that John Hoham, after he learned that we had made such a broad assertion wherein we affirmed that the "American Hoodoo" did not see his shadow, came down town bare headed, and used every argument possible with several of his friends in an effort to induce them to come down to the INDEPENDENT office and smite it "hip and thigh."

Now we propose to hold fast to what we get. We have had the honor of conversing with the spirit of the originator of this great theory of the ground hog seeing his shadow, and we received the information at that time, that all those poor mortals who built their hopes on the appearance of the frisky "chipmunk" were in grave error, and we have taken this time to remove from their minds a fatal mistake. Now listen ye ground hog worshippers, ye believers in the efficiency of a chubby shadow: The ground hog does not come out of his winter nest until high noon on the 2nd of February, and those who adhere so closely to the old tradition, and leave their beds that morning to catch a glimpse of the sun to be able to verify their predictions on the ground hog theory, have all made a foolish mistake.

The ground hog did not see his shadow in Marshall county, Indiana Sunday.

Found Gold.

While putting down a well near Valparaiso one day last week, several pieces of gold quartz was found. Although the find was eighty-three feet deep, it has raised considerable excitement. This finding gold in every hole dug will have a tendency to cause an alarm among the gold bugs of Wall street. It might cause the price for bullion to depreciate.

Constipation is generally caused by inflammation of the lower portion of the rectum. Take 10 drops of Brazilian Balm twice a day; also inject half a teaspoonful each night. A two weeks' course of this treatment seldom fails to make a permanent cure. Never purge yourself for constipation.

For sale by SHADLE & REYNOLDS.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Mark Tuttle is on the sick list.
Luther Hoham is quite ill today.
Mrs. Fred Shoemaker is on the sick list.

F. M. Axe went to Valparaiso this morning.

C. L. Morris went to Chicago on business today.

Hazel Gross is having a tussle with the mumps.

"A Cold Day at the opera house tonight.

Samuel Parker transacted business in Chicago today.

Frank Bosworth returned from South Bend yesterday.

John Acher, of Bourbon was in Plymouth yesterday.

Miss Rose Jordan leaves for Muncie Thursday morning.

Theo. Cressner and wife went to Chicago this morning.

Miss Bessie Reeves is at Bourbon today visiting friends.

Chas. Kellison attended to business in Laporte yesterday.

W. H. Newhouse went to Frankfort, yesterday on business.

Miss Lulu Boyer was a visitor to Crawfordsville yesterday.

Ed Hogard rusticated yesterday around Lapaz Junction.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas and daughter, Grace, are ill with lagrippe.

Rev. D. L. Jones is holding protracted meetings at Richland church.

O. F. Ketcham and D. L. Dickinson are in Chicago on business today.

Miss Elsie Snyder is clerking at the Chicago store today during the absence of Mr. Axe.

Chas. Turner has left for Camden, in Carroll City where he will remain for several days.

Miss Maude Bell and Bertha Staley were the guests of Mrs. Jno. Jordan, over Sunday.

Samuel Flasiem has returned to Plymouth and will commence work at the Novelty works.

Chas. Hiss departed yesterday for Mishawaka to visit a few days with his brother John.

Mrs. Smalley Daniels departed yesterday for a short sojourn with relatives in Bristol, Ind.

M. Allman and wife left today for a short visit with their daughter, at Marshfield, Wis.

Geo. H. Thayer and Geo. Marble are in Chicago today in business connected with the Novelty works.

Will Wood who spent Sunday with friends in our city over Sunday, went to South Bend yesterday.

Edwin Mayer went to Wanatah this morning on business connected with the firm of Nussbaum & Myer.

Miss Adda Sults left yesterday for Laporte where she will accept a position in the orphans home in that city.

Mrs. Joe Andress, of Peru, Ind. arrived last evening for a short visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Bergman.

A social party was held at the residence of J. W. Wiltfong last Saturday night, in honor of Wm. Wood, who was spending a few days with friends in the city.

A man at Valparaiso applied for warrant the latter part of last week, for a man whom he says forcibly took his daughter from his house. It is not stated whether she was of a marriageable age or not.

Notwithstanding muddy roads and weather discouragements Jacob Fralack and Louis Weeding covered the distance between their respective farms and this city Saturday and spent several hours at the county seat.

The Y. P. S. C. E. young folks of the Presbyterian church, will give a cobweb social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Blain, on Friday evening next. Supper will be 15 cents, and cobwebs will be sold at a nickel.

Two celebrated people were confounded by the Chicago Tribune yesterday. Cardinal Manning's portrait was published as that of Frau Kruger, wife of President Kruger of the Transvaal and Frau Kruger's portrait was given as that of the cardinal.

There was a full attendance at the Plymouth preachers' Monday meeting at the Y. M. C. A. reading room yesterday morning. The Rev. Mr. Morrow representing the National Children's Home society, attended and addressed the ministers on the interests committed to his charge.

The opening exercises of the new Elkhart Ind. Insitute building will be held in the Institute Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Feb. 11th and 12th.

Revs. F. E. Knopf, and J. S. Coffman, J. S. Hartzler, and Prof. W. E. Tower, Elkhart, will make addresses the first evening, and Supt. D. W. Thomas, Elkhart and Prof. W. W. McKenzie Chicago the second evening.

The Rev. Clark Skinner, of South Bend, preached two excellent sermons at the M. E. church Sunday on the occasion of the quarterly meeting. He returned to his home on yesterday morning. The quarterly conference of that church will be held Thursday evening at the close of a sermon by Rev. H. N. Agden, the Presiding Elder.

Loved.
[H. B. JORDON.]
Low breathes a strange, sweet melody
In my breast—a tinge on seraphid harp.
That soul-inspiring croons away
The tender warmings of my heart:
And light of touch are the Lydian strains
That roll, as the years, to you eternally.
Where drifts on balmy tides the pain
That wildly flamed around me yesterday.
And this is love that steals sublime
The cares of life, A gentler fate
Drifts 'round me than lonely shades of time
And the rider passion storms eliminate.
How faint I linger in sweetest ecstasy
Where golden lyre strings charm
And lure from vales of tyranny
To placid Cupid's out-stretched arms.

The Inquest.

A great deal of conversation has been brought about by the dragging out of the inquest regarding the shooting of John Swoverland. A difference in opinion seems to be prevalent. A great many believe that all the coroners should do in the matter, is to take sufficient evidence to convince him that the killing has been done, and by whom, and enough to satisfy him regarding the important matter. A few believe the entire array of evidence should be heard. There is no doubt that the majority are of the former opinion, and the INDEPENDENT is inclined to believe that should have been the proper course for Coroner Kaszer to have taken. It is the opinion of those who are fully acquainted with the facts that the evidence so far heard is of sufficient accuracy for the coroner to render his verdict.

The attacks made upon Coroner Kaszer regarding the financial remuneration, is wholly without foundation. The first day's service, entitles him to \$5.00 and mileage at five cents per mile, amounting to some \$7.00. Each day he attends to his duties on this case thereafter he received \$2.50, not enough to justify him for the time he is away from his regular practice, let alone the wear and tear on carpet, etc., by snow and mud brought in by witnesses and people there for curiosity. We believe the coroner is conscientious in his dealings with this case, but he does seem to make haste awfully slow.

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Fatigued Him.

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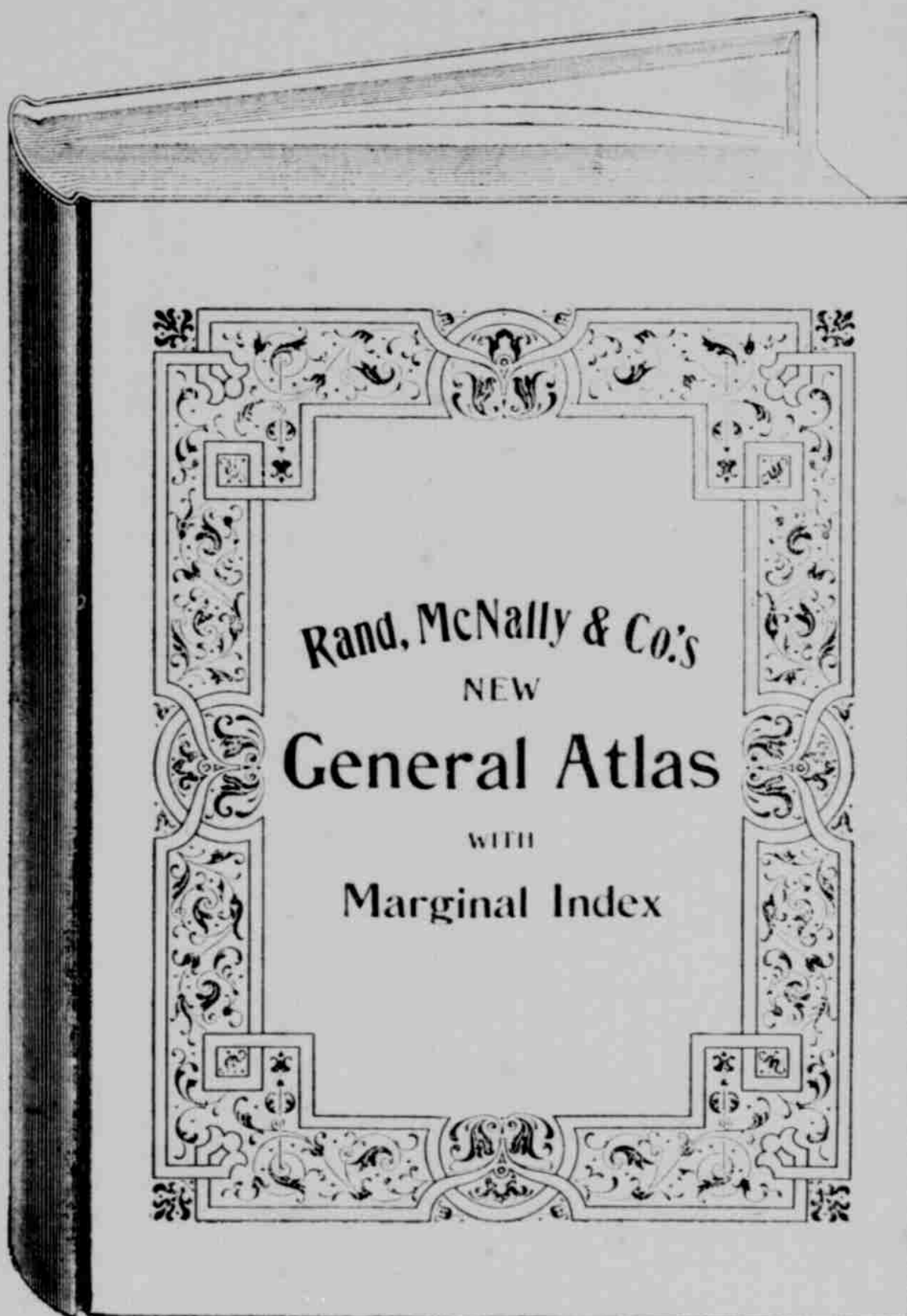
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For List of Names

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