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## A CLOSE CALL.

A Chandelier Falls at the Residence of Prof. D. Frank Redd.

Saturday evening the members of the M. E. choir met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank Redd for the regular weekly rehearsal. Those present were Misses Helen and Flora Disher, Fern Reynolds and Ethel Wiltfong, and Messrs. K. F. Brooke, J. G. Davis, A. R. Zimmerman and the host and hostess. They were seated in a circle around the room, when, without a sound or warning, the large chandelier, suspended from the center of the ceiling, fell with a crash, smashing the glass globes and cast iron frame into a thousand pieces. Fortunately the descent was so rapid that the burning lamps, three in number, were extinguished before the floor was reached. The iron upright piece punctured a hole entirely through the floor and stood there after its swift descent, a vivid picture of its deadly power if it had come in contact with one so unfortunate as to be in its path.

One of the fortunate occurrences of that evening was the reluctance at commencing the evening's rehearsal. A social half hour was being spent in talking over the events of the day, which gave conclusive evidence that a little social intercourse at times averts great disasters, for if it had not been for the entertaining conversation entered into, three of the young ladies mentioned would have been standing immediately under the chandelier and the result is terrible to contemplate.

How the fixture has remained as long as it has is a mystery, as the screw that held it in position was only a trifle larger than a lead pencil.

## A Masquerade Party.

Miss Georgia Vinall entertained about twenty-five of her young lady and gentlemen friends Friday evening at a very enjoyable masquerade party. Some of the costumes were very unique. There was a motley incongruous crowd of Indians and English ladies, negroes and white men. Very young ladies took great delight in representing very old women, and some of the boys paraded as old bachelors. "Little Red Riding Hood" little "Miss Muffet," a monk, Japanese and Chinaman were there also.

Delicious refreshments were served immediately after the jolly crowd unmasked which it is needless to say were very much enjoyed.

Among those present were the following:

Ford Reynolds	Millard Field
Charley Bower	Bess Vinall
William Woods	Flora Kountz
Luther Joseph	Arthur Pomeroy
Johnnie Strumback	Blanch Disher
Homer Linkenhelt	Daisy Tribbey
Grace Fish	Grace Pomeroy
Harriet Jacoby	May Disher
Blanch Turner	Harry Hoham
Eva Turner	

## Missing.

Mr. J. M. Emmons, the veteran traveling salesman of Fuller, Fuller & Co.,—large wholesale druggists of Chicago,—famously known as "Uncle John" and who has been making Plymouth regularly for the past 20 years, has mysteriously disappeared. He notified a Plymouth drug firm that he would be here yesterday, but failed. Another gentleman who travels for the same firm informs us that he has not notified his house of his whereabouts for several days and his employers fear foul play.

## Sounds His Praise.

The Valparaiso Star in referring to a notice in THE INDEPENDENT regarding the location of Mr. F. A. Forbes, in this city, gives the following excellent recommendation:

"Frank certainly deserves a good will and hearty support of the people in the community to which he has gone. He was born and grew to manhood in Valparaiso, and was one of our most highly esteemed young men, entirely trustworthy in a business sense, and an active member of the M. E. church. The Star notes his departure with regret, and bespeaks for him the favor of the people in his new home."

## Took the Wrong Rig.

Hon. M. W. Simons came down town Saturday with his horse and buggy in a hurry. He had secured his mail, and previous to starting back to the factory hitched his horse in front of the People's Drug Store.

In the mean time Andy Molter had been employed by Mr. Shadel to go to Bremen and transact business for him. When the rig was brought up from the livery stable, it was hitched next to the rig of Mr. Simons. When Molter came to take his buggy, he unhitched the horse of Mr. Simons' and started for Bremen. It was not discovered until Mr. Molter had got out of hailing dis-

tance. For a short time it could not be decided what the best thing was to do. To take the livery rig and try and overtake a horse like the one driven by Mr. Simons was entirely out of the question as it was conceded that Molter would reach Bremen before his pursuer would get out of this township.

Fortunately our excellent telephone exchange was brought to play, and Dr. Reynolds was notified of the exchange, and caused the hustling real estate dealer to return the property.

It goes without saying that Mr. Simons was out of humor, as he was in a great hurry, outside of the inconvenience of the mistake made.

We are afraid to say anything about Molter in regard to this affair for fear he might think he was in duty bound to call at this office.

## A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A Runaway North of Town—Mr. and Miss Pence Receive Broken Limbs.

Friday afternoon about four o'clock when Samuel Pence and daughter were driving home three and one half miles north-east of town the horse became badly frightened and started to run away. It whirled the buggy around rapidly throwing the occupants out, and injuring both of them seriously. Miss Pence's arm was broken just above the wrist and she was severely bruised about the face. It was thought at first that Mr. Pence's leg was broken, but examination showed that his injuries were internal. He was also very badly bruised. The accident occurred about a mile and a quarter north of town. The two unfortunates were removed to the N. S. Woodward farm where Dr. J. S. Martin reduced the fractures and gave them the necessary medical attention.

## Church Items.

A large number of young people of the Presbyterian church gave their pastor a surprise last Saturday night. A very enjoyable time was spent.

It is understood that the Rev. Charlton will leave the church here on account of financial matters. The gentleman said in his sermon Sunday that when he received a call to this place some time ago, it was something he could neither accept nor reject as there was nothing in it, but now he could keep it as a souvenir. The exact meaning of his words is not clear to us, but we suppose it is perfectly plain to the Rev. Charlton.

The services of Bishop White and Rector Raymond held in the new M. E. church at Kewanna last Friday evening were of more than ordinary interest. Between 4 and 5 o'clock p. m. the choir of St. Thomas church gave a rehearsal of Easter music in the church to a large and attentive audience. At evening the spacious audience room and chapel annex were well filled with a great congregation. Rector Raymond read the service, Rev. H. G. Ogden, of the M. E. church, reading the Scripture lesson. Bishop White confirmed two persons, addressed them and preached a most excellent sermon on the personal character and ministry of Jesus Christ. The bishop, rector and choir were handsomely entertained with a social visit and bountiful supper at the Toner hotel by the Kewanna church people.

## Fourth of July Races.

There will be Fourth of July races at the fair grounds at Culver City (formerly Marmont). Several purses will be offered. Stalls for horses will be furnished free. The track will be placed in first-class shape. Outside the races the program will be immense. Great fireworks in the evening.

## Saw Mill Burned.

The saw mill owned and operated by Jacob Beltz, three miles north-east of Bourbon, burned early Monday morning. The building and contents were destroyed. This is a supposititious case of fire set by tramps, who are believed to have slept in the mill last night.

## A Swift Horse.

J. B. Bowell has brought home a swift horse he purchased at South Bend. This purchase brings Eddie K. a well known speedy bay equine to this city and competitors in horse flesh will have to feed cyclone seed and curry with a link of chain lightning to preserve the honors of their steed.

## Hauls Wheat to Burr Oak.

C. A. Stuck, of Twin Lakes, tells us that he is delivering a large amount of wheat to Burr Oak. One of the particular features of the case is, that they receive six cents more on a bushel than they can get in Plymouth. It is not to be wondered at, that the surrounding towns secure the bulk of grain that is raised in the immediate locality.

## REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Election of Delegates to Senatorial and Judicial Convention and Congressional Convention.

The republicans of Center township met in convention in the new Brink building at 2 o'clock Saturday for the purpose of nominating delegates to the senatorial and judicial convention to be held at Rochester April 18 and to the congressional convention to be held at North Judson, June 10. The chief interest of the convention promised to centre on the instruction of delegates for the judicial candidates of this city.

The meeting was called to order by John Wiltfong, who read the call. Three congressional and seven senatorial and judicial delegates were to be nominated. Mr. Wiltfong was chosen chairman and Upton Schliff was chosen secretary of the convention. C. L. Seates, E. Brooke, Peter Heim, D. L. Dickinson, Archie Phillips, H. G. Wallace, George Thomas, David Staley, Dr. Burkett, Geo. Thomas and Cash Gunder were put in nomination and from these three congressional delegates were chosen.

## A FIGHT.

A diversion came here while the ballots were being counted and the convention was instantly thrown into an uproar. Almost without warning Wm. Kendall and John W. Parks were engaged in a merry fist cuff. The battle was of short duration, however, because the combatants were immediately separated by friends. Both were somewhat bruised and something less than a pint of blood was spilt.

Delegates were announced as follows: Bailey, Burkett, Slater.

A motion was made by Judge Hess that nominations should be made for seven delegates to act as at judicial and senatorial convention. Nominations were made as follows: C. T. Mattingly, J. F. Langenbaugh, O. F. Ketcham, Jno. Staley, O. B. Gibbons, D. L. Dickinson, C. L. Morris, U. Stansbury, P. Heim, Marshall Green, Jno. C. Kuhn, J. M. Gibson, Sam Gretzinger, Robt. Liggett, Jno. Jordan, W. M. Kendall.

The delegates elected were: Peter Heim, Upton Stansbury, John J. Staley, D. L. Dickinson, John Kuhn, S. Gretzinger, C. L. Morris.

Considering that Peter Heim was on the tickets of both factions the delegation is equally divided between Messrs. Parks and Hess for the judgeship.

## Engine of War.

W. A. McCormick, the whistler accompanying the Merriken concert company, which was at the Presbyterian church some time ago, is said to have completed his electrical device for the sinking of great war ships. It is said that he has been offered \$2,500,000 by the German government for the secret, but prefers to sell it to the United States government. Mr. McCormick is a cousin of John Gallagher, the Vandavia operator in this city.

## The M. E. General Conference.

will convene at Cleveland, Ohio, May 1st. Low rates have been authorized via the Nickel Plate road for this occasion. That company operators splendidly equipped trains with all modern appliances for speed, safety, and comfort. For time of trains, or other information address any agent or B. F. Horner, general passenger agent, Cleveland, Ohio.

## Four Legged Chicken.

THE INDEPENDENT has quite a curiosity in the shape of a chicken with four legs and feet. The unnecessary appendages are just behind the perfect formed legs, and with the exception of the knee joints are perfect. This chicken saw the light of day on the farm of Mrs. S. C. Goddard, near Twin Lakes, but was unable to survive the extra allowance of feet. It can be seen at this office.

## Big Minstrels.

The minstrel show given for the benefit of Plymouth band Friday night was well attended. A very interesting and amusing program was well rendered and the boys, are certainly to be congratulated on their successful effort.

The Clipper Quartette of South Bend added very materially to the enjoyment of the evening, and they have willingly promised their services for another entertainment soon.

The boys netted above all expenses about \$108 which encouragement will doubtless help to give Plymouth one of the best bands in the state.

## Licensed to Wed.

Charles Styles and Mary A. Loury, Rufus Gordon and Grace Leland Myers, Oliver Goss and Eva Balsley.

## AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS.

Lambert Nussbaum Died at His Home Sunday Noon.

Mr. Lambert Nussbaum died at his residence on East Sophia street at noon Sunday. The death of Mr. Nussbaum came after a long illness, during which, however he was not confined much to the house, but seemed to be in a weakened physical condition on account of the many business cares.

Lambert Nussbaum was born in Gehouse, Saxony, Germany, Aug. 20th, 1837. When twenty-one years of age he emigrated to this country and entered upon a business career in Chicago. In 1859 he came to Plymouth and entered into business as a partner in the firm of Davidson & Nussbaum. He was the oldest grocer in this city.

Five years later Sigmund Mayer took the business interest of Mr. Davidson, and the firm has since then and until its recent failure, been called Nussbaum & Mayer. Until recently the firm of Nussbaum & Mayer has been accounted one of the strongest financially and otherwise in the county. The surprise and shock of its recent failure is well remembered.

The deceased leaves a wife, five children and two sisters to mourn his loss. His sisters are Mrs. M. Allman of this city, and Mrs. Shane, of Warsaw. The children are Mrs. Adelsdorf, of Keithsburg, Ill. Mrs. Simon Goldsmith, and Herb Nussbaum, of Chicago, Mr. Bern Nussbaum and Daisy Nussbaum. All the relatives were present at the bedside of the dying man. The cause of his death was dropsy and heart failure.

## FUNERAL SERVICES.

Tuesday at 10 o'clock occurred the last rites over the remains of the deceased at the residence on Sophia street. A large gathering of relatives and sympathizing friends were present, not only showing their regard for the deceased, but for the members of the family. Appropriate music, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Abide with Me," were rendered by Mrs. Bertha McDonald, Mrs. James Houghton and Messrs. K. F. Brooke and A. R. Zimmerman.

Rabbi Stoltz, of Chicago, was present and officiated at the funeral, and we believe a grander and more comprehensive discourse was never listened to on a similar occasion in our city. The beautiful comparisons of home life where love remains supreme, was one of the beautiful and soul-inspiring themes of this masterly effort. An entire drifting away from the thoughts of an earthly separation, and the good and noble qualities that cluster around a man during his earthly career were eloquently portrayed in the exemplary life of Mr. Nussbaum. The lesson to be derived from this masterly discourse, by those who heard it, will without doubt better fit them for their future life work.

After the services the remains were taken to Laporte, accompanied by a large number of immediate relatives and friends. The floral offerings were profuse and the entire house was permeated with their fragrant odor. Those present from abroad, whose names we were able to secure, were: Mr. and Mrs. Rice and their two daughters, Mr. Jessie Weil, Mrs. Barnett, and Mr. and Mrs. Simon Goldsmith, all of Chicago; Mr. Frankel, of South Bend; Mr. L. Adelsdorf and wife, of Keithsburg, Ill.; Mrs. Henry and Bert Shane, of Warsaw; Leopold Nussbaum, Sol Allman, and Mrs. Sam Rosenfelt, of Marion; Henry Speyer and Will Porter, of Marmont.

## Big Poultry Ranch.

Some hopeful speculators who have been counting unhatched chickens are about to start a poultry ranch near San Francisco which is to be the largest in the world. It is to reach its full capacity in three years, when it is to put on the market annually two million eggs and ninety thousand chickens for broiling. The plant will include two incubators, with a capacity of 2,000 eggs each, and no end of houses and pens, which will be contained in a forty-acre ranch. There will be nine hundred hens laying for the incubators and ten thousand laying for the market.

## A Queer Colleague Question.

Odds against horses were set forth, and candidates asked how they could win a certain amount in any event, in a problem of a recent London University paper. The religious newspapers have protested against the question, as improper.

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.

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## THE CURSE OF HEREDITY.



"Yes, Patsey MacManus O'Flaherty, yer pa may be rich and able ter give yer stylish clothes, but he's not able to change yer face, so there!"—Life.

## Obituary.

George Hendricks, an old resident of Plymouth died this morning at 8 o'clock, at his residence in the south part of town. When a young man he used to work for Jas. Bailey when the latter owned the water mill and later in life he drove a dray for a great many years until he was confined to the house by his last illness. He lived in Plymouth for forty years. He was a member of company G, 35th Reg., Indiana volunteers. The deceased was born Nov. 15, 1823, making his age over seventy-two years. He leaves a large family to mourn his death. The funeral will take place on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

## Laid to Rest.

The last sad rites over all that was mortal of Bert Rosenbury, occurred at his late home on Walnut street Saturday at 2 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charlton, the music being furnished by Mrs. Bertha McDonald, Mrs. Maude Houghton and Messrs. K. F. Brooke and A. R. Zimmerman. The floral tributes were numerous and fragrant. A large concourse of sympathizing friends followed the remains of this popular young man to their last resting place.

## A Tribute to the Dead.

The high esteem in which the late Bert Rosenbury was held by all who knew him is further confirmed by an expression of sympathy and respect of the board of directors of the First National bank of this city, which is as follows:

The board of directors of the First National bank desire to express their profound sorrow at the death of their late employee, Bert Rosenbury, and to place upon record their high appreciation of the deceased during the years he has been in their employ in a position of trust and responsibility. He has invariably shown himself to be a young man of noble character and exemplary habits, possessing business qualifications of a high order. His loss to the bank by his untimely death—truly untimely in his case—we regard as a personal loss to each one of us.

We tender, as all we can do, our deepest sympathies to his parents, for their bereavement is no ordinary one. It is ordained by the board that these memorial words be spread upon the records of the bank and a copy thereof be presented to the parents of the deceased.

M. A. O. PACKARD,  
JERRY BLAIN,  
JOHN M. SHOEMAKER,  
CHAS. P. DRUMMOND,  
JAMES A. GILMOND.

April 10, 1896.

## Death of Another Old Citizen.

James Louis Clayborn, for 15 years proprietor of the old Star house (now the Franklin house), died at his home on West Garro street last night.

Mr. Clayborn was born in Virginia on the 4th of Feb., 1821. He moved to Plymouth in the year 1880 and immediately became the proprietor of the Star house, which he continued to run until about one year ago. The deceased has been ill since last February, his death being caused by dropsy and Bright's disease. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his loss.

The funeral services will be held and the body interred at Kokomo next Thursday.

Mrs. Rebecca Rose, one of the old settlers in this county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Shock, in Bremen last night at the advanced age of 87 years.

## Another Runaway.

At 9:30 this morning Henry Stein while driving across Michigan street bridge, took another one of those spins he is noted for. His horse took fright and started toward home at 2:30 gait. When it turned the corner near the Windsor hotel the cart came in contact with a post, dumping Mr. Stein out on the ground. Fortunately he did not receive any serious injuries.

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## KILLED HER CHILD.

A MOTHER TO HIDE HER SHAME COMMITS MURDER.

Miss Genevieve Hill Murders Her Newly Born Babe by Drowning It in a Tub of Water—Arrested Today.

Miss Genevieve Hill, who resides some 10 miles from Plymouth, in Polk township, committed a horrible crime last Friday that caused a wave of excitement to pass over that community heretofore never experienced. It had been known for some time that the girl was in a delicate condition, but very little talk had been created by the girl's trouble. Last Friday a child was born while her father was after a doctor, and the frenzied mother in attempting to hide her shame from a criticizing world murdered her off-spring by drowning it in a tub of water. Those who appeared upon the scene arrived too late to save the child.

Dr. Kaszer held an inquest last Saturday finishing the examination yesterday, and rendered a verdict of infanticide. The girl was arrested today and brought to Plymouth.

## THEY RAN AWAY.

Three Little Kids from School Create a Town-Full of Excitement.

Bourbon had a juvenile sensation yesterday when 3 of its youthful citizens, armed to the teeth and fully prepared, in their own estimation, for the slaughter of numerous redmen and wild west desperadoes, left the town without so much as "by your leave" to their parents. They were Tommy Sellers, Nick Snyder and Clarence McFerson. All had 22-calibre revolvers and they probably had about 25 cents between them. With the boldness of old hobos they boarded a Pennsylvania train and went to Atwood, where they stopped for supplies and bought a box of cartridges.

They tarried a while at Atwood and while there a telephone message was sent to Clarence McFerson's mother, Mrs. Silas Falkenberg, of Bourbon, the absence of whose son at noontime had been noted, and a telephone message was returned to arrest the boys. But the boys were already enroute for Warsaw and the message was too late.

A telegram was sent to the sheriff at Warsaw to hold the boys and young Sellers' father left Bourbon for that city in the afternoon. It seems, however, that the boys had also left this point before they could be detained. They are 12 to 15 years old and no reason, except a spirit of adventure, is alleged for their leaving home. It is said that they have started for Arkansas.

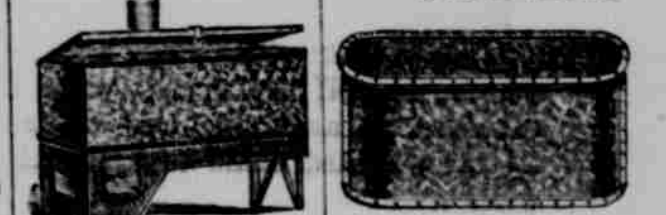
## It Is Sad to Wander.

BOURBON, Ind., April 11, 10 a. m.—[Special].—It seems that the supposition that the 3 wandering boys had gone to Warsaw is not correct, as the authorities say that no boys answering to their description have been seen in that city. Mr. Sellers is still looking for the runaways, but all clues seem to have been lost and the whereabouts of the trio is totally unknown.

BOURBON, Ind., April 11, 1 p. m.—[Special].—Young Seller returned home this noon, having walked from the first power house east of Warsaw, eighteen miles away. He said the three boys came through Bourbon yesterday and that the operator at the station near Warsaw let them sleep in one of the rooms. He and the other two boys did not agree and they had taken away his revolver, and as he did not like their treatment he asked the operator to waken him early so he could get away from them. This was done and he started to walk home and arrived as stated above. The other boys have not been heard from.

BOURBON, Ind., April 13.—[Special].—Young Snyder, one of the trio of boys who started for Arkansas, is reported on his way to his Bourbon home. Thus two of the boys are accounted for and it is presumed, but not known, that young McFerson has gone to his grandfather's house south of Pierceton.

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