

Semi-Weekly Independent.

VOL. II.

PLYMOUTH, MARSHALL COUNTY, INDIANA, SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1896

No. 46.

LOTS OF THEM.

A Communication from Bourbon Shows the Drift of Sentiment There.

Editor INDEPENDENT.—Dear Sir: I accidentally picked up a copy of THE INDEPENDENT of Tuesday, April 7, and noticed the article, "Why We Are Bimetalists," and your reference to the letter of one H. Zimmerman, secretary of the "League of Robbers" at New York, to their co-laborers at Chicago, and your request for the reader to be honest with himself, etc. The article in question should be published pamphlet or tract form and scattered broad cast over the country. I also noticed an article in today's Chicago Record, an open letter from ex-Gov. Fishback, of Ft. Smith, Ark., to President Cleveland. You must read it and refer to it in your paper. Both this and your letter of Zimmerman's would make splendid campaign documents if placed in the hands of reading, thinking people.

We have lots of determined bi-metalists, deserters of both old chronic gold bug parties in this neck of the woods and who do not hesitate to talk right out in meetin'; men who have been affiliated with both old parties, and red hot partisans, but who have become tired of the dictation of party leaders who call us cranks, fools, illusionists, etc., for the simple reason of our undoubtedly right to exercise our candid and sincere privilege to think and act for ourselves. Oh, no; we quit right here and will do our best to have a change at headquarters. The egotism of Cleveland to imagine himself as popular with the enlightened people of this great country as Diaz, of Mexico, is with his semi-barbaric greasers!

But enough for this time, you will hear from me again.

Respectfully, etc.,

J. H. CHAMBERLAIN,
Bourbon, Ind., April 8, 1896.

Speaks of His Methods.

The learned Prof. Starr, who took such delight in advertising the INDEPENDENT in Plymouth a few weeks ago, runs up against a snag once in a while, and especially is this true, when he strikes a town where he cannot hire the press to be submissive to his dictations. The INDEPENDENT received a few sarcastic rays for exposing his way of receiving such excellent newspaper notices. We will also give the following which he no doubt was not compelled to pay for. It is taken from the Rochester Republican, and is as follows:

"Prof. Starr and his assistants came to Rochester last Saturday, to spend a week exposing spiritualism but he only succeeded in exposing the fact that he does not employ honest methods to secure the patronage of the people. He commenced his lecture last Sunday evening by declaring himself to be the spiritualist of the apostolic order, and then proceeded to denounce the spiritualists of the nineteenth century, the various christian denominations and all persons who did not believe the earth and our solar system was created in six literal days. This array of intellectual (?) deficiencies, notwithstanding the fact that himself and wife possess unusual psychic possibilities, convinced his hearers that all the wheels in his head were not running in the same direction. Because of his failure to attract an audience, last evening, to pay the hall rent he did not go on with the show, and departed today for fairer fields. The philosophy which the self-styled professor presumes to deprecate is not learned in a day and does not therefore come within the comprehension of one who is in the least afflicted with in-born imbecility."

The Allen Trial.

The jury in the Allen trial returned a verdict Wednesday of "not guilty." This has been a hotly contested case and in some respects a little mystifying. As near as we can learn of the matter, the evidence against the prisoner was weak. Mr. Burgenor recognized the prisoner by his voice and the other witnesses were all reliable men. But the points made by the defense were hard to get around. These witnesses swore that young Allen was in Clinton county at the time, the robbery was committed, and although the News man thought the young fellow would get five years in Michigan City, the jury decided differently. It would be a severe blow to legal justice to sentence a man on general principles. While there is no doubt that the record young Allen has established is very unsavory, yet we believe, according to the evidence bearing directly on the case, the jury did its duty conscientiously.

It is to be deplored that men who commit such depredations cannot be sent where they rightly belong, away from the haunts of honest men.

The Funmakers.

Tuesday night 9 of the boys who assisted in giving the minstrel entertainment last Friday with Manie Harris

and Claude Fish went to Twin Lakes and reproduced as nearly as possible the minstrel given here. Arriving a little late they found the grocery store of John Nichols swarming with people anxiously awaiting the arrival of "the troupers."

When the curtain was pulled aside the boys looked out on a house crowded to the doors. The large audience showed their appreciation of every set by vociferous applause. After the audience had dispersed many were heard to remark that it was the best show they had ever seen and had the people of that vicinity known what to expect a still larger crowd would have been present. The company is known as the "Harris Brothers, Funmakers," and they hold forth in Lapaz next Thursday night.

The Race.

Wednesday afternoon while the gentle spring zephyrs were playing with unkempt locks of the burly tramp and kissing the dainty brows of the sweet girls who perambulate our streets with the latest style dresses, they were also playing pranks with the locks of our two great horsemen, Lamson and Wolford. This is the kind of day that the poets have written about, and wherein many a young man feeling invigorated by balmy breezes has so far forgotten himself as to pop the question, and when he awoke to the realization of his foolish act has hired a kicking machine to attend to his case.

But as we started out to say, this is the day that John Wolford and Frank Lamson were to risk their reputations as owners of thoroughbreds, on the race course. A great crowd was in attendance and good speed was looked for.

All of Plymouth sports were there of course, and also representation of the sporting fraternity from South Bend, Ft. Wayne, Toledo, Warsaw, Valparaiso and Rochester. Messrs. Losey, O'Keefe and Martindale, were chosen as judges and Dr. Reynolds as starter.

After twenty minutes jogging, the horses were called to score up and at the 3d trial they were given the word to go. Lamson was on the pole and had a shade the best of it, but in turning into the back stretch his horse, Lizzie S., broke, and Wolford's horse, Fred, went to the front, holding it to the end of the heat, finishing about fifty feet ahead. Time 3:01 1/2.

Second heat: They got a good start at the second trial. Wolford led down the back stretch but Lizzie S. got down to business and was rapidly going to the front but broke on the lower turn and lost so much that she was unable to recover all she lost and John went under the wire again victor. Time 3:04.

Third heat: The horses were started without going to the stables. They got away at the first trial with Lamson ahead but Lizzie S. broke as usual on the turn and Wolford was 100 yards ahead before Frank could get his horse on his feet. Wolford kept increasing his lead until the finish when he was 200 yards in front. Time 3:01 1/2.

A Pleasant Gathering.

The county executive W. C. T. U. committee met in session with the local union of our city Monday afternoon. There were present, 13 of the Argos union and Mrs. Louisa Parks of Bourbon. Our women had provided a lunch which was served before the time for business, making the social hour a very pleasing feature and heartily enjoyed by all present.

The object of the meeting was to arrange a program and secure a speaker for our coming county convention, to be held at Bourbon (by request) in the latter part of May. Announcements later.

PRESS SGT' W. C. T. U.

A Gracious Gift.

Hon. M. W. Simons tendered to the republican club the quarters just vacated by the Y. M. C. A. He paid the rent and turned it over to the boys for their use during the coming campaign. The liberality of Mr. Simons is truly appreciated by the club, and it will be favorably remembered by them in a more substantial way next fall.

A Petition.

A petition is being circulated among the subscribers of the Plymouth Telephone exchange requesting their signatures, praying for the exchange to be kept open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday. It is our desire to give our patrons all the service they desire, and would respectfully ask only those who are actually in need of this service to sign this petition. We believe the service will be more satisfactory to give the operators this little rest they receive between the hours mentioned. Our desire is to work for the convenience of our subscribers. Resp't Yours,

C. A. REEVES.

Obituary.

Maudie Stoops was born Sept. 2, 1877, and died April 8, 1896; aged 18 years, 7 months and 6 days. She united with the United Brethren church 5 years ago, living a faithful Christian life until called from labor to reward. She was a model girl in every respect. She was kind hearted and good to all. She never shirked duty in church or home, and her only thought was that she did not do enough for her church, home and friends. Indeed the church has lost a good and devout member, the community an obliging and kind friend, and the home an affectionate and loving daughter and sister. Among the last words she spoke she told her father and sister not to worry and mourn for her for she was trusting in Jesus and it was well with her soul. The funeral took place from the U. B. church Friday at 2 o'clock, conducted by O. F. Landis assisted by Rev. L. S. Smith and the interment was made in Oak Hill cemetery.

Surely a good life has gone out from among us, but its hallowed influence will be held in precious memory by all who held Maude. Nay.

She is not dead,
She is not lost;
She has gone to Him
Whom she has loved,
Whom she has served—
Her God, the All Supreme.

Democratic City Convention.

The convention was called to order in the Shakes hall at 8 o'clock by Adam Vinmudge.

Samuel Parker was chosen chairman and Adam Wise, secretary.

The chairman stated that the object of the convention was to nominate one councilman and two committeemen from each ward. It was suggested that the representatives of each ward separate into different parts of the room and make their choice. After ten minutes delay the chairman of all the wards reported.

First ward, Dan Harris for councilman. Chas McLaughlin and Chas. Drummond for committeemen.

Second ward, John A. Palmer for councilman. Frank D. Lamson and J. W. Houghton for committeemen.

Third ward, John N. Wilson for councilman. Andy Molter and Adam Wise for committeemen.

The nominations were made unanimously in full convention.

The rooster was adopted as the device to be placed at the head of the democratic ticket, and the convention adjourned.

That Fire Ordinance.

Considerable adverse comments have been made regarding the action of the mayor and those of the committee connected with the fire ordinance, and the construction of the new addition by the McDonald Printing Co.

In the first place Mr. McDonald knew that according to the law of this city he was compelled to appear before the council and secure the permission to erect the structure. Mr. McDonald when called upon by the mayor and the committee said he did not realize that he was violating the city ordinance. Such an assertion is unreasonable. A man who has occupied the position of McDonald knew has for so many years surely has a more comprehensive view of our ordinances. The truth of the matter is that he knew he was violating the ordinance to a large extent, and therefore ignored the council wholly, by not asking permission.

Either the mayor and those connected with our city affairs have committed a serious blunder in serving a warrant on Mr. McDonald or they have willfully neglected their duty as guardians of the city. The case against the Democrat has been dismissed and the work allowed to proceed. If it is not legal and right why has it been permitted to remain upon the ordinance book so long? It places the city officials in no enviable light.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to those kind friends and neighbors who assisted us at the last illness and at the death of our beloved husband and father. Special thanks are due the choir for its services.

Mrs. L. Nussbaum and children.

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.

An Attempted Hold Up.

Tuesday night two "Willies," a complete representation of the levee district of our excellent city of Chicago, appeared upon our streets and commenced to ply their avocation. They first entered Kruyer's saloon, and intimated that they wanted whiskey or trouble. The latter being presented, they disappeared rapidly behind the main entrance. Upon reaching the sidewalk they discovered a supposed victim in Milt Soice. They insisted on getting a quarter but instead of the shekel, one of the toughs bit the dust, he arose from his humble position to once more bow himself to mother earth.

Finding this locality exceedingly unhealthy they strolled across the bridge and one of them came in contact with Messrs. Fred and John Kuhn. They gained no consolation here. This nobo then saw Leopold Lauer coming down the street and was convinced that he had a dead "einch." But he failed to secure any money, and began to demonstrate a malicious air. Messrs. Kuhn saw the movement of the tough and went to Mr. Lauer's assistance. But before they reached him the bum started across the street at a lively gait. Jno. Kuhn went after him with but one purpose, and that was to get him. After crossing the street there were two of the toughs, but by this time all those who were in that locality rallied for the work of corralling the two men.

The fellow that Fred Kuhn was after started up the grade to the railroad track. When Mr. Kuhn caught him the rascal showed fight, and did bit Mr. Kuhn severely on the right wrist, for which, he secured several exceedingly forcible reminders that he had not tackled an infant.

When Mr. Kuhn brought the fellow down where the other bum was in charge of the other citizens, he had a firm grasp on the coat collar of the tramp. Suddenly the fellow made a lightning charge, and our popular butcher found himself holding a coat without a man in it. But Fred was in dead earnest, and his dutch was up and he soon had the slippery fellow in tow again. They were confined in the jail last night, and this morning brought before Squire Reeves, who fined them \$10 and costs.

Now let us make a suggestion to our city officials. These fellows have got what the boys call, in not the choicest English a "puddin'." They will wax fat, and the joyful songs of contentment will spring forth from their dirty lips like the gurgling of many waters. They will chew the good "chuck" furnished them by Sheriff Smith, and their hearts will run over with contentment. Now hire a man if necessary and put these fellows to work on the incompetent sewer. This is a good thing, and will repay them for the devilment they have tried to perform.

Severely Burned.

John Fogie is one of the men who handles the molds that construct the handle bars at the Cycle works. The bending process is done by heated sand at a very high temperature. Friday morning while at his work, the iron plug which confines the sand, blew out throwing the hot material in his face and on his neck and breast, burning him in a horrible manner. At first it was thought that his eyesight was destroyed; but when he was removed to the office of Dr. Knott, where with the assistance of Dr. Kasper, a thorough examination was made, the direful effect was found to be less dangerous.

While he will in all probability be confined to the house for a long time, yet the attending physicians believe, he will not lose his eyesight although the covering of the eyeballs was destroyed.

It is truly a marvelous escape. The greater portion of the sand seems to have struck him on the neck and breast which are blistered badly.

The Convention.

The democrats held their convention Thursday night in the hall occupied by the people's party. Although there was no love feast it was noticeable that when a staunch old democrat entered, the door fairly trembled. We hear it commented upon frequently on the streets today that the gentlemen selected for the different wards are excellent timber and that the republicans will have to hustle to secure timber in their ranks that will win against the gentlemen chosen last night.

After the convention tonight it will be time enough for the different candidates in the city to be spoken of. It looks as though our city will be represented by good men, let them be from the ranks of either party.

Licensed to Wed.

Jerome H. Schron and Minnie A. Williams.

IN LAW.



"But how can you break it, Mr. Brief?"

"Remember, 'where there's a will there's a way.'—"Brooklyn Life.

Better Than the Curfew.

Some of the surrounding cities are thinking seriously of adopting a curfew ordinance, which means that when the curfew bell is rung at 8 o'clock p.m., all children under a certain age must not be allowed on the streets. This appears to be getting back to the old "blue law." The better way is for the parents to use a shingle or slipper on the children who persist in staying out late at night. And also it would be a good idea for parents to make home attractive for the children that they will not care to gad the streets. A great deal of blame should be placed on the parents, who permit the children to grow up on the streets "because they are such a bother at home."—Elwood Call Leader.

This may be, in the opinion of the Call Leader, getting back to the "blue law," but if so we are heartily in favor of it. This law is not for the children of those parents who make home pleasant so the youngsters will not desire to roam the street, nor, we might say, is it for the boy whose parents utilize the rough side of a shingle or the hardened portions of a slipper. A curfew ordinance is for those boys whose parents seem to have no control over them, who, through some unexplainable reason to a great many, have taken the bits between their teeth and do just about as they please.

It is also for the boy whose parents are so wrapped up in their own self conceit, or ignorance, that they do not take the proper precaution to keep their boys at home after night fall, and who let them run at their own sweet will. Plymouth has a large number of that kind of boys and it is the duty of our city fathers to see that they are off of the streets at unseemly hours. And it is a fact that Plymouth will have a curfew law. If such laws are reproduction of the "blue laws," for the sake of the rising generation and the home, let us have more of them.

And while we are along this line, we might speak about a cigarette ordinance. Do you voters in Plymouth know that you are just as much to blame for the great crowd of young boys in our city who are slowly killing themselves smoking cigarettes, as those who are placed in authority to make your laws? Well, you are.

The temperance people hold up their hands in holy horror, when contemplating the disasters brought upon the American people through strong drink. Sermon after sermon is preached, and the curse of the liquor habit is proclaimed from nearly every rostrum. Yet when it comes to the damning influence of the subtle poison, they make a weak protest. The churches, the W. C. T. U. and all other kindred organizations, even to the Methodist conferences, are adopting resolutions condemning men who use the filthy weed, known as tobacco; yet at the same time while they are doing this, their boys, perhaps only twelve or fourteen years of age, are in company with a number of their associates, behind a barn, taking extreme delight in the "stolen sweets" of the cigarette.

These are solemn truths. Plymouth is in that condition today; and we know of scores of small boys who are acquiring this habit, and in some cases, the parents of those boys are interested in the welfare of the rising generation and are using every endeavor to bring about such reformation.

It is time that those journals that profess great love for mankind, should break the political shell that surrounds them, and raise their voice in behalf of the boys of our country, and less twaddle about the fitness of some favored politician for office. Instruct your city council to pass such an ordinance, and we will guarantee that it will be done. This is part of your fight, mothers, and even if you cannot go to the polls and cast a ballot, you can use that sweet womanly influence that so nobly adorns the watcher over the home, that will do more actual good than your ballot.

Brazilian Balm is the most potent healing agent known to the vegetable world. It reduces inflammation almost like a magic. That is why it cures in Croup, Asthma, Catarrh, Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Old Coughs and Rheumatism are so prompt and permanent.

For sale at Peoples drug store.

STILL THEY COME.

A List of New Subscribers Who Have Enrolled Their Names since Our Last Report.

We herewith place before our readers the names of those who have been entered as subscribers since our last report. They, like the hundreds who have enrolled their names upon our list before, realize that they are receiving the benefits only to be derived by THE SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT, the best paper, without a