

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT PLEASURES

Persons who attended the high school entertainment report that the program was excellent and that all the numbers were thoroughly enjoyed except perhaps the Hiawatha tableaux which were marred by the noise in the rear of the house.

The "Minuet" and the "Virginia Reel" by the girls with powdered hair and colonial costumes were very pretty; the song "Red Wing" was thoroughly appreciated.

The Indian sketch put on by the boys brought down the house. All the younger boys in the house wanted more. "The Courtship of Miles Standish" was well played, Lee Cory as Miles Standish; Sverre Nielson as John Alden and Georgia Strook as Priscilla deserve especial mention for the excellent manner in which they portrayed their respective characters.

The tableaux from Hiawatha were beautiful. Mrs. Alta Brown read the lines as the tableaux and the manner in which the thought was brought out in the reading, along with the costumes and pose of Hiawatha, Minnehaha, Nokomis, and others made them very effective.

The effect of the whole program was good. The receipts were fifty-five dollars and a payment of forty dollars was made on the piano, leaving an indebtedness of fifty-eight dollars.

The high school has certainly done remarkably well in reducing a debt of two hundred and twenty-five dollars to fifty-eight dollars in two years.

Dr. Willis Eugene Everette, of Tacoma, Wash., a scientific writer of this city asserts that the entire Pacific coast as far north as Alaska may expect seismic disturbances between the full moon of January and the full moon of August. He says the unusual cold weather in the Northwest is due to the fact that the Japan current has been thrown out 1500 miles to sea and the cold weather will continue until the current rights itself.

Want Another County.

A bill will be introduced into the general assembly of the state creating a new county in Indiana to be composed of the townships of Baugo, Cleveland, Csole and Concord in what is now Elkhart county. It is proposed to call the new county Lincoln county and make Elkhart the county seat, with a circuit court. It is also proposed to have the new county break away from the thirty-fourth and form a new judicial circuit to be known as the fortieth. Those who favor the bill say fifty of the ninety-two counties in the state have less than 23,000 population while forty-two counties have an excess of that number. The population of Lincoln county would be 23,000. The bill is looked upon as a joke even by Elkhart people. Few people would be benefited by the new arrangement outside of some lawyers and politicians in Elkhart. Taxes in the townships affected would necessarily be higher than at present.

HOMER TOM'S HOME BURNS

The residence on the Lucy Edgel farm southeast of Milford and occupied by Homer Tom was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. Mr. Tom had built a fire at about five o'clock and a few minutes later fire was discovered breaking through the roof and it is supposed the fire originated from a defective flue.

It was impossible to save the household goods with the exception of a bed and some small articles. This is the second fire this family has experienced within a year.

No insurance was carried on the building. We were unable to learn whether the goods were insured.

Ollie Horn the Goshen ball player who is known to Syracuse ball player who is known to Syracuse persons has signed to play with Vincennes in the Eastern Illinois league.

Rev. Rothenberger returned to Syracuse on Monday after a business visit in Warsaw. Rev. Rothenberger has almost recovered from a serious attack of stomach trouble.

IN DEFENSE OF TRUSTEE LANTZ

Almost every one of our exchanges has reproduced the article which appeared in the Warsaw Union some weeks ago relative to the shortage of our township trustee and we feel it our duty while we have had no conversation with Mr. Lantz to say that he never failed to make his annual report of receipts and expenditure and each showed a balance in favor of the township and as our best informant tells us Mr. Lantz never used a dollar of the township money for his private use within the eight years of his administration, but left it in the bank. In view of these facts how can it be possible there can be a shortage at all.—Milford Mail.

The Journal was one of the papers which printed a report of Mr. Lantz trouble and as we wish to be absolutely fair we reproduce the above. The impression we gained from the report was that Mr. Lantz had not appropriated funds to his own use, but failed in some cases to take necessary legal steps in the expenditure of township money.

Barnhart Makes "Hit."

The Indianapolis News has the following to say of the effect of Barnhart's first speech:

"Henry A. Barnhart, the new democratic member of the house from the Thirteenth Indiana district has made a favorable impression not only on his colleagues from Indiana, but on the members from other states. His first speech in the house—that in relation to the Federal court bill this week—was his introduction to the membership of the body. When he had finished both republicans and democrats joined in the applause. There has always been a good deal of talk about the house turning a cold shoulder to a newcomer, but as a matter of fact it is always ready to extend encouragement to a man of ability—a man who promises to be useful. Mr. Barnhart had not been on his feet one minute until the members present saw that here was a man of ability, and the decision was quickly reached to give him a good round of applause just to show how it felt about him."

With two strong men—Barnhart and Shively—in Congress from the Thirteenth district, our interests will be well taken care of.

A Splendid Record.

E. H. Upson who lives at Oak Grove has an eighty acre farm. He rents his fields, and devotes his time to fruit growing, bee culture and poultry raising. He has 200 pear trees, seventy-five cherry trees and fifty peach trees and prides himself on being the only possessor of a quince orchard having fifty trees. He started in last spring with fifteen colonies of bees and has increased them to thirty colonies. He has taken off 1,510 pounds of honey during the past season. He started in this fall with ninety hives of his 1908 batch and since the latter part of November they have averaged two dozen eggs daily. Mr. Upson not a dairyman but takes great pride in his cows. He keeps only three cows but keeps them right. As these figures show, for 1908 he sold 3493 pounds of cream which brought him \$225.37.—Pierceston Record.

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Prevents Consumption.

Announcement has been made that a cure for "rather" a preventative for consumption has been discovered by Dr. Randle C. Rosenberger, holder of the chair of bacteriology at Jefferson college, Philadelphia. The tuberculous germ can be really found in the blood long before it reaches the lungs; that it is then in a condition which makes it readily amenable to destruction by simple treatment and fresh air, and that it will soon be possible to use a "perfect" anti-toxin which will stamp the disease out entirely. By Dr. Rosenberger's discovery consumption, the greatest scourge of modern times, dwindles down the easiest treated disease in existence.

Dr. Rosenberger has tested his discovery and his method upon 150 cases in none of which was there a failure.

Each Death Costs \$740.

It was given out today that after five years of hotly contested litigation settlements had been made in the cases of thirty of the deaths caused by the Iroquois theater fire. It is stated that \$750 a case is to be paid by one of the firms responsible for the construction of the theater, the prosecutions against the company in these cases having been withdrawn from court. In one instance a man who lost his wife and three children in the fire received \$750 for each death. Many other suits against firms and individuals interested in the theater are still pending. The number of unsettled cases is estimated at over 400.

THE GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN

In a report sent out the bureau of Good Roads says:

"We mapped out a campaign to know where the money was going—those munificent sums that were being paid—supposedly—into the road fund to be used for road building and repairing. The reports made by the different parties investigating their respective counties were: 'All of the money that is being paid in for road purposes is being used on the roads.' Here then was the solution and the text is: 'The money is being dumped on the highways.' Now with this as a basis for further investigation we have discovered the proof of the text which is this: Our very best gravel roads represent less than one half the money they cost and for the proof of this statement we have official tables and estimates taken from actual and careful tests with the following results: 'It costs \$.25 to \$.30 per ton per mile to haul a load over our common roads, \$.17 to \$.20 per ton per mile for hauling over our best gravel roads as compared to hauling the same load over a good macadam road at a cost of 8c to 10c per ton per mile.'"

The state of Connecticut has a yearly appropriation of \$1,000,000. New York has a yearly appropriation of \$5,000,000. The last Pennsylvania legislature appropriated \$10,000,000 for building and improving the public highways. Utah and Wisconsin will make similar appropriations this year. In fact nearly every state in the union has adopted some form of state aid for the improvement of their public highways.

Indiana will continue to wade mud until some legislator comes to the aid of the public with a bill providing for such an appropriation.

Automobile Cheap.

For Sale, a one cylinder Cadillac newly painted and all parts in good condition. It must be seen to be appreciated. Inquire at Foundry office.

BIRDS AND INSECTS ON THE FARMS

O. P. Dellenger of the Winona Agricultural School in an address at the recent Farmers' Institute said:

"Farmers and in fact we all are interested in what amount of our income shall go for taxes. It is a question that is always alive. The tariff just now occupies our attention and will for some time, yet it is surprising how little attention we pay to a tax that makes all other look small and unimportant. I mean the tax insects collect from the farmer. The total value of farm products last year was \$8,000,000,000. Insects—if estimates are correct, and all admit they are too low—took over \$1,000,000,000 as their tax and this may be said to fairly represent the yearly tax they levy. \$1,000,000,000 a year! It is difficult to realize what it means. Ten dollars apiece for 100,000,000 people, yet one often meets, not only men of other professions but farmers as well, who think it is a waste of time to study insects."

"Just one word as to why the bird population has so greatly diminished. Men and boys with guns have played their part in the destruction but they have not been the largest factor. Cats take 2,500,000,000 birds annually or about fifty to each oat. The Germans say the cat is the greatest enemy of the bird life. Next to the cat comes the English sparrow, another introduced pest. Every farmer should rid himself completely of this pest."

Mail Order Thoughts.

Will J. Hayner, publisher of the Burley (Idaho) Bulletin, believes editors and subscribers should use a bit of common sense in dealing with the mail order evil. He says:

When the mail order house sends a mail order catalogue to your house, draw an easy chair to the table where the light will shine full upon its pages and put on your glasses that no bargain may escape your eye. What a wonderful book it is to be sure; wonderful for what it does not contain, as well as for what it does. We miss some things we would be glad to see. Where is their offer to pay cash or exchange goods for your wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, butter and eggs or hay? How much do they pay for cattle, sheep and hogs f. o. b. at the depot? How much tax will they pay to support your schools and educate your children, for improving roads and bridges, the support of the poor of the county, for the expense of running of the town, county and state? On what page is the offer to contribute money to the church or accept south side water certificates in exchange for goods? What line of credit will they extend to you when your crops are poor and your money gone, when through illness or misfortune you are not able to send "cash with order" for your clothing, farm tools and other goods? Where is there offer to contribute to your Christmas entertainments? In brief, will they do anything to provide a market for what you have to sell, and thereby keep up the value of your estate? Will they do anything for social, church, school or government support, or do they take your dollars out of the community, with no return except the inferior goods you buy? Every citizen in Wolcottville, who is interested in the growth and development of the town, should think twice before sending cash out of this community to a mail order house.

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Three Weeks Old. Talks?

"Hello, papa!" These words, uttered by a three-weeks-old baby startled not only the parents of the child, but the doctor and a nurse. The doctor, T. Mitchell Burns, is busy perusing his scientific works trying to account for the case, which is the most unusual case that has come to his notice.

The baby is Helen Marie, daughter of William Wagner, a former policeman. She is developed physically and mentally far beyond her age, and is one of the most beautiful babies ever attended by the doctor. Ability so utter understandable words at her tender age is her most remarkable accomplishment.—Denver Tribune.

Second Hand Store.

We have started a second-hand store in the room next door to Sears Bros. and have on hand a good line of second-hand goods, all in the best of conditions. Big bargains. Grisamer & Bott.

ANNUAL ICE HARVEST NOW ON

The annual ice harvest of the B. & O. railroad is now on, a large force of men being employed. The company is shipping the entire supply to division points. The ice is of excellent quality and several hundred car loads will be taken out.

To Coffee Consumers.

The purchaser of a package of Pierce's Golden Blend Rio Coffee will find enclosed in every package a beautiful stereoscopic picture of different scenes in all parts of the world free. Send 10 signatures out from the side of wrapper and 25c and we will mail postpaid an elegant stereoscope. Signatures are also good for premiums on list of same in package.

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FIRE DESTROYS SHIDLER HOME

At about 2:00 o'clock Saturday morning fire originated from a defective flue, totally destroying the house owned by Edward Gordon of Randoul, Ill., and occupied by Mr. Shidler and family. The household effects and clothing were also destroyed. Mr. Shidler was suddenly awakened by the cracking of the burning timbers and upon investigation found the entire second story was in flames. He hurriedly removed his wife and child to a place of safety and then notified J. C. Druokamiller, who at once hurried to the fire house and sounded the alarm. The fire ladders, assisted by many of our town people lost no time in getting to the scene of the conflagration with the hose carts, but the fire had gained such great headway that the total destruction of the building was unavoidable. A high easterly wind blew great sparks of fire to adjoining buildings, especially the Warren Rentfrow property, which is just across the alley, and it took great efforts to save it.

Mr. Shidler, we understand, carried no insurance and his loss is total, but the building was insured for \$650 with the Ohio Farmer through the agency of Cornelius & Butt.

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