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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AN INTERESTING DESCRIPTION OF BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS.

Able Management Has Made the Plymouth Schools to Rank among the First in the State—Supt. Chase Deserving of Much Credit.

Few cities are better equipped for public education than Plymouth. The schools are conducted in two buildings—the Washington and Webster schools.

Thirteen teachers are employed in the former and four in the latter building. The Washington building has fourteen school rooms, a library, recitation room, office, and an audience room capable of seating seven hundred and fifty persons. It is heated and ventilated by two Smead heaters, patterns of 1874; one Smead sheet steel blue heater, pattern of 1887; one Smead long, low furnace, pattern of 1895; three Smead long, low furnaces, pattern of 1893; two school-room heaters; three stack heaters and two vault heaters. The capacity for heating and ventilating is so great that the entire body of air in the rooms may be changed every fifteen minutes. The doors of all school rooms are left open and the entire building heated. All school rooms and corridors are matted, thus reducing the noise to the minimum.

The building is also supplied with a laboratory which is reasonably well fitted up, and all chemistry and physical studies are pursued by the laboratory method.

The library consists of about 6,000 volumes, which are at all times accessible to the pupils and the public. It is very rich in material for nature study and the proper co-relation of other studies. It is much used and has become indispensable. The present efficiency of the schools could not be maintained without it.

Part of the building was erected in 1874. It was enlarged in 1893. The old part as well as the new is well preserved, and has few of the traditional marks of a long-used school. The furniture is as clean and fresh as when first used.

The Webster school building has six school rooms and an audience room which will seat 400 persons. It is heated and ventilated by two Smead underfeed furnaces for burning slack coal, one hard coal furnace, two stack heaters and two vault heaters. It was erected in 1897, and is of the most improved architecture.

Architecturally considered, it is the most beautiful building in the county. Both buildings are lighted in every room by electric lights, and there are eleven drinking hydrants in the corridors, where as good water may be had as is found in Indiana.

It is as necessary to learn to be clean as it is to learn arithmetic, and the boy who forgets to wash his face is invited to use some of this pure water with some soap and a towel.

The course of study provides for twelve grades, the upper three constituting the High school. Promotions may be made at any time. Whenever the work of a grade is done the pupil is passed to the next grade. It is the great mistake of many schools, as of many other institutions, to make an admirable plan and then desert it. It is a very easy matter to be side-tracked. It is the strength of the Plymouth schools that they stick to the text.

The schools of Plymouth have been under the control of Superintendent R. A. Chase since 1870. When he assumed charge he had four teachers and less than 100 pupils. The private schools outnumbered him. Today he has seventeen teachers and more than 850 pupils. No system of education was possible then: the best prevails now. It is a monument to the wisdom and judgment of the citizens of Plymouth that they have made it possible for the educational interests of the young to be kept from frequent change. Fixed policy makes the foundation for fixed character. No town has been better served by school officers, superintendent or teachers.

Our school has left its impress on the town. It makes no effort for show. Solidity and effectiveness are the watchwords. These are also the marked characteristics of the town.

A pardonable pride in our schools is felt by teachers, pupils and citizens. Our pupils, by long experience, have become attached to the school and show great pride in maintaining its good name. Their ambition is to make it first. As an example of their pride in its record we mention the fact that one teacher in an experience of nine years

has had but two cases of tardiness, and both of these were caused by pupils who lived far out in the country.

The sanitary provisions of the school buildings of Plymouth are fully up to date, as is evidenced by the report of the secretary of the state board of health. In this report he characterizes the Plymouth school buildings as "sanitary models."

Board of School Trustees—Wm. M. Kendall, president; Francis M. Burlatt, secretary; David E. Snyder, treasurer; R. A. Chase, superintendent.

Teachers—Room A, junior, middle and senior classes—D. Frank Redd, Phebe C. Thompson, R. A. Chase.

Room B, first and second grades—Jacob Martin, D. F. Redd, Phebe C. Thompson.

Room C, third and fourth grades—Peter D. Burgoner.

Room D, fourth grade—Leslie R. Bell, Manlius, N. Y.

Room E, fourth and fifth grades—Miss Annabelle King, Danville, Ind.

Room F, fifth and sixth grades—Miss Emma T. Crowley, Weston, N. Y.

Room G, sixth grade—Mrs. Mamie Kleinschmidt.

Room H, seventh grade—Miss Grace McDannell, Titusville, Pa.

Room I, seventh and eighth grades—Miss Grace Nash, New Baltimore, O.

Room K, eighth grade—Miss Rose G. Smith, Wabash, Ind.

Room L, ninth grade—Miss Alma Hutsell, Maric, Ind.

Room M, ninth grade—Miss Ethel I Wittfog.

Webster school teachers—Room P, 6th and 7th grades—Miss Carrie Baker, St. Louis Mo.

Room Q, 7th and 8th grades—Miss Eidora Carpenter, Bad Ax, Mich.

Room R, 8th and 9th grades—Miss Emma Gingrich, Burnettsville, Ind.

Room S, 9th grade—Miss Ida M. Haines, Schoolcraft, Mich.

Janitors—Washington building, Mr. Charles Casper; Webster building, Mr. Auckerman.

Death of David Redding.

After a long illness David Redding died at his home Friday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. Mr. Redding had long been a sufferer from that dread disease—consumption. He was a good citizen and an honest man, and was prepared for the summons when it came.

David Redding was born on the farm now owned by Daniel How, Oct. 19, 1841. He was married Oct. 2, 1864, at Marmont, Ind., to Charlotte Hoke. His father died in the Mexican war and, being left an orphan at the age of four years, made his home with Daniel How.

He has three children living—Charles, Orlando and Fred.

He was a member of Co. I, 29th Vol. Indiana Infantry, and enlisted on the 18th of Aug., 1861. He was honorably discharged Sept. 11, 1863, by reason of surgeon's certificate of tuberculosis of the lungs, vericose of veins in both legs and chronic diarrhoea.

The 29th took an active part in three great battles and the smaller engagements. During its term of service it marched over 8,000 miles, or one third the distance around the earth. There was mustered into this regiment during its time of service over 2,000 men, of whom there are about 400 living today.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 from the Methodist church. Rev. L. S. Smith delivered the funeral oration. The pall bearers were his old comrades who served with him during the late war. Interment in Oak Hill cemetery.

Alleges Confidence Game.

Earnest Arlitt, an old German shoemaker of South Bend, 70 years of age, has made a complaint against John Hoose, a well known butcher of that city, charging him with mulching him of his money. Arlitt says he met Hoose at his residence Friday forenoon, when Hoose told him that he had better take his money out of the bank, as he was liable to lose it should war occur. He and Hoose went to the St. Joseph County Savings Bank and drew \$329.40 and put it in his pocket book. Arlitt went home, Hoose accompanying him. They counted the money and Arlitt put the pocket book in an ice box, in Hoose's presence. When Arlitt returned home later in the day his money was missing.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week: Dell Bell and Della Vail; Charles Ditto and Lucy Wyle; Francis H. White and Savilla O. Penny; Edwin Greiner and Ida M. HockenSmith; Ora C. Vinnege and Cornelia Hoople; Philip Sheneman and Serena Pippinger; Elijah E. McRil and Lula R. Baird.

A Newspaper Blunder.

The Evening News published a half column apology Monday, entitled "A Depraved Act." This is a natural consequence to the frantic efforts of an "amateur scoop" reporter. This is an instance of a sensational splurge in a country town with its customary effect. Good reputable citizens of the county are held up and shamefully abused to gratify the sensational taste of an editor whose inclinations fit him for a writer on a "Police Gazette" rather than a family paper.

This instance of irrational blunder on the part of the contemporary ought to awaken a due appreciation on the part of Plymouth and Marshall county citizens for the careful, conservative policy that characterizes The Daily and Weekly Independent. The Independent avoids the shams of "boast" and "show," but pursues the even tenor of its way, carefully guarding its own reputation as well as the rights of the citizens in the field it covers. It is free to give facts, but it does not publish as facts an unauthenticated street rumor. The Independent does not assume a sensational report as true. It is not so construed by this paper until verified beyond a possible doubt. These principles, adhered to, has made it that the Independent readers know that what their family paper tells them are facts, fully verified. In the sight of these facts, do you wonder that The Independent is the popular Plymouth paper?

Electric Railway Officers.

The following officers were elected Monday at the Ross House in this city to officiate in the construction of the Electric Railway which will pass through Marshall county, if the plans carry out.

Officers—Col. Wm. Sears, President; Judge Z. B. Sellers, Vice President; A. C. Matchett, of Bourbon, Secretary and Treasurer.

Directors—Dr. Wm. Kelsy, of Montecello; V. Zimmerman, of Rochester; Dr. George Buck, of Star City; W. H. Dague, of Fowler; M. Denslow, of Chicago; C. C. Spencer, of Montecello; John K. Lawrence, of Pierceton; Attorney Burson of Winemac; M. L. Corey, of Argos; W. H. Baugher, of Talma; W. B. Scott, of Bourbon; M. V. Star, of Goshen.

Executive Committee—C. C. Spencer, of Montecello; W. H. Dague, of Fowler; C. L. Bader, of Pulaski.

Sues for Insurance.

John Osborn, the ex-banker of Culver, whose property was destroyed by fire on Feb. 25, has employed Martindale & Stevens and Attorney Parker and commenced suit against the insurance companies with whom he was insured. The adjusters settled with him some time ago for \$1,856, and checks for this amount were given him, but when the checks were sent in they were dishonored for some cause not as yet defined by the companies. Mr. Osborn now asks the court to compel the companies to honor their checks.

A War Letter.

Governor Mount on Monday received the following letter from Secretary of War Alger: "I have your note with reference to the breach loading pieces which you desire turned over to the National Guard. I told some of our friends here yesterday that in case of hostilities and a battery from Indiana being called for, you would be requested to detail battery A, stationed at Indianapolis, and that the government would furnish them with the most modern field pieces and authorize them to purchase horses and equipment for the field. The truth is, that in all probability should war be upon us, all of the modern breech loading guns now in possession of colleges will be called in, and we shall not be able to distribute any of those guns to state troops. They will all be required for service and for coast defenses. After war, if we have war, we can readjust the distribution of them."

Ravages of Typhoid Fever.

Near Wanatah, Laporte county, is a grief stricken family named Brittenbaugh. The ravages of typhoid fever in its most virulent type have carried away two members of the family circle. Last Monday, a daughter, aged twenty-two, died. The following day the funeral was held and as the cortege passed the desolate home a fourteen-year-old daughter fell asleep in death. Wednesday a son was taken down and passed away during the day, and now Mr. Brittenbaugh has been stricken and his home promises to become one of death and sorrow.

Lee said he would be the last American to leave Cuba and we guess he was! Fitz Hugh is alright.

I want to go to war and be
A soldier brave and gay;
But really I'd feel better if
They'd shoot the other way.
I may not be as brave as some,
Perhaps I am a mouse;
But I'd a darned sight rather go
To war than help clean house.

—Exchange.

From North Dakota.

BOWBELLS, N. D., April 10.—Editor Independent: As I promised to let you hear from me, I will now comply. We arrived here all right and on time. Every one of the company who left Plymouth for this country seems to be satisfied. There was a light snow, but it has disappeared now. The farmers are breaking their ground for spring crops. There have been over 100 filings made since I came, and the man who wants land near this town will have to file his claim before June, otherwise he will have to take land several miles from town. Every train from the east brings a large number of home seekers. I will commence working at my trade next week. There will be a number of good houses built here this summer. Stock looks well for this time of the year. My house is not very handsome, but it means something for me in the future. Coal is selling here at \$2.00 delivered. So, you see, that beats Plymouth. Plenty of game here and sport is lively.
Respectfully,
CHARLES G. WOODS.

Real Estate Transfers.

Following are the transfers of real estate in Marshall county from April 4 to April 9, as furnished by Cressner & Co., abstractors of title:

Yetta Nussbaum and Daniel B. Nussbaum and wife, warranty deed to Belle S. Jordan, west half of lot 13 and all of 14 east Plymouth and lot 8 West-erly F Moore's addition to Plymouth; \$625.

Nancy H. Rose, warranty deed to Elhanan Kizer, land in North township; \$2,625.

Benjamin A. Curtis, warranty deed to William J. Curtis, land in Union township; \$300.

Ignatius Mattingly, deceased, administrator's deed to Joel P. and Minnie M. Martin, lot 25 Thayer's second addition to Bourbon; \$750.

John Soice, deceased, by executor, warranty deed to Reuben Stair and Emma, his wife, forty acres West township; \$320.

Cecelia Miltenberger, deceased, by heirs, warranty deed to Elizabeth and David N. Miltenberger, all interest as such heirs to land in West township.

Elizabeth Miltenberger and David N. Miltenberger and wife, warranty deed to John Ruff, 40 acres in West township; \$1,200.

William H. Millner and wife, quit claim deed to Frank Woods, lots 5, 6 and 7 McFarlin's addition to Plymouth; \$1.

Clista C. and Albert B. Wickizer, deed to Frank Turney, lot 690 Maple Grove cemetery; \$15.

John J. Vangundy and wife, warranty deed to Granville Horn lot 20 Burkett's addition to Tippecanoe town-ship; \$150.

William Huff and wife, warranty deed to Samuel P. Weiss, lot in Bremen; \$32.

Frank L. Johnson and wife, warranty deed to George Rothenberger, lot in Teegarden; \$600.

Simon Snyder, deceased, by heirs, warranty deed to Enos Metheny, land in Tippecanoe Township; \$4,500.

Nellie M. and William H. Clark, guardian's deed to Elizabeth Duddleson, lot in Culver; \$1.

David Garn, warranty deed to Frank J. Garn, 80 acres in Union township; \$3,500.

Katie A. Gove and husband, warranty deed to Daniel S. Austin, 80 acres in Union township; \$3,500.

David Garn, warranty deed to Samuel A. Garn, 80 acres in West township; \$2,800.

Abijah C. Barden and wife, warranty deed to Elizabeth Rough, 5½ acres in Polk township; \$200.

Jonathan N. Beck to Charles C. Johnson, 81 acres in Tippecanoe township; \$2,900.

Frank Woods and wife, warranty deed to Francis E. Garn, lot 5 McFarlin's addition to Plymouth; \$500.

William H. Seider, warranty deed to Caroline A. Hartman (formerly Bauman), lots in Plymouth; \$150.

Peter Holem and wife, warranty deed to David Holem, land in West township; \$550.

Cyrus Bondurant and wife, quit claim deed to John W. Buger, land in North township; \$200.

Real estate mortgages to the amount of \$11,621.49 have been filed for the week ending April 9, 1898.

The residents in Bowman's addition are glad that an election is approaching.