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Administration of "Justice."

At the recent term of the Clay Circuit Court, the case of the State vs. Bemis and Miller, for stealing \$67 59 worth of wheat, was dismissed. The case has been tried semi-annually since 1867, and continued from term to term, the costs amounting to \$5,330. It was thrown out of court at the request of all the prosecuting witnesses, for the reason that justice could not be obtained and the witnesses could not afford the expense." Hon. Wm. Mack, of Terre Haute, was on the bench, and made a few remarks, commenting, that "this was one of those cases damaging to the reputation of the courts, and a farce on justice."

The recent trial of Nancy E. Clem, at Lebanon, Boone county, cost the State of Indiana the sum of \$1,850 32. Who shall say she is guilty or innocent? To whom is this child's play in the courts to be charged?

The fact is our laws have become so technical and filled with foibles that the carrying out of justice has become the exception, and the people are becoming less and less protected against the thieves and murderers. On this subject the Indiana Christian Advocate says:

"The most cold-blooded murderers are protected by the merest quibbles of law, and kept on trial by one device or another until witnesses are dead or spirited away, and they go scot-free. Even the machinery of law, with its challenges and changes of venue, and the closing argument before the jury given to the thief, all favor the acquittal of the guilty, even after arrest. But then it is nobody's business to arrest a felon. It is not even, in the city, the duty of the policeman to detect and arrest one. If pointed out to him on a warrant; but whose duty is it to get out a warrant? There will be more of this miscellaneous shooting before there is less, unless the State assumes that honest men need protection as well as rogues."

INDIANA COAL.

The Mineral Wealth of the Country through which the Cin. & T. H. Railroad will be built.

Report of Prof. Cox on the Character of the Country on the line of the Terre Haute and Cincinnati Railroad.

Prof. Cox has furnished the following interesting report on the character of the country, and the extent and value of the minerals on the line of the proposed Terre Haute and Cincinnati Railway:

OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST, Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 16, '71. J. A. B. Quackenbush, Secretary Cin. & T. H. Railroad, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SIR.—You desire to have such information regarding the character of the country and the extent and character of the minerals along the route of the proposed railway from Cincinnati to Terre Haute as my survey of the district may enable me to furnish.

At the western terminus is the flourishing commercial and manufacturing city of Terre Haute, with a population of about twenty thousand people. This city is already the focus of four railroads, two to Indianapolis and St. Louis, one to Chicago and one to Evansville, on the Ohio river, in the southwestern part of Indiana.

The principal towns along the line are Middlebury, in Clay county; Spencer, the county seat of Owen, on the Indianapolis and Vincennes railroad; Bloomington, the county seat of Monroe, on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railroad; and the seat of the State University, Nashville, county seat of Brown Columbus, on the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis railroad, and county seat of Bartholomew and Greenburg, on the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette railroad, and county seat of Decatur county. The distance from Terre Haute to Cincinnati, by this line, is about one hundred and eighty miles, and from the coal basin of Clay and Owen counties to the latter place, about one hundred and sixty miles.

From Terre Haute to White river, in Owen county, the country is gently rolling, without any prominent hills, and is interspersed with beautiful prairies. The rest of the route is through a country of low table lands, in places somewhat broken by small hills, and broad bottoms along the water courses.

The country abounds in timber suitable for lumber, such as black walnut, oak, poplar, ash and hickory.

Coral, iron ore, petroleum and building stone exists in great abundance. The best coal in the world for manufacturing iron and steel, and other uses as fuel, is found in Vigo, Clay and Owen counties.

Without fear of just contradiction,

and the best mineral fuel yet known to the world for the manufacture of pig metal, bar iron or steel. In blast furnaces it produces a metal every respect equal to the best charcoal iron made from the same ores. In the puddling furnace a less quantity is required of block coal than of the best Pittsburgh coals to make a run of bar or wrought iron; the heats are brought off in a shorter space of time, and the quality of iron is better. The pig iron made with raw block coal, is clay country, from a mixture of Lake Superior and Missouri traumatic ores, is used with excellent results in the manufacture of Bessemer steel at Chicago. Mr. Robinson, Superintendent of the Union Rolling Mill, Chicago, where Bessemer steel rails are made, writes that, "Indiana coal seems to be just the thing for steel," and he has no doubt they will soon have the best steel works in the United States.

Though the coal fields of Great Britain will not be exhausted for many years to come, yet the stubborn fact stares the iron masters of the country in the face that the cost of procuring it will be so great that the favored districts of this country will, at no distant day, rob them of their best foreign market.

In Owen, Monroe, Brown and Bartholomew counties, you will find good building stone. The Ellettsville quarries have long been celebrated as furnishing handsome and durable building stone. It is quarried in blocks of any required dimensions, and is susceptible of high ornamentation. Some of the finest building fronts in Indianapolis are of this stone. In Brown county there are sandstones that have as yet been untouched, except for home use, for want of railroad communication with the outer markets. Dolomite, as well as sandstone, will also be found in Bartholomew county, which, together with the above mentioned, will make a variety of good and handsome building stones suited to all tastes.

Our road will connect at Bloomington with the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad, by which route Louisville will reach the block coal mines of Owen and Clay counties in one hundred and twenty-five miles. At Columbus it will connect with the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, and at Greensburg with the Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Lafayette Railroad.

By this route the distance from the block coal to Cincinnati will be about one hundred and sixty miles. By this road (Cincinnati and Terre Haute Railroad) and its connections, coal may be sent to the above cities at comparatively small cost, and, as you say that arrangements have been made to start with one thousand coal cars, you should be able to guarantee to them a regular supply of the best quality of Indiana coal at less rates than are obtained from the Allegheny coal field.

Yours, &c.,

E. T. COX,
State Geologist of Indiana.

Hung for his Money.

Now we have another murder to add to the long list, a murder as remarkable for the manner in which it was committed as it was cold-blooded in its plotting. Moses Curtis was an old and well-to-do citizen of Harrison county, Indiana, residing not far from the little town of Maukport. It was known that a sum of money was due him from his neighbor, John Manek, who resided not very far from Corydon; and it was further known that upon a certain evening Mr. Curtis would visit his neighbor to collect the money, and it was this knowledge that cost Mr. Curtis his life.

On the evening fixed by him for the settlement with Mr. Manek, and the collection of the money, he went to Mr. Manek's residence. There he transacted the business, got his money, and parting with his neighbor in the most cheerful frame of mind, he started for his home a few miles distant, about nine o'clock at night. But he never reached his home alive. Next day his body was found suspended by a rope from a tree, and his pocket-book contained but a very small sum of money. It was given out that the old man committed suicide, and without further investigation his remains were buried. But murder will out, sometimes, and in this case there were some people not satisfied that Mr. Curtis committed suicide. They even had the body disinterred and a post mortem examination made of it, and then the fact was developed by marks upon it that a foul murder had been committed, and the victim afterward swung up by the neck so as to leave the impression that he had taken his own life, and thus allay suspicion. The crime is now being investigated, and, as is natural, there is great excitement in the neighborhood, which may result, if the murderers are discovered, in another chapter of death at the hands of a vigilance committee.

The New York Tribune editorial says that choice of localities for holding the National Republican Convention for 1872 is narrowed down to Cincinnati and New York. The Executive Committee will make a selection on the 11th of January next.

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Eugene Holden, a promising young lawyer of Terre Haute, who died a few days ago, held a \$10,000 life insurance policy.

—Patrick Furley, of Madison, disengaged three fingers in a carding machine, last week.

—Wm. Beylan of New Albany, got bilin' mad, the other day, and perpetrated an assault on his daughter-in-law. He cooled off when brought before the Police Court.

—Newton Johnson, of Clark co., was accidentally wounded in the head, the other day, by a ball from a pistol in the hands of Augustus Schumann. It was a heavy blow on poor Newton. The more so if it proves fatal.

—A. H. Conner, against whom suit had been begun for money-overdrawn, has proposed to pay to the State \$18,886.50, as a compromise in consideration of a wad thrown at the deceased, late of Clear Creek township, Monroe county, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THURSDAY, December 14th, 1871, the personal property of said estate, consisting of 4 Horses, 30 Head of Cattle, 25 or 30 Head of Stock Hogs, Farming Implements of all kinds, and Household Furniture and other things not taken by the widow.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of \$3, and under, cash in hand, over three months, twelve months credit; purchases executing their notes with approved security.

JOHN MITCHELL, Administrator.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 22, 1871.

Administrator's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the Clerk of the Monroe Court of Common Pleas, Administrator of the estate of David Street, deceased, late of Clear Creek township, Monroe county, Indiana.

The estate is probably solvent.

JAMES L. CAMPBELL, Executor.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 22, 1871.

Administrator's Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the Clerk of the Monroe Court of Common Pleas, Executor of the will of Hugh Campbell, deceased, late of Monroe county, Indiana.

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W. M. ANDERSON, Administrator.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed by the Clerk of the Monroe Court of Common Pleas, Executor of the will of Andrew B. Anderson, deceased, late of Benton township, Monroe county, Indiana.

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