

Four sick-looking strangers are working Tippecanoe county with a lightning rod. A farmer named John House has just escaped \$400 worth of experience with them by appealing to the authorities. They claim to represent a company of commercial standing, and that their rod is also the most wonderful invention of the age. Among its features are a "storm" ball that foretells the state of the weather several days in advance, and an electric sphere that lights up the barn-yard. No case could be made against them and they were released.

At Odin, Ill., last week, a boy who has been learning telegraphy in the office of the Ohio & Mississippi railroad, took a train order, and without telling the regular operator about it went to church. The west bound freight train came along and was given nothing but working orders. When within a mile of Sandoval the train collided with a special, east bound. Several cars and the engines were demolished and piled up in great confusion on either side of the track. The engineers and firemen jumped in time to save their lives. The company issued an order discharging all "pigs" in telegraph offices along the entire line. The order is to be rigidly enforced, and no learners are to be allowed on the company's premises.

Vincennes Commercial: The real estate sharks of Wichita, Kan., and Birmingham, Ala., should receive the condemnation of the good citizens of Vincennes. Neither have any natural advantages to back them up. Both are creatures of sharp speculators who, after gulling a lot of innocents, will retire with well filled purses, leaving the places they came to themselves. Wichita was planted in the "sands of the desert," as it were, much of the country round about not possessing fertility enough to raise even a blade of grass. The climate is hot and sultry in summer, and damp and cool in winter, while the malaria existing in the atmosphere has caused the death of more than one poor fellow lured there by the dream of an invalid's paradise, as depicted upon the flanking poster of the energetic land sharks.

Martinsville Gazette: Squire Dillon Talbot, the genial and popular Recorder of Monroe county, paid the Gazette office a very pleasant visit on Monday. The Equine, with his wife, visiting friends hereabouts, and, as usual, having a jolly good time. Mr. Talbot says he finds his official duties entirely congenial with his tastes, and we feel assured his talents will adorn the responsible position entrusted to him by the Democracy of Monroe. His popularity as an official will enable him to "get there Eli," again, if he should desire to remain in office.

Mr. T. is a clever gentleman, but all the same he will have to give way to a Republican in 1890.

FUND THE DEBT.—It seems to us that the financial affairs of the county, and city too, are in such a shape as calls for measures of relief. There is a large floating debt that should be put in some such shape as will secure its payment without too heavily oppressing the taxpayers. There are probably now over \$50,000 in outstanding county orders, and the amount is increasing.

It seems that the present plan is to redeem these orders by high taxation. The best way would be to fund this debt by issuing bonds payable in twenty or thirty years. Such bonds could be floated at a low rate of interest than the county orders are now drawing. There is no earthly reason why the present generation should be taxed to death to pay off this debt—let a future generation help pay it. The young men who are now growing up will in a few years have charge of the homes, the farms and the public trusts of the county. They will share the benefits of our public improvements, so let them work to help pay for them.—Courier.

As much of the new state house as is finished will give to the public an idea of its "points." It has been well praised as one of the most economical buildings ever erected; indeed in this regard it would be wise, we think, for the legislature to allow the commissioners a little more money in the matter of "fixing up," particularly with reference to a proper surrounding for the building, provision for which ought to be made. The building is not only one of the cheapest of the kind in the world, but one of the best in its construction. Its roof, we believe is the largest in the country; its noble central corridor is one of the "wonders" of its kind. But more praise even is due for the tasteful manner in which the decorations have been handled. Most of our public buildings sin sadly in the matter of color when it comes to mural finish. Our state house, as brilliant as it is beautiful in this way, nowhere offends the eye with a garish and gaudy display, but has attained the happy union of the rich and tasteful, and so will be a wholesome art educator.—Lud.

TO BLOOMINGTON:

O Bloomington! what was it, that Thy beauty charmed and thy lovers won With sleepless travel to that fabled clime Where gold is God, and real estate divine! Each train, returning, bears thy errant sons Cursing home to babble of the magic lands That only wait to nestle in their hands— Sweet product of the booming prairie lands. Thy streets, once beautiful and dear To those who owned thee for an hour, Now blank and lifeless to their sight appear, Distinct as it is with chunks of western loam.

The day is burdened with their visionary tales Of wonders, deals, and still more wonderful sales; And night's dark mantle falls to drown The ceaseless gabble of the springing western town.

They dream not of the boundless wealth that lies Safe hidden from the gaze of prying eyes,— Thy matchless stone-fields, prone beneath Thy feet, For circling miles around thy holy seat.

Fair Bloomington, thou art a jilted queen; Thy worshippers have fled thy sacred shrine To languish amid the amount of a smiling dame: Wichita, painted siren of the flowery plain!

—From Senator Anthony of Rhode Island in the United States Senate:

"The exercise of political power by means of the press is a great evil. There is hardly a country in Europe—I don't think any one—that has not, at some time of its history, been governed by a woman; and many of them very well governed, too. There have been at least three Empresses in Russia, since Peter the Great; and two of them were very wise rulers."

Elizabeth raised England to the very height of greatness, and the reign of Anne was illustrious in arms, and not less illustrious in letters.

A female sovereign supplied to Columbus the means of discovering this country. He wandered, foot-sore and weary, from court to court, from convent to convent, from one potentate to another, but no man on a throne listened to him, until a female sovereign pledged her jewels to fit out the expedition which gave a new world to the kingdoms of Castile and Leon."

Now need we cite Anne of Austria, who governed France for ten years, or Maria Theresa, who reigned over so great a kingdom. We have two modern instances. A woman is now on the throne of Spain, and a woman sits on the throne of the mightiest empire in the world.

A woman is the high admiral of the most powerful fleet that rests upon the seas. Princes and nobles bow to her, not in the mere homage of gallantry, but as the representative of sovereignty, which has descended to her from a long line of sovereigns, some of the most illustrious of them of her own sex.

And shall we say that a woman may properly command an army, and yet not vote for a common councilman in the city of Washington? *

It is not a fair statement of the case to say that the man represents the woman in the exercise of suffrage, because it is an assumption on the part of man; it is an involuntary representation, so far as the woman is concerned. Representation implies a certain delegated power, and a certain responsibility on the part of the representative toward the party represented. A representation to which the represented party does not assent, is no representation at all, but is adding insult to injury.

Gov. Gray says it is not for the contract charged against the State he would order the removal of all the prisoners from Jeffersonville to Michigan City.

A Monroe County Boom.

We have a boom from the innermost recesses and the most remote cavities of our heart, when the boom is booming in our own locality. We cherish the word with a great deal of fondness. It gives us new life, whenever we read it. It inspires us with activity whenever we hear of it, and it sets the machinery of our whole soul in motion when we feel it. Yes, we abhor it when it is conceived in falsehood, and denounce it when it is performing the functions of race and deception. Too many of these kind of booms are inaugurated especially for the purpose of aiding speculators and keen shrews to enrich their own exchequers at the expense of the ignorant and inconsiderate; they do not arise from actual merit or natural advantage, but are born of chicanery and printer's ink. They are more uncertain than the rudderless bark in a tempestuous sea, and will fall like a balloon when the gas that propels them is exhausted. They will bring ruin and desolation to many a hard working and honest citizen, and will as certainly as heaven wreck those who have embarked on their hurricane deck, just at the moment when they think they are entering into a smooth and placid voyage of prosperity.

The stone business is just beginning to enjoy one of the most substantial booms that have ever existed in the State of Indiana. It is not conceived in falsehood or supported on wind, but is based on a solid foundation as enduring as the firmament of heaven, and its future is as bright as the noonday sun. All it needs is industry and capital to keep it booming. Untold millions of wealth remain covered in the bowels of the earth of Monroe county, and we are glad to learn that the Chicago Stone and Marble Co. has consummated an arrangement by which the resources of the stone interest will in a short time be fully developed.

We understand that the company is now fully organized and ready to begin putting down their side track to the old Big Creek Stone Quarry, one of the largest and best stone quarries in the State, and the best in the near future. The headquarters for building and monumental stone.

The ledge looms up from forty to sixty feet on either side of a clear, beautiful stream of pure water, that runs the year round, affording an abundance of water for all necessary purposes. We learn that this company intends to put in all the machinery necessary for the shipping of stone from twenty car loads of stone each day, during the shipping season.

The company has issued two thousand shares of stock, of fifty dollars each, a portion of which has been taken by the citizens of Bloomington, Crawfordsville and Chicago. There yet remains a few shares in the hands of the company, which can be bought at a low figure, if taken this week. All remaining hands next week will be sent to Chicago and placed in the hands of capitalists. We believe our own citizens would do well to take a controlling interest, as the stock can now be bought very low. Our experience has fully convinced us that stone quarry stock always has an upward tendency.

Bedford's stone quarry stock is now selling for about 200 per cent. advance, and we can see no reason why Shiner's stone quarry stock should not in the near future be worth as much as Bedford's.

A dinner was given to S. J. Thompson on last Friday, by his friends and relatives, in celebration of his 57th birthday. There were sixty-two persons present. Each and every one brought a basket well filled, and all had a jolly good time.

CHIPS AND SPLINTERS.

—Thos. Massey will not be a candidate for Assessor. He has made a good one.—Jno. Douglas, Capt. Fields, Rolla Walker, Geo. Reeves, and others, are mentioned for the office of City Marshal.

—Rob Greeves will, it would seem, have a clear field for City Clerk.—"The Little Tycoon," a new comic opera, is to be given by Mendelssohn Society, at the Opera House on the 1st and 2d of next month.—"Damon and Pythias" may again be played by the Knights.—The M. E. church of Bedford has had 112 members added to it since last September.—Prof. Spangler is the "quietus man," and students should make application to him with a six dollar bill, provided they have no scholarship.—On the evening of April 5th a company of Chinese students will appear at the Christian church in an interesting entertainment. There will be a supper connected with the entertainment, of a novel character.—Will Adams bought some lots in Newton, Kansas. It is hard to resist the inclination to buy lots of land in Kansas, now, if a man has the money.—W. B. Campbell of Paxton, Ill., a former student of I. S. U., is in town.—Mr. Donaldson has the contract for building Mrs. Durand's corner store room, and the work of tearing away the present structure will begin in a few days.—Several of our carpenters are preparing to go to Decatur, Ala., to build houses for men who have made purchases there.—Good sugar making weather last week, and people were busy in every portion of the county.—J. Milt. Rogers has been confined to his room and bed for several weeks with an attack of pneumonia, but it is believed is now on the sure road to convalescence.—The wife of J. T. Woodward, the Stanford merchant, has been dangerously ill during the past two weeks.—Harris & Eakin, a feather renovating firm of Ellettsville, are traveling over the county in their specialty and are doing a good business.—Dr. Jas. Dodd of Van Buren tp., has been confined to his bed some three weeks with inflammation of one of his lungs, but is now convalescing rapidly.—Kirkville is to have a spoke factory. There is some splendid timber in that locality.—Prosecutor, Abe Noblett, of Paoli, died at his home in that place Monday night of last week, after a brief illness, with ulceration of the stomach and bowels.—Al. Starnes of Richmond tp., is back from Illinois.—Fletcher and Gillasp of Ellettsville, have gone to Kentucky, to sell farm gate territory.—Jas. Starnes of Ellettsville went down to the farm of Mrs. May Starnes, near Spencer to get a load of corn, and found her barn full during the night, and his two horses and the wagon were burned in the barn.—Eld. Bryant, who it will be remembered moved from Ellettsville to McArthur Ohio, last Fall, died recently at the latter place with lung fever.—The close of the Ellettsville public schools was accompanied by some interesting literary exercises, and the students gave evidence of the careful and conscientious work of the corps of teachers.—Messrs. Farrabee and Ray, and Misses Hendrix, Perry and Hughes.—Ed. Anderson, Trustee of Perry tp., is now issuing temporary relief orders with a great deal of good nature since he has secured an assistant in his business.—Solomon Morgan, of Indian Creek tp., is reported seriously sick.—Jacob Carmichael baptised three persons in Clear Creek, near Ketcham's sulphur springs, recently.—Ed. May and his brother, Grant May, who went to Illinois some time ago, have returned to Indian Creek tp.—The tobaccoist from Crawfordsville is getting his room, next to Bowman's, in good shape for business.

A great many persons east of town are alarmed because the Big Four is likely to run through their rich pasture grounds in order to reach Bloomington.—The Grimes-Pedigo case has been set down for trial next Monday, at Paoli, but it has been asserted all the time by Mr. Pedigo's friends that the case should not be finally tried before Judge Pearson, and a change of venue from the Judge, it is understood, will be demanded. This, the supreme court has decided cannot be refused, on application.—It has been many years since Blind Tom, the phenomenal pianist, was in Bloomington; but he is again on a tour of the important

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Blind Tom, THE WORLD-RENOVED PIANIST,

Will make his second and last appearance in Bloomington at the

OPERA HOUSE, ON THURSDAY NIGHT, MARCH 31ST.

His wonderful talents have made him one of the best known prodigies in music that travels. He has played in all the large cities of the country, and has never found an equal in his specialty.

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

Admission, 50cts. Reserved Seats at Post Office, 25cts. extra. Concert will begin at 8 o'clock.

Mendelssohn Society

Will present the Charming Comic

Opera, the

Little Tycoon,

At the Opera House, on Friday and Saturday Nights, April 1st and 2d, 1887.

TICKETS

Will be on sale Thursday of this

week, at the Postoffice.

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A Bad Nasal Organ.

For over four years I have been a great sufferer from a terrible form of Nasal Catarrh. I was greatly annoyed with a constant roaring in my head and my hearing became very much impaired.

The discharge from my nose became very offensive, and my general health impaired. I tried most all prominent physicians, but they did not cure me, and I used various advertised preparations without benefit.

One day I chanced to read a remarkable article written by a prominent citizen of Athens, Ga., stating that he had been permanently cured by the use of eight bottles of B. B. B.—Botanic Blood Balm. Being skeptical on the subject, I wrote to him on the subject and received a most encouraging answer to the effect that he had been cured long enough to be thoroughly satisfied that no return of the disease would ensue.

I then sent to the drug store of T. E. Smith & Bros., and purchased B. B. B., and to my utter astonishment and satisfaction, the use of six bottles has restored my general health, stopped the roaring sensation, entirely healed and cured the nasal catarrh and I am proud to recommend a blood remedy with such powerful curative properties.

I shall continue its use a little longer and feel confident that I will be entirely cured of one of the most obstinate cases of nasal catarrh in the country. The business men of our town know of my case.

N. C. EDWARDS.

Lampasas, Springs, Texas, May 1, 1886.

BLOOD OF A TEXAN.

For six years I have been afflicted with blood poisons, which continued to increase, while physicians were attempting to cure me.

One bottle of B. B. B. has made me feel like a new man, and I am now rapidly recovering.

San Marcos, Texas, May 3, 1886.

BAD BLOOD AT BRUNSWICK, GA.

I have tried B. B. B. and found it a genuine remedy for my blood poisons, Rheumatic Pains and the use of one bottle of B. B. B. has done the work, but I will finish up on the second bottle as a clincher. May God spread it to every one in my practice.

BRUNSWICK, GA., April 28, 1886.

Address, BLOOD BALM CO., (Sold by Paris Bros.) Atlanta, Ga.

[CORR & DUNLAP, Att'ys.]

Notice to Non-Residents.

The State of Indiana, Monroe county.

In the Monroe circuit court, April Term, 1887.

Mary E. Whaley vs. Matthew M. Campbell, Plaintiff vs. Defendant.

Complaint No. 1275.

Now comes the plaintiff, by Cor & Dunlap, her attorneys, and files her complaint herein, together with an affidavit that said Mary E. Whaley, Plaintiff, is not a resident of the State of Indiana; that said action is for the collection of a demand by proceedings in attachment and that said non-resident defendant is a necessary party thereto.

Notice is therefore hereby given said defendant named that unless he be and appear on the seventeenth day of the next term of the Monroe circuit court, to be holden on the third Monday of April, A. D. 1887, at the Court House, in said county and State, and answer or demur to said complaint, the same will be heard and determined in his absence.

Witness my name and the Seal of said Court, at Bloomington, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1887.

[SEAL] ENOCH FULLER, Clerk.

March 23, 1887.

[CORR & DUNLAP, Att'ys.]

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In the Monroe circuit court, April Term, 1887.

Complaint No. 1276.

Thomas B. Corlette vs. Matthew M. Campbell, Plaintiff vs. Defendant.

Now comes the plaintiff, by Cor & Dunlap, her attorneys, and files his complaint herein, together with an affidavit that said Thomas B. Corlette, Plaintiff, is not a resident of the State of Indiana; that said action is for the collection of a demand by proceedings in attachment and that said non-resident defendant is a necessary party thereto.

Notice is therefore hereby given said defendant named that unless he be and appear on the 17th day of the next term of the Monroe circuit