

Four slick-looking strangers are working Tippecanoe county with a lightning rod swindle. 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 night 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 "plugs" 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, letting the places take care of themselves. Wichita was planted in the "ranks 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 flaming 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 Exquire is, with his wife, visiting friends hereabouts, and is, 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 1880.

FUND THE DRAFT. 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 tax-payers. There are probably now over \$50,000 in outstanding county debts, and the amount is increasing.

It seems that the present plan is to redeem these debts 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 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 are sadly in the matter of color when it comes to a mineral 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.—Ind.

### CHIPS AND SPLINTERS.

—Thos. Mussey will not be a candidate for Assessor. He has made a good one—Jno. Douglass, 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 Mendelsohn 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 or land in Kansas, now, if a man has the money—W. B. Campbell of Paxton, Ills., 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 down 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 he is 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 Richland tp., is back from Illinois

—Fletcher and Gillaspay 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, the barn took fire 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. Farrabes 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 tobaccocon 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 along that the stock can now be bought very low. Our experience has fully convinced us that stone quarry stock is a low figure, if taken in a week. All remaining on 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 is a low figure, if taken in a week.

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Will make his second and last appearance in Bloomington at the

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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.

The Little Tycoon is "at the rage," in the eastern cities. The music is said to be charming, the songs catchy, and the costumes handsome. Everybody will want to see it.

### TICKETS

Will be on sale Thursday of this

week, at the Postoffice.

FOR SALE.—A farm in Montgomery co., Kansas, is offered for trade or sale on reasonable terms. The farm comprises 200 acres, all under fence, has good house and barn, two orchards, land well watered, farm but six miles from county seat, Independence, and is on the railroad. Persons who may desire to buy or trade can learn who the owner is on inquiry of the editor of the Progress.

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FOR PITCHER'S  
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Casteria promotes Digestion, and overcomes Flatulence, Constipation, Bowchome, Diarrhoea, and Fervorishness. Thus the child is rendered healthy and its sleep natural. Casteria contains no Morphine or other narcotic property.

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Blind Tom, the phenomenal pianist, was in Bloomington; but he is again on a tour of the important

cities of the world.

—For further information apply to

SCOTT & BOWME, New York.

### 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 the back of my head and my hearing became very much impaired.

The discharge from my nose became very offensive, and my general health improved. I tried most of the 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.—Botanic Blood Balm. Being interested in the subject, I obtained the article, and received a most encouraging answer to the effect that he had been cured long enough to be thoroughly satisfied that there was no return of the disease.

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 ten bottles restored my general health, stopped the roaring in the back of my head, and cured my nasal catarrh and I am proud to recommend a 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, Spring, Texas, May 1, 1886.

### BLOOD OF A TEXAN.

For six years I have been afflicted with blood poison, which continued to increase, and to my utter astonishment and satisfaction, the use of ten bottles restored my general health, stopped the roaring in the back of my head, and cured my nasal catarrh and I am proud to recommend a remedy with such powerful curative properties.

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### WROUGHT IRON RANGE.

For the undersigned, being personally acquainted with the officers and stockholders of the Wrought Iron Range, I wish to call attention to the fact that the same is the very best material

available. I have used it in my house, San Marcos, Texas, May 3, 1886.

### BAD BLOOD AT BRUNSWICK, GA.

I have tried B. B. B. and found it a fine medicine for blood poison. I also had Botanic Balm and the use of one bottle of B. B. B. has made me feel like a man, and I am now rapidly recovering.

W. H. DAVIDSON.

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