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Monroe county people who are ready to trade for land they know nothing about should take warning from the experience of the persons who traded for 500 acres, in various parcels, with Rev. Wilson, of St. Joseph, Mo. recently. It has been discovered that the Reverend Jim had but 33 acres of his own, all told.

The Indianapolis Sun is authority for the statement that eight conductors of the G. H. & D. were located on Monday and Tuesday of last week. Perhaps the powers that be have concluded that they "would attempt to do anything other than according to the rules of the company." One of the unfair things about railroading, so trainmen say is, that they are always discharged without any reason being assigned, and thus are given no opportunity to show that the charges are groundless. They are sometimes accused (on some roads) with "knocking down" fares whether they do or not, and so in self-defense take all they can get because they say it is only a question of time with them anyhow.

Secretary Ediscott has transmitted to Congress the report of Adjutant General Drew, giving the strength of the organized militia of the various States and Territories, and the force of men available for military duty, but not organized. The totals are: commissioned officers, 8,397; enlisted men, 98,100; number of men available but not organized, 8,104,623.

There are eighteen Methodist bishops whose names and ages are as follows: Bishop Bowes, seventy-one years old; Foster, sixty-nine; Murrill, sixty-four; Andrews, sixty-four; Warren, fifty-seven; Fenn, fifty-four; Hurst, fifty-four; Nance, fifty-seven; Wakelin, fifty-seven; Mallalieu, sixty; Fowler, fifty-one; Vincent, fifty-seven; Fitzgerald, fifty; Joyce, fifty-two; Newman, sixty-two; Goodsell, forty-eight; Taylor, sixty-eight; Thorne, fifty-two. Their average age is fifty-eight years.

Two new Congressmen will be sworn into office and take their seats before the expiration of the present session. One will succeed Governor Hovey, of Indiana, and the other will take the place of late Representative Burns. It has been a matter of general surprise that men could be found who were willing to undergo the trouble and expense of a canvass for the honor of serving as short a time. Explanation of their readiness can be had in the fact that the salary and allowances of Congressmen for even a brief term, amounts to a sum worth looking after. For instance, Mr. Posey, who has been elected to succeed Gov. Hovey, will receive the regular salary of a Representative from January 13 to March 4, amounting to \$27,631. He will also receive mileage amounting to \$366.40 and a regular allowance for stationery, which is \$125. Thus for six weeks' service he will receive \$1,162.21, which is too good for even an Indiana-to-meet at.

It certainly seems as if the farmers had everything their own way last year. There certainly has been none which shows them any greater profit for a very long time. They got the highest prices for their wheat, and the corn crop is a heavy one. They have also had a mild winter, so that they have got their grain to market at the least possible cost, and their expenses for coal and winter clothing have been lower than ever before. Merchants suffer because they were not forced to renew their clothing, and altogether they are certainly better off than any other class in the community.

The importance of the salt production in Kansas may be gauged from a statement made in the United States Senate by Senator Pownall. He said: "The development of the salt industry in Kansas has had the effect of reducing the price of salt in the Mississippi valley west of Kansas twenty-five per cent from the price prevailing there twelve months ago. It will be remembered, too, that this industry is but in its infancy in the State. What it may yet do with its easily accessible and inexhaustible supply of salt, to cheaper that commodity in the markets of the country, cannot be estimated. Certain it is that Kansas, not Michigan, or New York, will regulate the price of salt in a very large portion of the Missouri valley."

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LETTER FROM ALABAMA.

TROY, ALA. Feb. 1889.

KRATON REPUBLICAN PROGRESS: Sir: It is now about a year since we took up an abode in the "sunny south," therefore we are prepared to give our experience in a general way. The main object of our removal was to get relief from rheumatism. We were at Montgomery about three months and found no relief whatever. As Montgomery is on the river, the atmosphere is quite damp. We moved to Troy, our present abode, and have had to start, but one at a time. Troy is about 100 feet above the Gulf, and is about 100 miles distant. It is the next highest point in the State and is perhaps as healthy a locality as one would wish to find. There is an abundance of pure, soft water to be found any where you wish to sink a well, and the city is surrounded by fine, gushing springs, all pure and soft, and of excellent quality. The river is about 100 feet distant, furnish abundance of water and fishing. There are about 4,000 inhabitants, one-third colored. Troy has but one line of road, making it an important cotton market, and it is the terminal point of the railroad, only 50 miles from Mobile, which at 9 cents, which is about the average, \$44 per bushel. About 8,000 tons of grain are held here annually, and Troy makes about all of it with two factories. The cotton seed is also all utilized here by oil mill and is fed to stock.

There is an immense business done here from the first of September to the last of February, when the cotton is ginned and in the summer months occupies quite a different aspect. On either side of the square you will observe little groups sitting on the walks, playing checkers. The white population, except the mechanics, do absolutely nothing, and when they have time, sit on the corners and hire negro labor at from \$3 to \$10 per month, and all they have to do is to drive out occasionally and see that things are going on. Many of the merchants keep large and small plantations and furnish the negroes and teams and grub, and go about the business of the negroes, who are always behind. No one here is as well off as the white farmers but a large per cent. of the white population is illiterate, so those who have the education and brains reap the harvest. Any Indian farmer who has means to control a patch of ground here and pay his way the first year, will have a large amount of money and experience in wealth in a few years, as the cotton crop is never a failure. Sweet potatoe average 320 bushels to the acre. Very few Irish potatoe are raised. Corn, oats and millet are grown quite successfully, but wheat is not successful. There is no native grass harvested. The effect on the manufacturing interests of the state has been wonderfully beneficial. No less than seventy-nine valuable plants having located and commenced business simply on account of advantages offered by cheap fuel. The capital invested in these plants amounts to \$6,462,500, and they employ 5,734 hands. Among these may be enumerated fourteen glass factories, twelve manufacturers of iron, four straw paper manufacturers, and four wood pulp works, embracing a combined capital of nearly \$4,000,000. Over \$300,000 per month is now being invested in Indiana, either in new manufactures or by removal of valuable plants from other states.

In the Howard county, Indiana, field natural gas is usually reached at a depth of 900 feet. The depth and name of each stratum is as follows:

Derrick,	500 feet
Niagara limestone,	360 "
White shale,	400 "
Black shale,	100 "
Trenton rock,	" "

The drill is most generally stopped about 25 feet in the Trenton rock, the gas bearing stratum. The cost of drilling a well there is about 1,500, as follows:

Derrick,	\$350
Wear and tear of tools,	200
Casing,	200
Labor,	400
Drive pipe,	75
Packer,	40
Connections,	40

Three or four weeks are required to sink a well in this field. —New Albany Ledger.

The following named persons have been admitted to the College Avenue M. E. church on probation:

John Mayers,	Alfred Shields,	Mad Campbell,	Fred Fuller,	Emma Evans,
Sadie Browning,	Joseph Campbell,	Frank Kirby,	John Kirby,	Mary Jane Evans,
Bethie Shields,	Bethie Kirby,	Adie Hendrie,	Edward Harris,	John Kirby,
Bethie H. Kirby,	John Kirby,	Adie Hendrie,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,
Jesse Carmichael,	Jesse Carmichael,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Jesse Carmichael,
Daisy Wright,	Daisy Wright,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Daisy Wright,
Lizzie Anderson,	Lizzie Anderson,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Lizzie Anderson,
Jessie Simmons,	Jessie Simmons,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Jessie Simmons,
Frank Pauley,	Frank Pauley,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Frank Pauley,
Edward Neale,	Edward Neale,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Edward Neale,
Katie Gossom,	Katie Gossom,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Katie Gossom,
Lucas Garrison,	Lucas Garrison,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Lucas Garrison,
Joseph Hespon,	Joseph Hespon,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Joseph Hespon,
Nannie Duncan,	Nannie Duncan,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Nannie Duncan,
Mrs. Margaret Dunn,	Mrs. Margaret Dunn,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Mrs. Margaret Dunn,
Minnie Campbell,	Minnie Campbell,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Minnie Campbell,
Flora May Whiteman,	Flora May Whiteman,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Flora May Whiteman,
John A. Parker,	John A. Parker,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	John A. Parker,
Eliza Halested,	Eliza Halested,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	Eliza Halested,
S. E. Carmichael,	S. E. Carmichael,	John Kirby,	John Kirby,	S. E. Carmichael,

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Forty-one thousand, six hundred pensions are paid at the Indianapolis office, amounting to \$500,000 annually.

G. W. Blanton, near Danville, Ind., was bitten by a mad dog about three weeks ago. He went to Terre Haute and had the celebrated "mad stone" at that place applied to the wound, to which it clung for four hours when it let go. It was then boiled in milk and applied again. The second time it clung two hours. Mr. Jones, of Red Wing, Minn., visited his son, E. G. Jones, last week.

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On Monday night the members of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity held a reception in honor of Dr. Collins, after his return from Europe.

The evening was spent pleasantly in games, dancing, etc. Refreshments were served at the hall. Miss Collins left the following day for her home in Nebraska.

Athenian and Independent Societies will entertain the public on the anniversary of Washington's birthday. Messrs. B. Monical and Chas. Ebelt will represent Athenian while Miss Test and Mr. Raggerty will do like honor for Independent. The leaders of both think that the Athenian will supply a goodly number of spectators to the meeting in their society and that they will better retain it. Hence Palio will not be represented.

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The Knights of Pythias entertainment on Tuesday night, Feb. 19, will be the social and society event of the season, and will consist of three parts. First the literary and musical program at their Castle Hall at 7 p. m. Second a banquet at 9 p. m. Third, grand promenade concert and ball at May's Hall to which only those holding invitations will be admitted. This provision will be strictly adhered to and great care exercised by the committee in placing invitations, which will be non-transferable and to be presented at the door. Music by orchestra of seven pieces. The Grand March promptly at 9:30 p. m. will be led by the Uniform Band in full dress, after which they will give a Fancy Drill exhibition.

This being the silver anniversary of the order no expense or pains will be spared to make it a pleasure to all who attend. Tickets to dance will also admit to banquet, and can be procured at usual places only on presentation of invitation. There will be a grand street parade in the afternoon by the Uniform Band in full dress, and the entire Lodge.

The Louisville, New Albany & Chicago and most of the other roads running out of Chicago made more than usual preparations in the early part of the winter to move trains promptly, no matter how deep the snow came. All the better class of engines of the L. N. A. & C. were equipped with plows at several thousand dollars expense, and there has not been snow enough as yet to require a broom to remove it from the tracks. Thus far the winter has been the mildest and most free from blizzards of any winter in the last twelve years.

The following named gentlemen constitute the jury in the "White Cap" case: E. W. Farmer, Thos. Kilpatrick, A. J. Robinson, Jos. Lindsey, Wm. Lee, J. L. Dowden, Wm. Nunn, Perry O. Butcher, T. J. Bates, Thos. Brown, I. Milt. Roger, Joseph Myers.

Till. Treat has six weeks engagement in Chicago for his dog show. This is a great educational center— even the dogs are educated.

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Tex Siftings a Home Paper. We desire to have it distinctly understood that Tex Siftings is a paper for the family, and that nothing of a vulgar or indecent character, either in the way of pictures or letter-press will ever be admitted. We will not print any article which would not be appropriate for a family newspaper.

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College Cullings.

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