



WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

The Hoosier State Furnishes Interesting Bits of News.

Solving a Murder Mystery.

LA PORTE, Ind., Oct. 11.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. Michael Cook of New Durham township, has been partially solved by the coroner's inquest, which adjourned after a brief session to await further developments. Some damaging evidence against the husband of the murdered woman was disclosed. He claims to have been absent at work on the Lake Shore road at the time of the tragedy. He was seen near his home the night of the murder. Cook had been quite attentive to a widow in the neighborhood, which caused his wife to be intensely jealous. However, the widow decided to get married and it is said the nuptial bands were published two of the three necessary times in the Polish church, but before the third week Cook paid her a visit and the match is reported to have been declared off. Shortly after this visit Mrs. Cook was murdered, and now the widow is said to be missing. On the strength of the circumstantial evidence developed the sheriff decided to place Cook under arrest, but on going to his house he could not be found. Shortly before the officers arrived Cook had returned from Michigan City with a coffin for his wife, but learning in some way of his probable arrest he disappeared. Every effort is being made to find and bring him back to answer for the crime.

Poisoned by Impure Milk.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 11.—Saturday last a large quantity of milk was purchased by the officials of the deaf and dumb institute, and the cooks used it in making potato soup. The soup was served at dinner and thirty-five of the inmates of it, more or less heartily. Within an hour afterward they were all taken with violent nausea and purging, and for awhile it was thought that some of them would die. Prompt medical attention carried them all beyond the danger point, but several are still quite sick from the effects of the meal. It was at first supposed that the poison was occasioned by the fact that parsnip green had been used to kill the bugs on the plants, but an examination of the milk developed the fact it was impure, and the physicians now attribute the sickness to it. Only a small quantity of the milk could be obtained for analysis, but this was enough to demonstrate that it was impure and poisonous to the system.

Killed His Rival.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Oct. 11.—A fatal shooting affray occurred at the residence of Mrs. Jackson, a widow living in Warren township, Sunday evening. Mrs. Jackson has a daughter who was receiving the attention of two young men—Frank Shultz, a farmer, and Charles Berkheimer, a railroad man. Shultz drove to the house Sunday evening and was met at the fence by Berkheimer, who forbade the latter to hit his horse. Shultz refused to obey, when Berkheimer assaulted him. Shultz fired his revolver at Berkheimer, the ball striking the latter in the side. Shultz then went to the house and accompanied the Jackson girl to church. Berkheimer managed to reach a neighbor, at whose house he died. Shultz has been arrested.

Debt the Charges.

COLUMBUS, Oct. 11.—Suit for \$10,000 damages was instituted Monday by Joseph Carter and wife against Messrs. Dibbey & Locke, editors and proprietors of the Columbus Herald, the democratic organ of Bartholomew county. Suit has also been filed against them for criminal libel and warrants for their arrest have been issued, but owing to their absence from the city have not been served. The Herald in a recent issue charged Carter and wife with stealing a ballot box in 1888.

Human Skeletons Unearthed.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Oct. 11.—A gravel pit was opened Saturday on the farm of Newton Banks, in the eastern part of the county, and while workmen were engaged in hauling the gravel away a square space was struck, from which eight human skeletons were taken. The skeletons were in an erect position. The skull bones do not indicate that they are those of Indians.

Minister Hirsch Resigns.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Solomon Hirsch, who has represented this country as minister at Constantinople since the spring of 1889, has resigned. He handed his resignation Monday to Secretary John W. Foster, who accepted it with reluctance.

SICKLES STILL DEFANT.

He Slashes Grover Vigorously at the Washington Reunion.

General Sickles still "has it in" for Mr. Cleveland. Addressing the gallant Third corps in Washington he defended the pension system, which recognizes in a practical way the services which the soldiers of the Union armies had rendered their country in its hour of peril. But he said more, and these are some of his words:

"You are going home now, and there is something I want you to take home with you. Ponder it; teach it to your children; tell it to your neighbors. It is this truth: That the people of the United States will see that no man is ever elected to an office of profit and trust in this country who opposes the payment of pensions to the soldiers of the Union."

That was a saber thrust at Mr. Cleveland, who was never so merry as when hunting for half a reason to veto a widow's pension. The report continues:

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