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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

The Sioux Indians Again on the War-Path—Bold Robbery at Tipton, Ind.—Strange Finding of a Dead Man—The Great Showman, P. T. Barnum, Dying—Fatal Explosion—Important Decision.

INDIAN TROUBLES.

The Sioux are again on the war-path.

Grand Forks (N. D.) Special. Adjutant General Devoy received a telegram from Governor Miller at Bismarck, requesting him to report at the latter city immediately and make active preparations for suppressing the impending outbreak of Indian hostilities. Word was brought by a friendly Indian to Mandan that the Sioux were on the war-path and ready for an outbreak. The city is excited over the report, and any number of volunteers are already offering their services to go and fight "Big Injun."

A mass meeting of citizens in Mandan was held to discuss the Indian situation. Citizens have organized for protection. Gov. Miller was telegraphed for arms and ammunition, and he has given instructions to the Adjutant General to use his discretion in the purchase of five hundred stand of arms and 50,000 rounds of fixed ammunition. All sorts of rumors are afloat. Telegrams to Standing Rock are unanswered, and the latest rumors are that a band of armed Indians has left the reservation. Settlers from every direction come in reporting insults received from predatory bands of Indians armed to the teeth, who make circles around the tops of their heads. The citizens of Mandan have practically no arms and are helpless. During the last few days the entire community was terrorized. They have been looking for aid from the Government, expecting the Indians to come upon them every hour, and no help or sign of help comes. The Indians went into a hardware store and called for ammunition, to shoot white men, they said.

Strange Finding of a Dead Man.

A man named Trumbo, living near Fostoria, Ohio, found in his barnyard a well-dressed man, the back of which was his brain. The murdered man is about forty years of age, heavy black mustache, black hair, slightly sprinkled with gray, on one arm was tattooed a woman's picture and on the other, the initials "W. L. C." and looks as though he were an iron worker. In his pocket was found a piece of paper with the address of "A. Jenkins, Goodland, New York City." Another with the name "Nellie Meyers, Leesburg, Ind." and a piece of a Toledo price current of November 7, on the back of which was written, "Augusta." He had nothing else in his pockets but a piece of tobacco and a few trinkets. He was seen in a cigar store the night before with a watch and chain and a good roll of money.

Fatal Explosion.

A terrible boiler explosion and loss of life occurred at the copper works of Trexler & Bro., at Merzotown, Pa., caused, it is said, by a defective boiler. The killed are: Charles Oswald, Henry Epler and Sausman Hilbert. Four others were slightly injured. The boiler was thirty feet long and was torn in three pieces, one of which, twenty-three feet long, was hurled a distance of 150 yards. The three men killed were thrown 140 feet away and lay side by side. The bodies were not much mutilated.

Important Decision.

The Supreme Court of the United States through Justice Blatchford has decided that a person injured partly through his own negligence is not debarred from recovering damages. The case in which the decision was rendered was that of the steamer Max Morris against Mrs. Patrick Curry, who was injured while loading the vessel by falling through a hole. Curry is a longshoreman.

Anarchists Can't Talk in Cincinnati.

Here Most having arranged for an Anarchist meeting at Cincinnati, the Mayor has decided to not permit a meeting for that purpose, and threatens to revoke the license of the hall if the anarchists do not obey. The anarchists made no attempt to hold a meeting. Here Most did not even come to the hall. The threats of the Mayor to break up any such meeting by police interference proved effectual.

Thirty Persons Killed and Forty Injured.

A railway train from Asbury, on which there were a large number of soldiers, derailed near Tipton, Ind., and 30 persons were killed and 40 injured. The accident was caused by the derauling of one of the track by recent heavy rains.

Abject Poverty in Ireland.

Col. Turner has just returned from a visit to the district of Skibbereen, Ireland, which Mr. Balfour was prevented by illness from visiting on his recent tour. He gives a very gloomy report of the condition of the district. The inhabitants, he says, are for the most part in a state of abject poverty, especially in Schull, where the greatest destitution prevails.

Peace Made at Last.

The final treaty of peace between San Salvador and Guatemala, was signed at the capital of Guatemala. The autonomy and independence of each republic is guaranteed and the principle of non-interference made public.

Bold Robbery.

The United States Express Company was robbed of a money package containing \$1,000 at Tipton, Ind. Elmer Meeker, the agent, received the package from the messenger of the north-bound train, and was leaving his office when he was attacked by a masked man. Meeker was knocked senseless, his keys to the safe taken and the package secured. Meeker regained consciousness before the robber departed and opened fire on him without effect. The thief returned the fire, and seriously injured the agent's right hand. There is no clue to the robber.

EASTERN OCCURRENCES.

"Take that inscription down; you can't keep it up here," exclaimed Police Capt. McLaughlin at the anarchistic demonstration at Cooper Union, New York. The Captain, pointed with his club to a red banner under the speaker's desk, on which white letters were inscribed, "If you assault us with gatling guns we will use dynamite on you." A number of anarchists protested against the order and made some hisses, but the Captain remained firm and the banner came down. The meeting was to keep fresh the memory of the Chicago An-

archists. It was the largest ever held in New York. Ten sergeants and 100 policemen were on hand. The platform was crowded with the leading lights of anarchy. Lucy Parsons was introduced and made her usual speech. John Most gave one of his characteristic yawns, which was wildly applauded.

While the McKinley tariff bill was pending in Congress and immediately after it became a law many manufacturers of Pittsburgh, Pa., announced their intention of going into the manufacture of tin-plate. It was stated that at least \$25,000,000 would be invested in the new industry in that city and vicinity. Industries with the firms who had made these statements reveal the fact that they have about all changed their minds. Only two firms, the United States Iron and Steel Company and P. H. Laufman & Co. will go into the manufacture of tin-plate and that on a small scale. Pittsburgh manufacturers say that will be nothing certain about the tariff now until after the election of 1902, and that they cannot afford to invest millions on a chance. They charge that the remarkable advance in the cost of tin-plated plates last month was due to a combination between importers, who were interested in disgusting the public with the new tariff. A member of Carnegie Bros. & Co., speaking of the matter, said: "There is no doubt that prospects for the new building of tin-plated mills at Pittsburgh and other points had good foundation. The result of last Tuesday's election, a big Democratic Congress and a Senate very possibly Democratic on the subject of the tariff would, of course, throw cold water on such prospects."

WESTERN HAPPENINGS.

Mrs. WELDON, of Brooklyn, the woman last made famous through reports of her love match with Sitting Bull, has arrived at Pierre, S. D. Mrs. Weldon said that Sitting Bull is now leading the messiah craze with such effect that the Indians have one and all disavowed all friendship with the whites and are hourly expecting the arrival of their messiah, who they will at once come into possession of the earth. Emissaries from this new Christ have appeared among the various tribes during the past week, who announced that the time was now very close for the grand event. The messiah has taken a hold of them with a strange and ardent fervor. They now refuse to let white men approach the places where they are holding their religious ceremonies. General Rigor, of the Department of Dakota, on the contrary, says the craze is dying out.

C. W. NOYES, inventor of the famous road cart of that name, died in the asylum at Kalamazoo, Mich., being driven mad by financial troubles.

MORTIMER EUBANKS, the old man who was arrested at Mitchell, Ind., as an accomplice in the brutal murder of his daughter Mary, has made a confession. He says the crime was committed by his son, Ben Eubanks, about midnight Sunday night. He says Ben had been quarreling with his sister, and that at the time mentioned he seized a club and began beating her with it. He claims that he attempted to prevent his son from murdering his sister, but being old and feeble he was unable to do so. Eubanks, the father, is now 70 years of age, and Ben Eubanks is a man of 35, of bad reputation and dangerous when drunk.

JACOB STROEBEL, a farmer, drank a pint of whisky on a wagon at Saginaw, Mich., and dropped dead a few minutes after.

SETTLERS on the farms and ranches south of Mandan, N. D., are fleeing from their homes, believing that an Indian uprising is near at hand. They urgently demand protection, and many have fled to the reservation, saying they are deserted unless the settlers receive some assurance that they will not be left to the mercy of the murderous redskins, who are now whetting their knives in anticipation of the moment when they may begin their bloody work. The Indians are trading their horses and all other property for guns and ammunition, and will be well prepared when the outbreak comes. Mandan hardware men have sold all their ammunition to them. Joseph Buckley, just from the reservation, says the Indian Agents are harboring a feeling of false security, and that the danger will be realized when it is too late. The Mayor of Mandan has called a public meeting, and the Government will be petitioned for aid to arm the citizens. The Indians say they will wage every thing to gain and nothing to lose by an uprising. If they are beaten their rations will be doubled, as in the past. Buckley says every Indian on the reservation will have a rifle, and that they have got possession of Custer's rifles, which the United States army has never found.

The speaker of the Farmers' Alliance overshadows all other political considerations at Washington. Clever politicians estimate the vote polled by that organization in the recent election at 1,000,000. The Alliance is not saying anything that can be construed as an indication of their future purposes. The expectation is that their party will increase so rapidly during the next two years that their voting strength in 1902 will not fall much, if any, short of five million. In that event they will undoubtedly place a Presidential ticket in the field with a moral certainty of carrying half a dozen Southern and Western States.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

In an interview in Washington Senator Sherman said: "The most serious result of the late election is the hardening of the times caused by the distrust of the financial policy of the incoming House of Representatives. All sorts of financial schemes of the widest character will be proposed, and whatever may be the outcome they will make capital timid and arrest many business enterprises that are on the point of being executed. Our only course as Republicans is to maintain and strengthen our industrial policy on the line we have pursued, in the hope that by the next election the people will be convinced by the test of time that the tariff will not advance prices, but will advance home industries."

POLITICAL PORRIDGE.

THE Hon. W. S. Morris, late Democratic candidate for Congress in the Twentieth Illinois District, will contest Smith's right to the seat. He claims to have proof that several hundred votes were given to Lawrence, the Independent Labor candidate, were counted for Smith.

MAL A. R. ANDERSON, the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Eighth (Iowa) District, who was defeated by Flick, Republican, by 117 majority, states that he will contest Flick's election.

THE St. Paul Eye names Gov. Merriam for Vice President on the ticket with Mr. Blaine in 1902, because Minnesota's Governor is the only Republican from a leading State who survived the avalanche of Nov. 4.

A SPECIAL CANVASS of the New Hampshire State returns shows that Hiram A. Tuttle, R., receives 42,472; Charles H. Amosden, D., 42,372; Prohibition, 1,305; giving Tuttle a plurality of 100. No

returns from Wentworth were received, but this will not change the result ten votes either way. A majority is required to elect, so the Legislature will have to be the final arbiter in the matter. The Senate will stand fourteen Republicans and ten Democrats.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

A REPUBLICAN manifesto signed by 121 students of the Coimbra University has been issued in Lisbon, Portugal.

Prof. Koch's great discovery of a cure for consumption is attracting great attention in the medical world. His method is to inoculate the patient with lymph, the preparation of which is his secret.

"Professor Koch holds supreme sway over public interest in Berlin. The publication of the Professor's statement has constituted the center of the new Berlin and abroad, and from every center of Europe and America telegrams of inquiry are pouring in on Koch, Pfuhl, Cornet, Bergmann, and the other medical men who are known to be engaged in treating patients by the new method. Many medical men, including a number of English and American physicians, have been studying the process under Dr. Levy in the small wards of a private hospital. Here, since October, eight prominent cases of consumptive have been in progress. Dr. Levy every morning shows his patients to the visiting physicians, and illustrates the peculiar features of the new method as visible in individual cases. Addressing a group of physicians in his private laboratory, Dr. Levy said: 'The remedy not only attacks particular places and groups of bacilli, but rapidly annihilates all tuberculous bacilli, with which bodies are infested. We now know that the curative matter acts equally upon all groups. The first cure is to free the organism from bacilli. To attain this end we apply massage at an early stage of the treatment to the glands, joints, etc., affected by tuberculosis in order to force the bacilli which have encased themselves in cysts into the blood stream. Then we can more easily reach them than when they are in those parts where the circulation has little influence.'"

The great house of Baring Brothers, of London, the largest banking house in the world, and whose stability has been considered second only to that of the Bank of England itself, has narrowly escaped ruin. The great house, vaguely rumored, had unsettled the money markets of the world for a week, and when the announcement came that the Barings had been obliged to seek the assistance of the Bank of England to save them from ruin, a panic set in in the financial centers both of Europe and America. In New York stocks of every kind went plunging down to the lowest level reached for a long time, and on the Chicago Board of Trade wheat and all other speculative products took a dive to the bottom. What had really happened to the great house of Baring Brothers, a house that had withstood the financial storms of a century, was this: For the last five or six years the Barings have been investing heavily in the securities of the Argentine Republic. The Argentine Republic, which last summer naturally caused a great shrinkage in the value of its securities. So heavily loaded was the great London house with their bonds that when it became necessary to raise ready money it was compelled to sell. A failure must have occurred had not the Bank of England and several private banks in London come to the rescue with a guarantee fund of \$55,000,000 to prevent the threatened smash. The failure of the Barings would have precipitated a panic in Europe and America such as has not been known for many years. The total liabilities of the firm are estimated at \$105,000,000, while the assets, at present prices, are valued at \$120,000,000.

The Turkish Government has sent 3,000 troops to Tripoli and is increasing the armaments of the forts. These precautions are due to fears concerning the designs of Italy upon Tripoli.

FRESH AND NEWSY.

At the meeting of Southern cotton goods manufacturers, in session at Charleston, N. C., it has been determined to form a combination for the enhancement of the price of cotton fabrics.

R. G. DUN & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Those who have long expected severe reaction on the stock market have now seen the average of prices thrown back to a lower point than has been reached at any other time for more than four years. It remains the fact that the legitimate business of the country is not in a depressed condition, not much inflated or endangered by speculation, and so far complaints in regard to collections have been much fewer than usual. The demand for goods is not improbably produce some shrinkage in transactions and dilution of profits.

Reports from other cities show that at most points the events in Wall street have little or no effect as yet. At Chicago money is active and in demand, and the rate of exchange is steady. Funds for investment, Eastern disturbances are little felt; grain and cereal markets are quiet; a slight loss is seen in the price of beef, but not in the price of heavy loss in hides, but a liberal gain in wool and hard, while trade in dry goods, clothing, and shoes is much larger, with satisfactory collections. Western point shows disturbance in trade, though money is generally loose.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO.
CATTLE—Common to Prime..... 3.25 @ 5.50
HOGS—Shipping Grades..... 3.50 @ 4.00
SHEEP—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard..... 40 @ 42
CORN—No. 2..... 40 @ 42
OATS—No. 2..... 25 @ 28
RYE—..... 35 @ 38
BUTTER—Choice Creamery..... 25 @ 28
EGGS—Fresh..... 22 @ 25
POTATOES—Western, per bu..... 35 @ 40
INDIANAPOLIS.
CATTLE—Shipping..... 3.50 @ 4.50
HOGS—Choice..... 3.00 @ 3.50
SHEEP—Common to Prime..... 2.50 @ 3.00
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard..... 38 @ 40
CORN—No. 2..... 35 @ 38
OATS—No. 2 White..... 25 @ 28
ST. LOUIS.
CATTLE—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
HOGS—..... 3.50 @ 4.00
SHEEP—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard..... 38 @ 40
CORN—No. 2..... 35 @ 38
OATS—No. 2 Mixed..... 25 @ 28
CINCINNATI.
CATTLE—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
HOGS—..... 3.50 @ 4.00
SHEEP—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard..... 38 @ 40
CORN—No. 2..... 35 @ 38
OATS—No. 2 White..... 25 @ 28
MILWAUKEE.
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring..... 40 @ 42
CORN—No. 2..... 35 @ 38
OATS—No. 2..... 25 @ 28
DETROIT.
CATTLE—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
HOGS—..... 3.50 @ 4.00
SHEEP—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard..... 38 @ 40
CORN—No. 2..... 35 @ 38
OATS—No. 2 White..... 25 @ 28
NEW YORK.
CATTLE—..... 3.50 @ 4.50
HOGS—..... 3.00 @ 3.50
SHEEP—..... 3.00 @ 4.50
WHEAT—No. 2 Hard..... 40 @ 42
CORN—No. 2..... 40 @ 42
OATS—Mixed Western..... 25 @ 28

NEWS OF OUR OWN STATE.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN INDIANA—THE PAST WEEK.

Killed While Hunting—Muncie to Have a New Opera House—Fired Shot into a Toll-House—A New Bank—Scarlet Fever Epidemic at Bedford.

—Marion is to have a new iron-mill.

—Muncie is to have a new opera-house to cost \$40,000.

—Mason N. Halle died of heart disease at Brookville.

—Chas. Love, of Osgood, fell from a fence and broke his leg.

—Two toughs had a prize fight at Fort Wayne, and one had a finger broken.

—Five persons died suddenly of heart disease in Orange County in one week.

—The growing wheat is said to be looking better this season than ever before.

—Charles Evans, of Shawanstown, Ill., was killed at Evansville by falling down stairs.

—William Harris, a brakeman on the Lake Shore Road, was killed by the cars at Goshen.

—George Evers, a pioneer of Elkhart County, aged 75 years, died at his home near Bristol.

—George Taylor, while hunting near Tipton, was seriously injured by the explosion of a gun.

—Several children were injured in a panic in a school house at Muncie, due to an alarm of fire.

—E. B. Ramsey, of Burket, section foreman of the Nickel Plate, was badly mangled by a train.

—Samuel M. Archer, a banker widely known throughout the State, died at his home in Evansville.

—Henry Lovely was caught by falling slate in the Buckeye mine, at Cannelburg, and crippled for life.

—Daniel Romberger has sued Dr. L. J. Willen, of Terre Haute, for \$10,000 damages, for alleged malpractice.

—Will Currie, an Osgood barber, accidentally shot himself in the side while hunting. His injuries are not fatal.

—A new M. E. Church, will be dedicated at Fairmont on December 1. The building is under course of construction now.

—Miss Kate Yunker, of Mount Vernon, took a snap shot at a burglar entering the house, and got the end of his nose.

—Near Fort Wayne Miss Ida Snyder was shot and killed by Albert Shurt, a discarded suitor, who then committed suicide.

—Frank Shunk died of lockjaw at Now Albany. He ran a nail into his foot some weeks ago, but the wound had healed.

—At the home of Lafayette Elliot, six miles east of Columbus, John M. Gould, aged 24 years, died of heart disease while asleep.

—Messrs Lockridge, of Greencastle, sold to a New York firm for export, a bunch of cattle weighing an average of 1,700 pounds.

H. H. Alfrey & Co., of Terre Haute, will establish a heading factory at Greencastle, that will give employment to seventy-five hands.

—James Bryce, the little son of Sheriff Alexander Bryce, of Owen County, injured by a train at Spencer, died of his wounds.

—John Rorok, a blacksmith at Jeffersonville, has fallen heir to \$50,000, left by an uncle in Germany, of whose existence he was unaware.

—A freight train on the Panhandle was wrecked four miles east of Richmond. Fifteen cars were smashed and the track was torn up for 100 feet.

—The heirs of Horace M. Wright, of Fort Wayne, were awarded a judgment for \$4,000 against Allen County. Wright was killed by the breaking of a bridge in that county.

—Indiana's quails are in small danger of being annihilated, but at the rate the reports of hunting accidents are coming in the race of Nimrod is likely to be exterminated.

—Two fire-engines collided at a street corner in Evansville. Fireman Conners was injured, the horses were badly crippled and the engines considerably smashed up.

—William Mauchamer, a farmer living south of Anderson, was kicked in the forehead by a vicious horse and death ensued in a short time. His skull was horribly crushed.

—Mrs. Miller, of Moore's Hill, who last summer charged the management of the Central Insane Asylum with cruelty, has been again arrested and will be re-pointed to the institution.

—Congressman Brookshire announces that there will be a competitive examination for appointment to West Point some time in December, to be held either at Terre Haute or Crawfordsville.

—In Union Township, Adams County, John G. Sheets was stricken with paralysis while shingling a barn. His fellow-workman nailed his clothing to the roof while he went for assistance.

—Suit has been entered in the Montgomery Circuit Court against the L. S. & K. C. Railroad to recover the value of the hide of a cow that was killed by the cars, and whose hide was secured by the station agent.

—At Mitchell, Miss Mary Eubanks died from the effects of blows administered by a drunken brother.

—Frank Robertson, aged 19, committed suicide by shooting himself, at his home, near Westville. Dissipation had caused despondency.

—A child of Rev. H. P. Corey, the Presbyterian minister of Greencastle, was playing around some burning leaves, when his dress caught fire, burning one side of his body to a blister. The injury is regarded as serious, though not fatal.

—Burglars robbed the money drawer in George Coombs' saloon at Jeffersonville, and set fire to the building. The damage amounted to \$500.

—A shocking accident occurred at the home of John Kauffman, who lives in Lafayette. The family was at supper, when the little thirteen-months-old son pulled the tablecloth so far as to upset a cup of boiling water over his face and breast, a portion of the boiling liquid going into the mouth of the little one. The child lingered for some hours, but death at last relieved it from its terrible agony.

—A new bank was organized at Elizabethtown, Bartholomew County. It is to be known as the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank. Edward Springer will be president.

—Burglars, made a raid on the grocery establishment of A. H. Benham, of Wabash. Smoked meats, a number of small articles and money of an aggregate value of \$30 were taken. No clue.

—The Advent Christian Church at Jeffersonville, was imposed upon by a clerical fraud from Topeka, advertising himself as Elder J. J. Austin, who obtained the pulpit of the church by means of forged credentials.

—The Bedford Board of Health has ordered the School Board to close the public schools indefinitely on account of the scarlet fever. Two deaths have occurred and several other cases are reported.

—Henry Hooten, aged 85 years, and one of the early settlers of Morgan County, was almost totally paralyzed, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alexander Stewart. Owing to his extreme age he cannot recover.

—John Lobdoff who, for over fifty years, has been a resident of Wabash County, died at his home near Lafontaine, aged 81 years, of Bright's disease. He was considered one of the most prominent farmers of the county.

—For thirty years Hendricks county has had no saloon within its borders. Last week a notice of an application for license was published, and the citizens are fully aroused to defeat the effort. An indignation meeting was called, when active steps were taken to defeat the project.

—Miss Laura Burns, of Martinsville, has probably the longest hair of any woman in this country. It is over seven feet long, very heavy and of a light brown color. The lady is five feet three inches in height and when standing erect her hair falls to the floor and forms a trail nearly two feet in length.

—The third annual convention of the Indiana Christian Endeavor Union, held at Evansville, elected the following officers: W. J. Lewis, of Evansville, president; Rev. A. C. Hathaway, of Richmond, vice president, and Miss Bettie M. Wishard, of Indianapolis, secretary and treasurer. Kokomo was selected for the next place of meeting.

—William Osborne, aged 63 years, while walking westward on the dinky track at Jeffersonville, was struck by a train near the J. M. & I. bridge fill, and instantly killed. The trainmen were unable to stop the engine after discovering that Osborne failed to heed the signal. Osborne resided with his son, Finley P. Osborne, at Ohio Falls.

—While hunting near his home, three miles from New Albany, Charles Edwards, aged 18 years, was shot in the arm by the discharge of one barrel of his gun while he was loading the other. The flesh was almost entirely torn from the member between the hand and elbow, and fears are entertained that his injury will prove fatal, as lock-jaw may supervene.

—A. R. Brattin has brought suit at Greencastle against the Westchester Fire Insurance Company to compel the payment of the insurance due on his property, which was destroyed by fire last August. Mr. Brattin's tenant had vacated the dwelling temporarily, but did not remove his household goods, and the company contend that the policy was thus forfeited. The house was insured for \$2,800.

—Hon. William D. Robinson, the founder of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who has been ill for several months, died at his home at Washington of cancer of the stomach. He was sixty years of age. Engineer Robinson was one of the oldest railroad men in the United States. He ran one of the first through trains between Cincinnati and St. Louis on the Ohio & Mississippi, and was in the employment of this company for thirty years.

—If no bad luck befalls the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bennett, of Anderson, he will no doubt become a rival of Hanson E. Craig, the Danville fat man.

The youngster is now five months old, and on account of his phenomenal growth is the wonder of all the women of Anderson. He now weighs eighty pounds.

When born he was an average baby and weighed about ten pounds. He has been gaining since his birth on an average twelve pounds per month. The baby is in excellent health and is perfect in every respect.

—The Board of Trustees of the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument met at Indianapolis, General Tom Bennett, of Richmond; General M. D. Manson, of Crawfordsville, and George W. Langsdale, of Greencastle, being present.

The Board heard excuses from the Terre Haute Stone Company for failure to furnish material in such quantities as should have enabled the Commission to complete the monument by the first of this month. It was promised that there should be no further delays in the matter of furnishing stone. It is now stated that the monument will be ready for unveiling next August. The last of the heavy stone, weighing six tons, has been laid. The work from this time on will be lighter, and the people of Indiana will be pleased to learn that there are to be no more expediting delays.

—The grocery store of David Lee, at Crawfordsville, was entered by thieves the other night and a few articles and some pennies secured. This makes almost a dozen times this store has been robbed in the past few years.

—George C. Crowell, one of the wealthy men of Peru, was thrown from a buggy, while suffering from heart trouble, receiving a fractured skull and other injuries from which death will result. He is aged 73, and was one of the first merchants in Miami county.

—The first contracts for the construction of the new buildings of the Indiana Steel Company has been let, at Wabash. There will in all be five structures, the dimensions averaging 90x112 feet. Work on the mill will begin this week, and it is hoped to have the buildings under roof by February 1. The capacity of the establishment will be sixty tons of steel per day, instead of fifty tons as originally contemplated.

—Some would-be assassin fired two charges of buckshot through the door of a toll-house in Fayette County, occupied by Marion Peyton and family.

BIRCHALL'S DEBT PAID.

A History of the Crime for Which He Paid the Extreme Penalty—The Murderer Leaves a Written Statement—No Untoward Scenes at the Gallows.

[Woodstock (Ont.) dispatch.]
Reginald Birchall expired on the gallows the murder of his friend Benwell at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. His last night on earth was passed, I shall late hour, in the company of his wife.

The last words spoken by Birchall were to the hangman. He said: "Have you any objections to shaking hands with me?" "Certainly not," replied the executioner, and the last hand-shake followed.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review publishes the following letter from Birchall, which had been sent to that office with instructions that it was not to be printed until after his execution:

Woodstock Jan. 10, 1900.
If after my death there shall appear in the press or in any other manner whatsoever any confession that I had any hand in the murder of A. C. Benwell or any previous knowledge of said murder, with intent or malice aforethought, or any personal connection with the murder on the 17th of February, or other day, or any knowledge that any such murder was likely to be committed, or any statement further than any that I may have made public previous to this date, I hand this statement to the care of George Perry, of Woodstock, Ont., that he may know that any confession or partial confessions are entirely fictitious and no way were uttered by me. No confession emanated from me in any way whatsoever to any person, and the whole are fictitious and without a word of truth. It likewise applies to my story in the Mail, in which I have made no such confession or partial confession. This is to be good throughout. R. BIRCHALL.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

John Reginald Birchall was born at a place in East Cheshire, near Llanfair, in Wales, where his father was the Protestant rector, a little over twenty-five years ago.

His father was a well-to-do man, and died in 1878, leaving his three sons and one daughter well provided for.

Reginald was educated at Harrow and Oxford, and left a last will and testament.

In the pursuit of his antecedents the detectives found at every step evidence that he was a man of evil character.

In 1888 Birchall married the daughter of David Stephens, General Traffic Manager of the London and North-Western Railway.

The young woman's family were opposed to the match, but she finally eloped with him.

At the time of the crime Birchall was employed with a firm of photographers in London.

In 1890 Birchall continued to lead a fast life and he was soon at his wit's end for money. It was during this period that the scheme which resulted in the murder of Benwell was conceived.

The crime was the insertion in the