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LARGE CRIST OF NEWS.

THESENATE LAYS ASIDE THE FORCE BILL.

Gas Explosion—Blown Up by Dynamite—Terrible Wreck on the Union Pacific—Tin Plate at Canton, Ohio.

Church Lotteries Doomed.

A special from St. Paul, Minn., says: The Catholic Church, which, up to the present time, has permitted lotteries at fairs for the raising of money for church purposes, is to shut down on all such practices, at least in this section of Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Archbishop Ireland has issued the following order: "Public sentiment has become so pronounced, and rightly so, against lotteries and chance games that we deem it our duty to prohibit altogether, as we now do, the raising of money for religious or charitable purposes by the sale of chances, the use of wheels of fortune or by any method involving lottery or gambling. This rule, which we now make, admits of no exception. It applies to counties as well as to towns, to convents as well as to parishes."

Soldier Savings.

It is probable that one of the many attractions of the Chicago World's Fair will be a small nation of Sioux Indians encamped at Fort Sheridan. Gen. Miles, who is expected to arrive soon from Pine Ridge Agency, proposes to bring from there a reservation about 4000 Sioux warriors, only a few in the United States army and station them at Fort Sheridan. There they will be drilled the same as white enlisted regulars and reserved for use in possible future Indian wars. Gen. Miles has been talking over the prospect in a general way, said Col. Corbin at army headquarters, but I don't think he has yet evolved the details. He has been thinking of bringing a couple of companies of Indians to Fort Sheridan, but before it can be done many preliminary arrangements must be made.

New Messiah Case.

The story of the spread of the messiah craze in the Minnesota Indians for a reservation near St. Hilare and the threatened uprising proves to be an absurd tale perpetrated by a member of Gov. Merriam's staff. The officers of the Great Northern Railway, Gen. Raper and others, strenuously deny all knowledge of an uprising. It turns out to be a scheme to induce the Legislature to make a heavy appropriation for the national guard, for which a lobby is now making a strong fight.

Blown Up With Dynamite.

Winfield (W. Va.) special: The fourth instance in which houses in this vicinity have been blown up with dynamite occurred here recently. The home of James Collins was demolished; Moses Henry's store was partially wrecked; the same night and William Roan's dwelling was demolished and several persons injured. Three arrests have been made as a result of the explosion. The town is terrorized.

A Postmaster in Trouble.

Columbus special: John L. Jones, postmaster at Newbern, Ohio, is undergoing a preliminary trial before United States Commissioner Barker of this place, for taking a letter from the Columbus postoffice that was addressed to John Colow, of Newbern, Ind. Colow owed Jones a store bill and he came here and got the letter, it is charged, in which there was \$24 due Colow as a pension.

Fatal Ice Carnival.

At an ice boat carnival, at Erie, Pa., while one of the crafts was traveling at a terrific speed, it ran into a log, scarcely visible above the ice. Human life was lost and the boat crushed and broken. The boat was badly injured. Others on board escaped with little or no injuries.

Gas Explosion.

A horrible gas explosion at Mill Grove, Blackfoot County, Ind., is reported. The Salsburg Gas Company, of Fort Wayne, have been there digging a gas well, and it is supposed the explosion was under the boiler. It is rumored that two men were seriously hurt and one fatally buried.

Tin Plate at Canton.

The first tin plate explosion in this country is reported from Canton, Ohio. It is one of two cups made by a St. Louis company, and presented by them to Maj. McKinley. It is composed of 97 per cent. iron.

A State Treasurer \$85,000 Short.

A count of currency in the Arkansas State Treasury proceeded. The sum of \$84,000 still wanting shows the shortage to be \$85,000. The balance will be made good by the bankers as soon as officially notified.

Indiana Refuses to Appropriate Money for the World's Fair.

The Lower House of the Indiana General Assembly after debate covering several hours, by a vote of 62 to 32, resolved not to appropriate one dollar to the World's Fair if the Federal Senate passed the force bill.

Forty Miners Killed.

Berlin special: A terrible disaster has occurred at the Hiberna Colliery at Guelph, Ontario. Forty men were killed and thirty were severely injured by an explosion which took place in one of the pits.

The Force Bill Defeated.

By a vote of 35 to 34 the Senate laid aside the election bill, a virtual defeat for that measure. The appointment bill was taken up.

Terrible Wreck On the Union Pacific Road.

The Union Pacific passenger train was wrecked at Florence, Kans., in collision with a double header passenger train bearing returning soldiers from the West. No particulars can be obtained as the road officials are close-mouthed. Several persons reported killed, including two engineers. The three engines and ten or twelve passenger coaches were totally wrecked.

Dropped Dead.

John Herriman, the well-known retired New York dry goods merchant, dropped dead.

EASTERN OCCURRENCES.

Two Italian laborers employed on the Baltimore and Ohio at Uniontown, Pa., struck against a reduction in wages from \$1.35 to \$1.20 per day. About half of the gang quit and the other half wanted to continue work, but the strikers attacked them in a body and drove them off. The ring-leaders in the riot have been arrested.

Information is said to have reached the New York Board of Health that in a den in Mott street are five Chinamen suffering from leprosy. Two others are

said to have been sent back to China a few days ago.

GEORGE KENDALL, the young English farm hand of Arlington, N. J., who was bitten in the hip by Skye terrier, died in a New York hospital, a victim of hydrophobia in its most horrible form.

Beizo told by a medium that her husband was faithless Mrs. Ludwig Anderson poisoned herself and three children at Brockton, Mass.

A FIRE occurred at Jersey City and resulted in the killing of Chief Engineer Henry E. Farrier and Daniel Dinan, stoker of No. 3 engine, and in serious injuries to several other firemen. Two barrels of turpentine exploded with force enough to shatter the plate-glass windows of the store and to shake the buildings in the vicinity.

In a fire at Buffalo, N. Y., two firemen were buried under a wall and instantly killed.

COMMUNICATION with the world was suspended at New York during the prevalence of a frightful storm. All local traffic was stopped, wires were down, and the mud was a foot deep.

In Peter's Valley, N. J., bears have become so bold and numerous that farmers have been compelled to begin a hunt for their extermination. In a case at Scotland, Pa., coke workers to the number of 16,000 threaten to strike Feb. 2, if their wages are not raised.

WESTERN HAPPENINGS.

GEO. MILES reviewed the troops at Pine Ridge in the midst of a driving storm. The review occurred two miles south of the agency and all the troops participated except four companies of the First Infantry.

The trial of the Plattsburg (Mo.) crusaders is in progress there. The defendants, Mrs. Bristol and Mrs. Barrett, pleaded guilty. There is no doubt that they will be convicted.

A BLIZZARD has been in progress at Crookston, Minn. Snow has fallen and has drifted badly.

A SPECIAL from Mazepa, Minn., says the oatmeal mill and elevator belonging to E. M. Johnson of Minneapolis is burned. The loss on the buildings is \$30,000. Fifty thousand bushels of grain was lost.

PETER JACKSON, the colored Australian pugilist, and Joe Bowers, who have been giving sparring exhibitions at the Tivoli Opera House in San Francisco, were arrested.

VETERANS of Nebraska have appealed to the Kansas Legislature to re-elect Senator Ingalls.

A DES MOINES (Iowa) special says that the Alliance Twine Company, of Des Moines, has purchased all of Lowry's patents for the manufacture of binding twine from slough grass and will in short time start a \$300,000 binding twine plant.

GEORGE W. MAGEE, proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel, St. Paul, failed, owing \$15,000. The assignee will run the hotel for the present.

STREET COMMISSIONER PATTERSON of Kansas City, Kan., and his corps of workmen sawed off and tore down the Kansas end of the notorious Bill Lewis' saloon in Toad-a-Louis. The Missouri end is left standing yawning and bleak. The saloon stood on the State line of Kansas and Missouri, and Lewis ran the place without a license. The exact location of the line was never determined until recently, and Lewis when arrested by the officers of one State always claimed to be doing business in the other.

JAMES R. O'NEIL, a freight conductor, was shot and instantly killed by tramps at Long Point, Iowa.

A JURY fixed the punishment of James A. Wood, an attendant at Richmond (Ind.) hospital for the insane, for the murder of Jay Blount, an inmate, at twenty-one years in the penitentiary.

GOV. MERRIAM received this dispatch from T. J. Wikstrom, St. Hilare, Minn.: "The Chippewas are having wild dances every day. Give us protection at once." The Governor also received a dispatch from the President of the Council and Postmaster at Thief River Falls asking for 100 rifles and ammunition to protect themselves against the Indians. There are 12,000 Chippewas on that part of the Red Lake Reservation in the neighborhood of Thief River Falls who have shown decided disposition to be ugly for the last month.

NEAR Butte City, H. W. Lord, of Devils Lake, N. D., was killed by a wreck on the Northern Pacific, and eight other people were badly hurt. A freight collided with a sleeper.

EX-SENATOR TAYLOR has bought for \$100,000 some mining property worth \$150,000, in Idaho. A telegrapher named Street, of St. Louis, discovered it, and sold before he learned its value.

AT Pierre, in the Legislature, charges of wholesale bribery have plunged members in the greatest excitement. Names are openly called, and investigation will follow.

At Spokane Falls a loss of \$20,000 was caused by the burning of Green's block, a three-story brick. Insurance, \$35,000.

THIS indictment against R. C. Wood, of half-brother scandal fame in Cincinnati, has been dismissed at the suggestion of the prosecuting attorney. Judge Erman, in granting the dismissal, said he realized that it was practically impossible to obtain the testimony necessary to convict.

MARKET REPORTS.

CHICAGO. CATTLE—Common to Prime... \$3.35 @ 5.75

HOGS—Shipping Grade... 3.00 @ 5.00

SHEEP—No. 2 Red... 3.00 @ 5.00

WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 3.00 @ 5.00

CORN—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

OATS—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

RYE—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

BARLEY—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

INDIANAPOLIS. CATTLE—Shipping... 3.50 @ 5.00

HOGS—Choice Light... 3.00 @ 3.75

SHEEP—Common to Prime... 3.00 @ 4.75

WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 3.00 @ 5.00

CORN—No. 1 White... 3.00 @ 5.00

OATS—No. 2 White... 3.00 @ 5.00

ST. LOUIS. CATTLE... 4.00 @ 5.00

HOGS... 3.00 @ 3.75

SHEEP... 3.00 @ 4.75

WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 3.00 @ 5.00

CORN—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

OATS—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

DETROIT. CATTLE... 3.00 @ 4.50

HOGS... 3.00 @ 3.75

SHEEP... 3.00 @ 4.75

WHEAT—No. 2 Red... 3.00 @ 5.00

CORN—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

OATS—No. 2... 3.00 @ 5.00

TOLEDO. WHEAT... 3.50 @ 5.00

CORN—No. 1 White... 3.00 @ 5.00

ron, re-elected from Pennsylvania. J. H. Gallinger succeeds Senator Blair from New Hampshire. Senator Mitchell, re-elected from Oregon. Senator Teller, re-elected from Colorado. Watson C. Squire elected from Washington.

In joint session of the Assembly at Albany, N. Y., the following was the ballot for United States Senator: Hill, 31; Evans, 79. Demarest voted.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

THE Austrian Socialists have determined to make another strike in May for a May labor holiday, and the unfortunate scenes of a year ago are more than likely to be repeated.

In the Reichstag Herr Barth, a member of the Deutsche-Freisinnige party, moved to repeal the prohibitions on American pork and bacon imports.

A LOVONOX cablegram says an election was held at Hartford to fill the Parliamentary seat made vacant by the death of the late Thomas Richardson. The poll resulted in the return of Mr. Furness, the Gladstonian candidate, who received 4,603 votes, against 3,205 polled by Mr. Gray, the nominee of the Unionists.

At the Charity Hospital in Berlin Professor Seneberg exhibited a consumptive patient whom the doctors had cut open in order that the Koch lymph might be injected in the cavity of a diseased lung. The Professor said that the patient, who was in an advanced stage of the disease, had been making rapid progress toward recovery since the operation was performed.

ADVICES from Buenos Ayres say that Valparaiso, Iquique, Coquimbo and Pica remain in a state of blockade. The insurgents are also represented to be masters of the situation. Tarapaca has been seized by the revolutionists. In Valparaiso all stores containing or supposed to contain arms and ammunition were seized by the revolt.

A KANAKA legend exists that when a red fish enters Honolulu harbor the reigning sovereign must soon die. Such a fish appeared on the 10th of November, fifteen days before the late King Kalakaua sailed for San Francisco.

DEBATE in the Reichstag shows an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the admission of American pork, and the prospect is that the embargo will be quickly removed.

SOUTHEASTERN Russia is suffering terribly from cold and starvation. Many deaths are reported. The worst snow storm for years prevailed, isolating many towns.

FRESH AND NEWSY.

GUATEMALAN officers are buying arms and ammunition in New York.

A DISPATCH from Buenos Ayres says that the revolt in Chili is spreading rapidly. The insurgents are very energetic, and are said to be managing their campaign in a very skillful manner.

R. G. DEX & Co's weekly review of trade says: It has been noteworthy throughout recent financial troubles that Western centers of trade have been comparatively free from disturbance or apprehension, and now the energy and growth of the West have their effect in larger trade and stronger confidence in Eastern commercial centers. In the reports of this week a moderate but steady increase in the volume of business compared with last year is the most striking feature. The export of domestic products continue larger than a year ago, and the excess of exports over imports is so heavy that sterling exchange does not advance, though sales of stocks on foreign account occasionally appear.

STIRS attacking the McKinley act, similar to those begun at Chicago and Cincinnati, have been entered by St. Louis importers.

A WRECK occurred last week on the Mexican National at Golondrina Station, near Monterey. An open switch caused the accident. Engineer J. W. Dehani was instantly killed and Fireman H. Stafford fatally hurt.

THE business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 380, as compared with a total of 411 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 338.

A RIO JANEIRO dispatch says a new ministry has been formed in Brazil.

IN Chili the revolutionists are gaining strength rapidly, and the overthrow of President Balmaceda is imminent. Soldiers of the regular army are deserting.

L. J. GAGE, President of the Columbian Exposition, has announced that on account of increasing private business he will retire from his position.

WHILE intoxicated, C. E. Stanley, of Cleveland, Ohio, jumped into the whirlpool at Niagara and was drowned.

THE B. P. O. Elks have banned John L. Sullivan, because he is "unworthy to associate with gentlemen, and his conduct has brought shame and disgrace upon the order." The Elks are ordered to refuse him admission.

THE strike of conductors and train-dispatchers on the Chicago and Erie Railroad came to an end, and trains were at once put in motion, after having been tied up three days.

THE fly-wheel of the engine in Lauderdale's saw-mill, near Grass Creek, Cass County, went to pieces. None of the many employees in the mill were injured.

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A dog belonging to Farmer Elliott, Knox County, went mad last week and bit several other dogs. Mr. Elliott had to kill a span of valuable mules, and cows, hogs and horses which had become afflicted. Alarm is widespread.

THE County Commissioners of Tipton County ordered all log-haulers of the different saw-mills and the heading teams of the A. R. Colmen heading factory to stop hauling on the pikes, owing to their present condition. The teamsters at once submitted to the order.

JAMES B. LERO, over 70 years old, a retired saw-mill operator, fell from a chair and died instantly while sitting in the office of Risch's livery stable, at Wabash. He was one of the oldest citizens and was in feeble health, having had two strokes of paralysis.

SOME of the most wealthy men in Fairmount have formed a stock company, and have leased several farms, with the intention of drilling for oil. Petroleum has been discovered in several gas wells in this immediate vicinity, and there is no doubt but what it can be found in large quantities.

STATE LIFE AS IT IS.

PEN PICTURES OF THE EVENTS OF ONE WEEK.

Disastrous Explosion—Practical Patriotism—Editor of the Indiana Baptist—Said to be a Farmer—Dynamiting a Saloon.

—Michigan City is putting up a bamboo factory.

—If you live in Vincennes you must muzzle your dog.

—Tipton County is so proud of her good gravel roads.

—Many families are leaving scarlet fever-ridden Bedford.

—At Terre Haute Ethel Towne was acquitted of the charge of forgery.

—A movement is on foot for an electric road from Brazil to Knightsville.

—Madison's Marine Railway Company has reorganized and will soon be in operation.

—Samuel Lance, a farmer of Vistula, was crushed to death by a tree he was felling.

—Jack Hart, a Monon brakeman, was crushed to death between the cars at Attica.

—M. Brunkman & Son's tile factory at Mount Vernon, was burned, with a loss of \$3,000.

—The Clipper is the name of a paper just started at Hillsboro, by the Clayton brothers.

—James Doren, one of the old pioneers of Peru, and a veteran of the late war, died, aged 83.

—A syndicate has been formed in Louisville to hunt for gold among the Silver hills in Scott County.

—The Acme hoop and tap factory, of Edgerton, Ohio, is prospecting for a location at Crawfordville.

—Joseph Lamb, attempting to break into Thomas Neal's farmhouse near Washington, was shot.

—Jonathan Spencer died from strychnine poisoning, the result of a blunder by an Owensboro druggist.

—L. A. Maulin, dealer in boots and shoes at New Cassin, has assigned. Liabilities about \$10,000.

—Evan Mitchell, of Seymour, a brakeman on the O. & M., was crushed to death while making a coupling.

—William Squard, a farmer residing near Hillsboro, is in jail charged with attempting to poison his family.

—The citizens of Franklin, by a majority of 145, have decided to keep the cows of the streets of that town.

—Some one stole ex-Mayor Herr's docket at Brazil, and he hasn't settled with the State yet! Here's a nice fix!

—Daniel Kotz, South Bend's landscape artist, has won favorable recognition and is now located in New York City.

—The four railroads running into Greencastle have all been used for failure to comply with the railway blackboard law.

—Mrs. David Wright, of Cambridge City, began bleeding at the nose while in church and soon afterward died of exhaustion.

—Louis Sauer of the J. M. & I. was badly hurt at Seymour while making a car coupling. He was taken to his home at Henryville.

—Elias Snyder, of Daleville, was probably fatally injured by a fall from a wagon, the seat of which tipped over and threw him out.

—William Watson overturned a tank of boiling water in a Terre Haute saloon and was badly scalded. Three days later he died of lockjaw.

—J. M. Puckett, a model gentleman and brick manufacturer, of New Corner, has disappeared, leaving mourners to the extent of about \$1,300.

—The aged mother of Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Kokomo, fell down a stairway sustaining injuries that will prove fatal. She is 82 years old.

—James McDaniel's son, 15 years old, was accidentally shot in the leg by a companion while hunting near Lebanon. The leg had to be amputated.

—John Musselman, of Raysville, shot the left side of his face off while out hunting. In climbing a fence his gun was discharged accidentally.

—James C. Stanfield, of Henryville, a brakeman on the J. M. & I., fell between the wheels while making a coupling at Columbus, and was cut in two.

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—Oliver Cromwell, aged 83, an ex-member of the Legislature, has just secured a divorce from his third wife, at Brazil.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swintz, of South Bend, served cheese at a luncheon, and all their guests were seized with sudden illness. The results were not permanently serious.

—A confidence sharp, claiming to be a Mason, from Ripley County, has just been exposed after victimizing several of Madison's citizens by taking contracts to furnish good quality timber.

—George R. Joyce, who lived about two miles north of Fairland, was instantly killed while engaged in felling timber by having a tree fall on him. He was about 25 years old.

—Mrs. John Sprangler eloped from Milton the other night with a Quaker preacher conducting meetings there. They were met in Cambridge City by a mob and stoned and beaten.

—Taylor Hubbard, of Darlington, who was out on bond, failed to appear in the Montgomery County Court when his case was called and the bond was forfeited. He was charged with larceny.

—The First Presbyterian Church at Crawfordville has given a call to Rev. R. S. Ingles, a student in the Princeton Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J. This church has been without a pastor for a year.

—Alexander Ramsey, a well-to-do farmer living five miles west of Danville, was found dead, hanging in his barn. He had looped a trace chain around his neck, tied a rope to the chain, tied the rope to a beam, and jumped down from the loft. He had lately said that he feared he would become insane. The coroner's verdict was that he was temporarily insane.

—Spontaneous combustion in the oil room of E. R. Moore's grocery at Laporte caused a very destructive fire. The building was badly damaged, and the heavy smoke from the burning oil blackened and ruined the entire stock of goods which was valued at \$5,000. The damage to the building is covered by insurance, and the stock of goods is insured for \$3,000.

—The Crawfordville Land and Improvement company has secured \$6,000, and word has been sent to the officers of the American Wheel company to come and sign the necessary papers for the removal of the Newmarket hub and spoke factory to Crawfordville. The officers of the improvement company are C. M. Crawford, president; Louis Birch, vice-president; H. R. Tinsley, treasurer; H. Russell, secretary.

—As Griffith Williams, one of the proprietors of Williams Brothers' foundry and machine-shop at Greensburg, was near a barrel of oil he let a torch or lamp be bearing ignite the oil. An explosion followed, and he was badly burned about the face and limbs. A very disastrous fire occurred, and the large building was almost gutted. Insurance, \$1,000 in the North British, on building, and \$750 in the Westchester, on contents, which may cover the actual loss.

—The Postal Telegraph Company, which has recently extended its lines from Indianapolis to Terre Haute, and is nearly into St. Louis, is having considerable trouble in Clay County, owing to a spirit of opposition on the part of a few farmers this side of Brazil, whose land fronts on the National road, along which the Company has strung its wires. The farmers claimed the Company's men cut limbs from trees when they were building the line, and retaliated by cutting down telegraph poles.

—Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Beeler, who reside in the north part of Morgan County, near the Marion County line, have succeeded in rearing one of the largest families on record. They are the parents of twelve sons and seven daughters, but one daughter of whom is dead. Both are native Hoosiers, and have resided almost all their lives in Marion and Morgan counties. Neither of the parents is more than fifty-five years old, nor are they broken in health. A remarkable feature is the fact that there are no twins among the children.

—Rev. C. M. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Mitchell, was elected to the editorship of the Indiana Baptist, at Indianapolis, the leading Baptist journal of this State, and also one of their first papers in this section of the country. This is indeed a high honor to Rev. Carter, he being a young man under thirty years of age. He is a graduate of Franklin (Ind.) College, in 1887, of the Union Seminary, of New York, and the Southern Baptist Seminary, of Louisville, Ky. For the past two or three years he has been pastor in charge at this place, and has been one of the most successful pastors ever here.

—The first session of the Wabash County Farmers' Institute was held in Wabash, and was very largely attended. The feature was the paper read by Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, of Cambridge City, on "The Possibilities and Probabilities of Farm Life." The lady owns and conducts one of the largest and most prosperous farms in the State, and is thoroughly conversant with her subject, and her paper was received with marked attention. A paper on "Natural Fertilizers," by Frank Mossman, and a general discussion of the topics presented, completed the exercises. The sessions of the institute are constantly growing in popularity and interest.

—A Panhandle passenger and Erie freight collided at the junction near Tipton, demolishing a freight car and causing heavy loss. Nobody was hurt.

—While Henry Reese was tearing down an old log stable on his farm, west of Connersville about four miles, he found stowed away a jewelry case containing a lady's gold watch and chain, pair of bracelets, breastpin and earrings, all in good state of preservation