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E. Buckey, Chief Clerk National Hotel, Washington, D. C., testifies as follows: "I was all run down, had no appetite, was troubled with sleeplessness, pains in the head, was a shadow of my former self. Your Bicola Pills have given me most wonderful relief. I have gained over twenty pounds, have a good appetite, sleep well and am my old self once more."

Turners' Little Liver Turners.—A very small pill. Turns your liver. Cures sick headache—Biliousness—Indigestion.

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ERIE LINES

Schedule in effect Nov. 28, 1897.

Trains leave Decatur as follows:

WEST.

No. 1, vestibule limited, daily for Chicago.	12:35 p. m.
No. 3, Pacific express, daily for Chicago.	2:30 a. m.
No. 4, express, daily except Sunday, for Chicago.	10:43 a. m.
No. 21, local, daily except Sunday, for Chicago.	10:10 a. m.
No. 12, Wells Fargo limited Express, daily except Monday and day after legal holiday.	6:15 p. m.

EAST.

No. 1, vestibule limited, daily for New York and Boston.	7:57
No. 3, express, daily except Sunday, for New York.	2:01 p. m.
No. 4, express, daily for New York.	2:30 a. m.
No. 21, local, daily except Sunday, for New York.	10:10 a. m.

Through coaches and sleeping cars to New York and Boston.

Trains leave Decatur at all stations on the Erie Division.

Train No. 12 carries through sleeping cars to Columbus, Circleville, Chillicothe, Waverly, Portsmouth, Ironton, and Renova, via Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo, and Norfolk & Western lines.

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The Clover Leaf.

St. L. & K. C. R. R. In effect Jan. 3, 1898.

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Passenger.	5:40 a. m.
Express.	7:16 p. m.
Local.	12:35 p. m.
Local.	3:23 p. m.

WEST.

Passenger.	4:12 a. m.
Express.	8:25 a. m.
Local.	12:05 p. m.
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The G. R. & I.
(Effect Feb. 28, 1897.)

TRAINS NORTH.

No. 3.	No. 5.	No. 1.
Richmond.	11:05 a. m.	11:20 p. m.
Portsmouth.	11:27	5:05
Waverly.	11:37	5:10
Chillicothe.	11:42	5:20
Ironton.	11:56 a. m.	5:35
Waverly.	11:48	5:41
Chillicothe.	11:50	5:43
Ironton.	12:00	5:53
Waverly.	12:10 p. m.	6:03
Chillicothe.	12:19	6:12
Ironton.	12:32	6:26
Waverly.	12:42	6:36
Chillicothe.	12:55 a. m.	6:46
Ironton.	1:07	6:52
Waverly.	1:18 a. m.	7:01
Chillicothe.	1:27 a. m.	7:11
Ironton.	1:32	7:23
Waverly.	1:45	7:34
Chillicothe.	1:52	7:40
Ironton.	2:01	7:50
Waverly.	2:06	7:56
Chillicothe.	2:35	8:12
Ironton.	2:35	8:25

TRAINS SOUTH.

No. 2.	No. 6.	No. 4.
Richmond.	12:35 p. m.	5:45 a. m.
Portsmouth.	1:00	6:12
Waverly.	1:05	6:17
Chillicothe.	1:19	6:29
Ironton.	1:25	6:39
Waverly.	1:32	6:49
Chillicothe.	1:44	6:59
Ironton.	1:53	7:09
Waverly.	2:00	7:18
Chillicothe.	2:14	7:25
Ironton.	2:23	7:33
Waverly.	2:35	7:45
Chillicothe.	2:50	7:54
Ironton.	3:10	8:04
Waverly.	3:06	8:15
Chillicothe.	3:11	8:24
Ironton.	3:20	8:30
Waverly.	3:40	8:41
Chillicothe.	3:40	8:52
Ironton.	3:40	9:03

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Humors of the War Scare—Gallant Captain Enoch Adams—A Story of Post T. Buchanan Read.

[Special Correspondence.]

A phase of the war situation as it appears in one section of North Carolina was related by a representative in congress from that state. In one of the orphans' homes down there the children had heard the older members of the household discuss the Maine disaster and became very much interested in the subject. A little 8-year-old girl, when she came to the dinner table, asked one of the older girls, "Elizabeth, which do you think will whip, Spain or North Carolina?"

Elizabeth explained that there was no war and hoped there would be none. In case there should be not simply North Carolina, but the whole United States would be arrayed against Spain.

Some one then jocosely remarked, "They can't fight, now that George Washington is dead."

At this the little girl interposed: "Oh, yes, they can. Ben Tillman is living." She had heard Senator Tillman speak last summer at the Mooresville picnic, and he had impressed her greatly.

Gallant Captain Adams.

It is rare that descendants of former presidents who hailed from the north appeal to the government for bounty to help keep body and soul together. The request of Enoch G. Adams of South Berwick, Me., for an increase of his pension from \$24 to \$50 a month is therefore of unusual interest. Captain Adams has had a most unfortunate career, as his own letter to the house committee on pensions demonstrates. He is a graduate of Yale college, in the class of President Dwight, and a collateral descendant of John Adams, who was the second president of the United States. The ancestor from whom he traces his line is Rev. Joseph Adams, who was John Adams' uncle.

A favorable report from the house committee on a bill, which has already passed the senate, shows that Captain Adams was a most gallant officer. He enlisted as a private, rose to the rank of captain and was brevetted major for his meritorious services. He was shot in battle, but refused to quit the service until the war was over. A gunshot wound in the neck of a serious character affected his nervous system and his brain. Captain Adams fought in the peach orchard at Gettysburg, being one of the only two officers there who escaped death or wounds. He is now in his seventieth year, and some time ago was robbed of all his property.

A Story of Post Read.

"T. Buchanan Read, the poet who wrote the famous 'Sheridan's Ride,' was a well known figure around Washington during the war," said an old Washingtonian. "He was a brilliant man, a notable bon vivant and high flier when he could afford to be, and perhaps a bit careless, too, in his habits. One afternoon, in the summer of 1864, Read drifted into one of the committee rooms of the senate—he was on friendly terms with most of the big men up at the capitol—and, slumping into a chair, fell fast asleep. While he slept a couple of senators came into the room to do some letter writing. The two senators shortly became involved in a low toned but warm discussion as to the progress of the war. Finally one of them, who belonged to the 'peace at any price' party, permitted his tones to grow loud, and he slammed his fist down on a table and fairly shouted, 'We must have peace!'"

"The sleeping poet jumped from his chair like a man electrified. The two senators looked at him, rather astonished at the suddenness of his awakening. Read rubbed his eyes for a moment and looked around him. Then he murmured these words:

"Peace! Oh, that some white winged bird from the south Would build its nest in the cannon's mouth And stop its roar!"

"I don't remember every having heard of a more charming bit of impromptu poetical composition than that."

She Wanted a Bouquet.

"Well, I thought some time ago that I had received all the strange, absurd and unreasonable requests and applications that could be made to a statesman, but I recently enjoyed an experience such as I would never have dreamed possible," exclaimed a weary looking congressman as he entered his committee room and threw himself upon a sofa. "What was it?" he was asked.

"Well, I was walking through the corridor when I was accosted by a lady who wore a badge which denoted that she was a delegate to the woman suffrage convention which was then in session here. She said she was a resident of my district; that there were to be some public exercises in which she was to take part, and that she desired me to have a bouquet prepared and sent to the hall, to be handed to her on the stage when she had performed her part."

"Of course you acceded to her request," remarked a friend of the congressman.

"No, I did not, and perhaps my refusal was a somewhat rude one. I said to her: 'Madam, I have not been a member of congress a very long time, but since I came here I have tried to grant every request made by my constituents—many of which were absurd and unreasonable. I have been an errand boy for them. I have fed some of them who became stranded in Washington and have furnished them with means to return to their homes. In fact, I have been kept so busy attending to the individual requests and applications of some of my constituents that I have not been able to attend to much else. I must draw the line at bouquets, madam. Good morning.'"

HOW TO FIND OUT.

Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys. When urine stains linen it is evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold urine and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, price fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet both sent free by mail, upon receipt of three 2c stamps to cover cost of postage on the bottle. Mention DECATUR DEMOCRAT and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this office guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

A Cincinnati girl, they say, is "covered with fish scales instead of natural skin." Those Cincinnati reporters are enterprising; in this instance they are fully three months ahead of the regular season for fish stories.

Rheumatism Cured In A Day.

"Mystic Cure" for rheumatism and neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75 cents. Sold by B. J. Smith, druggist, Decatur.

Among the wealthiest members of the English aristocracy a small private train is the thing. The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland have one with the engine complete. Included in the train is a saloon, white and green in color, with dual monogram in gold. The vehicle is upholstered in chenille, and has silver fittings outside and in.

Cincinnati, Richmond & Ft. Wayne Railroad Company.

Richmond, Ind., March 17, 1898. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cincinnati, Richmond & Ft. Wayne Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company in Richmond, Indiana, on

Thursday, April 7, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the election of eleven directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

S. B. LIGGETT, Secretary.

Homeseekers' Excursions, April 5 and 19. Various points South and West, viz: Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, New Mexico, Utah, Texas, Tennessee, Indian Territory, Oregon, Oklahoma, Arizona, Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi, Colorado via Clover Leaf Route. Usual low rates and limit with stop-overs on going trip. See nearest agent Clover Leaf or address C. C. Jenkins, Gen'l Pass. Agent, Toledo, Ohio.

Another field of employment, though not exactly of usefulness, has been found for the much-used hairpin. Miss Grace Marshall, of Indianapolis, discovered it, and she is now minus a thumb and finger as a result. She used a hairpin to pick open a dynamite cartridge which exploded and tore off one finger and the thumb of her left hand, and badly lacerated her right hand, injured the sight of one eye and tore the flesh partly from one hip. The cartridge had been lying around the house for several weeks.

Girls who have to stand on their feet most of the time work as hard as any day-laborer yet they do not get what is rightly called exercise. Close, confining, indoor occupation gives no exhilaration to the nervous system nor active circulation to the blood. It wears, tears and drains a woman's life away. The whole physical system grows sluggish and torpid under it.

But "a poor weak woman," as she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most eminent medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y. Occupying this position for thirty years he has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy.

The most perfect remedy ever devised for weak and delicate women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. His "Golden Medical Discovery" is the only permanent digestive and nutrient tonic. The two medicines taken alternately, form the most perfect and successful course of treatment ever prescribed for female troubles complicated with a sluggish, overwrought, nervous, diseased constitution. In severe constipation Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets should be occasionally taken with the others. They never gripe.

EVENTS IN INDIANA

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN THE GREAT HOOSIER STATE.

Bright and News Dispatches Gathered From All Sections of the Commonwealth That Are of Interest to the General Reader—State Notes.

Sullivan, Ind., March 29.—The levee on the Wabash river west of here, built in the years 1895 and 1896, has gone out with a break of 100 feet, entailing a loss of about \$100,000.

Over 20,000 acres of land are overflowed and hundreds of families are rendered homeless and destitute. Citizens are responding for miles around in their efforts to remove families and stock. Hundreds of cattle and horses are hemmed in. Such a rush of water was never known in this section of the country before.

A calamity second only to the great Johnstown flood is upon us. The levee is 11 miles long, and was built at a cost of \$80,000.

The levee is about 40 feet wide at the base and 16 feet at the top. The damage will not be known to a certainty for days. At present no lives are known to be lost. A grand effort is being made to rescue the stricken families.

BROKE HIS NECK.

Eli Lacy Loses His Life To Save that of Two Others.

Brookville, Ind., March 28.—While breaking a colt Saturday which he had hitched to a farm wagon with an old horse Eli Lacy met with a fatal accident. At the top of a long, steep hill the team ran away acquiring frightful speed. Near the bottom the team was about to run over a buggy containing a lady and gentleman. The driveway was narrow, and, after a futile attempt to swing his team aside, Lacy sprang to the ground, holding the lines. He succeeded in stopping the team, but the act of heroism cost him his life, as he stumbled and fell breaking his neck.

SELF DEFENSE.

Jury Says Kitty Hays Was Justified In Killing Louis Fink.

Anderson, Ind., March 29.—Kitty Hays, charged with killing her lover, Louis Fink, was acquitted yesterday by the jury on the plea of self defense. The trial occupied one week. The murder occurred at Alexandria last fall. Fink was a barber of Columbus, O. Fink was jealous and threatened her life, and he began destroying her furniture as a prelude to an attack upon herself. She then shot him, firing five times.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Frank Cunningham Shoots Bertha Timmons and Kills Himself.

Otterbein, Ind., March 29.—Frank Cunningham shot at Mrs. Emma Timmons with a Winchester rifle last night, but missed. He then turned the gun on Bertha Timmons, a 13-year-old girl, who had run away from the house, shooting her through the head and killing her instantly. Then re-entering the house he shot and killed himself with a revolver.

ROASTED ALIVE.

Gasoline Stove Explodes and Burns Mrs. Emberlin to a Crisp.

South Bend, Ind., March 26.—Mrs. Alexander Emberlin, while working with a gasoline stove yesterday, was burned to a crisp by an explosion, scarcely an inch of her body not being roasted.

Killed While Duck Hunting.

Oakland City, Ind., March 29.—Leroy Chance, aged 21, in company with two other young men, were out duck hunting yesterday in the back water, two miles north of this city. While stepping into a boat Chance struck his gun against it, discharging the contents of one barrel into his stomach. He only lived 15 minutes. He leaves a widow and one child.

Warrants For Violators of Mining Laws.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 28.—State Mine Inspector Fisher has caused to be issued 18 warrants for the arrest of violators of the mining laws in this county. Some were for violation of the law in regard to the construction of a mine, and others for violation of the law providing for examination of certain employees about a mine.

Newcastle Drum Corp Receives Orders.

Newcastle, Ind., March 28.—The drum corps of 21 young men here who visited President McKinley in Canton, O., with one of the big belt delegations, have received orders from the war department to hold themselves in readiness to go to the front at an hour's notice.

Coroner Wanted.

Anburn, Ind., March 26.—Dr. Hughes, the coroner, having abandoned his office and removed to Lagrange, the county commissioners can find no one willing to assume the duties of the vacated position. The office is not a lucrative one in this county.

Spencer Gets a New Trial.

English, Ind., March 28.—Ex-Trustee Willoughby Spencer, who was found guilty of embezzlement last week, has been granted a new hearing. It was proven that one of his jurors had prosecuted him in the fraternal lodge, which expelled him.

Miss Tucker May Live.

New London, Ind., March 29.—Fay Tucker, seriously burned last week by her insane mother at this place, and whom it was thought would die, is slowly improving, and may recover. Her escape is regarded as miraculous.

Indiana Postmasters.

Washington, March 29.—Indiana postmasters were appointed yesterday as follows: Altoga, George B. Collins; Farlen, Marquis H. Young; San Jacinto, Samuel A. Carson; Ironbridge, John C. Howell.

Grimy finger marks seem to grow on the woodwork about the house. They come easily and they stick, too—unless you get rid of them with

GOLD DUST Washing Powder

It makes all cleaning easy.

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Boston, Philadelphia.

What a Pity!

Here is one of those who are either so prejudiced against all advertised remedies, or have become discouraged at the failure of other medicines to help them, and who will succumb to the grim destroyer without knowing of the wonderful value of Foley's Honey and Tar for all Throat and Lung troubles.

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Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared for Piles and Itching of the private parts. Every box is warranted. By druggists, by mail on receipt of price, 50 cents and \$1.00. WILLIAMS MANUFACTURING CO., Props., Cleveland, Ohio.

W. H. Nachtrieb.

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W. H. Nachtrieb.

The German emperor believes that orthodox Christians make better soldiers than those who are more liberal in their religious opinions.

Puny Children

Who would prescribe only tonics and bitters for a weak, puny child? Its muscles and nerves are so thoroughly exhausted that they cannot be whipped into activity. The child needs food; a blood-making, nerve-strengthening and muscle-building food.

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-Liver Oil is all of this, and you still have a tonic in the hypophosphites of lime and soda to act with the food. For thin and delicate children there is no remedy superior to it in the world. It means growth, strength, plumpness and comfort to them. Be sure you get **SCOTT'S Emulsion**.

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