

Obituary.

John Franklin Railing, born in Lima Allen County, Ohio, July 15th 1851, and died at Lima, Ohio, February 5th, 1904, aged 52 years, 6 months and 2 days. He was a member of the K. of P. lodge of this city whose members have charge of the funeral. He was united in marriage to Miss E. B. Wilson of Decatur, Ind., June 9th, 1873, who died April 5th 1890. To this union was born five children, Mrs. O. E. Bennet, Lima, Ohio; Chas. W. Railing, Decatur; Thomas Railing, Decatur; Claude Railing, Iona, Mich. On the 25th of June, 1891, he was united in marriage to Katherine Dague, who died February 1st 1900. To this union no children were born. There are left to mourn his loss four children, four grand children, six sisters, one brother and numerous nieces and nephews and friends. He died in his former place of business at Lima of internal hemorrhage. He was enroute to the depot to board a train for this city when he became ill and was taken into the store.

Lewis V. Steele, son of David and Mary Steele, died January 30, 1904, aged 24 years, 3 months and 12 days leaving to mourn their loss a father, mother, two sisters and four brothers together with a large circle of relatives and friends. The funeral services were held last Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Beery church. They were largely attended, which testified to the love and esteem in which he was held. His last words gave evidence that his faith was triumphant and a source of great comfort and hope to those who loved him. Rev. J. A. Sprague of Monroe, delivered the funeral discourse, he was assisted by Rev. Abraham Stalter.

Marshal Cordua arrived Thursday from Fort Wayne with Clyde Webb whom he had caused to be arrested there yesterday on the charge of stealing suit of clothes from Mr. Hale a young man who is employed as time keeper for A. Tubman on the interurban railway. The police at Fort Wayne arrested the young man who denied the charge flatly, stating however that he had stopped fight here some time ago and was fined on charge of assault and battery preferred by the combatants whom he separated, and further said that some people in Decatur had it in for him, and that this trouble may be accounted for in that way. The police at once telephoned Marshal Cordua who left this morning. He was taken before Squire Smith and pleaded not guilty and was discharged. He will return to Fort Wayne this evening.

Uncle Sam will not allow the telephone to take the place of the postman. The modern invention will not be used as a labor saving device in the postal department. The mail carriers need have no fear that any of them will be laid off because of the 'phone doing a part of their work. Postmasters have received special instructions from the postal department at Washington not to allow clerks to give any information over the 'phone in reference to the receiving and delivery of mail. This new rule must be strictly complied with hereafter. "Is there any mail for me?" I am expecting a letter from a friend and know 'most it is at the post-office." This is a query or one nearly like it, that is heard over the 'phone at the postoffice at least half a dozen times a day. They are told that it is against the rules of the department to give them such information over the 'phone, and then they say, "Well, what is the 'phone for, anyway?" and angrily hang up the receiver with a bang. If the postal department permitted the practice of using the 'phone it would be sure to cause trouble, as there is no way of determining whether the person at the other end of the wire is inquiring about their own mail or some one else. Suppose a woman would call up and inquire if there was any mail for her husband and then she would learn that there was a letter awaiting his calling and that it was from a woman. No, Uncle Sam is not going to get mixed up in any domestic trouble if he can help it. Persons leaving the city and wishing to give directions for the forwarding of their mail must either give instructions to the post office by postal or by calling at the office themselves and giving personal instructions. The 'phone cannot be used for this purpose.

A young man is embarrassed when you remark upon his clothes, but a woman is offended if you do not.

I have one hundred thousand dollars (100,000) to loan on real estate at 5 1/2 per cent interest. No commission. D. B. Erwin.

At a church fair lottery in Kansas an editor drew a gun. He will now go over his books and send out new notices to delinquents.

Wanted at Once—An ambitious and energetic man over 21 years of age to work himself up to a good salary position with a large company. Answer in own hand writing. P. O. Box 234, Decatur, Ind.

A Georgia woman was fatally burned while on her knees praying but do not let this discourage you getting down on your marrow bones, perverse and stiff necked sinner.

For sale or trade.—I have some very good farms for sale or exchange. Also a list of city property for sale at a bargain. Money to loan on farm or city property at five per cent. P. K. Kinney, the new Studabaker block, Decatur, Indiana.

The best physic, "Once tried and you will always use Chamberlain's stomach and liver tablets," says Wm. A. Girard, Pease, Vt. These tablets are the most prompt, most pleasant and most reliable cathartic in use. For sale by the Holthouse Drug Co.

A man in this town, referring to some fine relics he had picked up round over the country, said he had them at home, but the kids, the little pups, had lost most of them.

Experience has taught us that the best remedy for the aged is Dr. J. H. McLean's Strengthening Cordial and Blood Purifier. It strengthens the nerves and builds up a vigorous and healthy appetite. For sale by all druggists.

When you feel blue and that everything goes wrong, take a dose of Chamberlain's stomach and liver tablets. They will cleanse and invigorate your stomach, regulate your bowels, give you a relish for your food and make you feel that in this old world is a good place to live. For sale by the Holthouse Drug Co.

The scratch of a pin may cause the loss of a limb or even death when blood poisoning results from the injury. All danger of this may be avoided, however, by promptly applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is an antiseptic and quick healing liniment for cuts, bruises and burns. For sale by Holthouse Drug Co.

Ann has got a bruder py der name of Chames. Chames wrote two letters, vnn to his wife and vnn to his typewriterist. Ten minnds after making them he discovered dot der right letter was in der wrong enveloppe. Vich train did Chames take and ven doss Ann eggspect him back?

A mother's recommendation. I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy.—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by Holthouse Drug Co.

A woman who is opposed to dancing, said, the other day, to prove her argument against dancing and card playing, "What does the Bible say about it?" We would like to know also, what it says. We do not believe the Bible says a word about cards, and not a thing about dancing except where it relates how folks danced in the early history of the human race.

Escaped an awful fate. Mr. H. Haggins of Melbourne, Fla., writes, "My doctor told me I had Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery. I surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases by Blackburn & Christen druggists. Price 50c & \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

A man came into our office the other day and said, "Did you know that truth was stranger than fiction?" We assured him that we did not know it. "Well," said he, referring to certain parties in this town, "now, you know that they are a good deal funnier than a make-up on the stage could be. Isn't truth stranger than fiction? If anyone were to make up and look like folks do? nobody would believe they were real." And we presume he is about right.

Mysterious Circumstance. One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at Blackburn & Christen, druggists.

A man of this town has a certain favorite apple. He kept urging a grocery keeper to lay in a supply of them, and so, to please him, the grocer ordered several barrels of them. He told the customer that he now had some of his favorite apples, and he said, "I guess you may send me up a dime's worth." The merchant nearly fell over at such a liberal order!

Nearly forfeits his life. A runaway almost ended fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for burns, bruises, skin eruptions and piles. 25c at Blackburn & Christen's drug store.

The appellate court has served notice on attorneys that their appeals will receive no consideration unless they obey the rules of the court in preparing the records for convenient examination. In case of Lewis K. Smith vs Ruth W. Sutton was dismissed because the appellant had failed to make an index of the transcript. Judge Black declared that the rules of court that the force of law and must be obeyed by all litigants.

Better than gold. "I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Blackburn & Christen.

The immortal J. N. delivered a speech in the house of Representatives at Columbus, lately. The eccentric old man, unkempt, ragged as a vagabond, strolled into the house after the session and was applauded. Clerk Doly led the old fellow to the speaker's desk, and, assuming an oratorical pose he launched into a fiery discussion of the civil war and the doings of the nation's heroes. With the weight of nearly eighty years upon him, broken in health from exposure, his long white hair flowing about his shoulders, but with eyes dark and piercing, and wildly gestulating, "J. N." went out babbling about another speech, the page boys catching his coat tails and hooting at his heels.

The tendency of medical science is toward preventive measures. The best thought of the world is being given the subject. It is easier and better to prevent than to cure. It has been fully demonstrated that pneumonia, one of the most dangerous diseases that medical men have to contend with, can be prevented by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of influenza (grip), and it has been observed that this remedy counteracts any tendency of these diseases toward pneumonia. This has been fully proven in many thousands of cases in which this remedy has been used during the great prevalence of colds and grip in recent years, and can be relied upon with implicit confidence. Pneumonia often results from a slight cold when no danger is apprehended until it is suddenly discovered that there is fever and difficulty in breathing and pains in the chest, then it is announced that the patient has pneumonia. Be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the cold is contracted. It always cures. For sale by Holthouse Drug Co.

Last week was the worst yet experienced in the oil fields of Indiana and Ohio. Thousands of wells are shut in, owing to the high waters and ice. The extreme weather of the last few days has been very much against the oil industry in this section of the state, yet the cold weather record for new work continues to hold a place in advance of any previous year since the first days of the field. The second well on the A. Ralston farm at New Corydon was shot and will start at 7 barrels. One of the nicest little clusters of new rigs in the whole field is situated in territory two miles south of Linn Grove, where three wildcat wells are being drilled on adjoining leases—the Fred Gerber, Noah Beberstine and Fred Dubach farms. With the opening of spring the work in Indiana will naturally be greater than in northwestern Ohio, owing to the large scope of undeveloped territory.—Berne News.

A man said to an expressman that he would like to have him take a package to the house. "Can you do it?" said the man. The expressman replied: "I am happy to congratulate you to say that I can."

For Sale.—Chester White hogs choice boar pigs farrowed March 1903. Sire, Tiptoe; dam, Whinney Girl. We also offer a few choice gilts. Our hogs are first-class, our prices reasonable. Call at the Finner Stock Farm, one mile north of Decatur, Ind., and we will show you something that will please you, or address Smith, Ullman & Co., R. R. No. 1, Decatur, Ind. 36tf

C. C. Sprunger sold his large frame house and four adjoining lots to Dr. A. Reusser for a consideration of \$2100. The house was built by his father, the late Peter Sprunger, about 2 years ago. It is a well built house and still very solid and in good repair.—Berne Witness.

GOOD SPIRITS.

Good spirits don't all come from Kentucky. Their main source is the liver—and all the fine spirits ever made in the Blue Grass State could not remedy a bad liver or the hundred-and-one ill effects it produces. You can't have good spirits and a bad liver at the same time. Your liver must be in fine condition if you would feel buoyant, happy and hopeful, bright of eye, light of step, vigorous and successful in your pursuits. You can put your liver in fine condition by using Green's August Flower—the greatest of all medicines for the liver and stomach and a certain cure for dyspepsia or indigestion. It has been a favorite household remedy for over thirty-five years. August Flower will make your liver healthy and active and thus insure you a liberal supply of "good spirits." Trial size 25c; regular bottles 75c. At all druggists.

"DO IT TO-DAY."

The time-worn injunction, "Never put off 'til to-morrow what you can do to-day," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it to-day!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it to-day—and let that remedy be Dr. Boesch's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty-five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated your cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. New trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

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No. 3—New York and Chicago Limited through coach Columbus and Chicago daily..... 12:45 p.m.
No. 13—Wells Fargo Express except Monday..... 5:40 p.m.
No. 21—Marion-Huntington Accommodation..... 10:10 p.m.

EAST.
No. 8—Vestibule Limited for N.Y..... 3:40 a.m.
No. 22—Marion and Columbus except Sunday..... 6:30 a.m.
No. 4—New York and Boston Limited through coaches Columbus and Chicago..... 3:20 p.m.
No. 14, daily except Sunday, and carries passengers between Hammond and Marion.
No. 13 will not carry baggage, 3 and 4 through coach Columbus to Chicago.

TIME TABLES

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(In effect Jan. 10, 1904)

TRAINS NORTH.
No. 5—Daily..... 1:10 a.m.
No. 7—Daily to Grand Rapids..... 5:00 a.m.
No. 3—Daily (except Sunday)..... 4:30 p.m.

TRAINS SOUTH.
No. 4—Daily..... 7:10 a.m.
No. 2—Daily (except Sunday)..... 1:10 p.m.
No. 30—Daily, except Sunday..... 7:30 p.m.
No. 16—Sunday only..... 7:10 p.m.

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