

## INDIANA HAPPENINGS.

### EVENTS AND INCIDENTS THAT HAVE LATELY OCCURRED.

An Interesting Summary of the More Important Doings of Our Neighbors—Weddings and Deaths—Crime, Casualties and General News Notes.

### THE LEGISLATURE.

January 24.—SENATE.—The Ray-Carpenter contested election case was discussed at length. HOUSE.—A bill was passed providing for the establishment of a State Bureau of Statistics and Geology, and creating the office of Chief of the Department. Reports of standing committees were submitted.

Jan. 25.—Consideration of the Ray-Carpenter contested election case was continued in the Senate. The resolution unseating Carpenter was adopted by party vote, but the resolution seating Ray was indefinitely postponed. A new election for Senator will be ordered by the Governor. In the House a bill was passed providing for the incorporation of religious conferences and camp-meetings. Both branches adjourned until Monday.

Jan. 28.—SENATE.—On a call of committees for reports Mr. Barrett from the committee on judiciary reported a substitute for the Senate bills introduced by Senators Andrew and Cox, in relation to elections. The bill is substantially the Andrew bill with various amendments. A new section is added which compels employers to give four hours to each employee after the polls open in the morning to vote. In addition to a fine and imprisonment for violation of the election law disqualification is provided for ten years.

HOUSE.—After the adoption of Mr. Shambough's resolution commendatory to the Indianapolis *Sentinel's* art gallery, Mr. Willard introduced H. R. 336, relating to the use of dynamite by railroad companies. The following bills were indefinitely postponed: H. R. 132, relating to partition fences; H. R. 232, to create a food commissioner; H. R. 127, relating to stock breeding; H. R. 285, relating to the State Board of Agriculture. Bills were ordered engrossed as follows: H. R. 270, relating to hedge fences; H. R. 225, relating to the spread of hog cholera; H. R. 117, relating to destroying weeds by railroad companies. H. R. 142; H. R. 136, for purchasing lands, after being amended, was ordered engrossed.

Jan. 29.—A bill was introduced forbidding the importation of armed men into Indiana for police duty. A bill was passed in the House preventing the blacklisting of employees. The passage of an election bill was recommended by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Jan. 30.—SENATE.—A bill providing for the maintenance of night schools in certain cities was discussed at length, but postponed, there being no quorum present. Gov. Hovey's nomination of Robert Chisholm to be State Mine Inspector, was referred to a committee. HOUSE.—A bill providing for the legal adoption of children when taken from Orphan Asylums or other public charitable institutions was passed. Also, a bill making it a misdemeanor for saloon-keepers to permit boys under fifteen years of age to enter saloons. The bill to repeal an act concerning rental for the use of telephones, was reported from the committee on corporations, and recommended for passage.

### Minor State Items.

The total amount of school funds distributed among the several towns in Montgomery County is \$35,095.45.

A new postoffice, to be called Fruitts, has been established five miles west of Yountsville, in Montgomery County.

The South Bend *Tribune* offers a reward of \$500 for the arrest of the burglars who robbed its store of \$1,000 worth of goods.

Chris Slout, a farmer living near Chesterton, fell from a load of wood and broke his neck. He was 35 years old and left a family.

William Cap, a contractor, of Peabody, Whitley County, was crushed to a pulp by a falling tree, while overseeing some men cutting timber.

James Sassafras, aged 70, and Susana Goodhoo, aged 53, were married recently at Peru. They are members of the Miami tribe of Indians, and are well-known.

John F. Denniston, aged 54 years, one of the most prominent and influential farmers in the vicinity of Sardinia, Decatur County, died from pneumonia.

W. J. Blanton was bitten by a mad dog near Greencastle. He immediately went to Terre Haute to have the "mad-stone" of that city applied to the wound.

Mrs. George Barkley, of Seymour, attempted to start a fire with kerosene. She narrowly escaped a horrible death. As it is, her face and neck are badly disfigured.

Two persons have died from drinking water from an abandoned well near Waveland, Montgomery County, the last person being Charles Robinson. Four others are yet sick.

A mixed train on the Rockport branch of the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis Railway was wrecked near Chrisney. Several persons were seriously injured, but none fatally.

While loading logs on a truck at Peru, the blocking slipped, and before Abraham Kissman could get out of the way one log rolled on him, breaking a leg and otherwise injuring him.

Patrick O'Neal, of Indianapolis, who for years has been unkind to his family, especially when drinking, was taken from his bed by White Caps, and whipped severely with switches.

The Baptist Church, of Valparaiso, has a novel plan of informing the members of the financial condition of the society. Each Sunday figures on a blackboard show the week's collections and expenses.

A number of students at De Pauw University, Greencastle, have received notices of expulsion on the grounds of insubordination and intemperance. There are now 800 students in the institution, and as a rule their deportment is exceptionally good.

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The following are the new officers of the Battle-ground Camp-meeting Association: President, Rev. William Graham; Vice President, John Dougherty; Secretary, Rev. W. F. Pettit; Treasurer, C. G. Miller; Managers, John Dougherty, James P. Clute, John L. Smith, L. S. Buckles, and W. V. Story.

Squire Davis, aged 70, living near Lyons Station, Fayette County, committed suicide by hanging. A few weeks ago his wife recovered a judgment for a divorce and \$500 alimony, and he had also recently been in expensive litigation as guardian of one of his sons, and these domestic and financial troubles led to his self-murder.

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