

## 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.

#### A Wabash County Merchant Drugged and Robbed of Over \$1,800 While Asleep.

Laketon, ten miles north of Wabash, is considerably excited over a daring robbery which occurred there recently. Mr. Henry Ogden, a merchant of the town, was relieved of over \$1,800. Mr. Ogden sold his stock of goods to a man in North Manchester who came to Laketon and paid the amount of purchase money, \$1,500, to Ogden. The transaction was completed late in the afternoon, and, there being no bank in the town, Ogden put the money in his pocket, together with nearly \$300 additional, which he had on hand. That night Ogden placed his pocket-book containing the money in the center of his bed. In the morning he was found to have been drugged, together with his two companions, young men named Otto Fites and Allen Ogden. It was with great difficulty that Henry could be aroused. All complained of severe pains in the head. Mr. Ogden's trousers were found in the yard, and near by was the empty pocket-book. There is no clew whatever to the thieves.

#### Minor State Items.

Gardner Ayres, employed in an elevator at Indianapolis, was ground to pieces in a corn-sheller.

Forty-three deaths have occurred from membranous croup in the vicinity of Wabash within a few weeks.

Six rabid dogs were killed at West Baden. A strange cur inoculated all the dogs in the vicinity some time ago.

The report that White Caps are operating in Noblesville is denounced by the Mayor of that place as a canard.

George M. Beagle is under arrest at Greenfield for the attempted wrecking of a passenger train near there last July.

Albert Tull, aged 13, was killed while hunting on his father's farm near Fairland, by the accidental discharge of a gun.

At Fort Wayne, a brakeman named Sears, got a judgment for \$5,000 against the Pennsylvania Company for the loss of a leg.

Grandmother Heaton, of Crawfordsville, who is over 80 years old, will attend the inauguration of Gen. Benj. Harrison.

Jesse Lee, of Ervin, Howard County, wishes to know the whereabouts of Thomas Neal, who formerly lived in Howard County.

A woman named Lockhart, while sick in bed, was attacked by a mad dog at Brazil. Her husband arrived in time to kill the brute.

After several years of wrangling, the Crawfordsville City Council has established a "pound," and made it an offense for cows to run at large.

The shaft in a coal mine at Mitchell broke and precipitated the cage ninety-five feet to the bottom. One person was killed and two seriously injured.

Seven Adams County farmers have just realized that lightning-rod and paint peddlers swindled them out of amounts ranging from \$200 to \$600.

Frank Kiser, of West Point, was found frozen to death between Lafayette and his home. He is supposed to have been in a state of intoxication.

The machinery for the new water-works plant, at Columbus, has arrived, and is being placed in position. The cost of the plant will be about \$15,000.

Rev. William R. Nobes died very suddenly of heart disease at Flora Carroll County. He was 70 years of age and well known as a Methodist minister.

Daniel Williams, aged 75, one of the best-known citizens of Shelby County, is dead, from the effects of burns received by falling into an open fire-place.

A widow named Stephenson has brought suit at Marion against a young farmer named Reynolds for alleged breach-of-promise. She wants \$5,000 damages.

Portland will have competition in the supply of natural gas, the Citizens' Company having commenced to build a rail line from the Como wells, six miles from the city.

Rochester has arranged for the introduction of the incandescent electric-light system; and also intends to build a three-story brick hotel when the weather permits.

The State Fish Commissioner has sent an agent to investigate the fish dynamiting outrages which are being extensively committed in White River, south of Columbus.

Fort Wayne is to have natural gas from the wells in Blackford County, a company having given bond to pipe gas to the city and through the streets in time for use next winter.

Mrs. Pop Wilson, of Martinsville, almost eighty years of age, fell on her door-step and broke her hip bone. She was stricken with paralysis some months ago, and is in feeble health.

The Chief of the Fire Department at Crawfordsville, asked the Council to appoint a man to keep people from interfering with the firemen at fires. He was instructed to turn the water on them.

Peru claims to have the best water-works system and most efficient fire department in the State. The total loss from the sixteen fires occurring there in 1888, did not exceed \$1,000.

Wabash is in danger of losing the Strawboard Factory contemplated by the Barber Match Company. Failure to make satisfactory transportation rates with the C. W. & M. Railway is said to be a stumbling block.

It is surmised that the Spanish coin recently found near Hanna were left in the jar in the tree by some one of the Spanish troop which came to that region in 1781 from St. Louis, Mo., to seize the country for the King of Spain.

About two years ago Mrs. Elizabeth Cadwallader, of Crawfordsville, was struck by an engine, which was backing at the crossing of Main street and the L. N. A. & C. She sued for \$5,000 damages and the jury gave her \$2,000.

C. H. Lyman, a yard brakeman at Fort Wayne, has been adjudged insane. Two years ago he was implicated in a collision whereby one passenger was fatally and several seriously injured. Since then he has been partially demented.

James Hymer and Emma Nelson, of Greencastle, were married a few days ago. On the evening of the ceremony the bride complained of being unwell. She rapidly grew worse and in two days died, her physician attributing the cause to diabetic coma.

Two indictments have been returned at Indianapolis against Sullivan, the absconding Clerk—one for embezzling the trust funds of the county and the other for obtaining money upon forged warehouse receipts. Sullivan is believed to be in New Mexico instead of Canada.

A team driven by a farmer named John Schoeff, ran away at Roanoke, six miles west of Fort Wayne, and dashed headlong into the Wabash fast train, which was passing at the time. Both horses were instantly killed, and Schoeff was so badly injured that he cannot survive.

While fireman Hugh Manny was under the engine of a passenger train at Medarysville, cleaning the fire-box, the engineer started the train. Manny hung to an iron bar under the engine, and was dragged about one hundred feet, receiving only slight injuries, before the engine was stopped.

At Waterloo the White Caps attempted to execute a threat they had made against James Burk. They hammered in the door of his house and entered, but the occupants opened fire on them, one ball taking effect in the jaw of "Skip" Barnhart. The rest of the gang thereupon took flight.

The Mormon missionaries, who have been for the past few weeks conducting meetings in Dubois County, claimed that they could work miracles similar to those of the early apostles. The doubting congregations demanded an exhibition of miraculous powers, but the Utah apostles failed to respond.

The Christian Church dedicated at Boone Grove recently, is the first house of worship erected in that place. It is said to be one of the finest in Porter County outside of Valparaiso. Rev. L. L. Carpenter, of Wabash, conducted the services, and raised \$1,500 more than sufficient to pay off the indebtedness.

Another bad break in the tank line of the Standard Oil Company, which extends from Lima, O., to Chicago, has occurred at Huntington, where the line crosses the Little Wabash River. Immense quantities of the fluid escaped and a great conflagration ensued. The fire swept over the banks, burning trees and everything with which it came in contact before the leak was stopped.

A portion of the skeleton of a white man, evidently a Catholic priest, was found by workmen in a gravel-pit, four miles from Lafayette. A number of buttons and a silver cross were also found. It is thought the gravel-pit is a portion of the original site of the old French post, Ouiatenon, established about two hundred years ago, when the French were in possession of this State.

A lively and exciting chase took place at Franklin, recently. As Louis W. Knobe, a merchant, stepped from his front gate to go to his place of business, a mad cow made a rush at him, with head down and bellowing. Mr. Knobe, with hat in hand, ran for his life, closely pursued by the animal, until he sought refuge in a store. The cow continued on the run, but was overtaken and killed. She showed unmistakable signs of hydrophobia.

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## INDIANA LEGISLATURE.

### A WEEK'S DOINGS OF OUR STATE LAW-MAKERS.

Resolutions Offered—Bills Introduced—Some Passed and Others Defeated—A Summary of the Proceedings.

Feb. 7.—In the House, the Peyton-John contest election case was considered. John was unseated by a vote of 50 to 47.

In the Senate the Andrews election bill was discussed at length, seventeen of the sixty-six sections being acted upon. A bill was passed to repeal the statute prohibiting a wife from legally becoming a surety or guarantor of any bond or contract.

Feb. 8.—Consideration of the new election bill was continued in the Senate, the thirty-third section being reached.

In the House a resolution to investigate Insane Asylum affairs was tabled by a party vote. The Indianapolis Board of Control bill was passed. Also a bill for the protection and relief of railroad employees. A bill was introduced to make it unlawful to "treat" in saloons.

Jacob P. Dunn was elected State Librarian in joint session.

Feb. 9.—In the House a bill was passed limiting bequests for charitable or religious purposes to one-fourth of the estate.

The Senate devoted the day in considering several sections of the new election bill.

Feb. 11.—SENATE.—After the introduction of several bills, the reading of the election bill for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the numerous amendments made thereto in the last few days were correctly incorporated was commenced and pursued until the recess for dinner. The reading was continued part of the afternoon. The remainder of the day's session was consumed in discussion of various amendments to the bill, among them the substitute prepared by the minority, which was rejected by yeas, 21; nays, 27. Senator Barrett moved that the report of the committee be concurred in without further amendment, and that the bill be ordered engrossed. The motion was agreed to by yeas 38, nays 9.

HOUSE.—A bill repealing the statute making it a criminal offense to intimidate men from working or to interfere with the running of trains was ordered engrossed. A bill lessening the power of Township Trustees was passed. A bill was introduced to legalize the marriage of Rachel Mason Coy, to Lawrence Burges. The bill appropriating \$190,000 for buildings for the feeble-minded children, with majority and minority reports thereon, was read and ordered engrossed, and made a special order for next Wednesday.

The bill relating to the Police Boards of cities of 20,000 inhabitants, on motion of Mr. Curtis, was ordered engrossed.

Feb. 12.—SENATE.—Bills passed: To legalize the elections in the town of Booneville; appropriating \$186,300 for the Indiana school for feeble-minded youth; to legalize the election of the board of directors of the Clinton Drawbridge Company.

HOUSE.—A number of unimportant bills were introduced and the following passed: To appropriate \$60,000 for a library building at the State University; to appropriate \$27,000 to the Plainfield Reform School.

Feb. 13.—One of the partisan bills introduced by the Democrats, taking from the Governor the power to appoint a Geologist, Mine Inspector and Oil Inspector, was passed to engrossment in the Senate. The election bill was read a third time.

A local-option bill was indefinitely postponed in the House. Bills passed: Appropriating \$187,000, to be used in constructing a home for feeble-minded children; making appropriations to meet deficiencies; authorizing the State Treasurer to borrow \$200,000 to pay the expenses of the General Assembly.

#### The Paradoxes of Science.

The water which drowns us, a fluent stream can be walked upon as ice, says Blackwood's *Magazine*. The bullet, which, when fired from a musket carries death, will be harmless if ground to dust before being fired. The crystallized part of the oil of roses, so grateful in its fragrance—a solid at ordinary temperature, though readily volatile—is a compound substance, containing exactly the same elements, and exactly the same proportions, as the gas with which we light our candles. The tea which we daily drink with great benefit and pleasure, produces palpitations, nervous tremblings, and even paralysis, if taken in excess; yet the peculiar organic agent called theine, to which tea owes its qualities, may be taken by itself (as theine, not as tea) without any appreciable effect.

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The water which will allay our burning thirst augments it when congealed into snow; so that it is stated by explorers of the Arctic regions that the natives "prefer enduring the utmost extremity of thirst rather than attempt to remove it by eating snow." Yet if the snow be melted it becomes drinkable water. Nevertheless, although if melted before it enters the mouth it assuages thirst like other water, when melted in the mouth it has the opposite effect.

To render this paradox more striking, we have only to remember that ice, which melts more slowly in the mouth, is very efficient in allaying thirst.

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