

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.

Sought the Governor's Clemency.

Gov. Hovey, has pardoned, unconditionally, William Adams, of Marion, Grant County. Three years ago he was sentenced for five years in the penitentiary for criminally assaulting a woman. A few weeks ago the woman made affidavit that she had sworn falsely at the trial, and that Adams was innocent. Upon her statement the Judge, Prosecuting Attorney and jury, before whom he was tried, together with several hundred citizens, signed a petition for Adam's pardon, and after the Governor personally investigated the case he decided to free the prisoner. Charles Richards, of Perry County, was also pardoned on the condition that he would obey the laws of the State and abstain from drink. Seven years ago he was sentenced to the Southern prison for twenty-one years for killing a desperado from Kentucky, who came over to the town of Cannelton and expressed his intention of "cleaning out the town." At the time the sentence was passed it was shown that the killing was done in self-defense. Richards had always borne a good reputation. The petition for the pardon was signed by all the court officials of the county and leading citizens. James Mulley, convicted of grand larceny in the Criminal Court of this county, was sent to the Reform School, his sentence to the State prison being commuted.

Patents.

Patents have been granted to the following-named Indiana inventors: Francis M. Abbott, assignor of one-half to C. W. Rodgers, Jeffersonville, velocipede; Chas. R. Becker, Evansville, guide for band-saws; Wm. N. Darnall, Womington, shingle machine; John W. Ferinburg, Hege, churn; Wm. C. Huffman, assignor of one-half to J. M. Laville, Albany, washing-machine; W. D. Johnson, Seymour, wooden dish; Orion S. Meeks, Evansville, and J. C. Brown, Eureka, plow; Wm. H. O'Brien, Elgin, Ill., assignor to Star Iron-tower Company, Fort Wayne, insulation tubular iron posts; Newton Rogers and J. A. Wherry, Terre Haute, dynamo speeder for gas engines, carburetor for gas engines, governor for gas engines, gas engines, igniter for gas engines; Wm. H. Shank, Huntington, forge tuyere; Edward Warren, Ligonier, thrill for vehicles; Jonah C. Wright, Cochran, veritable movable kitchen safe.

Minor State Items.

The town of St. Marys of experiencing a boom.

Union County will erect an infirmary building, costing \$16,500.

The public drinking water at Columbus has been condemned as dangerous to health.

Marion will probably get the Lafayette car-works, which is about to remove from the latter city.

A much-talked-about but never-seen panther is terrorizing the farmers in the vicinity of Columbus.

Brazil has the oil fever and is organizing a company with a capital of \$100,000 to sink wells.

Rev. George B. Holdeman, of Waukesha, is dead, of blood poisoning, arising from kidney trouble.

The Governor has appointed Theophilus R. Kumler, of Butler County, to be a Trustee of Miami University.

Delphi is not discouraged over a failure to secure gas, and is now sinking another well in a more likely neighborhood.

"Old Chip," a Chippewa Indian residing in Crumston, claims to be over one hundred years old. He is very feeble.

Millions of fish are being destroyed by dynamite in Morgan County, and the authorities are making no effort to stop the crime.

At Greencastle, lightning struck a barn in which two boys, named Carhart and Jacobs, had taken refuge, injuring both of them severely.

Gas has been found by the Salem Lime and Stone Company at its quarry. It is the strongest well yet opened, and people are greatly pleased.

James L. Duncan, of Hancock County, has a hog 9 months old, with six perfectly formed feet; also a pig with a nose resembling a fish's.

The Board of Education of Lawrence County has made a rule that a school-teacher shall not attend a dance while she is teaching a term of school.

Citizens of Spencer have organized a company for the purpose of sinking a well to ascertain what is beneath the ground at a distance of 2,000 feet.

The new electric experimenting station of Purdue University will be completed in time for the fall session, and the building will cost \$20,000.

Wm. J. Murphy is having good success in his efforts to reform the drinking classes of Bloomington. Over 300 signers to the pledge have been secured in the past two days.

John Jackson, of Bridgeport, Clark County, sat down on the rotten limb of a fallen tree to rest. It broke and precipitated him to the ground. He will die of his injuries.

At Indianapolis, Ferdinand Schroeder, a saloon-keeper, cut his wife's throat and then killed himself. He was insane, and imagined that his family would starve to death.

Leon Mellen, engine hostler in the Jeffersonville, Madison & Indianapolis yards, at Columbus, had his left hand split open with a rusty meat hook, upon which he fell.

The Northern Indiana Editorial Association will hold a meeting at Kendallville, beginning June 13, and preparations are making to give the editorial brethren a hearty welcome.

The oil excitement at Terre Haute is increasing. The flow at the well shows no signs of diminishing. Many local companies are being formed to sink new ones. The oil is a high grade of lubricating.

John Fishback, a prominent farmer living north of Columbus, is dying from blood poisoning contracted by a slight scratch on his hand from a barbed wire. The arm has swollen to three times its normal size.

M. Crandall's horse ran away with his three children, at Fowler, and came near causing the death of the entire number. They were all thrown out on a picket fence. The oldest, a girl, was severely hurt.

James Thompson, of Crothersville, while squirrel-hunting, rested his gun under his arm. It was accidentally discharged, the charge of shot shattering the bones of the arm and rendering amputation necessary.

Roe Nawter a brakeman on the Jeffersonville, Madison and Indianapolis railroad, was making a coupling of cars at Shelbyville, when his hand was caught between the bumpers and mashed completely off at the wrist.

In excavating gravel on a farm near Montpelier, recently, an Indian skeleton was unearthed, together with some jars, in a good state of preservation. This farm was once known as part of the Godfrey Reserve.

Wabash has organized a Citizen's Gas Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000, for the purpose of supplying free gas to factories. Shares are put at \$50, which entitles the holder to free gas for one stove.

Hancock County has 4,861 school children, including twelve colored males and eighteen colored females, a net increase of 178 over last year. The enumeration of Greenfield, is 946, an increase of eight-four over 1888.

A buzzard fell out of a flock that was soaring over Madison, and alighted against a large plate-glass window in Val Dehler's store. The bird was stunned by the shock and easily captured, while the glass was broken into small fragments.

A fatal accident befell James Miller, prominent farmer living near Flatrock. He was engaged in loading logs on a freight car, when one of them became unmanageable and rolled over him, crushing his head and causing instant death. He leaves a large family.

A few days ago Mrs. William Witten, residing about fifteen miles south of Shoals, left her 4-year-old daughter alone while she went on an errand to a near neighbor, and when she came back she found the child dead, her clothes having caught fire and burned her to a crisp.

Adrian Webb, a boy 13 years of age, a son of Bennett Webb, of Muncie, was visiting his grandfather, Joseph F. Sullivan, at Gwynneville, and was riding a horse from the field to the barn, when the horse became frightened at cattle and threw the boy, killing him instantly.

Lydia Briles went to Leavenworth, got drunk, and acted in a very unbecoming manner. A dozen White Caps had a confab at the residence of Barney Swartz, a few miles from Leavenworth, dragged her out into the yard and severely whipped her. Swartz interfered and was knocked down with a club.

The thirtieth annual catalogue of Earlham College has been issued, and a summary of students shows a total enrollment in all departments of 261, with eighteen in the senior class. The college is located near Richmond, and it is the leading educational institution of the Friends west of the Allegheny mountains.

William Clements, a farmer of Orange County, owns the most prolific cow in Indiana. The bovine is now 12 years old and is the mother of eighteen calves, all of which are living. In the last four years she has given birth four times to triplets and on two previous occasions to twins. She now has three calves.

A large fish, measuring six feet four inches from tip to tip, was speared in Lake Manitou, near Rochester, weighing 112 pounds. No one is able to name it. It has a body similar to the cat-fish, but from its upper jaw extends a flat, blunt shovel, about one foot in length. No such fish is given in the United States reports of the fisheries of this country.

The 9-year-old daughter of a farmer named Tribble, while in a pasture after the cows at her father's home, near Newburg, two miles west of Brazil, was assaulted by a negro, who forced her to the earth. She was greatly alarmed at his approach, and cried loudly for help. Fearing her screams had attracted attention, the villain fled. The child told her story, and the neighbors started in pursuit. If the villain is caught he will be summarily dealt with.

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THE NATIONAL GAME.

GOSSIP ABOUT BASE-BALL CLUBS AND PLAYERS.

The Present Championship Season and the Teams Which Are to Fight for the League Pennant of 1889—Effects of the Tour Around the World.

[CHICAGO CORRESPONDENCE.]

Warm weather and sunny skies have returned to gladden the heart of the baseball crank in every State in the Union, and summer has now come to stay, and with it the base-ball championship of 1889.

The real fight between the big professional teams—the fight which shall determine the location of League and Association championship pennants this fall, as well as that of innumerable minor organizations—began during the last days of April, and now the teams are just beginning to settle down to an earnest realization of the hard fight ahead of them. Of course, some of the teams which have forged ahead during the opening weeks of the season may fall down under the continued strain of a long campaign, and others, which have stumbled a bit at the start, may find themselves playing stodier ball as the season progresses, still the results of the past two weeks of play are fairly indicative of the playing strength of the contesting teams, and consequently of the character of contest which lovers of the game may expect to witness.

In the League the prospects for a close and determined race were never better. The close of the third week in the race finds the teams most interestingly bunched.

Boston and Philadelphia are tied for the lead, with New York, Chicago, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh following so closely in the order named that a game or two either way might easily reverse the positions of the entire list.

And what ball the boys are playing! Few

seasons among those past have witnessed or recorded a start in which the work has been of so uniformly a high character. Boston and New York have been playing ball with clinched teeth, in a desperate endeavor to hold first place, and New York succeeded in doing so up to the close of the third week in the race, when Boston, with Clarkson and Bennett, in the points, beat the Giants and won the victory that sent them ahead of the Gothamites. In the meantime, however, Philadelphia had been getting in some tall work, and although Boston left New York behind it was compelled immediately to loom horns with Harry Wright's team for first place.

And perhaps Philadelphia is not putting up a game!

There is a team which is liable to play sad havoc with the calculations of some of the cracks this season, just as it did last season and season before. Buffinton and Clements promise to prove as great a battery this year as Clarkson and Bennett or Keefe and Ewing, while the regular in and out fields are playing just the kind of ball to raise a grand stand off its feet with enthusiasm and excitement, and, what is more important, just the kind of ball to win games. The tour around the world which Wood and Fogarty made with the Spalding party last winter seems to have made 50 per cent. better ball-players of them this year than they were last. During the season of 1888 they were hard to beat as out-fielders, but now George Wood is playing the in-field, as well as he ever played the out, and Fogarty's work in center is unprecedentedly brilliant in character. Big Thompson, of last year's Detroit, is playing his customary hard-hitting and reliable fielding game in the out-field, while Farrar at first and Mulvey at third are playing game with twenty per cent. more snap in it than it had last year. There has been some little trouble recently between Captain Irwin and Manager Harry Wright, with the result that Irwin demanded his unconditional release, and has not played with the team during the past three or four games. This, however, will doubtless soon be abridged, and Irwin will play short for the Phillips this season as he has done for seasons past. Philadelphia is strong—much stronger this year than last, and should land very near the top of the list when the season closes, while it will be very sure to make every game it plays an interesting one for its opponents.

New York should play no weaker game this year than it played last, but it will have stronger opponents to face. With Keefe and Welch and Crane as regular pitchers, Ewing as the back-stop, Conner, Richardson, Whitney, and John Ward in the in-field, and Slattery, Tierney, Gore, and O'Rourke all playing the game of their lives in the out-field, New York should be a considerable shade stronger than it was last year.

If Boston's talent gets down to the team work of which it is capable, however, New York will by no means have things its own way.

The "Hub" undoubtedly has the weightiest aggregation of batting talent in the country. It has all of the flower of the old Detroit cannonaders, in addition to its

original battery strength of '88, and either aggregation was alone capable of doing good work with the stick. United they should be able to make any pitcher nervous.

And Chicago! What about the team that

has since the close of its last championship race encircled the globe in one of the most memorable trips in the history of celebrated tours, and which has brought almost as many championship pennants to the Lake City as the other teams combined have taken away from it? Some changes have been made in it since last October. Baldwin, Daly, Sullivan, and Pettit have been let go, and no new talent other than that engaged last fall has been secured. President Spalding, however, is of the opinion that none will be wanted. The absence of Williamson, of course, is being felt, and no matter who Anson may put in his place the team will not stop its best ball until the great short stop recovers from the injuries he received at Paris and rejoins his fellow players. He is in New York still under medical treatment and Ryan is meantime playing short quite creditably. The changes in the pitching rules and Williamson's absence worried the team not a little in the opening games of the season. In the opening series at Indianapolis, Pittsburg, and Cleveland, the boys lost a majority of the games they played, but upon reaching Chicago, for a series of four games with Pittsburg they braced up in a style that clearly showed what was in them, although they lost the first game of the four to "the Zulus," winning the remaining three with a margin that pretty well established their superiority in team work, batting and fielding. Duffy, Ryan, and Van Haltren are the regular out-fielders, and will play there so soon as Williamson resumes work or some one can be temporarily secured to take his place. The team's pitchers are young but are showing up remarkably, and promise to make records in the box this year that will advance their individual reputations and materially increase the chances of the team in the pennant race. The fight is now fairly under way and promises to grow more interesting with each succeeding week of the season.

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More next week.

HARRY PALMER.

THE FARMER IS AT FAULT.

What ails the Western farmer? Why does he observe the denudation of his soil and the desertion of his sons without striving to know the cause? With the cancer of protection gnawing at his vitals, why does he not address himself to the disease? The railway managers have had sordid reasons for the maintenance of a system which hindered the usefulness of their roads. But the farmer owns stock in no mill. He makes no contract. He does not stock his farm and then vote himself \$25,000 salary. He does not consolidate with his neighbor and water the two capitals for twice their value. Why should he uphold a reign of false economy that reduces the value of farms and products and deprives the agriculturist of all the advantages accruing from the benefits of twenty-five years of constant labor and wonderful invention?

Is it true that the farmer reads little? Has he ceased to till his mind? Did he, when he was a harness-maker in 1862, read the daily paper with zest? Did he, after he moved up on the farm, welcome the visitor who brought the daily news? Does the same host now, in his old age, gaze indifferently on the same courtesy of his visitor? Have the years of toil reduced that farmer to pauperism?

Is the farmer twenty years behind the age? When Louis Napoleon was "elected" in 1870 it was said the French farmers thought they were voting for the Little Corporal. Are American agriculturists equally conservative? The tariff reformer laid the truth before our farmers last fall. But the Republican orator, familiar with the premises, dwelt on that last fond look the farmer's eldest son gave the old place as he marched away to Shiloh. The farmer's eye was on the dead past.

Awake to-day, tillers of the great valley! Your house is on fire; your children will burn! The third stage of an awful plague sits on the brow of a fair land. The Government, swollen with pride and arrogance, winnows your entire wheat crop. Apparent idlers have set up scandalous pretensions of value for their "services." International trade is long abandoned. American ships are rotten and gone. Gigantic consolidations of goods stolen from the labor of the nation mount to heaven and keep the bright sun away from a once happy and hopeful yeomanry.

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