

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.

Pardoned and Paroled.

Melville Baugh, sentenced to the Penitentiary for five years, from Morgan County, in December, 1887, for manslaughter, was pardoned by Gov. Hovey. Since Baugh was convicted evidence has come to light tending to show that the killing was accidental. The pardon was recommended by the judge and prosecutor who tried the case, eleven of the jurors who returned the verdict, and 240 reputable citizens. The Governor also paroled Enos Scott, of Hendricks County, who, six years ago, was sent to the Penitentiary for nineteen years for manslaughter. Scott, while intoxicated, went to a country dance, and in firing his revolver promiscuously killed one of his best friends. The pardon was urged by the court officials who heard the case, and twelve hundred prominent citizens of the county. The parole was granted on the condition that Scott would abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks.

Minor State Items.

—Lebanon's City Council has increased liquor licenses to \$250.

—Hortonville, Hamilton County, has struck a good flow of natural gas.

—Connersville has organized a cemetery association with \$15,000 capital.

—Vigo County horses are dropping dead in harness from some unknown malady.

—Oscar Logan, in jail at Fort Wayne, for drunkenness, committed suicide by hanging himself.

—Bloomington reports a real estate boom in anticipation of a new factory working fifty hands.

—Logansport authorities are raiding gamblers and destroying the furniture of gambling-tables.

—Shelbyville has cut down salaries of city officers, and is likely to raise the price of saloon licenses.

—Additions to the New Albany woolen mills, now nearly completed, will employ 100 additional hands.

—Fort Wayne gets thirty-eight miles of eight-inch natural-gas main laid from the Blackford field for \$70,000.

—Spencerville proposes to sink three test wells for natural gas and subscriptions are being taken for that purpose.

—The City Council of Crawfordsville has passed an ordinance increasing the saloon license from \$100 to \$250.

—Carl Meyer, a 6-year-old son of Fred Meyer, of Greensburg, died of lockjaw, the result of running a wire nail in his foot.

—A vein of gas which ignited and burned for hours has been struck near Elgin by parties who were boring for water.

—Near Indianapolis, John Taylor shot and fatally wounded his wife, because she remonstrated with him for drinking whisky.

—Matrimonial agents in Jeffersonville are to be overhauled by the grand jury for falsely swearing to the ages of prospective brides.

—The President has remitted Sim Coy's fine, thus shortening his sentence just one month. Coy will return to Indianapolis June 1.

—Greencastle has raised the cost of license to saloons from \$100 to \$250 and provided a forfeiture of \$100 for each violation of the liquor law.

—B. M. Parks, living near Martinsville, lost about five hundred dollars worth of horses and mules that got in the way of a freight train.

—Miss Lou Gifford, of Richmond, yawned so widely that she dislocated her jaw. She has met with the same accident several times recently.

—Westfield has secured the Hadley shoe factory of Indianapolis, by giving free gas, paying a bonus of \$4,000, and furnishing the factory building.

—Major Doxey, of Anderson, is credited with a scheme for piping natural gas from the Blackford field to Cincinnati. The estimate cost is \$1,250,000.

—News has been received at Bloomington of the death of Mrs. Dabney, wife of Prof. R. H. Dabney, of the State University, at her former home in Virginia.

—Nine horses dropped dead in the southern part of Vigo County one day last week while in harness, and the farmers report some unknown malady prevailing.

—While the 10-year-old child of Mrs. Dr. Grove of Columbus, was hanging to the rear part of a delivery wagon, the wagon upset, and falling on the boy broke his arm.

—Alexander Monroe, living near Middletown, was accidentally killed, while handling a revolver, the ball entering his neck. He was about fifty years of age, and unmarried.

—Mrs. Adam Klingel, of South Bend, was fatally burned, her clothing taking fire while she was preparing dinner. Her husband burned his hands badly trying to save his wife.

—A new town, called Cumminsburg, has been staked off on the E. S. & R. Railroad, twelve miles west of Seymour, and the owners propose to make it the county-seat of Jackson County.

—John Whiteman, a young farmer of Spencer County, wounded himself fatally while playing with a revolver.

—Gen. Lew Wallace, in reply to a telegram from Washington, tendering him an appointment as visitor to West Point, replied that he would accept the appointment.

—The city council of Kokomo, by a vote of 6 to 2, has raised the municipal liquor license from \$100 to \$250. The ordinance was passed under a suspension of the rules.

—Clark County grand jury men propose to indict people who treat new married folks, in that county, to a charivari with pan-pounding and bell-ringing accompaniments.

—An old man named Patrick Cusick, of Madison County, lost a hand by partly falling under the wheels in jumping from a moving train, in the Union Station at Richmond, recently.

—Thomas W. Swanagan, a farmer of Daviess County, aged 60 years, is being sued by Miss Marian Elizabeth Milholand, of Washington, for breach of promise to marry. She asks \$2,000.

—John Howell, a noted horse-thief, 61 years old, was released from the northern prison recently, but was immediately arrested for another offense, and will likely spend the remainder of his days in prison.

—Charles S. Carter, of Vincennes, sued the O. & M. Railway for \$10,000 damages for injuries received in a wreck at Shattuck, Ill., about six months ago. Carter, at the time, had his arm and collar-bone broken.

—A company is being formed at Martinsville for the purpose of making necessary improvements for a health resort there. A fine hotel, with parks, drives, etc., is likely to be constructed in the near future.

—An incendiary fire near Charleston, destroyed a barn and contents, valued at \$10,000, belonging to Walter Hikes, and one near Plymouth burned a barn and contents belonging to Senator Reeves, valued at \$2,000.

—Clark County road supervisors are having difficulty in getting men out to work the highways. Under the existing law there is no exemption or relief whatever when judgment is given against a defendant in a road suit.

—Smith Q. Douglas, a well-known and highly-respected young man of Seymour, was found dead in bed at the residence of George R. Brown. Deceased was subject to epilepsy, and had been dead several hours when found.

—Among the street-cleaning gang working on the streets of Jeffersonville is a large negro woman, who is said to make the dust fly as dexterously as her white companions. She is a widow, and has several small children to support.

—Little Charlie Caldwell, 4-year-old son of A. H. Caldwell, of Martinsville, fell headlong from a counter in the store while romping with his father, alighting on his head. He is thought to be critically injured.

—James L. Yater, of North Vernon, has been appointed Sheriff of the Supreme Court, vice Captain North, whose term expired in January last, and W. W. Thorntown, of Crawfordsville, has been selected as Librarian of the Supreme Court.

—A town company has been organized in Jackson and will begin operations midway between Bedford and Seymour on the E. & R. Railway, where the company has purchased a beautiful town site. A large public sale of town lots will take place soon.

—Sunday, the 16th of next month, has been fixed upon as the day for the laying of the corner-stone of the new \$40,000 Catholic Church in Tipton. Invitations have been sent out, and prominent priests from different parts of the State will be in attendance.

—The young men of Greenfield are organizing a military company under the law passed by the last Legislature. It will be composed of at least fifty young men. They will secure Brown's Rifle as an armory and drill-room, and probably be under the command of E. P. Thayer, Jr. It will be a company of the Indiana Legion.

—Patents have been granted to Indiana inventors as follows: John Hironimus, Mt. Vernon, assignor of one-half to F. C. Athoff, Evansville, carriage-spring; George W. Kelly, Goshen, carpet-sweeper; Joseph A. Minnis, Evansville, safe-alarm; Marshall T. Reeves and M. O. Reeves, assignors to Reeves Pulley Company, Columbus, split pulley; Sigourney Wales, Terre Haute, assignor to C. B. Fox, Boston, pencil-holder.

—Warrick County is exercised over an oath-bound Farmers' Alliance, which appoints a committee to transact all the business of the organization. The committee makes all the contracts for all purchases for the entire body of farmers belonging to the alliance. The committee goes into town, visits the merchants and asks them for bids on all classes of goods, telling them that they will not allow them more than 15 per cent. profit on their goods.

—David Burnie, a brakeman on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road, unexpectedly returned home from Chicago, at Fort Wayne, and found Samuel Drewley, a coal dealer, in his wife's bedroom. Without a word he opened fire on the intruder, two shots taking effect. One ball passed through the lower part of Drewley's abdomen, inflicting a wound which the doctors say will prove fatal. After the shooting Burnie walked down to the police headquarters and surrendered himself.

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A CELEBRATED CASE.

DR. CRONIN'S STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE AND DEATH.

Friends of the Dead Man Openly Charge that a Deep Conspiracy Led to His Murder—Chicago Police Searching for the Assassins—Many Theories.

There are more rumors about than developments in the circumstances concerning the certainly brutal fate of Dr. P. H. Cronin, says a Chicago telegram of Friday, May 24. That he was the victim of a murderous band of conspirators was not doubted. His brother, John J. Cronin, came here from Arkansas, viewed the bloated corpse under the trickling waters in the basement morgue of Lake View, and positively declared that it was the remains of his brother.

Chief Deputy Coroner Eckhardt will hold the inquest. The jurors chosen by him are: R. S. Twitchell, Justice Killian, J. H. Vaz Duzen, H. A. Hagen, Victor U. Sutler, and Randolph Seifert. After viewing the body the inquest was adjourned to Tuesday at 10 a. m.

The post-mortem examination of the remains began at 2:45 o'clock. It was conducted by County Physician Todd, Dr. F. G. Porter, city physician of Lake View, and Dr. L. L. Gregory.

The doctors were occupied in making it until 5 o'clock. They examined the broken finger, the teeth, and other marks of identification, and made a record of their observations. They refused to say what the result of the examination was, for the reason, as they said, that they could not disclose their information until it was put in the possession of the coroner's jury.

The police have done nothing to cast light on the dark mystery. So far as capturing any one who might know anything of the foul means adopted in committing the "removal" of Cronin, the police have accomplished nothing. Indeed, Cronin's friends are going to ignore the Chicago police in the investigations they propose to prosecute. Pinkerton detectives held surveillance over the only man put in custody yesterday. He was the iceman, P. O. Sullivan, one of the parties to the contract which blinded the eyes of the murdered physician to the fishiness of the story under which he was decoyed from his office to his fate.

State's Attorney Longenecker talked with Sullivan, and also with Justice Mahoney, who had helped Sullivan to make that contract. Mahoney's statement was taken in detail by James M. Purcell, official stenographer of the criminal court; but, according to Mr. Longenecker, not an atom of information was gleaned that had not been detailed in the press reports. The State's attorney is only hopeful that he may be able to unearth the details of a conspiracy, of the existence of which there is no apparent doubt.

The Pinkerton national detective agency has several operatives at work. In explanation of their employment it was said that Cronin's friends did not have entire confidence in the city and Lake View detective force. It is an established fact that many of the city force are ardent Irish nationalists, and it is believed that many of them opposed the faction to which Cronin belonged.

Money is rapidly pouring into the fund now being accumulated for the purpose of investigation, and the promoters of the investigation say there will be \$50,000 easily raised for the cause. They appear determined to go to bedrock for facts, and the result of their investigation is awaited with keen impatience, as the general impression is that facts peculiarly startling and sensational will be sprung.

The Rev. Father Dorney, pastor of St. Gabriel's church, who became famous in the "Times-Parnell" case, discussed the Cronin mystery yesterday. During his talk with a reporter he said: "I have formed no theory about this terrible matter and I must say that I have not had time to keep myself posted. It was a terrible surprise to me. The theory that his death was caused by his enemies in the Irish movement is absurd. If there was a semblance of truth in it I am sure that my connection with such affairs and my intimate relationship with those prominent in the Irish movement would have enabled me to know something about it. It is absurd from the fact that all those who were opposed to Cronin in such matters have dropped out and have ceased to take any interest in it, leaving Cronin and his friends in control. To say that he was killed by any one connected with an Irish society would be to say that he has killed by his friends."

The possibility that the English government through its secret agents may have had something to do with the Cronin mystery is not being lost sight of. Irish-Americans generally, with this thought in view, have been closely watching developments. One well-posted gentleman said:

"Scotland yard has a finger in every Irish pie. It would be queer indeed if the Cronin business proved the first exception. Improbable, you say—not a bit of it. Who would have believed beforehand for a moment in the horrible truth about Pigott? There was an instance where, with the funds of the British exchequer, the highest Tory officials joined in a far-reaching, cunningly devised plot to destroy the Irish movement by ruining the leader, Parnell. Forger, perjury, absolutely no crime necessary was stopped at Parnell, by whatever means, was to be shown up virtually an assassin, the confederate of the Phoenix park murderers. Details were wrought out with the utmost nicety. Climax followed climax in a manner dramatic beyond precedent, and slowly but surely the coils tightened around the great leader. He was delivered only by an accident.

"Now," said the speaker, warmly, "who is the beneficiary in this Cronin business—who is the loser? Let it hurt or help what single person it may, the chief gain, immeasurably, is to the Tory government of England, the main harm, far exceeding the disgrace of any individual is to the Irish national movement in America."

"Let me tell you something peculiar and perhaps not a little significant. The very date of Cronin's disappearance was the anniversary of the Phoenix park assassination, the identical odious event with which it was sought to connect Parnell. The London Times' conspiracy to destroy the Irish movement at home was opportunely sprung in a time of sore need for the Tories. If the Irish movement could be ruined in America at such a crisis as the present would not the Pigott fiasco be re-

trieved and with a vengeance? Granting the possibility of another Pigott affair, no better intended victim could have been chosen than the ex-president of the Irish National League of America. An incident, well known in his career, once put him on trial for murder. Placed under suspicion of a similar crime the man would be fearfully handicapped. Cronin had for years boasted openly and often of possessing proofs of rotteness in Irish organizations and alleged misconduct by the ex-president. If anything happened to Cronin, who delighted to pose as a mighty antagonist of the Land League official, what could be easier than to have it appear that the latter was responsible? This phase of the mystery will not escape attention, I assure you, and to Irishmen who bitterly remember Pigott and Le Caron and hundreds of lesser demons working systematically for years, the idea is not mere idle theory.

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