

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.

Death of a Surgeon Who Rendered Valuable Service to Indiana Troops in the War.

Dr. Albert Gallatin Preston died at Greencastle, of organic heart disease. He was born near Lynchburg, Va., April 17, 1813. In 1824 his parents moved to Union County, Ind. At the age of 17, he began the study of medicine, and almost at once began its practice. He first located at Middletown, in Henry County, in 1833. He graduated from the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, in 1840. In 1843 he moved to Greencastle, where he has ever since resided. He was well read in his profession, but his chief characteristic was his rare sagacity and sound judgment in applying his knowledge to the particular case in hand. Both as consulting and operating surgeon he had few equals in the State. During the war he was almost constantly in the service of the State. He was surgeon of the Fifty-fifth Indiana, and was captured at the battle of Richmond, Ky. Both before and after his connection with the regiment he was frequently sent by Gov. Morton to care for Indiana's wounded soldiers at times of hard fighting, being thus dispatched to Stone River, Pittsburgh Landing, siege of Corinth, Vicksburg and other severe engagements. He was surgeon of the Board of Enrollment for the Seventh congressional district, with headquarters at Terre Haute, from the time of its organization until the close of the war. He was of a quick and rather impulsive temper when one attempted in any way to put an affront upon him or his friends, but otherwise of a most generous and forgiving nature, and not apt to take offense where none was intended.

Minor State Items.

—Reuben Spires, of Morgan County, lost his barn by fire.

—Daniel Aurenz, of Lafayette, was kicked by a steer and killed.

—Fort Wayne claims the largest woman in the State—a 545-pounder.

—Fort Wayne gentlemen have decided to have a week's racing in August.

—Valuable mineral springs have been recently discovered in Bartholomew County.

—John Bull, a well-known resident of Waterloo, died there recently at the age of 72.

—New Albany is considering the project of making an artificial lake near that city.

—The reunion of the Fortieth Indiana will be held this year at Crawfordsville, on Sept. 12.

—Fish ladders are to be placed in the St. Joe river for the benefit of Lake Michigan fish.

—James W. Hawkins was drowned in a pool on his farm near Bridgeport, while bathing.

—English sparrow pies are reported to be among the favorite dishes on New Albany bills of fare.

—A stable loft, filled with wheat, fell upon William Weaver, near Corydon, and almost crushed him to death.

—Mrs. Lyons, mother of Henry Lyons, of Washington Township, Cass County, was fatally injured by a runaway horse.

—A 16-months-old baby was sunstruck and killed, at Brazil, while being hauled about the streets in an open wagon.

—The German Lutheran Evangelical Association of Huntingburg has accepted plans for a new church building, to cost \$18,000.

—The body of Alexander Whittaker, a colored murderer who drowned himself at Evansville, was found in the river there by a dog.

—Capt. Paul J. Beachard, formerly commanding Company C. of the Sixteenth Indiana Infantry, died at his home in Rushville.

—Joshua Simpson, an insane man, of Jay County, sprang from a train while on his way to the asylum at Logansport, and was seriously hurt.

—Richard Shields, aged 30, whose father lives at Framingham, Mass., was killed by a train at Vincennes, while attempting to steal a ride.

—Knightstown is to have a new and important manufacturing interest in a furniture factory. The company is to be made up of local capitalists.

—An attempt was recently made to steal the body of Steve Williams, who killed himself at Fort Wayne, and who was buried at Crawfordsville.

—Samuel Engle, an old and respected citizen, residing three miles from Winchester, was found dead in a field near his house. He was 75 years old.

—Mrs. Daniel Sullivan and others were thrown from a carriage in a run-away at Lafayette last week, and Mrs. Sullivan was dangerously injured.

—White Caps are reported to have whipped Nathan Haycock, William Hawkins, and Mrs. Hawkins, recently, at Bogard's Park, in Crawfordsville.

—While the two sons of Clarence Butterfield, of Spencer township, Harrison county, were out hunting, the elder shot and killed his brother, aged 10 years, by the accidental discharge of his rifle.

—Mrs. Mollie Adair, of New Washington, is reported to have been suddenly stricken blind recently, and the cause of the calamity has not been ascertained.

—Ambrose McNeil, the distinguished Scotch portrait painter, has finished the picture of Gen. Anthony Wayne. It will be presented to the city of Fort Wayne.

—Six hundred and seventy prisoners are confined in the Prison South, 173 of this number are employed in the shoe-shop, where 500 pairs of shoes are made daily.

—Albert Wetsell, aged 20, a miner at Lodi, was killed the other day. A blast of a miner in an adjoining room of the mine blew down the separating wall, and this fell on Wetsell.

—Saloon licensees at Rushville have been raised from \$100 to \$250 by the City Council. The validity of the action of the Council will be contested by the saloon-keepers.

—V. P. Harris, living near Greensburg, who, last summer, captured the eagle "Abe No. 2," has a fine flag, with forty-two stars floating from a pole, ninety-feet high, at his home.

—An effort is being made at New Albany to form a company for the purpose of laying a pipe line from there to the gas-bearing regions of Harrison County, twenty miles distant.

—David and Lawton Kellar and Virton Stout, of Brazil, have been fined \$25 and costs, each, for illegal fishing, and other citizens of that place have been indicted for the same offense.

—Edward Clark, 17 years old, was shot and probably fatally injured, by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of William Carl, at a singing-school eight miles southeast of Marion.

—Rossell David, a well-to-do farmer of Union Township, Adams County, while driving home from Monroeville, was thrown from his wagon in a runaway, the wheels passing over his head, killing him instantly.

—Wm. O'Hallerin, 23 years old, and the son of a prominent saw-mill owner at Evansville, was killed while at work in the mill. He was running an edging machine, when the board plank which he was dressing flew back and struck him in the abdomen, throwing him a distance of twenty feet and tearing a hole in his stomach.

—Bryant Lewis, a colored laborer in a stone quarry at Mount Vernon, was dangerously injured by a premature explosion in blasting. He was terribly mangled, both eyes blown out, and his injuries are considered fatal. Geo. Schaffer, city marshal, who was near at the time, was badly bruised, but his injuries are not serious.

—William Marke, a prominent German farmer, of Wayne Township, Bartholomew County, met with a distressing accident. He was exercising a young horse, when the animal became frightened and threw him. He alighted on his head and sustained a fracture to

the base of the skull, which has completely paralyzed him. Physicians state that his chance of recovery is not one out of hundred.

—James Neal, of Logansport, accom-

panied some friends to the depot, who

were going to Fort Wayne, and boarded the train when it stopped with his company.

—He was so busily engaged in con-

versation that he did not notice the

train pulling out until it got under good

speed, and in jumping off he was

thrown between the platform and track,

and was dragged beneath the train,

where he was horribly mangled, receiv-

ing a broken leg, and bruised head and

internal injuries. He will die.

—The State Board of Education has

awarded the contract for furnishing

school books throughout Indiana to the

Indiana School Book Company, com-

posed of capitalists in Indianapolis,

Fort Wayne, and Evansville, being the

successful bidders on all books except

copy books and spellers. The contract

was drawn and signed and bond given

to furnish the books according to the

standard of examples furnished. It is

proposed to furnish the books at once,

and the schools of the State will all be

supplied before the fall term begins.

—The quarantining that was placed on

O. M. Elder's livery stable at Greenburg, by health officer Johnson was raised,

but not until three horses were killed

under the direction of State Veterinary

Surgeon Knowles, of Terre Haute, who

made an examination. He declared that

the horse of Rev. E. B. Rawls, and one

belonging to O. M. Elder, both having

been kept in the barn, and a fine stallion

belonging to L. R. Elder, living three

miles in the country, all had the glanders,

and they were accordingly killed.

—It is believed that the disease will not

now spread further, as good precautionary

measures are adopted.

—An accident serious enough in its

results, but far more frightful in appear-

ance, occurred at Richmond. Glen

Miller, a suburban park, was visited by

thousands of picknickers, and in the

rush to get to the city in the evening,

the large open street cars were crowded

to their utmost. In one of these the

brake got out of order in coming down

a steep grade on Twenty-third street,

and at Eight street ran into another car.

Many passengers were thrown headlong.

About half a dozen were hurt, but only one dangerously—Miss Maggie

Haas, parlor matron at Earlham College.

She struck on her head, and is suffering

with concussion of the brain and inter-

nal injuries.

IS A FRIEND OF LIGE.

Postmaster Spalding, of Champaign, Ill., Gets a Job Because He Is Halford's Brother-in-Law.

During the last campaign, Mr. Harrison, at that time a respectable citizen of Indiana, speaking of the distribution of Federal patronage, said: "Fitness and not party service should be the discriminating test." That was nearly a year ago. Since then his ideas have undergone a radical change, as is illustrated by a great many appointments he has made. Here is a case in point:

In January, 1883, President Arthur re-appointed Mr. McAllister postmaster at Champaign, Ill. He was a leading man and active partisan, but an honest man.

In 1885 and 1886 the Democrats tried to get him turned out and a Democrat appointed in his place, but Mr. Cleveland refused to turn him out, as the Democrats could allege nothing against his character or administration of the office, and so he remained until January, 1888, when his term expired. Mr. Cleveland then appointed a man named Fielding, who was one of the proprietors of a Democratic newspaper at Champaign. He retired from the management of the paper absolutely, but retained his interest in it, and devoted his entire time to the postoffice, improved its methods, and made in all respects a satisfactory official. He is young, energetic, exact, and systematic, an excellent business man, and of high character.

A day or two ago Mr. Harrison turned him out and appointed a man named Spalding. Mr. Spalding is an honest and good citizen. His occupation is that of a blacksmith. He is a slow-going, easy sort of man. Spalding's "fitness" appears to have consisted in his relationship to the administration. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. Halford. It is not unfair to state that but for the latter fact he would not have been thought of in connection with the place, not even by himself.—*Washington special.*

DUDLEY'S WORK IN INDIANA.

Congressman McClellan Discourses on Politics in Indiana.

Hon. Charles A. O. McClellan, Representative in Congress from the Twelfth District of Indiana, while on a visit to Detroit, recently, was interviewed by a *Free Press* reporter. We quote from the *Free Press*:

Congressman McClellan had considerable to say about Indiana politics, and he spoke with authority for the reason that he was in the thickest of the fight during the recent Presidential campaign. In Mr. McClellan's district, which includes Allen County and the city of Fort Wayne, his predecessor, J. B. White, a Republican, was very popular, and was elected by a plurality of 2,500 over his Democratic opponent. In his campaign Mr. McClellan succeeded in drawing these 2,500 votes to himself, and, besides, had a very neat plurality to fall back upon. "Around where I was," said the Congressman, with a grimace and scowl which indicated that he still stored it up, "the work of W. W. Dudley was particularly successful, and the wholesale purchase of votes, 'in blocks of five,' is a fact which can be proven. All there is about it, the Democrats spent their money for brass bands and fireworks, while the Republicans were on the margin of the crowd arranging for the purchase of five-in-a-bunch for our side.

"I will tell you what I know to be a fact. Our counties were filled with strangers armed with maps of roads and cross-roads, and the names of Democratic farmers, who would drive through in carriages and call at houses and offer consideration for votes. This sort of thing, too, was carried on throughout the State, and it was the way the Republicans carried Indians. When a man tells you it is not true, but mere partisan claptrap, you may state that you can prove it, and refer such persons to me, if they are not satisfied.

"Why, you know hundreds of men were indicted for violation of the election laws, largely through the efforts of a Democratic United States Attorney. They were tried, however, before, before United States Circuit Judge Woods, a Republican, and all cases were nolle prossed. In the test cases he charged the jury that it must find that there was a Congressman to be elected, to give the case jurisdiction, and must also find that the person charged with the offense had actually voted for a Congressman. Of course there could be but one result, that of acquittal, because there was no possible means of proving such a thing.

"The election down there shows that Indiana Democrats are tariff-reform Democrats. That issue did not hurt us in the campaign, as has been boasted by the Republicans. We not only lost no votes by it, but actually gained some.

The whole State Democratic element was for Cleveland, without a dissenter, and the whole State is still for Cleveland and the principles which he so nobly and bravely advocated."

RASCALITY REWARDED.

William T. Sorsby Given a Consulship in Payment of Dirty Work.

The President is having no end of trouble with his policy of building up the Republican party in the South by appointing Democrats to office, says a *Washington dispatch*. If possible the sort of fellows he has to deal with down there are worse than the average machine politicians of the North. An instance of this is found in the appointment on Saturday of William T. Sorsby, of Mississippi, to Consul at Guayaquil. Sorsby was a Democrat up to the election last November. During the campaign he was assistant editor of the *Greenville Times*, a Democratic paper which was supporting Catchings for Congress against James Hill, colored Republican. The editor and proprietor of the *Times* is a Mr. Neely, who is an intimate friend of Catchings. During the campaign Neely received many letters from Catchings concerning the methods and plans, and after reading these missives put them away in his desk. Last fall, encouraged by the talk of Harrison's plan to build up a new Republican party in the South, Sorsby came to Washington and announced himself as a candidate for a consulship. Not long ago he was warned that Senator Quay had in his possession twenty-five letters written by Catchings during the campaign, and it now turns out that the sly assistant editor has bartered the private letters of his late employer for a Federal appoint-

ment, and that Quay has succeeded in inducing the President to ratify the bargain. Putting this sort of a public premium on private rascality is very distasteful to some people, and there is talk of having the matter brought up in the Senate next fall by resolution of inquiry. It is proposed to ascertain if the Chairman of the Republican Committee and the President of the United States wish deliberately to offer rewards for the riving of gentlemen's private desks.

NO LOVE FOR HARRISON.