

## 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.

Heirs to \$2,000,000.

A strange streak of good fortune has struck the Hayes family in Pike County. A few years ago Grandfather Twitty Hayes died in South Carolina, and left an immense estate, valued at several million dollars, to John Hayes, who has just died, and his heirs, William Hayes (an eccentric character, known as "Pike County Bill"), Twitty Hayes and Eliza Miley (wife of George Miley, deceased), and John Hayes, all living in Pike County. John Hayes, of South Carolina, administrator of the estate, is in this county now looking up the heirs. Pike County Bill will get \$62,000, and Solomon Rhodes, who married a Hayes, gets \$4,400. There will be \$2,000,000 distributed among the heirs. A few years ago ex-President R. B. Hayes's family filed suit against the estate, but failed to establish their claim, as nearer relatives were found. They say that there is more property to be sold, and there will be still more money coming.

### Indian Skeletons Found.

Workmen employed in repairing a road in the northern part of Barthold County have unearthed five skeletons of human beings in a gravel-pit located on the farm of David Kyle. One skeleton is that of a child about twelve years old.

The other four are of men fully six feet tall and of large bones. With two of the men had been buried two lower jaws of some animal. The jaws are of peculiar shape, and have set in them monstrous teeth. The largest set of jaws had been sawed in two and strangely marked. A bone powder-charger and the prongs of a deer's horns were also found with the skeletons. It is presumed they are those of Indians who have been buried many years. Many citizens of that locality have known the mound, where the skeletons were found, for sixty years, and there were large trees growing upon it that long ago.

### Kidnaped Her Child.

Mrs. Frank Nuckles kidnapped her 8-year-old son from the city school building at Crawfordsville. Last week the divorce suit of Mrs. Nuckles was in court, and a divorce refused, but the father was given the custody of the boy. When Mrs. Nuckles went after the boy she took with her Mrs. J. T. Wallace, who held the horse while Mrs. Nuckles went into the school-house and got the boy. Word was at once sent to the police, and a search warrant was issued by the court. The boy was found at the residence of G. W. Paul in the country. Mr. Paul is the step-father of Mrs. Nuckles, and the attorney whose actions are to be investigated by the court. Warrants were at once issued against Mrs. Nuckles and Mrs. Wallace for contempt of court.

### Fatal Accident at a Saw-Mill.

A fatal accident is reported from North Manchester, Wabash County. Joseph Turner was resawing an ash board, about three feet long, at the saw-mill of Scott Dunbar when it caught in the saw, and, flying back, the end struck Turner between the eyes with terrific force. Both eyes were knocked out, and almost the lower part of his face torn away, having an ugly hole larger than a man's fist, and exposing the brain. Turner lived for a few hours after this accident, and was conscious. He was 60 years old, and his home was at Milan, Mich., where he had a wife and several children.

### Minor State Items.

—Ed McHenry was fatally kicked by a horse at Jeffersonville.

—The Logansport Presbytery will meet next year at south Bend.

—Two new gas wells have been struck in the vicinity of Montpelier.

—The reunion of the Sixty-third Regiment will be held next year at Frankfort.

—The purchase price of the Terre Haute Nail Works, which recently changed hands, was \$50,000.

—June Jones, aged 7 years, living near Crawfordsville, has died from the effects of being kicked in the breast by a horse.

—Christ. Hartman, a boy 8 years old, was run over and instantly killed by a Pittsburgh switch engine at Fort Wayne.

—Jasper Griffy, a railroad yardman, was killed and F. M. Merrill, had his hand crushed while coupling cars at Cambridge City.

—Christian Church has been organized at Mace, Montgomery County, with twenty members. A church building will be erected to cost \$1,000.

—Christopher Boide, a prominent citizen of Seymour, was thrown from his wagon and run over by a runaway team. His injuries are probably fatal.

—At Sebastopol, Kosciusko County, J. H. Mollenhauer committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. He was poverty stricken, with a large family on his hands.

—Theodore Foust was playing circus with a number of young playmates in Martinsville, when, in doing the flying-trapeze act, he fell some distance to the ground, broke an arm and was injured internally.

—Dan Eiler, of Hagerstown, has brought suit against Shively & Son, of that place, for \$5,000 damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution.

—John Murray was arrested at Terre Haute for the alleged assault upon Sister Camille, at Emporia, Kan., but had no difficulty in proving an alibi and was released.

—Johnnie Wiant, the 10-year-old son of Israel Wiant, of Marion, who was abducted by a mesmerist and snake-charmer, was recovered at Plymouth by a Chicago detective.

—Bennie, the 6-year-old son of Philipp Bobbins, of Montpelier, while playing on the school ground with his sister, ran against her and burst his head, causing death instantly.

—At Decatur Joseph McGonagle, aged 81, dropped dead from heart disease while at work. He was an old newspaperman and was at one time editor and publisher of the *Democrat* of that city.

—The largest fire insurance ever taken out in one lump in Fort Wayne was placed with S. C. Lumbard by the Jenny Electric-light Company, being a risk of \$325,000. All the companies represented in that city received a portion.

—Mrs. Adam Wyant has obtained judgment in the Madison County Circuit Court, for \$2,370, against the Bee-line road, for injuries received in a runaway accident two years ago. Her horse had become frightened at the cars.

—The large flouring and heading-mills of Elmer Wilson, at Cana, Jennings County, with all the machinery, a large lot of grain and flour and other materials, were burned by an incendiary fire. Loss, \$8,000; no insurance.

—A second crop of green apples is being gathered by many farmers in Montgomery County. This was caused by the hail storm in July, which knocked all the leaves and fruit from the trees and then the trees put out again like in the springtime.

—A jury at Salem awarded Miss Kate Tivanney \$19,250 from the estate of the late Elizabeth Wathen, of Jeffersonville, who died last January, worth half a million. Miss Tivanney had taken care of the deceased for twelve years and had sued for \$32,000 services.

—The Alsop family, six miles west of Montpelier, is badly afflicted with typhoid fever. Mrs. Alsop died, aged 72 years, and her two sons, with both of their families, are down. There were eight funerals in one day, with the same fever, in the neighborhood.

—Herman Grady, adopted son of Dr. Schiller, a prominent physician of Evansville, was found dead at the house of Mr. F. Scheuermann, at Huntingburg, with whom he was spending the night. He was unmarried, and was subject to epileptic fits, from which cause he died.

—Peter Flynn has brought suit against John Wampler and Jim McGilliard, of Crawfordsville, for \$1,000 damages, resulting from the defendants selling him a loaded cigar. His eyes were badly injured, and he cannot work, though he has a family dependent upon him for support.

—In Clark County, Charles McCombs and Robert Grayson, were attacked by a rattlesnake seven feet long, while tearing up a culvert. The snake devoted itself to an attack upon Grayson's rubber boots, and he fainted with fright. McCombs killed the reptile before it struck.

—Prof. W. W. Borden has purchased and added to the Borden Institute library, at New Providence, a superb copy of the noted second edition of Shakespeare, published in 1632. It is a valuable addition to the list of rare books in Indiana, as it is probably the only copy in the State. This volume cost about \$150.

—Anna Dugan, aged 28 years, has filed a suit, in Adams County, against Samuel Ahels, aged 58 years, charging him with a breach of marriage contract of a standing of seven years, and asks \$3,000 damage. They are both residents of Adams County, Mr. Ahels being a prosperous farmer, who has never yet become a Benedict.

—While some boys from the country were going home from Montpelier, they had to go by a tile-mill close to town, and when they got opposite the mill, some persons commenced firing at them, just missing them. Eleven shots were fired. The boys say they had a pretty close call. They went over to the mill, but could not find anybody.

—About a month ago Mrs. Dr. Henson, of Hall, died, of heart trouble and pneumonia, rather suddenly and unexpectedly. Her mother, Mrs. Holman, was so grief-stricken over the loss of her only daughter that her hair, which was a raven black, turned white within 24 hours after Mrs. Henson's death, and she has not been well since. A few days ago she was taken sick with brain fever, from which she died, aged 56 years.

—Patents have been issued to Indiana inventors as follows: Martha A. Carter, Amo, fruit-canner; Edward Dawson, assignor of one-half to P. N. Staff, Terre Haute, vise; Charles N. Ellis, New Albany, gate-latch; Henry Fetic, Middletown, cane or corn-harvesting machine; Phillip J. Harrah, assignor of one-third to S. Lehman, Bloomfield, shaftholder for vehicles; Geo. E. Richett, Goshen, brush for moistening the sheets of copying-books; Robert S. Taylor and M. M. Slattery, Fort Wayne, automatic synchronizing commutator.

State Workmen at Johnstown Discharged

At Johnstown, Pa., the workmen for the State were discharged Monday night, but the work of cleaning up the town has not yet been completed. Hundreds of cellars are still filled with storm-wreck, and a number of bodies are supposed to be buried under the debris. The corpse of a child was found yesterday. The citizens' committee has gone to Harrisburg to confer with Gov. Beaver in hope of arranging for a continuance of the work of clearing away the rubbish by the State authorities.

## RAVAGED BY FLAMES.

### A LARGE PART OF GRAND HAVEN, MICH., DESTROYED.

Flames Break Out During a Brisk Gale and Soon Get Beyond the Control of the Fire Department—Forty-one Buildings Burned at a Loss of \$500,000.

Fire started in the center of the business portion of Grand Haven, Mich., and before it could be extinguished had swept through half the city.

A fierce wind was blowing from the lake and the flames got beyond the control of the firemen shortly after the fire started.

Among the buildings burned are the following: The Cutler house and the residence of Dwight Cutler and the residence of Mrs. Slatton, T. A. Farris, G. D. Sanford, Capt. McCullom and A. S. Kedzie. The First Reformed, Unitarian and Methodist churches were burned, together with about thirty residences. No lives were lost. The sweep of the fire included both sides of Main street from Slatton's grocery, where the fire originated, to the Ake institute. Everything in the path of the flames was wiped out. The total loss is about \$500,000, 41 buildings in all being destroyed.

Grand Haven is the county seat of Ottawa county and is situated on Lake Michigan, at the mouth of Grand river. It has a population of some 6,000 people. Two railroads enter the place—the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee and the Chicago & West Michigan—occupying separate depots. The Goodrich line of steamers also touch there. At one time Grand Haven had large lumber interests, but of late years this trade has been reduced. The principal business now is the manufacture of agricultural implements and woodenware.

## OUR RAILWAYS.

### Annual Report of Commissioner of Railways Taylor.

Secretary Noble has received the annual report of Commissioner of Railroads Taylor for the fiscal year ending June 30 last. As Taylor was not appointed to the position until July 17 the work of the bureau does not come under him, and he confines himself to recommendations.

Several railroads which received land grants from the State refused to report to the railroad commissioner, who differs from them and claims that as the States received land from the United States and then gave grants to the railroads it is the same as if they were granted directly. He has, therefore, reported these railroads to the Secretary of the Interior for judicial action.

The commissioner next devotes himself to the subject of the rate wars between railroads. He says that in most cases they are devoid of palliation or excuse, and that they destroy or imperil the value of railroad securities and impose unjust burdens upon the commerce of the country.

The commissioner disagrees with the claim of the railroad managers that the recent losses sustained were due to restrictive laws enacted by Congress and various States.

He believes that in many sections of the West, notably in Iowa and Kansas, roads have more mileage than necessary and, therefore, run at a loss.

The commissioner also expresses his belief that the railroad managers do wrong in fighting to secure trade from competing points in a State for developing local traffic.

The commissioner endorses the recommendations of his predecessor in favor of enacting a law providing for the funding of debts of the bonded roads. He believes also in extending the time and reducing the rate of interest. He opposes having regular fixed payments and thinks that the law must not be too strict, for in that event he sees that the roads could not be able to meet them and the government might be compelled to pay off prior liens and take possession of the roads. Besides the extension of time and the reduction of interest the commissioner decides that the roads be required to pay a certain per cent of their gross earnings to the liquidation of their indebtedness to the government. Thus in the years of depression roads could not pay much on the indebtedness, while in prosperous years they could do better.

In conclusion he gives a complete statement of the indebtedness of the Pacific railroad, etc., and shows that it will be impossible to pay all off at maturity.

## CHARGES AGAINST A CONSUL.

### The Representative of This Country in Morocco in Trouble.

Charges of a serious character have been made to the State department, during the last year, concerning the official and personal conduct of Reed Lewis, of Pennsylvania, United States Consul-General in Morocco. The charges affect the manner in which he has conducted the accounts of the office and also his bearing as representative of the United States in outside dealings. The most recent allegation against Consul-General Lewis is made by a newspaper published at Tangier, which goes so far as to make a direct charge of an attempt at extortion of money from another representative of the United States, Vice Consul Cohen, who is stationed at Mazagan, Morocco. According to the newspaper, Lewis called on Cohen, who is wealthy, and demanded 20,000 francs as the price of his retention in office. Cohen refused to comply with this demand, and Lewis said that the consular agency had brought Cohen large profits, and he could afford to spare 20,000 francs. Cohen, again refusing, was deprived of his office by Lewis, who offered it, without success, to several persons. It was finally accepted by Daniel Madden. The paper also charges that Cohen was placed under arrest, his papers seized and the American flag over the consulate hauled down. State Department officials say that the case is in Assistant Secretary Wharton's hands, and they refuse to discuss it until he returns. Lewis is the son of a wealthy Philadelphian.

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### AN APPALING ACCIDENT ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

The Steamer Corona Bursts her Boiler Near Baton Rouge and Immediately Goes to the Bottom of the Stream—List of the Passengers and Crew.

(Baton Rouge (La.) special.)

The elegant side-wheel steamer Corona, of the Ouachita line, plying between this city and Ouachita River points, burst her boiler and immediately sank in midstream. The death-roll is known to include forty persons, and probably more were killed.

The loss of life would have been greater than it was, but the steamer St. Louis was just approaching the Corrons and aided in picking up those who were not killed. The boilers blew downward and knocked the whole bottom out of the boat, which was in midstream.

The Corona was built at Cincinnati and was worth \$20,000, having recently had \$12,000 in repairs put on her. She was running at the time of the disaster in the place of the Josie W. Her boilers were inspected last week and pronounced all. She carried about 100 passengers. Experts are at a loss to account for the explosion. She was laden with cotton. Following is a list of the lost crew:

J. W. Blanks, captain.

J. V. Jordan, first clerk.

Charles Clegg, second clerk.

Swimp Hann, third clerk.

Fred Dinkle, bar-keeper.

Fred Oberman, bar-keeper.

Pat Ryan, steward.

Dick Curtis, fireman.

Tom Shock, engineer.

Henry Doyle, porter.

Jim Swipe, porter.

Tom Burns, deckhand.

Mr. Tate, deckhand.

Henry Davis, deckhand.

Tom Cook, sailor.

Billy Young, second mate.

Sam Steele, Texas boy.

Second Mate Sam Steele.

To this must be added both captains, the deck-watch, eight routabouts and a boy.

The passengers killed were:

Dr. Atwell, a chiropodist, and four negro musicians traveling with him.

Mr. Scott, of Smithland, La.

Mr. Davis, of Stockman, Texas.

Mr. Koench.

Mrs. Huff, of Opelousas.

Mrs. Kaufmans, with a nurse and her eldest child.

The following named passengers were saved:

Mrs. Henry Blanks and two children.

Mrs. Mann.

Mrs. Robert Robertson.

Capt. Cornwell.

B. G. Brown.