

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.

Ex-Governor Cumback's Revenge.

Hon. Will Cumback is 61 years old. He has always been an advocate of "woman's rights"—that is, of the right of women to do as they please so long as they do not detract from the pleasures and enjoyment of the sterner sex. The prevalent custom at Greensburg, his home, of the ladies entertaining alone—giving "hen parties," if you please—has not met his hearty approbation, and for-bearance has ceased to be a virtue. Hence, there was a commotion when the fair sex was barred the pleasure of meeting their husbands, sons, and lovers at a brilliant gathering at the elegant home of the ex-Governor on his birthday. Several days ago about one hundred gentlemen each received a neat card on which was engraved: "Will Cumback, at home Monday evening, March 24, 1890, at 6 o'clock. If you can't come, say so." At the upper left-hand corner was the picture of a fine-looking rooster, under which were the words: "This is not a hen party." The gathering was a merry one, and many lonely women spent the evening at home sorrowfully realizing that revenge is sweet to the other side.

Minor State Items.

—There are now confined in the Southern prison 562 convicts.

—Mrs. R. F. Nelson, aged 68 years, dropped dead while walking across the floor at her home, near Georgetown, Clark County.

—Lewis Epard's barn was burned, near Anderson, by an incendiary fire. Four horses perished. Loss, 2,500.

—George Pearson, a young man of Mansfield, accidentally shot himself while changing his clothing, and was found dead in his room.

—John Horschberger, who fractured his skull a few days ago by a fall on the Big Four tracks at Colfax, has since died of his injuries.

—A brakeman named Van Ausdal fell under a train near Connersville, and was ground to pieces. His remains were taken to Hamilton, O.

—Robert Hemingray, a glass manufacturer, of Muncie, was thrown from a buggy down an embankment, and his shoulder was dislocated.

—The Ministerial Association of the Crawfordsville district will meet at Waveland on April 28, 29, and 30. Twenty-two papers will be read.

—The Kokomo bit-works are turning out 250,000 auger-bits a month, or 3,000,000 per annum. It is the largest factory of its kind in the United States.

—A burglar entered the residence of Mrs. Dr. Bearss at Peru, as the family were at tea, and secured a lot jewelry, a gold watch and about \$20 in money.

—Primus Horsey, a young man about twenty years old, undertook to board a passing train, a few miles east of Shoals, and was severely, if not fatally, injured.

—Warren Rowley, of Goshen, who was injured in an accident on the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan, in 1889, has brought suit against the railroad company to recover \$5,000 damages.

—George M. Schultz, a prominent politician, while chopping kindling at Brazil, was struck in the eye by a flying splinter. The muscles of the eye were paralyzed, causing total loss of sight.

—The Fort Wayne Artificial-Ice Company has been organized, with Henry C. Berghoff as President. The company will have ice on the market in June to supply the deficiency caused by the mild winter.

—Andrew Slusser, aged 12, whose home was in Huntington, was killed by the cars at Andrews while stealing a ride on the Wabash road. He was playing truant, and was returning home from a trip to Peru.

—The largest plate of glass ever cast in the world was drawn from the annealing furnaces at the Diamond plate-glass factory, at Kokomo recently. It measures 145 by 195 inches, weighs 2,000 pounds, and is perfect in every particular.

—Prof. Elmer E. Griffith, Superintendent of the Frankfort city schools, has resigned his position, and the Board of Trustees have selected B. F. Moore, the present Superintendent of the schools of Monticello as Mr. Griffith's successor.

—Albert Burnett, a colored boy, 18 years old, was run over by a switch engine, in the Pittsburgh yard, at Fort Wayne, and both his legs were taken off. He died after being taken to the hospital. Burnett had been in the habit of jumping on switch engines to take a ride, and fell under the wheels while engaged in that dangerous pastime.

—George B. Ray, the Crawford County White Cap who shot W. H. Toney full of holes at English some time ago, was tried in the Crawford Circuit Court, at Leavenworth, and fined \$50. Ray was convicted at a previous term of the same court and his punishment fixed at two years in the State prison. A new trial, however, was granted, and Toney, the principal witness, being absent from the State, his punishment was fixed as stated above.

—Robert L. Matthews, employed in the Jeffersonville car-works, slipped and fell into a kettle of boiling pitch at that institution, and suffered serious injuries. His neck and left arm were burned almost to a crisp.

—Edward Buxton, aged 15 years, and residing with his father, Isaac Buxton, a well-to-do farmer, near Holman Station, Clark county, died from the effects of an injury sustained while playing ball. Some months ago he was struck in the breast with a pitched ball. At the time he experienced no serious pain from the accident, but later he gradually began to grow weak, and was compelled to go to bed, from which he was never able to rise.

—One night recently a note and a bundle of switches were left on the door of one Coleman Romine, a native of Scottsburg, Romine is the prosecuting witness against Robert Rayburn, who is now in jail at that place on a charge of forging a note on the Scottsburg Loan Association for \$100, with Romine's name attached as surety. The purpose of the note, which was signed "White Caps," was to intimidate Romine into silence in the future about the matter.

—Captain Henry Tower and his business partner, Chas. Cravens, were driving in a buggy on Main street at Madison, when their two horses, frightened at a passing street-car, ran away at breakneck speed. The lines broke and the animals became uncontrollable both gentlemen jumped out. Cravens received slight injury, but Tower's dangerously hurt. The team ran upon the sidewalk, running over and possibly fatally injuring Miss Alta Gates, daughter of Geo. Gates, of North Madison, who had come to town for medicine for a sick sister. Striking an electric-light pole, one of the horses, valued at \$500, was instantly killed and the buggy demolished.

—A bold plagiarism has just been unearthed at Crawfordsville. Perry Martin, of that city, and a senior in Wabash College, took the \$40 Baldwin prize at the oratorical contest, but it is now known beyond a doubt that his oration was taken word for word from the interstate prize oration delivered by R. M. LaFollette, of Madison, Wis., in 1879, at Iowa City. The proof is certain, for copies of the two speeches have been compared. It was thought at the time that the speech, the subject of which was "Iago," was beyond the calibre of the speaker, and an investigation led to the discovery of the fraud. R. M. LaFollette, author of the original "Iago," is a cousin of Martin and represents the Madison, Wis., district, in Congress. Martin has left the city.

—Patents have been granted to Indianaans as follows: Albert Abrahams, Evansville, burglar alarm; Charles Anderson, assignor, to South Bend, iron-works, South Bend, reversible mold-board plow; Wallace H. Dodge, Mishawaka, pulley; Henry B. Doolittle, Doolittle Mills, stump-puller; John Goedel, Cambridge City, saw; Charles D. Jenack, Indianapolis, dynamo electric machine; George W. Keller, Goshen, carpet-sweeper; Thos. A. Kennedy, Monticello, assignor of one-half to J. E. West, Fairland, mail-pouch fastener; Oscar Kitchett, Valparaiso, assignor of one-half to W. H. Curtis, Chicago, shipping car; Joseph S. Locke, Spartanburg, assignor to A. P. Glunt, Union City, wire-twister; David Meyers, North Manchester, automatic boiler-cleaner; Henry W. Taylor and C. W. Mellman, Sullivan, relief type; David D. Weiszell, Fort Wayne, foot power.

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—Since last summer, S. W. Marson & Bros' hardware, grocery and china store at Cambridge City, has been entered six times by thieves and goods amounting to \$500 have been stolen. Recently the firm secured the services of a detective and the other night one of the firm, the detective and two other men secreted themselves in the store. Shortly after 12 o'clock two men were heard praying at the back door, and after little trouble they gained an entrance. When in the act of plundering the store the detective and his assistants rushed upon them and captured Lemuel Crockett, while the other unknown person escaped, after swimming a canal and having the contents of a revolver emptied at him. Crockett is a brother-in-law to Lee Morgan, who is now serving a seven-year sentence in the penitentiary for committing several burglaries, and when taken to Richmond said that if he was imprisoned would turn State's evidence.

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TO CURE IRELAND'S ILLS.

THE IRISH LAND PURCHASE BILL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

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Dublin cable: The Freeman's Journal prints the report of an interview with Mr. Parnell on the subject of the land-purchase bill. He said the bill was absurd and objectionable in the highest degree. The liability which the English tax-payer will not incur it is coolly proposed to transfer to the Irish cess-payer. That the object of the government is to inflate the value of the Irish lands to an inordinate extent is clearly disclosed in Balfour's speech. A

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CYCLONIC DESTRUCTION

WHIRLING WINDS WRECK A PORTION OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

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Cairo (Ill.) dispatch: A tornado struck Metropolis, Ill., at 5 o'clock in the evening, doing great damage to property. Many houses were blown down, and it is reported that several hundred people were killed and injured, but all wires are down and it is impossible to get details.

Metropolis is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants. It is situated on the Ohio river, which at that point is a broad stream now much swollen by the floods which have threatened the towns along its banks. It is the county seat of Massac county, and lies directly south of the center of the county. This town has but one railroad, the Terre Haute, which, running south through the county, turns at Metropolis and follows the course of the Ohio up the river to a point opposite Paducah, Ky. There the road crosses to the Kentucky side and becomes the Newport News & Mississippi Valley.

St. Louis (Mo.) dispatch: It is reported that at Mill Creek, a small station twenty-five miles north of Cairo, several houses were blown down and a number of people injured. Owing to the wires being down it is impossible to get particulars.

A special from Coulterville, Ill., says that town was visited by a disastrous wind storm, accompanied by hail the size of hen's eggs. Davidson Elder's house was

wrecked, and Mrs. John Richmond, Mr. Elder's daughter, and Messrs. McCracken and Smith of Nashville, Ill., who were in the house at the time had a miraculous escape, getting off with a few bruises and scratches.

A special from Nashville, Ill., says the cyclone struck that place with terrific force, and that not a pane of glass is left in a window with western exposure.

At Little Prairie, a few miles away, the storm destroyed the residence of William Rhine and Mr. Rhine was badly hurt, his leg and arm being broken. He is also internally injured and not expected to live. Two of his children were carried a quarter of a mile to the home of David Smith. They were uninjured. Smith's house was destroyed. He rushed out with his little girl and a tree fell on them. Neither is expected to live.

A special from Carbondale, Ill., says a disastrous cyclone passed through Jackson county. At Grand Tower a coach of the Grand Tower & Carbondale railroad was blown from the track. A number of houses were leveled to the ground and three lives are reported lost. Near Murphysboro Mr. Linsley's dwelling was literally blown to pieces, his child killed, and his wife dangerously injured.

St. Louis (Mo.) dispatch: Officers of lower Mississippi steamers arriving here report much distress in the overflowed districts south of Memphis, and the outlook for their next crop quite discouraging. Should the water not drain off by the last of April it will seriously interfere with their planting. Over 1,000 empty sacks have been shipped to points between Memphis and Vicksburg and have been filled with earth and sand and used in strengthening the levees.

Mr. Balfour then offered an amendment in his original motion, to be considered as pending, providing for the dedication of the buildings of the world's fair with appropriate ceremonies, October 12, 1892; and further providing that the exposition shall be opened to visitors not later than May 1, 1893, and close not later than October 30, 1893.

He said that this postponement was not asked by Chicago, but he thought that it would inure to the benefit of the exhibitors who were to take part in the exposition.

The House agreed to Mr. Candler's amendment postponing the fair until 1893.

Mr. McCready of Kentucky spoke of the benefits which would accrue to the entire country by the holding of the exposition.

A WORLD'S FAIR SURE.

THE HOUSE