

INDIANA HAPPENINGS.

EVENTS AND INCIDENTS THAT HAVE LATELY OCCURRED.

An Interesting Summary of the More Important Doings of Our Neighbors—Weddings and Deaths—Crimes, Casualties and General News Notes.

Is It a Swindle or Not?

James Christie, a well-known young farmer, living near Fletcher's Lake, went to Logansport the other day and obtained \$800 from the banks on notes on which are forged the names of prominent farmers living in his neighborhood. Christie then called on an insurance agent and took out a policy of \$5,000 on his life. While the policy was being written up Christie purchased a suit of clothes, shoes, hat, etc. Going home he gave the policy to his wife and ate his supper. About 8 o'clock a neighbor's boy called and the two went swimming in the lake near by. Christie swam out into deep water before his companion addressed. In a few moments Christie called to his friend on the bank, saying that he had the cramps and to get a boat near by and come to his rescue. The boat was secured, but Christie had disappeared. When his companion returned, alarm was given, and the lake was dragged for two days and nights in search of the body. Christie's clothes on the bank were found where he took them off, and untouched tracks were discovered of a bare-footed man going toward Christie's house from the lake. A peculiar-shaped toe which marked itself in the foot-prints, and which tallies with Christie's foot, settles the fact in the minds of the neighbors that Christie made his way home naked while his friend was getting the boat, and, donning the new outfit which he purchased, he left the country. Christie was heavily in debt and he doubtless reasoned that his plans were so well laid that his death would be accepted as a certainty without question, and that his family would receive the insurance money to help them out of the financial difficulties in which he had left them. He has doubtless gone to the far West, where he has relatives, and where he often said he was going some time.

Prominent Merchant Killed.

An accident in which one of Rushville's most prominent business men lost his life, and another one was seriously hurt, occurred at that place. Mr. W. J. Maury, of the Maury Company, dry goods merchants, was driving a young horse along the street, when a piece of loose paper was turned over by the wind, at which the horse took fright and immediately started to run. Mr. Charles Hugo, who was riding in the cart with Mr. Maury, was thrown violently to the ground and received very serious bruises. Mr. Maury was thrown from the cart as the horse turned the corner, and after being hurled to a height of ten feet in the air alighted upon his head on the stone curbing and fractured his skull in five places, from which wounds he died. Mr. Maury was in the prime of an active business life. He had just received a policy in the amount of \$5,000 from the New York Life, and carried \$3,000 in the Royal Arcanum.

Minor State Items.

Ferdinand Burman, of Logansport, was assaulted by foot-pads and badly used up.

Oil was "struck" at Greencastle, and the proprietors of the gas well feel greatly encouraged.

Columbus has granted a street-railway franchise to John S. Crump. Four miles of track will be laid.

The new stock scales of Marshal Alger, at Wabash, were blown up with dynamite by unknown parties.

Patrick Barry, whose home is at Chicago, sat on the Monon track at Ash Grove. His injuries are thought to be fatal.

Milroy Sexton, a young man, was instantly killed while loading saw-logs, a few days ago, in Wheatfield Township, Jasper County. One log slipped and crushed him to death.

Ed. Williams at Lagro, was drowned while swimming. He was seized with cramps and sank in eight feet of water. The body was in the water over half an hour before it was recovered.

The safe at the Road House, at the Soldiers' Home near Marion, was blown open and robbed of eighteen dollars. The proprietor shot half a dozen times at the robbers, but missed them.

The Brazil City Council, by a tie vote, the Mayor deciding, voted to increase the retail liquor license from \$100 to \$250, the full limit. Thirty saloons are affected, every saloon-keeper being opposed.

The game law prohibiting shooting squirrels expired last week, and until Dec. 15, the little animals can be shot without violation of the law. The game is unusually plentiful in the woods of Harrison, Crawford, and other southern counties.

Mary Hansheer, a well-known young lady of Lafayette, has been for two weeks lying in what appears to be a state of intermittent coma. She awakes for an hour or so a couple of times a day, partaking of nourishment and conversing rationally. Physicians are at sea.

At North Vernon, Douglas L. Snodgrass, aged 85 years, died suddenly from a dose of morphine self-administered. The cause of taking the medicine is unknown. He leaves a wife.

Mrs. Elizabeth White, a well-known lady of Rich Valley, Wabash County, has been declared insane. She labors under the hallucination that she is perpetually engaged in a hand-to-hand encounter with the devil, and though not violent, her friends deem it best to have her confined in the asylum.

Richmond has just been flooded with counterfeit silver dollars, and a good many business men have been victimized by them. They are of the issue of 1883, and bankers say they are the best counterfeit silver they ever saw. The ring is good and the workmanship perfect. They are a little thicker than the genuine silver dollar.

John Lingard, of Mill Creek, LaPorte County, was taken with a violent fit of vomiting, and during a severe struggle, a small lizard was ejected from his stomach. The animal was dead and partially encysted. It is supposed that he swallowed it about two years ago while drinking water, as he has suffered a great deal of pain in the region of the stomach about that length of time. The long retention of the animal had poisoned Mr. Lingard's entire system and his death ensued in a few hours. He was an old resident, having lived in the county forty-eight years.

William Strothen, four miles southeast of Paoli, was taken from his home by a band of masked men, whipped in an outrageous and brutal manner, and notified that if he did not leave within one week he would be hung. Strothen was whipped in much the same manner some two months ago, and claimed to recognize his assailants, against whom he commenced a prosecution before a magistrate, which was dismissed, and it was understood that he would lay the matter before the coming session of the grand jury. He claims to have recognized his assailants as the same who first whipped him. There is considerable excitement over the matter and it will be fully investigated.

Drs. Bunker, Mowd, Voris, Arwin, McLeod and one or two others, operated on Samuel Waltz, a farmer of Franklin County, to remove a tumor of immense growth that had been forming on one of his legs for thirty years. It had attained immense proportions, being two feet long, one foot in diameter and nearly as wide. Mr. Waltz, who had consulted physicians in Indianapolis, Cincinnati and other cities, was informed that amputation was the only hope. The leg was taken off at the thigh, and it with the tumor weighed fifty-five pounds, more than one-third the weight of the entire body. He stood the operation well, but the result cannot be determined for several days.

When William Plummer, who lives one mile south of Greenfield, drove in his little 4-year-old daughter, Nelly, ran to meet him. Mr. Plummer had unhitched his team and started to the barn, when a dangling trace-chain caught on an iron bolt in the end of the tongue and, jerking, frightened the horses so that they jumped and ran, dragging the heavy roller upon the part of which the little girl had seated herself. She was thrown beneath the roller and crushed to death, her neck being broken. Death followed almost instantly. Mr. Plummer, when he saw the imminent danger of his child, threw himself before the roller, and it passed partially over him, but did not save her. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer are almost crazed with grief.

Three years ago the steamer La Mascotte, owned by Captains Durland and Perkins of Evansville, was burned at Cape Girdeau and a number of lives lost. Among them was Roy Perkins, the first clerk, who attempted to leave the boat with a large quantity of gold and silver in a belt around the waist. His body was never found. The other day Capt. Perkins received a telegram from a young lady friend of the family, who resides in Washington, stating that on a visit to one of the hospitals she had found Roy lying dangerously ill, and, though he denied his identity, he finally confessed. Immediately upon receipt of this, Capt. Perkins left for Washington. It is thought that Perkins was injured in the wreck and has only now recovered his reason.

While the Rev. Charles Morris, of Evansville, dean of the southern convocation, was en route to Indianapolis to attend the diocesan convention, he fell into the hands of confidence men. Shortly after leaving Terre Haute a man sitting in the front end of the coach was apparently seized with a terrible fit. The Rev. Dr. Morris' sympathy was aroused at once, and he went forward to lend his assistance. After rubbing the fellow's head for some time his struggles ceased, and the minister started to return to his seat. The man was immediately seized with another fit, and Dr. Morris again went to minister to his wants. This time the fit was of short duration, and the Rev. Dr. Morris was soon able to return to his seat, only to find that his grip, containing his vestments and reports, had been stolen by an accomplice of the man who had had the fits. The victim's preacher went on to Indianapolis without even an extra handkerchief in possession. Once before, on a trip to Mount Vernon, he met with the same misfortune, having all of his vestry robes stolen.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE GREAT CONCLAVE IN MILWAUKEE.

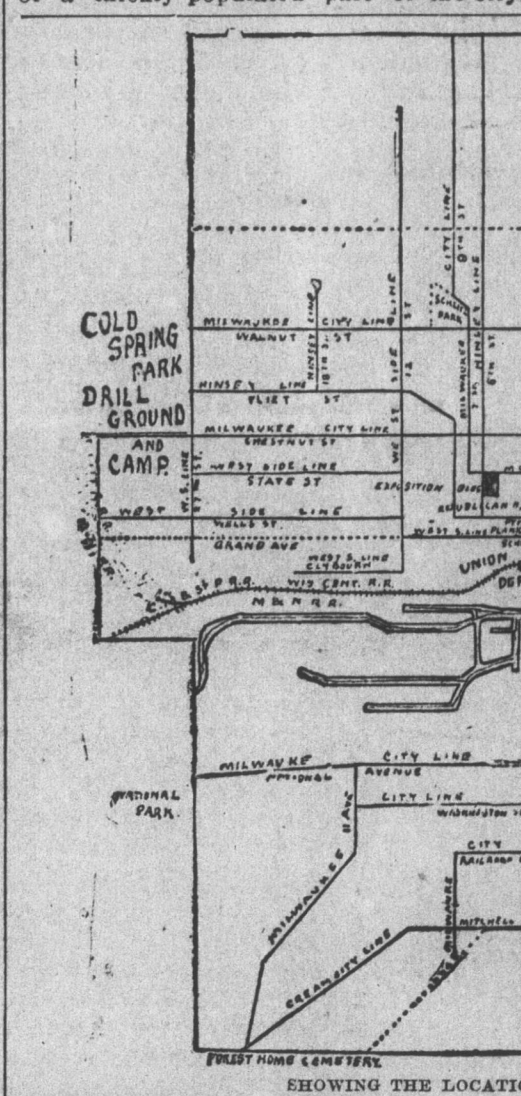
The Cream City to Royally Entertain Her Visitors—Big Features to Be Made of the Uniform Rank Prize Drills and Parade—The Pyrotechnic Display.



MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 2.—The sixteenth session of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of the World, and the first encampment of the Uniform Rank of that flourishing secret society, will, together, form the most attractive gathering of the kind to be held on the Western Continent during the year 1890.

For the week of July 7-12, inclusive, the hospitable people of Milwaukee will open the gates of the city, and of their hearts as well, and will give to the visiting Knights, uniformed and without uniform, a most royal welcome. They will also welcome the wives and daughters, the neighbors and the friends of the noble band of citizens who comprise the order of Knights of Pythias throughout the United States and Canada. Each and every citizen of Milwaukee, "the Blonde Beauty of the Lakes," will, during that week, constitute himself a committee of one to attend to the pleasure of the thousands of strangers who will be here.

From the information now in hand, and from the enthusiastic letters received from members of the order in all parts of the country, there is every reason to believe that this will be the most successful gathering the order has ever had. The Milwaukee conclave will mark a new era in the history of the Uniform Rank, which will on that occasion, for the first time, carry out the military idea to the extent of going into camp—and a beautiful camp it will be, too. Located on the edge of a thickly populated part of the city,

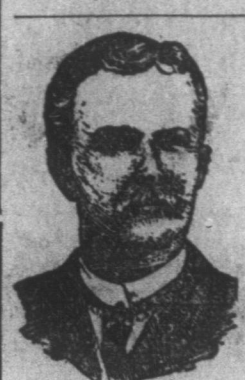


near its western limits, the view from the proposed camp-ground takes in on one hand the tall buildings of the manufacturing and business establishments and the numerous church spires of the city, the blue waters of Lake Michigan showing in the distance; while on the other hand, the view includes the beautiful curves of the valley of the Menomonee River, beyond which are the green trees and cultivated fields of the country. The magnificent grounds of the Soldiers' Home are within sight and but a few minutes' drive or walk from the spot.

While the conclave is an affair of great interest to all the members of the Knights of Pythias order, the main features of the week will be those parts in which the Uniform Rank will participate. The prize drills by competing divisions will form an especially notable feature. Milwaukee citizens have offered eight prizes for proficiency in drill, which will be hotly contested for by divisions from every State in the

Union. The aggregate amount of money set apart for the payment of prizes to divisions is \$4,800. The best battalion drill will merit a prize of \$400. The division traveling the longest distance from home to Milwaukee by the shortest route will receive \$100; and an equal money prize will be awarded to the division that will best exemplify the ritualistic work of the Uniform Rank before the Supreme Judge. The judges will be regular army officers, and the gentlemen selected will be thoroughly competent to decide as to the proficiency of the contesting divisions. Cold Spring Driving Park, which has been used by the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society for the State Fair for several years past, has been chosen for the drill ground. It is in fine condition. The covered amphitheater will seat several thousand people who will witness the drill.

and the open space within the mile track will make a magnificent drill ground, and, at the same time, afford standing room for thousands more. The programme for conclave week will open on Tuesday morning, July 8, although it is expected that the Uniform Knights will



D. L. C. WHITE, Sup. Kept Record and Seal.



HOWARD DOUGLASS, Past Sup. Chancellor.

arrive in time to go into camp on the previous evening, and that a vast crowd of uniformed lodge members and visitors, who are not members of the order, will have arrived in the city and be comfortably fixed in their quarters by that time. Officers and members of the Supreme Lodge will rendezvous at the Plunkinton House at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, and will march to the Exposition Building, the mammoth auditorium of which will be arranged for the royal welcome which will there be tendered to the delegates. The cordial greetings of the State of Wisconsin and the city of Milwaukee will be extended in a fitting manner by Gov. W. D. Hoard, Mayor Geo. W. Peck, and Chancellor Hoskins, of Wisconsin. Responses will be made on behalf of the Supreme Lodge by Supreme Chancellor Ward, of Newark, N. J., and other members of the Supreme body. Following this reception, which will be an elaborate affair and will be attended by a vast audience, the Supreme Lodge will go into session and will hold meetings every day until the business before it is completed.

On Tuesday afternoon, promptly at 4 o'clock, General Carnahan's Pythian army will move forward on a grand parade over a line of march extending three miles through the principal parts of the city. The column will be reviewed by the Supreme Chancellor and Major General. There will be fully 12,000 Knights in the line, all fully equipped in their attractive uniforms. Including the officers of divisions and half a dozen or more mounted divisions, there will be nearly 2,000 men on horseback in line. This will be one of the most magnificent military displays ever seen in the United States. Following the parade of Uniform Knights will come a long procession of lodge members without uniforms. On Wednesday morning the competitive drill will commence and will be continued all the morning. In the afternoon the entire Pythian army will be drawn up in line for inspection and review. Thursday morning will be given up to



prize drills. In the afternoon the Supreme Lodge delegates will be given a complimentary drive around the city by the city.

zons of Milwaukee. At that time or some other convenient occasion during the week, it is expected that the Supreme Lodge will enjoy an excursion on Lake Michigan to Whitefish Bay, a beautiful pleasure resort five miles north of the city. The pyrotechnic display at Cold Spring Park on Thursday evening is intended to eclipse all similar efforts so far made in the West. The bombardment will open at 8:30 o'clock, and will last an hour and fifteen minutes. Among the pieces which will make the fireworks display so attractive a feature will be a gigantic equestrian knight in full armor, with the shield of the order in appropriate colors, and bearing aloft an emblematic banner. The railroads have all making the lowest excursion rates, and it is expected that the rate wars will reduce to a still lower point



JUSTUS H. RATHBONE, Founder of the Order.



JOHN A. HIXSEY, Sup. Representative, Wisconsin.

the cost of traveling to Milwaukee during the conclave.

A CYCLONE IN NEBRASKA

BRADSHAW, YORK COUNTY, OBLITERATED FROM THE EARTH.

Not a Single Building Left in the Place—Seven of Its Citizens Killed and Many Hurt—Cloud-Burst in Iowa—Storms Elsewhere.

Lincoln (Neb.) dispatch: The most disastrous cyclone that has visited the West for years ruined the town of Bradshaw, York county. This morning there is not one building left standing and hardly one stone upon another. Among the ruins were lying the dead bodies of the storm's victims, and frightened people with blanched faces moved among their wrecked homes seeking on every hand but black, galing holes in the earth where but a few hours before had been the cozy houses of a happy people. The fury of the wind that wrought this terrible devastation must have been appalling. The shapeless wreck, the country laid waste, the village in ruins and the bodies of the dead that have been recovered, together with the many wounded and suffering, formed a picture full of horror and despair. The storm came from the southwest and with scarcely a moment's warning. The roar of the whirlwind was the first notice the terrified people had. Every business house was made a total wreck, and the principal street filled with ruins. The depot building was crushed into kindling wood, and every car standing there was wrecked except one that was loaded with stock, and which was blown without leaving the track to York, a distance of nine miles. The dead and injured were quickly found by the people, and a courier was dispatched at flying speed to York for assistance. By the time the relief trains arrived from York, the people had collected together and found the following dead:

JOHN MILLER, Child of Isaac Penner, living in the county. MRS. FENNER, Child of Mr. Chaplin. MRS. MINKE and child. JOHN CLARKE, Mr. Minke's hired man. ANNIE and JOHN SHAW, children of Frank Shaw, living in the county. The work has been extended in searching for the results of the storm to the surrounding country, and southwest of Bradshaw five miles it was found that the house of John Scott had been directly in the center of the storm and that in his family three children were killed. In the immediate vicinity also the house of a Russian family has been totally demolished and the mother and one child were found dead in the wreckage. Along the track of the storm, which was half a mile in width, trees were uprooted, fences leveled, and crops utterly destroyed. Dead stock was found in many places, showing that nothing living had any chance for escape from the fury of the elements.

Council Bluffs (Iowa) dispatch: At about 11 o'clock a dense cloud passed over the town of Underwood, a small place on the Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, twelve miles from this city. Soon after a flood of water came rushing down the Mosquito Valley, destroying everything in its path. The cloud had burst but a short distance from Underwood, but residents of that place were warned by a terrific noise, and most of them managed to escape to the hills. In less than thirty minutes the Milwaukee railroad track was covered to a depth of fifteen feet, all the stores and dwellings in the Western part of the place were torn from their foundations, and no less than thirty-five families lost their all. There were many narrow escapes, and but for the heroism and bravery of people who reside near the Rock Island depot many women and children would have been lost. They hastily constructed rafts and rescued people from roofs of houses and second-story windows. The Milwaukee depot was submerged. The storm swept on down the valley, but farmers were apprised of its approach and escaped, but hundreds of cattle, hogs, and sheep, many barns and dwellings, and stacks of hay were swept away. Both roads lost over eight miles of track and no less than five bridges each. This immense volume of water reached this city at 5 o'clock and spread over the lowlands; highways were badly damaged, and at 8 o'clock there was eight feet of water in the first stories of houses near the river.

Avoca (Iowa) dispatch: A heavy rainfall has flooded this locality, accompanied by hail, high winds and lightning. The Boone Valley now carries a stream one to two miles wide, while it is ordinarily not over twenty feet wide. A large amount of stock will be lost and many small losses from wind and lightning are reported. Extensive washouts on the railroads are reported between here and Council Bluffs.

Fort Dodge (Iowa) dispatch: A destructive cyclone started northeast of this city between Badger and Vincent. It worked its way along the Boone river, destroying everything in its path. At Renwick a man was killed and several houses destroyed. The big iron bridge near Renwick was also blown away.

Zumbrota (Minn.) dispatch: A terrific storm has occurred here. In forty minutes the stream which runs through the center of this village had risen to such a height that residents had to fly for their lives. Houses, barns, horses, and poultry were swept away. P. S. Tieglar's barn containing ten teams was carried a mile down stream. The Zumbro river is rising rapidly and fears are entertained for people on the main Zumbro below here. The damage along the route of the storm is very large. A rumor comes from Millville that five persons were swept away and drowned.

Ackley (Iowa) dispatch: A cloud-burst has occurred here, and the water fell in sheets for several hours. Bridges and culverts on railroads and highways are washed out. A freight train on the Illinois Central railroad was wrecked in a washout one mile east of Iowa Falls. Cattle horses and hogs were swept away. Cornfields are badly washed out. The Presbyterian Church and Revere House were struck by lightning and badly damaged.