

BIG DAMAGES GIVEN

A Verdict of \$92,500 Against the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad.

Peculiar Results of Lightning Related by a Hendricks County Farmer.

A Successful and Delicate Surgical Operation Reported From Laporte County.

Indiana Congregationalists—An Infant's Dead Body Found—An Old Land-mark Gone—A Fatal Fall.

VINCENNES, May 11.—The case of James Cunningham, of the Evansville and Terre Haute Railway Company, was brought to a close to-day in the Daviess County Court at Washington, Ind., and the jury, which had been out all night, returned a verdict for plaintiff, awarding him \$92,500 damages. In the summer of 1879 James A. Cunningham owned and controlled in this city the most extensive stock of lumber and hardware in Indiana. In June of the year named the establishment took fire, plaintiff alleges, from a spark from a passing engine on the Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad, and instituted suit against the railway company for \$200,000. The case was first brought to trial in the Knob Circuit Court and a judgment was given for defendant. Plaintiff appealed to the Indiana Supreme Court, the decision of the Knob Circuit Court was annulled. Three weeks ago the final trial began at Washington and was concluded to-day with the result as above stated. The verdict, perhaps, gives a larger amount for damages than has ever been returned in any case in the United States. The citizens of Vincennes, while deprecating the award of damages, are gratified by the result. The Evansville and Terre Haute folks, rejoice with Mr. Cunningham over his victory, as they have been assured that the starch works, which were the chief enterprise of the city before they burned, will be rebuilt.

DeWolf, Chambers & DeWolf, of Vincennes, assisted by Gardner & Taylor, of Washington, represent the plaintiff, and V. C. Neale, of Indianapolis, O'Neal & Heffernan, of Washington, Ishard & Taylor, of Evansville, and John G. Williams, of Terre Haute, were for defendant.

Freaks of Lightning.

DANVILLE, May 11.—James M. Barlow, a substantial farmer of this county, relates the following incident, which occurred on his farm during the thunder-storm last Friday.

Mr. Barlow's son, aged twelve, and a hired man named James McClelland were at work in a field, and when the shower came up they sought shelter under a forest tree at the edge of the field. This was about 4:30 p. m. A few minutes later the tree under which they were standing was struck by lightning, the fluid descending a jagged spout of flame and smoke from the top branch to the root. Just at nightfall a neighbor was passing the spot and found the man and boy lying unconscious under the tree. He succeeded in arousing the man, but the boy remained insensible, and to all outward appearance was dead. His face was swollen and distorted until he was barely recognizable. A while later, however, from his mouth, and it was with great difficulty that a physician, an hour later, succeeded in bringing him to consciousness. The man has since almost entirely recovered, but the lad still lingers, and is evidently injured internally. When found under the tree the man's hair was singed, and a scorched line could be traced along his side to his right knee. A dor was standing beside the boy under the tree, but was not injured.

A Strange Freak of Nature.

LAPORE, May 11.—A strange freak of nature has just been developed at New Carlisle, a small place east of here. For about one year Mrs. E. Hughes has been ill and her trouble has been the cause of much speculation among various physicians who failed to arrive at any agreement. On April 10, Dr. Farnestock, of this city, visited her, and after a careful examination diagnosed the case as abdominal pregnancy. Shortly afterward Dr. Farnestock, assisted by two physicians of New Carlisle, opened the abdomen and successfully removed a child of seven months development, in a putrid and partly disintegrated state. The case is one of very rare occurrence, and far as known the first of the kind in Northern Indiana. For five months after its death the child lay in the strong capsule nature had thrown around it (a capsule so strong and tough that it crept under the knife when it was cut) a mystery to every physician consulted, until Dr. Farnestock's visit. The lady, who has been a great sufferer, is doing well, with every hope of ultimately recovering.

A Fatal Fall—Death After a Brief Illness.

MARTINSVILLE, May 11.—The wife of William St. John fell down the cellar-way, at her home in this city, and received injuries from which she died in two hours. She will be buried in Green Township tomorrow. Mr. St. John was one of the Democratic candidates for Commissioner at the last election.

The wife of Dr. J. J. Johnson died after a very short illness and was buried to-day at Morgantown. She was the sister of Dr. Arnold Griffitt, of Brown County, and Dr. Cum Griffitt, of Morgantown. Her son, Dr. James Johnson, was called home from Bedford. One of her daughters is married to James P. Baldwin, of this city, and another to James G. Bain, editor of the Republican.

Devoted A Friend of Soldiers Dead.

MADISON, May 11.—Mrs. Toxy Burns, widow of a soldier of the veterans of the war of 1812, died in this city yesterday. She was always a devoted friend of the soldiers, and had seven brothers in the Union army, each measuring over six feet in his stockings. She bequeathed a valuable house and lot to Alois O. Bachman Post, G. A. R., of this city, and by her request will carry her body to the grave to-morrow, assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps.

An Infant's Dead Body Found.

GOSHEN, May 11.—This afternoon, while cleaning out a vault in the business part of the city, the woman found the body of a dead infant. It was well formed and evidently had not been there a very great length of time. A gash was cut in the back of its neck, probably with a knife. There is no clew to the crime.

Whipped for "General Cussedness."

NEW ALBANY, May 11.—Thomas Dooley was taken from his bed early this morning by a hand of iron and was tied to a tree in his yard and unmercifully whipped. Dooley is a married man and lives about five miles south of Corydon. Just before orders were given by the captain of the gang to lay the lash to Dooley's bare back he was informed that he was about to be whipped for general cussedness. But the true reason of the whipping received is supposed to be that he had denounced the Knights of the Shtetl, and had accused a number of parties of belonging to the organization. Dooley's dose was a terrible one. He is so ill of it that it is feared he will die.

An Old Landmark Destroyed.

HUNTINGTON, May 11.—The old wooden building on Main street, occupied as a restaurant and barber shop, caught fire

last night. The building is the old courthouse, which was erected in 1833, and was used as such until 1856. The destruction of the old landmark recalls to the memory of our oldest citizens many of the scenes of primitive days.

Arraigned for Embezzlement.

NEW ALBANY, May 11.—Henry B. Duesterberg, ex-City Treasurer, was arraigned today in the Circuit Court on a charge of embezzling \$10,000 of the city's funds. The case will probably be concluded this week.

A Murderer Resisted.

EVANSVILLE, May 10.—James McElroy, who was convicted of the murder of James Latshaw, a farmer living near this city, and sentenced to be hung at Henderson on Friday, May 13, has been respite until July 1 by Governor Knott. Considerable excitement was created when the news was received, and it is feared a lynching would be general. The general opinion is that McElroy is guilty. Yesterday a colored man surrendered himself to the authorities and asked to be hanged instead of McElroy, saying that he had committed the murder. He was promptly released in jail and will no doubt be adjudged insane. No credence is given to his story.

A Horse-Thief Caught.

GREENFIELD, May 10.—James P. Banks, Jr., a young man residing about four miles south of this city, was arrested at Paris, Ind., yesterday, charged with stealing a horse and buggy from in front of a church in Brandywine Township a short time ago. He will be brought back to this city this week to answer to the charge.

She Followed Her Husband to Prison.

MUNCIE, May 10.—Levi Thomas was recently sent to the Prison North to stay for two years, for burglary. His wife begged the judge to allow her to accompany her husband and share his imprisonment. The judge, of course, refused her request. She remained here until yesterday, when he was sent to go to Michigan City. Having no money, she readily set out to walk the distance, which she finally accomplished, and presented herself to the prison authorities to be admitted and incarcerated with her husband. The officials could do nothing but refuse her pleadings, which they accordingly did. She, however, did the next best thing and carried herself out to aセルフリビング near the penitentiary to a servant, and there she lives, seemingly contented with an occasional brief visit to her wayward husband.

Sentenced for Forgery.

COLUMBUS, Ind., May 12.—Marshall Haggerty arrested a young man who says his name is E. W. Scott here this afternoon, as a crook. On searching him eight or ten gold rings, ranging in price from \$2 to \$15, were found on his person, together with two gold watches, two lady gold chains and other valuable jewelry. Scott is boyish in appearance, is five feet two inches in height, sandy complexioned, and is eighteen or twenty years of age. He came here last night from Shelbyville, Ind., on a freight train. He told the Marshal that he came from Louisville, and his home was in Denver, Colo. He pawned one of the fine rings for \$3, which led to his arrest. He will be held as long as possible, so that he can be identified.

Mrs. Fromer Arraigned.

GREENSBURG, May 12.—Mrs. Hannah N. Fromer was this afternoon arraigned to answer the indictment of a special Grand Jury, accusing her of murder in the first degree. She was charged with having, pleaded not guilty, and was given till next Monday to decide whether her trial should occur during the present term of court.

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was an old citizen and a very prominent, public spirited man, and the announcement of his death this morning created quite a sensation in the city as well as amongst his immediate neighbors.

A Pioneer Dead.

NEW ALBANY, May 11.—Samuel Coats, a pioneer of Floyd and Harrison Counties, died at the residence of Luther Meek, in Middletown, recently, aged eighty-one years. He distinctly remembered the building of the State-house at Corydon when that town was the capital of Indiana, and had a personal acquaintance with many of the members of the first Indiana Constitutional Convention.

Found in the Ohio.

NEW ALBANY, May 11.—The body of a boy twelve years of age was found floating in the Ohio River, near Kendall's Landing, Harrison County, on the 9th. The lad was light complexioned and had red hair, but there was nothing found upon the body to identify it.

Death at Ninety-Six.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, May 12.—James Latshaw, aged ninety-six, is dead. He was an old pioneer and lived near Cambridge.

Death of the Oldest Citizen.

FREMONT, May 11.—The oldest man in Stephenson County, if not in Illinois, died last evening at his home near this city. Mr. James Smith would have been 102 years of age had he lived until July 20. He cast his first presidential vote for James Madison and his last for Grover Cleveland, and had always been a Democrat. He never rode on a railroad train and never ate a meal at a hotel.

An Important Arrest.

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Death of Timothy O'Connor.

RENSSELAER, May 10.—Timothy O'Connor, of Remington, died yesterday. He was an honored citizen, a leading member of the Catholic Church and universally esteemed.

She Advertised for a Husband.

RICHMOND, May 12.—The episode has been already published in which figured Hezekiah Dow, purporting to come from Haverhill, Mass., where he owned a large business man of that city died on the steamer W. U. P. Schenck this morning at 7 o'clock, just before landing at this port. Deceased was seventy-eight years old, and death resulted from old age and exhaustion. His family have been telegraphed for and will arrive in the city to take charge of his remains.

Jacob Block Liberated.

GREENSBURG, May 12.—Jacob Block has been liberated from the Southern State Prison and was here to-day accompanied by his son. He left this evening to go to St. Louis. He will not visit his family at Rushville, the scene of the tragedy, the killing of Eli Frank, for which he and his son Eli were imprisoned.

Death on a Steamboat.

EVANSVILLE, May 12.—J. F. Woods, a resident of Hanna, Ill., and a large business man of that city, died yesterday on the steamer W. U. P. Schenck this morning at 7 o'clock, just before landing at this port. Deceased was seventy-eight years old, and death resulted from old age and exhaustion. His family have been telegraphed for and will arrive in the city to take charge of his remains.

SWINDLERS IN COURT.

Trial of the Proprietors of the Farm Journal and Farm Album at Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 13.—T. S. Gardner and wife, proprietors of the Farm Journal and Farm Album, were arrested yesterday by State Commissioner Hard this morning, charged with fraudulently using the mails. Gardner is said to have advertised that he would send the Farm Journal for a year, together with a handsome book of engravings, on the receipt of 48 cents. When one sent the 48 cents he received a January copy of the paper, together with a book full of wood engravings, the total value being \$100. Gardner, however, had also issued circulars showing how one could easily earn an enormous salary by getting up clubs. Every day's mail used to bring Gardner from 130 to 200 letters containing the names of subscribers in clubs from two to twenty. And he left for Cincinnati on the early morning train with a through ticket to Boston, but without \$100 to \$200 of her money. The widow says she got over \$100, but she still is not entirely shaken in her confidence. She says that he told her he was going to South Bend and then to Cincinnati, where he would see if he could not get a position as editor. She says that he would beクロス if he would do it as easily, and he left for Cincinnati on the early morning train with a through ticket to Boston, but without \$100 to \$200 of her money. The widow says she got over \$100, but she still is not entirely shaken in her confidence. She says that he told her he was going to South Bend and then to Cincinnati, where he would see if he could not get a position as editor. She says that he would beクロス if he would do it as easily, and he left for Cincinnati on the early morning train with a through ticket to Boston, but without \$100 to \$200 of her money. The widow says she got over \$100, but she still is not entirely shaken in her confidence. She says that he told her he was going to South Bend and then to Cincinnati, where he would see if he could not get a position as editor. 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