

The saying, "There's no fool like an old fool," always pleases the young one.

A meat market in Chicago has been robbed for the sixth time. This begins to look like systematic revenge.

A Toronto dealer advertises music by the pound, and probably the pianists pound when they play it.

A New York paper says the human mind can not comprehend a trillion dollars. Well, what would be the use?

One way to become a martyr in sections where pistol-carrying is the regular thing, is to fall to shoot first.

Maybe the woman who walked 1,100 miles to find her husband had something in mind she wanted to say to him.

The Grand Duke Alexis, uncle of the czar, succeeded the other day in dying a natural death—but not in Russia.

Kaiser Wilhelm is familiar with several languages, and it is suspected that he has conversed too much in some of them.

Soulmates seem to be able to wield chairs and rolling pins with as much color effect as the old-fashioned variety of angered spouse.

Mr. Wu thinks one of the great needs is a universal language. The golfers and the baseball devotees are doing their best to build one.

You are asked to spell it "sky-ology" hereafter. When that is clearly fixed in your mind you will be ready for "fizzology."

A man who is going to sail across the Atlantic in a balloon is taking geography lessons. What he really needs is swimming lessons.

It is estimated that this year's apple crop will be 62,500,000 bushels, including the large, red, imitation apples that grow in Missouri.

In New York an expert testifies that no lady should drink more than half a quart of wine. The proper stopping point is now defined.

A number of fossil eggs have been discovered in Wyoming. That's nothing. We've found 'em right on our plate many a morning.

The toughness of the New York policeman appears in the fact that three big racing automobiles ran over one and he lives to relate the details.

Marriage is on the decrease in England, and the Throne says very seriously and earnestly that it is because of the suffragette agitation.

The inventor who carries his flying machine in a suit case can feel safer about getting over the country than he would if he depended on the machine itself.

A device is on exhibition in Toronto for harnessing the waves of the ocean, but if the inventors really wish to make good, let them tell us the age of the seas by examining the teeth of the storm.

The farmer in Warwickshire, England, who worked in the hayfield for 21 hours in a single day, beginning at 1:30 in the morning, is getting a good deal of newspaper notice, and perhaps he deserves it, but what did he do next day?

The wife of a member of Parliament writes in the *Lady's Realm*: "The balder a man is the more successful he seems to be in politics. Not a man with flowing locks is to be seen on either of the front benches, sacred to the great, wise and eminent of the House of Commons."

A New Jersey girl found herself locked on the rear platform of a sleeping car. Instead of being frightened into a faint she wrote a note to a telegraph operator and waited until she saw a man in a tower who looked gallant enough to be interested in the plight of a fair damsel in distress. Fifteen minutes proved her estimate of the operator to be good. Now we shall have every operator from here to Boise, Idaho, laments the Washington, D. C. Times, with a sprained neck from watching out his window.

In many of the cities of this country are seen the lamentable effects of swift, congested life, mourns the *Washington Star*. There is no economic advantage in the dense concentration of life within small areas such as is to be found in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and other cities. These closely compacted communities are in a large measure the result of the remarkable dynamic force animating the American people. It is a subject of deep concern with the sociologists and political economists who are studying domestic problems.

"HOOSIERISMS"

Little Items of Interest All Over the Length and Breadth of Indiana.

Xmas Trees 'Way Up.

Hoosiers have had to pay high for Christmas trees this year. Forest fires are responsible for the scarcity.

All Shelbyville Sick Abed.

Shelbyville is in the grip of the grippe and local doctors say there are over 400 cases.

Republican Editors to Meet.

The Indiana Republican Editorial Association will meet in Indianapolis February 25 and 26.

His Prophecy Came True.

Frank Hartwick, Hammond, declared his life would not be worth much if his spirited horse ran away. It did. Hartwick was killed.

Gets \$100 For Wife's Love.

In the \$20,000 damage suit of Noah Lucas against William T. Watson for alienation of his wife's affections at Princeton, the jury returned a verdict for \$100. Lucas is a tenant on Watson's farm.

Slew A Great Eagle.

T. F. Williams shot an eagle on his farm near Rockville. The bird measured seven feet and seven inches from tip to tip, and was carrying away a young pig when shot.

Plays Piano Twenty-seven Hours.

J. H. Waterbury, of New York city, established a new world's record for continuous piano playing at Lafayette when he sank exhausted from his stool after playing without a stop for twenty-seven hours and fifteen minutes.

Thieves Get Stage Money.

After cutting a pane of glass, picking the locks on two doors, and opening a showcase containing a collection of old coins, burglars, at Logansport, escaped with what appeared to be several thousand dollars. It was stage money and confederate bills.

Shows Growth of Purdue.

The attendance at Purdue University for the year 1907-1908 was the largest in the history of the school, according to the report of President Stone. During this period 2,080 students were enrolled.

Died in Grave of Another.

David Clancy, aged 28 years, while digging a grave at Paoli, was stricken and fell into the open grave, where he died in a short time. Mr. Clancy was digging the grave intended for the body of the Rev. Cyrus Jones, a well known minister of that place.

Saved By Human Chain.

Fred Gross and Wilbur Taylor, 16-year-old youths, were saved from a watery grave in the Eel river at Logansport by a human chain, which pulled them from the water in which they had helplessly floundered for five minutes. They skated on thin ice.

Christmas Shopper Dies in Rush.

Gearge H. Shortle, aged 70, dropped dead dead in his son's department store at Tipton among a storeful of Christmas shoppers. He was a retired millionaire, but interested in stores at Tipton and Frankfort, also Kansas City, Mo.

Rapid Transit in Matrimony.

Rapid transit was the experience of Mrs. Belle Covey in the Lawrence Circuit Court at Bedford, when she was granted a divorce from Perry Covey and married to Homer Hiltenberg by Judge J. B. Wilson, the time of both incidents requiring but five minutes.

Brother's Slayer is Free.

Charles Offerjost, who killed his brother Henry in Rising Sun Oct. 10, was found not guilty of the charge of manslaughter. The defense pleaded self-defense, charging Henry drew a knife before Charles struck him.

Fight to Save Wawasee.

Real estate owners at Lake Wawasee met at Goshen to effect an organization to go before the coming session of the General Assembly and procure legislation to prevent the Sandusky Portland Cement Company, of Syracuse, from dredging the lake for marl. They say if the cement company carries out its plan it will ruin Wawasee as a summer resort.

Would Break Rich Woman's Will.

Property worth approximately a million dollars is involved in a stubborn will contest now in progress in the Warren-Benton Circuit Court at Williamsport. Jane Hawkins, of Earl Park, who died several months ago, was said to be the wealthiest woman land owner in Indiana. She died, leaving an estate worth more than a million dollars. Her daughters, who were left a life interest, want to break the will.

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Vaccination Saves Hogs.

Scores of farmers and hog raisers of Carroll county are convinced that hogs can be successfully vaccinated and immunized from cholera and swine plague by using the serum or antitoxin treatment. Thousands of this season's pigs in Carroll county have been put into and exposed to cholera without the loss of a single pig.

Rich Harvest in Fur Business.

George Zaborsky, near Morocco, has just made his first shipment of fur for the season, amounting to \$504. In the northern part of Newton county and in the Kankakee marshes fur-bearing animals have not been so plentiful for years, and farmers' sons are reaping a rich harvest in the fur business, earning from \$4 to \$8 a day.

Indiana "Dry" By 1912.

In his address at Indianapolis on temperance problems in Indiana, the Rev. E. S. Shumaker, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, predicted the "drying up" of Indiana by Jan. 1, 1912. Within the next six months Mr. Shumaker expressed the belief that between forty and fifty counties in the state will be without saloons.

Editor Guilty? The Very Idea!

Robert T. Winters, editor of the *Observer*, on trial in the Muncie City Court charged with violating the "blind tiger" law, was acquitted by a jury of six business men after a deliberation of three minutes. It was alleged the 291 half-pint flasks of whisky confiscated in the basement under the *Observer* office last election day had been placed there for illegal purposes.

Not A Cent For Shareholders.

The task of auditing the books and records of the Bedford Building, Saving and Loan Association, which went to the wall some weeks ago, dating back to 1878, and covers 100 pages of typewritten manuscript, shows the crash a complete failure, and that the shareholders will not have a cent for division. A few years ago the association was doing a business of \$175,000 annually.

What the Mayors Want.

Mayors of twenty Indiana cities in session at Indianapolis authorized a committee to draft a bill for the coming session of the legislature repealing the metropolitan police law and amending the cities and towns act. The sentiment was that the cities and towns act, in its present form, worked hardship on smaller cities of the third and fourth classes, in that it imposed unnecessary expenses on the taxpayers. The law requires these cities to maintain police, judge, controller, city treasurer, and police commissioners.

Farmers Hold Congress.

The sixth annual session of the State Farmers' Congress was held in the State House at Indianapolis last week. It is the custom of the Farmers' Congress to meet every two years in advance of the legislative session for the discussion of matters of legislation which the farmers of the state may be asking. The session gave attention to such subjects as highways, drainage, schools, games and fisheries, purification of streams, the railroad commission, improvement of waterways and other topics in which the Congress is interested.

Natural Gas Still Valuable Resource.

In spite of the drain on the supply of natural gas in the United States for the last five years and the consequent exhaustion of the natural-gas resources in many localities in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, the total value of the gas produced in 1907 exceeded all previous records, aggregating \$52,856,835. In 1890, when the use of this fuel in factories was at its height in Ohio, Indiana, and other States, the value of the product was \$18,792,725, a little over one-third of the value recorded in 1907. Of course the value per thousand feet has increased very greatly during the last seventeen years. The quantity of gas produced in 1907—404,441,234 thousand cubic feet—showed a very definite increase over the output in 1906, which amounted to 388,843,562 thousand cubic feet.

Husband A "Love Peon."

Mrs. Emma Shearer Adams Krowledge, of Hobart, a wealthy blooded stock raiser, who hired farm laborers and paid them in love instead of wages, failed to get a divorce in the Porter Superior Court at Hammond, Judge H. B. Tuthill saying in his decision that she had made a "love peon" out of John Knowledge. The eccentric woman hired men who testified that she gave them kisses and caresses in place of money for wages. Her second husband she kicked out of a buggy as she was driving him home from Crownpoint, where they were married. When her farm laborers became obstreperous and demanded money, she married them. This was her third matrimonial venture.

Reminders.

Counsel (to witness)—Now, allow me to remind you of what happened to Balsam.

Witness—Certainly. But allow me to remind you that it was the ass that warned him.

A Disturbing Element.

Here is one from a family where the father and mother argue very much. On such an occasion one of the children stopped squarely in front of his father and said: "If you had not got into our family, things would be different."—The Delinquer.

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Santa's Surprise Party

'Twas a glad Christmas eve, and all over the world,
With reindeer and sleigh, dear old Santa had whirled.
No one was forgotten or slighted by him;
Each stocking was bulging and crammed to the brim.

"There!" cried the old saint as he stopped at his door.
"I've made all the little ones happy once more!

But the rest of the night will be lonely,
I fear;

Why—what is this wonderful racket I hear?

He bounded down nimbly, so great his surprise,

But stopped just inside, scarce believing in his eyes;

For here were the children that he had supposed

Were sleeping down yonder with eyes tightly closed;

Here, singing and dancing and frisking in glee;

Around a most dazzling and beautiful tree!

"Oh, Santa," they cried, "we have found you at last!

How tired you must be! You have journeyed so fast

To take us good gifts; but now, Santa Claus, see!

We have brought you some gifts, and this splendid, big tree!

We want you to know, just for once in a way,

How happy you make us each new Christmas day.

These gifts did not grow in your Christmas-tree grove;

We brought them for you, with our very best love!"

Then I wish you had seen them lead Santa about

To examine his gifts—heard his laugh and his shout

When he found a fur coat with a collar so wide,

When he read the gay note that was fastened inside!

There were bells for the reindeer, a pipe and red mittens,

And one little girl had brought Santa her kittens.

He'd a brush for his clothes and a brush for his hair,

He had pictures and books and a great easy chair

Where a good saint might nap and sit at his ease

While presents grew ripe on his ever green tree.

He'd a pair of new spectacles, shining and bright.

To help him to fill little stockings aright.

There were cushions so soft for the magical sleigh.

A cap trimmed with fur and a dressing gown gay.

And stockings so long and so warm and so thick.

Jack Frost can no more play his favorite trick