

## The Pike County Democrat

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PETERSBURG, INDIANA.

The committee to receive and welcome to San Francisco the members of the Christian Endeavor society, who are soon to go to California, will consist of 900 members, led by a staff of 35.

The United States bimetallic commission, consisting of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, ex-Vice-President Stevenson, and Gen. Chas. Payne, of Massachusetts, arrived in Paris on the 19th.

Miss AGNES F. SLACK, secretary of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance union, states that in England the railway companies are promoting temperance organizations among their workmen.

E. C. MORROW & BRO., of Clarksville, Tenn., have closed a contract by which they agree to furnish the Italian government with 15,000 hogsheads of fine dark tobacco. The sale amounts to about \$2,000,000.

In the Pennsylvania senate, on the 18th, the bill prohibiting the public exhibition of photographic reproductions of prize fights was passed finally. The bill then went to the house for final action by that body.

The Ruiz commission was informally organized in Havana, on the 20th, and went to Guanabacoa to commence the inquiry into the death, in the jail at that place, of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a naturalized American citizen.

The senate, on the 17th, adopted the resolution introduced by Senator Pettigrew directing the committee on Pacific railroads to investigate whether any lands had been fraudulently sold to the Union Pacific railroad.

W. J. McCONNELL, the noted temperance lecturer of Cleveland, O., became suddenly deranged while speaking at Whitesville, O., on the night of the 17th. No cause can be assigned except overwork and nervous prostration.

The Greek government issued a proclamation, on the 17th, announcing that it did not desire any further volunteers, explaining that there were already many volunteers in Athens for whom it was impossible to find employment.

The trials of Messrs. Havemeyer and Searles, president and treasurer, respectively of the American Sugar Refining Co., for refusing to answer questions of the senate sugar trust investigating committee, have been postponed until the 25th.

A severe electric and rain storm struck Kokomo, Ind., on the night of the 20th. The electric plant was badly damaged, leaving the stores and the city in darkness. The city buildings were also damaged by lightning, and the streets were flooded.

WEBB McNALL, Kansas state superintendent of insurance, has revoked the license of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York, and ordered the company to cease doing business in that state. The action grew out of the company's refusal to pay certain death claims.

EX-PREMIER SAGASTA, the Spanish liberal leader, at a meeting in Madrid, on the 19th, made a violent attack upon the government. He declared that the truce granted by the liberals was ended; that the policy of the government was dangerous, and it must be vigorously opposed.

An expedition left Philadelphia, on the 17th, that has for its object the exploration of the country round about Mount St. Elias, Alaska, and the possible ascent of that mountain, which for a long time was considered the highest point in America. All attempts to ascend it have hitherto failed.

The Cretan insurgents received instructions from Athens, on the 21st, to accept an autonomous form of government on condition that the Turkish troops shall be previously withdrawn from the island. The insurgents appeared to approve of this plan for the settlement of their grievances.

FIGHTING was resumed, on the 17th, between the Turkish and Grecian soldiers, the former making a determined attack in overwhelming numbers on Domokos, which, after a most stubborn resistance, was carried, with great slaughter on both sides, the Greeks falling back upon Bousi.

On the 20th, to the accompaniment of a howling northwest wind and the squeaking of many pulleys, the great objective lenses of the Yerkes observatory, at Williams Bay, Wis., were lifted into position. An hour later the eyepiece was adjusted, and the world's greatest telescope became a reality.

C. WILLIAM MOELLER, James J. Moran, C. H. Chokmiller, Thomas F. Carey and Thomas F. Dunn, judges and clerks of election at the recent school board election in St. Louis, were arrested, on the 21st, on the most convincing evidence of fraud, and stand an excellent chance of landing in the penitentiary.

A WILL, declared to be a forgery, and discovered in the urn containing the ashes of the testator's dead wife, is one of the sensational features that will be presented in the contest over the estate of the late Jacob Z. Davis, the San Francisco millionaire, philanthropist and patron of arts and science.

ALTHOUGH it was not definitely decided, on the 20th, it was thought the peace negotiations would be conducted between Turkey and Greece direct, and that afterward, following the precedent of the treaty of Stephanou, the terms will be submitted to a European conference, which will probably meet in Paris.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

#### FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

(Special Session.)  
In the senate, on the 17th, a message from the president, calling attention to the starving condition of Americans in Cuba on account of Gen. Weyler's orders, was promptly met by a resolution offered by Mr. Gallinger, appropriating the sum of \$200 for their relief. The remainder of the session was devoted to discussion of the Cuban situation. In the house Mr. Hitt offered a bill for the appropriation of \$50,000 for food and transportation, substantially the same as that passed by the senate, but the request for unanimous consent for its passage was met by objection from Mr. Bailey, and the bill went over. The house adjourned to the 20th.

In the senate, on the 18th, Senator Stewart gave notice of an amendment which he would offer to the tariff bill regulating the treasury reserve fund. The calendar was then taken up, and a number of bills and resolutions were passed, none of them of general importance. The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was presented and agreed to. In the house, on the 19th, another stirring debate on the Cuban situation took place, the main speeches being made by Senators Foraker, Cannon, Lindsay and Hoar. Spanish atrocities were bitterly denounced and the urgent need of sending war ships to Cuba maintained. The house was not in session.

In the senate, on the 20th, the joint resolution recognizing a state of war in Cuba and declaring that strict neutrality shall be maintained by the United States was passed by the decisive vote of 41 to 14. In the house, after some bitter partisan debate, the resolution appropriating \$50,000 for the relief of American citizens in Cuba was adopted without a dissenting vote. An effort to force consideration of the Morgan resolution for recognition of the belligerency of the Cubans was defeated. The third conference report on the opening of the Utah gilsonite lands was rejected.

#### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SENATOR McENERY, of Louisiana, gave notice, on the 17th, of an amendment he would offer to the tariff bill, striking out the senate amendments in the sugar schedule and reinserting the house provisions in regard to sugar.

The insurgents having cut the conduits above the town, Candia, Crete, is now without a water supply.

The twentieth annual shooting tournament of the Missouri Game and Fish Protective association opened at Washington park, Kansas City, on the 17th. Many well-known sportsmen were in attendance.

THE president, on the 17th, sent to the senate the nomination of Frank A. Vanderlip, of Illinois, to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

AFTER many years of service in the employ of J. V. Farwell & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants of Chicago, William I. Meyers has been arrested charged with having embezzled \$10,000 of the firm's money. Bail was fixed at \$10,000, which was furnished.

On the 18th the comptroller of the currency issued a call on national banks for a statement of their condition at the close of business Friday, May 14.

THE Turks, on the 18th, hoisted the white flag at Artas, from which it was judged that the Turkish commander had received instructions that an armistice had been agreed upon.

THE Brazilian minister of war, Gen. Bernardo Vasques, has resigned, and has been succeeded by Gen. Marcado Bitencourt.

It was learned at Constantinople, on the 18th, that orders had been issued, presumably at the instigation of Russia, for the mobilization of the Bulgarian army, and it did not take long for the Turkish ministry to come down from their high horse and agree to an armistice pending peace negotiations.

EX-SENATOR DUBOIS, Senator Cannon and Senator Pettigrew will sail July 2 for China and Japan. It is understood they go to study the financial question from an oriental standpoint.

By an explosion of gas in a pocket encountered by workmen digging a trench at Thirty-sixth street and Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, on the 19th, Edward Harper, Michael Hanley, Edward Johnson and J. O'Brien were injured. The explosion is thought to have been caused by careless handling of electric wires.

GOV. BLACK of New York has refused to grant the requisition of the governor of Utah for the custody of Clarence Barton and Graves, who are under arrest in New York city charged with the theft of \$3,200 from the Utah Loan and Trust Co. of Ogden City.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER CALHOUN, it is learned, will devote part of his time while in Cuba to a canvass of sentiment among the business men and non-combatants generally in Cuba upon a form of settlement of the existing troubles. He will try to find out what those having most at stake desire, and also how they would view intervention by the United States.

It is asserted that the steamer Bermuda has landed five cargoes of arms and munitions in Cuba during the last few weeks, all of which have been safely carried into the interior.

THE Nashua (N. H.) stockholders of the defunct Sioux city National bank of Sioux city, Ia., have abandoned their fight against the assessment of 75 per cent. of the value of their stock, and decided to pay it. In all 461 shares are held in Nashua, and the holders will have to pay \$34,375 toward liquidation of the bank's debts, as required by the national banking laws.

SECRETARY SHERMAN has formally notified the British government, through Sir Julian Pauncefote, that the United States senate, having failed to ratify the treaty providing for general arbitration, that document has failed.

GOV. PINGREE of Michigan said, on the 19th, that if the members of the legislature wanted to get through and go home the last of May they must first pass a law to get at least \$1,000,000 more out of corporations. Otherwise he would call an extra session.

On the 20th the house of representatives passed the Cuban relief resolution appropriating \$50,000 for food and supplies for destitute American citizens in Cuba.

THE statement of the condition of the treasury, issued on the 20th, showed: Available cash balance, \$229,362,013; gold reserve, \$145,729,830.

THE Pall Mall Gazette says that one of the first acts of Oscar Wilde on regaining his freedom, on the 19th, was to refuse £1,000 for a story of his prison experiences.

TWO CHILDREN of Aug. Muetze, residing 13 miles south of Redfield, Ia., were killed by lightning, on the evening of the 18th, during a heavy down-pour of rain.

THE statue of Stephen Girard, the great philanthropist, and founder of the famous Girard college, was unveiled in Philadelphia, with imposing ceremonies, on the 20th. The statue stands on the west plaza of the city hall, and was erected by contributions of the college alumni.

FREDERICK SCHAEFER, of the brewery firm of F. & M. Schaefer, died, on the 20th, at his residence in New York city. He was born at Wetzlar, Germany, 80 years ago. He came to America in 1838, and was practically the pioneer of the larger beer industry in the United States.

THE first of the trials arising out of the tramway disaster at Point Ellice bridge, Victoria, B. C., last May, was concluded, on the 19th, when the jury decided that the city was liable for the disaster, and the plaintiff, Mrs. Gordon, whose husband was killed, was awarded \$10,000 damages.

CHANG YEN HOON, the special Chinese ambassador to attend the Victorian jubilee celebration, was a passenger on the steamship Paris, of the American line, which sailed from New York on the 19th. He was accompanied by his secretary and 14 young Chinamen.

AN armistice between the Turkish and Greek troops in Thessaly, to extend over a period of 17 days, was formally concluded on the 20th.

THE Morgan resolution granting belligerent rights to the Cubans was passed by the senate, on the 20th, by a vote of 41 to 14.

In the superior court at Tacoma, Wash., on the 19th, Mary Seattle, said to be a niece of the old Indian chief Seattle, appeared to testify in a divorce suit she had brought against John Seattle, her spouse, who is over 90 years of age.

On the 21st Wesley Zelebok, of Grant, Okla., in a fit of jealousy, killed Joe Hajek while he was visiting the girl for whose hand they were rival suitors. Zelebok was arrested, but died on his way to jail from the effects of a dose of strychnine taken with suicidal intent.

MONS. LEE, an aeronaut employed with the Silver Plate show, which exhibited at McKeesport, Pa., on the 20th, fell from his balloon while making an ascension, and was fatally injured.

MATTHEWS LAFIN, one of the oldest residents of Chicago, and one of the founders of what is now the Ladin-Rand Powder Co., died, on the 21st, aged 94 years.

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CAMBRIDGE (England) university, by a vote of 1,713 to 642, on the 21st, rejected the proposal to confer degrees upon women.

THE secretary of the interior has authorized a contract for an additional school building at the Mount Pleasant Indian school, in Michigan, to cost \$40,000.

MICHAEL MCGARRETTY, a laborer named Andrew Gartz, were scalded to death by the bursting of a still in McGarretty's distillery at Hazelton, Pa., on the 21st. Mrs. McGarretty was badly burned while trying to save her husband.

#### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

A SCHEME is on foot, according to the Kansas City (Mo.) Times, to run Kansas City's plants—manufactories, street railways, etc.—by electricity to be generated at Leavenworth, Kas., where fuel can be obtained cheaply at the promoters' mines. In addition, it is proposed to ultimately construct an electric railroad between the two cities.

It was semi-officially reported in Athens, on the 23d, that Edhem Pasha, commander of the Turkish army in Thessaly, had informed the Greek officers who, in conjunction with the Turkish officers, were arranging the neutral zone, that he was empowered to negotiate the terms of peace with Greece direct.

THE newspapers of Madrid consider the adoption by the United States senate of Senator Morgan's belligerency resolution to be a very grave step. They say it will tend to strengthen the premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, in checking the proposed liberal attack on the ministry.

ADVICES from Athens say that the Greek minister for foreign affairs, M. Skouloudis, in conversation with several of the foreign envoys at Athens, on the 23d, declared Greece would not pay any indemnity to Turkey nor agree to a rectification of the frontier.

ALBERT M. KING, the Boston bank messenger who disappeared recently with \$30,000 of the bank's money, was arrested at Farmington, Me., on the 23d. When searched at the jail all the money taken from the bank was found in packages in King's pockets.

ANDREW BRYAN, a well-to-do farmer, aged 56, the father of 33 children, 25 of whom are boys, and who married his seventh wife last February, is missing from Fowler, Ind. He left home with several hundred dollars in his pocket to purchase stock.

HOMER LORING, of Newton, Mass., has been appointed receiver of the Union and Consolidated street railways of Saginaw, Mich. He is very young for the position—21 years old. The bond as receiver is fixed at \$75,000.

THE arrival in Athens of the volunteers from America excited curiosity, but no enthusiasm. They will proceed to join the army of Crown Prince Constantine.

THE loss of the Greeks in the battle of Phourka Pass was 800 killed and wounded. All the irregulars have been disbanded.

COL. STAIKOS, with the last detachment of the Greek expeditionary force in Crete, embarked for Greece on the 23d.

## INDIANA STATE NEWS.

ROSCOE MACY left his home at Liberty with a tramp.  
CATTLE are being shipped from Bedford to England.

ISAAC BLACK, of Anderson, blind for years, was given one day's sight.  
EDWARD PURCELL, a trusty at Michigan City penitentiary, walked away.

FIRE destroyed Henderlang Bros. & O'Neill's planing mill at Valparaiso. Loss \$38,000.

JOHN C. PARR attempted suicide at Kokomo rather than stand trial for alleged swindling.

DANGER of violence to the alleged murderer of Lizzie Buente at Evansville has passed.

THE proprietors of the Nutter-Weber sanatorium, of Martinsville, have applied for a receiver to conduct their business until such time as they can mutually agree on some plan of adjustment of their differences. The sanatorium is enjoying a good patronage, but there is incompatibility among the proprietors.

RICHMOND will this year entertain both the yearly meetings of Friends—Orthodox and Hicksite. The meetings will be held toward the close of September.

A WOMAN in Seymour gave \$300 away in an old shirt, and now she seeks to recover the amount from the beggar.  
PRESBYTERIAN women at Bedford gave a social in a coal mine and raised enough money to pay off the church debt.

WM. CRULL was arrested at Anderson for stealing a wagon load of corn. He admitted the theft, but said he was going to be married and that he needed the money.

THE Tappan sho factory at Muncie has been sold to W. H. Ogan, a wealthy manufacturer of Lynn, Mass. He will make the factory the largest west of the Alleghenies.

TWO of the late employees of the city of Crawfordsville are thinking of suing the city for the coming year's salary, claiming that a year ago they were elected for two years, and that the council had no right to turn them out at the end of one year.

THE family of Mrs. Margaret Laysier found her dead in bed the other morning. She was about 70 years old and was apparently in good health the night before. She came to this country from Germany in 1840, and has resided on a farm south of Greenwood ever since.

SHERIFF BUGH, at Hartford City, discovered three prisoners sawing out of the county jail there at 1 o'clock the other morning. Two bars had been sawed off in the cell of Wm. Gray, the Logansport burglar captured there recently.

THE contract for a new schoolhouse at Hartford City was let recently to William Canter, of Hartford City, for \$3,896.89.

NEAR Hagerstown, while being driven along the road, a fine horse belonging to Thomas Benbow, becoming suddenly frightened at a strutting turkey, ran backward a few steps and fell dead. Death was the result of paralysis of the heart superinduced by fright.

HARRY GILPIN, a well-known young man of Bloomington, was instantly killed at the Consolidated stone quarry. He was oiling a main shaft, when his clothing caught, his neck being broken. He was 23 years old and a son of James Gilpin, a well-known spike contractor.

THE large and fine law library owned by the late Capt. J. Lee Yaryan has been sold to Jonas Walker, of Greenfield. It is one of the most complete libraries in the state.

MISS LAURA PEQUITE has presented to the Earlham College museum a fine specimen of prehistoric stone mallet. It is made of granite and came from Trail county, Dakota.

AT 2 o'clock the other morning John Stadler and family, of Muncie, were awakened by cries of "Fire! Fire!" from the family parrot. They found the house and saloon adjoining enveloped in flames, and barely escaped with their lives, all being burned. The parrot was cremated. The fire was an incendiary. There have been threats against the place.

JEALOUSY prompted John Drescher, a painter of some note, to commit suicide at Hammond. He swallowed rough-on-rats and when told he could not recover he called his young wife and children to his bedside and bid each an affectionate farewell. Drescher was prominent in secret society circles.

THE three counter-claimants, William E. Tyler, Mabel Tyler and Ida Swinson, who were arrested at Evansville, have made written confessions of their work. Their arrest was brought about by the finding of a box of tools for raising \$2 bills to fens in the United States express office.

GEORGE BARTON is under arrest at Muncie for robbing a bank at Zanesville, O.

THE labor council at Muncie is divided on the proposed boycotting of an Indianapolis brewery.

CAPT. C. M. ATKINSON, of Wabash, has given \$5,000 to the Christian Ministerial Relief association of that city.

FORGED checks were passed by a man giving his name as C. Ragan at Anderson.

ELMER GLASS lost a hand between the rollers at the Columbia City shoe-wheel factory.

LAFAYETTE STERRETT, of Indianapolis, is dying of lockjaw, the result of running a rusty nail into his foot.

THE Acme Oil Co.'s well on the Palmer lease, two miles north of Montpelier, which was shot a few days since, has developed into one of the largest oil wells struck in the Indiana oil fields. The well made 15 barrels the first ten minutes it was put to pumping, and is now producing 400 barrels, which is twice the capacity of the Alexandria oil well.

MRS. JOHN DEXTON, an invalid, has disappeared from her home, at Huntington.

POSSERS with bloodhounds are hunting for the murderer of the 12-year-old daughter of Fred Bunte near Evansville.

## SPANISH GUNBOATS.

### An Attempt to Overhaul a British Fruit Steamer.

Were Shown a Clean Pair of Heels—The Steamer, Although Passing Through a Perfect Storm of Shot, Keeps Her Course and Escapes.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—After being twice chased by Spanish gunboats and passing through a perfect storm of shot, which splashed in the water across the vessel's bows, the British fruit steamer Ethelred passed through the exciting ordeal unscathed and arrived at this port last night after a five days' run from Port Antonio, Jamaica.

When the Ethelred left here May 12 it was the intention of Capt. D. Hart to accompany her, but he was arrested as he was about to step on the gang plank to go aboard. As it was his invalid daughter was a passenger. It is supposed that agents of the Spanish government in this city had notified the Spanish authorities at Havana that Hart would be on the vessel, hence the effort to hold up the Ethelred in Cuban waters.

The first encounter with the Spanish cruiser occurred off Cape Maisi, on the trip down. Just after dusk on Sunday evening, May 16, a gunboat without any lights shot out from under the Maisi cape and, crowding on all steam, steered directly for the fruit vessel. After steaming for an hour without gaining an inch, the gunboat turned a search light on the other vessel. All steam was crowded on the Ethelred, which was beginning to show the Spaniard a clean pair of heels, when a cloud of smoke belched from the cruiser's side, and a second later a solid shot cut the water a half mile ahead of her bows. Then came a second and third shot, each nearer than the others.

Capt. Israel kept on his course and after another hour's hot chase the Spaniard dropped from the race.

The second chase happened last Thursday afternoon in almost the exact spot in which the first attempt to hold the vessel up occurred. Just as the Ethelred rounded Cape Maisi a big Spanish gunboat, of the newest type, started out from under the cape and gave chase to the Ethelred. For two hours the chase was kept up, enlivened now and then by a solid shot throwing up a sheet of white spray just ahead of the swift vessel's bows. It began to look as if the Spaniard meant to chase the Ethelred clear to the Delaware capes, when another steamship was sighted and the gunboat sheered off and gave vigorous chase to the newly-discovered steamer.

### INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Match Games to be Played Between English and American Lawmakers.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Arrangements for the match games of chess between five selected individual players of the house of representatives and a like number from the British house of commons, are practically complete. The games will be begun at 2 o'clock, p. m., Washington time, and 7 o'clock, London time, May 31, and continue four hours, 15 moves to the hour. If not completed in the agreed time, the games will be finished on June 1.

A single consultation game, in which all the members of both teams may consult as to moves, will be played on a date to be fixed by the Englishmen. Two wires between Washington and New York will be given up to the game and it is expected that not more than three minutes will be consumed in transmitting the several moves between London and Washington. The American players will draw lots for their British competitors and their places at the tables.

The Washington end of the games will be played in the house foreign affairs committee room. Seven players have been chosen, from which the five to compete will be selected within a day or two. They are: Representatives Shannon, of New York; Shafroth, of Colorado; Bodine, of Missouri; Handy, of Delaware; Pearson, of North Carolina; Ploorman, of Alabama, and DeGraffenried, of Texas.

### TWO FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENTS.

An Explosion in a Furnace Injures a Score of Men—Caught Under a Cave-In.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., May 24.—Yesterday morning the big Rosena furnace in this city, owned by Senator Mark Hanna and ex-Senator Cameron, let go and the next instant a heavy volume of coke, iron ore and coal came crashing through the roof of the casting house, burying in the neighborhood of 30 men under the debris.

Manager Reis was taken out with the skin hanging in shreds from his hands and arms, and his legs were terribly burned and bruised. About 20 others were seriously injured.

The second accident of the day occurred about 30 minutes after the one at the Rosena furnace. It was a cave-in at the big 70-foot cut of the New Castle Traction Co. that is engaged in making a track to the new Cascade park. Michael Kurdy was buried under at least 75 feet of sand, gravel, clay and rocks, and was dead when taken out. Peter Herinsky was terribly crushed about the shoulders and hips, while his chest was crushed. He will likely live.

### B'NAI B'RITH.

Annual Meeting of District Grand Lodge No. 2.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 24.—The annual meeting of district grand lodge No. 2, of B'nei B'rith, began its session here yesterday morning. The district is composed of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and New Mexico, and 45 lodges are represented. The most important business yesterday was a movement inaugurated by Rabbi Levi, of Cincinnati, to remove popular prejudice against the Jewish race.

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