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BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS.

Short Paragraphs Items Briefly Told—Concerning the People.

Engraving free on all goods sold by Hammond & Kime. 10-4

Clal Riley of Sophia, was in town last Saturday on business.

Fine repairing given prompt attention at Hammond & Kime's. 10-4

Belt buckles and chains only 25 cents at Hammond & Kime's. 10-4

D. Q. Chappell of Evansville, was in the city this week on business.

Miss Mary Heuring of Mt. Vernon, is visiting relatives in the city.

County Auditor Scales visited his parents at Augusta over Sunday.

S. G. Davenport, the attorney, was at Washington Monday on business.

Eri Demic of Hosmer, was in town Monday looking after business interests.

George B. Ashby returned Monday from Evansville, where he had been on business.

Rev. J. W. Elder conducted services at the C. P. church at Washington Sunday last.

John Duckworth and Daniel Scott of Lockhart township, were in town Monday on business.

George Loveless of Logan township, was in town last Saturday looking after business affairs.

Teachers' examination was held in this city last Saturday. There were 58 applicants for license.

Misses Maude and Mable Jordan of Vincennes, are the guests of W. A. Oliphant's family this week.

Rev. C. D. Darling left Saturday for Wheatland and from there will go to Paoli and remain a few days.

During last Friday and Saturday three Pike county people were killed by lightning, and two were badly stunned.

J. D. Barker and Jay DeBruler have formed a law partnership and opened an office in the Parker block opposite the court house.

Rev. Daniel Davis and wife of Lockhart township, attended the U. B. quarterly meeting at Fairview church Madison township, Sunday last.

When in town stop at the Patterson House. You will find first class accommodations. 50*

JOE PATTERSON, Prop.

There will be regular preaching services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. In the absence of Rev. Darling, Rev. Burger will occupy the pulpit.

Peter Drof has just received a large supply of barrel and bulklime. Portland and Louisville cement, Acme plaster, hair, etc. He buys old junk of every description. 10-4

Rev. Hadlock of Hardinsburg, conducted services at the Lebanon church, Marion township, last Sunday. He is a brother of Deloss Hadlock of Jefferson township.

The DEMOCRAT force is under many obligations to the Gold Mine grocery for a fine watermelon Monday morning. The way the boys got outside of it was a caution to behold. Thanks.

G. A. R. encampment at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 4th to 9th. Low rates and choice of routes via the Air Line. Write for full particulars to J. F. Hurt, agent, Oakland City, Indiana.

The county commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday. The board will receive the reports of the several township trustees and make estimates for the levies for the several funds to be raised by taxation.

Neff Coats, who has been in New Mexico for several months past, returned last Saturday afternoon. He was unaware of his father's death until reaching home and learning that the funeral was being held that day.

The anniversary edition of the Jasper Herald of last week was a crack-jack in many respects. It was chuck full of many interesting historical events of Dubois county and contained many illustrated features. It was very neat typographically.

NOTICE.—All persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and make settlement by the first of August, 1899, as all notes and accounts not settled by the above date will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection with costs of collection added thereto. 9-4

W. H. SMITH, M. D.

Miss Mary Corn is visiting friends at Augusta this week.

Go to H. H. Tislow for all kinds of watch and clock repairs. 28*

Samuel Amos and wife of near Cato, were in the city Monday.

Good watches and clocks for little money at Hammond & Kime's. 10-4

A. J. Dant and family of Washington, visited friends in the city last Friday.

William Ropp of Logan township, was in town Monday morning transacting business.

A. J. Heuring, editor of the Winslow Dispatch, was in the city last Saturday on business.

Rev. J. A. Ward of Sullivan, was in the city a few days last week visiting his son, C. A. Ward, the grocer.

W. A. Holloway and wife, near town, left Saturday for a visit with their son, Dr. Holloway, at Bloomington.

Blythe Hendricks returned to his home at Union City last Saturday after a several days' visit here with friends.

Mrs. Dick Hooper, aged 30 years, living at Stendal, died last week and was buried Friday at the Log Creek cemetery.

Dr. L. H. Hilsmeier of Stendal, was in the city Monday on business. The doctor reports health very good in that locality at the present time.

H. W. DeWolf and wife of Vincennes, were here the past week visiting old acquaintances formed years ago when they were residents of this city.

If you feel sleepy, ill and bilious and wish to feel well, bright and wide awake, use Dr. Sawyer's Little Wide Awake Pills. They are the best. Paul Bros. a

Gip Traylor is engaged at Oakland City painting the scenery for the new opera house. Gip is a first class artist and knows how to put on the finishing touches.

Simple health rules demand that you check your present kidney trouble by giving Dr. Sawyer's Ukatine a trial. You will find your investment good. Paul Bros. a

Hon. Henry J. Wiggs, living near Arthur, has been commissioned, a notary public, and is now ready to take acknowledgements to all written instruments.

Dr. Sawyer's Arnica and Witch Hazel Salve heals and soothes inflamed skin, and is especially recommended to heal cuts, burns, bruises and sores. Paul Bros. a

A dog owned by Robert Lee, living on Seventh street, went mad last Saturday. Before the dog had bitten any person it was dispatched to the happy hunting ground. The dog was a valuable hunter.

Those owing the DEMOCRAT office on subscription or other accounts will please bear in mind that now is a splendid time to drop a little filthy lucre in our cash box, which is running a little short at the present time.

Elijah Higgins of this place, who has been employed at Evansville by the Cumberland telephone company, will leave for New Albany this week where he will take a position with J. H. McClurkin of the same company.

The fifth annual camp meeting of the Church of God will be held in the Scrapper grove, on the Petersburg and Jasper road, one and one-half miles southeast of Algiers, from August 23rd to September 3rd, inclusive. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Do you want building material?—We have placed a saw mill on the land of Dick Anderson, in Jefferson township, and can furnish you all kinds of lumber at the lowest prices for cash or on time. Call and see us at the above place or at our mill at Otwell. BOWERS & SON.

The Junior ball team went to Ayrshire last Friday and played a return game with the club of that place. Garland and Robinson were in the points for the Juniors. The game resulted in favor of Ayrshire by a score of 8 to 5, and was one of the best games they have played this season.

Joe Patterson has rented the Arlington Hotel and has refurbished it from top to bottom. New house, new furniture, and is prepared to extend first class accommodations at reasonable rates. The house will hereafter be known as the Patterson House, on south side of Main street, between Fifth and Sixth. 50*

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Two Fatalities Occur in Jefferson Township Last Week.

Last Friday afternoon during the heavy storm George Evans, living near Otwell, was instantly killed by a stroke of lightning. He with his brother Oliver, were working in a field, and when the storm came up they went under a large tree to seek shelter from the rain. George Evans sat down on a log and leaned up against a picket fence, when suddenly he was struck by lightning and instantly killed. Oliver Evans was badly stunned, but will recover. As soon as he had partially recovered he gave the alarm and the remains of George Evans were taken to his home. The deceased was 33 years old and leaves a wife and four children. The funeral was held Saturday and burial at the Chappell cemetery.

Saturday afternoon about four o'clock, Otis Miley, aged 14 years, who was living with Daniel Sullivan, near Iva, was instantly killed by lightning. He, with Mr. Sullivan were working in a cornfield and when the rain came up they started to go home. The boy went to get the saddle to put on the horse and as he reached up after it he was struck. Mr. Sullivan was knocked down and rendered unconscious for a time, but when he had sufficiently recovered he gave the alarm and the boy was taken to his home. The shock was so severe that the horses which were standing a short distance away were knocked down.

The funeral of young Miley was held at the Gray church Sunday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. John P. Hargrave and burial at the Chappell cemetery.

FROM LIGHTNING STROKE.

James Barrett of Monroe Township, Killed in Posey County.

The following special from Wadesville, Posey county, to the Evansville Courier appeared Monday. James Barrett, one of the men killed, lived near Spurgeon, in Monroe township. In the article below the name is given as Barnett and his residence at Pikeville, which is a mistake:

Two were killed and two fatally injured by lightning near Oliver, a small station four miles from Wadesville late Saturday afternoon. The injured men are in a critical condition and their recovery is doubtful. The men, in company with about twenty other farm hands, were engaged in threshing wheat for John Barton on the farm of James Haynes, about three miles south of that place when the machine was stopped by a light shower. The men took refuge from the rain in various places about the machine. Pitcher, Barnett, Davis and Wilson crawled under the tarpaulin near the separator and took seats on the tongue of the apparatus.

The men were chatting and laughing. Joseph Wilson, the engineer, who was sitting between two of the men, made the remark that he feared the lightning was going to do some damage. Just then there was a loud clap of thunder, followed by a stroke of lightning and Pitcher and Barnett fell over dead. They were horribly burned about the face and breast and could hardly be recognized. It appears that most of the men had gone to a house near by when the storm came up. They were not aware of the killing of their companions until two little boys came to the house and said that some one had been killed. The boys were near the machine when the accident happened and were knocked down by the lightning.

The men rushed from the house and went to the machine to attend the dead and injured. They found the four men lying on the ground apparently dead. After a short time Davis and Wilson rallied and were removed to the house. They are not yet out of danger.

Pitcher was taken to his home and the remains prepared for burial. The funeral occurred this afternoon and was attended by several hundred people. Pitcher was one of the best known farmers in the county and his death has cast a gloom over the entire community.

James Barnett was a well known young man living near Pikeville in Pike county, and had been working near this place all summer. The remains of Barnett were taken to the home of his uncle, Martin Fleener. He will be buried at Pikeville Monday.

Big ills, as well as little ills of the kidneys, cannot resist the curative power of Dr. Sawyer's Ukatine. It not only quiets and relieves, but positively cures. Paul Bros. a

Washington Notes.

Republican wishes father the story sent out from Washington, several days ago, that a movement was on foot to put another gold democratic presidential ticket in the field, next year. No such movement is known among democrats and no such action is expected to get the support of any considerable number of democrats, because they all know that it is not being instigated by democrats, but by republicans, whose only object is to draw support away from the regular democratic ticket. A number of democrats who took part in organizing the Palmer-Buckner movement, have since acknowledged their mistake and their regret, and expressed their intention to stand by the regular nominations hereafter, because the democratic party as a whole stands for most of the things they believe in. Although republican money is likely to be freely used to bring about such a condition, there is absolutely nothing in sight at this time, to indicate the nomination of a gold democratic ticket next year.

There is much shaking and quaking in the old Alger clique in the war department, because of a rumor, which seems to have foundation, that Secretary Root, who is now in Washington, preparatory to being sworn in tomorrow and taking charge intends to reorganize the war department from bottom to top. Certainly no other department of the government needs a thorough reorganization more than the one over which Mr. Root has been chosen to preside, but the clique is powerful and Secretary Root may find himself unable to overthrow the Algerites. If he is wise, he will get General Miles on his side, by restoring him the authority of which he was deprived by Alger.

Attorney General Griggs, before going off on his summer vacation, shattered the hopes of numerous persons who thought they had everything fixed to secure valuable Porto Rican concessions from the war department, by rendering opinions upon three specific concessions, the right to use the water power of the river Plata, the right to build and operate a tramway, and the right to build and control, for all time, piers and wharves at Ponce. These opinions take the ground that all such concessions were the crown property of Spain, and sum them all, and apparently all other public concessions on the island, up as follows: "As crown property, they were, by the treaty of cession, transferred by Spain to the United States, and are now a part of the public domain of that nation. I do not know of any right or power which the secretary of war or the president has to alienate in perpetuity, any of the public domain of the United States, except in accordance with acts of congress, duly passed with reference thereto." This is understood to be a hint to Alger of the power of the administration to make trouble for him and his business friends, who are heavily interested in some Cuban deals. If he attempts to antagonize the administration.

Representative Griffith, who represents the Indiana district which sent the late Judge Holman to congress for so many years, said of politics in his state, and he knows: "Indiana will send to the democratic national convention a solid Bryan delegation. The men who were for Mr. Bryan and the Chicago platform in 1896, have not weakened in their faith regarding either. I am one of those who believe in the indestructibility of the principles of democracy, and though the party may suffer temporary defeat, it is sure to regain ascendancy, for it represents better than any other political organization, the true interests of the people. The predominant issue in 1900 is very apt to be war upon the trusts, and upon this, the democrats will be in far better position than their opponents. The voters of the country cannot be deluded by anti-trust declarations of the republican convention; they understand that there is no real antagonism between the leading men of that party and the trusts, but that on the contrary, the closest intimacy exists, seeing that most of the influential republicans are thoroughly identified with combines and monopolies. We had a great chance in 1896, and came very near success, and we will have just as good a chance in 1900. I see nothing that is discouraging to democrats, but on the contrary, much that betokens a winning campaign."

One of the conundrums of the hour is why the sending of a cablegram to General Otis, conveying an expression of Mr. McKinley's confidence in him,

and satisfaction with all he has done, including his press censoring, should have been kept secret for ten days after it was sent? Some say that Mr. McKinley wanted to ascertain how far public sentiment would go in supporting the demand for the recall of Otis, and that if that demand had been a little stronger, the cablegram would have been suppressed entirely. It was evidently kept back for some purpose. And it wouldn't have been the first time that official matters have been made public or suppressed by this administration in deference to the state of public opinion.

Milk Dilution Separators.

(Purdue University Agricultural Experiment Station. Newspaper Bulletin No. 77, July 27, 1899.)

Within the past few months there has been introduced to the farmers of Indiana, what is termed a dilution cream separator. This is not a separator as commonly understood by dairymen, where cream is separated from milk by centrifugal force, but is a specially constructed can, usually of large size, in which cream separates from milk by rising to the surface, by the common gravity process. The principle of creaming in this can, however, differs from that usually performed in the dairy, through the mixing of water with the milk to assist the cream to rise. These specially made cans have certain peculiarities of construction and are advertised by the makers as "cream separators." The cans of different manufacturers differ in form and style, but the principal feature with all is to fill the can partly full of new warm milk, and then at once add a large quantity of cold water. This, of course, dilutes the milk, perhaps 100 per cent. In this diluted condition, the claim of the manufacturers is, that the cream will rise more completely and rapidly than if not diluted; that in 20 to 30 minutes it will all rest on the surface of the skimmed milk, which may be drawn off from below.

In 1893 the Indiana experiment station for two weeks carried on an experiment on the influence of dilution of milk on efficiency of creaming. The results of this work, as published in bulletin 44 of the station, were that a greater loss of fat occurs in skim milk when dilution is practiced, than with undiluted milk, that the loss is greater with cold than with warm water, and that by diluting the milk a poorer quality of skim milk for feeding is thereby produced. These results were in accordance with conclusions arrived at through similar experiments at the Vermont, Cornell, Illinois and Ontario college stations. The process of dilution was not to be recommended as a general practice.

These so-called separators are patented, and the Cornell experiment station at Ithaca, New York, has recently published a bulletin describing and illustrating eight forms of them, as described in the Patent Office Gazette. Persons interested may perhaps secure a copy of this bulletin on application.

The farmers and dairymen of Indiana are advised not to purchase these cans. The price as a rule is exorbitant and the practice of dilution is undesirable. But if the farmer wishes to secure the same results advertised by the makers of these cans, he may obtain them by diluting his milk in a comparatively inexpensive, round can, such as may be secured of any reputable dairy supply house, or can be made by any good tinsmith. Such a can, however, should have a faucet in the bottom, through which the skimmed milk may be drawn. In fact if our farmers will set their milk undiluted in deep cans—say 18 to 20 inches deep and 8 in diameter—set in cold water or cold room, they will get more satisfactory returns than when set in shallow pans or crocks.

C. S. PLUMB, Director.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate have been recorded in the county recorder's office during the past week: W. R. Thompson et al to Nancy A. Kinman, lots 27 and 28, Hosmer.

Jesse Willis to Perry Willis, ne qr ne qr sec 8, town 1 south, range 8 west, 40 acres.

Fred Smith et al to Alex Whaley, lot 55, division A, Walnut Hills cemetery.

George Alstadt to Dacey A. Shepard, pt se qr sw qr sec 28, town 1 south, range 8 west, 29 acres, and lots 61 and 62, Hosmer.

WILL LET WATER WORKS.

The Contract for the Plant Will be Let by the Trustees.

The town trustees will meet in regular session this (Thursday) night at the usual hour in Greene's office. The most important matter to come up will be the letting of the contract to build the water works system and upon the bids received and opened last week. There were two bids for the complete works, one for \$21,002.86, and one for \$27,300. There were several other bids as stated in our last issue.

The banks of the city have proffered to loan the money to build the plant at the rate of six percent interest, and allowing the town to take up the \$500 notes as fast as possible. Or, if there are others that desire to take a portion of the notes the banks will take the remainder. The plan of raising the money will pay the water works debt out in about eighteen years. The city will have charge of the plant from the start and receive all the water rentals which they can apply on the debt. To raise the funds to meet the semi-annual interest and the bonds it will be only necessary to make a levy of 25 cents on the \$100.

If the contract is let at this time it is possible that the water works will be finished by the first of January and turned over to the trustees to be operated.

In order to make the plant self-sustaining the trustees should place the water rentals at such prices that people in moderate circumstances would become consumers. If they are placed at exorbitant prices the rentals will be very small in a town the size of Petersburg.

HEUSTON ARMSTRONG DEAD.

Prominent Farmer and Citizen of Jefferson Township, This County.

News was received here Sunday afternoon of the death of J. H. Armstrong of Jefferson township, which occurred that afternoon from cancerous growth in the stomach from which he had been a sufferer for several years. He was one of the prominent farmers and citizens of that township and had been engaged in the stock business, owning several fine horses. He served two terms as trustee of that township and was the leading republican of that township. He was the republican nominee for treasurer a number of years ago and was defeated by Fred Poetker. He was a splendid citizen and highly respected by all who knew him. He was born in Dubois county, but came to this county a number of years ago and settled near Iva. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge. At the time of his death he was aged about 50 years. He leaves a wife, and three children to mourn the loss of husband and father. The funeral service were held at the family residence Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. W. Elder of this city, and burial at the Logan cemetery.

Popular Excursion via C. & O.

The annual excursion to Old Point grows every year in popularity, and those who look forward to a pleasant outing always hail with delight the announcement of the date for this excursion. The beautiful and picturesque scenery all along the line must be seen to be appreciated and always remembered. The elegant vestibuled train service and the manner in which the C. & O. handles its personally conducted excursions is acknowledged to be far superior to any other line. The outing August 9th will be run on the same plane of elegance as former excursions. The exceedingly low rates from Old Point to New York, Washington, Norfolk, Baltimore and other points widens the opportunities at small additional cost. The hotels at Old Point cannot be surpassed for elegance, superiority of table and imposing splendor. Then an experienced representative of the company is sent with the party to look after every detail and see that nothing is left undone to make the trip all that could be expected. Those who want to divert their minds from business cares, and enjoy the mountain scenery and ocean breezes, should arrange to go.

A Whole Family.

Rev. L. A. Dunlap of Mount Vernon, Missouri, says: "My children were afflicted with a cough resulting from measles, my wife with a cough that had prevented her from sleeping, more or less, for five years, and your White Wine of Tar Syrup has cured them all." Sold by Paul Bros. a

H. H. Tislow, jeweler and watchmaker, Petersburg. All work guaranteed. 28*