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INDIANA STATE NEWS.

THE STATE SCHOOL FUND

Table Showing What Each County Pays In, What Each Receives and the Balances in the Treasury.

MASSACHUSETTS may be overstocked with women but such is not the case in the country at large. A census bulletin shows that in the United States there are 1,500,000 more male than female persons.

THERE are about seven thousand of the finest paintings in the world at the Art palace at Jackson park. Allowing the visitor ten hours a day in this building and one minute for the inspection of each painting it will take nearly twelve days of his time to see the entire collection.

A FLORIDA man, Phares Bell, has conceived the idea of building a big hotel among the branches of a grove of live oaks in that state. He is said to have the backing of a syndicate of English capitalists and to be confident of the success of his novel scheme that he will begin work upon it immediately.

THOSE Indians who have sold reservations to the United States are, as a whole, the wealthiest communities in the country. Commissioner Roosevelt, who has been looking into the matter, reports one tribe of which every man, woman and child has a revenue equivalent to the interest on \$15,000 each.

A NEW YORK electrician is building an air ship which he claims will solve the problem of aerial navigation beyond a doubt. He is so sure of its success that he has already selected a name for it, the pegassipede. Pegasus was the winged horse on which poets were supposed to ride to empyrean heights.

An European dentist is said to have had great success in curing toothache within five or six minutes, and often in less time, by applying one pole of an electrostatic machine to the troublesome tooth and the other pole to the body of the patient. In seventy-six cases thus treated by him only three are said to have been unsatisfactory.

FRANCES WOLSELEY is the only child and heiress of the British general, Lord Wolseley, and before he would consent to accept a peerage it stipulated the title should descend to his daughter and her descendants—a favor seldom granted to the English nobility, though there are a great number of Scotch and Irish peerages which descend in the female line.

A REPORTER who has been at pains to corral the genuine Spanish method of pronouncing Eulalie's name divulges the secret. It is "Ay-oo-lah-ee-ah," with the first two syllables run together rapidly and the accent on the "lah." The infant's name is "Marie-Eulalie-Francoise-D'Assise-Marguerite-Roberte-Isabelle-Francoise de Paullie-Christine-Marie de la Piete."

THE British admiralty has just adopted the new wire-wound, quick-firing, six-inch breech-loading gun for the navy. The new weapon is forty calibers long and weighs seven tons. It will fire an elongated projectile weighing 100 pounds a distance of over four miles. It is such a quick-firing gun that at a long range when fired with cordite it has three or four shots in the air at the same time.

THE Columbian stamps are really steel engravings, and form the third special issue of stamps in the country. The first of these was a fifteen cent stamp representing the landing of Columbus which was issued in 1869, and the second commemorated the 1876 centennial by a souvenir envelope, with a shield-shaped three-cent stamp in the corner, having at the top the figures 1776 and at the bottom 1876.

A PECULIAR suit was recently settled in the courts at Iron Mountain, Mich. An Austrian resident of that place some time ago sent money and a ring to his finance in Austria, telling her to come to America and get married. She came for that purpose, but met another man whom she fancied better than her old lover and married him. The disappointed lover sued the husband to restore \$70 and the ring, and secured judgment for that amount.

UNCLE SAM has become the victim of a new game on the part of the emigrant. He ships from the port of de markation as a sailor before the mast, and immediately deserts on arriving at an American port. He thus evades the head tax exacted by the government, and escapes the examination imposed by immigration laws. During the recent naval review in New York harbor about 300 foreigners inserted themselves into our midst in this fashion.

IT is believed, says the Scientific American, that there are five times as many insects as there are species of all other living things put together. The oak alone supports 450 species of insects and 200 kinds make their home in the pine. Forty years ago Humboldt estimated that the number of species preserved in collections was between 150,000 and 170,000, but scientific men now say that there must be more than three-quarters of a million, without taking into account the parasite creatures.

ONE street car line in Philadelphia has been experimenting with a storage-battery electric car, and the Press announces that the results are entirely satisfactory. The car runs at the rate of eight miles an hour, except on sharp curves and steep grades, where it runs four. It looks as if the problem of street transit without the use of dangerous overhead wires would be finally solved. If a storage battery can now be steadily run at a speed of eight miles an hour, it seems only a question of a short time when mechanical genius will be able to increase the speed to ten or twelve miles on the level.

LYNCHED.

A Colored Brute Suffers from a Mob's Vengeance at Decatur, Ill.—Taken from Jail and Hanged—The Action of the Mob Demanded by Gov. Altgeld, Who Offers a Reward for the Perpetrators of the Deed.

DECATUR, Ill., June 5.—Sam Bush, the negro arrested near Windsor early Friday morning for outraging Mrs. Vest, of Mount Zion's township, was lynched at 3 a.m. Saturday. There were threats heard early Friday evening, but a scout sent out by the officers to Mount Zion returned with the information that the people were quiet and had no intention of coming to Decatur. Nevertheless a guard of twelve men was put in the jail and an extra force of men was put on duty outside. About 500 curious people stood around the jail all night, though most of them thought no serious attempt would be made to take the prisoner out.

At just 2 o'clock twenty-five men came on a rush up Wood street. They were quiet, without masks, and moved in a solid body. They forced their way through the crowd and knocked on the door of the jail. Deputy Sheriff Midkiff and Special Officer Foster sat just inside and refused them admission. One blow from a sledge crashed in the wooden door, and the two officers were surrounded by twenty-five armed men. The keys of the jail were demanded, but both officers declared they did not have them.

The men then went to work with sledge hammers and chisels on the outside door. It was of solid cast-iron an inch thick. Twenty minutes elapsed before it was forced. Meanwhile the crowd of Decatur people stood outside quietly. No one seemed to care much. There was no talk of resistance and the officers were not upbraided for making no more objection.

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News of the attack on the jail seemed to have spread over the town, and 1,500 people were there. In front of the jail is a telegraph post. A drive towards that was made, but the lynchers finally went to one about 600 yards away, on one of the most prominent corners in the city, and directly in front of the courthouse. An arc light made the street intersection as light as day. A rope made of halter straps had been put around the negro's neck.

When the crowd stopped at the foot of the pole the victim asked for time to pray. The men said: "Give him all the time he wants." He knelt down on the bricks and began to pray in a sing-song way, calling on Jesus to come and take his soul and forgive the men who were murdering him. He did not beg or cry as he had done when first arrested, but seemed to make up his mind he must die, and prayed disconnectedly full ten minutes, while a thousand people crowded around as close together as they could be. There were side jests, and not a single soul seemed impressed with the awfulness of the scene. Finally the spectators began to get impatient. A man had climbed half way up the pole and stood in the glare of the light all the time. "Cut that short," he said; "he gave those women no time." Others took up the cry. "Hang him; he's prayed enough." "Let him go," was yelled. The rope was passed to the man on the pole, he put it over a guide wire, and the crowd pulled.

The negro's body, now naked as the day it was born, swung up into sight 4 feet from the ground and fell back.

The negro uttered no sound. A few in the crowd groaned, while others yelled. Then a hack was driven into the crowd against the protests of the cab-man. The negro was told to stand up on it. He refused, when half a dozen hands threw him up and then held him while the rope was tied to the cross arm on the pole. The hack was then driven away and the body fell with the man's toes not 2 feet from the ground. It was then just 3:07 a.m. Two doctors walked up and held the pulse, and pronounced him dead in two minutes. The neck was not broken. The body was cut down by Coroner Bendure at 3:40 a.m. The rope was cut up and divided among the crowd around. The Mount Zion men left for home as soon as the negro was pronounced dead.

A dispatch from Springfield says that Gov. Altgeld has issued a proclamation denouncing the lynching as a cowardly and diabolical act, as murder, and as a blot upon the fair name of the state.

He declares the men who were engaged in it must be punished and offers a reward of \$200 each for their apprehension and conviction.

Failure in Joliet, Ill.

JOLIET, Ill., June 5.—The old veteran stone company of Sanger, Moody & Steel made an assignment in favor of their creditors, with assets aggregating \$177,700 and liabilities only \$55,000. The bulk of the liabilities are with the bank, which are more than secured by trust deeds. The firm was compelled to assign because they could not get money to go ahead with their business and could not sell their stone. The government owes them \$85,000, which they cannot get, and with the banks pressing them for money they were forced to surrender.

AFTER THEIR CASH.

Unsatisfactory Depositors Make Things Lively for Several Chicago Banks—Heavy Runs Experienced, But All Demands Are Met, Only One Suspension Being Announced.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The opening of the banks in Chicago was characterized by strong symptoms of a panic. Much uneasiness existed since Saturday, and the doubts and fears among depositors had become so far augmented, even long before 10 o'clock, that crowds, including men and women and working girls, found their way to the bank doors and were ready to improve the first possible opportunity to withdraw what money they had on deposit. As the day wore on the crowds increased, and by noon a full-fledged panic of no mean magnitude was inaugurated.

Savings banks which experienced a run Monday kept their tellers at work until all who had been in line up to the hour of ordinary closing were paid, and notices were posted on the doors that the banks would be open for business at the regular hour this morning.

The panic did not extend beyond the owners of small savings accounts, but there was an intense strain in financial affairs.

It is to the rumor mongers that the day is indebted for its worst phase.

They succeeded in frightening many people. Instead of the dozen disasters that were talked about there is found to be but one suspension that would in ordinary times excite no especial comment or occasion serious trouble.

Some of the banks that had runs did in a few cases take advantage of the sixty-day limit. But there was no occasion for the loss of confidence displayed by their patrons.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The private banking house of Meadowcroft Bros., 100 Washington street, at the northeast corner of Washington and Dearborn streets, has been placed in the hands of a receiver, being forced to suspend because of the prevailing monetary stringency. Lyman E. Crandall has been appointed receiver. Eddy & Walker, attorneys for the firm, have given an approximate estimate of the bank's assets and liabilities. They place the liabilities at \$250,000, and the assets at \$460,000.

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