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INDIANA'S HOME.

Dedication of the State Building at the World's Fair Grounds.

Many Distinguished Men Present—Gov. Matthews Receives the Keys—Ex-President Harrison and Others Make Addresses.

INDIANA'S GREAT DAY.

It has become known in administration circles that the proper way to pronounce the name of the Infanta is to address her as "Your Royal Highness, the Princess A-oo-lal-e-a."

An attempt will probably be made during the Indian summer weather of this fall to sink the foundation of a government lighthouse off Cape Hatteras. The shifting sands and variable winds make such a thing impossible at any other season.

THE Persian shah returned home with an acquired taste for many of the minor articles of western civilization and comfort. Thereupon he sent a special envoy to Paris to purchase numberless umbrellas, walking sticks, eye glasses, bird cages, mattresses and a garden hose.

In England 130,000 velocipedes are turned out annually. In France, where the machine first appeared, its use was limited through prejudice. People laughed at it. Now there is an army of 300,000 proprietary wheelmen in that country, without counting an immense number of amateurs who hire machines.

ANOTHER descendant of Columbus the First was at the exposition recently. He is a ship's carpenter from Buffalo, N. Y., bearing the name of Alexius Columbus. He is the sixth descendant of the admiral, his family being descendants, illegitimately, of Luis, a grandson of Columbus. Alexius most nearly resembles the Latta portrait of his ancestor.

NEARLY or quite the whole of the claim to California property recently awarded to the heirs of Gen. John C. Fremont will go to a naval officer who bought up the claims of other heirs. He will be made rich by the operation, and if he shall remain in the navy will be one of the small company of officers to whom the matter of pay is one of no moment.

A YOUNG woman correspondent for a Boston paper, taking notes on the reception of the infants in President Palmer's room, attracted the lady's attention, and when Mr. Palmer explained that the correspondent was not one of the guests, but merely engaged in earning her daily bread, the princess looked over to her and smiled and bowed with an introduction.

THE exhibit in the government building of fish hatching is exciting intense interest, crowds being always collected around the jars containing the eggs. The roe have separated and the jars of water are fairly alive with floating eggs and tiny jelly-like particles which as one looks closely resolve themselves into fish so minute and colorless as to be scarcely perceptible.

AMONG the interesting exhibits at the World's fair is a model of the Nicaragua canal, measuring thirty-five feet by five feet, which shows all the oceans, mountains, jungles, lakes, rivers and harbors which makes up the proposed method of communication between the Atlantic and Pacific. In order to enhance the realistic nature of the profile, real water is used to cover the ocean and lakes, and this fills the canal and river.

AMONG the pieces of embroidery which Miss Semeiseken, the Russian representative, brought over to the World's fair, is a piece of linen, exquisitely embroidered by the Russian women as a present to Mrs. Grover Cleveland, in token of their gratitude to the Americans for their sending of relief to the Russians at the time of the famine. The design represents the ship which was sent to Russia with corn and provisions.

A UNIQUE gold and silver dinner service has been fashioned in London for his highness the Maharajah Gackwar of Baroda. It is for thirty-six persons, and all the knives, forks, spoons and small plate have been specially designed for the occasion, steel dies having been cut for each article. The complete service weighs over half a ton, and each piece of plate is stamped with the maharajah's crown, scimitar and monogram.

THOMAS A. EDISON, the inventor, says that no person can be brought in close connection with the mysteries of nature or make a study of chemistry or of law of growth without being convinced that behind all there is a supreme intelligence. He says that he hopes to be able some time to demonstrate the existence of such intelligence through the operation of these mysterious laws with the certainty of a demonstration in mathematics.

NEW York has a display of plants in the center dome of the Horticultural Hall, a garden in front of her state building planted so that it will be filled with plants in bloom the entire season, and five greenhouses full of flowers. In the dairy exhibit the state shows three hundred varieties of butter and one hundred and fifty of cheese. The honey exhibit is regarded as the best ever collected, and there is also a display of live bees.

THE excited depositors in the Illinois Trust and Savings bank had stopped to consider the matter that "marvelous" run, which lasted all of one day and only ended at 3 o'clock in the morning, would not be a matter of history. With the millions behind it, the Illinois Trust was as safe as the government. The terrified depositors drew out their earnings simply to the bank the interest on their deposits. Doubtless the earnings of the institution in that one day exceeded those of any like period in its history. It is the timid people who are responsible for the panic.

INDIANA STATE NEWS.

THERE are ten candidates for the Elkhart post office, the salary being \$3,000 per annum.

GARRETT MASSMAN, a prominent citizen of Seymour, has been declared insane and he will be taken to the insane hospital.

THE Eureka Land Co. at Muncie was incorporated with a capital stock of \$200,000, and purchased one thousand acres at Selma, six miles east of Muncie, for a boom.

THE board of county commissioners appointed experts Heabon and Gernsey to examine the shortage of ex-Treasurer Jenkins at Jeffersonville. They find his defalcation to be \$20,661.9.

EZRA WOOD, president of Jefferson county Horticultural society, and a well-known citizen, died the other morning.

At South Bend, Frank M. Smith, a farmer, suicided by hanging himself from a rafter in his barn. When the body was discovered it was resting upon the knees, with a halter strap about the neck. Since the death of his wife several months ago, Smith has been despondent, and about three weeks ago was found hanging from a rope nearly dead, but recovered.

MARTHA SARGENT, Mary Long and John Long, three more witnesses, were arrested the other day at Goshen for perjury in the famous case of Peterson against the Lake Shore railway. After three trials Peterson has secured a judgment of \$5,000 against the company.

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FLAME-SWEPT.

Forest Fires in the Mesaba Iron Range Cause Losses Aggregating More than \$1,000,000—Towns Almost Entirely Destroyed—An Army of 4,000 Homeless People—Loss of Life Reported.

DULUTH, Minn., June 20.—Accurate information regarding the Mesaba range fire is now available. At Virginia there are thirty-two buildings still standing and 340 were burned. At Mountain Iron there were six buildings burned. At Biwabik the damage was slight. Merritt has sixteen houses left.

There are on the range about 3,000 people homeless, many of them without food or clothing. The fire is still burning furiously in the forests and all about the towns that are left, but unless the wind changes they are not in danger. Duluth will care for all the sufferers. It has been decided not to appeal for outside aid.

Small fires are burning all along the range still and a change of wind will cause more damage, but the danger is not imminent. The mining companies suffered heavily. The camps at the plants of the following mines were either entirely or partially destroyed: Shaw, Commodore, Franklin, Jones, Mesaba, Mountain, Ohio, Roushleau, Burke and New England. The Minnewauk mine escaped and the Wyoming has not been heard from.

The total loss as nearly as it can be estimated is in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. The insurance will not exceed \$400,000 and may fall short of that sum. The losers are so scattered and everything is in such confusion that no details of loss or insurance can be obtained.

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Every effort is being made here to prevent suffering among the hundreds of homeless people. General public meetings were held Monday and a general relief committee organized. This committee has now in its hands about \$6,000 and a great quantity of clothing and provisions. The greater portion of the women and children from Virginia are in Duluth.

Several persons are believed to have perished at Virginia. A local physician found bones of an adult male and female in the debris of one of the houses, but there is too much confusion and the people are too widely scattered to make it possible to check up or locate any that may be missing. A man and horse are also said to have been burned at the Lone Jack mine. W. G. Taylor, of Virginia, was badly burned, but is still alive.

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Marriage, Divorce and Suicide.

HELENA, Mont., June 19.—John E. Collins committed suicide at Remini Saturday by shooting. His wife, Emma, to whom he had been married only one week, got a divorce Friday. This, with the fact that his partner in a mining deal was said to be freezing him out, made him despondent and led to his taking his life.

Lynched an Innocent Man.

MILAN, Tenn., June 20.—The mob which was supposed to have lynched Lee Bennett at Gleason, hung Jim Harris, an innocent man, instead. Bennett is in jail at Dresden heavily guarded.

FOUR MEN HELD.

The Verdict of the Coroner's Jury Declares Col. Ainsworth, Contractor Dant, Engineer Sasse and Superintendent Covert to Be Responsible for the Ford Theater Disaster.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the Ford theater disaster reached a conclusion Monday afternoon. It holds responsible Col. Frederick Ainsworth, Contractor Dant, Engineer Sasse and Superintendent Covert for criminal negligence and manslaughter. The announcement was received with cheers by those who were in attendance at Willard's hall.

After being out two hours the jury returned a verdict, setting forth that Frederick B. Loftus came to his death by the disaster at Ford's theater building on June 9, 1893. They recite the fact that George W. Dant was the contractor under the government for the work in progress which caused the disaster and all the circumstances connected with the accident and find that Frederick C. Ainsworth, in charge of the building, William G. Covert, the superintendent, Francis Sasse, the engineer, and George W. Dant, the contractor, are responsible for the killing of Loftus.

The finding further refers to the absence of shoring or other means to protect the building during the process of excavation, by reason of which one of the piers fell, causing the fall of the floors and the consequent crushing and killing.

The jury further find that the failure of the government of the United States to provide for skilled superintendence of its buildings in charge of the war department is most unbusiness-like and reprehensible, and are of the opinion that such superintendence had been provided in the case of the work on the Ford's theater building the awful tragedy might have been averted.

Coroner Patterson decided not to issue warrants for the commitment of Col. Ainsworth, Dant, Covert and Sasse until this morning in order to give them an opportunity of obtaining bail. Col. Ainsworth has