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## INDIANA STATE NEWS.

Mrs. JOHN TAYLOR, aged 70, died at Mitchell just fifty minutes after her son, Will, aged 37, had passed away. The son was a prominent architect.

THE census bureau has issued a bulletin which shows that there are forty-seven Chinese temples in the United States, valued at \$62,000, claiming 100,000 worshippers. Forty of these temples are in California, four in New York, two in Idaho and one in Oregon.

THE co-operative housekeeping experiment is to be tried again, this time in Cleveland, O. Forty dwellings are to be built, each connected by a covered way, with a central building where the cooking, washing, heating, lighting, refrigerating and ventilating plants will be established.

THE French dolls in the woman's building at Chicago include a case representing historical characters—Marguerite of Navarre, the fair Gabriel, Marie Antoinette, Josephine, Anne of Austria, the Marquise de Montespan, and many other famous personages dressed in their authentic costumes.

ACCORDING to the figures compiled by Carroll D. Wright, superintendent of the United States department of labor, there are now in this country 5,820 building associations with 1,625,626 shareholders and with net assets of \$96,928,605. In the list of states encouraging such associations Pennsylvania stands first and Ohio is second.

GEORGE NICHOLSON, the curator of the royal gardens at Kew, well known to horticulturists in America as the author of the useful "Dictionary of Gardening," and the authority in England on hardy trees and shrubs, has arrived in this country. According to *Garden and Forest*, Mr. Nicholson will spend a couple of months in the United States.

THERE is an old clock in the office of the secretary of war which is the only piece of furniture that was there when Jeff Davis was secretary of war forty years ago, under President Franklin Pierce. The clock, which is a specimen of what was in style in the way of mantel timepieces during the empire, is covered by a glass case and still keeps perfect time.

IF you want to see about the largest star known to astronomers, look a little southwest of the zenith any one of these beautiful evenings and see Arcturus. This star is supposed to be a sun, and is so much larger than the earth that were inhabitants possible to it and such inhabitants were proportionately as large to Arcturus as a six-footer is to the earth, each Arcturus would be not less than six miles high.

THE annual income of Cornell university is in the neighborhood of \$600,000; its funds reach nearly \$6,000,000; its real estate \$1,500,000; the equipment of the various departments nearly \$800,000, while the salaries paid out during a year attain the sum of \$222,000. A round million dollars' worth of western lands still remain in the possession of the university. A single building with its equipment—the library—is valued at close upon \$600,000.

TWO of the young geniuses who contributed to the beauty of the World's fair are dead. One is the architect Root, to whose wonderful conceptions the general plan and much of the architecture are due. The other is the sculptor Blashkinian, of New York, who designed several of the heroic allegorical statues of the administration building and of the group on the electric building. He received a medal from the commissioners for his work.

BY "the high seas" is meant the waters outside of civil jurisdiction of any country, which, according to the laws of nations, is limited to three miles from shore. Even the great lakes, beyond these limits, are regarded as "high seas." In the event of a crime committed on the high seas, parties charged with the commission thereof are subject to the jurisdiction of the federal, royal or district court of the country which the vessel first enters after the criminal has been detected.

MESSRS. HAMES & CUNNINGHAM have set out 11,000 Elberta peach trees on Kennesaw mountain, Ga. W. R. Turner has an orchard near there of about 10,000, which will be bearing next year. J. D. Cunningham, in the same neighborhood, has several thousand that will be bearing this year. Judge Gober expects to plant about 10,000. Several other parties are going to plant extensively in the same vicinity, so that the historic mountain will be the center of a great peach producing region.

THE housewives in Florida have found a new use for oranges. They scrub the floors with them. Go into almost any town in the orange growing districts and you will see the women using the luscious fruit exactly as our housekeepers use soap. They cut the oranges in halves and rub the flat, exposed pulp on the floor. The acid in the oranges doubtless does the cleaning, but at any rate the boards are as white as snow after the application. It is thought that lemons would be better than oranges for this purpose, because of the additional acidity.

A FRENCH scientist experimented with brilliant diamonds to ascertain at what temperature they will burn. There is a theory that they would not burn, and this the experiment has overthrown. Among scientists the fact has long been known that a diamond is simply crystallized carbon that would vanish when subjected to a sufficient degree of heat, but this fact is not common to the *hôpital*. The Frenchman's experiments have demonstrated the exact degree of heat required to consume a brilliant. He discovered that slow combustion, without incandescence, is possible.

## SWELLING THE FUND.

ABOUT \$500,000 Raised So Far for the Dependents of the Dead Chicago Firemen—Small Attendance at the Fair on "Memorial Day." But a Large Sum Realized from the Sale of Tickets.

CINCINNATI, July 17.—Yesterday was the last open Sunday at the World's Columbian exposition. It was also the day on which the entire gate receipts of the world's fair were to be devoted to the relief fund of the heroes who lost their lives in the cold-storage fire while obeying orders. Even the cause to which all visitors contributed their portion failed to bring out a large crowd. Forty-nine thousand four hundred and one persons paid to enter the exposition gates Sunday. There were 2,400 children's tickets sold. This gives the firemen's benefit fund \$24,000.75. The tickets reported do not represent the total amount sold, for there were thousands of persons who took the opportunity offered by purchasing admissions to contribute to the relief fund but who did not attend the fair. When all the returns are in it is probable that \$50,000 will be added to the fund from this source. The fund exclusive of the sale of tickets for the fair on Sunday, has reached \$79,287.

The amount raised for the sufferers of the cold-storage fire will be considerably larger than the number of visitors indicated, according to the stories of the gatekeepers. Almost all of the ticket-sellers said that many persons deposited dollars for admission tickets and refused to take the change. One man at the Sixty-second street gate gave \$50 for two tickets. He would give no name, but said he was from New York and was a worshiper of heroes. Several other persons paid five dollars for a ticket, and Superintendent Horace Tucker received a large number of letters inclosing money for tickets from persons who could not attend the fair.

In the afternoon 1,500 people gathered in Festival hall. The platform was draped with white and black cloth, arranged in festoons. The chorus of 200 voices sat on the platform, and the great organ was used for the first time at a Sunday service. W. L. Tomlins led the chorus and Arthur Mees was organist. Rev. L. P. Mercer, pastor of New Church temple (Swedenborgian), preached a memorial sermon.

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GENERAL MANAGER McDonald said he thought the indictments were found as a matter of form for the purpose of bringing about a more extended investigation with the grand jury as a medium.

MR. BURNHAM said he did not feel much alarmed over the fact of his indictment. He did not like the stigma placed on the company through its officers. It seemed to him unjust.

DANIEL BURKE, foreman of the jury, said that the decision was taken from the testimony submitted. The conclusion reached was to hold all in any way implicated and allow a higher authority to decide where the responsibility lay. The verdict was unanimous, said Mr. Burke. One member failed at first to see how Marshal Murphy was implicated, but he soon changed his views. Murphy knew the construction of the tower and it was his business to call the firemen down, knowing the danger they were in. D. H. Burnham was included as the representative of the fair. The fair should have seen that the recommendations in regard to the tower were carried out. Chief Swenie notified them of the danger and they were responsible to a certain extent. The cold-storage people were held because they deserve the most of the blame in not taking proper precaution against fire when putting up the building, and again when notified by the proper authorities after two previous fires in the building of changes positively necessary to insure safety of life.

KILLED AT A PICNIC.

TWO Men Lost Their Lives by the Explosion of a Mortar for Shooting Fireworks Bombs at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 17.—By the explosion of a 7-inch mortar, loaded with a heavy charge of powder and a fireworks shell, two men were instantly killed, two fatally injured and two more slightly injured Sunday night. Richard Marshall's head was torn off and Michael Snow was instantly killed, his body being badly torn and lacerated. The accident took place at Sixty-ninth and Wood streets at a picnic given under the auspices of the Society del Carmine, an Italian organization belonging to Father Machin's church, Sixty-ninth and State streets. The immediate cause of the explosion is not known. Marshall was standing 100 feet from the bomb rocking his babe in a carriage. A piece of iron weighing about thirty-five pounds completely severed his head from his shoulders. The babe was not injured.

## CAN'T COME BACK.

CHINESE AUTHORITIES Refuse to Allow Chinese Who Have Been Here Once to Return to the United States.

WASHINGTON, July 17.—A letter received at the state department from Mr. Derby, the United States minister to China, was accompanied by a proclamation issued by the Chinese authorities in which it was stated that 100,000 Chinese who had returned to China from the United States within the past year would be prevented by the law from again entering this country. An investigation by the treasury department has developed that since 1888 less than 81,000 Chinese have returned to their native country and the exaggeration of the proclamation is still more apparent when taken in consideration with the well-known fact that only a small proportion of Chinese leave this country with the intention of returning.

THE following fourth-class postmasters were appointed the other day: Cadiz, Henry county, Mrs. E. M. Laboyteaux; Centerville, Wayne county, Miss. Emma King; Delaware, Ripley county, J. T. Trotter; Dublin, Wayne county, Ira Ellis; Kennard, Henry county, J. F. Daniels; Millcreek, Laporte county, J. W. Collom; Millville, Henry county, John Brunner.

ELLIE HODGIN, a well known farmer residing near Westfield, was gored to death by a vicious bull. He entered the enclosure to lasso him when the animal suddenly became enraged and attacked him, goring him horribly in the throat, heart, head and arms.

CONGRESSMAN COOPER of Columbus, the other day nominated John D. Long, son of ex-Auditor D. F. Long, for appointment to a West Point cadetship.

JOHN RUSH, an employee at the Bandy planing mills, Munroe, met with an accident the other afternoon that caused him to lose the sight of both his eyes. While working with a piece of wood around a circular saw the wood burst and flew against his spectacles, driving particles of glass into his eyes.

OWING to the financial situation and a lack of straw, the American Straw-board works, in Noblesville, employing about 250 hands, shut down for some time.

## FOUR MEN BLAMED.

THE CORONER'S JURY in the Case of the Cold-Storage Warehouse Fire Held to the Grand Jury Director of Works Burnham, Chief Murphy, President Skinner and Charles McDonald.

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There were sixteen separate cases, but the finding was made as a whole and the verdict was the same in each case. A separate document signed by the jurors was, however, made out in each case. The following is a list to ascertain the causes of whose deaths and fix the responsibility the inquiry was instituted:

James A. Garay, James Fitzpatrick, John Aramis Smith, John Cullen, Philip Brown, William Henry Denning, Bernhard Murphy, Ralph A. Drummond, Burton Edgar Pease, John C. McBride, Louis Frank, John H. Freeman, Norman M. Hartman, Charles W. Purvis, Paul W. F. Schroeder and one unknown.

The four men were allowed to remain at liberty on their own recognizance, but they will be required to appear in court this morning and give bonds for their appearance before the grand jury.

Marshal Murphy was apparently very much affected by the result of the investigation. "I did not expect it," he said. "I think it unjust and uncalled for. I was neither negligent nor was I guilty of misconduct at that fire."

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