

## STATE OF INDIANA.

## NEWS NUGGETS GATHERED IN HILLS AND DALES.

A Week's Doings Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—Social, Personal, Political, Religious and Miscellaneous Intelligence Up to Date.

Mrs. Frank Messmer nearly beat the life out of Clementine Heeter, a young man of good family, in front of the postoffice at North Manchester. A rumor concerning the conduct of Heeter and Mrs. Messmer reached the ears of Mr. Messmer, and he confronted Heeter, who boasted of the favors he had received from Mrs. Messmer for over a year. This enraged the husband that he would have taken Heeter's life on the spot but for the interference of friends. Mrs. Messmer then armed herself with a rawhide and started out in search of her slayer. She met Heeter, who is a cripple, as he was entering the post-office building and gave him a severe thrashing with the whip. She grabbed one of his crutches and dealt him a fearful blow, felling him to the sidewalk, then pounded him unmercifully for some minutes. An officer arrived and took the enraged woman in custody. Heeter was taken to his home, and is in a critical condition.

The farmers of Adams county are working a successful boycott on the merchants of Decatur. They have been holding meetings in various small towns in the county and now have, as they claim, the names of over seven hundred farmers who will refuse to do any trading in Decatur. They have already established two general stores at Preble and Monmouth and expect to put in several more at other places soon. They are working together something like the "grangers" did several years ago. As a result of this boycott but very few people were in Decatur last Saturday and the merchants did a very light business. Usually there are from three to five hundred farmers doing business here on Saturdays. The farmers give as their reason for boycotting the town that the city will not furnish them a yard in which to place their teams while doing their shopping and that they are not allowed to haul heavy loads over the brick streets. The merchants have already felt the effects of the boycott are somewhat alarmed.

Information has been received at Logansport by Rev. E. S. Scott, superintendent and secretary of the Presbyterian Assembly and Summer school which is to be established at Bass lake, Indiana, that the Big Four and Baltimore & Ohio railroads and the people of Kosciusko county are combining to make a more favorable offer to that association to locate the assembly at Turkey lake, Kosciusko county. Bass lake, Stark county, was selected as the site of the assembly at a meeting of the stockholders at Indianapolis, early this month, provided certain conditions were fulfilled. The advocates of Turkey lake, however, still have hopes of securing the school, which will be similar to the Chautauque of New York state and in charge of President J. M. Coulter of Lake Forest university.

B. & O. passenger train No. 7, due at Seymour 10 o'clock a. m., failed to arrive until 5 p. m. one day last week, on account of the wreck at Cold Springs Sunday night. The wrecking car returned to that place to finish clearing up the track. Of the fourteen cars piled up many were broken to pieces and burned. The cars were loaded with cotton, fresh meats and live poultry.

Two convicts named Connor and Blake were brought down from the Michigan City prison to testify against Charles Shirk, on trial in the Kosciusko Circuit court for grand larceny. The men were placed in cells in the Warsaw jail, and during the night Shirk got at them, saturated their bunks with gasoline and touched it off. Fortunately there was but little of the fluid, and the men were aroused and extinguished the blaze before they were singed.

Daniel Baugh, Sr., residing near Jeffersonville, who on April 1 next will be 106 years old, is reported confined to his room by a severe cold, or a slight form of the grip. The venerable gentleman is a staunch republican and says that not only will he be well in a few days, but live to vote for and see another republican President. His son, Daniel Baugh, Jr., is 65 years old, and residing together on the farm are four generations of the Baugh family.

About a year ago William Augerbright, who resided near Lincoln, Neb., murdered his father-in-law, William Smelser, a well-known farmer near Anderson, who was making a visit at his daughter's residence. Augerbright took offense at a remark of his guest and brutally murdered him. A telegram was received here last week stating that Augerbright had been convicted of murder and sentenced to imprisonment for ten years. The trial lasted nineteen days.

William Decker & Sons, one of the best known gas well drillers in the Indiana belt, have made a successful trial of a patent which they invented for separating gas and water.

Jacob Erther, a wealthy farmer and owner of over 500 acres of rich land near Yorktown, Delaware county, and also owner of one of the largest dry goods stores in Farmland, was forced to make an assignment last week. The assets are sufficient to more than meet all liabilities. His downfall was caused by being security on several large notes given last summer.

Daniel Moyer, one of the old time settlers of Elwood, died last week after a long and painful illness with dropsy. He was identified with the city's growth and was well known all over the county.

## CRIME.

The body of Barrett Scott, the defaulting treasurer of Holt county, Nebraska, was found in the Niobrara river, a rope around the neck and the hands tied.

"Parson" Shaw and five other moonshiners were captured in a raid by federal officers in Pike county, Arkansas. J. P. Campbell was fatally shot near Danville by Frank Richardson, for whom he had been lying in wait.

W. M. Scharf, one of the captured Momence bank robbers, has made a detailed confession to the officers.

Samuel Hotelling, a young farmer of Rolling Green, Minn., killed his wife and her parents and was slain by pursuers.

Mrs. Coates, a widow of Mifflin, Ind., confessed just before death to the murder of Jacob Wintermyer twelve years ago.

Mrs. Ferdinand Wiegand, wife of a butcher at Jacksonville, Ill., tiring of his abuse, fatally shot him in self defense.

Dominic Pafinski, who wrecked a train near Heaford Junction, Wis., killing the engineer, was sentenced to twenty five years.

G. W. Wallace, charged with alienating the affections of Mrs. W. H. Classen, was fatally shot by her husband on a train at Edmond, O. T.

During a family quarrel at Cowden, Ill., Jesse Severe shot and killed his father-in-law, Joseph Nantz.

Wejcech Waleczewski was arrested at Green Bay, Wis., charged with having murdered his wife and burned the body at Eaton.

M. Morrison, city marshal of Crawford, Neb., killed three men and is being pursued by a mob which may lynch him.

One man was killed and three others injured, two fatally, in a saloon row at Mitchell, Ill.

Charles Beckwith of Elkhardt, Ind., tried to persuade his wife not to go to church, and, failing, fatally shot her and killed himself.

## FOREIGN.

M. Poincarre has consented to accept the portfolio of finance in a French cabinet headed by M. Bourgeois.

The modus vivendi with the United States was finally adopted by the chamber of deputies of Spain.

Kuchan, Persia, which had but recently been rebuilt, was again destroyed by an earthquake. Many persons were killed.

Germany has struck another blow at America by forbidding the importation of her cattle through Great Britain.

Election of M. Faure, as president of France, is well received. He is the first protestant ruler the country has had.

Revolutionists in Hawaii started a battle in which several men were killed. The rebels are now under complete control.

Advices from the Fiji Islands reports a terrible hurricane which destroyed much shipping and killed a number of people.

The Japanese army under Gen. Nogi captured Kai Ping after four hours' fighting. Two hundred Chinese were killed.

Dispatches from Pekin state that Gen. Wei has been beheaded for cowardice in recent battles.

Dispatches from Greece deny the reports of a rebellion and state that trouble were confined to protest against taxes.

M. Felix Faure, minister of marine in the Dupuy cabinet, was elected president of France to succeed Casimir-Perier.

Emperor of China has issued a manifesto in which he says he prefers death to the disgrace of defeat.

Duke of Orleans, pretender to the throne of France, has issued a manifesto asking the people to return to a monarchy.

Wearing of the abuse of enemies and the lukewarmness of friends, Casimir-Perier has resigned the presidency of France.

It is now believed the British losses through J. F. M. Pierce's bond swindling operations will aggregate \$8,000,000.

## CASUALTIES.

The steamer State of Missouri struck a rock in the Ohio river and sank. Forty persons were drowned.

Myrtle Townsend, Elsie Hughes and George Crossby were drowned while skating near Fort Madison, Iowa.

August Beerman of Thorpe, Wis., was beheaded by a train he was endeavoring to board at East Toledo, Ohio.

Property worth more than \$500,000 was destroyed by a fire in Macon, Ga. Four firms were burned out.

By the explosion of a saw mill boiler near Alto, Texas, four men were killed and several others injured.

Two boys, 14 years of age, who ran away from St. Vincent's Industrial school of Utica, N. Y., were found frozen to death.

## SPORTING NOTES.

Bates of Ontario and Elliott of Kansas City were tied in the international shoot at Hamilton and divided first money.

Fight between Dempsey and Ryan before the Seaside Athletic club of New York, was stopped in the third round.

W. K. Vanderbilt, E. D. Morgan and C. Iselin will form the syndicate to build the America's cup defender.

In the international curling contest at Milwaukee the American rink defeated the Canadians by one stone.

Charlie Mitchell has challenged Peter Jackson to fight for \$5,000 a side, the battle to take place in May or June.

## WASHINGTON.

Chicago members believe the house will act favorably on the bill for a new postoffice.

Senator Lodge is planning to become secretary of state if the republicans are successful in electing the next President.

Treasury department regulations for the government of sealing vessels have been signed by the President.

In a statement to the public President Cleveland says the sending of a warship to Hawaii does not indicate a change in the policy of the administration.

Majority report finds Judge Ricks guilty of fraud, but agrees to reopen the case for further hearing.

Senators from the Pacific coast have manifested hostility toward the new Japanese treaty and it may be amended.

Senate has passed the army appropriation bill, carrying \$23,000,000, and the bill advancing Gen. Schofield.

Statements prepared by treasury officials show that the new tariff law is causing a material increase in the receipts.

William Randall Cremer, member of the British house of commons, presented an arbitration petition to President Cleveland.

Attorney General Olney has devised a labor arbitration bill, which has been introduced by Chairman McGann.

The house ways and means committee decided to favorably report the bill to repeal the differential duty on sugar.

The senate passed the deficiency appropriation bill after adopting an amendment limiting the interrogatories of officers seeking to collect the income tax.

Mr. Hill's proposition to refer the legality of the income tax to the courts was defeated in the senate.

Arguments on the application for writs of error and of habeas corpus in the Debs case were heard by the Supreme court.

The printing bill, which has been passed by both houses and signed by the President, is found to revive the franking privilege.

During the debate on the Indian appropriation bill in the house Wednesday Messrs. Walker, Warner and Reed engaged in a discussion of the currency question.

Arguments in the case to test the constitutionality of the income tax were concluded in the District Equity court.

Debate on the income tax item in the deficiency appropriation bill was continued in the senate.

By a vote of 7 to 6 the house judiciary committee decided to report a resolution for the impeachment of Judge Ricks.

## POLITICAL.

Michigan's solons started on their annual tour of investigation to the upper peninsula at the expense of the state.

Hounded to desperation by office seekers, Sheriff Williams, elected by populists at Prague, Wash., resigned the office.

Senator Cullom, recently re-elected to succeed himself from Illinois, says his fight was won by Chairman Tanner.

Indiana legislators are endeavoring to frame and pass a law that will prohibit prize fighting in the state.

Senate of Nebraska has been notified that it must reduce the number of employees to comply with the law.

Shelby M. Cullom of Springfield was elected to succeed himself as United States senator from Illinois on the first ballot.

Montana legislators who voted for Carter, Catholic, for United States senator have been threatened by the A. P. A.

Indiana republicans have prepared a reapportionment bill, the success of which will permit them to elect a senator.

Senator Thurston outlined his position on the tariff and silver in an address to the Nebraska legislature Wednesday.

Ohio wool growers convention at Columbus declared the tariff law to be a "colossal political crime."

## OBITUARY.

Remains of Mary G. Stevenson, daughter of the Vice-President, reached Bloomington, where the funeral was held Monday.

Henry Trumbull, son of ex-Judge Lyman Trumbull, died at the home of his father in Chicago, aged 33 years.

Major Joseph W. Paddock, government director of the Union Pacific road, died in Omaha from pneumonia.

Augustus C. Merriam, professor of Greek archaeology and epigraphy in Columbia college, died in Athens from pneumonia.

Gen. James S. Hackney, formerly adjutant general of Missouri, was found dead at his home in Jefferson City.

Miss Mary Stevenson, eldest daughter of the Vice-President, died of pneumonia at Asheville, N. C., after protracted illness.

Marcellus Strong, the oldest editor and printer in Wisconsin, died at Oshkosh after a brief illness, aged 79 years.

Gen. Israel N. Stiles, a former brilliant attorney of Chicago and widely known, died of general debility, aged 62.

Senator Tasse, Canadian minister to the World's Fair and ex-member of parliament, died at Montreal after a long illness.

Mrs. Caroline Dorwin, sister of the wife of Senator Shelby M. Cullom, died suddenly at her home in Springfield, Ill.

Rev. Samuel Graves, a prominent preacher and theological professor, died at Grand Rapids, Mich., aged 73 years.

## A CHRISTMAS LETTER.

## GOV. PENNOYER OF OREGON REMEMBERED GROVER.

"Always Remember the Unemployed Multitudes All Over Our Broad Land—I Pray That God May Give You Light and Strength to Do Right."

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Gov. Penoyer remembered President Cleveland by sending him the following letter:

"Christmas has again visited our stricken land, with its prostrated industries and its idle throngs, willing but unable to work and unwillingly forced to beg or suffer. Your panacea, a change in the Sherman law and the tariff, has been administered, but there is no change in the sad condition of the unfortunate country. After two years of ruinous delay and mismanagement you have, thank heaven, at last discovered the real trouble, although you have not proposed the proper remedy. As you now concede, the country needs more money, but it does not want the worthless stuff you proffer. It needs gold and silver money with which to pay debts and it does not want bank rags with which it can not pay debts. Sixty years ago the democratic party had a President who defied the banks in the interest of the people. Has it now a President who defies the people in the interest of the banks? All the traditions of the party which elected you are for gold and silver money and against bank currency. Do you aspire to furnish an example of treason to the cause entrusted to your care which will be without any parallel, except one, in the annals of American history? Your party in both houses favors the restoration of silver as standard money, the people actually suffering from the existing prostration of business favor it, and will you not stand with them in overturning the monometallic policy of the British oligarchy which is fast degrading our fair country to the condition of a subjugated province and our hitherto free people to a condition of financial serfdom? Always remember the unemployed multitudes all over our broad land. I pray that God may give you light and strength to do right."

## ALONG THE LINE.

THE man who begs for work is as much a beggar as the one who begs for a crust to eat. And the able bodied man who works for a dollar a day is as much a slave as was the negro who worked for his board and clothes.

THE New-York bankers have asked President Cleveland to remove Secretary Carlisle from the cabinet. He is getting bull headed and won't let them in advance what the administration proposes to do.

It's amusing to read in democratic papers about the Populist setback in the recent election, when the democrats throughout the nation met a defeat that means annihilation, while Populists added over a million votes to their vote of two years ago—New Charter.

What is the matter with getting right down to bottom principles and demonize both gold and silver and have a paper money controlled by the government and have done with the whole robbing crew of usurers at one fell swoop? Oklahoma State.

We have seen men who have not a change of raiment, sneer with malignant rancor at those who are earnestly laboring to better their condition. Such intellectual dwarfs are on a par with the cur that bites the hand that befriends him, and by reason of the low state of existence to which they have fallen have no place either in heaven or hell.—Friend Herald, Iola, Kan.

THE plutocratic press is trying to create the impression that American money is going to Europe for investment. But the fact of the matter is that plutocracy is frightened at its own rashness, and some of the millionaires are depositing their gold in Europe, so that if they get run out of this country, they will have something to start into business on the other side.

Chattel slavery, cruel and wicked as it necessarily must be, still possesses elements of mercy. There are other forms of slavery that are merciless. Yet men have analyzed the subject so little that some of the most wicked and oppressive systems are utterly ignored. Even the enlightened British people, while moving the heavens and the earth, so to speak, in order to abolish chattel slavery and the African slave trade, have actually nurtured and still nurture in their own islands the joint systems of wage and tenant slavery, which have paved the bed of the Atlantic ocean from Cork, Liverpool and Belfast to New York with the skeletons of human slaves escaping from their chains. And America—our boasted free and liberty loving America—whose people have poured out blood and treasure like water for the abolition of chattel slavery, is, as fast as time can move, suffering and aiding monopolies to grasp the means of life, through which to establish and compel the merciless slave systems of the old world.—John Davis, M. C.

## THE TWO METHODS.

## Highway Robbery and Gentlemanly Bank Robbery.

"A blackguard, with his face hid by a mask meets you at a dark corner and at the muzzle of a pistol relieves you of a watch and a few dollars—all he can get."

A thief or robber, with his face hid by a smile meets you, he standing behind a bronze railing in a bank, and wins your confidence, gets all your money, closes up the bank, keeps your money, meets you on the street with a smile and a pleasant word, and keeps your money.

The authorities offer a reward for the arrest of one of these robbers and if he is caught he will be sent to the pen, as he ought to be, but the other has done his job legitimately and will not be punished.—Hutchinson Interior-Merald, (Rep.)

## How to Agitate.

It takes some time for a man or woman to get a thing straight in their mind. To illustrate: If a man were to desire to learn mathematics, the reading of the books would not make him a mathematician. If he could read them all in a week he would still not accomplish anything. The mind would not have the time to absorb, digest and arrange the ideas. He would require months, or years, to train the mind to think knowingly. And until he did this, his calculations would not be reliable. The same is applicable to political economy, only it is not necessary to have such severe training to understand its fundamental principles. But as a man may not become a mathematician in a month, neither may he become a Populist in a month. It takes time. It is not an appeal to the emotions as are the flap doodle tariff arguments of the monopolistic press, but an appeal to the reason. Therefore, all work done a few weeks before an election will do but little if any good, as the mind is not in that pacific state necessary to discern and compare statements, and has not the time for such digestion and understanding even if it were willing. In other words Populists are not made in a month. It takes many months often. The mind must be kept on the problems until it can analyze them—know and feel the reasons for accepting the new philosophy. Therefore, if you intend to do anything toward the propaganda of a new civilization, do it now. Men whom you get interested now will before the next campaign have had time to study, and will then themselves become workers and helpers. Don't wait. If the money spent for books and papers two months before the election had been spent six or eight months before, it would have influenced understanding half a million more minds. I have always advised for work a long time before election, but our own people are slow to see the reasons. I hope I have made it plain. Work now. We will win in 1896 if you do your duty in the agitation. A dollar for literature now will do as much good as \$10 eighteen months hence in its influence on the results of 1896. Nine voters out of ten, if a reform paper visits them the next year, will vote with us. Go out in the highways and solicit subscribers to some good reform papers. Get a move on yourself.—The One Hoss Editor.

Democratic in Thought and Action.

Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, the millionaire street car magnate and free trader, is a red-hot disciple of Henry George, the great single taxer. Some time ago the erratic Johnson thought of locating a steel mill at Youngstown, Ohio. The board of trade was in ecstasies and appointed a special committee composed of the most representative business men to receive the Cleveland congressman. They were all present when the train rolled in. Johnson was warmly welcomed, and a carriage was ready to carry him off to the banquet hall, when he asked: "Where is 'Billy' Radcliffe?" The committee was horrified. "Billy" Radcliffe keeps a small restaurant on a side street, and is known far and wide as the best street fakir in Ohio. But in conjunction with his fakir business Radcliffe has a little blackboard upon which, between funny stories, he works out single tax problems. Thus he became a friend of Tom Johnson, and the free trader set Youngstown by the ears when he turned his back on the merchants' committee, and made a bee line for "Billy" Radcliffe's hash house to talk single tax.—Boston Traveler.

## Related Justice.

Whatever other faults ex-Gov. Davis H. Waite may have exhibited during his term of office, it must be said that no taint of dishonesty or corruption ever attached itself to his record as governor. Undoubtedly he committed many serious blunders, but he could neither be bought nor bulldozed, and we have no doubt that he always endeavored to do what was best for the people of Colorado. It must be remembered, too, that his term occurred in a period of extraordinary disturbance and depression, which would have rendered it difficult, if not impossible for the most level headed man in the world to have made a very satisfactory record as governor of Colorado under the circumstances. Let us endeavor to do justice to his good qualities, while deploring his errors or unwise utterances and ill advised action.—Denver Republican.

## FACTS ABOUT THE SEA.

Dr. Young estimates the mean depth of the Atlantic at about 10,000 feet.

The saline matter held in solution in sea water comprises one thirtieth of its weight.

The water of the Mediterranean contains a greater portion of salt than that of the ocean.

The sea-cypress a kind of coral, sometimes has 6,000 to 10,000 animals on a single branch.

Nearly three fourths of the world's drainage, directly or indirectly, pours into the Atlantic ocean.

It is estimated that the water of the whole ocean contains in solution over 2,000,000 tons of pure silver.

It is estimated that two years are required for the gulf water to travel from Florida to the coast of Norway.

The banks of Newfoundland are formed by the sand, earth and stones brought from the North by the ice bergs.

If the surface of the earth were perfectly level, the waters of the ocean would cover it to a depth of 600 feet.

The ocean hydrae have no heart, no lungs, no liver, no trains, no nervous system, no organs save mouth and skin.

The bed of the North Atlantic consists of two valleys, separated by a mountain range that runs from the Azores to Iceland.

The whole bottom of the ocean is covered with a layer of calcareous ooze, mingled with the skeletons and other animal remains of its inhabitants.

If it were not for the salts of the ocean the whole sea would soon become a mass of corruption, owing to the decay of the organic matter it contains.

The sea has no herbivorous inhabitant. Its population lives on each other, and the whole of this immense expanse of water is one great slaughter house, where the strong forever prey upon the weak.

## AFFAIRS ABROAD.

The new Siberian railway traverses regions where game is so abundant that the project of establishing canneries is being considered.

At the last meeting of the commission in charge of the Siberian railroads, contracts for rolling stock were awarded amounting to \$10,000,000.

Brazil began railroad building in 1851, and has 5,380 miles. One of its lines, the Pedro Segundo, is 520 miles long, through a very difficult country. On this line there are fourteen long tunnels. It cost \$60,000,000.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani is said to have a most overweening bump of egotism. She is especially interested in what the newspapers say about her, and there is a press-clippings bureau in this country that sends to her address in Honolulu everything that is printed in the press of the United States concerning herself and her lost cause.

From the stamp duties paid by patent medicine makers it has been estimated that at least 4,000,000 pills are taken by the inhabitants of the United Kingdom every week. In France the quantity is about half. Only about 1,000,000 pills are taken weekly by the people of Russia. The largest pill takers in the world are the Austrians.

An old man of 83 was sent to jail for three days by the Marylebone England, police magistrate recently, as he was unable to pay a fine of sixty cents for not seeing that his 12-year-old grandchild went to school. He was a perfectly respectable working man, his wife was bed ridden, the child's parents were dead, and he could not go after the truant himself.

Women in the Glasgow shops, according to a recent report, receive from \$1 or \$1.25 to \$3 a week; hair dressers, milliners and tobacconists may get \$3.75. Overseers begin with \$3 a week, and many rise to \$600 a year. One young woman in so charge of a shop received \$2 a week her hours were 12½ on four days, the week, 7½ on one, and 14½ on one; her meals were brought to her.

## CONCISELY STATED.

Dresden taxes cats.

A Paris store has 4,000 employees.

Diamonds have been discovered in Tasmania.

A North Carolina judge recently granted a divorce to a couple, a few weeks thereafter married, divorced wife, who had considerable property.

In Eastport, Me., there is a lady eighty-two years of age, who is a self-dedicated quiltmaker, hopelessly devoted to the habit. She has completed nine in the past eight months, and is at work on the tenth. This is in addition to doing her house work, visiting the sick and being good neighbor.

In Panara, one of the smaller islands of the Lipari or Aeolian group in the Mediterranean, all the officers of the community inhabit the island are united in one person. Padre Michelangelo, who is priest, mayor, harbor master, postmaster, master of the marine telegraph, official general. He fills the whole time to the entire satisfaction of the community.

A taxidermist is badly needed. Francis L. Walker, at Morrill, L. Several weeks ago a noble bald owl swooped down upon Mr. Walker and submitted to captivity. The taxidermist philosophically consented to be petted and pampered. Then the faint bird proceeded to almost eat the benefactor out of house and home. Mr. Walker released the bird, but won't fly away, and his meat bills still running up enormously.