

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 so 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 slasher. 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, telling 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 Pueblo and Monmouth and expect to put in several more at other places soon. They are working together something like the "granglers" 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, Starke 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 Chautauqua 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.

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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 Muncie bank robbers, has made a detailed confession to the officer.

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 Headford Junction, Wis., killing the engineer, was sentenced to twenty-five years.

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

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

Wejoech 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 Elkhart, Ind., tried to persuade his wife not to go to church, and, failing, fatally shot her and killed himself.

FOREIGN.

M. Poincaré 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.

Merrile 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 shot 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 rinks 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.

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