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INDIANA

It appears from an interesting table of statistics just issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission that the railroads of this country now give employment to 704,748 workmen, which implies support for at least 4,000,000 persons. The magnitude of the railway interest, and its important relation to the general welfare, are thus forcibly indicated.

If the natural increase of the French in France was anywhere near as great as that of the French in Canada, France might be able to keep up with its old foe, Germany, in growth of population. Under existing circumstances, however, the lead which Germany will have in twenty-five or thirty years will give that country an immense advantage over its Gallic foe.

THERE will be no regular State canvass in New York this year, as the Republicans have nominated Judge Earl, a Democratic member of the Court of Appeals, to succeed himself. This is the only State office to be filled. One branch, however, of a Legislature which is to elect a United States Senator is to be chosen, and this will keep party lines pretty rigidly drawn.

THERE have of late been so many cases of train wrecking that the legislatures of the various States will doubtless be aroused to the necessity of providing some adequate penalty for this most fiendish of offenses, and the only adequate penalty is death. In those States which are squeamish about the infliction of this extreme punishment, the most we can expect is a provision by which the train wrecker shall be made to suffer the extreme rigor of the law. The person who kills one man with deliberation is certainly no worse than the one who commits a crime which naturally involves the killing of a score and does this with all deliberation and calmness.

THE Prison Reform movement which is at present attracting so much attention in Canada advocate (1) that the county gaols should be maintained for persons charged with crime, and not for those who have already been convicted; (2) that the gaols should be conducted on the separate or cellular system; (3) that prisoners should be dealt with and given occupation according to their natural propensities; (4) industrial schools for reformation and reclaiming of the better class of criminals, who are to be retained until reformation is accomplished; (5) classification of prisoners; (6) that tramps should be sent where they would find employment, and retained until reclaimed; (7) that incorrigibles should be sentenced for life.

Now there will be rage in Chicago, for Boston quietly claims that it is really the second city in the United States. It admits that the census of the people actually within the corporate limits gives it only the sixth place, but calls attention to the fact that its enumerated population is included in a space of 87 square miles, while Philadelphia comprises an area of more than 120 and Chicago 174 square miles. It is further asserted that it would be necessary to include all the land within thirty-five miles of the Boston City Hall in order to secure an area equal to that of Chicago, and that there is easily a population of 1,000,000 persons within fifteen miles, leaving the other twenty miles to make up the difference.

THE report of the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that of 704,748, railway employees in the country, 1,972 were killed and 20,000 were injured in the year 1889. The greatest death rate was of course among the trainmen. Out of 188,223 men so employed, 1,176 were killed and 11,301 were injured. It is certainly a dangerous employment in which one man is killed for every 357 employees and one injured for every 35. But taking the figures of the trainmen the death rate is one for every 117, and one man injured for every 12 employed. This should teach the railroad managers that they can not afford to trust unskilled or unfaithful men as employees. And the employees should be even more interested in this than the managers, because it is upon them that the loss falls heaviest in making it probable that one man from every 12 will be injured and one out of every 187 killed.

The members of the choir of the Methodist Church in Fort Dodge, Ia., were taken ill suddenly during the services on Sunday last, having been poisoned by the odor of the flowers with which the church was lavishly decorated.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Five hundred women voted at the school election in Binghamton, N. Y.

Illinois miners are preparing to demand an advance of wages to begin Nov. 1.

A clever two-dollar silver certificate counterfeit has been discovered in circulation.

A Cleveland, O., syndicate has purchased the Evansville street railway for \$42,000.

The first bank failure has occurred in Oklahoma, the Capital City suspending payment.

Christopher Coonrad, living near Manchester, Iowa, celebrated his 110th birthday on the 23d.

The races of the National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders will be held at Cleveland Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2 and 3.

It is believed that ex-Governor Foster will accept the Republican nomination for Congress in the Eighth Ohio District.

Miss Nettie D. Willoughby, an authoress of some local note, was arrested at Luverne, Minn., charged with setting fire to a barn.

The Cincinnati Board of Education decided by a vote of 17 to 11 against ousting married lady teachers from the public schools.

E. J. Pennington, of Mt. Carmel, Ill., has invented an aerial machine or airship, for which he claims a speed of three hundred miles an hour.

Nelson, a stallion owned by C. H. Nelson, of Waterville, Me., trotted a mile at Kankakee, Ill., Wednesday, in 2:12, equaling Axtell's record.

Sophie France has brought suit against Solomon Oviatt, of Akron, O., for \$2,000, damages for forcibly kissing her. Both parties are over 60 years old.

The entire corn crop this season promises to be about 1,565,000,000 bushels, a reduction of 54,000,000 bushels, or nearly 3% per cent, compared with last year.

The 4,000 miners in Ishpeming, Mich., have decided to ask for a five-day week for the night shift. The miners are making money and no trouble is expected.

The Supreme Council of the Irish National League of America, in session in Cincinnati, has adopted scathing resolutions condemning the arrest of Dillon and O'Brien by the British government.

The towns of Boston and Springfield, Colorado, are at war over the location of the county seat. Two men are said to have been killed in a battle on the 23d.

The opposition to the natural gas monopoly at Shelbyville has taken definite form: a new company being formed, with \$100,000 capital, headed by Samuel Hamilton, to be known as the Citizen's Company.

A peculiar distemper has broken out among the horses in Manchester, N. H., which has baffled the veterinarian. The disease begins in slight lameness and culminates in swollen limbs and running sores.

The President of the Mormon Church publishes a manifesto, flatly denying the statements contained in an official report of the Utah Commission that plural marriages are still in vogue among the Latter-day Saints.

B. F. French, leader of the Perry county, Ky., faction, was released from jail at Winchester on the 25th upon a bond of \$10,000. John Everole and Job Bowling, two leaders of the other faction, were released on bail last week by Judge Lisle.

The test of armor plate at Annapolis Navy Yard yesterday demonstrated the superiority of French nickel steel over the English Cammel compound steel. The thirteen-pound shot shattered the English armor into fragments, but only indented the French plate.

Trouble is brewing between the Chicago West Side Street Car Company and its conductors and drivers. The main body of the employees claim that the company is fostering an opposition union in an effort to break down the regular union, and the men freely threaten to tie up all of the West Side lines.

John H. Middleton, a prominent farmer was buried at Tiffin, O. Twenty years ago he froze one of his big toes. It gave him but little trouble for eighteen years, but after that he suffered intensely. Three months ago he had the member amputated. Blood poisoning followed and his death resulted. He was seventy seven years old.

A street car ran into the river at Chicago on the 23d. The accident was due to defective brakes. The passengers all escaped, some of them, however, by a very narrow margin. The horses were drowned. The bridge had been opened to allow a boat to pass through. The street railway is down grade for some distance to the river, and when the driver applied his brakes they refused to work, but he showed great coolness and nerve, and a calamity was averted.

Mr. P. H. Lannon, editor of the Salt Lake Tribune, the anti-Mormon organ and Columbian Commissioner from Utah, said in an interview on the 25th, "that in a few years, by increase of population and rigid enforcement of the anti-polygamy laws, we will be able to completely throttle the Mormon monster. It is a great mistake on the part of newspapers and Congressmen to advocate Statehood for Utah or to advocate its annexation to Nevada. The most effective way to suppress polygamy is to deprive polygamists of the elective franchise and political power. The anti-polygamy laws are now bearing fruit. We will soon settle the Mormon question."

FOREIGN.

The peace treaty between Salvador and Guatemala has been ratified by the Salvadoran Congress. An attempt was made on the 25th, during the celebration of Independence Day, in Mexico, to shoot President Diaz. Another attempt was made on the life of the Czar on the 25th inst. This time it was planned to wreck the train on which he was being conveyed.

The Catholics of Limerick are very generally refusing to contribute to Peterpence on account of their hostility to Bishop O'Dwyer, through whose hands the money would pass. The Bishop is unpopular because of his attack upon Mr. Dillon and the "plan of campaign."

In an interview with an English Catholic nobleman, the Pope said he fervently hoped for a renewal of permanent diplomatic relations with England. Under the

beneficent rule of Victoria, he continued the church had enjoyed throughout the British Empire, substantial liberties. Reports received at the Vatican from bishops and vicars apostolic, showing that justice and protection were accorded to the church everywhere in the empire, caused him the liveliest satisfaction. He had the deepest personal regard for the Queen, whose thoughtful care for the poor and suffering had won golden opinions throughout the world.

NATIONAL CONGRESS

In the Senate on the 23d Mr. Hall introduced a resolution for the erection of a museum in memory of Gen. Grant. Several unimportant bills were passed.

The House found a quorum several of the absent Republican members turning up. Proceeding promptly to business, the House agreed to the resolution declaring Venable not entitled to his seat and Langston was sworn in as a member of the House. Having thus got a good start, the House further adopted a resolution unsent by Elliott as a Representative from the Seventh South Carolina district. Next the House agreed to a resolution declaring Miller the duly elected Representative from the Seventh District of South Carolina. There was no debate. Miller was present.

In the House, Senate bills granting a pension of \$2,000 a year to the widows of Generals Fremont, McClellan and Crook were passed.

The Senate passed a bill on the 25th, in

recognition of the services of Chief Engineer George W. Melville and other officers and men of the Jeannette Arctic expedition. Melville is to be advanced a grade, and medals are to be presented to the survivors of the expedition.

The House adopted the conference report on the land forfeiture bill. The conference report granting the widow of General Hartranft a pension of \$100 per month was agreed to; also the conference report for the relief of settlers on indemnity lands. A bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for naval uses was passed.

In the Senate on the 25th the House bill to provide for the establishment of a port of delivery at Peoria, Ill., was passed. Mr. Plumb reported a Senate joint resolution authorizing the extension for one year of the time of payment for land on pre-emption or homestead claims whenever, by reason of failure of crops, the settler is unable to make payment within the time prescribed by law, and it was passed.

The following bills, among others, were passed: To authorize the acquisition of lands for coke-ovens and other improvements, and for right of way for wagon roads, railroads and tramways in connection with coal mines; requiring

the United States to defend the title of

homesteaders under the laws of the United States in all suits where the land is claimed to be mineral because of phosphate de-

posits. The convict labor bill and the one to prohibit importation of foreign laborers were discussed, but no action was taken.

The conference report on the tariff bill was adopted by the House on the 27th by a vote of 152 ayes to 81 nays.

NOVEL MOVE IN POLITICS.

Straight Democratic State Ticket Nominated by South Carolina Republicans.

The Tillman ticket nominated by the Democratic State convention of South Carolina on Sept. 10 has by no means been elected as yet. A bombshell was exploded yesterday by the Republican State executive committee which threatens to put an entirely different phase on the matter.

The committee was authorized by the State Republican convention to put out a State ticket if they deemed it advisable, and the committee have agreed upon a ticket. All the nominees are straight-out Democrats who opposed the Tillman movement, and most of them opposed it on the stump.

Republicans assert that the ticket can be elected even without the aid of white voters. Colored voters in the State number 157,000, against about 80,000 whites. Of the colored voters they say over 110,000 are registered and qualified to vote for State officers, and they can poll 100,000 of these for this straight-out Democratic ticket.

Besides this they assert that 20,000 Democratic voters will join them in voting for this as against the Tillman ticket.

POLITICAL.

The Putnam county Prohibitionists have placed a ticket in the field.

Hon. Roger Q. Mills opened the Democratic campaign in Wisconsin last night with a speech at Racine.

Fourth District Republicans have endorsed the nomination of John T. Rankin, Farmers' Alliance nominee.

Seventh District Republicans on the 24th nominated Wm. N. Darnell, a farmer for Congress. The administration was endorsed.

The speech of Mr. Kennedy, excoriating the Senate was expunged from the record by the House on the 24th, by a vote of 150 ayes to 36 nays. Mr. Kennedy heroically defended himself.

Col. D. W. C. Loudon is nominated by acclamation for Congress by the Republicans of the Eleventh Ohio district. Ninety ballots were taken by the Republicans of the Tenth district without a choice.

PACKING HOUSE BURNED.

Fowler Bros. packing house at the Chicago Stock Yards was damaged by fire, Sunday morning, to the amount of \$600,000.

It required hard work to suppress the flames. The grease and meat fed the flames to such an extent that the pouring of water had but little effect, and the fumes of the chemicals made it almost impossible for the firemen to reach the burning buildings.

EIGHT MEN CRUSHED.

Two B. & O. railroad trains crashed together near Pleasant Valley, Ohio, on the 25th, and eight men were horribly crushed and killed. The accident was caused by the mistake of an operator. Several of those who were killed were beating their

INDIANA STATE NEWS.

There are no toll roads in Vanderburgh county.

An epidemic of diphtheria is reported along the line of the Nickel Plate Railway, east of Fort Wayne.

The survivors of the war: Legislature held a social reunion at Indianapolis on the 25th and renewed old memories.

The old warehouse of Snyder's Richwood distillery at Milton, Ky., opposite Madison, burned on the afternoon of the 28th, with its contents, 1,500 barrels of tax-paid whisky.

Rhinesmith & Simonson's planing mill carpenters, numbering thirty men, went out on a strike at Ft. Wayne Wednesday, caused by refusal to discharge a non-union man.

James Kelley, of Berne, has been arrested by the federal authorities charged with impersonating a man of similar name in the Fifty-first Ohio regiment, and making an application for a pension. Mr. Kelley is a farmer in comfortable circumstances.

A police detachment raided a gambling den at Richmond, Tuesday night, and George Williams the proprietor, and nine players were captured. Wednesday morning they paid fines aggregating \$14. The majority of the defendants are prominent young men.

Mrs. A. R. Beardsey, of Elkhart, presented the city schools with flags, and the occasion was made one of public importance, the G. A. R. posts, societies, fire department and 3,000 school children joining in a parade of the streets and other exercises.

Reed Meurer, who killed Rufus Bleevins during the bloody Meurer-Bleevins family battle near Sanborn, has been released on bond. Other principals in this affair have not been arrested, due to the serious nature of their injuries. The feeling continues exceedingly bitter, and a renewal of the battle is anticipated.

Rev. Ernest V. Claypool, pastor of the West Lafayette Methodist Church, substituted his uncle, Rev. J. J. Claypool, in the pulpit, and after close of services presented himself before the altar with Miss Nellie Matley leaning upon his arm, and they were united in marriage. The wedding was a total surprise to the congregation.

Telegraph operators and freight clerks in the Evansville & Terre Haute, and embracing the entire Mackey system of railroads went out on a strike on the 23d.

They recently formed an association, and now claim the company is trying to hire new men to supplant them. After the men had been out three hours their demands were conceded and business on the road was resumed.

Ching Lung, a Chinaman of Anderson Wednesday applied for naturalization papers, and was refused by the Clerk, who claimed that he could not swear under the federal statutes to one of his nationality. Ching Lung will refer the matter to the Attorney-General. He is desirous of returning to China for a bride, and fears that if he goes unnaturalized he will not be permitted to return.

There was a general cessation of business at Evansville on the 23d, incident to the burial of the late Hon. William Heilman. Funeral services were held at St. John's Church, with sermons by Rev. Julius Blaiss in German, and Rev. A. B. Meldrum, of Grace Presbyterian Church.

A special train was provided by the Evansville, Suburban & Newburg Line for conveyance to the cemetery.

At Seymour, Wednesday, the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association of Jackson county met at Brownstown yesterday and nominated the following ticket: Representative, John Horstman; Auditor, Ben F. Scott; Clerk, Rev. David D. Griffith; Treasurer, August Wiencke; Recorder, W. B. Miller; Sheriff, Wm. Lambright; Surveyor, Wm. Carr; Commissioners, Frank Fassold and David Colburn.

Emma, the seven-year-old child of Wm. D. Bell, died at Peru, Wednesday morning, after a horrible illness of two days of hydrocephalus. She was bitten ten days ago by a dog supposed to be mad, which was killed at the time, and Monday afternoon, while at school, she was taken sick, and was sent home. The disease rapidly developed into convulsions, culminating in death after great suffering.

The population of the following towns

is officially announced:

TOWNS. POPULATION. INCREASE.
Kokomo..... 8,224 4,182
LaPorte..... 7,122 927
Logansport..... 13,698 2,600
Michigan City..... 10,704 3,388
Mishawaka..... 3,869 729
Peru..... 6,731 1,451
Plymouth..... 2,723 153
South Bend..... 21,786 8,500
Valparaiso..... 5,083 622

At Muncie, on the 16th, the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case where Mrs. Fannie Wiley, of Indianapolis, and Deane Nichols and Ret Shetley, of Muncie, were charged with abducting