

THE RENNSLAER UNION.

Thursday, October 7th, 1869.

Casualty at the State Fair.

A terrible accident occurred at the State Fair, at Indianapolis, last Friday about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, by which twenty persons were either instantly killed, or lived but a few hours, and fifty-six others received wounds of various degrees of seriousness. The accident was occasioned by the explosion of the boiler attached to a portable sawmill on exhibition.

We take the following extract concerning the calamity and also the list of wounded from the *Indianapolis Journal*:

The heart sickens and the brain reels with the fearful tale of yesterday's horror. Four days of unexampled pleasure and prosperity had attended the State Fair. In the midst of the excitement and giddiness of the closing hours, without a moment's warning of its dread approach, death, in most horrid shapes and with fantastic tortures, clasped its icy fingers around the whole scene of joyous pleasure, enveloping it with a deep and damning pall, such as has seldom been drawn about even the most doomed locality. In the disordered brain of the poet we have been used to such sickening phantasms as the sudden arrest of the revelry and the dance by the unwelcome approach of disaster and death; we have read with bated breath and quivering lips of such scenes as Avondale and yet have failed to feel the fullest terror for lack of personal apprehension. Yesterday the Pandora box of evil opened for us, and in the twinkling of an eye, an arena of pleasure and mirth was metamorphosed into literal acres of death, torture, and of terror.

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A large circle of interested lookers-on were gathered about the area occupied by the machinery, while here and there over the grounds were scattered ten or twelve thousand people. At a moment of undisturbed quiet, while the hum of the machinery was hushed, and attention directed toward the ring, in which the fast trotting was about to commence, a noise like the explosion of a park of artillery saluted the ear, and a concussion of the earth as of an earthquake sent a thrill of fear to the heart. A volume of steam, a blinding cloud of dust and smoke, the air filled with debris of timber, of pieces of iron, of shreds of clothing, parts of human beings, of groans, and of shrieks, men falling hither and thither, and ranks opening as if plowed through by grape and shrapnel, told the fearful tale of an explosion. The engine, a minute before a thing of beauty, obedient to the touch of man, was torn and rent by a mighty convulsion; its comeliness gone, its parts scattered to the four winds, hardly a joint left in integrity. That which in one second had been an implement of industry, in the next was turned into a sickle of death, reaping and mowing its victims in a swath confined by no rule and measured by no regularity.

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Where the engine stood was left no perceptible trace, except an area of smoked and blackened ground. Even the foundation had been torn up, and not a brick was left standing, the one upon the other. The framing of the saw-mill was thrown askew, turned over, broken and dislocated. A large piece of the boiler, which must have weighed five hundred pounds, was carried a distance of a hundred yards. One smaller piece was thrown clear into the time track, and skipping over it, buried itself in the sod beyond. Another large piece was blown westward, clear over the dyke upon the cattle pens. It crashed through the roof of one, and struck a large ox on the horns, breaking off the tips, passing entirely out of the enclosure of the fair grounds. One of the shafts, to which was attached an eccentric, was thrown sideways over Power Hall [seventy-five yards distant], and landed at the side of Domestic Hall. One of the rods was twisted off and carried at least three hundred yards in northerly direction, striking a man on the head who was standing not far from the amphitheater. In almost every direction smaller pieces of the machinery were thrown and the air was literally full of splinters, shafts, screws, nuts, pieces of rods, and such-like the lighter portions of the engine. * * * * *

The following list of the killed is taken from the *Indianapolis Mirror*:

P. L. Davis, John Goll, William Dunning, John Wilson, Peter Kroutz, Augustus S. S. Clara Dawson, Ignatius L. Rosister, Jerome Spriggs (colored), of Indianapolis; Myron R. McVey, John A. McVey, of Marion county; Reuel Beverly, Paragon; P. M. Benham, Fort Wayne; Daniel Long, Vienna; A. P. Jackson, Memphis; Sherrod Lathorn, Franklin; Isaac Barker, Hamilton county; John R. Bailey, recently from Skeneatoles, N. Y., and two or three others not recognized.

The wounded are:

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sinker, Jerome Staley, wife and daughter, Wm. Ballard, John Smithers, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy, — Birkhardt, T. A. Chappelle, — Casper, Mrs. Gresheimer, Wm. Sample, Miss — Long, Andrew Paddock, Nannie Kirkin, Lucinda H. Smith, Jasper Hens, Mr. Long, of the firm of Long, Joseph & Carter, a little son of Jas.

Johnson, Jr., A. E. Vinton, James Gegen, Henry Coleman, Wm. G. Sloan, Indianapolis; Mrs. Dunlap, Columbus, Ind., George P. Kefley, Corynville, Geo. Wright, Shelby county, James Suet, Indianapolis, Geo. Hamilton, Hamilton county, — Rodabaugh, Greencastle, Wm. Wason, Hendricks county, Geo. Reitz, Elizabethtown, Wm. Kindle, Greencastle, Johnson T. Mason, Greencastle, Mrs. Sylvester Ballard, Shelby county, Mrs. Liebermeyer, Indianapolis, J. J. Cox, Charlottesville, A. M. Long, Johnson county, Robert Davis, Hendricks county, John White, Tipton county, Wm. Pearson, Hendricks county, Nathan Albertson, Plainfield, J. B. Ligo, Wabash, Gideon Maritz, Cicero, Mrs. J. R. Weaver, Hamilton county, Mrs. Jackson Williams, Franklin, Noah B. Evans, Putnam county, and a number whose names could not be learned.

So far as we can learn from the published evidence elicited before the coroner's jury, the accident was the result of culpable foolishness on the part of the engineer, stimulated by liquor and an insane desire to run his engine under the pressure of just a trif more steam than competing engineers dared to put on. He will not do so again—he was killed.

The verdict of the Coroner's jury is as follows:

That P. L. Davis and twenty others came to their death from injuries received by the exploding of a boiler attached to one of E. P. Sinker & Co.'s portable engines, at the Indiana State Fair Grounds, on the 1st day of October, 1869, which explosion was caused by carelessness and culpable mismanagement on the part of the engineer in charge, John Goll, deceased.

Winston P. Noble, Foreman.

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A Gaulic disciple of Esculapius has recently published to the world his discovery that crying and its concomitants, groaning and boozing, are greatly conducive to health and comfort. The next we shall probably hear is that some practical Yankee has acted upon the suggestion of the learned Docteur de Menque and invented a Patent Compound-acting Lachrymose Persuader, with *Vox Humana* accompaniment, warranted to produce a cataract of tears and perfect roar of groans at adjustable intervals, or no pay. If the profound savor succeeds in making his discovery fashionable, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup may as well say "good-bye Nursery," first as last, for it will be superseded by Madame le PHRAGMOPHON's Highly Concentrated Triple-distilled Cold-pressed Quintessence of Cayenne pepper, Indian turnip and ongonfragrance. Throw parergon to the dogs and welcome the new era of dripping noses. Seat, you midnight cats, and listen to the baby wa-ha.

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Of forty-three criminal cases on the Circuit Court docket last week there was but three convictions—one for timber stealing and two for selling liquor to minors. Twenty-four cases were not prosed by the State's attorney.

The cases of Maloy and Fountain, appeals from Commissioner's Court on applications to sell intoxicating liquors were dismissed by the plaintiffs at their cost. It appears that notices of the appeal were made during the session of the Commissioners, but the appellants neglected to file the required bonds until the court adjourned. It was therefore held by his honor, Judge Test, that it was necessary that summons be served on all the parties who had remonstrated to the license. Upon learning this decision, the plaintiff concluded it would be cheaper to have the cases dismissed, pay costs and try the Commissioners again at their December session, than to allow them to go over to the next March term of the Circuit court with a large bill of costs assessed against them for issuing and service of summons.

In the case of Osborne *vs.* the Trustee of Hanging Grove township, a claim for wages as school teacher, the jury returned a verdict of \$75 for the plaintiff. The defendant moved for a new trial, which the court took under advisement until the next term.

Judgments were rendered for the plaintiffs in each of the following cases:

Lecklider *vs.* Clark \$ 349.22
Stein, *et al.* *vs.* Beans 784.08
McCoy & Thompson *vs.* Beans 1987.38
Lakue *vs.* Bauk 198.00
Eminett & Powell *vs.* Busey 55.15
William Andrews was granted a divorce from Eliza J. Andrews.

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Teachers' Institute.

Parents, pupils and teachers are all cordially invited to attend the Institute next week. The evening exercises will be interesting and instructive. The lectures will be followed by discussion, declaimations, essays and music.

We hope every teacher will be ready to answer at roll call on Monday. The townships will be called and I hope that not a single school corporation will be unrepresented.

I have tried to give all notice, and those teachers who do not attend are certainly not true to the interest of their profession.

I hope that the school Superintendent will be able to report Jasper county wide awake, and her teachers zealous and deserving.

Geo. M. Johnson, School Examiner.

To Our Musical Friends.

Believing that the musical interests of our neighborhood will be benefited by the introduction of Peters' Musical Monthly, we have made arrangements with the Publisher to offer as follows—our paper one year and Peters' Musical Monthly for six months, (one volume,) for \$2.50; or any one sending us a club of three new subscribers at \$2.00 each, will be presented with a half yearly subscription to Peters' Musical Monthly—and when we tell our friends that this is equivalent to giving them at least 60 new pieces of Music, they will see that we wish them all to "sing play and be happy."

The American Shoe Tip Company have introduced, this season, a new white metal tip, which by wear has the appearance of silver, and is decidedly ornamental. A metal tip adapted to first-class shoes has long been needed. This new tip meets this demand, and must come into as general use on the finer grades of children's shoes as the copper tips have on the common grades.—*Boston Journal*.

Acrostic to Norah A. H.

ORIGINAL.

Norah, darling, to the sunshine
O'er thy pathway brightly gleams,
Radiant with sweet blooming flowers,
As a landscape seen in dreams.

Ah, for thee, sweet Norah, darling,
How a mother's warm heart glows,
On thy cheek and brow her kisses
Press the love no other knows!

Kindly may the angels guard thee
In thy childhood's halcyon morn:
Norah, darling, lov'd and cherished,
Seraphs smiled when thou wast born.

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The famous Red Stocking base ball club, of Cincinnati, will play the Indianapolis club at that place on or about the 13th of October.

NEW BENTON, Hamilton Co., Ind.—Dr. C. W. ROBACK—Dear Sir: This will certify, that my wife has been laboring under a severe attack of Palpitation of the Heart and Dyspepsia, and her case had been given up as incurable. I then resorted to the various patent medicines of the day, but she found no relief from them. At last, I was requested to procure some of your Scandinavian Blood Purifier and Blood Pills. I purchased these from your agent, D. V. Hanna, one bottle of the Blood Purifier, and two boxes of the Blood Pills, and proceeded to use them according to directions. She found relief from both diseases, after using three or four bottles. I will, therefore, cheerfully recommend your Medicine to the suffering community, especially the females.

Yours, respectively, ROBERT M. TAYLOR.

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The Warwick Regulators publish a notice in the Booneville *Engager*, notifying a certain family named Rice, to quit the country by the 1st of November.

Richmond is about to receive an inverted blessing in the shape of a visit and lecture from George Francis Train.

Stealing books from school houses is the latest variety of theft reported at Indianapolis.

More wheat has been sown in Vigo county this fall than ever before.

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Letter List.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Postoffice at Rensselaer, Jasper county, Indiana, October 1st 1869.

Bousman Miss S. A.
Crosscup Samuel
Donnelly W.
Gaddis Henry
Higman Milinda S.
Horner Saidie 3
Jones Dr. J. S.
Kelly & Son
Kunz Michael
Lovel Stephen
Logan Robert
McGriff Sol.
McGill David
Maxwell R. F. 2
Murphy Mary A.
Oliver John
Purcell James N.
Purcell Joshua
Rooney William
Smith Gidran
Tyler Alexander
Wright Jacob
Waymire L.
Yerger James

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HOOFLAND'S MEDICINES.

EDWIN P. HAMMOND, THOMAS J. SPITLER, HAMMOND & SPITLER, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Rensselaer, Indiana. Office in the Court House.

H. E. DWIGGINS, S. P. THOMPSON, DWIGGINS & THOMPSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Notaries Public, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, Rensselaer, Indiana. Office in McCoy's Bank Building, up-stairs.

Wm. L. McCONNELL, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Notary Public, Rensselaer, Indiana. Office in Lure's Stone Building, up-stairs.

Dr. J. H. LOUGHBRIDGE, RENNSLAER, INDIANA. Office on Washington street.

Dr. G. A. MOSS, Office—On Washington street, opposite the Old Line Drug Store, RENNSLAER, INDIANA.

Dr. ISA C. KELLEY, RESIDENT DENTIST, Rensselaer, Indiana. Office on Washington street with Dr. Martin.

NEW BLACKSMITH SHOP, On Front Street, opposite Warner's Blacksmith Shop, RENNSLAER, INDIANA. BRIDGES, &c., constantly on hand. Repairing done. Moderate prices. Patronage solicited.

DR. NEWTON'S, PHARMACEUTICAL, IN RENNSLAER, INDIANA. For the cure of Liver Complaints, Nervous Disease, &c., making one of the most pleasant and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public.

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS, composed of the pure juices (or, as they are termed, Extracts) of Herbs, and other Medicinal Plants, prepared directly from the alcohol of the Bitter, and the roots, bark, &c., of the plants, and the bark of the tree.

HOOFLAND'S GERMAN TONIC, a combination of all the ingredients of the Bitters, with the pure quality of Santa Cruz Rum, Orange, &c., making one of the most pleasant and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public.

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