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WALKERTON, INDIANA, MARCH 2, 1889.

The Enterprise denies that the wagon works are to leave Buchanan.

Indiana soldiers favoring service pension will hold a convention in Indianapolis on the 12th inst.

Senator Kenna has been re-elected to the United States Senate by the West Virginia Legislature.

The Supreme Court Commission bill has become a law, the Legislature having vetoed the Governor's veto.

Gov. Hovey has vetoed the bill providing for a supreme court commission. He says it is unconstitutional.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 for the drainage of the Kankakee has passed the state senate, but has not yet passed the lower house.

The Shroud, the official organ of the Undertakers' Association, cheerfully says that the outlook for the coffin makers for 1889 is brighter than ever.

Four new stars will soon be added to the American flag, the President having approved the bill admitting the four territories—North and South Dakota, Montana and Washington.

The bill admitting the four new territories to statehood provides that North Dakota, Montana and Washington shall each have one representative in congress, and South Dakota two.

The Vandebilters have purchased a rotary snow plow and are awaiting a good storm to test it. The plow weighs completed 70,000 pounds, can be run thirty miles an hour safely, and throws snow in either direction fifty to one hundred feet.

Kansas City Globe: It is expected that as soon as James G. Blaine can get into his cabinet position he will file the beak of the American eagle and in less than thirty days the British lion won't have hair enough to stuff a boarding house pillow.

Residents of northern Indiana who have Michigan matrimonial proclivities are interested in the fact that the Michigan senate has passed a bill making the marriage license law applicable to non-residents. Under the present law residents of other states are not required to take out a license to marry when they come over the Michigan line.

The "White Cap" bill has become a law in this state, and it is believed that the measure will soon put a stop to the midnight outrages being perpetrated by this lawless organization. The law provides for a fine of \$1,000, or less, and fixes the maximum penalty of ten years in the penitentiary for participating in White-cap outrages.

The Campaign Against Tobacco.

The Temperance Union, of Indiana, particularly the "department of narcotics" of which Mrs. K. Loftin is the Superintendent is urging the legislature to pass the bill forbidding the sale of tobacco to boys under sixteen years of age. Statistics are supplied members showing the harmful effects of tobacco on mind and body. It is claimed that a cigar contains enough poison to kill two men not accustomed to its use. There are twenty thousand lunatics in the country and of these fifteen thousand owe their insanity to the use of tobacco. Tobacco has no food value, and seventy different diseases. The W. C. T. U. claims, are traceable to the use of the weed.

Inauguration Prices for Eighteers.

A newspaper correspondent who has taken the pains to ascertain says that the following prices are to be charged on inauguration day at Washington for positions in windows, on house tops and other convenient places where the visitors can get a good view of the inaugural procession: "Second story windows of ordinary size are scheduled at \$20 each for inauguration day. Those of large size are rated at \$50 each. Third and fourth story windows of the common size are fixed at \$15 each. One room on the third floor of a building fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, with two windows and sleeping accommodations, is rated at \$200; one small room, with two windows \$125; one small office, with three windows, \$175; one parlor with three windows, \$200; or the windows will be rented singly, at \$75 each. Standing room on balconies is offered at \$3 for each person. Even the roofs of houses are to be utilized, and visitors are informed that they can have space on the house tops from which to gaze down at the passing procession and inhale the smoke from neighboring chimneys at the rate of \$1 each; no reduction for children."

DRAINAGE OF THE KANKAKEE.

Letter From The Civil Engineer and Surveyor of Kankakee County, Ill., on the Subject.

The following is from a letter from Civil Engineer J. L. Clark, of Kankakee Co., Ills., and treats exhaustively on the subject of the Drainage of the Kankakee River Valley. The letter first appeared in the Prairie Farmer.

"In answer to your inquiry in your favor of the 31st ult., will say that the proposed drainage scheme is for the purpose of reclaiming the marsh lands in the valley of the Kankakee River.

The importance of the whole matter will be better understood with a brief account of the topography of the country.

Momence is situated fifty miles south of Chicago and seven miles west of the State-line between the States of Illinois and Indiana at which point a ledge of limestone rock makes a natural dam, and in consequence of which, together with other causes mentioned farther on, there is an overflow of over 400,000 acres in the valley above. The entire valley reaches to South Bend, a place seventy-three miles east and thirty-four miles north of Momence, and comprises about 1,200,000 acres. The distance in an air-line is about eighty miles, but the valley proper, being in a curve to the south, makes the distance through the center of the valley, eighty-seven miles. The river, for about three miles above Momence, is comparatively straight, but from that point to the head waters of the Kankakee is as crooked as can well be imagined, making the total length of the river from Momence to the head waters two hundred and forty miles, and having within that distance over 2,000 sharp bends.

The average slope of the land is 1 3/10 feet to the mile, or 113 feet in all. The amount of land flooded every high water is a strip through the center of the valley, which will average nine or ten miles in width, interspersed with knolls, which in high water become islands.

A vast amount of land, outside of the flooded district, is but so little above the level of the water, and is so thoroughly saturated, as to make it very unprofitable to attempt to cultivate it. The soil is a sandy loam, varying in depth from a few inches to 8 feet. For about an average width of one-half mile each side of the river, and nearly the entire length, the land is covered with timber. In this soft, yielding soil the river is constantly changing its course, throwing a sandbar across the throat of one short bend, and cutting out through the timber, forming another. The marsh lands are covered with a rank growth of grass, often reaching 6 feet in height, and these are the potent causes, alluded to before, in causing such a general overflow.

The project on foot is to remove the rock at Momence, and then with steam dredges, make a new channel for the river, which shall be 86 instead of 230 miles in length. John L. Campbell survey in 1882, reported to Gov. Porter that the entire cost would be about \$642,000. Other engineers, who have carefully studied the matter, differ in the estimate of the cost, the main difference being in the amount of excavation of rock needed at Momence. It is I think, admitted by all engineers that unless the channel through the rock be large enough to let the water pass freely, straightening the river would drain the upper portions at the expense of the lower portions. If the excavation begins at Momence, it will be one-and-one-half miles long, and will deepen the channel 6 feet, but, if it begins at the lower point of the rapids, or one-and-one-half miles below Momence, the river channel can be deepened about 12 feet.

Of course, the same causes which have made the river so sinuous are still in operation, and would make a straightened channel equally crooked in time. Some provisions must then be made for keeping the channel straight.

The State of Indiana is asked to make this improvement of the river-bed, thus giving an outlet. The tributary ditches and under-drainage are to be done by the land-owners by organizing drainage districts under the existing laws of the State. Whatever action the present Legislature may take, I feel confident that the execution of this project is only a question of time. Indiana, with her intelligence and her wealth, cannot long continue to have this vast malarial district pollute her air, not long afford to have the vast addition to her material wealth (fully \$10,000,000) buried by the floods, but will have this now very sparsely-settled region teeming with farms and churches, which, beyond all comparison, are the greatest wealth of a commonwealth."

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TEEGARDEN.

(Intended for last week.)

M. L. Johnson is able to assume his business again.

S. S. Lemert and Levi Wenner made a business trip to Plymouth Monday.

Mr. Mead and grand daughter are now living with his son, Page Mead, of this place.

Mrs. Sarah Lemert, Mrs. Ella Kellogg and Mrs. A. Keck are numbered with the sick in this place.

Mrs. Julia Thompson is the guest of Miss Louie Cassidy and Mrs. Ada Flake for the past week.

A Hanson made a trip to Chicago Feb. 15, and bought a stock of dry goods, which he will exhibit in his new store.

S. S. Lemert has contracted for Flake's store, and had the goods invoiced; but are having some difficulty in settling the discount on them, which will probably cause him to decline his offer.

The citizens of this vicinity organized a debating society at the Shiloh school-house which will meet every Thursday evening. All invited to attend. The first question to be debated is: "Which have the most right to complain of bad usage by the whites; the Negroes or Indians?"

JAYHAWKER

ISLAND ITEMS.

Lou Paul is on the sick list.

Frank Barnhart is on the sick list.

Wheeling is poor and sledding is n. g.

Mr. Taylor who had his leg broken is lying at the point of death.

John Bellinger is able to be up again after an illness of two weeks.

Ora Taylor who was run over and severely bruised is able to be about again.

Wm. Mull and family had a pleasant time at J. B. Smith's Tuesday evening.

Captain George says he will not stick his foot in a bay press again for it is a little too tight a squeeze.

The people who dropped their saw logs along the road to town last Thursday are wishing for a little more snow.

JERRY.

[FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.]

Lent begins next Wednesday, March 6. The meadow lark has put in an appearance.

The schools closed over in Johnson township last Friday.

Charley Wolfe was in South Bend one day last week on business.

Jim Heath made a flying trip over to Warsaw on Friday of last week.

The funeral of Mrs. Robison was the largest ever witnessed at this place.

Harvey Mull and sister Nora visited relatives in Nappanee a few days last week.

Rev. Keg. of the U. B. Church, commenced a series of meetings at the Island church, last Monday night.

Some of our Island people are so industrious they can't take time to attend their neighbor's funeral. Never mind, the time is coming when you will stop pressing hay.

Pete.

NORTH LIBERTY.

F. Thumm is canvassing for the sale of M. D. Kaser's patent Bed Spring.

The venerable Elbert Taylor's condition is very critical at this date—Feb. 27.

Young Mr. Roush, of Illinois, is here for a brief visit to his numerous relatives.

Young Mr. Myers, of Ohio, is spending a few weeks here visiting among relatives.

There will be services at St. Philips church on next Monday evening instead of Tuesday, as in the past.

Wash Shinnerty, who has been spending the winter in Ohio, returned home on last Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. E. H. Pekey entertained a number of her lady friends at her pleasant home near this place on Thursday, February 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Wooster, of Plymouth, are spending a few days here, they are the guests of Fred Thumm and wife.

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TYNER CITY.

Mrs. Herman is still on the sick list.

Frank Houton is quite sick at this writing,

Albert Place went to Bremen on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Ida Cotton visited with relatives in this place Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Brown, of Walkerton, spent Wednesday with Lizzie Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams spent Wednesday with friends in LaPaz.

Miss Ida Beach, a music teacher of Walkerton, has several scholars in this place.

DR. JAQUES' German worm cakes

destroy worms and remove them from the system. Safe, pleasant and effective.

The Surprise party given in honor of Mrs. Maggie Monroe, Thursday evening, Feb. 21, was a success.

A girl baby at Henry Haman's is what makes Henry sing, "Hush be still as any mouse, there's a baby in this house."

Mr. Smith, the noted dog charmer, of Monterey, who has been in Tyner for some time, returned to his home this week.

James Bradley's little boy aged 12, had a leg broken last Wednesday while riding on a bob-sled. He was dragging his feet when one leg was caught and crushed midway between the knee and ankle.

DICK.

MOUNT VERNON.

Mrs. James Martin is quite sick.

B. F. Rinehart went to South Bend last Tuesday on business.

Dan Swartz has returned from his extensive trip east and reports an enjoyable time.

John Wenger has moved his household effects here from Mishawaka, being compelled to resign his position there on account of ill health. He will make this his permanent home, and is preparing to build a residence this coming summer.

Last Tuesday evening between the hours of 5 and 6 the residence of A. B. Dipert, about four miles south-west of here, was discovered to be on fire, so far under head way as to make all efforts to extinguish it fruitless. But a very few of articles of his household goods were saved besides losing his store of provisions. Mr. Dipert has been quite unfortunate in this respect, having lost everything by fire some two years ago, the last time, however, house and contents were covered by insurance.

An editor in an Ohio town lay dying; the doctor placed his ear to the heroic patient's heart and exclaimed: "Poor fellow; circulation all gone!" The editor raised himself and gasped: "Tis false, we have the largest circulation of any paper in the county." He then sank back in the arms of death perfectly satisfied. The good die in peace.

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