

The Independent.

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President Cleveland has vetoed the Bland bill.

One of the Sells brothers, of circus fame, died at Topeka, Kansas, last week.

The kind of men that the office seeks are the safest to entrust with public responsibilities.

Advices from all over Indiana report that the fruit prospects were greatly injured by the cold wave of Sunday.

The public is just now in a quandary to know whether Miss Pollard intends writing a book or going on the stage.

The Albion Democrat completed its eleventh volume this week. The paper is well edited and is apparently prosperous.

Politics is apt to cut but little figure in the coming town election, and it shouldn't when the improvement of the town is at stake. Water works is going to be the principal issue.

According to government reports the farmers of this country have 114,000,000 bushels of wheat on hand and 589,000,000 bushels of corn.

Nappanee is feeling good over its bright prospects of getting a shoe factory which is to employ 75 hands at the start. The firm asks for a bonus of \$7,500.

The South Bend Tribune is advocating the purchase of a beautiful tract of land near that city and converting it into a public park. The spot is where LaSalle first set foot on Indiana soil in 1679.

Gen. Coxey, at the head of his commonwealth army, is still marching toward Washington. The army now consists of 108 tramps which number is being increased a little along the way.

The Indiana state board of health has decided that all tramps passing through the state must be vaccinated. Local boards are directed to vaccinate all tramps coming within their respective jurisdictions.

Charles F. Crisp, speaker of the house of representatives, has been appointed United States senator by the governor of Georgia, to succeed the late Senator Colquitt.

The Indianapolis Journal analyzes the vote on the silver seigniorage bill as follows: "The affirmative vote appears to be made up of thirty-one democrats, four populists, including Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, and nine republicans, one of whom was Mr. Quay, of Pennsylvania. The nays are made up of twenty-one republicans and ten democrats. Three democrats were paired for the bill and one against, while three republicans were paired against and one for. Consequently, the vote really stood thirty-four democrats for the bill to eleven against, while the republicans gave twenty-four votes against the bill and ten in favor. Senator Hill was paired in favor of the measure."

Ed Corey Defeated in Four Minutes.

The following telegram was sent from Logansport March 27: "Ed Corey, of Crawfordsville, and Johnny Bailey, a colored pugilist, are wanted for a prize fight held this morning near Bruce's Lake, in Fulton county. The match was made a week ago. About 200 sports accompanied the principals from here on a Vandalia train this morning. The fight lasted four minutes, Corey being easily bested. On the way back to Logansport the sheriff of Fulton county and his deputy, being on the train with an insane patient for the Logansport hospital, heard the talk and attempted to capture the principals. The crowd blocked the aisles and prevented the sheriff from getting at the men. The sheriff and his deputy were forced to the middle of the car and the two principals were let out the door. At the first station they got on the front platform of the baggage car and when the train slowed up in Logansport they jumped off. The crowd kept the officers on the train until the station was reached."

NORTH LIBERTY.

Fred Thumm and wife have returned from a visit at South Bend. Chas. Poynter has returned to South Bend after spending the winter here.

Alex LaPierre, of South Bend was here on business Tuesday.

J. Travis and wife.

Mrs. A. Bellhart, of Bourbon, Ind., is visiting relatives here.

Frank Sweet, of South Bend, was here on Saturday.

Mike Robleski, a section hand, had the misfortune to fall and fracture his left collar bone. Dr. R. B. Dugdale gave the necessary attention.

The entertainment given by the G. A. R. post was largely attended.

Frank Pearse is home from Bloomington, Ind.

Vote for incorporating early Monday morning. Polls open at 9 a. m. and close at 4 p. m.

Wm. Murphy has gone to Steubenville, Ind.

Jacob Taylor and M. S. Brisco, of New Carlisle, spent Sunday here.

There will be an entertainment here Saturday evening, March 31. A play entitled, "The Turn of the Tide" will be presented.

M. Ocker is acting as night operator during the absence of Jas. Dachwold at Delray, Mich.

John Early has returned from Mt. Morris where he has been attending school.

Miss Nettie Waltz, of LaPaz, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. Brendley.

C. F. Keech will open his summer school April 23.

The Lake Erie & Western R. R. has arranged to run a series of land and home seekers' excursions on February 8th, March 8th, and April 9th, 1894, at the unprecedented low rate of one fare for the round trip to points in Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, Eastern Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee.

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GIGANTIC MAIL ROBBERY.

The Peculations at South Bend Continue.

The following is an extract from an article in the Chicago Inter Ocean of Tuesday, March 27: "Citizens of South Bend, Ind., are agitated over a gigantic system of mail robbing which has been in operation since last July, and which has netted the thieves several thousand dollars. The agitation is intensified by the fact that the most searching investigation on the part of post office inspectors has failed to discover the pilferers.

It is a mystery; the more it is looked into the more perplexing it becomes. It was the nearest approach to an explanation which Elmer Crockett, the postmaster at South Bend, could give yesterday when questioned about it.

Mr. Crockett admits without any qualification that a wholesale plundering of letters mailed to South Bend has been pursued. Beyond the admission he knows nothing. He maintains that the letters have not been looted in his office, saying that every man under his supervision has stood the severest tests. He ventures the opinion that the letters are tampered with in transit—or on the mail car, he thinks—but whether within ten miles or a thousand miles of South Bend he has not the remotest idea. The solution of the mystery contained in Mr. Crockett's opinion is what the government detectives are grappling with just now.

There is a large volume of opinion antagonistic to the official theory existing in South Bend. It is to be found among the victims of the pilfering. This opinion declares that there is no necessity to travel very far from South Bend in an effort to locate the thieves. It furthermore asserts that the post office inspectors would have corralled the criminals long ago if they knew the first principles of thief catching. Letters have been lost which were mailed by residents of South Bend to other residents of the same city. For instance, F. C. Nippald complains that he sent through the mails, on or about Feb. 1, a letter containing \$5.80, consisting of one \$5 bill and 80 cents in silver. The letter was addressed to but never received by Messrs. S. Klinger & Klinger. All the parties named are citizens of South Bend.

Mr. Crockett gives a considerable share of the mail car theory.

Letters are well founded, but

that the stealing is done in his office.

"I have been as anxious to trace the matter as any one," he said. "I have no office has been so severely teste

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