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The paving of the streets of Goshen cost that city \$48,838.

Prendergast has been given another stay of execution until July 2.

Dr. Brown Segard, the famous discoverer of the elixir of life, died in Paris last Monday, at the age of 77 years.

Ex-President Harrison clings to his resolution not to be a candidate for renomination to the presidency. He is quoted by Indianapolis friends as saying recently that he will not be a candidate.

There are seven colleges in the United States which maintain daily newspapers namely, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of California.

Every mind that soars above its fellows is either maligned or misunderstood. It is the pleasure and unpardonable privilege of mediocrities to laugh at genius until it is understood, if it ever reaches that distinction.—PROF. SWING.

A contemporary observes that Col. Breckinridge's defense reminds one of that made by the Irishman charged with murder, who, upon being told that the state had a witness who would swear to having seen him commit the deed, said he could produce a dozen witnesses who could swear that they didn't see it.

The following gentlemen are being more or less prominently mentioned for congress from this district on the democratic ticket: H. E. Wadsworth, LaPorte; William C. McMichael, South Bend; Mayor Martin Krueger, Michigan City; Adolph Ginz, South Bend; Col. Johnson and Mayor Thompson, Elkhart, J. D. Osborne, Goshen.

It is a strange fact, but one said to be true, that every day in the week is, in one nation or other, a Sunday. Monday is the Greek Sunday; Tuesday is the day of rest among the Persians; Wednesday among the Assyrians; Thursday among the Egyptians; Friday is the Sabbath among the Turks, and of course, among the Jews, Saturday.

That reform which comes slowly and by easy stages is the kind that is most desirable and beneficial. Hasty and sweeping measures in changing a settled governmental policy often prove disastrous to the whole industrial system of a nation. Give us the reform that comes gradually, adjusting itself properly to the changing economic conditions of the government. Let us have evolution, rather than revolution. Fanatics or extremists are unsafe leaders.

The following report from Bradstreet's commercial agency is rather encouraging. The report shows, at least, a decrease in the number of business failures. This, however, may not represent a corresponding increase in the business of the country, as a great deal may be due to the cautious methods that business houses generally are now employing.

The continued shrinkage in the total number of business failures each week is another feature of the situation, the total for the past week (one day short) numbering 197, against 231 last week, 202 in the same week a year ago, 191 two years ago, and 200 in the third week of March, 1891."

Col. Conn says in the Elkhart Truth: "Few people realize what a life of slavery a public man endures. Take the life of a congressman as an example. If he is studious and attempts to keep informed on public questions he must be up in the morning reading and preparing tables of statistics and other information on the measure under consideration in the house. At 9 o'clock in the morning he must either visit the departments on matters concerning his constituents or meet with the committees of which he is a member. At 12 o'clock he is expected to be in his seat attending to his duty of enacting laws, there to remain until the house adjourns for the day. In the evening he must receive callers, attend to his mail and if time permits give a little attention to his family. Not one moment of the day can be rightfully claimed for pleasure, and most of the time he is harrassed by office seekers, annoyed by threats, importuned by politicians and worried by the fear of defeat for renomination. If anyone thinks the life of a public man a thing to be envied let him give it a trial and find his mistake."

The "silver tongued orator of Kentucky" was careful to conduct his liaison with a girl who had neither father nor brother to avenge her wrongs. Had it been otherwise, Col. Breckinridge would be occupying a casket at the present time, instead of serving his state in the halls of the national congress. Where is the colonel's boasted southern chivalry?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

While the colonel is no doubt a moral bankrupt and gay old deceiver, yet all the blame of the scandal should not be heaped upon his head. That girl is smart and she knew the situation exactly, as the evidence shows, when she began to entrap the old man with her charming wiles. The history of the case shows her to be a little of the adventuress type, looking to the promotion of her own fortunes, at the sacrifice of virtue if necessary. The case is not to be likened to that of a man ruining an innocent, confiding girl. Miss Pollard was aware that the colonel had a wife, and this fact alone gives a good index to her character. It took two to make that scandal, both being willing victims, and the one deserves killing no more than the other.

Something About the A. P. A.

The A. P. A. (American Protective Association), is receiving much attention in this vicinity. The Rev. Washington Gladden published an article in the Century antagonizing the organization. On the evening of March 28 at the Academy of Music in Milwaukee a public debate took place on this subject between Ignatius Donnelly and Prof. Sims. The audience was large enough to occupy even the standing room, and much interest was manifested. Prof. Sims declared that the aim of the A. P. A. was not against the Romish church as a church of Christ, but its aim is to protect the American republic against the church of Rome as a political power which he declared to be the most powerful political organization ever known. Whether this estimate of the Roman power may just or not we leave to our readers to say, or whether there be need of any American protective system or not, of course the American people must decide. But it seems to me that when our ports are wide open to socialists and anarchists from all countries, and of all grades and degrees of criminality and criminal tendencies and proclivities, when we seem to welcome with open arms to our country those who oppose our institutions, even those institutions which we hold most dear and most essential to our national prosperity and safety, it may be time to sound the alarm and if need be agitate the question by the formation of organized societies, or at least in some way to restrict immigration as a measure for national self defense.

C. B. GILLETTE.

SPARRING ENTERTAINMENT.

An exhibition of sparring was given in the Pastime Club hall last Tuesday evening before an audience of about three hundred, there being present a large number of sports from South Bend, LaPorte, Michigan City, Plymouth and other places. A very interesting and satisfactory program was given, which consisted of two bouts, the principals being Vern Hardenbrook, of this place, and Charles McCarty, of Michigan City, B. E. Cook, of this place, and J. H. Neher, of LaPorte. Joe Sullivan, of South Bend, acted as master of ceremonies and officiated in a fair, impartial manner.

The first on the program was a four-round friendly bout between Hardenbrook and McCarty, both heavyweights. The rounds were as follows: FIRST ROUND—McCarty landed a heavy blow on Hardenbrook's body which was promptly returned by a blow on McCarty's neck. Hardenbrook lead on McCarty's forehead. McCarty lands a blow on Hardenbrook's neck. Gong.

SECOND ROUND—Hardenbrook nimbly jumps to center of ring landing on McCarty's body and head. McCarty gives Hardenbrook an upper cut, but without effect; McCarty rushes Hardenbrook to ropes and they clinch; Hardenbrook leads and lands on McCarty's neck. Gong.

THIRD ROUND—McCarty lands on Hardenbrook's neck; both clinch; Hardenbrook rushes McCarty; McCarty fouls him and gets in blows on Hardenbrook's body. Both clinch and the gong sounded.

FOURTH ROUND—McCarty lands on Hardenbrook's temple and Hardenbrook came back with his right on the jaw; Hardenbrook leads for McCarty's head and in turn was caught on the lip by an upper cut. Hardenbrook was making a rush and the effects of this blow caused him to go to the floor. He was instantly on his feet and went for McCarty like a cyclone, both men clinched and the gong sounded for time.

This closed the bout and the men shook hands with friendly feeling.

The two men were about evenly matched and both did clever, scientific work. The match which was for points only was decided a draw.

The second bout was between Cook and Neher. It was eight rounds for

points. The rounds were as follows: FIRST ROUND—Neher leads Cook's body crowding him to the ropes. Cook escaped and landed the left on Neher's face; Neher landed lightly on Cook's forehead and right on Cook's jaw. Neher rushed Cook, but the latter eluded him without punishment. Gong.

SECOND ROUND—Neher rushed Cook leading with his right which was short and Cook landed on the forehead. Neher rushed Cook, but the latter's agility saved him from punishment. Cook lead with his right but landed Neher's body with his left. Neher turned lightly on Cook's nose. Neher again, but Cook ducked and landed one on Neher's mouth; both clinched. Gong.

THIRD ROUND—Cook leads and clinches; Cook landed a clever pivot on the neck; but got one on the mouth on Neher rushed Cook to the ropes landing heavily on Cook's neck. Neher clinched. Cook led with his right, gave Neher a light upper cut.

Cook was too quick and escaped, landing on Neher's head which hurt his thumb. He lead for Neher's body and fell short. Neher led with his right catching Cook on the ear with his left. Cook returned with a heavy blow on the body and both clinched.

SIXTH ROUND—Neher kept leading and crowded Cook to the corner where they clinched. Neher made a lead, but fell short; Cook gets in a blow over Neher's eye.

SEVENTH ROUND—Neher crowded Cook to the ropes and both clinched. Cook led, getting in a hard one in Neher's wind; he followed up with a heavy blow on the mouth. Both were sparing for wind when the gong sounded.

EIGHTH ROUND—In this round, the last one, Referee Sullivan had the two men come to the center of the ring and shake hands. Cook led with the left and landed with the right on Neher's jaw, which dazed him. Neher led, but fell short. Cook landed on Neher's mouth and got the same in return. Both sparred cautiously. Neher landed lightly on Cook's head and then clinched. Time was called and the bout came to a close.

The bout was very lively, and clever work was done by both men. Neher was the heavier of the two, but Cook was more agile and showed greater sense than his antagonist. The match was decided a draw.

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