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ANNIVERSARIES.

FEBRUARY 29.

In the year 684 occurred the death of Saint Barbas.

Archbishop John Whitgift died, date 1604.

On the above date, 1872, it was said an assassin attempted to take the life of Queen Victoria in the yard of Buckingham Place. The fellow was a Fenian named O'Connor.

There were violent earthquakes throughout Asia Minor, 1884.

Earthquake shocks in 1888, were felt in California.

MARCH 3.

In the year 1539 Sir Nicholas Carew was beheaded.

The Americans were defeated at Briar Creek, Ga. This was in the year 1779.

In the year 1791 the District of Columbia was organized.

Florida was admitted as a state in the year 1845.

In 1863 the national gunboat, Indiana, was destroyed by the Confederates.

On this date in the year 1893 occurred the enrollment of the national forces.

In 1873 the notorious "Salary Grab" bill passed congress.

The prohibitionists who assembled at Indianapolis a few days ago, accepted the "broad gauge" plank.

CHAS. F. GRIFFIN, of Lake county, is making extra efforts to secure the nomination for governor before the coming republican state convention.

The speech of Senator Carter is having effect on the country already. Night before last the people of Columbia City heard a rumbling like distant thunder and felt uneasy for some time. It is coming, gentlemen.

How peculiar are the rantings of some newspaper men who are tied to the "golden calf." A man who honestly advocates the free coinage of silver is, in the opinion of these single standardites, a crank or a fraud.

IS A CANDIDATE.

We have noticed from time to time that our republican friend, Mattingly, of the Bourbon Mirror, is outspoken in his views on the available timber in the state of Indiana for governor. While Brother Mattingly may have a preference for some other candidate, he is patriotic toward the representative of Marshall county.

How differently it is with the party tool that conducts the party organ at the county seat. He has no choice until the convention meets and names his candidate. Brooke is very conservative.

From Mattingly says:

"Brother trustworthily sources we learn that Hon. H. G. Thayer is a candidate for governor, subject to the decision of the Indiana republican state convention. Mr. Thayer should not only be accorded the delegate vote of Marshall county, but also the solid support of the Thirteenth congressional district. If nominated, Mr. Thayer will make a lofty and spirited campaign—one that will attract the attention of the intelligent voters—and carry the state by a good majority. Marshall county should awake to the possibility of having such an honor as the nomination for governor conferred upon one of its citizens and do everything within its power to secure such a result."

Leap Year Pointers.

The editor of the Elkhart Truth is authority for the following: "It is said that the black-eyed man is the most jealous of his wife, the gray-eyed one the best provider, and the blue-eyed one always hen-pecked. This being leap year, we publish these facts for the benefit of the girls."

The Trotting Race.

The contest on the race course between John Wolford's flyer and Frank Jamson's whirl-wind has been postponed until April 15th. That race will cause as much agitation in this city as the fourth ward contest.

The "Beautiful."

While THE INDEPENDENT has, ever since the passing of the snow ordinance, impressed upon the minds of our citizens the necessity of keeping their walks clean, yet it is exceedingly painful to have citizens comment upon the fact that our city does not attend to its own duties in this matter. We believe the street commissioner has been

empowered to attend to this. The matter to which we call attention is the walk in front of the city hall. It will be an impossibility to have our citizens attend to the cleaning of their walks when they see this neglect on the city's part.

A Candidate.

The following telegram to the Inter Ocean, will be of considerable interest to the republicans of this community:

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 29, Special Telegram—The Republican central committee met here today and passed resolutions favorable to the nomination of J. S. Mount as candidate for governor. Mr. Mount is a resident of this county and has gained a wide reputation among the people of the state as an institute lecturer. He has held office before in the state government, and it is conceded that he will make a strong man.

Death of Mrs. Staley.

Angeline Staley, wife of S. S. Staley, who lives 4 miles southeast of Plymouth died Monday afternoon after a long illness with stomach trouble. Mrs. Staley was in her 69th year at the time of her death. The funeral services will be held at the M. E. church tomorrow at 11 o'clock. The interment will take place at the Stringer cemetery.

EXPERTS AT CHEMISTRY.

Germans Lead the World in the Mysticism of the Laboratory.

"Made in Germany" is now the recognized trade-mark for chemicals throughout the world. The dyes and by-products derived from coal tar have become a classical instance, or, as Bacon would have said, a glaring example. As we have stated, the Fatherlanders have captured these trades from us. Go to Elberfeld, and what do we see? At the Farbenfabriken, besides first-class works, we are shown a laboratory unsurpassed, perhaps not equaled, in London, and employed in research or in the business there are sixty high-class chemists. In the Badische Anilin und Sodafabrik seventy-eight chemists are engaged. An expert witness told the Gresham commission that six skilled chemists was the maximum number employed in any English color works, if, indeed, there were so many. These men are unceasingly active in research. The price to pay for progress is eternal vigilance. Every hint from England, France, America or Italy is tried; every new material tested; every hopeful process patented. The great works at Höchst made in 1899 from 1,700 to 1,800 colors; they employed 3,000 hands, seventy chemists, and twelve engineers. A firm in Offenbach with 300 workers had forty-five investigators.

The lesson that has been driven home in the Fatherland is that industrial processes carried on upon a large scale give great chances for discovery. Just as gas making gave aniline so the soap-boilers' lye yielded iodine, the waste of salt gardens bromine, the mother-liquors from the springs caesium and rubidium, the acid chambers selenium and thallium, the mines and metallurgical works gallium and germanium. Therefore the "chemiker," on the other side of the Rhine, is always looking out for something new. He found it in the benzidine and azo dyes, the former giving Congo red and chrysamin, "the most important discovery of modern times so far as cotton dyeing is concerned." In short, as Dr. Ostwald has said, it is now a firm article of belief that "the secret of German industrial chemistry is the recognition that science is the best practice." In England it is greatly to be feared there still lingers faith in "the rule of thumb."

ORIGIN OF THE HUMAN RACE.

Some Scientists Hold the Polar Regions Were Once Inhabited.

Believers in the Laplace theory of the origin of the sun and the planets are of the opinion that the original stock of the human race first came into existence at the poles of the earth and gradually moved out toward the equator. All believers in the nebular hypothesis are fast conforming their ideas to the belief that this earth was once a red-hot ball of fire, and that the human race came into existence as soon as a portion of the globe had cooled sufficiently to admit of their living upon it. The portion most likely to cool first was the poles, and the evidence deduced from this speculation is that upon which is founded the idea of the polar origin of the human family. On the above theory is explained the mysterious finding of the remains of tropical birds, beasts and plants far up in the polar regions. If it is really true that the poles were the first habitable spots on the earth's surface, and that they were rendered so by the globe first cooling at the spots least affected by sunshine, it must be true also that the polar regions are gradually encroaching upon the temperate and torrid zones. Who knows but that the centuries yet to come will fill the Indian ocean and the Gulf of Mexico with icebergs and keep the Nile and the Amazon frozen solidly throughout the year?—Ex.

The Biggest American Diamond.

Diamonds have been found occasionally at different places in the United States, but never in sufficient quantities to render systematic mining profitable. The largest authenticated diamond ever found in this country was picked up by a laborer engaged in grading the streets of Manchester, Va. Its original weight was about twenty-four carats, and after cutting, a twelve carat stone resulted. On this stone, called by Captain Dewey, its owner, the Ohioor, there was once loaned \$1,200, but Mr. Kunz, the diamond expert, appraised its value at less than a thousand dollars, as it is poorly colored and imperfect. In the matter of diamonds Yankeland at all events does not "lick creation."

A SOFT ANSWER.



"Susan, just look here! I can write my name in the dust on the top of this table!"
"Lor', mum, so you can! Now, I never had no edgercation myself!"—Punch.

CANDY PEDDLERS' HOME LIFE.

Clustered in Dingy Rooms Where They Sleep on the Floor.

Very nearly all the dark-skinned men who sell that brilliantly colored candy from pushcarts are members of a regular clan, and, for the most part, Greeks, says the New York Herald. When the day has ended and their work is done they gather together in a dozen or more dens in Roosevelt and Cherry streets, just at the foot of the famous Cherry hill, there to eat, rest and, before sleeping, to load up their carts for the morrow, that they may get an early start. One of these rendezvous presents a unique appearance late at night. It is generally a store on the ground floor, that the pushcarts may be trundled out easily when heavily loaded. From the sidewalk the "store" does not show a single ray of light. It looks forbidding and deserted. But its door opens readily. The entire front of the long apartment is filled up with carts, laden with the sweets, and displaying their signs. Only a narrow passageway is left to get to the back of the room.

Here, around a smudgy table, five or six chattering Greeks are playing cards and quarreling over the game. On boards is spread a quantity of candy, newly made and cooling, for it is in a room back of this that the stuff is prepared. The candymaker not only makes a profit selling to the peddlers, but he gets still more of their money lodging them on the same floor as their pushcarts. Sometimes, when a peddler is "broke" the maker of sweets sends him out with a load of candy to sell on shares, but as a general thing he gets cash for his product before the carts go out.

Beds are, for the most part, unknown luxuries. Only the most prosperous peddlers seem to be able to afford them. Generally the floor is marked out with chalk lines, divided into narrow squares, and there on the hard boards, without disrobing or changing an article of their clothing, the canny peddlers sleep.

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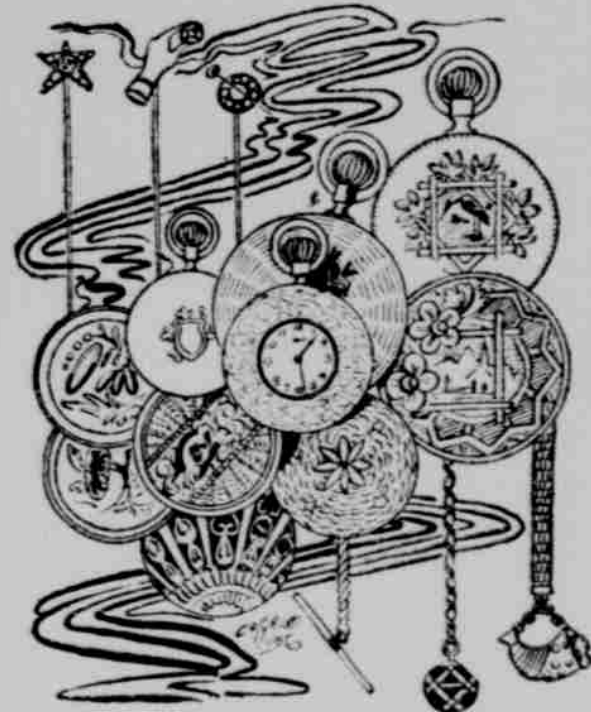
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