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ANNIVERSARIES.

MARCH 4.

In 1791 Vermont was admitted as a state.

John Adams was inaugurated as president of the United States in 1791.

The eruption of Mt. Etna occurred in 1856.

Grover Cleveland was inaugurated as President of the United States for his second term.

On March 1st 1895 the insurgents at Jagney Grand, Cuba, surrounded.

MARCH 5.

The death of Pope Clement VIII occurred in 1605.

In 1870 an act was passed repealing all duties except on tea.

William H. Seward, of New York, was appointed Secretary of State in 1861.

In 1862 on the above date General Beauregard took command of the army of Mississippi.

General William J. Sherman assumed command of the army in 1863.

It was in 1874 that the crusade of women against the liquor traffic were mobbed in Columbus Ohio.

THE Foss-Boyce congressional fight in the seventh district in Chicago resulted in Foss' nomination by acclamation.

If the Indiana democracy has anything to say about the next presidential nomination, it will mention an Indiana man—Gov. Matthews.

It is truly refreshing to hear Brooke, of the Republican, acknowledge his weaknesses. The rank and file of the Republican party have realized it for some time.

We perceive a great many democratic papers are inclined to laugh at the predicament the republican party is in over the silver question, predicting a split in its ranks. The condition of the political weather is of such a nature that the democratic party is in the same peculiar fix.

The only way that Eddie Brooke can answer an argument is by referring to the color of our hair. It seems to depress him greatly, owing, we suppose, to the illuminous rays that branch out from this capillary vegetation. We would inform Eddie that it covers something more than hay seed.

The Inter Ocean says editorially that the presidential campaign will not be fought on monetary lines. The American people, it says, "demand a return to the principles of protection." While there is no doubt that the tariff will cut considerable figure, it is another absolute fact, that if the old parties neglect and completely ignore the people in their demand for money legislation, they will receive a stinging rebuke at the hands of the American people.

UNRELIABLE NEWS.

"People Who Live in Glass Houses Should Not Throw Stones."

The above quotation would apply forcibly to the would-be sagacious editor of the Republican, if he would descend from his imaginary lofty perch and affiliate with mortal man for a brief period of time. Last week he attempted to annihilate THE INDEPENDENT by sarcastically asking when reliable news would be furnished through its columns. Yet in the same issue he proceeds to give out a statement that had been proven by THE INDEPENDENT to be without foundation.

Two weeks ago the Democrat of this city published an article referring to the supposed murder of Johnnie Sweet by his father, now deceased. THE INDEPENDENT sent a reporter to the place where the widow resided and learned that the story was without the slightest foundation, and so reported it.

But this wise editorial quill driver had a mission to perform. He had an axe to grind. He came out last week with a reproduction of the article as it appeared in the Democrat and proceeded to rake up all the cussedness he could discover against the dead man, and standing as it were, over the cold and lifeless clay, malignantly condemned him for cruelties practiced upon his children before death palsied his hand and sealed his lips. Not satisfied with the fact that old man Sweet had passed into the mysteries of the great beyond, and had his hearing before an impartial

Judge, this man Brooke proceeds to inform those who read his sheet of plates, that "the wretch (Sweet) would receive his reward." Such inhumanity and inconsistency is truly remarkable.

To again show the unreliability of his assertions, he says "he carefully investigated the matter." If Brooks had put out a little money and sent a representative of his paper to the unfortunate widow, as THE INDEPENDENT did, he would have been able to have given his readers "RELIABLE" news.

But the FACTS appeared in THE INDEPENDENT. To cast a questionable reflection on this paper, the editor of the Republican preferred to take the chances of public comment, and help to further spread the false accusation against one who was silenced by death, and unable to defend his character against such an ungracious and ungentlemanly attack.

While there is no doubt that the reports regarding the cruelty of the deceased to his children were true, he is in the hands of One whose authority is somewhat higher than the editor of the Republican. The only reason why we have made this public matter, is owing to his unwarranted attack upon THE INDEPENDENT for publishing a wrong statement in a little personal notice, and to further show to unbiased people which paper gives "unreliable news."

MARRIED EIGHTY YEARS.

The Remarkable Record of a Couple in the West.

The following was handed in by J. C. Bowell. The couple referred to are old acquaintances of Mr. Bowell's mother, so that the truthfulness of the following is without doubt:

The oldest living couple in the United States beyond a doubt has for the past 42 years resided within three miles of Black River Falls, Wis., says the Chicago Chronicle. Louis and Amelia Ontario were born in the province of Ontario not far from Montreal. The husband was born on September 24, 1788 or one year before the inauguration of the first president of the United States. The wife was born at La Poro's Isle on March 17, 1794, and is now past her 101st year. The aged people are descendants from a race which for many generations was noted for remarkable longevity.

Eight years have passed since they were joined in wedlock and a family of 12 children was the fruit of their marriage. Five are still living in this vicinity ranging from 70 to 54 years. The oldest child, were it living to-day would be 79 years old.

For 30 years Grandma Darwin was totally blind. Strange and incredible as it may seem, in her 99th year she recovered her second sight and was able to distinguish her children. Yet during the period of her blindness she performed her household duties without any assistance.

The old gentleman has been a remarkable man. When he was 100 years old he could dance a jig equal to a dancing master, but the past four years he has gradually wasted away, until today he is but a shadow of his former self.

The Ban Modified.

The Review, a Catholic newspaper of Chicago, publishes an important decree of the Roman propaganda given in Rome under date of Jan. 18, 1896, which modifies the decrees in condemnation of the societies of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Sons of Temperance.

Catholics who had belonged to those societies before the publication of the condemnation decree are now allowed to leave their names upon the roll of those societies and to pay into the treasury dues and assessments whenever pecuniary loss and detriment would follow from complete severance of ties.

The general prohibition still remains as to any other participation in the proceedings of the societies.—Valparaiso Messenger.

Peculiar Case of Miss Cripe.

Miss Cripe, daughter of John Cripe, about twenty years of age, and who lives near the city, has an affliction which may or may not be peculiar, at all events, a diagnosis of the case does not furnish a satisfactory verdict or one on which the result may be predicted. The lady a year or more ago, while visiting in the west, drank of water that she relates was oily and she thinks that she swallowed an animal, at all events there is an apparent living foreign animal that distresses her, moving and jerking now here, now there, in all respects as would a bactrachia. Anyway the case is a peculiar one. Dr. Ihrg has the management and is quite at his wits' end to prescribe.—Goshen News.

Nothing Like It.

At Tyner and immediate vicinity the silver element is strictly in the front rank. It is said that republicans and democrats are going toward that place to such an extent, that by the time the roses are in full bloom there will hardly be a corporal's guard left in the old parties. A great mass meeting will be held there tonight.

The Bimetallist.

By urgent request, the Bimetallist, a telling factor in the espousal of the free coinage of silver, will issue a special edition on the 11th of this month, and will, to a large extent, be devoted to a general discussion of the silver question

including a statement of the nature of money, the quantitative theory, the status of gold and silver in 1873, the effect of such demonetization, the appreciation of gold, the Bland-Allison act of 1878, the royal commissioners of 1866-7, the competition of silver using countries, effect of demonetization on producers and non-producers, debtors and creditors. These will be followed by a series of short articles. This special issue will contain thirty-two pages, and the price only 10c. Send your orders to the National Bimetallist, 131 Monroe Street, Chicago, Ill.

Unique Leap Year Proposal.

(Valparaiso Messenger.)

A popular young gentleman of this city received a leap-year proposal some time ago from a young lady in Ohio, which is very neat and something new. The proposal is written on a piece of notepaper and nicely decorated with baby ribbon. In order that the reader may understand the way the baby ribbon was arranged this figure will be made [] to indicate the position of the ribbon, and the color of the ribbon will be marked inside the figure.

THE PROPOSAL.

[Red.]

If my heart to you is dead.

Please return this bean of red.

[Blue.]

If to me your heart is true.

Please return this bean of blue.

[Pink.]

If of you ever think.

Please return this bean of pink.

[Black.]

If my lips you wish to smooch.

Please return this bean of black.

[White.]

If you think we'll never fight.

Please return this bean of white.

[Yellow.]

If you're some other girl's fellow.

Please return this bean of yellow.

She Can Trot.

We spoke a few weeks ago regarding the speed that could be attained by the trotter owned by Frank Lamson, and we can readily acknowledge it, by a costly experience, that she makes a mile in short enough time to suit the most fastidious. We have, ever since that memorable runaway in which our friend Lamson figured so conspicuously, had a kind of sneaking suspicion that he had it in us, and when he telephoned Thursday and desired our company in a short drive, we were thoroughly convinced that we were to be sacrificed on the rack for revenge. But even believing it, we could not resist the temptation of riding behind his stepper.

After being seated in the buggy and lighting one of Frank's "two-fors," we started north past the fair grounds. That ride will go down in history as a great one, and barring a few bumps raised on our face by the flying gravel which that mad had a faculty of turning up, we are as good as ever. Even the farmers who passed us on our return cityward, gazed on us with amazement; and why not? There was not a spot upon our face and clothes the size of a nickel, free from Marshall county soil. Oh, she can trot!

Circuit Court.

Sophronia Bolinger vs. Lorena Reed administratrix; objections to final report. Objections overruled, report approved and administratrix discharged.

John S. Zent vs. Sam Oldfather; damages. Defendant files affidavit and motion for change of venue from the county.

State of Indiana, ex. rel. Maxey and O'Keefe vs. Joseph Swindell, mayor. In obedience to the order of the supreme court the judgment of the Marshall circuit court awarding writ of mandate is vacated and set aside and motion to strike out 2nd paragraph of defendant's answer is overruled; defendant objects to the judge (Burson) making any order or taking any action or assuming jurisdiction of the cause for the reason that

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his former appointment as special judge in the case is of no further force or effect, that he has no assignment of the case or general assignment of the docket. Objections overruled; exceptions, etc. Defendant granted leave to file amended second paragraph of answer by the 33d day of the present term.

Callahan et al. vs. Heinz et al.; attachment. Plaintiff files motion for a new trial.

First National bank vs. D. V. B. Skinner; on note. Dismissed, costs paid.

William Zumbaugh vs. Cora Zumbaugh; for divorce. Defendant petition for allowance pending.

Martha Webb vs. O. L. Webb et al. Commissioners report of partition approved.

Jennie Beagles vs. James S. Beagles; divorce. Evidence heard and case taken under advisement.

John C. Ilsey vs. Town of Argos; damages. Deposits on file published.

Wm. Schotfield vs. W. H. Conger et al.; on note. Judgment by default for \$240.32 without relief. Question of suretyship pending.

Mary Harding vs. Lotta McHenry; partition. Finding that land is indivisible without injury to the interests of the parties. Thomas McCull appointed as commissioner to sell.

Hon. Geo. Burson, of Winamac, rendered his special finding of facts in the case of Wood vs. Jarrell Tuesday evening late.

HOME SEEKERS EXCURSIONS.

During several dates in January, February and March the Vandalia line will sell home seekers excursion to points south and southwest. For full information call or address the undersigned.

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