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THE NEWS' PLATFORM.

High license, law and order, the improvement of Main street, economical city government.

THE Afro-American, a new weekly conducted by the colored people of Terre Haute, will make its initial appearance tomorrow.

PNEUMONIA in Chicago is alarmingly prevalent and fatal. The mortality is greater than for many years says the Inter Ocean.

FRANCE and Italy signify their acceptance of the invitation to attend the World's Fair, thus discrediting the story that the tariff law would keep them away.

THE anti-machine voters of Chicago find it difficult in securing a candidate for mayor. Franklin McVeagh, Farwell and Judge Gresham have each declined the nomination of their party.

SENATOR SPOONER, of Wisconsin, whose term has expired, says he will accept no office in the gift of the president. Mr. Spooher appears tired of politics and in his words is indicated a retirement therefrom.

THE delay in naming the metropolitan police commissioners for Terre Haute is indicative of war and distractions among the strangers for place. It is known that the strangers are not a happy family.

THE senatorial contest in California promises to narrow down to H. S. De Young and Mr. Estee. The chances of election are in Estee's favor, but there having been no caucus nomination made the contest may be much protracted.

A VINCENNES is on the eve of a great religious awakening and a tidal wave has come to every quarter of Knox county. Revival meetings are in progress at almost every house of worship in the county.

THE turn the Behring sea fisheries dispute with Great Britain has taken, discounts the English naval officer's predictions of an ensanguined contest between the nations. The differences now seem to be in a fair way of settlement by submitting them to arbitration.

ACCORDING to the report of the feature that will most distinguish Senator Pfeiffer is his whiskers. We doubt this very much. He will be most distinguished for the regularity with which he will draw his monthly salary. But perhaps the senator will not be an exception in this respect.

AS NOTED in the columns of THE NEWS yesterday, Gen. John M. Palmer was elected to the senate on the 15th ballot by the necessary vote of 103, to one for Streeter and 100 for C. J. Lindsey, the republican vote being cast for the latter. Two of the F. M. B. A. votes went to Palmer, while the remaining vote went to Streeter. So ends the great contest. It is well that the struggle is over.

THE legislature is gone, but the Vandalia railroad still manages to "hump" its trains through on schedule time. The Indianapolis Sentinel paved the ground all around itself and tried to raise a great cloud of dust under which to hide the legislature, but it failed. The majority of the legislature did not seem to appreciate the Sentinel and adjourned without tearing up the track of the Vandalia, ditching any of its trains or putting Hon. W. R. McKeen in the penitentiary.

THE proposition of Secretary of War Proctor to enlist two thousand or more Indians in the army may afford a solution to some extent of the Indian problem, but it will not prevent the reds from going on the war path if they are to be armed. Disarming is certainly the surest preventive. If they were disarmed and were not subjected to robbery by Indian agents and post traders there would be few Indian wars. Their enlistment as soldiers will have little merit beyond taking so many from the war path.

THE new dog tax law requires owners to register them with the township trustee under a penalty of a fine of \$5. Any one may kill an unregistered dog. The theft or injury of a registered dog subjects the offender to a maximum fine of \$100. All monies arising from the registration of dogs shall be for the payment of damages sustained by owners of swine, cattle, horses and sheep killed or damaged by dogs. The law provides that registered dogs shall not be otherwise taxed. An emergency clause is attached to the law.

GOVERNOR HOVEY appointed the appellate court and Terre Haute will not be represented on the bench. The new judges are George L. Reinhard, democrat of Spooher county; Judge J. D. New, democrat, of Jennings county; James B.

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JOHN LIKED FUN.

A Horse That Made Sport of His Four Young Masters.

John was tricky. Those who thought him a "beauty," smart and obedient, knew that he was mischievous and full of his "jokes."

John certainly did have a love of fun in his "make up" which made him a jolly companion for four boys who in turn did like to "plague the poor old chap," the family horse.

John was black-coated, strong and intelligent. His tricks were not vicious ones. He never kicked, balked nor ran away, being sober and well conducted when driven or ridden by the senior members of the family.

He had a fondness for his master who petted him a great deal. The women

provision was contained therein. It was

finally discovered and the obnoxious provision sought to be changed, but it was too late, the governor having already signed the bill making it a law.

It is apparent to any one that this is a bungling piece of business and has very serious aspects. It is an overturning of a settled method of conducting stock corporations and if the law shall stand may bring about serious complications in business circles, and also disaster.

A BRILLIANT array of counsel on either side will appear before the supreme court in the argument of the pros and cons of the tariff law. Notwithstanding the interpretation given Judge Blodget's remarks in sending the case to the higher court, it signifies little. It is believed, and with good reason, that the supreme court will sustain the law, not only for the reason that the omission does not invalidate it, but for the weighty reason that to invalidate the tariff law would create chaos in cutting off the revenues of the government derived from tariff duties. The supreme court will not put the country in any such financial peril on account of any mere technicality. It is safe to say that so far as the court is concerned the tariff bill will be a live measure and in effect after the decision is reached.

THE NEWS presents some facts in this issue bearing upon the matter of street paving which are just now of interest to the people. Embraced in the article are important facts concerning the cost of brick paving, the weight or pressure that brick properly made and prepared will sustain, together with the cost per square yard of paving. The News does not believe that the authorities will make any mistake in brick paving providing the brick are vitrified, laid upon a four to six inch concrete foundation and pitched after laying that in the coarse between paving may fine gravel and sand, coarse that is left filled with hot pitch. There can be no doubt of the great durability of such paving, and at the same time will be comparatively noiseless under the wheels of commerce.

THESE FOUR BOYS ARE HUNTING FUN.

could drive him. He brought them home in just the same condition they started out.

It was only with the boys of the family that John ventured to "joke."

There were four of them—Ernest, Walter, Henry and Albert—bright young fellows who delighted to tickle John's nose with a fragrant smelling apple, snatching it away when he prepared to enjoy it.

John was a pig in his love for mellow ripe apples. The boys thought it fun to tease him a little and make him anxious to get to it, before giving it up to him.

They really did teach him to play "hide and seek" with them.

One of his tricks was to sigh and swell up his body when being saddled, if one of the little boys was about to ride him.

Of course the saddle was invariably turned after they had ridden a little distance.

Another trick was snatching a cap from their heads and galloping away with it to the furthest corner, whining defiance to the capless youngster.

One May afternoon as I sat breakfasting, I was going to ride out to Muddy Fork. John is lazy—don't have enough to do."

John looked at me, and I plainly saw fun in his eyes. He made a nip at an apple geranium and then went along as sober as judges are said to be.

His expression plainly said to me: "These four boys seated upon my back are hunting for fun; I'll help find it."

Ernest and Albert whistled gayly. Henry and Walter urged "lazy bones" along.

"Such a good horse as he is. It isn't every one that would carry such a load of restless boys," was my thought, as John slowly crept along, head down, apparently meditating deeply.

In an hour, four boys, wet and muddy, walked in at the gate, angry and ready to "have it out with that silly old horse."

"What has he done?" I inquired.

"Done!" chorused an indignant quartette of boyish voices. "He poled along as if he was almost asleep until we got into the water. All at once he laid down, spilled off his back and just galloped back home."

"He did it on purpose, of course he did. He thinks he can play tricks on us little boys. He don't dare try 'em with the men."

"I'd like to pound his back," said one.

We went to the back gate and saw him standing there, looking meek and subdued, only—I detected a twinkle in his eyes.

He received a scolding which he did not heed. A few minutes afterward I saw him in the stable-yard with four boys perched upon his back. — Ellis Guernsey, in Prairie Farmer.

Food of Biting On Noses.

A missionary, writing of the degraded condition of the people of the Gilbert islands, in the South Pacific, says: "The further you go north in the Gilbert islands the less you see of the horrid scars which on Tapitouca disfigure, or, as they think, distinguish all the male sex. But at the same time, as you go north, there seems a greater intent to kill than at the south, where the intention seems to be to lacerate and make the most horrid wounds, those which will produce the greatest amount of misery. One singular propensity of an excited Gilbert Islander is to bite off noses. This accounts for the great number of noseless persons one meets. A few years ago one of them in his wrath climbed up and bit off the nose from the figurehead of the Morning Star! It has since been replaced with one of lead."

On Babies.

"Auntie, what have you brought me?"

Freddy's first question when visitors come.

His mother took him severely to task about it, and the little fellow promised "not to do so any more." A day or two after one of his aunts called again, and Freddy, with a triumphant glance at his mother, exclaimed:

"Auntie, what have you brought my little brother?"—Jury.

TRY IT FOR YOURSELF.

The time required for a journey around the earth by a man walking day and night, without resting, would be 420 days; an express train, 40 days; sound at a medium temperature, 24 hours; a cannon ball, 31½ hours; light a little over one-tenth of a second; and electricity passing over a copper wire, a little under one-tenth of a second.

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