

IN THE WHITE HOUSE

CLEVELAND'S 45TH BIRTHDAY.

Similar Anniversaries That Have Been Celebrated—Jackson's Escape From Cabinet Duty.

[Special to The Indianapolis News.]

WASHINGTON, March 18.—President Cleveland is today celebrating his forty-fifth birthday. Only one other president has ever celebrated a birthday in the "forties" in the White House.

Four more, Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, were party when inaugurated for their second term. Only one of those who came to the White House under fifty years of age was re-elected.

The five presidents who were past sixty when first inaugurated were John Adams, Jackson, Harrison, Tyler and Buchanan. So that twelve of the twenty-two presidents were in the fifties when inaugurated.

Up to 1845 there had never been a president below fifty years of age; since then there have been five—Polk, Pierce, Grant, Garfield and Cleveland.

Your average statesman never knows when he is going to be struck by political lightning. This sage reflection is suggested by a little incident which happened just after the inaugural ceremonies on the 4th of March.

A number of statesmen had accompanied the new president to the White House, by invitation, to drink a glass of champagne with him, before the review of the procession.

Among the invited guests was Senator Jackson of Tennessee, who had never met Mr. Cleveland before that day.

When he was introduced President Cleveland held his hand steadily for a moment, and with great earnestness said: "Senator, I am very glad to make your acquaintance in person. I have heard and thought a good deal of you in the last few months, and you don't know how near you came to being drafted."

"What did the president mean by his remark?" Senator Jackson was asked of a gentleman who was present, and who knew a good deal of the inside of the making up of the cabinet.

"He meant," was the candid reply, "that he came very near selecting Jackson for a place in his cabinet. Neither Jackson nor his friends knew how near he came to being drafted," as the president put it.

The fact is, that if Jackson had made any effort or allowed his friends to make any for him, he would be in the cabinet to-day.

"How did it happen that he refused to allow it? Did he prefer his place in the senate?" That is a part of the explanation, but not all of it. Jackson is a man of great usefulness, with a high sense of personal honor, sensitive when it comes to criticism of his personal course, yet bold as a lion in matters of public moment.

When the senate for cabinet places commenced, there was, as you will remember, an effort to get ex-Governor Porter, of Tennessee, into the cabinet. There were numerous letters forwarded to Jackson in Porter's behalf, and he forwarded them to Cleveland.

PROHIBITION IN IOWA.

The Supreme Court Affirms the Constitutionality of the Law in All Respects.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., March 18.—The supreme court yesterday, through Judge Rothrock, all the bench concurring, rendered an opinion affirming the constitutionality of the prohibition law. The opinion is sweeping in its conclusions and completely sustains the validity of the injunctions to abate nuisances which exist as saloons, and in every particular maintains the provisions of the act as it stands to-day on the statute books of the state.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

More trouble between cow-boys and citizens at Springer, N. M., is expected. Troops are guarding the jail.

Mrs. Schick, aged ninety, while in bed at Cleveland, O., was fatally burned by her clothing catching fire from a lamp.

At Dunlap, Tenn., yesterday, William B. Elliott, treasurer of the county, while making a speech before the grand jury, fell dead.

A barrel of gasoline exploded in the cellar of a dwelling at Paducah, Ky., last night, fatally burning James McCullough, the proprietor, and seriously burning three other men. Loss, \$12,000.

Joseph Schenck, a Swede, who was placed in the St. Louis jail, was yesterday charged with the murder of Alton Lipowski, was found dead in his cell yesterday. The doctors pronounce it a case of death from fright.

Sergeant John W. Richards, of the Salvation Army, has been arrested at North Adams, Mass. He is indicted, with three others, for obtaining \$30,000 worth of goods from merchants in different cities and disposing of them for their own benefit.

Miss Ada Beard was shot in the side at Louisville, Ky., last evening, and was seriously wounded by Miss Fannie Benders. George McCleery, brother of the clerk of the city council, was paying attention to both, and in the confusion is the alleged cause of the shooting.

Whispers of the Wires. The wife of ex-Senator Yule, of Florida, died yesterday.

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FATAL FIRE DAMP.

TWO HUNDRED MINERS KILLED.

Terrible Results of an Explosion in a Colliery in Rheinisch-Prussia This Morning.

BERLIN, March 18.—Two hundred and seventeen miners were imprisoned by an explosion of fire-damp, in a colliery at Camphausen, near Saarbrueck, in Rheinisch-Prussia, this morning, and at a late hour this afternoon but seventeen had been rescued. It is feared that most of the 200 others have been suffocated.

GOOD THING FOR OATS.

Increase in the Export Trade Because of the Russo-English Trouble.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The rumor of a probable war between England and Russia has tended to stimulate the demand for English oats from the Atlantic instead of the Baltic ports. The demand has been so large in the last few weeks that the shipments for this month from New York alone promise to reach six hundred thousand bushels, which will exceed the shipments of any one month heretofore.

The engagements or berths range from twenty-five to thirty thousand bushels a day, and yesterday they footed up about fifty thousand bushels. The agents for the shipments of Canadian oats in transit by the Glasgow steamer from this port. Most of the demand comes from London. A fair export demand also comes from Bordeaux. Reports from Baltimore, Boston, and Montreal also speak of the increased charges for oats shipments.

Losses by Fire.

MARQUETTE, Mich., March 18.—Sillwood's two-story block, at Isperingen, burned yesterday. The building was entirely destroyed. Loss on the building and contents, \$60,000. The block contained the postoffice, F. F. Tribble's drug store and Sellwood's. In the second floor were situated the Old Fellows' hall, Masons' hall, the city library, the council rooms and some private offices.

ELIZABETH, Pa., March 18.—The paraffine factory of Elizabethport was fired this morning. A still burnt, totally destroying the establishment. Loss, \$200,000; no insurance. It employed fifty hands, and was owned by Theophilus M. Art.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 18.—At half-past 2 o'clock this morning, fire broke out in the James' bank block, a five-story building, corner Whitehall and Alabama streets. The flames leaped rapidly upon the elevator shaft, and that corner of the building was soon destroyed. The people sleeping on the upper floors were obliged to leave their lives. Loss, \$60,000; insurance, \$40,000.

Worse Than the Knightstowns Home.

NOTTALY, O., March 18.—Mrs. Carrie Ploum recently brought home three children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan's home at Xenia, who were in a terrible condition from neglect and mismanagement. Dr. E. C. Morrill, who has charge of the children, says his investigation proved to him that the children were not only afflicted with disease, but that in addition they had been deprived of sufficient food, and that throughout the long, cold winter the limbs and bodies of the poor little ones had not been properly provided with good, warm clothing.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Tennessee and Ohio valley, fair weather in Tennessee, partly cloudy weather, local rains or snows in the Ohio valley, warmer, partly cloudy weather and local snows, winds shifting to westerly, rising barometer.

LOCAL TELEGRAMS.

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Guilty Mormons.

SALT LAKE, Utah, March 18.—John Nicholson, editor of the Desert News, the Mormon church organ, was arrested yesterday on an alleged polygamy. He waived examination, and was held in \$1,500 bonds for the grand jury. C. W. Penrose, regular editor-in-chief of the News, has skipped the country. He was wanted on the same charge.

Gen. Grant has Some Sleep.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Gen. Grant went to sleep between 10 and 11 o'clock last night, after a hypodermic injection of morphia, and slept well during the night, only awaking twice. He is feeling better this morning after last night's rest. Mrs. Sartoris is expected to arrive to-morrow.

Fenians Not Wanted in Switzerland.

PARIS, March 18.—Eugene Davis, the Irish agitator, who was expelled from France with Messrs. Stephens and Leroy, took refuge at Verrieres, Switzerland, but has received an intimation from the Swiss authorities that he is not wanted in that country. Stephens and Leroy are in Belgium.

Change of Base.

ST. LOUIS, March 18.—Rev. Walter C. Douglas, who, for the past nine years, has been secretary of the Young Men's Christian association here, has received and accepted a call to become state secretary of the Massachusetts association, and will start east April 10.

Acquitted in Five Minutes.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—John Payne, a colored deputy marshal, who shot and killed Albert Russell on the day of the October election and who was arrested and indicted at democratic instigation, was acquitted by a jury after five minutes' consultation.

Haines' Revenge.

CHICAGO, March 18.—The Journal's Springfield special says the rumor is current that Speaker Haines will vote with the republicans for adjournment sine die, and leave the appointment of a senator with the governor.

An Insult to Good St. Patrick.

TROY, March 18.—Miss Clara Spauld was ordered out of a school room yesterday, because she wore a green bow in honor of St. Patrick's day. The school authorities have said Mrs. Davis, the teacher, to account for it.

The Nile Campaign.

SEAKIM, March 18.—A general advance towards Tomas will be made on Friday. Spies continue to report that the Amara tribe of Arabs will desert El Mahdi and join the British at the first favorable opportunity.

Short in His Accounts.

EDINBURGH, Clonville county, Pa., March 18.—J. Spargo, postmaster, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the heart. He was short in his accounts and took this means of escaping disgrace.

Killed at a Game of Cards.

BIRD'S POINT, Mo., March 18.—Two colored men, named George Jones and James England, quarreled over a game of cards. Jones stabbed England and fled. England is dead.

Wants to Enter the Western League.

The Irresponsible Loss of the St. Louis league club, is wanting to change base again. He is trying to break into the Western league. He is discouraged in the effort to

DAMAGED BY ICE.

A DOZEN PEOPLE HAVE PERISHED.

Intense Suffering by the Survivors—Fanned up for Days Without Food or Water.

MARSHALL, Mo., March 18.—Immense damage has been done by an ice gorge at Waverly, Mo. A party left here in skiffs with provisions to relieve the distress. They found Mrs. Judge Thomas on a hill where she had been two days and nights without shelter; they also rescued the Vanmeter family from the second story of their house where they had been two days without food. A dozen persons and many cattle have perished.

THE RAILROADS.

Annual Meeting of Panhandle Company—Union Railway Directors in Session.

The annual meeting of the Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburg railway company was held in this city to-day. J. N. McCullough, first vice-president, acted as chairman, and S. B. Liggett secretary. The annual report for 1884 was read by the secretary and approved. It shows: Gross earnings, \$4,396,804.94; expenses, \$3,602,212.47; net earnings, \$794,592.47; total net revenue, \$8,479,573.55. For year's charges against capital account, \$1,000,000.00. Total net revenue, \$7,479,573.55. Interest on car trust, etc., \$119,958.56; total sum, \$1,100,000.00, showing a net loss for 1884 of \$226,152.43.

Extensive betterments have been made to the property, the sum of \$1,213,355.52 having been expended during the year in this direction and charged to capital account. The outlay being mainly for valuable real estate in Chicago, and for new shops at Indianapolis.

Alfred L. Dennis, of New York, and R. Biddle Roberts, of Chicago, were re-elected as directors, their terms having expired to-day. The officers of the company are practically the same as those of the Pennsylvania company, headed by George B. Roberts as president. The C. St. L. & P. is popularly known as the Pennsylvania.

The directors of the Union Railway company met at the Denison House to-day. The chief purpose of the meeting was to select a site for the proposed new union passenger depot, to authorize the construction of the same, and to devise means for defraying the cost of the same.

The most important engagements of the day were: The opera to be given at "La Traviata," "Mignon," "Heart and Hand" and "Semiramide."

The Women's Aid Society of the English Lutheran Church will give a parlor concert and social at the residence of Mrs. Joseph Staub, 200 North Noble street.

A Severe Assault.

James Johnson, of Howell & Johnson, was severely handled by John C. Ferriter, in the office of the Hotel Bates last night, the affair being witnessed by a number of gentlemen. Mr. Johnson spoke disparagingly of Joe J. Manning, clerk of the house, and his following, and Ferriter, as a friend of Manning, felt empowered to resent it. Mr. Johnson was in no condition to harm his more youthful antagonist, and after two or three blows he was knocked out of time, and was taken home in a perfectly unconscious condition. From Mr. Johnson's well known disposition, it is possible the matter will not be suffered to rest in its present condition. There were no arrests, and no attempt to-day so far as reported by the police, to bring Mr. Ferriter to book.

Local Odds and Ends.

The old J. M. T. round-house, erected in 1849, is being torn away.

Dr. Phinney was called this afternoon for failing to register as a physician, and was released from custody.

J. P. Sanborn & Son, of this city, are putting a new \$5,000 pipe organ in the Congregational church, of Terre Haute.

The secretary of the state board of health is grinding out vital statistics with vigor. Of the total deaths from zymotic diseases in Indiana last year (3,950) 1,805 were American males; 1,963 American females; 2,947 were single persons, American, and only 775 were married. The remainder was made up of similar proportions of foreigners.

Wanting to be Assessors. Marshall E. Palmer has already announced himself as a democratic candidate for township assessor, and it is said that Jesse De Haven, and possibly Eugene Stanley will ask the republican nomination. Charley Tyler, of the assessor's office, has something better to view than the dollar per day, and will not be a candidate.

Nothing to Be Gained. Inquiry of the city attorney indicates the Light Infantry would gain nothing by withdrawing from the militia and reorganizing as police reserves, for even under the metropolitan police act, the state would continue to exercise jurisdiction, the same as now, while the city would have practically no voice therein.

Personal. Gov. Baker is convalescing. Miss Minnie L., daughter of Rev. Dr. Baylis, has been appointed professor of music in Clarke's university, Atlanta, Ga.

Conrad Metzger and Louis Kreuter have been naturalized, preparatory to revisiting their native land.

After the Colicesters. Oscar Henderson started for Washington on the early train this morning, bearing a letter from Congressman Ford, in which the writer assures Henderson that the latter will be appointed collector, and asking the privilege of naming one of his deputies. Mr. Henderson is after the Kokomo district, not this one.

Youngsters Playing Pool. If the police care to give it attention, they will find little difficulty in noting that the law against allowing minors to play billiards and frequent saloons, is studiously ignored by several of the leading hotels; and that hardly a night passes but what the hotel billiard rooms are thronged with youngsters playing pool.

A Test Case. The colored committee of Representative Williams are quarreling among themselves over the civil rights bill, because the colored barbers at Vincennes refuse to shave colored customers, and they have employed Mr. Williams to carry a test case to the supreme court.

From the Army to Prison. Frank Carroll, colored, who has just been released from regular army service, was arrested early this morning for stealing several dollars in money from Jennie Carson, of Torbet street. He admits his guilt.

Paying Hands. To the Editor of The Indianapolis News: Is there a law in this state compelling business men to settle with their employes at least once a month?

[Such a law has been enacted by the present legislature.—ED. NEWS.]

Hotel Charges. James H. and Will Swartz, of the Brunswick hotel, this city, have leased the Clarendon Hotel, Zanesville, O., and will assume charge April 1. David Nicholson, Jr., succeeds to the management of the Brunswick.

Juveniles Arrested. Charley and Peter Morris and Jimmie Ryan, juvenile bootblacks of this city, who started for Texas, are in some sort of trouble at St. Louis, possibly as vagrants.

August 23, 1869. To the Editor of The Indianapolis News: In what month and year did the total eclipse of the sun occur? J. H. Martinsville, March 17th.

Illegal Liquor Selling. Caspar Hess and his son, Fred, have been indicted for violating the liquor law, and have given bond.

Wife Desertion. Robt. Long, married less than two months ago, has been fined \$10 and costs for wife desertion.

Increasing Population. There were seven births at the city hospital during the past week.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A HOT POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

In the House Over the Knightstowns Bill—The Regular Order of Business Finally Broken—Routine Business.

THE SENATE.

The Senate yesterday afternoon continued the consideration of bills to second reading, and the following were ordered engrossed: Senator Foulke's, removing the disabilities of coverture; Senator Bailey's, providing for the burial of indigent soldiers and seamen; Senator Peterson's, authorizing the formation of companies to detect felons; Senator Goulet's, requiring appraisers for liquor licenses to have been a resident of the county at least a year. Senator Overstreet's bill authorizing gravel road companies to extend their powers and franchises, was defeated by a vote of 15 to 21. A resolution was adopted expressing the sense of the legislature that a final adjournment should be taken the 25th inst.

There was some trouble in getting a quorum together in the senate, this morning when half an hour had elapsed after the time for beginning business with a majority of the members absent, the lieutenant-governor ordered the locking of the doors, and sent the doorkeeper out to gather in the absentees. Senators Day, Foulke, Weir, McCullough, Drake, McLendon, and Huston were brought in, and after making explanations which were accepted as satisfactory, they were each excused, and adjourned.

Senator Lindley introduced a bill authorizing county commissioners to make allowances to agricultural societies.

A bill was introduced by Senator Macy fixing the time for beginning the terms of courts in the twenty-fifth, twenty-eighth and thirtieth judicial circuits. Under a suspension of the rules, it was passed by a unanimous vote.

The old-time bill authorizing the payment of \$1,700 to Matthew M. Campbell for extra work as a teacher in the Indiana state university from 1854 to 1858, was reported to the senate by the committee on claims, with the recommendation that it lie on the table. Senators Overstreet and Smith, of Delaware, expressed an opinion that the claim, although not legal, was equitable, and was equitably just, and would have been allowed by a previous legislature had it not been feared that a few lawyers, instead of Mr. Campbell, would get the money. The amount which it was then agreed was due him was \$1,400. The bill, after several members had spoken in favor and against the claim, was referred to a special committee consisting of Senators Overstreet, Marcus Smith and McIntosh, with instructions to inquire into the merits of the claim. Senator Youche's resolution fixing March 25 as the day for the final adjournment of the special session, which received a unanimous vote, but not a majority vote on last evening, was called up again, and under a suspension of the rules was passed, forty-one members voting in the affirmative and twenty in the negative. In explaining the vote, Senator Benz remarked that if the Senate did no better during the remainder of the special session than it had done, it ought to adjourn immediately and go home.

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