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A Benton County Man, Who Is Charged with a Serious Crime, Denies His Guilt.

A Fly-Wheel Bursts and Tears Big Holes in a Building—Sensational Scene in a City Council, Growing Out of White Cap Warnings.

James McKenney Charged with Having Committed a Revolting Crime.

LAFAYETTE, Dec. 18.—A man named James McKenney was this morning arrested at Clark's Hill, Tippecanoe county, and lodged in jail here, to await the arrival of officers from Benton county. A twelve-year-old daughter of a farmer named Thompson, near Lochie, was criminally assaulted Monday, and the prisoner's arrest was made on a charge from the Benton county officers. McKenney denies all knowledge of the crime. He admits having worked for Thompson some weeks ago, and says he had some money on his pay. He gives his age as twenty-two, and says he has a wife and two children living in Clinton county. The prisoner is poorly clad, and everything else than tidy in appearance. Yesterday afternoon the officers arrested a man on a telegraphed description, but he demonstrated that he was not the man wanted, and was released. He was the agent for a St. Louis house, and was indignant at his arrest.

Burglaries at Rossville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ROSVILLE, Dec. 18.—Four stores were broken into here last night. At A. A. Clark's grocery, on Plank street, the thieves secured \$6.30 in cash, two and a half boxes of cigars, and quite an amount of tobacco. At Melling's & Seiger's meat and grocery they got a silver watch. At C. M. Shigley's hardware store they took three revolvers, a number of pocket-knives, and several pairs of scissors. At Smith & Smith's clothing store they took a suit of \$12 clothes, a pair of pants, and several coats. Entrance was effected in each case by prying the doors open with chisels. The burglars also broke into a store at Oswego.

A Bursting Fly-Wheel Does Much Damage.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTFORD CITY, Dec. 18.—About 9 o'clock this morning an expansive accident occurred at the works of the Hartford Pulp Company. On account of the governor refusing to work, control was lost of one large engine, the speed becoming so great that the large fly-wheel burst. One large piece tore a hole through the stone wall of the building, landing five hundred feet away. Another piece tore a hole in the iron roof, and destroyed considerable machinery in its flight. Mr. Reynolds, one of the proprietors, had a narrow escape from flying missiles. Loss about \$300.

A Good Gas Well.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WINCHESTER, Dec. 18.—The Rock Oil Company, of this city, has just struck a regular "gusher." It is now estimated at from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 feet per day, and is constantly increasing, and the citizens are greatly excited over the good fortune. Only two of the six already flowing wells have been needed in supplying the city with gas for fuel and private lighting purposes, so it is understood this well will be held for manufacturing purposes. It is said that a new company will shortly be formed.

Confidence Men Recognized.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TERRE HAUTE, Dec. 18.—Alexander McPherson, a rich farmer of this county, recognized in the photographs of Henry Rice and Charles Watson, under arrest at Detroit for confidence work, the men who swindled him out of \$2,000 a year ago last October. As the photographs had been found against them here, and to-day the Governor issued a requisition on the Governor of Michigan for the men. It is not yet known here if the Detroit authorities will part with their men.

Restoration of Columbus Commandery, K. T.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. COLUMBUS, Dec. 18.—The Knight Templar commandery of this city, held their annual reunion and installation of officers last night. About sixty members, with their wives, were present. The address of welcome was made by Col. J. B. Safford, grand junior warder of Indiana. A supper was served, and a number of toasts and responses were heard, after which the evening was spent in social intercourse until a late hour.

A Flattering Reception to Bishop Dwenger.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PORT WAYNE, Dec. 18.—Bishop Dwenger, of the Port Wayne diocese, arrived home this evening from a trip to Rome. His Bishop's popularity is unbounded, and all the city turned out to welcome him. All the Catholic societies paraded, and the Bishop made an address from the Cathedral, in which he said he was glad to get home.

A Brakeman's Terrible Fall.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. BHAZEL, Dec. 18.—A brakeman named McCullough fell from a flat car loaded with coal, near Coal Bluff, on the Chicago & Indiana Coal road, while the train was going at full speed last night, and was terribly bruised and shaken up. He was brought here for treatment. His home is at Goodland, Ind.

Misses Notes.

The residence of John Haines, of Rockport, was robbed Monday night of \$300. Charles Jones (colored), of Jezeronville, was waylaid at Conoverville, Clark county, on Sunday, and dangerously shot. Nearly all the available gas and oil territory on the southern border of Wabash county has been leased to foreign companies. An endeavor will be made to rebuild the Greenacres wire-mill, recently destroyed by fire, on the site of the iron-mill, lately worked by Mann.

Yesterday morning William Howard was awarded \$3,500 in the Parke county court against the Evansville & Terre Haute railroad for injuries received one year ago.

A young man named Wm. Moore is under arrest at Crawfordsville, charged with having robbed the safe of \$350 in the drug store of J. W. Robinson, at Waveland, one day last week.

Pleadings in the Hartman murder trial at Lebanon closed yesterday evening. Public sympathy is entirely with the prisoner, and great hopes are entertained for his acquittal.

At Terre Haute, yesterday, the trial of Dr. Givens, of Centerville, for the murder of a notorious character named Stewart, was continued until Jan. 2, owing to the absence of important witnesses.

A horse and buggy belonging to Morgan Quick, a farmer, was stolen from where it was hitched in Columbus, on Monday night. Mr. Quick is a member of the Horse-thief Detective Association.

Mrs. Ellen Mottweller, the woman who was so brutally butchered near New Albany at the time her husband was shot a week ago, is still alive, but cannot recover. She is insensible and realizes nothing of the tragedy.

Last Saturday night, while Marion Iddige, of Floyd township, Putnam county, was attending a Masonic lodge, his wife took her four children and left for a place unknown. No cause is assigned for her action.

A movement is on foot to petition the Legislature for the division of the Twenty-seventh circuit, composed of the counties of Wabash and Miami, on the plea that there is more business than one court can properly look after.

Reuben C. Rice, Post, G. A. R., No. 437, at Darlington, elected the following new officers last Saturday night: P. C., Thomas Kelsey; S. V. C., J. A. Marshall; J. V. C., M. M. Mose; O. D., R. P. Gilliland; surgeon, J. A. Herryman; Q. M., J. M. Hollingsworth; chaplain, M. Decker.

By the failure of an interlocking switch to work properly, a Michigan Central railroad train was derailed at the R. & O. crossing, west of Michigan City, yesterday morning. James Casey, an old and respected engineer, was fatally mangled. He was the only person injured.

Some time ago a Jeffersonville mule broke its leg, and it was given to a man to be shot. The man reduced the fracture, and after weeks of tender nursing the animal well. It had a tendency, on recovering the use of its leg was to kick its benefactor in the stomach, injuring him so severely that he may not recover.

Harrison Hogan, a wealthy Clark county farmer who has been named the "Ball Creek Terror," and who has successfully evaded arrest for two or three weeks, had another battle with Charleston deputy marshals on Sunday. He was not captured, and says he will not be taken alive.

Last summer the commissioners of Mont-

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gomery county ordered a change in the voting precincts printed in the Crawfordsville Journal, and the auditor gave it to the Review, a Democratic paper. Both papers requested payment was refused the Review. Suit was entered, and it has been decided that the bill of the Review must be paid also.

ILLINOIS.

Rev. Mead Holmes Confronted with a Suit for Slander—A Scene in the Council.

ROCKFORD, Dec. 18.—The Rev. Mead Holmes went home from the Council meeting last evening accompanied by a body-guard, to protect him from White Caps. The serious part of the matter cropped out yesterday, when a license alderman, E. W. Blaisdell, declared his intention of commencing a suit against Mr. Holmes for slander. In an interview published Saturday, Mr. Holmes, it is claimed, intimated that Mr. Blaisdell, who is his antagonist in the Council, was responsible for the White Cap letter and also the author of the letter reflecting on Holmes, in a paper printed in Chicago in the interest of the liquor-dealers. Mr. Holmes has received an enormous number of letters from all over the country, both of encouragement and condemnation of his course. He has received a quantity of papers with marked articles containing statements of all the outrages that White Caps have done in the country. He has also received a letter signed by the initials of the genuine White Caps, claiming that the first letter was bogus, and adding that if he is further molested by real White Caps will take up his cause and avenge him. In the Council, last night, Mr. Holmes caused a sensation by producing the White Cap letter and the bomb thrown at his doorstep. A resolution was introduced condemning the attack on Mr. Holmes, but it was tabled. Then Mr. Blaisdell arose in a great passion and said: "It is a base, cowardly insinuation for Mr. Holmes to place me in this light before the people of northern Illinois, who know me well, and before the people of the East. I say it is a base, cowardly insinuation, and I don't propose to associate with such a man. If he is a crank he ought not to be here. If he is a dishonest man he ought not to be here, and if he is to remain in the Council I will not attend it tomorrow." Mr. Blaisdell then seized his hat and left the Council chamber, and shortly after the board adjourned amid great confusion. At a special meeting, to which a resolution was passed expressing the belief that the White Cap business was a complete hoax, done to alarm Alderman Holmes. He opposed the resolution bitterly, insisting that the White Caps intended to do him injury. By a vote of 9 to 4 the Council requested Mr. Blaisdell to reconsider his determination to resign, and expressed the belief that he was innocent of participating in the White Cap affair as charged by Alderman Holmes. Mr. Blaisdell will begin a suit for slander against Holmes to-morrow.

Bishop Spalding's Anniversary Celebrated.

PEORIA, Dec. 18.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of Bishop Spalding's ordination to the priesthood was celebrated here to-day. All the Catholic clergy of the diocese were present. High-mass was celebrated, and at night there was a banquet. Congratulations were received from many secular sources, including the public improvement association, of which he is an active member.

Insane Through Sickness.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MARSHALL, Dec. 18.—Mrs. S. T. Ring, the wife of a leading business man of this city, has been adjudged insane, and will be sent to the asylum as soon as a place can be secured. She was a prominent and active member of the Christian Church, and was always very enthusiastic religious subjects. A recent spell of sickness unbinged her reason, her particular hallucination being that she was the mother of Christ. The case is a sad one, as she has two small children.

A Troublesome Case Disposed Of.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CASEY, Dec. 18.—In the case of the People vs. Dr. J. M. Tobias, for the destruction of J. M. Gooch's goods, the jury found the defendant guilty, and the court fixed the fine at \$250, with the costs of the suit added, and ordered the defendant to stand committed until the fine and costs were paid. This ends one of the most troublesome criminal cases ever originating in Casey.

Brief Mention.

The dry goods store of Joe S. Hobbs, Centerville, was closed on Monday on a claim of \$4,300.

Otto Martin, a twelve-year-old boy, was killed at Flora, on Monday, while playing in the railroad yards.

William Ritter, convicted at Bloomington for killing Jeff Adkins, was sentenced to five years at Joliet on Monday.

Emil Sequest, while hunting near Rock Island, on Sunday, was killed by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Jack Hickey, who completed a term at Joliet on Monday for counterfeiting, was arrested on a requisition from Tennessee.

A middle-aged man named Riser, employed in the cotton-mill in Aurora, committed suicide Monday night by taking strychnine.

Ida Vaughn, of Carmi, attempted suicide on Monday, by taking morphine, but will recover. She was despondent over a lovers' quarrel.

At Rock Island, on Monday, Robinson & LaBarbera, hatters, failed for \$3,000; assets estimated at \$6,000. William Rasmussen, a merchant tailor, assigned with liabilities, \$4,100; assets, \$3,600.

Rev. E. W. Souder has resigned the pastorate of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Carthage. He is a prominent member of the general synod, and chairman of the delegation to Pennsylvania next spring.

Six weeks ago, thirty-two boys escaped from the reform school, at Pontiac, and on Saturday night they entered the office and ran away. Twelve were recaptured, after they had burglarized a clothing store, at Flanagan, and were returned to the institution.

Among the deaths of prominent people on Monday were Rev. Jacob Schaeffle, aged sixty-three, of Aurora; Albert W. Perkins, a business man of Farmington; William R. Somers, of Urbana; Francis Taylor, aged sixty-seven, of Newburg, Sangamon county; and John Piper, of Lacon.

More Sensations from Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 18.—The Haves murder is almost forgotten to-day, while people eagerly inquire for the latest from another startling murder mystery. Last night the coroner's jury returned the verdict that the body of a man found murdered in the woods near Oxmoor, about four miles from the city. The dead body has not yet been identified, and the coroner is endeavoring to identify it as a sensational mystery as the Haves murder. The murdered man was about thirty-five years of age, well dressed, and was evidently a gentleman in every respect. The body has been at the undertaking rooms in the city all day, and was seen by hundreds of people, but none had ever seen the face before. The man was about five feet tall, his head being beaten into a pulp with a heavy iron bar. Robbery was undoubtedly the motive for the crime, but there is no clue to the murderer.

With the discovery of this body came the news of another man missing, and his friends suppose he too has been murdered. John Mansford, a farmer living several miles in the country, came to the city last Saturday, and another sensational mystery was created. He had been gone for assistance, and on their return they found Robert's coat with a hole in it and his gun, but no traces of Robert.

Ann Odella Again at Liberty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Ann Odella Solomon Dies De Bar, better known as "The Spook Princess," was released from the Blackwell's island penitentiary this morning, after six months imprisonment for swindling. Her lawyer, W. Marsh, the lawyer, out of considerable property by means of spiritualistic imposture. She being paid 250 pounds upon leaving the prison, having gained 29 pounds during her incarceration.

Trouble Near Jackson, Tenn.

JACKSON, Tenn., Dec. 18.—A desperate fight between negroes and white men took place in one of the districts of this county, Friday last. Will Hicks, a negro, sued Peter Brown, a white man, while Mary Brown, daughter of defendant, was or the witness-stand, Hicks questioned her in a very insulting manner, and

THE RIOTING AT WAHALAK

The Latest Information Shows that but Three Men, All White, Were Killed.

The Posse Was Not Acting Under Legal Authority in Attempting the Arrests—The Property of the Negroes Destroyed.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Dec. 18.—A number of telegrams were received here yesterday morning, stating that a riot had occurred at Wahalak, Kemper county, fifty miles north of Meridian, and that Holly Morton, of this place, had been killed. A party of twenty men was at once organized and left for the scene on a regular passenger train. Subsequently another party of forty was raised and left on a special train, a number of wild rumors were in circulation, to the effect that the posse from this city had had a fight with negroes and that several of them had been wounded. These rumors were set aside by the arrival of the posse on a regular mail train last night. They reported that the riot was quiet at Wahalak, and that their presence was not required there. They told the following story of the riot: Last Thursday a son of G. F. Nicholson, a prominent farmer of Kemper county, was driving along a road, when he met a negro desperado named Maury, driving in the opposite direction. Young Nicholson's vehicle, by accident, came in collision with that of the negro, who kept in the middle of the road as if determined to drive the boy out. The negro cursed the youth, when Mr. Nicholson appeared and interfered. The negro thereupon drew a revolver, but instead of firing, closed with Nicholson and knocked him senseless with the pistol. The negro then fled. The following day Mr. Nicholson told his friends of the negro's assault, and on Saturday it was determined to organize a posse and arrest the marauder. Information of this determination of the whites reached the negroes in some way. It is said that two white men gathered a party of negroes together at church, Sunday night, and after haranguing them, organized a force of ten to resist any attempt to arrest Maury, or an attack on his home. These whites are known to the people of Wahalak, but their names cannot be learned. It is the settled determination to lynch them when found, and the people here are all in a state of excitement. It will be the proper time to make their names known.

The negro force raised by the two white men was Maury's posse, and the church meeting adjourned, and concealed themselves in the smoke-house and cotton-houses. Very soon after this the posse of white men came to the door, and the front of Maury's house. Four of them walked up to the house, but found it deserted. They then went to the smoke-house, where they found three negroes, and one of them was named Maury. The whites were seriously wounded by buckshot in the left arm, neck and shoulder, and another man's name was wounded in the hand. This volley came from the cotton-house, and was promptly returned by the negroes, but the negroes being behind a plank wall, did not do any injury. The whites soon discovered that they were fighting at a great disadvantage, and moved around the north side of the structure. Here they received another volley, resulting in the instant death of Henry Maury and the wounding of his brother, J. P. Maury. 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