buck saw-frame; Christopher C. Sharp, Indianapolis, pessary; Silas T. Yount, Lafayette, speculum.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGBON, Dec. 26.—The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the First National Bank of Johnson City, Tenn., to begin business, with a capital of $50,000.

Miss Mary J. Armstrong, of Indianapolis, has been transferred from the Patent Office, where she received $720 per annum, to the Pension Office, where her salary will be $900.

The President has granted a pardon in the case of Bishop A. A. Kimball, convicted at the September term of the First District Court of Utah of adultery and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment. The President's action in this case is based upon representations that the prisoner is in an advanced stage of consumption, and that he would not long survive in his present surroundings.

BUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS.

The Closing of the Red Cloud National Bank—Another Nebraska Concern Assigns.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 26.—The closing of the doors of the Red Cloud National Bank in this city caused great excitement among the people. It seems that the bank has been financially troubled for some weeks. The principal ownership of the bank was recently changed; an attempt was made to create a run on the bank, and had it not been for private aid it would have had to close its doors the next day after the change took place. This alone has been the means of injury to the concern, but everything seemed to be moving along nicely until Saturdry evening, when the bank officials, after a hasty examination of the affairs of the bank, refused to pay their checks. This was not decided upon, however, until numerous protests of paper had been made at different points over the country. The bank paid checks and received money up to 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. As nearly as can be learned the bank owes its depositors about $20,000, and it is understood that they have other liabilities amounting to something like $50,000, but it is impossible to get the facts, as National Bank Examiner Griffith is now in charge of the concern. It is reported that he has found the assets to be largely in excess of liabilities, and advises the officers to open the bank as soon as they get the consent of the Comptroller of the Currency to do so. The bank was capitalized for $50,000. The principal creditors are reported to be at Kansas City. Close times and a failure to collect outstanding paper are the principal causes of the failure.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26.—W. C. Kaye, a wholesale boot and shoe dealer doing business on Main street, as W. C. Kaye & Co., made an assignment this morning. He estimates his liabilities at $50,000, but would give no figure on his assets, which are much smaller.

W. C. Comstock, until lately the lessee of the Mammoth Cave Hotel, made an assignment this morning. His assignee gives no figures as to either his assets or liabilities, but both are thought to be large.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Executions were issued to-day against Robert C. Totten, of the firm of Totten & Co., iron founders and machinery, for $114,000. The cause of the embarrassment is not known. It is claimed that it would not affect the firm.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Dec. 26.—The Sherman County Bank assigned this morning to the sheriff. Cashier M. A. Thies has been absent for some time. E. E. Whaley, president, is on the ground.

CLARKE, Neb., Dec. 26.—The banking house of W. R. Morse closed its doors Saturday. Liabilities are placed at $80,000; no assets.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

At Navarre, O., yesterday, a boy named Wm. Harmon was accidently shot and killed while hunting.

At Alma, Ark., Tuesday, George Keys, while carelessly handling a pistol, accidentally shot and killed Doc Chambers, a farmer.

At Saugerties, N. Y., yesterday, a woman named Stevens was found dead in her room. Her death was due to exposure and starvation.

C. T. Reynolds, of the firm of C. T. Reynolds & Co., of New York, large dealers in paints, was yesterday declared insane. He imagines that parts of his anatomy are missing.

Robert Hull, of Lynchburg, Va., a fireman on the Norfolk & Western railroad, and a brother of Allen Hull, general passenger agent of the same road, committed suicide, Tuesday night, by taking laudanum.

The leather trust formed by the manufacturers of Newark, N. J., last summer, framed a price list. This list has been suspended, and the patent-leather men now see a way to dispose of their surplus stock.

During a drunken row at Leisenring, Pa., Tuesday, George and Peter Mateillo, brothers, threw Mrs. Dubosh, with whom them boarded, down the stairs and broke her neck. The murderers have not yet been arrested.

Mme. Gaston De Fontilliat, nee Mimi Smith, a sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, has joined the Catholic Church. Her husband is a French nobleman. She made her first communion in New York city at the Christmas midnight mass.

Mrs. Mary Kennard, one of the victims of the railroad collision, at Bardstown Junction, Ky., last Monday, died yesterday morning. It was thought she would certainly recover, but she took a sudden turn for the worse, and soon expired. She resided in Louisville.

By an explosion at the top mill, at Wheeling, W. Va., yesterday, caused by a cinder coming in contact with water, Wm. Mears and Henry Newhaus were badly burned about the head and body, and Wm. Miles terribly burned on the face and body, and had both eyes destroyed. He will probably die.

Governor Hill has ordered an extraordinary term of Oyer and Terminer to be held in New York city, Judge Daniels presiding, and to continue until the criminal business is cleared up in New York city. It is understood that this court is ordered for the purpose of trying the "boodle" aldermen.

A small grocery store on South State street, Chicago, was destroyed by an incendiary fire yesterday, and an unknown man, supposed to have been a burglar, was burned to death. A barrel of oil in the front part of the store exploded during the fire, and a man named Frank Polo, who was standing outside the store, was fatally burned.

John Peabody, jr., teller in the Merchants and Mechanics' Bank, at Columbus, Ga., committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the head. No cause for the deed is known. His accounts at the bank are absolutely correct. He was twenty-eight years of age, and a son of the Hon. John Peabody, one of the most prominent men in Georgia.

A Boy Forger's Confession.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Charles Tinkler, the boy of nineteen who, in September last, forged three checks for $5,000 each on three banks with which his employers, the Bodman Tobacco warehouse, had accounts, and who afterwards went to London, where he was arrested to-day, made a confession of his guilt. He accuses William Hopkins of instigating him to the crime, and says Hopkins met him on the street and received the money, and a day or two afterwards gave him the money at the Latonia race-track, all but $1,500. It was planned that they should both go to Europe, but Hopkins only went as far as New York, where he changed his mind. It is a singular fact that Tinkler's whereabouts were discovered and his arrest made possible by a letter which he wrote from London to Hopkins. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Hopkins as an accessory, and the way seems clear for both to go to Columbus penitentiary.

The Contest in the Fifth Maryland District.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Mr. Sydney E. Mudd, Republican candidate for Congress in the Fifth Maryland district, has, through his counsel, sent notice to the Hon. Barnes Compton that he will contest his seat in Congress. He alleges that the official certificates and statements, made out as soon as the ballots were counted, gave Mr. Mudd a plurality of two votes. He summarizes a list of omissions or inaccuracies in many of the election districts and precincts. These, with a claim that about one hundred and seventy-five votes for Mudd were intimidated from voting in the first precinct of the Third election district in Anne Arundel, he says, show that Mr. Mudd had really about two hundred and twelve majority.

Charles Hopkins Under Arrest.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 26.—Charles Hopkins, son of Ben Hopkins, of the late Fidelity Bank, was arrested, to-night, for negotiating one of Charles Tinkler's forged checks. The check in question is on the Citizens' Bank. Young Hopkins's bail is fixed at $15,000, and he is now in jail in default of it. Charles Tinkler is out in a confession that young Wm. Hopkins was a participant in his crime of forgery, and suggested it to him, and told him how to go about it, in addition to aiding otherwise.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

White Caps Take a Cloverdale Man from His Home and Threaten to Whip Him.

The Indicted Crawford County Night-Riders—Mrs. Motweiler's Peculiar Case—Negro Murdered—Christmas Casualties.

INDIANA.

A Christmas Visit of White Caps to a Putnam County Man's Home.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CLOVERDALE, Dec. 26.—A band of White Caps was recently organized in this locality, and they selected Christmas night as the date of their first act. At 9 o'clock, before the festivities of the day had been concluded, a delegation of about thirty men were seen to enter this place and proceed to the residence of a prominent citizen, whose name is withheld through respect for himself and family. The only masks worn by them were long white caps, reaching down to the shoulders. They were thoroughly organized, and every member seemed to know his duty and place perfectly. When they arrived at the residence of their victim quite a crowd had been attracted to the scene, but, perhaps, through terror, no effort was made to disperse them. They entered unceremoniously, and procuring their victim, amid much confusion and lamentation from members of his family, they proceeded to an old house in the outskirts of town, and posting sentinels with loaded guns, they went through the formula of a trial. Conviction of cruelty to his family was the verdict, but perhaps through this being their first visit, he was released with a reprimand, and warned to desist from further cruelty under penalty of fifty lashes on the bare back. The victim is a moral, upright citizen, and the deed is condemned by all law-loving and law-abidiug citizens. The people say if this is a sample of the White Cap administration of justice in southern Indiana and Ohio, they want none of it here, and that their motto will be, "Death to the White Caps."

The Crawford County White Cap Cases.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 26.—The cases of the indicted Crawford county White Caps were called for trial to-day, and will occupy the attention of the court for some time. The indicted persons are Louis Jobe, of Marietta, a mail-carrier, J. R. Rawlings, peace justice, of Marietta, and James L. Lynch, Samuel Bett, Daniel Vest, Reuben Robertson, Charles Miller, Floyd Morgan, William Wiseman, Charles Morgan, farmers, and Williams Gregory, who was so badly shot by Davis, at Marietta, recently. The complainants are Mrs. Clementina Wiseman and Mrs. Nancy Anthony, who were whipped by the lawless gang in July last. Afterward the same gang attempted to whip Morris Moreland, but he had been warned and prepared an ambuscade, resulting in several of his assailants being wounded and leading to their identification. Altogether over thirty men and women were tortured by the marauders. In February last, Lafe Findley, John F. Wright and William Wright were indicted and arrested for whipping Nicholas Kirch, an old German, whom they afterward threw into the river, but he was rescued from drowning by other parties. All these defendants escaped from jail at Leavenworth, but Findley and William Wright returned in time, and in August last, while intoxicated in Washington county, were run down and killed by a railway train. Messrs. Funk & Funk, of Corydon, are the prosecutors for the State, while Hon. Charles L. Jewett, of New Albany, has been employed by the defendants.

Mrs. Motweiler's Remarkable Recovery.

New Albany Special.

One of the most remarkable recoveries from terrible and supposed fatal wounds is that of Mrs. Ellen Motweiler, whose residence is five miles west of this city, and who was murderously assaulted on the 9th inst. by William Benson with a hatchet. The would-be double murderer, after shooting Mrs. Motweiler's husband, Jacob Motweiler, to death, with a rifle, attacked Mrs. Motweiler from behind as she sat milking a cow, striking her behind the right ear with the poll of the hatchet and then in the right temple with the side of the deadly implement, causing a fracture of the skull from the temple to the base of the skull, and then beating her over the neck and shoulders with the hatchet. She is, strangely enough, recovering. She has regained consciousness, and, to-day, for the first time, was told of her husband's murder. Considering her weakened condition, she received the news with extraordinary composure, saying she remembers seeing young Benson coming toward her on the evening of the tragedy, but has no recollection of his striking her, as he slipped up behind her and struck her unobserved.

The fracture in the skull is a frightful one, running from the right temple to the top of the head, and then extending downward to the extreme base of the skull. Her recovery is no longer doubted by her surgeon. She finds a difficulty in articulation from the blows on the side of the neck near the throat and the subsequent contraction of the muscles.

Editors Fined for Publishing Lottery Ads.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Dec. 26.—The indictments returned by the last grand jury created a commotion among certain persons to-day. Last evening the Argus-News said that "some surprises were in store for certain parties when these indictments were served," and this morning the editors of that paper were among those "surprised." An indictment had been returned against S. M. Coffman and W. E. Rosebro, the editors, for publishing the advertisement of the Louisiana Lottery in their paper. This paper has, for about one year, published at various times said advertisement, and also extracts from papers telling how some "poor devil" had been made suddenly rich by investing in these lottery schemes. The editors were taken before Judge Snyder, and both pleaded guilty, and the fines and costs amounted to $35.85. There were also several saloon-keepers and gamblers among the men indicted by the grand jury, and they were also fined, with costs.

Escape of Prisoners from the Lafayette Jail.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Dec. 26.—When the sheriff opened up the county jail this morning he found that six of the inmates of the night before were not there. An investigation showed that they had cut through the stone wall in the cell, sawed off the large iron bars forming the overhead grating, had cut a hole through the roof and lowered themselves to the jail-yard by means of ladders made from thin mattresses. The sheriff is much mortified at the escape, the more so that only last week another prisoner succeeded in passing the jailer, and has not been captured. The escaped men were Dave Daily, Harry Lowe and Andy O'Brien, charged with highway robbery; Patrick Ryan, in for stealing clothes; John Moore and John Matson, held for till-tapping and larceny. A reward of $25 each is offered for their capture.

The Building Association Swindle.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 26.—A few weeks ago J. A. Warner, of Kokomo, made his appearance here and organized a branch of the fraudulent Columbia Building and Loan Association, of Chicago. Stock to the amount of about $50,000 was taken, and the first assessment of $155 was remitted to the company's headquarters at Chicago. This sum is a total loss. The treasurer of the branch here has $125 on hand, which will be returned to the members.

Eleven thousand five hundred dollars is the amount to which Frankfort is interested in the Columbia Building and Loan Association, of which W. F. Shaw, of Chicago, is manager. F. S. Hurst went there in August and established an agency.

Work of a Law and Order League.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Dec. 26.—The Elkhart Law and Order League continues its work of wholesale arrests of law violaters on evidence furnished by detectives. To-day the league caused the arrest of two lewd women, who were brought to the Goshen jail by the sheriff. The saloon-keepers have organized for self-protection. In some instances the latter claim that liquor is procured from them, after legal hours, by the detectives, who represent that it is urgently needed for sick persons, by which means they are induced to violate the law. Detectives were employed in this city, yesterday, for discovering violators of the law, but thus far are unsuccessful.

Killed at a Negro Ball.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Dec. 26.—Spencer Bryant, colored, was killed, last night, at a negro ball in this place, his slayer being Joe Caxton, also colored. Dancing was going on, when a pistol shot was heard, and then another. A man who was standing next to Bryant at the time says he heard no quarrel, and the first he knew of the matter was hearing the shot, and seeing Caxton holding Bryant by the collar and using the pistol at short range. The victim died instantly. Caxton made his escape to the Kentucky side of the river, where he was captured early this morning. He says he was attacked suddenly by several men at the ball, and fired in self-defense.

Took Nearly an Ounce of Carbolic Acid.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LEBANON, Dec. 26.—Evan Newman, a book agent, and married, attempted suicide last night by taking the greater portion of an ounce of carbolic acid. He lay in a pitiful condition all night, but is still alive. The doctors think he will recover.

Street Railway for Goshen.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Dec. 26.—The Goshen Street-railway Company was organized to-day with a capital stock of $20,000, and Hon. A. F. Wilden, a capitalist, at the head. The company will petition the Council next Monday evening for a franchise, agreeing to construct and equip three miles of track by May 1.

Minor Notes.

The capture of a thirty-four-pound German carp in a lake is a fishy story from Ligonier.

The Roann Clarion, a Wabash county paper, has been sold to Lewis M. Spotts, of Rochester.

"Jack the Ripper" is the signature to threatening letters received by certain women in LaPorte.

An unknown man, arrested and jailed at Mt. Vernon for being intoxicated, was found dead in his cell on Tuesday morning.

A family Christmas tree in the residence of George Bliss, at Bushnell, caught fire and damaged the house to the extent of $500.

A reunion of the Zion family, on Tuesday, at the residence of Mrs. Amelia Zion, who is the oldest resident of Lebanon, was a pleasant event.

Mrs. Christa Lefler, of Fort Branch, was killed by a train on Monday night. She made no attempt to step out of the way, and it is thought she committed suicide.

Thomas Nieman, of Sunman, was found dead in bed on Christmas morning, heart disease being the cause. His twin sister died about the same hour six years ago and on the same day.

Rebecca J. Montgomery died at Greensburg, yesterday, after several years of suffering from a dislocated thigh. She was fifty-five years old and well known in church and philanthropic work.

Dr. S. T. Quick, a leading physician of Edinburg, has given a deed of trust for all his property for the benefit of his creditors, to A. W. Winterberg. His indorsement of paper for a brother-in-law who failed rendered this step necessary.

Louis Walker, aged fifteen, of New Albany, was in the habit of carrying a pistol in his vest pocket, with the hammer up. On Tuesday the pistol went off, and the ball is now lurking somewhere in his abdomen, beyond the reach of the surgeon.

On last Tuesday the annual reunion of Company B, One-hundred-and-twentieth Regiment, was held at the home of Dr. J. F. French, near Pittsboro. About twenty members of the company were in attendance. Next year the reunion will be held at the home of comrade Thompson, near Veedersburg.

"Buck" Stanley, a Logansport detective, was severely beaten on Christmas while trying to arrest a saloon-keeper for violating the liquor law. His assailant was George Parrish, a burly one-legged man, who felled Stanley to the floor with a heavy cane and then jumped on him.

Taxes are becoming high in Sullivan county, and, it is charged, the Democratic Board of Commissioners are doing all they can to increase the burden by violating the bridge-building law and pushing through other schemes of doubtful utility. The new member of the board has entered a vigorous protest against the present method of doing business.

ILLINOIS.

Two Men Fatally Burned While Impersonating Santa Claus at Church Festivals.

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—John M. Stilwell was impersonating Santa Claus at a church festival yesterday, when his costume caught fire from a candle and he was fatally burned. There was quite a panic in the church, several women and children being badly bruised in the scramble for the door.

DANVILLE, Dec. 26.—Yesterday F. W. Smith dressed himself as Santa Claus, making a liberal use of cotton batting and then incautiously set to work to light the Christmas tree. The cotton took fire and Smith was so horribly burned that recovery is impossible.

Fell Under the Car Wheels.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARSHALL, Dec. 26.—A young man by the name of Roehlk, living in St. Charles, was today run over by a freight train on the Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago line, falling under the wheels as he was attempting to jump on. His right leg was cut off and had to be amputated at the thigh. He cannot live.

Brief Mention.

The Rev. Father Berry, of Ivesdale, has been assigned the pastorate of the new Catholic church in Monticello. The Rev. Father Draney goes to Tolono.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Myers, of Effingham, celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas. Both are in their seventieth year, and have resided in Effingham county forty-three years.

A balloon which fell near Moweaqua, on Tuesday is nearly sixty feet in circumference and is made of a fine quality of silk. In the balloon was the well-dressed dummy of a man marked with the name of a well-known minstrel company.

Mrs. S. T. Ring, of Marshall, who was recently adjudged insane, was taken to the asylum at Anna, on Tuesday, she having become so violent that restraint was necessary. She is the wife of S. T. Ring, one of the leading citizens of that place.

Daniel Woods, a man about forty-five years old, committed suicide at Taylorsville on Tuesday afternoon, by taking poison. He lived in the northeastern part of Christian county, and gave as his reason that he was tired of living and wanted to die. He was single.

Miss Millissa Brown went to White county from Ohio two years ago. She was a favorite in society in her new home, and before long she married a young man named Myers. A short time afterwards he was sent to the penitentiary for forgery and his wife secured a divorce. Recently she married a man named Moody, and a few days ago he was also sent to prison for a crime. The bad outcome of the young woman's matrimonial adventures has made her a raving maniac, and she was taken to the Insane Asylum on Christmas.

Four Men Killed by Caving Earth.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 27.—A fatal accident occurred this afternoon on Fifteenth street, between Tremont and Court place, which resulted in the instant death of at least four men and the mortal wounding of two others. The Denver Gas Company had 100 men employed in excavating a ditch six feet deep along the side of and underneath the track of the cable-car line, when suddenly the track for an entire block fell, crushing the life out of and imprisoning the men underneath. Men were immediately set to work removing the fallen track, and four dead and two badly wounded have been removed. The other men escaped with more or less bruises. It is not yet known whether any more are underneath the track or not.

The dead are: Wm. Katey, aged fifty, married, large family; N. M. Wilson, married, large family; Joseph Trainors, leaves a widow; Mike Dillon, single; an unknown man, about forty years old. James McCuen was badly crushed and cannot recover.

Dr. Carver's Big Job.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 26.—Dr. Carver, in his third day's shooting broke, up to 11 P. M., 7,190 balls and missed sixty. His record for three days is 26,535 balls hit, about 2,500 below the average of 10,000 a day which will be necessary to ensure success in the attempt to break 60,000 balls in six days. To-night his physical condition is bad. His hands and arms are much swollen and he suffers great pain. It is not believed he will be able to continue shooting till the end of the week.

A Distinguished Commissioner.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 26.—Governor Marble has appointed Hon. J. G. Blaine among other commissioners to attend the centennial celebration of Washington's inauguration in New York, April 30.

Steamship News.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Wyoming, from Liverpool.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Sighted: Britannic, from New York.

THERE is more experience, time and brain work represented in the preparation of Hood's Sarsaparilla than in any other medicine. It is this which makes Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiar in its curative power, and in the remarkable cures it effects. Give it a trial.

MARBLEHEAD'S GREAT FIRE.

Thirty-Seven Buildings Burned, Involving a Loss Estimated at $800,000.

MARBLEHEAD, Mass., Dec., 26.—This place was visited by a conflagration last night that devoured the entire business portion of the town, about twelve acres. The fire was first discovered in the house furnishing store of D. B. H. Powers, on Pleasant street, about 10 o'clock. The direct cause of the fire is not known. The first warning was announced by a loud explosion of naphtha in the store. The alarm was quickly rung in, and was immediately followed by a second and third. When the firemen reached the burning building it fell with a mightly crash. It was a wooden structure and was rapidly consumed. The firemen did their best to hold the flames in check, but their efforts amounted to nothing. The buildings surrounding the structure were nothing but mere shells, and it seemed as if every where a spark fell a fire started. In fifteen minutes from the time the first alarm was rung in, the entire business porton was a sea of flames. The fire raged fiercely and the two companies were of no avail to meet the task they were called upon to perform. Assistance was summoned from Lynn, Salem and Swampscott, and these towns quickly responded. It is estimated that the loss is between $500,000 and $600,000. The entire shoe manufacturing district, the principal business of the town, was burned to the ground. Fully sixty buildings were consumed. The people were frantic, and rushed to and fro as though crazed. The flames spread with such rapidity that scarcely anything was saved. The tenants residing in the dwelling-houses were completely cleaned out, and as they stood watching their homes consumed, they presented a pitiable sight. The fire, after demolishing the buildings in which it started, swept directly across to Rechabite Hall, which was totally burned. From there it swept over toward W. B. Brown's house, which marked the limit of the fire on the western side. The wind was most fortunately light, but the roaring mass of flames swept over to F. W. and J. W. Monros's shoe factory, on the opposite side of Pleasant street. The building was a wooden structure, four stories high, and was soon burned to the ground. The shoe factory of Charles Reed, to the west, also caught and was burned to the ground. The progress of the fire was checked upon this side at that point, but it swept uncontrolled to the eastward and the flames soon reduced Paine's express office to a mass of ruins. Thus it continued. Sheds, fruit stands and small tenement houses were consumed with rapidity. It seemed as if the entire town was doomed. By this time help from Salem, Lynn and Swampscott had arrived, and this response put new life into the workers. The city was flooded with strangers from all the surrounding towns. On Pleasant street the dwelling houses of Nathan Pitman, Asa Blaney, the Boston & Maine Depot, Cole Brother's shoe factory, the horse-car station, Stacey's drug store, Jonathan Bourne's woolen factory, a large structure four stories high, and numerous small buildings were reduced to ashes. On the opposite side, Joseph Lefaver's dwelling-house, H. O. Symond's hardware store, the Grand Army Hall and the fire department headquarters, the latter a magnificent brick building; the Rialto block, C. Gregory's drug store, the Boston branch grocery store and the dry-goods store of George Graves were destroyed. On Essex street the flames destroyed Allerton Hall and the immense wooden factory of E. H. Woodbury, shoe manufacturer. Allerton Hall was occupied as a large shoe factory by Jonathan Bourne. The factory of Jacob H. Cropley & Brother, on Essex street; Peache's shoe factory, and the houses of Dennis and Jacob Pine were reduced to ruins. On Spring street the fire swept on, destroying the residence and factory of Wm. C. Lefevre. Its progress was checked at the Sewell grammar-school building. Sweeping across Spring street, the flames consumed the handsome dwelling of Dr. Whittemore. Here the flames changed their course, and sweeping into Sewell street completely destroyed everything in the rear of Pleasant street, taking everything clean upon both sides of the railroad track. The residences of Mr. Chamberlain and the late Thomas F. Crossman, Paine's livery-stables, Thomas Rix's fruit stand and numerous small buildings were burned. At 3 o'clock the fire was under control, though yet burning fiercely. This city on June 18, 1877, was visited by a fire which swept over nearly the same district. During the progress of the present fire several explosions were heard. Fully 1,000 workmen are thrown out of employment.

More reliable estimates of the total losses are $800,000. One thousand or more men are thrown out of employment, and many families rendered temporarily homeless. Thirty-seven structures in all were destroyed. Thirteen of these were dwellings, twelve were shoe factories, and twelve miscellaneous. Though the boundaries of the fire were almost identical with those of the big fire of June, 1877, the losses by last night's fire are nearly double those of the former. So quickly did the flames spread that whole blocks were ruined in less than fifteen minutes. It is now estimated that between eight and nine acres were burned over. It is strange that no lives were lost and that no serious accidents happened, as the streets were thronged with people in and around the burned district. Chas. Choate, who broke a leg by jumping from a second-story window, is the only injured person reported. The heat on all sides was so intense that curbstones were cracked and crumbled, and car rails were twisted out of shape. The water supply was inadequate. None of the manufacturers think it possible to rebuild this winter, and there is a general feeling of depression in the town.

Some of the losses, as stated by the victims themselves, in round numbers, are as follows: F. W. & J. W. Monroe, $80,000; J. M. Cropley, $80,000, insurance, $50,000; B. E. Fole, $100,000; C. A. Slee, $1,800; J. H. Orne, $15,000; R. H. Howe, $6,000; Bridges & Carroll, $10,000. The loss on Rechabite Hall is $12,000; insurance, $8,000. The charter of Philanthropic Lodge of Masons, next to the oldest in the State, was burned.

Among the companies holding risks on the burned property are: Fireman's Friend San Francisco, California, Anglo-Nevada San Francisco, Grand Rapids, Michigan, People's of Pittsburg, Traders' of Chicago, Citizens' of Cincinnati, and Fidelity of Cincinnati.

The corrected losses aggregate about $560,000, upon which there is a known insurance of $226,500. Besides the sufferers in these losses, there are a great many others who lost from $100 to $1,000 each, which will probably swell the total loss to over $600,000. It is, of course, impossible to give anything like accurate figures of the insurance, as in many cases the policies are in safes which are still in the ruins. It will be several days before they can be opened.

Other Fires.

DANVILLE, Va., Dec. 26.—At South Boston, yesterday, the large tobacco factory of J. W. Earley was burned. The factory was occupied by Norman & Evans, and contained a stock of old tobacco valued at $35,000. It was feared at one time that the whole town would be destroyed and Danville was asked for assistance, but the flames were finally extinguished.

MARLBORO, Mass., Dec. 26.—The factory in Hudson, owned by Brighton & Co., and occupied by Apley & Coffin, doing business as the Goodyear Gossamer Company, was damaged to the extent of about $10,000 by fire to-day, caused by an explosion of naphtha, and John Coleman, an engineer, was burned to death, and Daniel Hawkins seriously injured.

TIPTON, Ind., Dec. 26.—The frame barn and dwelling of Abner Roswell, eleven miles southwest of here, burned at 4 o'clock yesterday evening, causing a loss of $3,300; partly insured. The family were absent from home at the time of the fire and nothing was saved from the flames. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Horrible Charge Against a Physician.

ESCANABA, Mich., Dec. 26.—The Mirror gives the details of a horrible affair just made public. Dr. W. W. Mulliken has been practicing medicine here for many years. It transpires that during nearly all that time he has been debauching children, many of them as young as ten years. Several times the fact of his infamy was made known to the parents of his victims, but they, after threatening the wretch, would let the matter drop to prevent a scandal. Last February two little school children quarreled and one accused the other of frequenting Dr. Mulliken's office for immoral purposes. An attempt was made to use this against Mulliken, but tangible evidence could not be procured. In June last a similar experience was had, but on Thanksgiving day the fences in the vicinity of Dr. Mulliken's office contained a number of serious charges against the physician and the people awakened to the fact that something must be done. An investigation was set on foot and the evidence against Mulliken was of so pronounced a character that the accused was arrested and put under $1,000 bonds for a hearing. He disappeared, and his bondsmen will be called upon to settle. It is charged that no less than forty children have suffered from Mulliken's brutality.

Death from Hydrophobia.

LOGAN, O., Dec. 26.—William Westenberger died yesterday of hydrophobia, after almost untold suffering for twenty-four hours, having spasms almost continually during that time. Monday night the physicians put him in a straight-jacket, which, in his ravings, he soon tore to pieces. It took four or five strong men to hold him when attacked by a convulsion.

THE LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONS.

McAuliffe Defeats Hyams, the English Pugilist, Knocking Him Out in the Ninth Round.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Jake Hyams, the English light-weight champion, was knocked out in the ninth round, to-night, by Jack McAuliffe, the American champion. The fight was for ten rounds, Marquis of Queensberry rules, the winner to take 65 per cent. of the gate receipts and the loser 35. Palace Rink, in the eastern district of the city, was the scene of the contest, and long before 7 o'clock the hall was jammed. At least 5,000 people were present, and as the seating capacity of the rink is but 3,000, there was a terrible crush. Near the end of the fight, when Hyams was staggering around the ring, trying to evade McAuliffe's blows, the railing of the gallery broke, throwing about twenty-five people down to the floor below. Nearly all of them received injuries, and one of them is seriously injured, receiving a terrible gash in the temple.

Bouts between several boxers and wrestlers preceded the event of the evening, which did not begin until 10:20 o'clock. Hyams weighed 139 pounds, having the advantage of McAuliffe by four pounds, and standing one and one-half inch higher. Dave Holland was referee. Jack Dempsey and Johnny Ecknardt held the watches. Bob Smith and Alf Powers looked after Hyams. Billy Madden and Bob Drew being behind the American. Six-ounce gloves were used.

In the first round McAuliffe led for Hyams's neck, repeating it twice before Hyams recovered himself. The latter got in several light blows, but got in a corner, and before he could escape got two blows in the face. Light sparring ended the round.

In the second round, McAuliffe led again for Hyams's face, and hit him two or three times in rapid succession. Hyams took his turn and slapped the American boy three times on the head before he could recover from his astonishment. McAuliffe got riled, and with a terrific left-hander on Hyams's face, knocked him down squarely. The fighting at this point was heavy, the exchange of blows being rapid and about evenly divided. McAuliffe landed on Hymas's chest before the round closed.

The third round started with light exchanges. Hyams ducked with some success at first, but McAuliffe measured him in a little while and got in good blows when his opponent's face came up. Furious fighting ensued before time was called, McAuliffe's blows being strong and straight from the shoulder, while Hyams's efforts did not seem to do any harm.

In the fourth round the American champion's upper cuts and terrific left-handers began to tell, and Hyams began to show signs of distress.

In the fifth round McAuliffe gained first blood by a straight left-hander on the Englishman's nose. Heavy work was done by both men.

In the sixth round the repeated ducking indulged in by Hyams gave McAuliffe several opportunities to get in telling blows, and when the round ended the former was bleeding profusely and became somewhat groggy.

McAuliffe, in the seventh round, started in wickedly with two or three blows, which Hyams feebly returned.

The eighth started in lively, McAuliffe trying to knock his man out. He knocked him down with a terrific left-handed blow full in the face and repeated the dose no least than six times, flooring his opponent with strong blows every time he could manage to get on his feet. The scene at this time was one of wild excitement. Captain Short here stepped upon the stage, before time was called, and stopped the fight. He was prevailed upon, however, to let the fight proceed.

The ninth round started with Hyams very unsteady and groggy. He could not avoid McAuliffe's strong blows, and after two or three more knock-downs he was felled with an upper-cut that laid him out on the floor unconscious.

The fight was then awarded to McAuliffe, who showed little signs of punishment. Hyams made a game and plucky fight, but he was clearly over-matched. Hyams is a lithe and active young fellow of about twenty-three years, and has fought many battles in the old country, notably one with Jem Carney, which lasted nearly three hours.

OBITUARY.

Loris Melikoff, a Famous General, Prominent in Russian History.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Nice reports the death of Gen. Loris Melikoff, the famous Russian officer. He was sixty-four years old.

Loris Melikoff was born at Moscow in 1824. He was the son of an Armenian merchant, and made his studies in the Lazareff Institute in his native city, in leaving which he embraced the military career. He left college at an early age, with the reputation of an excellent mathematician, and a good scholar in history and languages. At the age of twenty he spoke most fluently Russian, Polish, French, German, Armenian, Persian and Tartar. His military career was quite a brilliant one, some of his victories, such as the battle of Aladja Dagh and the storming of Kars, being among the most brilliant feats of arms in Russian annals. After the close of the war with the Turks Loris Melikoff sank into comparative obscurity. The next occasion in which he came prominently before the public was during the time of the plague in southern Russia. This soldier of fortune was appointed to arrest the spread of the disease, as if the latter were a mere regiment of Turks. Melikoff succeeded in the difficult task by employing a series of Draconic measures, the lawfulness of which might be discussed, but not their efficiency. He acquired in popular opinion a reputation similar to that acquired by Mouravieff during the insurrection of Poland, in 1863—the reputation of a man who, in the execution of his task, disregards all other considerations. Such reputation he still enjoyed when the explosion of the Winter Palace occurred. A man of iron was needed to protect the order of the state and society. A supreme executive commission was appointed for the purpose, at the head of which Loris Melikoff was placed, with full power to select the members of the commission from whatever quarters he wished. He was invested with the rights of commander-in-chief of St. Petersburg and the adjacent district, and further with the direct control over all political trials held in the capital, the military district of St. Petersburg and throughout the empire. All the local authorities, governors, governors-general and town commanders were placed under the jurisdiction of the chief of the executive commission, and all the employes in the various departments were bound to afford him their entire co-operation.

The first act of the General in assuming office was the issue of a proclamation by which he declared that he would not hesitate on one hand to take the most stringent measures for the punishment of criminal acts, while endeavoring on the other to tranquillize and protect the well-intentioned part of society. The most immediate effect this proclamation produced was an attempt on the life of the man who had issued it. On March 2, 1880, General Melikoff had been out driving and was returning about 2 o'clock P. M. to his home in the Grand Morskaia, opposite the Protestant Church. He had scarcely left his carriage when a well-dressed young man who was loitering in front of the building drew a revolver and deliberately leveled it at the General. The ball passed through the folds of his military cloak and the tunic, and fortunately left him unhurt. Melikoff owed his safety to the habit of wearing a number of flannels one above the other. A very spare man, by no means of robust constitution, very susceptible to changes of temperature, somewhat hypochondriac on the score of his health, he had tried in the Caucasus every preservative against cold. This flannel padding had proved to be the only wholesome remedy against the complaint, and he had adopted it. On this occasion it proved as good as a coat of mail. The assassin took to flight, but stumbled over a child and was promptly seized by his intended victim, who never for a moment lost his presence of mind. The criminal was a converted Jew from the government of Minsk, Hypolite Joseph Wladetski by name, who declared that he had made the attempt on principle, not for personal revenge. He was tried, sentenced to death and executed within forty-eight hours from his murderous attempt.

Having the full confidence of Alexander III, Loris Melikeff retained his great power up to the time of his death.

John B. Holmes, P. H. LL. B.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAPORTE, Ind., Dec. 26.—John B. Holmes, P. H. LL. B., principal and founder of Holmes & Whitner's Business and Short-hand College, of this city, died on Monday night, after a day's illness of neuralgia of the stomach. He will be buried on Friday.

John B. Holmes was one of LaPorte's most beloved and enterprising citizens. He had been prominently identified with educational and newspaper and magazine work, both in the East and in Chicago. He was an editorial writer on the Chicago Republican, now the Inter Ocean, the Western Rural and other publications. He was also proprietor of Holmes's isl- and summer resort at Pine lake, and had many friends among the Indianapolis people who spend their summers there. Many successful business men in Chicago and elsewhere owe their position to his instructions.

Other Deaths.

DAYTON, O., Dec. 26.—Charles Chamberlain, a native of Montrose, N. Y., agent here for several years of the Erie fast-freight line, died this morning of typhoid fever. He was an active member of the Reed Commandery, Knights Templars.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Hon. H. Bergman Smith, ex-Congressman, ex Justice of the Supreme Court, and father of the present Justice W. L. Smith, died at his home in this city this morning. He was sixty-two years old.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Mr. Richard B. Hopple, a well-known capitalist, died to-day at the Grand Hotel, from typhoid fever. He was seventy-two years old.

NAPLES, Dec. 26.—Signor Mancini, formerly Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, is dead. He was seventy-