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INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

The Daily Chronicle of Happenings of Various Kinds in the Two States.

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The Careless Handling of a Gun Results in the Death of a Soldier—Hatter's Companion, Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDVILLE, Dec. 29.—A sad and fatal accident happened near Crawfordsville, yesterday afternoon. A party of about twenty men and boys started out for a hunt. Between 4 and 5 o'clock Clyde Biddle, one of the number, sighted a rabbit. He cocked both barrels of his shotgun, so as to be ready to shoot twice if necessary. The first load killed the rabbit, and he carelessly threw the gun over his shoulder. In so doing the cock of the loaded barrel caught in his coat-sleeve, causing the gun to go off, the load striking Charles Earhart in the left side of the face. The shot entered his eye, cheek, ear, and penetrated his temple. He was taken to the residence of Wayman Bestreall, and Dr. Olin, of Elmdale, summoned. Nothing could be done to save the life of Earhart, and after suffering intense pain for seven hours he died. The deceased leaves a wife and son.

Natural-Gas Display at Shelbyville. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SHELBYVILLE, Dec. 30.—The piping of natural gas to this city from the Tenant farm, two miles east of here, reached the public square on Saturday morning, and in the evening a display was given which was witnessed by hundreds of citizens. The piping of the houses and stores is now in progress, and in the next thirty days hundreds of fires will be burning. Other wells will be drilled at once, which will give the people plenty of gas for consumption in their houses, and also for the running of factories. The people are happy over the introduction of the cheap fuel, and all offices, every inducement possible for the location of manufacturing establishments here.

Lafayette Will Have Natural Gas. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Dec. 30.—The Citizens' Natural-gas company yesterday filed its written acceptance of the terms of the ordinance adopted by the Council, and proposes to bring gas in from Kempton, forty miles distant. This company recently purchased wells and territory there. Warden James Murdock, of Michigan City, is president of the company. It is estimated that it will cost \$500,000 to lay the pipes. The price is to be for ten years 50 per cent over the Indianapolis Trust schedule. Manufacturers are to be furnished at seven cents per 1,000 feet, meter measure.

Complete Destruction of the Elegant Steamer Bristol, of the Old Colony Line. NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 30.—The steamer Bristol, of the Old Colony line, was burned at her dock here, this morning, and is a total loss. She arrived from New York at 2:30 A. M., landed all her freight and her Fall River and Boston passengers, and they departed at the usual time for their destination. There were left on board the steamer only a few Newport passengers and their personal baggage. At 6:20 o'clock, just as the last passenger train was drawing out of the depot, fire was discovered on the steamer and an alarm was at once given from the company's signal on the premises. The fire started near the kitchen and spread with great rapidity, rendering futile all efforts to stop its progress. Three alarms were sounded in rapid succession. Thousands of citizens were also attracted to the spot by the brilliant illumination, the volume of fire and clouds of smoke which rose from the burning steamer. The fire apparatus on the burning steamer was brought into use as soon as the flames were discovered, and the crew worked with great vigor to save the boat, but the joinder work of the state-rooms, saloon and stairways as dry as tinder, and the wind blowing from the steamer caused a fearful rapid spread of the flames, so that before the city fire department arrived there was a mass of fire sweeping over the deck and into the cabin. Some of the passengers still on board did not understand the meaning of the first alarm, and were only roused by the cracking of the flames reaching the cabin. They were then ordered to take only a portion of their clothing, and others by crawling over the railing near to burning timber. One man, with two little children, a woman and child, who were in the cabin, was awakened by the sound of cracking flames near by, and barely escaped with his little ones, unharmed, but with their clothing in their hands. Another young man had to borrow his clothing, which to go to his home in this city. All the personal baggage of the passengers was saved. When the department arrived the upper decks and center of the steamer were a mass of fire, which could not be reached by ladders, so that it could scarcely be borne at a distance of several hundred feet. This greatly impeded the work of the firemen. The flames had gained such a headway that they could not be kept from the wharf side, where the great heat and flying sparks endangered buildings on the docks and steamers lying on the other side of the wharf, and several boats were forced to depart of the firemen to prevent them from igniting. A dozen streams were soon pouring into the flames, while others were employed in extinguishing the burning boats. Insurance, \$300,000, which covers the loss.

Other Fires. CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 30.—Fire at Sumter, yesterday, destroyed several small buildings, with their contents, and several persons were severely injured. The explosion of a keg of dynamite in one of the stores. The damage to property is about \$7,000.

BOTTINEAU, Dak., Dec. 30.—Fire, this morning, originating in McArthur Bros' drug store, destroyed the business portion of this town. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. Among the buildings destroyed was the postoffice and land-office.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The whole interior of the Illinois Leather Company's plant at 400 North Halsted street was burned out this afternoon, causing a loss of \$25,000.

Wife Murder and Suicide. NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Solomon Joseph, aged forty-seven, a traveling broker in lace and linens, shot and fatally wounded his wife, aged twenty-nine, and then shot himself dead in the street in front of their residence, 111 East Ninth street, this evening. Solomon was a drinking man, possessed of a violent temper, and was extremely jealous of his beautiful wife, who he often abused. To-night, after a quarrel with her, he went to the bathroom, and after taking a bath, he loaded his wife to go to the same. She refused, and he tried to force her into the room. She evidently feared some worse violence, and breaking away, fled to Joseph's room, where she hid. He followed her, and she, in a fit of desperation, dressed herself, ran down stairs, shot her twice in the breast and arm, and then shot herself in the head, dropping dead. Mrs. Joseph was taken to hospital, where it was expected she would survive the night. The neighbors speak highly of her, and place all the blame for her domestic unhappiness upon her husband.

Shocking Double Tragedy. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Information of a shocking tragedy comes from Craighead county, Arkansas. It appears that some days ago the wife of Wm. West, who was somewhat of a desperado, left him and went to her mother, Mrs. Mary Daley. West went to see his wife, who refused to receive him, but her mother went out on the porch, taking with her the young child of the couple, and she was shot by Mrs. Daley, charging her with being the cause of the trouble between his wife and himself. Stephen Daley was attracted to the porch by the discharge of a pistol, and fired two shots, one passing through Mrs. Daley's hand and the other striking Stephen in the face. Darry then got a repeating rifle and the two men exchanged shots. West was shot through the heart and died instantly, and Daley was hit in the eye and lived but a few hours.

Badly Burned by Exploding Powder. EVERSON, Pa., Dec. 30.—About 8 o'clock this evening fire broke out in a barn belonging to the H. C. Frick Coal Company, and four houses were destroyed. The fire was caused by the explosion of two kegs of powder in the barn. The house in which the explosion occurred was occupied by Poles. They were preparing powder for work in the mines to-morrow, when a spark from a pipe ignited the stuff, and there was a terrific explosion, and seven of the men were frightfully burned.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 30.—A tramp named Hughes was discovered in a box car on the Pennsylvania railroad, to-day, dying from hunger. Last Wednesday he secured the key to the box car, and was found with a few dollars and a pocket watch.

This lecture will be given at Aurora, Sunday evening, Jan. 6, and thereafter at other places which engage his services.

ILLINOIS. A Coon-Hunter Killed by the Falling Limb of a Tree. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ALTON, Dec. 30.—Last night, while Benj. Vandre was out in the woods coon-baiting with some of his friends, he was instantly killed and his body falling down a tree, a large limb falling upon him.

Brief Mention. Mrs. Charles Norris, of Galesburg, was killed by the car last Friday.

Michael Rozelle, owner of considerable land, aged seventy years, was found dead at his home at Deatur last Friday.

John Burk and Michael Steinbeck, while digging for coal in Galesburg on Saturday, were killed by the sides giving in.

The Rev. J. M. Belding, of Pullman, has accepted the call extended to him by the West St. Louis Presbyterian Church.

Samuel Ball, the mysteriously missing LaPorte man, has turned up in the Bridgeville, at Chicago, where he is incarcerated for petit larceny.

The Hancock County Agricultural Board has decided to join the American Trotting Association, and will arrange for some races in the near future.

Wm. Imman, jr., aged thirty and married, was drowned on Saturday, while trying to cross the Little Wabash river in a buggy, at New Haven, Gallatin county.

A confession of judgment for \$7,000 in favor of the State National Bank, was entered against Henson Robinson, one of the largest stove-dealers of Springfield, last Friday.

The pastor of the Advent Church, at Union Mills, has been tried for robbing his parishioners into an unhappy state of mind by preaching the near-coming of the end of the world.

Captain Lewis Stamps, a Mexican veteran, and Mrs. Jane Anford, were married at Shelbyville last week. The groom is thirty-six years of age, and the bride only a few years younger.

Asa Conklin and Melvin Burt, recently released from Joliet, were arrested at Deatur, on Saturday, for the burglary of the postoffice there. They went to jail in default of \$1,000 bail.

The printers, cigar-makers, carpenters, scalminers, boiler-makers, blacksmiths and plumbers of Danville are holding meetings preparatory to the formation of the Danville Federation of Trades.

Reuben Jackson, colored, fell into a vat of boiling water, at Cairo, on Saturday, and was horribly scalded from the hips down. On removal his clothes were found to be full of flesh and skin were torn from his lower limbs.

Edward Snell, a switchman in the employ of the Chicago & Alton railroad, was horribly mangled, on Saturday, by falling under an engine. His remains were scattered all about and scattered for twenty yards along the track.

The Monroe county clerk, on Saturday, issued a marriage license to Aristed Hatfield and Vina Richardson. Mr. Hatfield lives in Owensburg, and the lady lives in Benton township, Monroe county, and is about ten years his junior.

On Saturday, Henry Lewis, of Georgetown, was taken to Joliet to be tried for selling liquor without a government license, while William Howe was taken to Springfield from the neighboring town of Ridge Farm, after having confessed a similar offense. More arrests will be made.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN. Indications. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—For Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—Rain, turning into snow; stationary temperatures, falling in Illinois by slightly colder; variable winds.

For Lower Michigan and Wisconsin—Rain or snow, followed in western Wisconsin by fair; colder winds, becoming northwesterly.

Local Weather Report. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 30. Time. Bar. Ther. Rel. Humid. Wind. Weather. Clear. Partly Cloudy. Rain. Snow. Fog. Ice.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES. Policeman O'Neil, of Rochester, N. Y., who was shot by William Manley, whom he was trying to arrest for the murder of a woman, was killed.

James Machan and Nathan Glibert, aged nine and fourteen years, were yesterday skating on the bay at Toledo, O. The ice broke, precipitating the boys into the water, and both were badly damaged.

Carrie Kunkel, of Thomaston, Conn., aged sixteen, on being scolded for going skating, left home, yesterday, saying to a younger sister, "Mamma will never see me again" and has not been heard of since.

Amos J. Stillwell, of Hanibal, Mo., a wealthy merchant, was murdered by a burglar while asleep in his home at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The burglar was an Arab, named Captain Bauer, was sixty years of age, and had lived in Madison since 1876.

At Pittsburg, yesterday, John Cochran, a small boy, went into a sewer with a lighted match, and was asphyxiated by the gas. His death followed which fatally burned him and set fire to the saw-mill run railroad bridge. The flames were extinguished after the bridge had been badly damaged. Trains will be stopped till the bridge is repaired.

Managed to Get Away \$60,000. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The details of the losses supposed to have been sustained by various San Francisco and Eastern business-houses

through the mysterious departure from this city of Charles F. Merie, president of the California Bone-meal Fertilizing Company, and local agent for N. K. Fairbank & Co., the Chicago lead

will be definitely known before the meeting of the directors of the fertilizing company, which will be on Monday, but the latest estimate places the total losses at about \$60,000.

The War of the Whiskey Men. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Mr. G. W. Hicks, vice-president and general manager of the St. Paul Distilling Company, who is in this city, has been arrested by New York detectives, declared war against the St. Paul company by reducing the price of high-wines ten cents per proof gallon, and the company would not permit the price of high-wines \$1.01, which is 3 cents under the figure named by the trust. The St. Paul house, he says, is owned and operated by men of the law, and that they are not to be trifled with.

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Resignation of Chief-Justice McConnell. HELENA, Mont., Dec. 30.—N. J. McConnell, Chief-Justice of this Territory, has forwarded his resignation to President Cleveland, and the duties of the office to be performed by Judge McConnell was appointed from Tennessee about two years ago. He will probably form a law partnership with the Hon. J. H. McPherson, of Helena. His resignation is to take effect as soon as his successor can be appointed and qualify.

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DEFENDING THE SUNDAY NEWSPAPER. A Dignified Reply to the Attacks of Parson Herrick Johnson.

Portland Oregonian. We have just received a letter written by Dr. Herrick Johnson of Chicago, against the Sunday newspaper. Dr. Johnson is one of those who are intent on perpetrating the old Jewish and Christian Sabbath as a day of piety and mortification, in a game of religion, under the idea that there is something especially holy about that particular day. The world has outgrown this idea, and never will return to it. It is a right and a duty to give thanks to God and to worship him; bodies of people may properly assemble on a day or days to be set apart for that purpose, and they have a right to be secured from interruption. The only common body of people has no just right to insist on compliance with their ideas in this matter by other bodies of people. One has no right to say to another, "Thou shalt observe a day of worship in my particular manner or go Sunday to hear any set of dogmas expounded. Here is the domain of conscience and in it each man is answerable for himself."

It is useless to preach about "the sanctity of the Sabbath" in the manner in which that subject is treated by men like Dr. Herrick Johnson, because the world will not be so easily squeezed. We don't want to carry this fight to its furthest limit, but if we must go into Africa we shall not object. Our aim is to do business on business methods, with a fair return for capital invested.

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