the 1st of March to the 31st, when we had a good one. Prospect for crop improved.

Decatur—The ground was moist and favorable to germination. Growth good; looks unusually well at present date.

Hancock—Unfavorable; very dry, and germinated slowly. Has made a fair growth, the weather having been favorable for the past two weeks.

Hendricks—Fairly good. Good stand on the ground; small growth.

Jackson—Very favorable. Condition and growth good.

Jasper—Soil too dry for seeding and germination.

Madison—Favorable. Stand good, except on wet, undrained land. Growth short; has not stooled or tillered so well as usual.

Martin—Soil in fair condition. Present growth pretty good.

Sullivan—Favorable; the condition was never better. The plant is earlier than I ever saw it before. The exceedingly mild winter and fine growing weather for the past forty days has given it rapid growth. Prospect the best in twelve years.

Warren—Too dry for seeding and germination. Present condition good.

Lake—Unfavorable. It was too dry. That which was sown early and was well protected looks very well, but late sown and that which was exposed looks brown and thin.

Fountain—Weather dry, soil not in good condition; fair condition but small.

Spencer—Favorable condition and growth fine.

Knox—Favorable to seeding; condition and present growth good.

Fulton — Favorable; condition favorable; growth above average.

Adams—Very favorable. No estimate can be made of the present growth.

Bartholomew—Excellent condition for seeding. The plant started quickly and made fair growth last fall. Plant is healthy and vigorous.

Boone—It was rather dry. Growth slow and somewhat backward.

Floyd—It was never more favorable. The crop never looked more promising; the stand is good and general appearance excellent.

Gibson—Favorable; present growth rank, thick on ground, and is healthy.

Harrison—Favorable. On strong land it has spread well; fine growth.

Henry—Favorable. Good condition but the plant is small; below averge for growth.

Kosciusko—Conition of soil not favorable; rather dry; the plant is small, but in good condition and rather promising.

Marshall—Favorable from 1st to 10th of September, after that it was too dry.

Monroe—Favorable; early wheat is looking well; late not so well.

Morgan—Favorable; condition good; present growth in advance of ordinary seasons.

Owen—Favorable; above average condition; promising and fair.

Vanderburg—Favorable condition; present condition and growth fully up to average.

Putnam—Favorable; wheat got a good start, made good root; condition and appearance good; present growth fine.

Vigo—Well set and healthy growth.

Washington—Favorable; never saw wheat go through winter in better condition; has made fine growth all through winter months.

Wayne—Favorable; frequent freezing and thawing left plant in rather bad condition; many fields, however, look well.

Benton—In good condition for seeding; too dry for germination; very little snow, but a fine winter for wheat.

Clay—Condition for planting fair to good; growth good.

Wells—Unfavorable up to Oct. 1, which was late for seeding. Wheat did not make much of a growth before winter set in. The plant was damaged on clay ground. On black, well-drained soil no damage was sustained. Present condition not up to the average.

Carroll—Too dry. Plant small but in very good condition, as it has not been frozen out.

Huntington—Condition bad for sowing; too dry and very cloddy. Plant small but healthy.

Jefferson—Favorable; present condition fine.

Lawrence—Soil in good condition. Germinated all right.

Orange—Favorable. Wheat is very forward, and has made very rank growth.

Pike—Conditions good as to soil.

Warrick—Quite favorable, there being rain enough to soften the ground for breaking, and abundant moisture for germination. The winter was so mild that little, if any, of the wheat was injured. It now looks unusually thrifty.

The loss of horses by disease has not been above the average number; colic and distemper have been the principal ailments. Live stock upon farms have remained free from disease during the past year, with, perhaps, some exception as to swine. Some cholera reported, but the loss has been comparatively light. Feed has been plenty, and all farm animals are looking well. The interest in sheep-raising is reviving; the fair prices obtained for mutton sheep the past winter have had a stimulating effect upon that industry.

BUSINESS AND TAXATION.

Condition of the Former in England—Taxation in China—Agriculture in Sweden.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Consul-general Waller, at London, in a report to the Department of State, says there has been a general revival of the trade and commerce of the United Kingdom. The returns, he says, clearly show a decided improvement in both the volume and character of the business done in 1888 over the previous year, and this increased prosperity, which promises to continue, is not confined to any particular industry. It is apparently due to legitimate trade, and not to speculation. The improvement in business is especially notable in the ship-building industry.

Mr. Charles Denby, the United States minister to China, in a report to the Department of State, says the system of taxation in China presents some decided contrasts to systems in other countries. Taxes outside of Peking are paid on arable land, the tax varying with the crop-producing quality of the soil. Inside the city of Peking there is no tax on land, houses or personal property. Goods brought to the city gates pay a tax, but are exempt from taxation afterwards. The only tax on land and houses in Peking is on the sale of real estate, 10 per cent. being charged on the price obtained for the property sold. There is also a tax resembling a license fee. Outside of Peking, Chinese subjects are liable to be called on to perform certain duties whenever the Emperor passes through their districts, but this duty may be avoided by the payment of a small tax. All moneys spent on public account in Peking come from the imperial treasury, and the expenditure is not limited to funds raised by taxation within the city. The bulk of the people in Peking pay no taxes whatever. The man who owns a house and lot, and his implements of labor, enjoys his earnings without toil or deduction.

The minister closes his report with the following comment on Chinese taxation, as contrasted with the system of taxation in the United States:

How different this condition is from that in our own cities, where sometimes 3 per cent. on a high valuation is exacted for public purposes. To the absence of taxation of the body of the people may well be ascribed the permanency of the government and the tranquillity and contentment of the Chinese race. The lesson of taxation in China might be profitably studied by the civilized world, but in view of a national, State, county, township and city indebtedness, piled mountain high, the lesson must now be valueless to the United States.

Mr. Rufus Magee, the United States minister to Sweden, says there has been a decrease both in quality and quantity of agricultural products during 1888, while prices are higher than in the ten years preceding that of 1888. The enhanced price, Mr. Magee says, is due to the tariff laws enacted last winter. Minister Magee says that he has made considerable inquiry with regard to the effect of these laws on prices of food supplies and labor. The result, he says, shows that food supplies have been increased in price from 20 to 50 per cent. "There has been," adds the report, "no corresponding benefit; wages have not increased or employment been more general. The increased cost of living, with no proportionate increase in price of labor, has enforced the greatest economy with the people—a people whose habits of daily life, so far as expenditure goes, were as low as subsistence could be reduced apparently. Now, the more puzzling problem is how the poorer classes meet this additional charge. It can only be by consuming less, and this means an increase of assisted poor."

THE WASHINGTON CENTENNIAL.

Arrangements for Transporting the Presidential Party from the Capital to New York.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Mr. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania railway, was a visitor at the White House this afternoon, and completed the arrangements for transporting the presidential party to the New York centennial celebration. The President will be accompanied by Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. McKee, Miss Murphy, the members of the Cabinet, of the Supreme Court of the United States, General Schofield, the special committee of escort from New York, and other dignitaries. The special train, which will be made the personal charge of Mr. Boyd, will leave Washington at 1 A. M. Monday next. Stops will be made at Baltimore, Wilmington, Gray's Ferry, Philadelphia, Trenton and Elizabeth, arriving at the latter city at 8 A. M., where the President will be the guest of Governor Green, of New Jersey. The party will remain there until 9:30 A. M., when the cars will be taken again for Elizabethport, arriving at 10 A. M. At Elizabethport the party will embark for New York. The party will leave New York on a special train at 4 P. M. on Wednesday, and will arrive in Washington about 9 P. M.

MINOR MATTERS.

Captain Armes Takes the Stand and Testifies in His Own Behalf.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Captain Armes took the witness-stand to-day, before the Armes court-martial board, and testified in his own behalf. He said General Barnum had invited him to become a member of his staff, but that he had declined, as he expected to serve on Governor Beaver's staff. He made an application in writing for a place on Governor Beaver's staff on the 13th of February, and received an appointment, which he accepted, three days later. His name was in print on the letter-head, so that there could be no mistake about it. A few days later several gentlemen were, on his recommendation, appointed on the Governor's staff. On Feb. 27, General Hastings told the witness that his appointment was a mistake, and when the witness asked why his name had been taken from the list, General Hastings said he did not want to talk about it. Captain Armes said he then sent a letter inclosed in an advertising envelope marked "Hell in Texas," demanding a written explanation. General Hastings, in reply, wrote that the witness had not been appointed on the staff. He called at inauguration headquarters the next day, and, after some words, General Hastings lost his temper, and ordered the witness out of the office, but afterward apologized. Subsequently the witness was tendered a commission as a special aid, which brought him nearer the President. While riding alongside the Vice-president's carriage, Mr. Morton and Senator Cullom bowed to him, and he returned the salute. Captain Gibson and Captain Bourke dashed up at this instant, and "in a boisterous and drunken condition," ordered the witness out of the parade and called on the police to aid them in ejecting him. The next day he swore out a warrant against Captain Bourke and sent it to Lieutenant Guy. He informed the officer at the station-house of this, and asked him to subpœna Governor Beaver before the Governor left town. The next two days he went to the court as agreed upon at the police station, but the case was not called. After another day had elapsed he asked his brother about the case, and was told that it had been nolle prossed the day before on account of a lack of witnesses. He then went to see the Adjutant-general, and after being informed that Captain Bourke had preferred charges against him, the witness said he would send a letter preferring charges against Captain Bourke and Col. Gibson.

Indiana Pensions.

Pensions have been granted the following-named Indianians:

Original Invalid—Henry Crone, Monrovia; Benj. Crane, Indianapolis; George Jones, Winchester; Anthony Smith, Pierceton; Jesse Reavis, Alexandria; Benj. Bunch, Bloomfield; Wm. Lanham, Shelbyville; Enoch Renner, Mahalasville; Calvin Cobb, Marion; Amos Widner, Fort Wayne; George Swartz, Spiceland; John J. Mechling, Vincennes; Elijah P. Conley, Gosport; Oliver R. Daniels, Merom.

Increase—Wm. Gardner, Loota; Julius Miessen, Indianapolis; Thomas Kremez, New Albany; William F. Burgess, Stamper's Creek; Joseph Davidson, Elwood; Henry Whittkemper, Dillsboro; John M. Popham, New Goshen; Joshua R. Parrish, Decatur; Wm. H. H. Pyle, Adyville; Ormedo W. Parrish, Ontario; Abraham Swango, Boggstown; John McCafferty, Glen Dale; Palm Jackson, Mill Port; John P. Kehler, Warsaw; Isaac Lucas, Clifford; Reuben Fretz, Saline City; Christian Berger, Coal City; Stephen Horn, Angola; Hugh Mitchell, Jeffersonville; Dies N. Markee, Derby.

Reissue—Geo. F. Strong, North Vernon; Samuel Wininger, Montgomery; Jacob Kashner, Colburn; Wm. F. Crossley, Boonville; Wm. T. Davis, Columbus.

Original Widows, etc.—Samuel W., father of James R. Moore, Auburn.

Indiana Pensions.

Pensions have been granted the following-named Indianians:

Original Invalid—Jacob Huber, Bainbridge; L. Hamilton, La Porte; H. Weed, Goshen; A. J. Brown, alias A. McCann, Waterloo; Michael Sago, New Albany; R. Beggs, Sparta; William A. Smith, Milroy; M. Crombaugh, Ekin; E. C. Lafollette, Green; H. Blankenship, Huron; R. McConnaughey, Battle-ground.

Increase—James Hallett, Nebraska; John E. Bonta, Muncie; Osborn Lutes, Como; Silas Grimes, Smithville; Ruben M. Roberts, Red Oak; Dandridge Cole (navy), Elrod; Joseph Bennett, Columbus; D. Baker, Shoals; J. M. Haas, Charleston; J. Jenkins, Laconia; B. George, Scipio; Jas. C. Caveness, Stinesville; Noble R. Blackley, Henryville; Daniel Turner, Cochran; John Ryan, Elizabethtown; Lewis Hardenbrook, Hargan; Wm. E. Fox, Monticello; Joseph Douglass, Madison; Levi Karus, Parker; Wm. Ingram, Washington; J. R. Fry, Jasonville; E. Thomas, Paris Crossing; John H. Rockhold, Madison; Jas. Archibald, Knightstown; Thos. Nichols, Princetown.

Reissue and Increase—John M. Bullington, Coal Bluff; John C. North, Kirkpatrick; Ebenezer, Shields, New Corner; Jas. S. Maxwell, Portland.

Ruling as to Total Disability.

WASHINCTON, April 23.—Mr. Tanner, Commissioner of Pensions, to-day rendered an important decision in passing upon the application of John Webb, late a private in an Indiana cavalry regiment, for an increase of pension from $24 to $30 per month. Webb is receiving the former rate of pension for varicose veins of the left leg and asked for the increase on the ground that total disability in the foot now exists. In granting the increase asked for the Commissioner says in his opinion that it was not the intention of Congress, in using the words "total disability," to debar claimants for pension from the benefits of the act until the hand, foot, arm or leg is a worthless incumbrance, incapable of motion and completely useless for any purpose whatever. Hereafter, he says, total disability shall be held to exist when the affected member, by reason of wound, injury or disease, is useless in the performance of ordinary manual labor.

Commissioner of Education.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Prof. John M. Bloss, formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction for Indiana, later of the Muncie schools, now and for two years past superintendent of the schools at Topeka, Kan., is being urged by Senator Ingalls and many others for appointment to the position of Commissioner of Education. Professor Bloss has many friends in Indiana who will doubtless volunteer indorsement to the Secretary of the Interior. He is eminently fitted for the place, and by his work for the Republican party and services during the war, commands it upon personal merit. Sergeant Bloss, it will be remembered, found and delivered the famous "lost dispatch" of General Lee to General Hill, which brought on the battles of South Mountain and Antietam.

Indiana Postmasters Appointed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The following Indiana postmasters were appointed to-day:

W. R. Bryant, Ashboro, Clay county, vice J. K. Moss, removed; Chas. F. Smith, Bowling Green, Clay county, vice S. C. Bohannan, resigned; Wm. Hayward, Carbon, Clay county, vice B. H. Gallagher, removed; Jas. Price, Cardonia, Clay county, vice W. C. H. Morton, resigned; David Sammell, Corry, Clay county, vice G. F. Leborer, removed; Owen Quigley, Harmony, Clay county, vice J. E. Smythe, removed; J. B. Miller, Hope, Bartholomew county, vice L. O. Miller, removed; Jas. W. Monce, Knightsville, Clay county, vice Scott Inge, removed; Jos. B. Williams, Modoc, Randolph county, vice G. W. Hancock, removed; Jno. J. Hoffman, Holand, Clay county, vice N. B. Bartholomew, removed; L. S. Beyers, Staunton, Clay county, vice C. G. McClintock, removed; Wilson T. Conger, Sulphur Hill, Shelby county, vice J. R. Kelling, removed.

The Line of Duty.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Assistant Secretary Bussey to-day rendered a decision upon the motion for reconsideration of the claim of Jesse M. Stillwell, late of Company A, Seventieth Ohio Volunteers. The basis of the claim is injury to the back of claimant, which was incurred in the service about Dec. 24, 1863, when he was struck on the small of the back by a comrade, who, without provocation, assailed him with a stick, which greatly disabled him and still disables him. The Assistant Secretary holds that the injury was incurred in the line of duty, and is pensionable.

Yellow Fever in Florida.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Surgeon-general Hamilton, of the Marine Hospital Service, was informed to-day by the president of the board of health of Sanford, Fla., that a case of yellow fever existed in that city. Dr. Hamilton says every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and no danger is apprehended.

General Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—M. D. White, of Crawfordsville, was at the Postoffice Department to-day. He is an applicant for the postmastership at his home, and is personally pushing his application with vigor.

Ex-Congressman John E. Lamb was at the Postoffice Department to-day, visiting his old friends.

Land Commissioner Stockslager intends to renew his practice of the law at Corydon as soon as he leaves his office. His family are at their old home now.

Samuel D. Luckett, who was Mr. Stockslager's old partner, is now occupying a judicial position in the General Land Office, and will remain here after he goes out of office. He thinks of locating in Denver or some other Western city if he should leave Washington for any reason.

N. I. Throckmorton, of Indiana, was among the callers upon President Harrison to-day.

Hon. S. M. Stockslager, present Commissioner of the General Land Office, and Levi Ritter, of Indianapolis, have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

By direction of the Secretary of War, so much of Paragraph 2, special orders, No. 89, current series, as musters into service and discharges John Hart as first lieutenant, Company C, Thirty-third Indiana Infantry Volunteers, is, to correct and complete the record, altered to read captain.

Changes in the time schedule of the star mail route, extending from Hagerstown to Muncie, have been ordered as follows: Leave Hagerstown Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 P. M.; arrive at Blountsville Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 A. M.; leave Blountsville Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 6 A. M.; arrive at Muncie by 11 A. M.; leave Muncie Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 2 P. M.; arrive at Blountsville by 7 P. M.

By direction of the Secretary of War, the discharge of Oley C. Ohlson, as second lieutenant, Company M, Fourth Indiana Cavalry Volunteers, July 3, 1865, is amended to take effect June 20, 1863; he is mustered into service as first lieutenant, same company and regiment, to date June 21, 1863; mustered out and honorably discharged as first lieutenant, July 3, 1865, and he is mustered for pay in the advance grade during during the period embraced between the aforesaid dates.

To-day's bond offerings aggregated $265,000, as follows: Registered fours, $2,500, at $1.29; $500, at $1.30; registered four-and-one-halfs, $262,000, at $1.08. All of the offers were accepted except the $500 registered fours at $1.30.

The acting Comptroller of the Currency to-day authorized the First National Bank of Beaumont, Tex., and the Washington National Bank, of Tacoma, W. T., to begin business, each with a capital of $100,000.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, April 23—8 P. M.

For Indiana—Light rains, preceded in southern portions by fair; warmer; southwesterly winds, shifting during the night to colder northwesterly.

For Lower Michigan—Rain; warmer in eastern portion, colder in western portion; southerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

For Wisconsin, Illinois and Upper Michigan—Rain; winds shifting to colder northwesterly.

For Minnesota and Iowa—Fair, preceded in eastern portions by light rain; colder; northwesterly winds.

For Dakota—Fair; warmer; winds becoming variable.

Local Weather Report.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23.

Time.	Bar.	Ther.	R. H.	Wind.	Weather.	Pre.
7 A.M.	30.19	50	43	S'east	Cloudless.	.....
7 P.M.	29.97	68	31	S west	Cloudy.	.....

Maximum thermometer, 75; minimum thermometer, 43.

Following is a comparative statement of the condition of temperature and precipitation on April 23, 1889:

	Tem.	Precip.
Normal	54	0.12
Mean	59	0.00
Departure from normal	*5	—0.12
Excess or deficiency since April 1	*50	—0.78
Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1	*182	—5.06

*Plus.

General Observations.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23—7 P. M.

Station.	Br'meter	Thermomet'r Exp.	Min.	Max.	Precip'n	Weather.
New York city	30.38	48	38	56	....	Cloudless.
Buffalo, N. Y.	30 06	60	34	66	....	Cloudy.
Phil'delphia, Pa	30.36	50	50	62	....	Cloudless.
Pittsburg, Pa	30.04	70	38	74	....	Cloudless.
Wash'ton, D. C.	30.32	56	44	66	....	Cloudless.
Charleston, S.C.	30.28	62	58	70	....	Cloudless.
Atlanta, Ga.	30.22	66	58	70	....	Cloudless.
Jacks'nv'le, Fla	30.22	68	64	76	T	Cloudless.
Pensacola, Fla.	30.12	72	64	78	....	Cloudless.
M'ntg'm'ry, Ala	30.16	64	64	82	.34	Cloudy.
Vicksburg, Miss	30.04	76	60	86	....	Cloudless.
N. Orleans, La.	30.14	68	68	88	.14	Rain.
Little Rock, Ark	30.00	74	58	82	....	Cloudless.
Galveston, Tex.	30.10	72	68	78	....	Pt. Cloudy.
S. Antonio, Tex	30.06	74	60	80	....	Cloudless.
Memphis, Tenn	30.04	76	54	82	....	Cloudless.
Nashville, Tenn	30.06	72	48	82	.02	Cloudless.
Louisville, Ky.	30.00	74	48	82	....	Cloudless.
Indian'plis, Ind	29.97	68	43	75	....	Cloudy.
Cincinnati, O.	30.60	74	44	80	....	Cloudless.
Cleveland, O.	30.30	66	34	70	....	Cloudy.
Toledo, O.	29.96	56	36	70	....	Cloudy.
Marq'ette, Mich	29.76	40	36	48	.22	Rain.
S.St.Mari', Mich	29.83	42	34	46	.26	Cloudy.
Chicago, Ill.	29.82	68	46	74	....	Cloudy.
Cairo, Ill.	30.00	74	50	78	....	Cloudless.
Springfield, Ill.	29.84	68	44	74	....	Cloudy.
Milwaukee, Wis	29.68	62	46	72	....	Cloudy.
Duluth, Minn.	29.68	40	34	42	.18	Rain.
St. Paul, Minn.	29.50	58	52	68	T	Cloudy.
Moorh'd, Minn	29.88	48	48	58	.12	Cloudy.
St. Vinc'nt, Mi'n	30.02	40	36	52	T	Cloudy.
Davenport, Ia.	29.68	72	52	76	....	Cloudy.
Dubuque, Ia.	29.62	72	50	78	T	Rain.
Des Moines, Ia.	29.74	60	48	80	.04	Cloudy.
St. Louis, Mo.	29.92	72	50	82	....	Cloudless.
Kans's City, Mo.	29.88	68	54	78	....	Cloudless.
Ft. Sill, Ind. T.	29.92	74	50	82	....	Cloudless.
Dodge City, K's.	30.10	66	54	78	....	Cloudy.
Omaha, Neb.	29.90	60	58	76	....	Pt. Cloudy.
N. Platte, Neb.	30.12	54	54	64	T	Pt. Cloudy.
Valentine, Neb.	30.08	52	50	66	.08	Cloudy.
Yankton, D. T.	29.92	56	62	68	T	Pt. Cloudy.
Ft. Sully, D. T.	30.00	58	50	64	.02	Pt. Cloudy.
Bismarck, D. T.	30.02	56	50	64	....	Pt. Cloudy.
Ft. Buford, D.T.	30.10	60	44	62	....	Cloudless.
P. Arth'r's L'd'g	29.80	26	30	40	T	Cloudy.
Qu'Apelle, N.W.	30.00	58	28	62	....	Cloudless.
Ft. As'nab'ne, M	30.16	66	40	70	....	Cloudless.
Helena, M. T.	30.18	62	42	62	....	Cloudless.
Boise City, I. T.	30.24	64	34	68	....	Cloudy.
Cheyenne, W. T.	30.26	46	40	50	.04	Cloudless.
Ft. McK'n'y W.T	.....	..	..	..	....	.....
Ft. Washakie, W	30.22	52	30	54	....	Cloudless.
Denver, Col.	30.14	54	50	66	....	Cloudless.
Pueblo, Col.	30.18	60	50	76	....	Cloudy.
Santa Fe, N. M.	30.04	64	42	68	....	Cloudy.
Salt Lake City	30.24	58	46	60	....	Cloudy.

T—Trace of precipitation

Steamship News.

HAMBURG, April 23.—The Hamburg-American Packet Company's steamer Wieland, which sailed from Havre to-day for New York, will call at the Azores and take on board the passengers of the steamer Danmark, who were landed there. Arrived: Gellert, from New York.

LONDON, April 23.—Sighted: Spain, from New York; Obdum, from New York for Rotterdam; Prussian, from Philadelphia for Glasgow.

BROWHEAD, April 23.—The City of Paris, from New York, passed at 5:30 P. M.

BALTIMORE, April 23.—Arrived: Mentmore, from Liverpool.

BREMERHAVEN, April 23.—Arrived: Elbe, from New York.

GLASGOW, April 23.—Arrived: Ethiopia, from New York.

BREMEN, April 23.—Arrived: Maine, from Baltimore.

An Indication of Weakness.

Jewish Messenger.

The continued action of the German government restricting the liberty of the press is a strong indication of its weakness, despite its wall of iron and steel. A government can endure only when founded on the hearts, not the bullets, of the people.

He Probably Never Saw Snakes.

Minneapolis Tribune.

Sam Small says there are four degrees in drunkenness—the sociable degree, the monkey degree, the lion degree and the hog degree. Samuel evidently forgets the reptile degree, which is the most annoying by a large majority.

THE popular blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla, is having a tremendous sale this season. Nearly everybody takes it. Try it yourself.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

Supposed Victim of the Bateman Tragedy at Muncie Alive and Vigorous.

Exiled from the State—$4,000 for Injuries—Heroic Act of a Tramp in Saving a Boy's Life—Church Lottery Prizes Defined.

INDIANA.

James P. Webb Vigorously Denies that He Was the Man Killed by Bateman.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, April 23.—The Anderson papers, for several days past, have been claiming that the man who was supposed to have been murdered by H. F. Bateman and placed on the railroad track west of this city, on the 27th of last month, was J. P. Webb, of Anderson. The description of the murdered man and Mr. Webb is nearly identical, but that he is yet alive will be seen by the following letter received here to-day:

NEW CUMBERLAND, Ind., April 23.

I notice in the Muncie papers that I am the supposed victim of the late Bateman tragedy, but such is not the case. I left Anderson on the day of the murder and went to New Cumberland, Grant county, and am working for Frank Gray in the timber business. And I will say to my relatives and friends to not mourn for me, for I am still in the land of the free and the home of the brave, right side up with care, and my aunt will know when this notice comes under her vision that "Pres" is not the victim of the unraveled Bateman tragedy. JAMES P. WEBB.

Peculiar Easter Services of the Moravians.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, April 23. — The only community of Moravians in Indiana is at Hope, Bartholomew county, and in that immediate vicinity. The tenets of this sect are very peculiar, and one of their most interesting and strange ceremonies is held on Easter morning, of each year, at sunrise. The occasion was celebrated by them at Hope in the usual manner last Sunday, and a large crowd was present to witness the performance. At about 4 o'clock the congregation met at their church, from whence they proceeded to their burial-ground in a body, headed by a brass band. Arriving at the cemetery they waited for the first appearance of the sun, which event was observed by a peculiar ceremony that concluded with singing. The Moravian Church at Hope has a large membership, and formerly the sect conducted a flourishing school there, but it has lately been converted into a non-sectarian normal.

Striking Teamsters and Laborers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, April 23.—The meeting of the striking teamsters and laborers held last night to consult together and adopt measures looking to an increase of wages and promotion of their interests, was earnest and enthusiastic. Many mechanics and laborers in the different trades were present to offer encouragement and sympathy. Addresses were delivered by James Irish, Patrick Egan and Hon. E. P. Foster. The meeting resolved to hold out in their demand.

Fifty more laborers employed in the water-works trenches quit work this morning. They have been getting $1.25 per day, and now demand $1.50.

Exiled and Banished from the State.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, April 23.—What is believed to be the first instance in this State in which a judicial officer ever pronounced a sentence of exile and banishment occurred this morning in Judge Chipman's court in the case of William Coons, reported in to-day's Journal as attempting suicide. He was in jail on the affidavit of his wife, charging him with assault and battery with intent to kill. There was no formal trial, but on promise to leave the State and county he was released. Coons accepted the terms of banishment and left at once, an exile from home and friends.

Big Damages from a Railway.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VINCENNES, April 23.—On June 30, 1888, as Lee Buck, a wealthy farmer of this county, was crossing the Ohio & Mississippi railroad at the Third-street crossing, a switch engine struck the wagon and knocked him out, seriously injuring him. The wagon was broken into fine pieces, but the horses escaped unhurt. To-day a jury gave Buck $4,000 damages. The railroad asks for a rehearing.

Fell from the Cars and Was Killed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ELKHART, April 23.—Emery Calvert, aged twenty-two years, son of Rev. Jesse Calvert, a prominent Dunkard minister, while coming to this city last night, fell from a Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan train, and was run over and killed.

Seriously Injured by a Broken Belt.

SHOALS, April 23.—Late last night when J. Hamilton, a laborer, was engaged in equalizing staves at the factory of Johnson & Chenoweth, a heavy gum belt parted and was hurled against him with such force as to inflict serious if not fatal injuries. He has a wife and two small children.

Minor Notes.

Joseph Bailey, eighty years of age, and one of the early settlers of Morgan county, is dead.

Columbus is to have a new opera-house, the contract for the building having been let at $14,975.

Mrs. Dr. H. S. Keeney, of Linden, Montgomery county, died on Monday night, at the age of seventy-four years.

Forest fires near New Providence have destroyed the timber on fifty farms. Everybody in the vicinity is out fighting the flames.

As a result of the Murphy meetings at Spencer, a temperance league club has been formed there with thirteen hundred members.

A Rockport firm has secured the contract for repairing the Green river (Ky.) locks. The appropriation calls for an expenditure of about $400,000.

Jas. Burnett, a freight brakeman on the Monon line, had three fingers mashed off at Ladoga, Tuesday, while coupling freight cars. His home is in Ladoga.

The case of glanders in the northern part of the State is located at Mount Etna, Huntington county, and not in Wabash county. No horses are affected in Wabash county.

Charles A. Gooding, of Greenfield, died yesterday after a few days' illness. The funeral will occur on Thursday afternoon, when services will be held at the Methodist Church.

J. C. Schaffer, of Indianapolis, has been granted the right to use a portion of Glen Miller Park, at Richmond, for county fair purposes. Buildings will be erected at once, and a regulation race-track laid out.

Mrs. Mary Ratliff, mother of Hon. James C. Ratliff, died at Richmond on Monday night, aged eighty-seven years. She moved to the present site of Richmond before a house had been built, and had lived there ever since.

The new examining pension board at Crawfordsville consists of Dr. S. L. Ensminger and Dr. J. N. Talbot, with Dr. W. H. Ristine, who was a member of the old board. The board is now composed of all Republicans.

Leonard Hackney, proprietor of the Bissell Hotel, at Columbus, is in a critical condition from blood poisoning. A short time ago, while waiting upon his wife, who was afflicted with crysipelas, he scratched his hand, and in that way contracted the poison. He is the father of Judge L. C. Hackney, of Shelbyville.

At Peru, yesterday morning, burglars broke into the office of A. T. Shirley, agricultural implement dealer, and also treasurer of the First Baptist Church of that city, obtaining about $100 in money, besides some checks double that amount in value, the property of the church. Some notes and small change, the property of Shirley, were also taken.

Fires on Monday: At Huntingburg, L., E. & St. L. paint-shops; loss, $6,000; no insurance, except on two coaches. Near Goshen, John Michael's farm-house; loss, $1,000; insurance, $600. Near Liberty, John Howland's residence, loss, $800; no insurance. Near Morristown, Leonard Ball's house, with contents; loss, $1,000; insured for $220 in Phenix, of Brooklyn. Near Columbus, Jacob Bromfield's barn and contents, with two fine horses; loss, $5,000.

A company with a capital of $750,000 has been formed at Rushville to pipe natural gas from the Hancock or Henry county fields to that city, a distance of twenty-five miles. The directors are Martin Bohannon, Oliver Posey, Theodore Abercrombie, Wm. Churchill, Alonzo Link, Edwin Payne, George H. Puntenney, Theodore Reed, W. J. Henley, George C. Clark and Claude Cambern. Mr. Puntenney is president, Mr. Henley secretary and Mr. Payne treasurer.

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An Unknown Tramp Barely Misses Death in Saving a Little Boy's Life.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARSHALL, April 23.—S. A. Lambdin, a merchant of this city, owes the life of his little son to the bravery of an unknown tramp. As the noon freight on the Cairo, Vincennes & Chicago line was doing some switching, the little fellow started to cross the track, but his attention was attracted by something, and he stopped in the middle of the track and stood there, unaware that a long line of freight cars were being backed rapidly toward him. His danger was noticed by a tramp who was waiting to steal a ride on the freight train. Heedless of the danger to himself he sprang on to the track and swung the boy from it just as the cars thundered by. So near was it that a corner of the leading car struck the brave rescuer in the side, hurling him backward, but luckily, away from the track. He was not seriously hurt and went away on the freight as a concealed passenger, according to his original intention, making light of the many ecomiums on his bravery.

A Blow at Church Lotteries.

SPRINGFIELD, April 23.—The Senate today passed the bill rescinding the franchise for a bridge across the Ohio river at Metropolis, Ill. This was a retaliation for the passage by the Kentucky Legislature of an act to repeal the act for the construction of a bridge across the same river near Paducah, Ky.

A bill to prohibit any newspaper in the State from publishing, either as an advertisement or news matter, the fact of any person drawing a prize in a lottery, was advanced to a third reading. An amendment making the bill inapplicable to prizes drawn at church was rejected.

Issued Township Orders Illegally.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLOOMINGTON, April 23.—It has turned out that there are about $7,000 worth of orders afloat signed by the late highway commissioner, B. R. Abbott, who committed suicide a few days ago by inhaling gas. Cash had been paid to Mr. Abbott on these orders in anticipation of the levy of this year, which amounts to only $4,500. Some, at least, of these orders are illegal, being signed by Mr. Abbott alone, while the law specifies that two commissioners must sign orders. The discovery creates a good deal of excitement.

Brief Mention.

'Squire and Mrs. Thomas B. Olbert celebrated their golden wedding on Monday at Decatur.

Two boys, Joe Nash and John Reed, were badly hurt at Pittsfield, on Monday, by an exploding revolver, with which they were fooling.

Alex. Schmulzerlid, a farmer living in Pontoosic township, Hancock county, committed suicide by shooting kimself on Sunday afternoon.

Torgas Torgerson and Henry Hermanson have been arrested at Belvidere, charged with complicity in the murder of Ole Wonge, near there, March 1.

The suit against the seven officials and ex-officials of Douglas county, to recover $17,000 alleged shortage in their accounts, has been postponed until the next term of Circuit Court in that county.

The street-car barns of the Moline & Rock Island Street-car Company, owned by the Holmes syndicate, of Chicago, were destroyed by fire on Monday evening, with a loss of $15,000. Fifteen cars and forty-two horses were consumed.

James W. Helm, who mysteriously disappeared from Danville in March, returned to that city on Sunday. He says that when he left home he was in a trance, from which he recovered in Silver Springs, Fla. He can give no details of the trip.

A well-dressed stranger, forty years old, and of medium height, committed suicide by hanging, on Monday evening, in the timber near Decatur. There was nothing on his person to fix his identity. He was nearly six feet tall, and had a cut on his nose.

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pistol report across the Cottonwood creek, west of the depot, outside of the town site reserve, attracted attention. In a moment a man on horseback went west over the hill at breakneck speed. Two deputy United States marshals went over, but were told that nothing had occurred. A Star representative got a boat and crossed the stream, however, to investigate. In the bushes were collected half a dozen men. On the ground, and beside a half-made grave, was stretched all that was left of S. T. Compis. A ball from a revolver had passed entirely through his breast, coming out at the back. He lived half an hour after being shot, and was dead when the Star reporter reached him. Efforts were made to conceal the body, and only on assurance of the strictest confidence was the reporter allowed to view the body, and he did not dare reveal his business. The face was at once recognized as that of a man who had eaten dinner with the reporter. Compis and his partner had entered