

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

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Explosion of Asphaltum Fatally Injures One Man and Wrecks a Building.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Dec. 23.—By an explosion of asphaltum, at 5 o'clock this evening, the extensive plumbing and gas-fitting establishment of Elwood Bennet was destroyed, and John Rodman, a gas-fitter, was probably fatally injured.

Rodman was holding a lighted candle while F. A. Mitchell, another employe, emptied a gallon of the liquid from a large case into a jug.

The candle being too near caused the explosion. Rodman was buried several feet. His clothing took fire, and was almost consumed before the flames could be extinguished.

The two-story frame building is a wreck, and the contents nearly lost. The loss will aggregate \$3,000, which is only partially covered by insurance.

Nice Legal Question Brought Up.

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MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 23.—Thirty years ago Hon. Franklin Landers, of Brooklyn, this county, sold a number of lots in his southern addition to that place to various citizens.

Among others was a lot sold to H. C. Sators, which, in turn, has been sold several times, and is now the property of H. C. Greeson and others.

The property was recently leased to Samuel H. Orr, who has obtained license to run a saloon on the same, and is now doing so. In the original deed, given by Mr. Landers, one of the stipulations was that in case the property should be used for the purpose of running a saloon thereon, the property should, in fee simple, revert to Mr. Landers or his heirs.

Mr. Landers has begun suit to recover the lot in the Morgan Circuit Court.

Kept an Innocent Man in Jail.

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MUNCIE, Dec. 23.—Last night Frank Utler, of Connersville, was released from custody. He was held charged with stealing a horse and buggy from liverman Robert Martin, which was taken from a hitch-rack in this city and driven to Hagerstown, where it was owned by Jacob Hobbs, a resident here, made affidavit that Utler had wanted him to assist in the theft and caused the young man to be in jail here for two weeks.

A man in Hagerstown saw the thieves and came here yesterday and stated that Utler was not one of them. Hobbs will now have a big damage suit on his hands.

A Boiler Explodes at Brazil.

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BRAZIL, December 23.—The large upright boiler at the turnbuckle factory operated by the Central Iron and Steel Company, exploded at a few minutes before 7 o'clock this morning.

The steam was low, and the force of the explosion scarcely lifted the boiler in the air, though wrecking the furnace underneath it. The men had not all arrived for work, still Albert Rule and Robert Howard were on duty, and were badly scalded. The engineer was not in charge of his engine at the time of the explosion.

But little damage was done to the buildings.

Bartholomew County Farmers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 23.—The Bartholomew County Farmers' Institute is in session in this city. It was called to order at 10 A. M. to-day and Maj. W. T. Strickland elected chairman and Gorrell Quick secretary.

Professor Latta, of Lafayette, was present and spoke at the morning session. Robert Howard was held, which time H. H. Robert Mitchell, of Princeton, lectured to a full house. The institute is being held in the court-room, and about two hundred farmers are in attendance.

End of the Eubanks Trial.

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BEDFORD, Dec. 23.—Mortimer Eubanks, the old man who was on trial for being an accessory in the murder of his daughter Mary, Nov. 11, changed his plea to guilty of manslaughter this morning. The case was taken from the jury and Eubanks was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years.

His age and feeble condition had its effect. His son Bee, the principal, was taken to the penitentiary at Jeffersonville, where he will spend the remainder of his worthless life.

Several Men Injured by a Mishap.

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SPENCER, Dec. 23.—Yesterday afternoon, at the White-river bridge of the Gosport branch of the Indianapolis & Vincennes road, a flat car loaded with stone was overturned, and a number of men injured.

William Gaskins was caught under the car, and his shoulder blade broken. Robert Boyd's shoulder was sprained. James Lee was hurt internally. Singleton Heckman was struck on the head and rendered unconscious, and James Watts was badly bruised.

Money for Butler.

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 23.—The executor of the lost will of J. Brevort, a very wealthy farmer, who resided some miles west of this city, to-day sold the last of the personal property belonging to the estate, of fifty fat cattle. By the terms of the Brevort will all the personal property of the decedent should be sold, and the proceeds turned over to the trustees of Butler University. It is said that the executor will have about \$7,000 to turn over to the trustees.

New Disease Among Horses.

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 23.—In the southwestern part of this and in Jackson and Scott counties a disease is raging among the horses which is very similar to that of distemper, but much more fatal. A farmer from the locality mentioned was in this city to-day attending the farmers' institute and reports that several fine animals had died recently from the disease and that it is especially hard on the young animals.

Infested with Mad Cats.

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WARSAW, Dec. 23.—During the past ten days our town has been the abiding place of a large number of cats which, from their actions and appearance, have been adjudged mad. Jerry Kudder, an expressman, was bitten by one of the rabid animals, an exceedingly painful wound being inflicted. To guard against all possible danger all cats showing the least symptom are forthwith shot.

Arrested for Forgery.

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BRAZIL, Dec. 23.—Charles Little was arrested at Greencastle to-day for forging a check on S. W. Steele to Ora Barnhill, of Danville. He is well known here. Some time ago he stole a moment from an obscure cemetery in Owen county, and sold it for a fair price to a marble-dealer in Brazil. The owner tracked his property next day and reclaimed it, but Little had fled, though he was afterward arrested.

Found Her Child Burned to Death.

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BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 23.—To-day, while the parents were from home, the five-year-old daughter of Wm. Lake was burned to death. The clothes of the child caught fire from a stove. She ran out and became exhausted. As the mother returned she was found dead in the room.

Republican Love-Feast.

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NEW CASTLE, Dec. 23.—Gen. Wm. Grose, joint Senator from Henry and Fayette, and Hon. Jno. M. Morris, Representative-elect from this county, were tendered a rousing

reception at the court-house, last night, by the Republican Club and citizens generally.

Both gentlemen made speeches, which were enthusiastically received. Excellent music was furnished by the Glee Club, and the affair was a regular old-fashioned Republican love-feast.

Small Boys Missing.

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MUNCIE, Dec. 23.—Since yesterday Joseph and John, aged eight and ten, sons of A. Mendenhall, of this city, have been missing and can nowhere be found. No cause is assigned for their mysterious departure.

Pioneer Victim of Heart Failure.

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PERU, Dec. 23.—Jonathan Stutesman, aged eighty-five, for many years officially identified with the city government, and one of this county's earliest settlers, died to-day of heart failure.

Minor Notes.

N. P. Applegate, a resident of Alaska, Morgan county, has a patch of watermelons now ripening.

The case of John W. Feltner for the murder of James Terrell, at Hron, Lawrence county, some five weeks ago, is on trial at Bedford.

Sunday night while Oliver Worle, of Loree, Miami county, was returning to his home he was sandbagged and robbed of about \$25 and his watch.

"Doc" Childers, who lived near Warrington, Hancock county, hung himself in his house last Saturday. He was a widower, aged about sixty years. No cause for the deed is known.

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THE TROUBLE NEARING AN END.

General Ruger Announces the Surrender of Two Hostile Bands of Indians.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—General Schofield has received the following telegram from General Ruger under date of St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 23: "Big Foot, with his followers, including some of Sitting Bull's fugitives and those disaffected Indians in the Cherry creek district of the Cheyenne river reservation who joined Big Foot, surrendered yesterday to Colonel Sumner. The rest of Sitting Bull's people came to Cherry creek, and, with the exception of a few who may have sought refuge in the Black Hills, the remainder of the Big Foot people will be sent to Fort Meade, and those surrendering at Benton, Handcock county, hung himself in his house last Saturday. He was a widower, aged about sixty years. No cause for the deed is known.

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Napoleon's ranch. he met a courier from the south, who reported three white men killed by Indians in Pratt county, on the White river.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

Twenty-One of the Thirty-Eight People on Board More or Less Injured.

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 23.—A passenger train on the Western New York & Pennsylvania jumped the track at Watsonville, sixteen miles north of this city, and twenty-one of the thirty-eight passengers on board were more or less injured. The wreck was caused by the spreading of the rails, two passenger cars and a baggage car toppling over an eight-foot trestle. Following is a list of the injured:

Mrs. James Blake, of Sheffield, Pa., cut her forehead, nose crushed, lips lacerated and upper teeth broken off, besides other injuries; conductor Ed Johns, right arm broken and shoulder hurt; Mrs. F. G. Boyer, bad scalp wound; Roadmaster Daniel Shine, of Olean, N. Y., severe cut on the face and neck; C. A. Dooner, of Condersport, Pa., nose broken and internal injuries; Miss Gertrude Blake, Sheffield, Pa., injured about the face and shoulder; R. N. Criswell, of Bradford, badly bruised about the head and body; John Bell, Portage Creek, Pa., scalp wound; Mrs. Curry Bradford, left hand sprained; Samuel Bowman, Portage Creek, right hip and leg hurt; Mand Harvey, Bradford, bad bruises; Mrs. R. N. High, scalp wound; W. W. Steering, Spangsbury, Pa., right leg sprained; Edward Smith, Eldred, eyes bruised; news agent Lacey Bradford, severe bruises; J. S. Kennedy, New York, bruises and sprains; J. M. Lyon, West Salamanca, N. Y., a severe cut over the left eye; D. J. Gibson, Venango, Pa., left shoulder badly sprained; A. C. Robinson, of the Boston Hotel, injured internally; L. H. Galenaca, same club, wrist sprained; J. H. Reynolds, Boston, ankle sprained and severe bruises.

A relief train was sent from Bradford and prompt medical aid given the sufferers.

THE EDITOR DID NOT BITE.

That Baby Was Also Named Henry Waterson Duval, but the Investment Failed to Pan Out.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 23.—Duvall, the Baltimore sharper, who has just "bounced" several United States Senators through the medium of a bogus baby, did not limit himself to the congressional field, but has certainly been operating on an extensive scale. About six weeks ago Mr. Henry Waterson received a letter from him, overflowing with fulsome compliment, stating that he had named his first-born Henry Waterson Duvall, including a richly engraved baptismal certificate and five tickets to a church entertainment, marked \$1 each, but Mr. Waterson did not bite.

Being interviewed to-day he said: "The first thing that attracted my attention was the postmark. It did not impress me that Baltimore was just the locality where I might expect a namesake. Then the baptismal certificate was too elaborate and circumstantial. It looked like an offer of excessive profit. Finally the indirect demand through the tickets for money seemed conclusive, and threw the big net work into the waste-basket, satisfied that it was an original trick of a very clever confidence man."

NOT UNDERSHOWN IN ECONOMY.

Success of the Evanston Co-operative Kitchen Endangered by a Too Generous Manager.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Two weeks ago a co-operative housekeeping association in the neighboring town of Evanston began business. It was modeled on the plan outlined in Edward Bellamy's "Looking Backward," and was designed to solve the vexatious domestic service question. A central kitchen was established, from which meals were served at the houses of the members. It has not proved the success which it promised to be; in fact it is said to have shown a loss for the two weeks of about \$2,000. This loss, however, is laid at the door of Manager Gray, who, the lady managers say, did not understand the principles of economy. They have asked for his resignation and will make another trial under a different management. The charge for the two weeks has been \$2 per week each, and the ladies say that Mr. Gray has been so generous in the portions furnished that their value has been 87 per cent and amount twice as much as could be eaten.

Want the Government to Control Railroads.

LEWISBURG, N. H., Dec. 23.—In his report to the Governor, giving an account of the conduct of his office for the last two years, Attorney-general Leese has added some fuel to the excitement growing out of the present struggle in the Interstate Commerce Commission by handing the transportation question without gloves and advocating government control of railroads. In speaking of the board of transportation, which is composed of five State officers, including the Attorney-general, he says the present system is a complete failure.

Recovering from Many Injuries.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 23.—Count Hermann Dalscheid, who was so badly injured by the wreck of the Intercontinental and Great Northern railway train, near here, Dec. 4, is in a fair way to recover. His case is a marvel in the medical profession. His skull was broken in three places, his eye almost knocked out, his spine injured and one arm badly broken, but he has regained perfect consciousness, and will in all probability recover. To-day his attorneys filed suit against receivers Eddy and Cross of the Intercontinental for \$25,000 damages.

Trying to Overrule the Lottery Vote.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 23.—The lottery fight opened to-day before Judge George W. Beckner with arguments for a writ of mandamus against Secretary of State Mason to compel him to promulgate the act passed by the Legislature at its last session granting a lottery charter to John A. Morris and others for a term of twenty-five years, at an annual payment of \$1,750,000. Whichever way the decision goes it will be appealed to the Supreme Court, which meets in February next.

World's Fair Art Palace.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Consulting architect Root, of the world's exposition, began real work upon the plan of the \$1,200,000 art-palace this morning. There will be four and one-half acres of floor-space, the width will be 200 feet, and it will be 500 feet long and two stories in height. The first floor will be devoted to sculpture and decorative art, carvings, etc., and the second to pictures.

Will Be No Strike on the R. & O.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—The grievance committee of Baltimore street car employees had another conference with the officials of the road to-night. This much is made known—there will be no strike, and there will be an increase of wages.

Prices Baking Cream Powder Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

Dean Bros Steam Pump Works, INDIANAPOLIS, IND. SINGLE & DUPLEX PUMPS. HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL PUMPS. Best Design & Workmanship. PRICES REDUCED. Send for CATALOGUE.

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