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Cities of the Gas Belt Form a League for Mutual Protection. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Pursuant to adjournment of a meeting held at Anderson, Jan. 23, representatives from Marion, Elwood, Kokomo, Anderson, Hartford City, Jonesboro, Portland, Fairmount, Redkey, Dunkirk, Noblesville and Alexandria, important cities and towns in the Indiana gas belt, met in this city to-day for the purpose of forming the Indiana Natural-Gas Belt League. The following permanent officers were elected: President, J. S. Ludlum, of Marion; secretary, M. A. Debarity, of Elwood. The meeting was held at Anderson, Feb. 18, when discussion will be made and steps taken to prevent the useless waste of gas and protect the mutual interests of the belt.

Murphy's Success at New Castle. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW CASTLE, Feb. 4.—The temperance meetings begun here Sunday night by Francis Murphy have been attended with remarkable success. Hundreds have been turned away each evening, unable to obtain admission, and the interest is increasing. More than five hundred have signed the pledge, including scores of men who have been slaves to drink for many years. These are now giving Mr. Murphy their assistance, and are doing very effective work. At the meeting to-night several who have taken the pledge since the meetings began gave the large audience the benefit of their experience, resulting in a large accession to the ranks of those who have donned the blue ribbon for the first time. Prayer-meetings are held each afternoon at the various churches, and are attended with good. Mr. Murphy, attended by several ministers, makes daily rounds to the saloons, there reaching those who need his counsels most.

Child Burned to Death. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARTINSVILLE, Feb. 4.—Mary, the eight-year-old daughter of Kelly Murphy, who lives on the farm of Thomas Duckworth, four miles west of this city, was replenishing the fire in the heating-stove, when her clothes caught fire, and she was burned to a crisp in the sight of her mother. Mrs. Murphy was in an adjoining room when she was attracted by Mary's screams for help. She ran to the door of the room, and seeing her daughter enwrapped in flames, was so terrified that she failed to give any help to the child. Mary ran out of the house and attempted to get water from the rain-barrel, with which to extinguish the flames, but the barrel was frozen over. At this time the child was exhausted and fell to the ground, dying in a few minutes.

To Investigate the Chief of Police. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Feb. 4.—The City Council has instructed the police board to investigate the charge that Superintendent of Police Davis took a drink of whisky in a saloon late Sunday night. During the day the superintendent sent stool pigeons into saloons and tried to make an arrest in one instance. At midnight he went to the hotel bar with a man, with whom he left an hour later on a train for Cuba, Ill. When the saloon closing agitation began a few months ago Davis was a leading spirit, but there is no longer any pretense of enforcing the law, except in some unwholesome effort as that made on Sunday. The saloon men are now trying to save Davis.

Business Men's Banquet. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Feb. 4.—The business men of this city gave a banquet last night at the Huffman mansion, among them, Henry C. Berghoff, W. S. Bass, H. G. Olds, B. S. O'Connor and John Mohr of Fort Wayne; George Brawley and Douglas Walker, of New Paris, O., and J. G. Brannaman, of Ellettsburg, Ia., were among the residents. The banquet was one of the finest ever held here. Hartford City has in the last year developed into a manufacturing town.

An Old Man Burned to Death. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Feb. 4.—The village of Lena, Park county, a small station west of this city on the Big Four road, was thrown into great excitement a night or two since by the fate that befell an aged citizen named Robert Bond. His dwelling caught fire shortly after midnight, and before Mr. Bond could be rescued his body was burned to a crisp. He was about eighty-five years of age. The fire had been burning for several hours before it was extinguished.

Wood Taken to Prison. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Feb. 4.—Sheriff Marlow's left at 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon, for the Jeffersonville penitentiary, with J. A. Wood, sentenced to serve a twenty-one years' term for the murder of T. J. Blount in the insane hospital. This morning Wood appeared in court, and by his attorney, John P. Robbins, on motion, praying the court to furnish a transcript of the evidence in his trial, as he had no money, preparatory to appealing to the Supreme Court.

Her Clothing Burned Off. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Feb. 4.—This morning, as Mrs. R. C. Smith was carrying out a pan of hot ashes, her apron caught fire, and it was only with difficulty that she escaped as well as she did. As it was, her dress was burned off, her hair badly scorched, her eyebrows burned, and her face blistered. She rolled upon the floor, and thus helped to put out the flames, when her mother-in-law came to her assistance.

Big Fox-Drive. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Feb. 4.—Yesterday one of the biggest fox-drives of the year occurred north of this city. The south line, which took in a portion of the Godfrey reserve, brought in nearly all the game, but in some way most of the foxes got away. It is reported that the south line also chased a wolf for a mile, but it broke through the line.

Monon Men Paid. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Feb. 4.—No freight trains moved on this division of the Monon road up to noon. About 1 o'clock the checks for the men arrived, and at half past 1 trains began to move as usual. There were no disturbances of any kind.

Death of James G. Hardy. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TOLEDO, O., Feb. 4.—Mr. James G. Hardy, owner of the Buggy House, of this city, and for many years a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of Covington, Ind., died this morning.

Minor Notes.

Terre Haute rejoices in a four-legged clock. Rev. Wm. R. Minton, of Bloomington, has accepted the presidency of the Anna (Ill.) College. Grandfather Krug of Crawfordsville, who was one hundred years old on Sept. 30, is lying at the point of death. The annual convention of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society, in the Tenth district, will meet in Greencastle to-morrow. Asher Wert, who lives in Montgomery county, states that yesterday morning he found twenty-one of his geese dead and frozen upon a pond on his farm. The geese had evidently gone into the water for a swim and, becoming numb, had frozen to death while the ice was freezing around them.

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ILLINOIS.

Revolt Among the Military at the State University.

CHAMPAIGN, Feb. 4.—Yesterday morning an exciting episode happened at the University of Illinois. When the bugle call was given for the several military companies to fall in and march to the chapel to attend religious exercises the companies did not come together with the usual precision, but fell in to suit themselves, and there was no commanding officer among them. In a short time the halls resounded with yells, hisses and stamping of feet, and the members of the faculty were unable to restrain the confusion. Inside the chapel the same conduct prevailed until Regent Peabody gave the salute and all were seated, when the service proceeded without interruption. The cause of the trouble was that a young man named Miller, a captain, was removed from that office because his grade in study was not up to the requirements. His fellow-officers, about twenty in number, protested against his removal and refused to take their companies to chapel. A petition for Miller's reinstatement was drafted by the faculty and the military officers are having a hearing. Unless they resume their duties it is expected that all will be expelled.

Brief Mention.

The State Press Association is in session at Springfield. Fred Conrad, an employe of the Wabash road, was killed at Philo by a freight engine.

George J. Dunnett, a resident of Joliet for twelve years, was killed by an electric street-car.

Dr. Reich has found six cases of small-pox and eight cases of varioloid in a country family near Girard.

John Hennessy, whose daughter was drowned while attempting to cross Kent river on the ice last Thursday, has begun suit against the city of Rockford.

The Rev. Father Ferland, of Kaskaskia, is in Springfield for the purpose of having a bill introduced in the Legislature providing for the appropriation and removal of main land all bodies buried in the old Kaskaskia cemetery. This was the first settlement in the State, and the first white man who received a Christian burial in Illinois was interred in Kaskaskia cemetery. The ravages of the Mississippi river, after converting the cemetery into an island, are gradually washing it away, and it is desired by Father Ferland and the citizens of Kaskaskia that the first settlers of Illinois shall have a fitting and last resting place.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Local Forecasts. For Indianapolis and Vicinity—For the twenty-four hours ending 8 P. M., Feb. 5—Warmer, fair weather.

GENERAL INDICATIONS. WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Forecast till 8 P. M. Thursday.

For Indiana and Illinois—Warmer; southerly winds; fair weather.

For Ohio—Warmer; southerly winds; fair weather.

For Lower Michigan—Local snows; warmer; southerly winds.

Observations at Indianapolis, Feb. 4.

Table with columns: Time, Bar., Ther., W. Wind, Weather, Prec. Values: 7 A. M. 30.14, -3, 67, S.W. Windless, 0.00; 12 M. 30.49, 12, 67, S.W. Windless, 0.00

Maximum temperature, 18; minimum temperature, -3.

Following is a comparative statement of the temperature and precipitation on Feb. 4:

Table with columns: Normal, Mean, Excess of deficiency since Feb. 1, Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1. Values: Normal 30, Mean 30, Excess of deficiency since Feb. 1 -18, Excess or deficiency since Jan. 1 -1.47

General Weather Conditions. WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7 P. M.

PRESSURE.—The low barometric area in the Northwest moved eastward with its center near Lake Winnipeg; the high area is central over West Virginia to-night.

TEMPERATURE.—The area of low temperature moved eastward, and extends to the Atlantic coast; west of the Mississippi the temperature has risen rapidly. Zero and below is reported to-night from Lakes Superior, Huron and Ontario, and from New England, northward; 10° above zero and below from Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Indiana and New York, northward; 30° and below from the rest of the States, Tennessee and Virginia, northward, and from Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, westward; 40° and above from Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama and Georgia, southward.

PRECIPITATION.—Light flurries of snow fell in the lake regions.

Came Back to Be Baptized. SPRINGFIELD, O., Feb. 4.—Mrs. George Tyree for some time has been a chronic invalid from consumption, the illness being aggravated by several falls, which affected her spine. She has been gradually growing worse, and Monday afternoon she was seized with a spell of difficult breathing. Her breath came in gasps and at 2 o'clock, to all appearances, she left the body and the woman was pronounced dead. Soon after she began to show slight signs of life, and at 3 o'clock she was again seemingly lifeless. All hope was given up and arrangements made for proper care of the body, an undertaker being summoned. Before he could arrive, however, the woman again revived, and sitting up she stated that the attendants by saying: "I have come back to be baptized." She was given a bath in her coffin and is growing better.

Farmers Hobbled by an Agent. SPARTANBURG, S. C., Feb. 4.—W. McZimmerman, the store-keeper and agent of the Farmers' Alliance supply store in this city, is said to be short in his account for \$15,000 to \$30,000. One of McZimmerman's plans of operation was to open a store some distance from the regular Alliance store and transfer goods to his establishment, where he sold the goods at reduced rates. An investigation of the affairs of the store reveals the worst sort of management.

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GENERAL MILES CRITICIZED.

An Alleged Butchery in 1876 Compared with the Wounded Knee Fight.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 4.—The Evening Journal to-night published an interview on the recent Indian troubles, in which, after a defense of the Indians in the opinion of a prominent Dakota man, name not given, Gustave Beaulieu, a resident of St. Paul, and widely known among the Indians of the Northwest, says: "The whole truth of this sad business will come out some day, and when it does some of the events that preceded the Custer massacre and led up to that bloody butchery will startle the country. I think it was in April, 1876—something like two months preceding the annihilation of Custer's command—that Miles and his soldiers rushed in one day upon an Indian village in Montana and killed every man, woman and child in it. Bucks, squaws and papooses were shot down without mercy. There were between two hundred and three hundred Indians in the village. The men were taken to the telegraph, and information of the horrible affair did not reach the government and the people until after the Custer massacre, and the day after the Custer massacre, so occupied with the Custer massacre, no attention was paid to the previous massacre of the Indians. When the Sioux met Custer they expected no quarter and they gave none. Even had the whole truth about the outrage committed by Miles and his soldiers been known at that time, no action would have been taken much to the excitement and prejudice against the red men."

After speaking of the breaking of treaties in this case he was asked: "Why is it that you or some other person for the Indians have not made complaint to the President?" "That is precisely what I am endeavoring to do," he replied. "The Indians throughout the entire Northwest have agreed to send representatives to some point, not yet designated, to confer with the government. The Miles outrage in Montana, the starvation at Pine Ridge, Cheyenne and Rosebud agencies and the failure of the government to furnish food to the starving Indians, will be held up as precedents. The council will be held about seven weeks, and certain chiefs will be designated to go on to Washington to present all the facts, and to urge that the whole truth in regard to the outrage committed before the Custer massacre."

At Chicago, last night, Captain Higgins, of General Miles' staff, after carefully reading the Minneapolis dispatch, said: "That massacre story is absolutely untrue. Nothing of the kind (General Miles) was engaged in. That could never occur. I suggest it. In all the numerous occasions where General Miles has captured Indians and taken them to the States, he has never killed or wounded. At the time of the only affair that I remember in Montana where a considerable number of Indian women were captured, that was the case. The troops, General Miles was hundreds of miles distant. That was the surprise of a band of Piegiens which aroused loud accusations of inhumanity and violation of treaties. It was several years before the Custer massacre, but the Minneapolis man, perhaps, has confounded General Miles into a name of the Custer massacre, and they altogether erroneously. Those who are acquainted with General Miles know that there is no Eastern sentimentality who would be untrue to the fact that he could be by the sight of any unnecessary bloodshed or by the slaughter of a single woman or child."

Miles Praised by Buffalo Bill.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—Col. W. F. Cody arrived here to-day. Mr. Cody has nothing but words of praise for General Miles. "The General," said he, "handled that campaign in a phenomenal manner. It will go down in history as being the most wonderful Indian war on record. There were critical points when the entire West was trembling for the safety of thousands of settlers. Nebraska militia, posted along the State line, and South Dakota militia, massed in the best places, enabled him to concentrate his troops so as to corral the Indians in the Bad Lands. The Wounded Knee affair was an unfortunate accident. What will be done with Forey is purely an army matter. The general idea is that he could not have done otherwise considering the circumstances." He declares that the killing of Sitting Bull, while its effect was good, was a cold-blooded murder, prompted by jealousy on the part of the Indian police who were sent to bring him in, as they called him out of his tent only to shoot him down while reading to him the warrant for his arrest.

Colonel Cody thinks the Indians' troubles in the Northwest permanently settled. The Colorado militia, however, has made an effort to secure Agent McLaughlin's return to Pine Ridge agency. The friendlies, he says, headed by old John Grass, who went to Wounded Knee yesterday, will have a great influence in amicably settling perplexing questions of government.

SENSIBLE RED-SKINS.

Wyoming Indians Have Investigated "the Messiah" and Denounce Him as a Fraud.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 4.—The Messiah boom is flattened entirely so the faroahoes of the Wind river reservation in Fremont county are concerned. There are the usual mad young fellows who have been opened a year ago. Old chief Black Cole and his staff and the Catholic priest have held the uneasy element in check with the greatest difficulty. The pressure was so strong at a council six weeks ago that Black Cole considered a drastic course demanded. The camp-meeting faction was urged on by a wicked old Indian, whose reputation was made when he was hit with a spent bullet, while white prospectors. He was in for having a dance, but the police stopped him at the suggestion of a priest. A commission was created to report to Yellow Owl, a middle-aged Indian educated in the family of an army officer, and the only blonde on the reservation, was selected in the interest of the anti-messiahists. Four disaffectionists, including a sub-medicine man, made up the party. They were gone five weeks and a half. Three days were spent at the home of the priest.

Yellow Owl makes an exhaustive report in writing. He says the place of the Messiah is at a lake in Nevada; that he lives in a log cabin, has a white horse, a black dog, a guard of three men. These fare sumptuously. John Johnson is the name of the red Christ. He came from a praying tepee to meet the visitors, and was at once greeted by the earnest and aggressive manner of Yellow Owl, who is a little man of great dignity and without fear. The committee asked to see dead relatives who had been killed by the Messiah. Yellow Owl abused him for a fraud and a builder of discord. The John Johnson said he had told all Indians to behave, and to dance only when the moon changed. The cheat exposed himself, and Yellow Owl concludes, thinking that at least one of his friends, more than a smart Indian, well able to deceive the simple. 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