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MITCHELL, March 25.—The developments in the Tow and Bass feud show that the matter is not yet settled. Last Thursday they exchanged five shots, when Bass was arrested and put under \$1,500 bond to appear for trial on March 30. Yesterday Tow made a proposition that each put themselves under \$10,000 bond not to molest each other. Bass for some reason failed to do this. Yesterday afternoon Tow swore out a warrant against Bass, charging him with stealing \$800 worth of brandy in January, 1890. The marshal, with a deputy, started to arrest Bass. Upon arriving at his house, about three miles from town, Bass came out and was told what was wanted with him. He told them to go back to town, and informed the officers that he was going to town that night, but would be in in the morning. The officers, seeing they were outnumbered, there being six men in the posse and only three in the posse, but Bass failed to show up here to-day, and the marshal has been unable to procure one to assist him in making the arrest. The posse are not willing to engage in the affair. Bass will be compelled to come in to-morrow or forfeit his bond.

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CRAWFORDVILLE, March 25.—The witnesses for the defense in the Coombs murder trial are being examined in a rush. An effort was made to bring out the idea that the bullet had first struck a tree, and glancing, had struck McClure, causing his death. Mrs. Coombs and her daughter told about some persons pounding on their fence and throwing stones against the house. Mrs. Coombs said that she awakened her husband and told him that some persons had been knocking at their front door and in about an hour afterward the persons returned, pounding on the fence. She said her husband, the defendant, got up and, getting his gun, opened the door and shot twice. She told him not to shoot, and knew that he was angry. He shut the door and returned to bed.

Charley Coombs, the defendant, took the stand, and after telling what brought about the tragic event said that he did not intend to shoot any person, but to give whoever they were to understand that he lived there and intended to protect his property. He said that McClure, who was shot, was a very warm friend of his, and he would have harmed him intentionally. The sworn statement of McClure, made a short time before he died, was ordered stricken from the evidence, because he said that he did not expect to die, and the law says that an ante-mortem statement must be one that is made by a person who is aware of the fact that he is dying. The defense also called the State recalled "Buck" Brothers, who said that Mrs. Coombs told him that when Coombs came back to the house after shooting, that he told her that she was a person. This afternoon was occupied in pleading the case. The judge instructed the jury this evening and they retired.

No Mob at Shelbyville.

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SHELBYVILLE, March 25.—The reports sent out from this city on Monday night, of a mob of five hundred citizens taking a tramp out of jail and stretching him up to the bridge, was largely the work of insinuation on the part of correspondents for foreign papers, and does not exist in justice. On Monday night a tramp was taken from jail by the officers, who proceeded to escort him to the corporation building with instructions to leave the city. When near the Blue river bridge a few young men ran out and struck the tramp a few times with rawhide. He yelled and they threw him into the darkness, that being the last seen of him. No one tied him to the bridge or tried to hang him, and instead of a mob of five hundred, as reported, the crowd only numbered about a dozen.

Tri-State Ball League.

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FORT WAYNE, March 25.—The Tri-State Base-ball League was organized yesterday at Jackson, Mich. It will take the place of the now defunct State League of Indiana and Michigan, and will be composed of the following cities: Fort Wayne, Evansville, Grand Rapids, Toledo, Detroit and Bay City. The season will open May 9, with Sunday games and a sixty-dollar guarantee. The salary limit has been fixed at \$1,250. Evansville agrees to pay the difference in railroad fares incurred by the long journey. All the cities, except Detroit and Toledo, have agreed to contribute. The efforts will be made to secure the participation of those two cities. W. S. Walker, of Detroit, was elected president. The next meeting of the Tri-State League will be held in Fort Wayne, April 6.

Association of Railway Surgeons.

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FORT WAYNE, March 25.—The executive committee of the National Association of Railway Surgeons will meet in this city on Friday to consider the advisability of holding their annual convention, which is to take place on April 30, in Fort Wayne, instead of Buffalo. The latter city was selected at the last convention, but owing to the inability to secure reasonable rates for transportation, the executive committee has decided to abandon Buffalo, and an effort will be made to hold the convention in this city. The meeting is generally attended by about 1,200 surgeons from all parts of the country. The official organ of the association is published here.

Entertainment at Hanover College.

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MADISON, March 25.—The following programme was rendered at the Hanover College literary entertainment on Tuesday evening: Salutatory and oration, "The March to the Sea," L. P. Drayer, Hartford City; oration, "Rich Home Rule," John J. Bridges, Carrollton, Ky.; oration, "The Essentials of a Minority Man," A. P. McCormick, Dallas, Tex.; oration, "The Educated American in Politics," Robert T. McElroy, Madison; oration, "Patriotism," E. L. Williams, Hartford City; oration, "The Warnings of Oregon," Edwin McKee, Swansville; oration and valedictory, "M. B. A.," John A. Tracy, Topeka, Kan.

District Sunday-School Council.

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MUNCIE, March 25.—The second annual conference of the A. M. E. Sunday-school council of the Indianapolis district opened its first session in this city, yesterday afternoon, at the Jackson-street A. M. E. Church, with Rev. Jason Bundy, presiding elder, as president. H. E. Stuart, of Dubuque, was moderator of the council. Delegates are present from all quarters of the district. A number of important and appropriate subjects are being discussed, and much good is expected to result from the council. The council adjourned to-night.

Dead Man Struck by a Train.

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FAIRMONT, March 25.—Nixon Rush, sr., was run down by the local freight, while switching here this morning, and fatally injured. He was walking alongside a switch when the corner of a box car struck him, knocking him down and his clothing catching somehow, he was dragged for some distance. Mr. Rush is dead, and did not hear the engine approaching.

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