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United States Officers Wanting to Nab a Convict About to Leave Prison.

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JEFFERSONVILLE, Oct. 22.—Columbus Houchins is to be released from the penitentiary at Jeffersonville to-morrow morning, and a United States marshal will be on hand to arrest him on a charge of counterfeiting in Illinois. The crime was committed during the time for which he was sent up from Pike county. He was serving a term of two years in the penitentiary at Jeffersonville, in Pike county, for counterfeiting. He escaped Aug. 13, 1889, six months after his incarceration, in company with John Houchins, brother of Columbus Houchins, who was also a convict from Pike county. They were recaptured at St. Louis Sept. 23, and it was in the short time that he was in the penitentiary at Jeffersonville that he was identified himself with a gang of counterfeiters operating in Illinois and Missouri. He has a brother, Jesse Houchins, who is serving a term in the same prison for counterfeiting.

Moved a Hole in the Ground.

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MUNCIE, Oct. 22.—In 1905, John C. Eiler, who was then occupying a position in the Pension Department as Washington, resigned and came to Muncie. Soon after arriving, he leased a tract of ground covering a large artificial mound, that is now in the center of this city, and on it built a large eastern of brick and cement. Years ago the mound was moved from its high perch, and the eastern forgotten. Recently, while some workmen were engaged in cutting a new street through the mound they unearthed the old eastern. The new well is a monster, perfectly dry and estimated by some at twenty million cubic feet per day.

Barely Saved the Child.

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COLUMBUS, Oct. 22.—The residence of John Taylor, who resides in the eastern part of this city, was discovered on fire at 8 o'clock this morning. All efforts to save the building failed and it was with great danger to the life of a laborer that a small child was saved. The fire was caused by a candle which had been left burning in a room. The child was rescued by a neighbor who saw the smoke and ran to the house. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

The Democrat Will Not Give Up.

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VALPARAISO, Oct. 22.—At the spring election in 1910 a tie vote was the result for trustee in Washington township, this county. To-day lots were cast, and Louis Green, Republican, was declared elected. Brown, the Democrat, now refuses to surrender, and litigation will have to be resorted to gain control of the office.

Tempeted and He Fell.

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KOKOMO, Oct. 22.—James P. Downey, seventeen years of age, pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court this afternoon to forging a check for \$50 and was sent to the county jail for ninety days by Judge Kirkpatrick. The check was for \$50 and was payable to the order of the defendant. The check was forged on a checkbook belonging to the defendant's father.

Many Veterans Come Together.

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BREIDOT, Oct. 22.—The veterans of the Eight and Eighteenth regiments and the First Indiana Cavalry met in their sixteenth annual reunion at the City Hall here to-day. About 125 were present. After partaking of a big dinner at the opera-house, all boarded a train and proceeded to take in the world-renowned quarries of this place, and on returning held a business meeting. The speakers selected as the place of the next annual reunion, and Oct. 10, 1912, the date. The following officers were elected: President, Capt. Frederick W. Taylor; Secretary, G. W. Tarkenton; Treasurer, Cyrus Vanmetes. A big campfire was held at the City Hall in the evening.

Mysterious Death of a Child.

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OKLAHOMA, Oct. 22.—The three-year-old daughter of Jennings Nader, a farmer living two miles south of town, died suddenly and mysteriously this morning. She had been out playing, when she suddenly ran into the house and said to her mother, who was washing in the kitchen, "I saw a face." She went out again, and shortly afterward the mother went into the yard and found her child lying on the ground. No marks or symptoms are anywhere discernible on the body, and it is yet a mystery as to the cause of her death.

The Jury Disagreed.

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PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—At the suit of the administrator of Emanuel Isebaeger against Allen county for \$10,000, brought here on a change of venue, the jury, after deliberating twenty hours, disagreed and was discharged. Isebaeger, in crossing a bridge with a traction engine, lost his life some two years ago in an accident. The bridge giving away, a man named Sparks was also killed at the same time. On a preliminary hearing Isebaeger's heirs obtained a verdict of \$4,000.

Held a German Volkfest.

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NORTH VERNON, Oct. 22.—This has been a big day here, the occasion of a German folkfest, with bands in uniform, lodge processions, industrial parade, fire company exhibition, boats with girls representing the four American states and eight German states. The speakers were Hon. C. A. Koeblay, of Madison, who addressed the vast crowd in the fatherland tongue, and Hon. John Overmyer, of this place, who spoke in English. People were here from the entire southern part of the State.

Midnight Howl with a Burglar.

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CRAWFORDVILLE, Oct. 22.—John Potts last night discovered a burglar in his house and immediately jumped up to grapple with him. The intruder ran out with Mr. Potts, in negligé, close at his heels. The burglar drew his revolver and fired twice while going through the yard, but his aim was bad and Potts followed him as far as the street, where the man got away. However, he left his overcoat, slippers, hat and shoes, and by these it is thought he can be identified.

out a portion of the town, and was instrumental in laying the foundation of its future welfare. She will be buried to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, in the Quaker Church, in which faith she was raised. Rev. G. A. Muncie, will officiate at the funeral.

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TOO COOL FOR FAST TIME

In an Effort to Lower His Mark Allerton Couldn't Do Better than 2:10 1-2.

Roy Wilkes Tried to Beat 2:08 1-4, but Only Made It in 2:12—Wind Too Stiff for Nancy Hanks to Start—Chicago's New Ball Club.

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Oct. 22.—A strong south wind prevented record-breaking today. The day was cold, and by the time the equines had fought the elements to the turn there was little speed left in them with which to push. Allerton, to beat 2:04, failed to make his mark. He scored down rapidly and was sent his best. He trotted the mile without a skip, but the weather was against him, and he could only succeed in stopping the watches at 2:10 1-2.

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