

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS

Peter Kirn, of Richmond, Who Had More Than His Share of Sorrow, at Rest.

Student Evans, of Indianapolis, Wins the D. P. Baldwin Prize in Oratory at Wash College—Young Troglon Gully.

INDIANA

County Officer Who Gave Up His Property When the Richmond Bank Failed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, April 8.—Ex-County Treasurer Peter P. Kirn died this morning at his home in this city. For many years Mr. Kirn has been a prominent Republican. He was born in 1811, but has been a resident of this city since he was sixteen years old. In August, 1892, he enlisted in Company A, Sixty-ninth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and the same month lost a leg at the battle of Richmond, Ky. In 1895 he was elected city clerk and served in that capacity until 1897. In 1898 he was elected county treasurer and two years later was re-elected. At the time the Coffin bank closed its doors he turned over to the county's money deposit there the sum of \$20,000. The deficiency he turned his property over to the county.

Evans Wins the Baldwin Prize.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CRAWFORDVILLE, April 8.—The twentieth annual Baldwin prize contest of Wash College was held, this evening, at Center Church. The prize, \$10, is derived from a fund given by Hon. D. P. Baldwin, of Loganport, to be given "to that member of the senior class who shall compose and pronounce the best English oration." The orations and orators were: "Savonarola," by E. H. Evans, of Indianapolis; "The Holy of Sin," by G. G. Taylor, of Princeton; "William the Conqueror," by M. C. McNeill, of Charleston, Ill.; "The Reformation," by F. T. Steele, of Urbana, Ill.; "Religion and Law," by the Public Schools; by B. F. Frank, of Indianapolis; "A Race in History," by A. T. Martin, of Logansport.

Messrs. Frank and Taylor withdrew and did not speak for the prize. After the orations were delivered the judges—F. M. Dice, A. B. Anderson and Rev. G. W. Switzer—retired, and upon their return announced that the prize had been awarded to E. H. Evans.

Couldn't Let Well Enough Alone.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BRAZIL, April 8.—The trial in which Harry Trogden was charged with killing Hays Sanders, July 28, 1890, while working the roads just this side of the Illinois State line, was decided in the Circuit Court this morning. The jury, finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and fixing his sentence at five years in the penitentiary. The case has been tried twice in the Vigo Circuit Court. The first trial the jury disagreed, and the second trial the defendant was given a three years' sentence. However, his attorney, James H. Stricker, moved the judge's address to the jury and secured another trial. The case was venued to Clay county, with the above results.

Miss Connor's Diamond Medal.

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CRAWFORDVILLE, April 8.—A beautiful gold badge from the P. O. S. of A. camp at Leadville, Col., to be presented to Miss Emma Connor, the school teacher who has gained unusual notoriety in keeping a flag on the school-house in district No. 9, Clark township, against the Circuit Court this morning. The badge is a diamond medal, valued at \$100, and is a delicate and beautiful piece of workmanship. It is of Colorado gold and set with a diamond.

The Winchester Primary.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WINCHESTER, April 8.—At the Republican primary in this city to nominate two county clerks, a clerk, treasurer and marshal, L. W. Norton and O. B. Terry, both vigorous Republicans, were chosen county clerks; William P. Needham, the poet, clerk; Elmore A. Thomas, treasurer and John Coffin, marshal. The ticket is an exceptionally good one.

Great Rejoicing in Bedford.

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BEDFORD, April 8.—There was great rejoicing in this city this morning when it became known that Bedford will have water-works for a certainty. The city council last night let the contract to a Chicago company to put in a plant for \$62,000. The plant will be located on the city, and is to be completed by Jan. 1, 1893.

Minor Notes.

Charlestown's new I. O. O. F. hall was dedicated last night with appropriate ceremonies.

Mrs. Mary Komfort, aged ninety-six, one of the best-known women in Miami county, died at Peru.

Anna M. Moore, aged nearly eighty, died at her home in Winchester yesterday. She was a much-loved member of the M. E. Church.

J. W. Kimberling, who had done a big business in Goshen, selling pianos and organs, has departed, leaving his family in bad circumstances.

William Sassen, charged with attempting to assault James Hutchins, was fined \$30 and given six months in jail by a Randolph county jury.

A prize fight for a purse of \$2,000 has been arranged between Elder Pate, colored, of Peru, and Daniel Ballif, of Muncie, the contest to come off within ten days.

Henry Cortis, aged seventy, and for forty years a resident of Delaware county, is dead. He has been an active member of the United Presbyterian Church for forty years.

The Southern Indiana Fish Protective Association has employed a detective to seek testimony to convict persons of poisoning and dynamiting Silver creek, near New Albany.

Rolland Hobbs, at Abany, Delaware county, fired at a knot-hole in a public building, and instantly killed J. W. Shorter. The coroner found the ball in Shorter's heart.

It has transpired that Adam Neidig, of Washington, the miner who murdered his wife through jealousy and then committed suicide, was the victim of a cruel hoax by brother miners, who, at a joke, told him that a certain miner was often seen about Neidig's house in the latter's absence.

John Taulman, a young farmer of Snayona township, in Jefferson county, went to

Madison to pay his taxes. On his return home he found his little child had been left at a neighbor's and his wife had eloped with A. Hibbert, a tramp carpenter who had been given a home by Taulman for some time.

ILLINOIS

Two Heirs of Franklin Oliver Bring Suit Against Ex-Representative Payson.

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BLOOMINGTON, April 8.—Frances Ross and Caroline Doyne, the daughters of the late Franklin Oliver, an eccentric and very wealthy pioneer of Livingston county, to-day brought suit against the Hon. Lewis E. Payson, of Pontiac, ex-Representative, for the recovery of 1,200 acres of land, at Oliver's grove, near Chatsworth. Oliver died in 1881, aged ninety-four. He had been the owner of thousands of acres of valuable land, but during the last few years of his life had lost all of his property. The complainants allege that Payson got into his possession 1,200 acres of the pauper's land, and that he was able to pay the taxes on it. They say that during the last years of Oliver's life he was feeble-minded, and was unable to protect his property and rights.

Brief Mention.

John Crawley, of Tazewell, and Nora Smith, superintendent of the Douglas county schools, were married at Indianapolis.

Thursday, at Alton, the Democratic congressional convention of the Eighteenth Illinois district renominated Congressman

William B. Hunter, a Democratic election judge, of Mount Zion, Thursday was convicted of marking ballots for the purpose of securing his own election as speaker.

John Hays, of Alton, some time ago, entirely lost his voice. Yesterday, in a violent coughing fit, he coughed up a brass pin and immediately commenced to recover.

At Marshall Alexander Fitzpatrick, a colored man from Terre Haute, was united in matrimony yesterday with Mrs. Anna Harper, nee Serber, a white woman, aged thirty-nine, from the same place.

William Tracewell, a young Englishman, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Stronberger, the father of a young woman Tracewell was paying attentions to at Mascoutah, Ill., and stabbed him in the back.

At Virginia, the case of Mrs. Daniel Maney against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, was thrown out of court. Payment to the plaintiff out of the relief fund was adjudged a release.

QUEER CASE OF COUNTERFEITING.

Sign-Painters Arrested for Putting an Imitation of a Treasury Note on a Bill-Board.

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CHICAGO, April 8.—R. J. Gunning, head of the big sign-painting firm, and J. M. Rice, manager of the Household Loan Association, were arrested to-day by secret service officers on warrants sworn out by Captain Porter. The charge is counterfeiting. Both men are charged with violating Sections 5708 and 5188 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which prohibit the making in any shape or form any picture or likeness of United States money, silver, gold or paper.

They were charged with being responsible for having had painted a poor imitation of a twenty-dollar treasury note on a bill-board. The picture of the bill is four feet high and two and a half feet in width, but the abnormal size of the bill does not in the least tend to mislead the public, and the two gentlemen will be prosecuted just as though they were ordinary counterfeiters.

COLORED PREACHERS PUT A STOP.

Think the Time Has Come to Stop to Lynchings in the South.

BALTIMORE, Md., April 8.—The colored movement denouncing outrages in the South has reached Baltimore. Some fifty colored ministers, of all denominations, responded to a call sent out for them to meet at the Methodist Church. The object of the meeting was explained by reading a printed communication, sent out from St. Louis, stating that a movement had been started to get all the colored ministers in this country to unite, and on May 31 meetings are to be held in every city, protesting against the lynching, shooting and burning of colored people in the South. After a short discussion the committee was appointed to act on the communication. The committee submitted a report endorsing the resolution, with the exception that Sunday, May 29, should be the day for the meeting in place of May 31. Speeches were then made.

Rev. William Alexander said: "There is something wrong and here it is. We want the people of this country to understand our position thoroughly in this matter. We want to see the colored people come, which I am satisfied will, we shall be in the right."

Rev. C. W. Mossell said: "If this thing cannot be settled amicably it will have to be settled with the sword. One of the other must be exterminated, and the other must be willing to let his own people be exterminated as well as his own."

An aged brother who followed said: "What am I doing occupying the shoes of a man who has been so long in the world? I am a man of God, and I will not be a man of the world either."

Mr. Mossell remarked: "Archbishop Ireland is a greater man."

"No, sir," he was not. This is a preacher's meeting, and we are not here to discuss men of arms and force."

"It is for me that we are in this matter," came from several in the hall. The colored brethren then, several of them, on their feet and each delivering his views, while the sisters clasped their hands. These not engaged in the discussion kept yelling "order," while the chairman beat his desk trying to quiet matters and at last ordered Brother Mossell to take his seat.

"This is no political meeting, and I don't like to see an order me to sit down," said Mr. Mossell.

"I don't make any difference what kind of a meeting this is. You have got to keep order. I am chairman and I don't propose that you shall take me out of it."

Rev. Mr. Alexander, in the point of order that he could not see what General Grant's being a greater man than Archbishop Ireland had to do with a colored man being present at the meeting, and that the same idea took possession of the others present and all quieted down except Brother Mossell whose feelings had been hurt. The subject will be further discussed in the regular preachers' meeting Monday next.

A Pessimistic View of the Negro Race.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 8.—Professor Jenks, of Cornell University, lectured before the University Extension Society last evening on the race problem. He said that history and science seemed to show that the negro was an inferior race and one incapable of a civilized government. Where this inferior race is placed, it has a tendency to degenerate, and the negroes rapidly retrograded to a state of barbarism. In the reconstruction period in this country the negro governments of the South invariably ran the States heavily in debt, and passed shameful and oppressive laws against the whites. In places where they had advanced, the advancement was so slight that it showed itself only in a few things. The morals of the negroes of the South were unspeakably low, he said, and socially the negro had no standing among the whites. Internecine wars had proved to be impracticable, and the nation by force would be unjust. Education was the only means of elevating the race and making it less dangerous. Prof. Jenks thought the best plan is to encourage the negro to emigrate to Africa.

Emma Juch Stranded Again.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 8.—The Emma Juch Opera Company, Charles E. Locke, manager, disbanded here last night, owing to financial difficulties.

\$3.65—To Chicago—\$3.65

Via the Pennsylvania Line from Indianapolis.

THE DEBT OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Five Ugly Little Imps Which Are Now Busily Harassing the Association.

Something About Its Debt of \$30,000—When, How and Why the Obligation Was Made, and How It Is Proposed to Pay It.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal in regard to the following:

Let me send you a glimpse

Of the five ugly Imps

That are killing the Y. M. C. A.,

And ask for your aid

In making a trail

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