

FORT WAYNE'S BIG FIRE

THREE BUSINESS HOUSES BURNED WITH \$125,000 LOSS. Two Large Firms at Aurora Wiped Out—Body of Missing Portland Druggist Found.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 28.—One of the most destructive fires Fort Wayne ever experienced broke out at 7 o'clock this morning in the hardware store of Morgan & Co., the oldest and most extensive house in that line in Northern Indiana.

Two firemen were seriously but not fatally injured by falling walls. The insurance is \$100,000, as follows: Merchants' Co., \$50,000; stock, London, Liverpool and Globe, \$25,000; Fire Association, \$25,000; Royal, \$25,000; Hartford, \$25,000; Phoenix, \$25,000; Imperial, \$25,000; Commercial, \$25,000; Associated, \$25,000; Northwestern, \$25,000; Atlas, \$25,000; London and Lancashire, \$25,000; American, \$25,000; total, \$1,500,000.

MISSING PORTLAND DRUGGIST. Body of George Hartman Found After Six Days in the Fair Grounds. PORTLAND, Ind., Feb. 28.—To-night in making his rounds, the keeper of the fair grounds saw a human hand protruding from under the grandstands and found that it belonged to a missing body of George Hartman, a prominent druggist.

Perhaps Fatally Injures a Wealthy Madison County Farmer. ANDERSON, Ind., Feb. 28.—Columbus Vermillion, a wealthy farmer of Madison county, and father of J. L. Vermillion, cashier of the Anderson Banking company, was seriously hurt by an explosion of natural gas at his home last night.

Results of a Fraternal Drunk. WELLSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 28.—Michael and Patrick O'Connell, who were at the fair grounds, were taken to the hospital last night and fell asleep in the wagon.

Quaker Endeavor Adjourns. RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 28.—The fourth annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Union of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends closed to-night after a successful three days session.

INAUGURATION HISTORY

INCIDENTS OF THE SWEARING IN OF ALL THE PRESIDENTS. No Great Demonstrations at the Capital Till Madison's Time—Jefferson's Liking for Simplicity.

The inauguration of a President is a ceremony of the most important and uniquely American. Here is no despotism, no coronation with tinsel accompaniments of emperor and king forced upon an unwilling people.

THE CONVENTION OF 1851. Hon. Isaac Kinley, a Member of that Body, Now Resides in California. To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

THE GRANT INAUGURATIONS. Grant rode to the Capitol alone, because the retiring President was dissatisfied with the arrangement of carriages, it having been decided that they should occupy separate routes.

SLAP AT CLEVELAND. (Concluded from First Page.) Securing a law at this session fixing heavy penalties for public performances of copy-righted music was one of the chief objects of the session.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES. Dean Brothers last week shipped to the Brazil Mining Company a pump which will throw 1,000 gallons of water a minute.

SUNDAY COCKING MAIN

A BIG CROWD WITNESSES IT OUT NEAR HAUGHVILLE. First Event in Early Afternoon, and the Crowd Still Present Along Towards Midnight.

The owners of fighting cocks and the sports of the city and suburbs who enjoy witnessing a cock fight made big preparations last week and held a well-attended cocking main in a building near Haughville yesterday.

THE PIT. The pit in which the events took place was elliptical shaped and was padded sides about two feet high.

THE CHICKENS. The first few spirited flies of the chickens as they come together are enough to excite the curiosity of the uninitiated; but when one cock is gaffed in the neck, head or lungs and can stand and fight, the interest of the spectators is at once aroused.

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COTTON MILL ADDITION

LOVE BROTHERS PURCHASE THREE MORE ACRES OF GROUND. The Blechnery, Now One of the Biggest in the Country, to Be Further Enlarged.

The Indiana cotton mills, Love Brothers, proprietors, have purchased three acres more of ground from the Maus Brewery Company, with the intention of still further enlarging their plant, which is now one of the largest west of the Allegheny mountains.

THE HORSE MARKET. When four years ago Blair & Baker opened weekly auction sales, selling from twenty-five to fifty horses a week, hardly any one predicted that this would lead to a very large horse market.

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THE ADVANTAGES OF PREPARED MINCE MEAT

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BURLARS OVER THE RIVER

Ransack a House in Daylight, but Overlook a Roll of Bills. Mr. D. C. Chammess and family, residing at No. 92 Woodburn avenue in West Indianapolis, left home to visit a relative in the suburb about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

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Advertisement for National Two-Work Wrought-Iron Pipe, Gas, Steam and Water.

Advertisement for Knight & Jillson, 75 and 77 S. Pennsylvania St.

Advertisement for Burlars Over the River, detailing a burglary case.

Advertisement for Calve as Marguerite, a theatrical performance.

Advertisement for City News Notes, listing local news items.

Advertisement for Anami's means "want of blood," a deficiency in the red corpuscles of the blood.