

An Indianapolis man swore in court the other day that he did not know his wife's first name, though they had lived happily together for thirteen years.

Two years ago the remains of William Innes were buried at Cornuna, Ind. When exhumed the other day, they were found petrified, and had increased in weight from 175 to over 500 pounds.

There was a tragic scene at Monticello, Ill., a few days ago when Charles Huffman, who had just united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Loghty, dropped dead with heart disease at the altar.

A German biologist says that the two sides of a face are never alike. In two cases out of five the eyes are out of line; one eye is stronger than the other in seven persons out of ten and the right ear is generally higher than the left.

J. Henry Knott and his wife Hannah lived together in a small Pennsylvania town for fifteen years, and in all that time never exchanged a word. Now Henry has disappeared but as the farm is in his wife's name she has loosened her tongue to call loudly for his return.

Ignorance on the part of Mrs. Peter Stilwick caused the death of her infant son at Buffalo N. Y. The babe was but thirteen days old. The mother, intending to give the little one a bath, she says, plunged him into boiling hot water. The child was literally boiled to death, the water being so hot that the skin dropped off from the flesh in large pieces.

A Gamblers Rash Act.

Charles Clay, a gambler, has been arrested at Henderson, Ky., for opening a grave and cutting a fore-finger from the hand of the dead woman to bring him luck. There are threats of violence against him.

Irony of Fate.

COLUMBUS, O. Sept. 30.—A man 86 years of age was sent to the County infirmary to day. He had spent the best part of his life in aiding the working men and working women of the country. His name is Wm. Allen, but he is better known as "Land Bill Allen." Over fifty years ago Mr. Allen commenced the work of his life for his fellow men. At that time he lived in Perry county. He was the owner of a valuable farm and was surrounded by a happy family. He commenced the agitation of the homestead law and traveled the country over at his own expense, delivering speeches and lectures in furtherance of his work. He addressed Legislatures and helped to mould public sentiment until at last Congress passed the national homestead law, giving every actual settler 160 acres of land. For this work Mr. Allen was highly praised, but he received no pay. He spent his fortune in this cause. Members of his family died one after another, and now he is in the poor house. His work in Ohio led to the adoption in this state of the exemption laws, by which the poor

man has so much property set aside from Sheriff's and Constable's sale. His farm in Perry county was sold by the Sheriff some years ago, since which time he has lived by begging. When sent to the infirmary Mr. Allen presented a most miserable appearance, his clothing being little better than tatters and rags.—Republic.

Sam Jones Called Down.

The two Georgia evangelists, Sam P. Jones and Sam W. Small, have been ordered to appear before the Grand Jury. They conducted a revival there some time ago and charged corruption so pointedly upon the people and the administration of justice that Judge Maddox charged the Grand Jury to compel Jones and Small to make their charges in legal form and prove their truth or shut up. Attachments have been issued for the reverend gentlemen. Small is now in Mississippi.

Mrs. Allen G. Thurman Ill.

Mrs. Allen G. Thurman, wife of the "Old Roman" is very ill, at Columbus Ohio, and is not expected to survive but a short time. She has been quite low for several weeks from an attack of grip, coupled with the infirmities of her 80 years.

Mrs. Thurman was born in Chillicothe in 1811 and was the daughter of Walter Dunn, a wealthy merchant and landowner. During her early childhood she accompanied her parents to Lexington, where in after years she married a resident named Tompkins, by whom she had one daughter. Her husband dying soon after their marriage, she returned to Chillicothe and in 1844 was married to Judge Thurman. From that union three children were born. The son Allan W, well known from his connection with base-ball affairs, is the only one residing at home.

Russia's Famine Worse and Worse.

What little food it is possible for the peasants to obtain is of the vilest description, but so sharp are the pangs of hunger that they gladly eat food that at other times they would not touch. In many cases their only food is the sweepings and refuse from the flour mills. In Saratoff the land-owners find this refuse so injurious to their cattle that they would not feed it to them. But, though it was not fit for cattle to eat, the land owners made bread of it and sold it to the peasants. Bread made of finely chopped straw and bran mixed with a very small quantity of rye is considered a godsend. In many districts the starving peasantry are not able to procure even these miserable substitutes for nourishing food, and are reduced to the most dire straits to procure anything that will prolong life. In these districts the starving population are keeping themselves alive by making what they call "hunger bread." The ingredients are dried dung, the powdered bark of trees, ground pease and goose-foot, a plant more commonly known as pig-weed. This mess is greedily eaten by the famishing people.

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