

A HOOSIER GENIUS.

MISS FURMAN OF EVANSVILLE HAS WON FAME.

The Author of "Stories of a Sanctified Town" Was a Genuine Rustic in Her Childhood Days—A Close Observer of Nature and Customs.

(Evansville Ind.) Letter. HE success of "Stories of a Sanctified Town" has brought many inquiries to this city as to the personality of its distinguished author.



LUCY F. FURMAN.

often rode with her father on his daily rounds of visits in town and country, and thus early acquired an insight into the lives of the people that has been valuable to her.

At the suggestion of a friend, Miss Furman sent some of her stories to James Whitcomb Riley, whom she has never met.

The first stories she wrote were published by the Century Magazine.

Miss Furman has been for several years a resident of Evansville.

Watch-Testing at Kew.

There has been watchmaking at Coventry as long as there has been a watch trade in England, which is for the last 200 years or thereabouts.

One of New Zealand's Curious Birds. A curious little bird is the weka, which is found in the Alpine region in the South Island of New Zealand.

soon as he sees your camp pitched, takes possession of it. He neither respects nor fears man, and is an incorrigible thief.

KENTUCKY BEAUTY HONORED.

Miss Castleman Paid Proud Tribute by Swell Society. (Special Letter.)

Miss Alice Castleman of Louisville, Ky., is accorded the distinction of being one of the prettiest society women in America.



MISS ALICE CASTLEMAN.

advantage than when in the saddle. She is one of the dashing members of the riding club and is familiar with the pedigree of all blooded stock the world over.

Footgear in Foreign Lands. The Portuguese shoe has a wooden sole and heel, with a vamp made of patent leather, fanciful, showing the flesh side of the skin.

There are 233 convents in Great Britain.

WATER AT ST. LOUIS.

ENTIRE RIVER FRONT IS IN GREAT DANGER.

Much of the Levee Inundated and Basements Filled—The Worst to Come—East St. Louis and Other Places Alarmed—Lower River Reports Gloomy.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 5.—The following special warning was issued by the local weather bureau officials to-day: "The river at St. Louis will continue to rise.

Old rivermen have declared that the water will cover the entire levee by to-night.

In East St. Louis the water is nearly up to the railroad embankments and the bottom lands north and south are already under water.

Reports from Quincy, Alton, Hannibal, Louisiana and other places above here are that the small rivers are all pouring torrents into the great streams and lowlands in all directions are flooded, but no lives have been lost as yet.

Grand river in north Missouri is away out of its banks, and is from one to three miles wide.

Greenville's Position Serious.

GREENVILLE, Miss., April 5.—Going east along Washington avenue this morning and looking northward, a wide sheet of water may be seen, covering the entire north half of this place.

Mississippi's Flooded Towns.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 5.—Reports from Cairo and other up river points are that the rivers are all on the boom and that the floods will probably soon be greater than ever.

At Rosedale, Miss., relief boats have been busy rescuing those whose homes were flooded.

About Lulu, Miss., the situation is extremely critical. The river is higher than for years, and there is every prospect of a further rise, with the levees becoming soft and mushy.

The Northwest Suffering.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 5.—The river last night was three feet above the danger line and all flats were flooded.

Reports from all over this state and from the Red River Valley and the valley of the Jim river, in South Dakota, tell of floods.

At Woonsocket, S. D., an ice gorge has caused the water to cover eight miles of land.

McMahon's Wound Fatal.

WICHITA, Kan., April 5.—Joseph McMahon, proprietor of McMahon's circus, formerly known as Bond Bros' circus, died this morning.

Wants Five Million Acres.

LAGRANGE, Ind., April 5.—Simon Pokagon, chief of the Pottawatomie Indians, who at one time resided in this part of Indiana, is preparing to prosecute a claim against the United States government on 5,000,000 acres of land in Iowa, which was reserved by the government by treaty in 1838.

Reorganization Rejected.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Comptroller Eckels rejected this afternoon the plan proposed for the reorganization of the Missouri National bank of Kansas City and will pay a dividend to creditors within twenty days.

CIVIL TRIAL FOR RIVERA

Spain Ordered It at President McKinley's Wish—He May Escape Death.

CHICAGO, April 5.—The Times Herald's Washington special says: "Secretary Sherman has protested against the execution of General Ruis Rivera, the Cuban leader in Pinar del Rio, who was recently captured by the Spanish forces.

HAVANA, April 5.—Acting Captain General Ahumada has received orders from Minister of War Azcarraza at Madrid not to try General Ruis Rivera immediately by court martial.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—It is reported, but denied at the state department, that Consul General Lee has cabled from Havana that he had reasons to believe that Correspondent Crosby of Chicago had been captured by Spaniards and murdered, not shot in battle.

Sanguily Off for Cuba.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 5.—General Julio Sanguily, who was smuggled into this city secretly by the Cuban Junta Wednesday night, and escaped the espionage of five Spanish spies, left last evening for east coast in disguise, thence to take a sailing boat for Cuba.

OXFORD CREW WON AGAIN

Beat the Cantabs in an Exciting Race—Weather Very Bad.

PUNEY, England, April 5.—The fifty-fourth annual boat race between crews representing the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, was rowed to-day over the usual course, from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of four and one-quarter miles, and Oxford won by barely two lengths in 19 minutes, 12 seconds.

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FATAL FIRE.

A Chattanooga Capitalist and an Architect Perish.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 5.—The Richardson building, the largest in Chattanooga, was totally destroyed by fire, which started from the furnace in the basement, between 3:30 and 6 o'clock this morning.

The watchman warned a number of men sleeping on the sixth floor and all succeeded in getting out except Boyd Ewing, one of the wealthiest men in this section, and S. M. Patton, a leading architect of the South.

Frank Carlock, a young lawyer who attempted to save some papers from his office in the Third National bank building, fell from a ladder and was badly injured.

A Loving Cup for Mr. Hayward.

LONDON, April 5.—The farewell banquet to ex-Ambassador Hayward will be given at the Hotel Cecil, May 7, when a gold loving cup, worth over \$2,500, will be presented to him by members of the American colony of London and elsewhere in the United Kingdom.

A Rich Ounce Divorced.

PERRY, Okla., April 5.—W. H. Conner, ex-treasurer of the Osage Indians, was divorced from his wife, Addie E. Conner, at Pawnee on the ground of abandonment. He gave \$10,000 as alimony to her.

CLEVELAND TO SPEAK.

The Ex-President to Say a Few Words to the Country on Public Matters.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Ex-President Cleveland will soon deliver a noteworthy address to the people of the United States. He will improve the opportunity afforded by the Reform Club dinner in New York on the 24th inst. to say a few words to the country.

Thousands of Bicycle Inventions. WASHINGTON, April 5.—The records kept at the patent office show to what an enormous extent the invention of bicycle improvements has grown in this country.

To Reform the Currency.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Eleven of the fifteen members of the executive committee appointed by the Indianapolis monetary convention last January have been in the city for several days.

Philippine Rebellion.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The Spanish legation has received official dispatches from Madrid, under date of April 1, announcing the most decisive engagements in the Philippine islands since the insurrection there began.

Minister Breckinridge Sifts.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—Clifton B. Breckinridge, minister to Russia, is not likely to be disturbed until the expiration of his four years, which will be about a year from now.

Dingley Coal Duties Opposed.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 5.—The concentration of organized and unorganized miners of Illinois has passed resolutions opposing the increase in the tariff on coal from 40 to 75 cents a ton proposed by the Dingley bill.

Double Kentucky Tragedy.

HAYDEN, Ky., April 5.—Tom Oglethorpe, a prosperous farmer, accused his wife of having been intimate with Henry Schneider, a farm hand. They quarreled and Oglethorpe's wife left him.

Twenty Thousand for Green.

CARROLLTON, Mo., April 5.—The jury in the case of Green vs. the Kansas City Street Railway company for \$50,000 damages for personal injuries, rendered their verdict at 3:10 as follows: "We the jury find the issues for the plaintiff, and assess his damages at \$20,000."

Powder Mills Blow Up.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 5.—All the buildings of the Shamokin Powder company were completely wrecked by an explosion which occurred in the mill of the company.

Soldiers' Orphan's Home Changes.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 5.—Major C. A. Woodworth of Effingham has been appointed superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphan's home to take effect July 1.

Rev. J. D. Gossett Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 5.—The Rev. J. D. Gossett died this morning at his home in Independence, after an illness of several months. He was in his 79th year, and until his last illness had been strong and vigorous.

TO TRY TOBACCO CULTURE

Fremont Man Leases Thirty-five Acres Which He Will Plant.

George Godfrey has leased thirty-five acres of land from the Fremont Stock Yards and Land company and will put in a crop of tobacco. The ground is immediately south of the cheery factory.

SUPPLYING INSTITUTIONS.

The Board Rejects Several Bids Because There Was No Competition.

Bids for stationery for the Beatrice institution were rejected by the state board of purchase and supplies for the reason that all bidders gave the same prices in all particulars.

Proposals for flour at the Milford soldiers' and industrial home were rejected because there was but one bid for each institution and the board desires to let these various contracts under competition.

Nebraska Man Acquitted in Denver.

Cyrus Edinger, alias "Los Angeles" McDonald, was found not guilty of the murder of Detective A. J. Moore by a jury in Denver Saturday and discharged.

A Foreign Curiosity.

Among the remarkable additions recently made to the stock on the farm of V. J. Thomas of North Loup is a pig, apparently healthy and vigorous and normal in all respects.

Young Woman Declared Insane.

Upon complaint of Anton Dykster of West Point, his twenty-four-year old daughter Fanny, was brought before the insanity commission and adjudged a fit subject for the hospital for the insane.

Rushing the Canal Project.

H. E. Babcock, president of the Great Eastern Canal company, has moved from Ord to Monroe, where he has opened an office.

Thinks He Is Insane.

Frank Mealy of York, who figured so conspicuously in the trial of W. L. Lee last December, was arrested the other day on complaint of his father charged with being insane.

Missouri at Omaha Rising.

The rise in the river at Omaha is increasing and the probability is that this week it will come up to seventeen feet, or one foot below the danger line.

An Important Mission.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, Attorney-General Smyth and John L. Webster left Omaha Friday for Washington, where they will argue the maximum freight rate case before the supreme court on behalf of Nebraska.

No Report Yet.

The report of the legislative recanning board has not yet been made, although the board has finished the recount. It is expected that the report will be made to the legislature Tuesday.

Financier Holston Stricken.

New York, April 5.—Rowell G. Holston, president of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company and one of the best known New York financiers, was stricken with paralysis while returning to his home in Babylon, L. I.

Congress Provides Prompt Aid.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The bill making immediately available \$125,000 for the saving of life and property along the Mississippi river has been agreed to by both houses and goes to the president for his signature.