

FIRST WOMAN CITIZEN.

Her Sturdy Lads and Clever Lassies Become Prominent Citizens.

Known as the "Widow Ryan"—Was a Clever Business Woman—Short Sketch of Her Life and What Some of Her Children Accomplished.

From the News, Indianapolis, Ind.

Hundreds of thousands of men of foreign birth have taken out papers declaring their citizenship in Indiana since that State was admitted into the Union in 1816 without creating remark or comment. It was a different matter, however, when along in the forties the first woman of foreign birth applied for and received papers of citizenship after declaring in set form that she renounced all allegiance to every prince or potentate on earth.

This "first woman citizen" was an Irish widow who settled in northern Indiana with her progeny of sturdy lads and clever lassies upon a farm which she had bought. She had taken out naturalization papers in order to manage her property to better advantage, and for the further purpose of starting her family as true Americans with a full understanding of the advantages and responsibilities of American citizenship.

The "Widow Ryan" as she was known in Daviess County, Indiana, was a great woman with a clever business head and left behind her those who grew to be worthy men and worthy women, and who have left their impress upon the State.

One of these sons James B. Ryan became treasurer of the State of Indiana, and a son-in-law, M. L. Brett, also held that high and honorable position. Another son was the late Lieut. Col. Richard J. Ryan who was probably the most brilliant and gifted orator that Indiana ever produced, and who during the war for the Union served his country in the Thirty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, better known as "the Irish Regiment."

Another son is Thomas F. Ryan who is now 50 years old, and with a few intervals of absence has been a resident of Indianapolis for forty-two years. Mr. Ryan has had an active business man all his life and has seen more than one fortune come and go in the vicissitudes of trade and sudden panic.

In the early fifties smitten by the gold fever he went by way of the Isthmus of Panama to California, and he has retained the free-hearted, open and trusting confidence that distinguished the gallant pioneers of the golden State. He has been all over the far west engaged in mining and trade operations in Oregon, Arizona and Montana. From May, 1885 until August, 1887 he was the government agent at the Seal Islands off the Alaska coast, a highly responsible position.

"For ten years or more," said Mr. Ryan in conversation with a group of gentlemen at the Indianapolis Board of Trade, "I have been extremely sensitive in my lower limbs, to weather changes. If my legs had been filled with quick silver I do not think they would have responded more quickly or more disagreeably to climatic conditions."

"During the past two years this infirmity became much worse, and I began to be alarmed, fearing paralysis. My legs were cold and recently from my knees down were without sensation. I could walk only short distances and would even then experience great weariness. I became more and more alarmed. I naturally thought of paralysis or locomotor ataxia. The prospect was not a pleasing one."

"I happened to meet my old friend Capt. C. F. Shepard, of this city. He was chanting the praises of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and gave me his experience, telling me that he had been brought by using them from a bed where he lay helpless, his physician having declared him a hopeless case of locomotor ataxia, and was now as active as any man of his age, not even requiring the use of a cane. Upon his recommendation I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

"I found positive relief, after taking a few doses. The numbness in my limbs disappeared as if by magic and I can walk as far as I like at a good rapid gait and without weariness. This you may understand is a great boon to a man who has been of an active habit of life and who still likes to depend to a great extent upon his legs to get around in the world."

"The pills also drove the rheumatism out of my hip. I have not been bothered with it since I began their use. I think I shall have to join Captain Shepard in his praises of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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Had Lost His Faith in Them.

A theatrical manager told a story against himself the other day. An actor came to him and applied for an engagement. There did not seem to be much need of him, but his demands in the way of salary were very modest, and the manager said to him: "Well, you may consider yourself engaged if fancy I can find something for you to do. Come round on Tuesday and I'll try you."

The newly-engaged man looked at the manager questioningly. "How about a contract?" he asked. "Oh, never mind a contract. We'll have a verbal contract."

There was a look of mild reproach in the eyes of the man, as he answered, sorrowfully: "Sir, the last time I made a verbal contract I drew a verbal salary."—Spare Moments.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

CUBA'S ILLS ARE COMMERCIAL.

Dr. Rodriguez Declares That Autonomy Will Depend on a Sugar Crop.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—"The plan of autonomy proposed for Cuba will succeed," said Dr. Jose I. Rodriguez, the ablest Cuban statesman in this country, "if the people are given a fair degree of civil liberty and make a good crop of sugar this season. The latter is absolutely essential. When there is a profitable sugar crop the people are good-natured and tractable. When there is a bad crop they are filled with discontent and the spirit of anarchy and rebellion. If we could re-establish the reciprocity arrangement that was made with Spain for Cuba, by Mr. Blaine, it would go a great way toward restoring peace and contentment, for it was the revocation of that arrangement that made the revolution possible. I see that Mr. Hannis Taylor declares that fact, and asserts what I have always contended, that economic causes were more potent than political discontent. The Spanish ministry is just beginning to perceive this fact."

WOULD AID DURRANT.

Widow of Blather Says She Believes He Is Innocent of Murder.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Nov. 26.—The widow of Arthur Forbes, alias J. E. Blather, who was arrested at Meridian, Tex., charged with having murdered Mrs. Phillipina Langfelt, in San Francisco, and who committed suicide in the Bosque county jail, was located in this city by the police. Mrs. Forbes says there is no doubt as to Forbes being the murderer of the San Francisco woman; that he had often told her that he was well acquainted with Minnie Williams and Blanche Lamont, having been introduced to them by Theodore Durrant; that he often referred to the murders in such a manner that she was convinced that he knew of them. Mrs. Forbes, or Ada Taylor, says that one of her trunks is still in San Francisco, where it was used in evidence during Durrant's trial. She yesterday wired Durrant as follows: "Have courage, I believe you to be an innocent man; if I can help to prove your innocence, command me."

ALL OR NOTHING.

Mrs. Walkup Lays Claim to the Entire Ketcham Estate.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 26.—D. C. Hansen, of Chicago, who is the attorney of Mrs. Minnie Wallace Walkup Ketcham, is here for the purpose of examining the local interests of his client. In an interview Mr. Hansen said his client vehemently denied any charge of duress or undue influence over John B. Ketcham, but will maintain that the marriage was legal and that Mr. Ketcham was mentally competent to make a will. The fight will be for all or none of the property of the deceased clubman, and Mrs. Ketcham will be prepared to contest for her rights as the widow of John B. Ketcham and fight to the bitter end.

ROBBED A WOMAN.

Highwaymen Continue Their Work of Holding Up People in Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Richard A. House, wife of a Chicago & Alton engineer living at 623 West Thirtieth street, encountered two men at Fourteenth and Jefferson street at 7:15 last night and was robbed of \$50, which was taken from the bosom of her dress. Mrs. House fought her assailants, but they overpowered and tearing her dress open at the bosom, secured the money. While she was resisting one of the men poured the contents of a bottle of sulphuric acid on her hands, which burned and ate into her dress.

MICHAEL'S GREAT RACE.

The Little Welshman Wins a 25-Mile Contest Over Starbuck.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Jimmy Michael, the little Welshman, for the third time this year, defeated Frank Starbuck, of Philadelphia, last night. These two middle distance racers met in a 25-mile contest over a carefully prepared board track. Michael won in the good time of 50 minutes 29 1-5 seconds, thus beating his own Chicago indoor record of 52:34 2-5 by 2:05 1-5. At the finish Starbuck was 30 laps behind, and as the track measured nine laps to the mile the Quaker City man was left 3 1/2 miles behind.

WHILE FIREMEN DANCE.

Flames Claim What Little Was Left of Willow Springs, Ill.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—The three remaining business buildings spared by the fire which devastated the little town of Willow Springs, two months ago were almost totally destroyed by fire Wednesday night while the members of the fire department were attending a dance. Fortunately, the comparative isolation of the buildings prevented the blaze from spreading and what little remains of the town was saved. The total loss as the result of the blaze was estimated at \$20,000.

ANOTHER "FIGHT" RUMOR.

W. J. Connor Declares Corbett and Fitzsimmons Will Soon Get Together.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Nov. 26.—The Express published the following: "Within ten days Corbett and Fitzsimmons will sign articles for another battle for the heavyweight championship of the world. This positive statement was made by William J. Connor, one of the most trusted agents of James J. Corbett, and William A. Brady, who is Corbett's manager."

SAVED BY SOUR MILK.

Six Whites Attacked by Two Hundred Indians.

Cote Sanddessein, Callaway county, Mo., is an unpretentious little town of half a dozen houses, a blacksmith shop and a general merchandise store. Its surroundings are peaceful, and far from what they once were. The town occupies a great hill overlooking the Missouri river. Nearly 90 years ago it was built as a fort, and it was once the scene of probably as heroic a little struggle as ever occurred in Missouri. Some years after the fort had been built, probably during the progress of the war of 1812, Baptiste Roi, an old Frenchman, and his wife and four hunters occupied the fort, and they were besieged by more than 200 Osage Indians. It seems the Indians knew of the desperate straits in which Roi and his companions were placed, and they assaulted the fort with great fierceness. The men were Indian fighters, and fortunately their assailants were not armed with rifles, and Roi and the hunters used their guns with such rapidity and effect that they soon drove the Indians back to the woods. The fort had been built expressly to resist such assaults, but unfortunately the inmates were compelled to depend upon the river for their water supply, and the Indians suspected as much, for they kept a sharp watch on the river with a part of their numbers, while the remainder endeavored to set fire to the fortress. There was a small supply of water in the fort, and for two days and nights the whites preserved their stronghold intact.

The Indians became exasperated at the stubborn resistance of the handful of whites and they tried a general rush with a view of setting fire to the fort. In this latter undertaking they succeeded, but it cost them dearly, for while they were applying the torch, the rifles of the whites were busy and soon the Indians were driven back to cover and the fire was presently extinguished. Then the performance was repeated several times and until every drop of water the whites had was exhausted, and the fort was again on fire.

Old man Roi and the men then gave up in despair and prepared to sell their lives as dearly as possible. Meantime, the former's wife was busy hunting among her milk crocks and in an old churn, and she managed to raise enough sour milk to extinguish the flames, and while she was doing so the men kept the Indians at a safe distance with their rifles.

Strange as it may seem, the Indians were so disheartened at this critical stage in the defense of the fort that they withdrew, carrying their dead and wounded with them. No one in the fort was injured.

It had been learned at St. Louis that a large body of Indians had attacked Cote Sanddessein, and of the desperate and successful resistance made by the brave inmates. The St. Louis people presented Roi with a fine rifle, inlaid with gold and silver and suitably inscribed, and his brave old wife, who really saved the fort, was suitably rewarded with a handsome present.

Cote Sanddessein is not much larger now than it was when old Baptiste Roi and his party fought the Osages, and many stirring scenes were enacted there while the Indians strove with the whites for possession of the country, but none were deemed more deserving of praise, even in those days, when bloody encounters between the whites and the red men were common, than the defense made by old Baptiste Roi. It was known that he and his party killed a large number of Indians, for they were all expert marksmen and used to such encounters.—St. Louis Republic.

THE GENERAL MARKET.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 30.

CATTLE—Best beefs	3 40 @ 4 00
Stockers	2 75 @ 4 00
Native cows	1 75 @ 4 00
HOGS—Choice to heavy	3 75 @ 3 45
SHEEP	2 00 @ 3 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	92 @ 93
No. 2 hard	84 @ 87
CORN—No. 2 mixed	23 1/2 @ 24
OATS—No. 2 mixed	21 @ 22
EYE—No. 2	43 1/2 @ 44
FLOUR—Patent, per barrel	4 30 @ 4 40
Fancy	4 10 @ 4 30
HAY—Choice timothy	8 50 @ 8 75
Fancy prairie	6 00 @ 6 50
BEAN (naked)	51 @ 52
BUTTER—Choice creamery	18 @ 20
CHEESE—Full cream	12 @ 12 1/2
EGGS—Choice	19 1/2 @ 17
POTATOES	45 @ 50

ST. LOUIS.

CATTLE—Native and shipping	3 85 @ 4 85
Texas	3 00 @ 3 50
HOGS—Heavy	3 00 @ 3 82 1/2
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 00 @ 3 35
FLOUR—Choice	4 70 @ 4 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	90 1/2 @ 97 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	25 @ 25 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed	21 1/2 @ 22
RYE—No. 2	45 1/2 @ 46 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery	18 @ 23 1/2
LARD—Western mess	4 07 1/2 @ 4 12 1/2
PORK	8 25 @ 8 50

CHICAGO.

CATTLE—Common to prime	4 70 @ 5 50
HOGS—Packing and shipping	3 30 @ 3 55
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 00 @ 4 05
FLOUR—Winter wheat	4 70 @ 4 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	98 @ 98 1/2
CORN—No. 2	20 1/2 @ 26 1/2
OATS—No. 2	21 @ 21 1/2
RYE	45 1/2 @ 47
BUTTER—Creamery	15 @ 21
LARD	4 10 @ 4 12 1/2
PORK	7 17 1/2 @ 7 25

NEW YORK.

CATTLE—Native steers	4 00 @ 5 00
HOGS—Good to choice	3 60 @ 3 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 00 @ 1 07 1/2
CORN—No. 2	32 @ 32 1/2
OATS—No. 2	25 1/2 @ 26 1/2
BUTTER—Creamery	14 @ 23
PORK—Mess	8 25 @ 9 00

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