

WHITE CAPS OF INDIANA

REGULATORS OF MORALS IN THE SOUTHERN COUNTRIES.

Topography of the Country—Hills and Ravines—Organization of the White Caps—No Colored People in Crawford County.

The "White Caps" of Southeastern Indiana, against whom another outrage was recorded a few days ago, are the natural result of several causes: the formation of the country, the drift of the hills and the ravines from the mountainous regions of central

tain other states, the animosities created by the war and the rapid development of the country, which has drawn the poor and ignorant classes from the hills and ravines.

The state may be divided, topographically, into three sections. The northern third is for the most part monotonously level, the middle section is a high and gently rolling table land of wonderful fertility, settled originally by the best people of the middle and border states, and now occupied by a class unsurpassed in the world for general intelligence and moral vigor.

The wonderful progress of the state after 1850 sharpened this contrast and created a natural antagonism between these classes. The divisions of the war period heightened the animosities, and after the war there was a great deal of crime. The wild hordes were from the first settlement naturally infected by reckless and blood stained men.

In 1879, '80 and '81 the "vigilantes" were reorganized, and the "White Caps" took up the work of purifying society. With outright criminals they have little concern, as the law is now sufficient for that; their mission is to attend to morals and industry.

The town of English, in Crawford county, was the "storm center" of one of the latest moral hurricanes. About midnight a large force appeared at the town, the men with blackened faces and tall white caps, like the old "dunce cap," but no other uniform.

The latest reported outrage was the whipping of W. H. Toney at English. Jackson Goodman, a writer and the editor of the English News, was notified that 250 lashes will be presented to any person who buys or sells votes next November.

These are but sample cases. Only twice have they acted as if they meant to hang; but in both cases the accused escaped. Another man who expected a visit from the regulators slept out in the woods for four nights.

Crawford county, from east to west, covers the entire change of rock formation from Devonian to the coal measures, while from north to south it extends from the highest table land to the Ohio river level; thus it has more abrupt cliffs, deep hollows and steep, unpolished hills than any other county in the state, and abounds in "cliff shelves" and caves, of which the wonderful "Wyandotte" is known to scientists all over the world.

CREASING A MUSTANG.

SKILL DISPLAYED BY TEXAS MARKSMEN IN CAPTURING WILD HORSES.

The Animals Formerly a Great Nuisance to Cattle Raisers—Catching an Outcast Mustang with a Rifle Ball—Irresistibly Violent Struts.

J. T. Hill, who for many years has been engaged in cattle raising in Texas and the Indian territory, remarked to a reporter the other day: "In the early days of the cattle business in Texas, from 1827 to 1850, the ranges were overrun by bands of wild horses. These animals were a great nuisance, as they would get into our cowboys' herds and run them off when any one approached.

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The practice of softening food for children is decreed by dentists. "It is at the bottom of many a set of bad grinders," one scientist declares.

THE COUNTRYMAN'S FIRST BOOK.

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