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WORKING ON THE CITY CHARTER.

Committee to Hold Daily Meetings, but Its Members Say Little About What Is Being Done.

The committee that is preparing the city charter held another meeting last night, and will probably continue to meet daily until the work is completed. "We want to get the work done in time to have a draft of the charter in the hands of the members of the General Assembly before it meets," said Mayor Sullivan to a reporter last night. "It is our hope now to have the charter adopted without much discussion, and I see no reason why it should not be. Of course we expect to meet with some opposition, but if the newspapers treat us fairly I think we need not fear any obstruction."

"What will you do relative to taxation?"

"On that point I can say nothing, but in regard to the taxation of land inside the city limits used for agricultural purposes the charter will simply ignore the exception that is now made in the law. In other words, the exception by which a tract of five acres or more inside the city limits escapes the city rate of taxation will be omitted. That, it seems to me, is the best way to settle the matter and to compel all city property-owners to pay the same rate of taxes."

"Will the charter provide for a board of control?"

"Yes; but it may not be under that name. There will be a provision creating a special committee, under whose directions all city improvements will be made, but whether it will be called a board of control or not I do not know."

"Is there to be any radical change regarding existing municipal bodies?"

"You mean will the charter abolish the Board of Aldermen and provide only one legislative body. As to that I cannot say, because nothing has yet been done on the matter."

An Aged Pensioner Robbed.

David Wilcox, an aged pensioner, was found unconscious at the corner of Ohio and Alabama streets last night, and was taken to his home, No. 136 North Liberty street, in Kregelio's ambulance. He had drawn \$50 from the pension agency during the day, but it was gone when found. His condition indicated that some one had waylaid him and robbed him.

New Quarters at the Postoffice.

Postmaster Wallace and his assistant, Mr. Thompson, with the registered letter force, will get into their made-over quarters next Monday. They will have considerably more room and be much more conveniently situated than they were.

Office desks at Wm. L. Elder's.

FLAG-POLES IN SCHOOL YARDS.

The Routine Business of the Commissioners Relieved by an Act of Patriotism.

The School Commissioners met in regular session last evening, the absentees being Mr. Baker, Mr. Galvin and President Greenstreet. In the latter's absence Mr. Conner presided. The secretary's report showed the total amount paid out during November to have been \$30,489.93. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the treasury Dec. 1 of \$10,558.30. A petition for the establishment of an evening class in building No. 4 was received and referred to the committee on text-books and course of instruction. The petition was signed by a number of boys and young men who say that as they labor for a living, they are unable to attend the day sessions of the public schools. The committee on teachers and salaries reported the appointment of Miss Atlanta Stanton, teacher of German in school No. 9, at \$7.50 per month. In the case of Miss Stoffregen, who has resigned, the report was adopted.

Colonel Black, chairman of the committee on building grounds, reported from Wallace Foster asking the board, in behalf of the residents of school district No. 32, for permission to erect in that school a two-mast pole to carry balyards and tackle complete, and to furnish a first-quality bunting national flag for the pole without cost to the city or board. In the letter which embodied the request the writer said that the purpose of placing the flag on school-buildings, as he understood it, was to educate the rising generation to a proper appreciation of the emblem of liberty, and to instill into their hearts patriotism and reverence for the stars and stripes. He suggested that where the location of school buildings is practicable the privilege be granted the citizens to erect poles in the school-yards not over fifty feet in height on which to fly American flags. He says that if the flags were to be placed on top of the buildings they could only be seen at a distance and would not be noticed as much as if they were flying from poles in the school-yards. His final suggestion was that the hoisting of the flag might be accompanied by a very pretty and impressive ceremony. As a principal of the school could select a different boy to pull up the bunting each morning, while the entire school could witness and take part in the ceremony, which, he thought, would promote respect in the youthful minds for their country's flag. Colonel Black, after he had read the letter, offered a resolution granting the permission asked, and requesting the superintendent of schools to designate the location of the flag's staff and prescribe regulations for the hoisting of the flag and caring for it. The resolution was adopted, without a dissenting vote.

The library committee reported the appointment of Miss Jessie Allen and Miss Z. W. Beatty as regular attendants and Miss Nancy Baker as substitute attendant at the library. The total number of books Dec. 1 was 45,346, and the total book registration for last month \$21. The report was adopted and the board adjourned.

STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Condition and Needs of the Southern Hospital for the Insane.

The first biennial report of the trustees and superintendent of the Southern Hospital for Insane was submitted to the Governor yesterday. The trustees, in their part of the document, review at much length the history of the institution from its inception and the progress of its construction. They say that on Oct. 30 the hospital commenced receiving patients, and show that the number entitled to admission is divided among the other hospitals, as follows: center, 273; northern, 36; poor-houses, jails and homes, 123, making a total of 432 insane persons who have a right to be cared for by the southern hospital. They place the value of real estate at \$406,181.45, and personal property at \$81,656.63, making a total of \$487,838.08, which is the estimated value of the hospital and grounds to the State. The expenditures of the year are given as \$53,541.30. Of this amount \$24,923.75 has been paid, and there remain unpaid claims of \$1,078,971. The trustees state that the latter are just and urge an appropriation for their payment as early as possible. They also ask a special appropriation of \$60,178.97 to cover the "present urgent needs of the hospital," which are enumerated as follows: unpaid claims, \$17,678.97; roads, walks and ground improvements, \$24,000; water supply, wells, lakes and reservoir, \$12,000; store-room, coal-bins and covering, \$10,000; library, \$5,000; and other improvements, \$1,400. The report of Superintendent Thomas says that the farm consists of 160 acres, of which sixty-five are rented on shares and planted in corn. The maximum capacity is four hundred patients. Dr. Thomas appeals to the Legislature to pay the \$17,678.97 owed by the institution. He injects a page of sentiment into his report that is out of place in an official document, which should be simply a plain statement of facts. In addition to the specific sum of \$60,178.97 asked for by the trustees, Dr. Thomas recommends that the hospital be allowed \$55,000 for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1892, and that \$1,500 be appropriated for additional furniture, carpets and improvement of the wards for each fiscal year, making \$5,000 additional in all.

What Commissioners Have Done.

The report of the commissioners for the additional hospitals for insane covering the period from 1883, when the board was created, to 1890, when it was dissolved, was submitted to the Governor yesterday. The history of the construction of the hospitals is detailed. The cost of the hospitals, including land and equipment, and excluding interest, amounted to \$1,328,828.28, or on a total capacity of 1,000 patients, \$1,047.13 per capita. This expense, says the report, "compares favorably with the experience of other States in the provision of buildings for the insane, which would have been less had not the law practically barred competition outside the State by requiring guaranty bidders bonds in twice the amount of the bid, with resident sureties."

The total appropriations from March 7, 1883, to March 6, 1890, were \$1,345,800, which included \$200,000 interest. The total disbursements during that period were \$1,343,074.79, which includes interest to the amount of \$12,724.79, leaving a balance on hand of \$22,725.21, the remainder of the interest on which is to be covered into the general fund.

The board became a thing of the past at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, when it adjourned sine die.

Blind Asylum Improvements.

The trustees of the Blind Asylum have in view plans for renovating the old building and improving the grounds and cottages. The cost, it is thought, will be about \$25,000, and the General Assembly will be asked to appropriate that amount for the purpose named.

NOTICEABLE OCCURRENCES.

Meeting of Distinguished Methodists and Discussion of Church Extension.

The programme for the meeting of the three Methodist bishops and laymen appointed by the General Conference to divide the organic from the statutory law of the church has not been completed. But so far as arranged, the first event of the week, beginning next Wednesday morning, at 10:30, at Roberts Park Church, will be a preliminary consideration by the commission of the matter that will bring its members here at night a banquet to be given at the Grand Hotel by the Methodist Social Union of the city. Thursday will be taken up with a continuation of the commission's work, and Friday will be devoted to the interests of church extension. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day the presiding elders will discuss the same matter, and at 7:30 in the evening the anniversary of the Church Extension Society will be held. On Sunday the pupils of the city will be filled by the visiting bishops, and ministers, and it has been agreed to make church extension the topic of the day in all Methodist churches.

Fish and Game Associations.

The annual meeting of the Indiana Fish and Game Association will begin Thursday morning, 18th inst. During its continuance reports will be received from committees on the best methods of forming local so-

cieties, of securing the influence of the agricultural societies and of the press, how best to create a sentiment in favor of fish and game protection, what are the best methods of securing the enforcement of the game and fish laws, and what additional legislation is necessary for the protection of fish and game, what should be the close season for black bass, what are the best fish with which to stock the streams, and what rates can be obtained on the certificate plan.

Events to Occur.

Mr. McCulloch to-morrow evening will review General Booth's book on "Darkest England and the Way Out."

The Rev. George P. Jenkins, D. D., of De Paul University, will preach at Central avenue Methodist Church to-morrow morning and evening.

There will be a meeting of the members of the Commercial Travelers' Association this evening, at 7:30, at the Grand Hotel, to arrange for the annual meeting, Jan. 3.

There will be a meeting in the interest of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at 7:30, at the Grand Hotel, to-morrow afternoon. The meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Josephine H. Nichols.

The annual meeting of the Indiana State Teachers' association will be held at the 20th inst, and continue until the 31st, inclusive. Other associations devoted to educational interests meeting at that time will be the general education, high village and country schools, township, town and city trustees and county superintendents.

The members of the Sixth Presbyterian Church have prepared a lecture-concert course for winter, which will open at 7:30, Dec. 17 with a lecture on "Ben-Hur," with stereoscopic illustrations by Prof. T. J. Alford. There will also be a concert during the series under the direction of Prof. Butler, superintendent of music in the public schools, and lectures by Rev. J. A. Milburn and others of note.

Written examinations in the Sunday-school of the city will be held in the next quarter will be conducted on Saturday, 27th inst. Twenty questions on matters of fact will be printed and placed in the hands of each person to be examined. The work thereon will begin at 2:30 and close at 4 o'clock, P. M. The board of examiners will be Dr. C. A. Van Anda, Revs. W. F. Taylor and J. D. D. and Drs. J. A. Rondthaler and J. E. Gilbert.

HARD WORK TO GET NOMINATIONS.

Mr. Fishback Speaks of Them as Not to Be Had for the Asking by Friends of Candidates.

Mr. W. P. Fishback's class in civil government last evening took under consideration the subject of "Nominating Conventions and Presidential Campaigns." Mr. Fishback remarked that what interested Mr. Bryce, M. P., on his visit to this country, as all foreigners, was the spectacle presented by our nominating conventions. "The presidential nominating convention," he continued, "is a thing of comparatively recent growth. Prior to 1840 the nominations for President had been made by caucus of the leading men in Washington. In 1840 both the Whig and Democratic parties had conventions, and these national gatherings have continued ever since. In the Democratic convention it requires the votes of two-thirds of the delegates to effect a nomination, and for this reason they frequently have trouble to effect a choice. This was the trouble at Charleston. Democrats recognize what is called the unit rule, that is it is determined by the State convention that the State's delegates shall go as a unit they must be bound by the majority of the delegation. It often happens that this rule has the effect of concentrating the vote, but the majority of the delegation controls. Republicans have always recognized the right of each delegate to vote as he pleases. "I suppose," continued Mr. Fishback, "the most exciting convention ever held in this country was the Republican national, held in Chicago in 1860. Many stories are told of the party in that city, and the nomination of Mr. Lincoln, and the nomination does not show so providentially when one knows how it was done. I have from a gentleman who was present at the time a story which is worth repeating. It is the result of a long and arduous struggle. That delegation was in session from 8 o'clock in the evening until 2 in the morning, determining where the majority should go. They had been voting for Seward. At 2 in the morning a gentleman met Judge Davis, of Illinois, who had been making a speech in the campaign, and told him to go ahead and arrange for his guns and noise. Indiana voted for Lincoln, and Pennsylvania swept the field. The party in the country was stampeded. This result was brought about by a great deal of managing. Any one who has been in one of these assemblies will understand how little the report I have just read is how a result is brought about. It was alleged that the price paid for Pennsylvania in 1860 was very large. At least, Pennsylvania was not forgotten in the distribution of good things when Mr. Lincoln went in. When Mr. Lincoln was nominated it seemed as if the party in the country had been stampeded. The number that suddenly appeared in Chicago was amazing. "Nobody," said Mr. Fishback, taking up another topic, "can understand the good that is done by stump-speakers. It is possibly so small that it cannot be calculated. Many say they never knew of a convert made by a stump speaker. Some years ago Colonel Ingersoll made a speech at Greenfield. His first question to his audience was 'Why is it Democrats are opposed to the use of soap?' The answer there was that the party Republicans and Democrats were at the audience. At the conclusion of the speech William Mitchell, editor of the Democratic paper there, took the Colonel by the hand, 'I want to thank you for that admirable speech,' he exclaimed; 'it did us lots of good; it has made us 200 Democratic votes, and has put us on the way out of the crowd the Colonel was heard to say. "Who is that old blackguard? There is more influencing the opinions of voters by newspaper articles and documents properly disseminated. It is my opinion the enormous mass-meetings will become less frequent and we will get in the habit of discussing political questions without so much excitement. The best of it is that I have insisted that these crowds were useful in their indirect influence; that they are an intellectual momentum that went into the business of the people. Mr. Bryce speaks of our elections as being full of education for our people. Newspapers invent a good many stories of candidates, and it is a pretty good thing to be told nothing that is said of a candidate in a newspaper during the last weeks of a campaign. I strongly in favor of the country, said that the corruption was so great the country could not last. He was opposed to our form of government, and disappointed that it had lasted so long. He is now under the name of Simon and has a remark to a person who intimated that things were going to the bow-wow. Said Mr. Yandee: 'This country is mighty tough.' And I think it is."

MINOR CITY MATTERS.

To-Day's Doings.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—James O'Neill, in "The Dead Heart," afternoon and evening. ENGLISH OPERA-HOUSE—Prof. Carpenter, mesmerist, evening. PARK THEATER—Lester & Williams' London Specialty Company, afternoon and evening.

Local News Notes.

There were fourteen cases of diphtheria and two of scarlatina reported to the city Board of Health yesterday. Five deaths from diphtheria were also reported.

John Owens, Oscar Franklin and William Wise, all colored, were yesterday arrested by detective Thornton on a charge of grand larceny. They are accused of breaking in a shop at Capitol Hill, where they stole a store and stealing two valuable hats.

Miss Anna C. Pyle, stenographer for D. P. Erwin & Co., was assaulted by a man early Thursday night as she was passing on her way home from the office. Her assailant grabbed her purse, containing \$5, and ran.

Personal and Society.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson entertained a few friends at dinner last evening. Miss Polk, of Dayton, O., is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Smock, on College avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shover will go to Richmond to-day to make a short visit. Mrs. Harrison was entertained informally at luncheon yesterday by Mrs. H. H. Fletcher's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Agutins Bruner have issued a few lines in their silver paper, and a company Thursday, Dec. 18, to celebrate their marriage anniversary.

Miss Claire Shover gave an informal book party last evening. Each one invited was requested to bring a book for the purpose of establishing a library in the Riverside Mission Sunday-school.

Mrs. John W. Jones entertained a few friends at luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Lillian Swain, of Fern Hill, near Cincinnati, who is visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. A. Hendrick.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held yesterday at the Tabernacle Church, at 7:30, and in attendance, Mrs. Harrison being among the interested visitors. A paper on "George Meredith's Novels" was read by Miss Catharine Merrill, and the conversation was on the rank of George Meredith's novels among English novelists.

Mr. and Mrs. Chapin C. Foster gave an elegant dinner last evening to a very few friends in honor of Mrs. Harrison and Mr. McKee, the company numbering only twelve. The table was exquisitely arranged with a wreath of pink roses placed in garlands about the place, a tasteful and unique adornment. The papers were also ornamented with choice blossoms.

The Misses Wallick gave a very pretty reception yesterday, from 3 to 6 o'clock, at their home on North Meridian street, in honor of their cousins, the Misses Martin, of Rahway, N. J. The hostesses were assisted in entertaining by Miss Florence Coffin, Miss Herod, Miss Lillian Reeves, Miss Lois Peirce, Miss Carrie Malott and Miss Mary Marguerite Roberts, and Misses Louise Jordan, Myra Coburn and Edith Wallack presided at the punch bowl. About two hundred young ladies were invited to meet the Misses Martin, and but few regrets were received, so that there was a large number present during the entire time of the reception. The house was very tastefully adorned with plants and flowers.

MRS. JOHNSON'S RECEPTION.

Mrs. C. D. Johnson gave an elegant reception yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. S. B. Paul, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. B. W. Riley, of Chicago. Mrs. Johnson was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Courtland Van Camp, and in entertaining by Mrs. Allen Condit, Mrs. L. C. Cline, Mrs. J. W. Gregor and Miss Logsdon. Misses Mabel Condit and Margaret Gregor served the luncheon, and Miss Ella Van Camp presented the favors, which were white chrysanthemums. The house was decorated throughout with a profusion of plants, ferns, violets and white chrysanthemums tastefully arranged. About two hundred invitations were issued and a very few regrets were sent. The company embracing many representative ladies. The assisting ladies, with their husbands, were entertained at tea at 7 o'clock and at cards in the evening.

MARTINSVILLE.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bell, of Plainfield, are visiting Mrs. Jno. Fueselman. Mrs. Rose Runkler, of Indianapolis, is visiting her brother, G. W. Miller, at home. Henry John and family, of Gosport, are the guests of W. D. Johns and family. Miss Anna M. Dickson is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. W. Miller, at home.

Miss Mattie Fuschler, Miss Mattie Hobich and Master Harry Fuschler, of Indianapolis, are guests of Miss Tomlinson, at home. Mrs. E. Bain is visiting in Gasburg, the guest of Miss Green. Miss Annie Greenhaw is returning to her home in Indianapolis after a three months' stay in this city. Miss Mabel Hill is visiting her home in Winchester. Miss Kate Bogie has returned from a short visit in Indianapolis. Miss Lillian Swain has returned from a week's visit to her home in Winchester. Miss Lillian Sedwick, of Indianapolis, is the guest of Miss Maud Stevens. Mrs. J. W. Paul is visiting in Mountsville. Mrs. James Pike and Miss E. James, of Knightstown, who have been visiting C. S. Cray and family, have returned to their home in Knightstown. Mrs. C. Cray is the guest of J. C. Klefer and family. Mrs. Kate Miller, of Indianapolis, is the guest of her father, Capt. Robert Curry. Miss Ollie Creasy, of Greenwood, is visiting in this city.

VINCENNES.

Miss Mattie Root is visiting at Bunceville. Mrs. Walter Murphy returned to her home at Terre Haute after a pleasant visit here. G. W. Fuller, of Bicknell, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Goodman, this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Frick have returned from their brief visit at Robinson, Ill. Mrs. J. L. Bayard is visiting at San Antonio, Fla. Mrs. Harry Taylor, of Indianapolis, is the guest of Mrs. Bishop. Mrs. Jonas Shinkard has returned from a visit at Newberry, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, who were the guests of friends here, have returned to their home at Terre Haute. Miss Mabel Fleming, who has been the guest of Miss Daisy DeBolt, has returned to her home at Princeton. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gardner spent Sunday with Mr. Archibald McKee, near this city. Mrs. Swartzel and daughter Bessie have returned from a visit at New Albany. Mrs. W. A. Ross, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. E. L. Harris, of Hoosier, of Ohio, who is the guest of Mrs. L. W. Bedell. Mrs. Lorena Lapp, of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. Weinstein.

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