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PEW-RENTING

The annual renting of pews of the First Baptist Church will take place WEDNESDAY EVENING.

VISITED BY BURGLARS.

One in Dr. Bell's House Gets Away Without Spoil—The Robbery at Mrs. Mauer's Residence.

The family of Dr. Bell, living at the corner of Ohio and North East streets, telephoned to the police station, last evening at 8:30 o'clock, that a robber was in the house, and asked for an officer. Patrolman Mathew and W. I. Long, the latter being a visitor at the station, went to the place on the double quick, but the burglar had discovered that his presence was known, and made his exit from a rear second-story window. The burglar's presence in the house was first made known by Dr. Bell's daughter, who saw him ascending the stairs. She at once notified her mother, who sent in the telephone call, the Doctor being absent.

The robbery of Mrs. Mauer's residence, at the corner of Elizabeth and Blake streets, Saturday night, was larger than at first reported. More than \$300 in varying sums, secreted in small iron banks and satchels, was taken, and the banks broken open in the yard of the residence. Patrolman Weirick found a five-dollar gold piece and patrolman B. K. Smith several silver coins dropped by the thieves. There was also jewelry taken to the value of \$150. The thieves no doubt had a knowledge of the arrangements of the house and customs of the family.

AMUSEMENTS.

MENNERCHOR HALL—THE ZITHER CLUB CONCERT.

The second concert of the Indianapolis Zither Club was given at Mennerchor Hall last night, the audience being large and appreciative. Mr. A. Ernestoff was the director, and the honors of the programme of twelve numbers, protracted by encores to a score, were taken by No. 5, "March aus Zigeuner Baron," Strauss, for mandolins and guitars. The players were recalled, and again loudly applauded. Miss Mamie Schlimmeyer won golden opinions and a large basket of flowers for her charming singing of "First Love," by Gumbert. She was compelled to acknowledge the encore by a second song, and repeated the triumph in the second part of the programme, in the soprano solo from Kucken, "Maurisches Stuechen." The sixth number, "Die Schmecke im Wald," Michaelis, was given with great success by the club. The applause did not subside until the finale of the selection was repeated. The tenth number, "Schlummerlied," a nocturne, by Simon, was also greatly appreciated. The trio playing it were Messrs. A. Sano, F. Reissner and G. Zebner. A dance followed the concert, beginning at midnight.

The new comic opera, "The Sea King," to be given at English's Opera-house to-night by the William J. Gilmore company, will be repeated to-morrow and Wednesday evenings, and at a matinee on the latter day. The company comes from Pittsburgh, where it filled a successful engagement last week, giving performances that were liberally praised by the press of that city. The singers cast for the principal parts, the large chorus and excellent stage appointments give assurance that the production will attract unusual attention, and give general satisfaction.

The Irish comedian and singer, M. A. Scannlan, will present his comedy, "Neil Agrab," at the Park Theater, this afternoon and all week.

The Grand Opera-house will remain closed until the engagement of the company playing the spectacular piece "The Bottom of the Sea" commences, Thursday night. The play running out of the usual line, and will be presented with all the scenic effects that have attracted attention elsewhere.

New bed-room sets at Wm. L. Elder's.

A CHURCH AGAIN DEDICATED

Services Marking the Completion of Improvements at the First Baptist.

Fraternal and Congratulatory Expression from Ministers of Various Denominations in Brief Speeches at an Afternoon Meeting.

The First Baptist Church edifice, which has undergone extensive repairs and improvements, was re-dedicated yesterday, the chief services being held in the afternoon. The main audience-room is now considered by many the handsomest in the city, while the new porches greatly improve the appearance of the building. The church will be lighted by electricity within two weeks. Rev. W. F. Taylor, pastor, preached in the morning, taking as his text the thirty-first verse of the seventh chapter of John. Following the sermon the pastor announced that the cost of the improvements amounted to \$22,000; that \$10,000 had been received on past subscriptions, leaving \$12,000 to be raised, of which six members had subscribed \$7,000, thus leaving a balance of \$5,000. Further subscriptions asked for were promptly forthcoming to the amount of \$3,000. This left but \$2,000 to be raised, and the greater part was met at the services held later in the day.

The afternoon services began at 3 o'clock, the anthem, "It is a Good Thing to give Thanks," by the choir, being followed by the reading of the lesson, Hebrews, viii, read by Rev. A. B. Whitney, Mrs. D. H. Taylor, The Lord Remembers His Children," and the opening prayer was made by Rev. J. A. Millburn, of the Second Presbyterian church. Mr. Taylor then introduced, as the first speaker of the afternoon, Rev. N. A. Hyde, D. D., of the Mayflower Congregational Church, the oldest pastor in the city in years of service, and in doing so took occasion to mention with regret that the venerable Rev. Dr. Henry Day was unable to attend the dedicatory services.

"It gives me pleasure," said Dr. Hyde, on coming forward, "to be present on this occasion as the representative of another church of Christ to congratulate you on what our eyes behold upon this edifice, achieved in remodeling and beautifying this house of worship. The Christian man always is delighted when he sees an evidence that God is honored in his community, that provision is being made for the religious needs of the people. This beautiful house of worship gives abundant evidence that these essentials are dear to the hearts of this congregation. You have done a good work. Every good man rejoices in what you have done, and every right-minded citizen of Indianapolis is pleased when he looks upon the fair proportions of this edifice. He is pleased when he sees these perfect arrangements you have made for divine worship and the various work that devolves upon a church. God does not need temples made by human hands; He can manifest His glory in the humblest of buildings. But still we are all so made that we are greatly influenced by our environment. There is undoubtedly a healthful influence in symmetrical Christian art. There is power in architecture. I felt this when I stood in some of the medieval churches of the old world. I can truly say it would be grateful to me to worship in such an environment as you have here. We build churches for the light that is to shine in them; for the love and fellowship to be nourished in them; for the sake of the spiritual body that is to find home in them. The sanctuary is the best guardian of the workingman's rest day, but that rest is greatly imperiled by encroachments both of pleasure and business. As we maintain this temple so we are saving to the multitude this blessed day of rest. God forbid that the time here should be held less sacred in the minds of the people than they are to-day. There is nothing in society which more directly ministers to the intelligence and intellectual life of a community than an educated ministry, such as our churches in this city have. Some of the day is passed when we need the sanctuary; that in this day men will not need to enter the house of worship to be instructed, but to be comforted. We need a nation that shall be entrenched in the influences and teachings of the house of God."

Dr. Taylor announced that he had received a note from Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Jenckes, of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who was unable to be present, but who was suffering from a severe illness. He, however, sent his congratulations and assurance of sympathy in the work. "This is the Kingdom," was then sung by Mrs. Ida Scott, Rev. H. A. Cleveland, D. D., of the Meridian-street M. E. Church, was the next speaker. He regretted that Dr. Jenckes, who would have preceded him, was not present, as he would have left some suggestions. "I had," continued the Doctor, "a dear friend who was an eloquent man in Baltimore, who had spoken with unusual eloquence, was approached by a reporter and asked for his manuscript. The jolly orator replied, 'I have no manuscript, I spin as I run.' I shall endeavor to do the same thing. I remember that Cicero says men would speak much better if they would take one time for meditation and another for speaking, but the trouble of some of us is we have not much time for meditation and speak at the expense of our congregation. Our forefathers over there in ancient land when they began to come together in communities and have civil duties and civil troubles used to go and talk things over. And they called the places in which they gathered meeting places; that is, talking places, and that is the origin of meeting or meeting-houses. Alfred De Musset says it takes a great deal of life to make art. I think the more artistic appointments of our places of public worship now indicate a better life than was indicated in the severe appointments of old-meeting-houses. Christ life, there was in him an art life, an art taste, and how he talked about all beautiful things—the flowers of the field, the birds of the air, the glory of the sunset, the sweetness of childhood—and how full of sympathy he was toward all life and all beauty. I like to see my neighbors show signs of life. Anything that strengthens one church strengthens all. I do not think that from a neglected, untidy church so good a gospel can be preached. We must always be neighbors and neighbors of our church and mine there shall be no fences, not so much as a picket fence or a Cleveland fence. [Laughter.] Our unity and those relationships do not depend on obliteration of denominational lines. We have our unity in Christ. We are brothers. Let us live so. Let us believe in Christ and in the brotherhood of man. I will exchange pulpits with you, Mr. Taylor, some time, if you think your congregation can stand it."

"I accept the invitation," said Mr. Taylor. "How will next Sunday do?" quickly asked the Doctor. "I will postpone it only a week," was the answer, followed by laughter. The next speaker was Rev. Dr. R. Lucas, pastor of the Central Christian Church. "When Brother Taylor said Mr. Lucas, 'gave me an invitation to come over this afternoon and say a few words, I thought what shall I say? I picked up a newspaper which had an extract from a paper down in New England in which a friend had sent the editor a request to answer a question. The question was 'Will you please tell us something about these people who call themselves Christians or Disciples of Christ?' The editor replied 'We are not familiar with them, but they are something like the Baptists—only considerably worse.' [Laughter.] When I heard that our Baptist brethren were going to fix up their old church I thought of that telegoing to put new wine into old bottles.' But looking over this new house I think it will do for the old. I made a transformation here, and I congratulate you, and join with these brethren in extending that Christian courtesy and kindness which we all feel for one another."

Rev. M. L. Haines, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, was then introduced. He very briefly alluded to the fact that last summer Mr. Taylor and himself divided time preaching to a united congregation of Baptists and Presbyterians. "One of the pleasantest experiences of my life," said the Doctor, "was in the Baptist pulpit. I had as an associate a Baptist pastor who preached to our united congregation during the time. I have been ever since."

LOOKED AT AS AN INVESTMENT. Route of the Broad Ripple Electric Railroad—Competition in Street-Car Business. M. S. Quayle, who represents the United States Rapid Transit Company, of Chicago, in this city, has secured a right of way for the proposed Broad Ripple electric line along a different route from what was first announced. "The line, starting at Broad Ripple," said he to a reporter last night, "will go down our private right of way along what would be an extension of Central avenue to within about five miles of the city limits. That is a free gravel road over which the Shaffer company has the right of way. Reaching the five-mile limit the line will turn west and the tracks be laid on a farm which Dr. Litch has purchased for the purpose, extending to Pennsylvania street. The line will then turn south on Pennsylvania to Thirty-sixth street, then west, again in all probability, Illinois street. "How much has been done on the grades so far?" he was asked. "The one mile of road-bed all graded and ready for the tracks. And in addition to this I have established grades as far as the corner of Pennsylvania and Thirty-sixth streets."

A reporter questioned a number of prominent business men last night as they were casually met in the hotel lobbies and on the streets, and in no case was there a meeting. The proposed electric line, provided its projectors are in earnest. "It looks queer to me," said one, "that a company of Chicago capitalists would spend so much money to build an entire road, unless they have been assured of a right of way on the streets of the city. Mr. Quayle, of the United States Rapid Transit Company, the men who are back of the movement are in earnest; that they have contracted for the rails and electrical equipment, and that the line will have the Union Station as its southern terminus. I have met Mr. Quayle, and from his manner and talk I should take him for a sensible business man; too sensible, indeed, not to know that money invested in a suburban railroad without the right of entering the city would be money thrown away."

keep my people satisfied, but he had worked them up to such a high pitch of expectation that it has been hard for me to keep them there, and ever since I have been gradually letting them down. [Laughter.] Dr. Cleveland tried to get me to change with him, but I am afraid that if I do I will have all the work to go over again. This work you have done here, with God's help, will be more to the church and the city than merely the addition to them of a thoroughly-furnished and exceptionally beautiful building. This work so happily completed is a call to action, and this building may be made to some Christian people. After such a work an elder once said: 'Now they have decided to rest.' But your business, it is his to fill the pulpit. A Baptist church in Chicago wanted Mr. Spurgeon to send over a man who could fill their church. He answered there was no such man in England, but that he knew of several who could fill the pulpit." The afternoon service closed with a benediction by Dr. Cleveland.

MINOR CITY MATTERS.

To-Day's Doings. COUNCILMEN AND ALDERMEN—Court-house, evening.

COMMERCIAL CLUB—Monthly meeting; deal of life to make art.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH—Miss Oyle's testimonial concert; evening.

ENGLISH'S OPERA-HOUSE—Comic opera, "The King of Hearts."

PARK THEATER—M. A. Scannlan, in "Neil Agrab," afternoon and evening.

Local News Notes.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in the parlors of Association Hall this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock.

At the meeting of the Commercial Club to-night no special topic is down for discussion, but it is expected considerable time will be given to the building project. That, however, will not be a bar to a general expression of views relative to what may be of benefit to the city.

Personal and Society.

Miss John Schley and daughter Georgelice returned from a visit to friends at Seipio.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Erwin have issued cards for a reception Thursday evening, in honor of their daughter, Miss Irwin.

In California papers, received here by friends of the deceased, the recent death of Mrs. Eric Locke, at the age of sixty-nine years, is announced. She was once a resident of this city.

The invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Cortlandt Van Camp for a reception this evening, in honor of Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. McKee, have been withdrawn. This was done on account of illness in Mr. and Mrs. Van Camp's family.

The forty-third birthday anniversary of Mrs. Rannie Rhodes was celebrated at her residence on East Georgia street, Saturday afternoon, by a surprise party of relatives and friends. In all, there were about one hundred guests, consisting of members of Garden Baptist Church, Anderson G. A. R. Post and Woman's Relief Corp and Degree of Pochontans.

The Court Record.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Room 3—Hon. Lewis C. Walker, Judge.

Emma Ellis vs. William C. Lippus, to establish a trust. Findings for plaintiff.

Henry Faison vs. Minnie Faison; divorce. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

New Suits Filed.

Sarah A. Abercrombie vs. Robert Abercrombie; divorce. Decree granted.

Clark Reynolds vs. John B. Reynolds et al.; mechanic's lien.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Hon. Edgar A. Brown, Judge.

State ex rel. John Worrel vs. William A. Peels, Jr. Information dismissed by consent of the parties.

Jemima Brock vs. Sallie Jones's Estate. Motion for new trial overruled.

Anna Williamson vs. James M. Williamson; divorce. Decree granted.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' ASSOCIATION.

Amendments to Be Considered at Its Annual Meeting—Committee on Arrangements.

The Commercial Travelers' Association of this State will begin its annual meeting at Masonic Hall, at 10:30 o'clock, on the morning of the 3d of next month. In the course of business, which will include the usual routine of reports and election of officers, amendments to the constitution of the organization will be considered. By one of them it is proposed to limit the membership to 1,100 persons, and by another it is provided that when this limit is reached no further applications shall be received or considered by the association until the number of members by death or otherwise is reduced below the limit. It is also proposed that the application of any person for a vacant membership shall be accompanied by a membership fee of \$10, which will be returned to the applicant if he is rejected. Another amendment relates to the prompt payment of assessments to the treasurer of the association, and it is provided therein that a notice in writing sent to the last address of a member shall be considered a legal notification. Failure to pay an assessment within thirty days from date of notice will constitute forfeiture of membership, and the name of the delinquent will be stricken from the rolls. But such person can renew his membership, upon application within thirty days of suspension, upon payment of all assessments and dues in arrears. If application is made within one year, \$5 additional will be charged, and if within two years, \$10 additional. No member suspended can be received as a new member. It is also proposed to define membership as consisting of those who have paid the last preceding assessment. Another proposition is to strike out the section which reads: "Whenever the association or board of directors by a two-thirds vote shall decide that the benefit fund is larger than is required for the purposes named, benefits may be paid out of benefit fund."

Saturday evening a meeting was held at the Grand Hotel to arrange for the reception of delegates and visitors and to perfect plans for the coming day. The annual meeting of this work was assigned to the following committee: J. C. Norris, A. C. Kohne, Geo. A. Weadon, G. W. White, W. H. Hiltner, T. P. Sewell, F. C. Sewell, J. Morrison, J. W. Muir, W. F. Hurley. The programme for the occasion will probably include a musical and literary entertainment in Tomlinson Hall.

Kicked by a Mule.

Al Carr, foreman of Parrott & Taggart's stables, was seriously injured yesterday by the kick of a mule. The hoofs of the animal struck him on the left shoulder and right side of the face, knocking him to the ground. He was removed to his home, on South Alabama street, near Fear.

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