THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS

Agent Ensley and Efficient Clerks Complete the Quarter's Work in Five Days.

Existing System of Handling Vouchers and Preparing the Checks to Be Sent to Thousands of Old Soldiers by Mail.

At the pension agency, yesterday, Mr. Ensley and his clerks were congratulating themselves that they had virtually completed the December payment in a much less time than any other agency in the country. For two or three weeks yet pensioners will come for payment either personally or send in their vouchers day by day, but that is always the case. Such payments belong to the ordinary business of the office, but it is the fact that out of 52,000 pensioners now on the Indiana rolls, 45,000 have been paid, calling for an expenditure of $1,669,806.78. Of the total number paid about 4,505 pensioners, counting those to come, will have received their checks at the counter. On the first day 2,051 got their money at the office, and after that the counter payments were reduced to hundreds. At the same time the force of clerks was working night and day preparing vouchers and checks to be sent through the mails. This required a great amount of exacting detail in every step of preparation from the time the December vouchers reached the office until the blank vouchers for the coming March payment and the current December checks were sealed in envelopes and sent to the postoffice. Since Mr. Ensley has been the agent he has, although the rolls have kept increasing, gained a little in time in completing quarterly payments. In September he was a little ahead of the time of the March payment, and Tuesdyy evening had the work of December so near completion that he let a number of his extra clerks go. He had practically made the payment in five days, and last night had the increases, as distinguished from the ordinary pensions, off his hands.

This great work was done without the least friction under the excellent system that has been pursued since Mr. Ensley took charge. The supervision was intrusted to his son, O. P. Ensley, and that comprised the watching of every detail, from the time the vouchers reached the office until the check was ready. About the middle of October the force in the office was engaged in preparing the December vouchers, and in a comparatively short time these had reached the pensioners. They, in turn, had the vouchers filled out, and, subscribing to them under oath, sent them back to the agent. On the first two days of the payment these vouchers came in by the thousands, requiring, for the first two or three hours of the morning the services of all the clerks to open them. This was the initial step of the system, the second being taking the vouchers out of the envelopes. Next the vouchers were assorted as to classes, and the classes in turn distributed according to the alphabet. After this the various stacks, according to letters, were taken and compared with the roll numbers, and after that another division was made to agree with the respective rolls. With this completed the vouchers were distributed among all the clerks, who were instructed to examine each one carefully to see if it was properly executed. This is a very essential work, as the least thing out of the way causes the voucher to be laid aside to be sent back to the pensioner for correction. Errors of this kind are being reduced, as when Mr. Ensley made his first payment several thousand defective vouchers had to be returned. On this last payment he had about 2,500. The errors are generally those of the notary or justice of the peace, whose jurat appears on the voucher. He has forgotten to date it, perhaps, or impress his seal upon it, or to sign it. The pensioner's name is sometimes left off. This causes delay to the pensioners, but the methods now used reduce materially the time of delay, as the defective vouchers are sent back the day they are received and not, as formerly, held until the rush is over.

The next thing done was to put the correct vouchers in the hands of four men who made note of their payment on the rolls, giving day and date. After this the envelope men took charge of the papers and compared their numbers with the numbers on the rolls. The papers were then distributed according to alphabet in boxes and underneath each tier of letters were the corresponding envelopes addressed. From these boxes the vouchers were taken and handed over to the check-writers, of whom there were twenty. Then the papers were sent to clerks, who compared them with the last sworn postoffice address of the pensioner and the address on the envelope, which was that of the preceding quarter. With that part of the work out of the way the checks were taken, with their corresponding vouchers, and compared. If a letter, even, is left out or added to a name correction must at once be made, for the banks will not cash the checks unless they are absolutely accurate. From this on the system is to keep the checks and vouchers together, the next to the last step being another comparison of check and voucher for the forthcoming payment as each is put in its proper envelope. The envelope-sealer, Sanders Hierston (colored), then takes the packages, and, at the rate of 4,000 sealings an hour, gets them ready for the mail.

From first to last each voucher is handled thirty times, and the agent signs the checks ahead, which are given to the clerks to fill out.

CULLINGS FROM THE COURTS.

A Compromise That Stops Further Contest of the Ruschhaupt Will.

The Ruschhaupt will case, which has been on trial in the Circuit Court since last Thursday, was compromised yesterday. Gustave Ruschhaupt bequeathed some property to George Hermann and Carrie Oehris, who were not related to him, and his three sisters, Mrs. Albert Gall, Mrs. Christian Brink and Matilda Wittenberg, brought suit to to set aside the will, claiming that undue influence had been brought to bear on their brother. According to the terms of the compromise the will is to be set aside upon the following conditions: First, the plaintiffs in the case are to pay all the costs of the trial except the defendants' witness fees; second, Carrie Oehris is to be allowed $100 for her services in caring for Mr. Ruschhaupt during his illness; third, George Hermann is to pay Carrie Oehris $200; fourth, Mr. Hermann is to have a lease on the Pearl-street livery-stable, which belonged to Ruschhaupt until Jan. 1, 1901; fifth, Mr. Hermann is to be relieved as administrator of the estate. This agreement was signed by all of the parties, and consequently no appeal can be taken to a higher court.

Taken to the Supreme Court.

Several weeks ago Jean Baptiste Maurice du Coetlosquet was given a judgment by Judge Taylor against Bruce Carr, as Auditor, and J. A. Lemcke, as Treasurer of State. This was in a suit to recover $10,000 and interest from Sept. 1, 1870, on seven certificates of State stock—one of $4,000 and six of $1,000 each. The judgment was for the full amount, with interest at 5 per cent. from the date above mentioned. Yesterday the defendants appealed the case to the Supreme Court, the grounds being practically the same as those of their answer in Judge Taylor's court.

Got Too Many Peas.

Emma Karstetter and Benjamin Baldwin filed a complaint yesterday against the Van Camp Canning Company to recover damages on an alleged violation of contract. The plaintiffs leased three acres of land each year on which they raised a crop of peas, and it was agreed they and the defendant were to each receive one-half of the crop. The complaint alleges that the Van Camp company appropriated one hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty-three cents' worth of peas that belonged to plaintiffs, for which judgment is asked.

Directors Not Preferred Creditors.

Judge Woods's opinion rendered yesterday in the case in the federal court of Howe, Brown & Co. and others against the Sandford Fork and Tool Company and others of Terre Haute, holds that the directors or officers of an insolvent company cannot be made preferred creditors. The decision is in favor of the plaintiffs, and similar to that rendered by the judge in the case of Lippincott and others against the Shaw Carriage Company several years ago. It is a positive declaration that a sound public policy and common fairness forbid that the directors or managing agents of a business corporation, when disaster has befallen or threatens the enterprise, shall be permitted to convert their powers of management, and their intimate, and it may be exclusive, knowledge of the corporate affairs, into means of self-protection to the harm of other creditors.

Before Judge Cox.

Oscar Franklin was tried before Judge Cox yesterday on a charge of petit larceny, and his case taken under advisement. William Wise and John Owens pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny, but judgment was suspended. The trial of James Swisher, charged with grand larceny, was begun before a jury. He is accused of stealing a gold watch and chain from Miss Alice B. Graydon, on Broadway. The watch was found by a detective in a Cincinnati pawn-shop, and the prosecution claims to have evidence that will trace the robbery to Swisher.

Notes from the Dockets.

Hagerman Murtz, Isaiah Banks and Reuben Anderson were each fined $10, with costs, by Mayor Sullivan, yesterday, on a charge of gambling.

Margaret E. Sammons was given a judgment in Judge Taylor's court yesterday against the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago railroad for two cows that were killed by the defendant's trains several months ago.

Judge Wood yesterday, for want of jurisdiction, sustained a motion to remand the case of James G. Niblack et al. against John S. Alexander. The case was transferred last January from the Clay Circuit Court to the federal court. It was brought to enforce the penalty on an arbitration bond of $2,000, and now goes back to the Clay Circuit Court for trial.

The Court Record.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

14219. T., H. & I. Railroad Company vs. Wm. A. Brunker. Vigo C. C. Affirmed. Olds, C. J.—In an action for personal injuries no harm can result from the jury stating in its special verdict that the injury occurred without plaintiff's fault, when the facts upon which such conclusion is based are also stated, and from which the court was authorized to draw the same conclusion. 2. When a railroad company has failed to give proper signals before reaching a crossing it will not be exonerated from liability for injuries to a traveler on the highway, who had driven in close proximity to the track by the fact that the horses were frightened at the train lawfully running on the track. The traveler was induced to close proximity by the failure to give signals, and the train as against him a was not lawfully on the track. 3. It was clearly proper to consider the hazard and jeopardy in which the traveler was placed; in other words, the peril to his life, and to allow such damages as resulted therefrom in determining the damages which he sustained.

14210. Samuel L. Wallace et al. vs. Exchange Bank. Morgan C. C. Affirmed. Berkshire, J.—The motion for a new trial is too indefinite to present any question, as the court's attention was not called to any particular instruction given or refused wherein error is claimed. 2. Suit on the bond of a cashier of a bank. It is claimed that the several breaches alleged resulted as a failure on the part of the bank to have an exchange committee, as provided for, but conceding this, the sureties are not relieved because the cashier violated his bond in investing in illegitimate transactions.

14601. Joseph K. Edgerton vs. Huntington School Township. Allen C. C. Affirmed. Coffey, J.—Congressional township lands in this State are not subject to assessment in aid of the construction of public ditches or drains.

14568. Cassius C. Jarvis et al. vs. John Robertson, trustee. Parke C. C. Affirmed. Elliott, J.—When an action is against a township trustee it is conclusively presumed that the action is against the civil township.

13776. Simeon Joseph vs. People's Savings Bank. Vanderburg C. C. Rehearing granted.

15459. Lawson Popejoy vs. Nancy A. Miller et al. Wells C. C. Motion to dismiss overruled.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Room 2—Hon. James W. Harper, Judge.

Alpheus Roberts vs. William W. Weaver; notes. Judgment for plaintiff for $322.25.

James Stevenson vs. Frederick W. Gaul; damages. Judgment for plaintiff.

Room 3—Hon. Lewis C. Walker, Judge.

Archie Vincent vs. Therese Vincent. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

Francis M. Churchman et al. vs. Hiram B. Howland et al.; note. Judgment, $203.78.

Benj. F. Wilson vs. Eva Wilson; divorce. Dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

Mellissa A. Rolston vs. Conrad H. Shellhouse et al.; damages. Tried and taken under advisement.

New Suits Filed.

Emma Karstetter et al. vs. Van Camp Canning Company; damages. Demand, $200.

Eli Carr vs. Charles D. Irish et al.; mechanic's lien.

William Wallace vs. William Landphare et al.; note. Demand, $100.

Elizabeth Murphy vs. William A. Murphy; divorce. Failure to provide.

ROUND OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Art Association's Pottery, Embroidery and Sketch Exhibits.

Repeated visits to the art exhibit at the residence of Miss Mary Dean, No. 620 North Meridian street, bring before the visitor new beauties not observed before. The Belleek china in the north room is beautiful in its exquisite shapes and delicate tints. Seemingly it is the most frail of all chinas, but in reality very strong. Most of the designs are new, and some of familiar shapes have such a combination of tints that they appear new. In the Rookwood pottery collection there is a fresh beauty and richness in designs and colorings that promise to bring this ware to even a higher artistic standard. As a distinctive American pottery it gives promise of equaling some of the famous wares of Europe. The exhibit of Barum ware from England is beautiful and it is considered fashionable to have several pieces in the parlor cabinet or in the show china closet. There are other potteries shown that demand considerable attention. The Century company's drawings are a point of interest to the art student and lover of art. Most of the pictures are the fine illustrations that have appeared in the Century and St. Nicholas during the past four years. The drawings vary as much as if they were pictures in any great gallery, for some are mere outline and others are finished with all the attention to detail that one would find in a perfectly appointed model. A student of art could study the collection to great advantage, greater possibly than he or she will ever have an opportunity to do again, as the collection is rare in its 150 pieces, valued at $6,000. The whole exhibit is beautiful, interesting and instructive, and the best of the kind ever made here.

The Epworth League.

The Epworth League, of this city, is to hold its convention in Roberts Park Church, Tuesday next. There will be three sessions, those of the day being devoted to a discussion of League ideas and their relation to the young people of the Methodist Church, and how to make the organization most beneficial to their social and religious life. The night session will be in the nature of a mass-meeting, at which Rev. Jos. H. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, will deliver an address. Other prominent speakers will be present during the day and evening. The young people of the city and suburbs, irrespective of denominations, are cordially invited to be present at all the services.

Events to Occur.

The ladies of the Industrial Association will meet this afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in the parlors of the Denison. All ladies interested are invited to be present.

The fair of the Fifth Presbyterian Church will be continued this and to-morrow evenings. It began last night with a crowded house, the many beautiful articles winning admiration and numerous purchasers.

The sale of seats for the Stanley lecture, at English's Opera-house, on the 19th inst., will begin this morning at D. H. Baldwin's music store. All the seats will be on sale at prices ranging from $1 to $2.50. Mrs. Stanley will occupy the right-hand lower box the night of the lecture.

The December meeting of the Contemporary Club will be held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., being advanced one week to avoid the holidays. The club will be addressed by the sculptor, Miss Harriet Hosmer, of Rome, whose topic is to be: "Distinguished People I Have Known." Miss Hosmer is about to return to Rome to complete the model for her Isabella statue. The reception committee will be Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cleland and Mr. James Whitcomb Riley.

Money Paid in by Counties.

The following counties settled with the State yesterday: Brown—Total, $3,378.19; schools, $2,252.02; balance, $1,126.17. Newton—Total, $6,697.26; schools, $4,382.51; balance, $2,314.75. Tipton—Total, $8,837.70; schools, $6,017.28; balance, $2,820.42. Wells—Total, $12,382.79; schools, $7,754.87; balance, $4,627.92.

Bottom of the Sea.

At the Grand Opera-house, to-night, will be presented, for the first time in this city, the marine spectacle, "The Bottom of the Sea." It requires two car-loads of scenery to present its spectacular features, and the dramatic and comedy parts are in competent hands. The play abounds in sensational incidents.

For Coughs and Throat Disorders

Use Brown's Bronchial Troches. "Have never changed my mind respecting them, except I think better of that, which I began thinking well of."—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. Sold only in boxes.

AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS.

First Annual Meeting of the Indiana Car-Service Association.

The Indiana Car-service Association held its first annual meeting yesterday. There was a large attendance, nearly every road in the association being represented. This association now covers nearly every junction point in the State. The report of General Manager Bacon showed that it was accomplishing much good for the roads in the way of moving cars with more promptness. There is now no friction in its operation. Considerable time was taken up in discussing a revision of the by-laws and rules of the association, but no important changes were effected. The request that more than forty eight hours be allowed to unload certain commodities was not granted, the opinion being that if concessions were made on certain classes of freight other shippers and consignees would make similar demands, and confusion would follow. D. T. Bacon was re-elected general manager and the following as executive committee: D. S. Hill, of the L. E. & W; M. W. Mansfield, of the I. & V.; J. Q. Van Winkle, of the Big Four; N. K. Elliott, of the Vandalia, and F. A. Husted, of the C., H. & I. Among those present from other than Indianapolis roads were T. J. Charlesworth, of the Lake Shore, in charge of the system's entire car service; C. B. Adams, of the Wabash; P. S. Rourke, of the Grand Rapids & Indiana, and B. F. Dickson, of the Louisville & Nashville, this road being in the association at Evansville.

Liberal Expenditures Proposed.

A business man closely identified with the Big Eour management, and who knows the intentions of President Ingalls, says that his plans, if carried out, will involve an expenditure of at least $500,000 in buildings in this city. His idea is to build shops here which will cost, complete, one-half that sum. In the shops to be built here it is proposed to make all the heavy repairs to locomotives, even to the entire rebuilding of them; to rebuild all coaches and freight cars, and employ the time when repairs do not require the full force of men in building cars. If built as intended they will be the best equipped shops in this country. His plans mean, further, the location of an immense freight station, which will accommodate all the business of the six roads running in here which are controlled or owned by the Big Four syndicate.

The Meeting of General Managers.

The general managers of all roads centering here met yesterday, and, after a full discussion of the matter, voted to give the switching within the Belt road limits to engines of the Union Railway Company, expecting to save at least 33 per cent. of cost of switching over the Belt road, on the Union tracks, and to private switches. While the general manager of the Vandalia rather opposed the action, he finally consented to give the new method a fair test. Jan. 1 was the date set for the new plan to go into operation, but last evening it was thought that possibly it would be necessary to defer the change until Feb. 1, so many detail matters calling for adjustment.

Meeting of Engineers of Maintenance of Way.

The engineers of maintenance of way of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg held their regular monthly meeting in this city yesterday. Twelve divisions were represented. Thomas Johnson was elected president of the association, and W. H. Scriben secretary. It needs no treasurer, as no funds are handled. Several hours were occupied in discussing different patterns of frogs and guards now in use. A new system of signals about to be introduced on some roads was up for consideration of its merits. The engineers of maintenance of way of the Pennsylvania lines hold these conferences monthly.

Aims of Western Presidents.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Several of the officials of the Western railways who will take part in the conference next Monday are now in New York. A representative of the Associated Press, in conversation with them today, learned that a resolution would be submitted to the conference providing for the formation of an association of the presidents of the roads interested, to be known as the "Western Railway Association." The principal purposes of this movement will be: First, the establishment and maintenance of reasonable, uniform and stable rates, which shall be fair to the public and yet leave a margin of net earnings to the railways; secondly, to secure to each railway in the association the due proportion of the business to which it is naturally entitled; thirdly, to prevent unnecessary and expensive diversions of traffic; fourthly, to introduce new economies and proved methods in the gathering, handling, transporting, interchanging, distribution and delivery of the freight and passenger traffic in the several lines so as to secure increased conveniences and advantages to the shipping and traveling public, and, at the same time, reasonable compensation to the companies. The aim will be to accomplish these results chiefly by the introduction of economics in doing business, and not by increasing the rates.

Personal, Local and General Notes.

Downer Adams has been appointed auditor of the Wheeling & Lake Erie road, vice S. H. Ayres, deceased.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road earned gross in November $3,651,812; increase over November, 1889, $840,640.

The Erie official inspection party reached Cincinnati last evening. Both the passenger and freight officials are in the party.

The Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City road begins December with an increase in earnings the first week over the corresponding week of 1889 of $3,130.

The passenger runs on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road are to be changed, Bloomington being a division point instead of Lafayette.

Vice-president McCrea, of the Pennsylvania lines, and General Manager Green, of the Big Four, who have been in the city for a day or two, will leave for Chicago at noon to-day.

R. B. F. Peirce, general solicitor of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western road, has gone to New York to meet his wife, who will return from Europe on a steamship arriving to-day.

Eugene Zimmerman, vice-president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road, was in the city yesterday for a conference with C. W. Fairbanks. Mr. Zimmerman to-day goes to New York.

President Newell, of the Lake Shore road, says that the net earnings of the road for 1890 will reach $4,000,000. This has been a very prosperous year for the road, aside from its dressed-beef rate war.

Daniel E. King, who for many years has been contracting agent of the Missouri Pacific at Omaha, has been appointed commercial agent of the company headquarters at Atlanta. His territory covers nearly all the Southern States.

J. N. McCullough, first vice-president of the Pennsylvania Company, who has been so ill since Oct. 1 as not to be able to go to his office, since the cooler weather came on is said to be improving, and on Friday last went to his office for a short time.

The general and division superintendents of Indianapolis lines held their regular monthly meeting yesterday. No business outside of routine matters, in which the public has no interest, was transacted, they being together but a few minutes.

M. E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four, will be in the city until this afternoon. Vice-president McCrea, of the Pennsylvania lines, will leave the city at 11:15 A. M., and William R. McKeen, president of the Vandalia, will return home on the noon train.

Work on the Monon branch from Bainbridge to Brazil began yesterday at a point just south of Bridgeton, in Parke county. The grade will be completed at once to Carbon, thence later to Brazil, while the ultimate design is to reach Evansville.

Under the new deal Norman Beckley is assistant treasurer of the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan road, as well as its general manager. Mr. Beckley stated, yesterday, that there would be no change at present in the officers or agents of the C., W. & M. at any point.

Henry Villard authorizes the statement that the flurry in Wall street has not affected his interests. His relations with the Northern Pacific, he says, and with the North American and other companies, are the same as they have been, and they will remain the same.

On Jan. 1 the passenger and local freight brakemen on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago lines will receive a general advance in wages which will increase their pay $15 to $20 per month, and they will also receive 20 cents an hour for hours over twelve. The pay of the yardmasters will be advanced to $2.75 per day.

General Superintendent Neilson, of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, was in the city yesterday. He states that the company has already contracted for ten more engines, which will make when delivered, which will be within the next ninety days, twenty first-class passenger and freight engines added to their power since Sept. 1, 1890.

J. F. Youse, who for a year past has been traveling freight agent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton lines, with headquarters at Indianapolis, has been appointed general agent of the C., H. & D. at Toledo, and left for that point yesterday. George Smith, agent of the company at Hamilton, will succeed Mr. Youse as traveling freight agent.

The superintendent of motive power of the shops of the Pennsylvania Company at Fort Wayne has been instructed to build no more class "S" engines at present, but to put his force which is not needed in repair work at work on heavy class "R" freight engines, which will be heavier engines than have ever before been built at the Western shops.

It is learned from authoritative sources that all railroads west of Chicago, the presidents of which have been invited to attend a conference at the house of J. Pierrepont Morgan on Monday next, in New York, for the purpose of renewing the "presidents' agreement," have signified their acceptance of the invitation, with the single exception of the Chicago & Alton road. This road had declined to take part in the conference.

M. E. Ingalls, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio road, says the company has abandoned the idea of building a road from Charlottesville to Washington, D. C., for which they obtained a charter at the last session of the Legislature of Virginia. Mr. Ingalls finds that in connection with the Virginia Midland he can accomplish as good results as with an independent line which would much of the distance parallel the C. & O.

An Eastern railroad man says that an impression prevails in legal and railroad circles of New York that the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton company has adjusted its differences with Ives and Staynor, and that the threat of further litigation is made with a view to affecting the suit which the C., H. & D. has against William R. McKeen as a result of the Ives-Staynor deal. The Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton still sets out this claim against Mr. McKeen as an asset.

The conference at Chicago yesterday between the lines in the Central Traffic Association and those in the Western Freight Association to consider freight rates from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan points to the Northwest, via the Soo, as against Chicago, was a very harmonious affair, but no final action was taken. The subject was referred to a committee of ten, with Judge James as chairman. The committee will meet next Wednesday, with a view of reporting before January.

The Alton road refusing to withdraw from the position it has taken regarding the reduction in the rates on live hogs, it was agreed yesterday by the Western Freight Association to make a rate of 18 cents per hundred pounds from all Missouri river points to Chicago on live hogs and packing-house products, that to be the minimum rate from any point east of the Missouri river and west of the Mississippi river to Chicago. New rates on hogs to apply locally in Iowa were alone excepted, to take effect Jan. 1.

The United States express now operates over the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan road, and there is considerable speculation as to whether the Big Four people will allow it to remain and run into Louisville on their new trains. At present the United States company is shut out of Louisville. The company claims to have a contract on the C., W. & M. which cannot be broken. They made the same claim on the Ohio, Indiana & Western, yet only a few weeks elapsed before the United States express was thrown off, and the American Express Company, which is owned by the Vanderbilts, took its place.

The passenger department of the Central Traffic Association has authorized its chairman to organize local subsidiary committees of the general committee at the following points: St. Louis, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Louisville, Columbus, Pittsburg, Buffalo, Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago and such other points as may be deemed advisable. The requests that the association concur in the adoption of tourist rates from points in the republic of Mexico to the principal cities in the United States was declined. Pending a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States on the subject of party rates, it was resolved to sell uniformly one-way tickets, for ten or more persons, a solid ticket on a basis of 2 cents per mile per capita, with the regular allowance of 150 pounds of baggage each.

MINOR CITY MATTERS.

To-Day's Doings.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE—"Bottom of the Sea;" evening.

PARK THEATER—M. A. Scanlan, in "Nell Agrah;" afternoon and evening.

METHODIST CONSTITUTION COMMISSION—Roberts Park Church; morning and afternoon.

POTTERY EXHIBIT—No. 620 North Meridian street; 10 A. M. to 10 P. M.

Local News Notes.

Governor Hovey has issued a requisition on the Governor of Illinois for the return to Terre Haute of Charles Dicks, now under arrest in Chicago, and who is wanted in the first-named city on a charge of burglary.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday to Hugh Holmes and Sadie Bisplinghoff, Scott Brown and Della Primes, Frank C. Hibbitts and Laura Bryant, Martin A. Young and M. Olive Thompson, Peter Beck and Elizabeth Wimmer.

Personal and Society.

Mr. F. H. McKinnie, proprietor of the Nell House, Columbus, O., is a guest at the Denison.

Mrs. W. G. Elliott, wife of clerk Elliott, of the Grand Hotel, with their son, has gone to Riverside, Cal., to spend the winter.

Mrs. A. G. Cox entertained a few friends informally, yesterday afternoon, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Kirtland, of Chicago.

Mr. Treat, who has been visiting his son, Mr. A. J. Treat, on North Meridian street, returned to his home, in Connecticut, yesterday.

Mrs. E. T. Gilliland, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Danforth Brown, on Second street, has returned to her home in New York.

Prof. Paul Bahr will return as organist at Plymouth Church the 1st of January. Madame Mattei will be director and leading soprano and Mrs. Leon Bailey will be the alto. The remainder of the quartet will be provided later.

The new dancing club, composed of eighteen young men, was entertained, last evening, by Miss Duncan and Mr. Wallace Duncan, at their home, on North Alabama street. Each member had the privilege of inviting his own company, and if all the parties are as pleasant as the one of last night the club will be a pronounced success for the remainder of the season.

The ladies of section No. 4 of the Free Kindergarten will give a gold and silver tea Friday afternoon, from 2 to 6 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. Joseph E. McDonald, No. 564 North Meridian. The ladies entertaining will be Mesdames David F. Swain, Henry T. Conde, Joseph E. McDonald, Charles F. Sayles, M. J. Osgood, Myla Ritzinger, Harry Drew, W. A. Bell, Charles Griffin, A. J. Treat, D. M. Bradbury, A. S. Comstock, H. H. Hutchins, E. H. Eldridge, C. L. Turner, L. H. Gibson, I. Robbins, L. Weisenberger, George Hammel, George Bunting, E. A. Blaker, Adolph Blitz, J. J. Cooper, Lois Hufford, Henry Long, Dewitt Griffith, H. E. Ward, Laura Sprague, Frank McBride, J. W. McKee, W. P. Maine, H. P. Wetzell, W. C. Whitehead, O. S. Gillett, W. A. Woods, Frank McCrea, Seabrook, Elmer Cady, P. B. Raymond, A. F. Potts, M. L. Huey, H. Eddy and C. Eaglesfield, and Misses Eliza Hendricks, Fisher, Miller and Holmes.

MR. AND MRS. BARRY'S RECEPTION.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Barry gave an elegant reception last evening, at their home on College avenue. Mrs. Barry, formerly Miss Anna Willcox, wore a very beautiful gown of Nile-green faille trimmed with tinted lace, and carried a bouquet of Catharine Mermet roses. The ladies assisting in entertaining were: Mrs. A. J. Willcox, Mrs. M. H. Spades, Mrs. Henry Jameson, Mrs. Lowe Carey, Mrs. Eltzroth, Mrs. H. G. C. Bals, Miss Barry and Miss Willcox. The house was most attractively decorated, the mantels being banked with ferns, palms and poinsettias, the blending of green and scarlet producing a rich effect. The chandeliers were entwined with smilax, and the balustrade was wound with smilax wreathes. In the dining-room was a large ball of carnations and bonvardia, in addition to the plants. In one room, a grotto of green and scarlet, punch was served by Misses Bessie Barry and Helen Porter, they wearing dainty evening gowns. The costumes of the assisting ladies and guests were particularly rich and elegant. Zumpfe's orchestra was stationed in the hall, screened by plants and vines, and rendered a choice programme. About one hundred and fifty friends accepted the hospitalities of Mr. and Mrs. Barry.

IN HONOR OF MISS ANTHONY.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sewall entertained quite a large number of friends last evening at their home on North Pennsylvania street in honor of Miss Susan B. Anthony, who is their guest for a few days, en route from the West to her home in Washington. Miss Anthony is not a stranger to Indianapolis, for to many she is known personally, through her former visits to Mrs. Sewall. After the guests had assembled last evening Miss Anthony gave a talk describing her work in South Dakota in the interests of woman's suffrage. The cause has no better advocate than Miss Anthony, and her talk had the closest and undivided attention of her hearers. While the outcome of her work was not directly successful, that of securing the right of women to vote, it was successful, she said, inasmuch as the seed had been sown, and many rights for women had been gained. After the talk the guests met Miss Anthony socially.

MISER—WARBROOKE.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 10.—At Mackinaw, Ill., to-night, occurred the marriage of Mr. Jesse Miser, of this city, and Miss Vergie Warbrooke, of the former place. Mr. Miser is a brother of the wife of Congressman-elect Scott, of Bloomington.

SOME NEW BOOKS.

"In Scripture Lands," by Edward L. Wilson, is otherwise termed new views of old places. The author says in his preface: "The feeling of personal want for such a book as 'In Scripture Lands' was the first incentive toward its production. I wanted to see pictures of the places made sacred by Scriptural history which were not 'idealized' by the pencils of those whose sympathy with art too often rode over truth. I wanted to see such pictures accompanied by descriptions free from either the shallow sentiment of the superficial tourist, the narrowness of the enthusiast or the arbitrariness of denominationalism. I likewise wanted them connected with data and textual references which should give me helpful hints for the further study and enjoyment of the events that have made the Scripture lands the most interesting of any in the world.

"With these wants; with the Holy Bible as my guide-book; with careful art training; with ardent enthusiasm for the picturesque, as well as for the historical; with a love for nature and for human nature; with a camera, fitted with a student's eye and with perfect health and strength, I went at the task I had set for myself. I was not always sure where all these would lead me to, but here is the story and here are some of the results. I am convinced that there are other people whose wants have been similar to those I have described as my own; so, in the face of the fact that there is no end to books of travel in the lands of the Scriptures, I appear with mine." This statement indicates the character of the work, which is full of interesting information, conveyed in a graphic and attractive style. There are 150 illustrations, from original photographs, by the author. The book is issued in handsome style by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Decorated cloth, gilt top, $3.50. Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

Volumes VII and VIII of "Lecky's History of England" are out. The work is one of recognized merit and needs no introduction to historical readers and students. These two volumes complete the work. The history of England proper was brought up to the outbreak of the great French war in 1793, and the author does not carry that part of the narrative any further. But, in order to give completeness to the Irish portion, he found it necessary to describe the rebellion of 1798, the legislative union of 1800 and the defeat and abandonment of the measures of Catholic conciliation which Pitt had intended to be the immediate sequel of the union. That is the theme of Volumes VII and VIII. The interesting period with which they deal, no less than the manner in which it is treated, make these volumes among the most important and valuable of the series. They cover a period which has been very imperfectly written, and usually under the influence of violent partisanship. Notwithstanding the magnitude and importance of the events connected with the Irish rebellion and its suppression it is surrounded with much obscurity. To remove this and present a clear and consecutive history of the period Mr. Lecky has made an exhaustive search of every accessible authority, and has brought together a surprising amount of new and valuable information. In short, these volumes furnish a complete and truthful narrative of a most interesting period in modern British history. The completed work is one of permanent value. New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"The Court of the Empress Josephine," by Imbert De Saint-Amand, is another of the series of works by that author which have been received with much favor in France and widely read in the English translation. This one treats of Josephine's surroundings and life when her career was at the climax of brilliancy and happiness. Cloth, $1.25. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Aztec Land," by Maturin M. Ballou, is a narrative of a journey through Mexico. The subject is somewhat hackneyed, but the author, being an experienced traveler, a close observer and practiced writer, is able to furnish a book which gives one much new information concerning Mexico and its people. Cloth, $1.50. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

A. C. McClung & Co., of Chicago, issue a new edition of "The Epicurean," a tale by Thomas Moore. The work ranks among English classics, and although its quaint and stately style differs very much from modern works of fiction, it possesses lasting qualities and permanent interest for discriminating readers. Cloth, $1. Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"The Old Meeting-house, and Vacation Papers," by the Rev. A. M. Colton, is a collection of personal reminiscences and sketches by an aged minister. They are quite personal and local, with a good deal of an old man's garrulity. New York: Worthington & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

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