TRIALS OF THE TELEPHONE

The Infernal Machine Is a Dead Failure for Long Distance Love-Making.

Exasperated Citizens Usually Take It Out on the "Hello" Girl at the Central—Theories of Mr. Thinkmuch, of Texas.

ING-A-LING, a-ling-a-ling.

"Hello."

"Give me ——. Hello."

"——"

"Is that you Maude?"

"——"

"I say is that you Maude?"

"——"

"Don't you know me?"

"——"

"Oh, come down from your perch, Pauline!"

"——"

"Can't you recognize an old friend?"

"——"

"Ha-hah-ah-ah-ah-eek!!"

"——"

"That's right."

"——"

"Where's Wilhominal?"

"——"

"Where?"

"——"

"O—Is that so? Why I'm going down to Terry Hut a Sunday. I guess I'll see her!"

"——?"

"I can't do it. You see——"

"——?"

"I say I can't do it. You see I——"

"——?"

"Great heavens, I can't do it. You see father has——"

"——?"

"Say—— I—— say—— I—— can't——"

"——?"

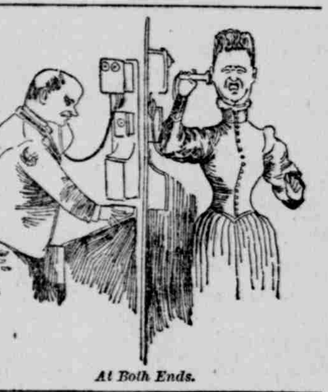
"O botheration; I wish you would swallow the trumpet and——"

"——?"

"Well, I'm—— —— —— —— ——"

Ding,—and the trumpet was thrown back into its socket vehemently, with a mild malediction on the telephone service, the inventor of the machine and the world in general. It needs no proof to substantiate the fact that the telephone is no earthly account for love-making. The young man who begins life with the belief that he can keep up the embers of his passion fires by daily telephone communications with his girls in the suburbs or county seats of the State comes soon to a full knowledge of the mistakes of his youth, gray hairs and a premature grave. Men who are older and wiser will on no occasion presume to reach an outside town by the aid of a telephone, unless their business is pressing and absolutely necessary to be performed. The telephone service was never meant for trifling cupids or any other kind of sentimental work.

There was a divorce granted a woman not long since by a court in this city and the domestic troubles which culminated in it began over a telephone message. A business man of Indianapolis one day last spring stepped to the telephone in his office and called up his wife to ask her about dinner. After interrogating her as to the



At Both Ends.

incidentals of the noonday spread he said: "Are you going to have soup?" But his wife could not understand him. After repeating the question until he was hoarse, he swore a little and then asked his wife to stand back from the phone and speak louder. His wife evidently asked him to observe the order himself. The question was repeated with no better effect and the vexed husband called on central to repeat the question to his wife, and she did so, but the unfortunate wife understood the lady at the central station to say that her husband had said she—his wife—was in the soup! This was the beginning of a series of misunderstandings which resulted so disastrously.

The duties of the girls at the central telephone station are very exacting. They are kept all day long listening to the babble of the city and they necessarily get pretty familiar with the city's private affairs. They say "hello" on an average of 106,321 times a day. They fall in to an easy way of saying it with variations.

You walk to the telephone and are in a great hurry. You ring—no answer. You ring again—no answer. After ringing several times and working yourself into a frenzied state, there comes a voice like that of a distant dove—

"Hell——lo."

Following your first beastly impulse, you forget that your friend Jones is dying, and begin mildly chastising the girl at the central station, and, after you have exhausted your irate resources, a small voice, full of sympathy and exquisite tenderness, queries gently:

"What is it?"

You have by this time subsided, and you don't know what it is exactly yourself. Yet all this time your hair is turning a trifle grayer.

The girls at the central station are often called upon to bear responsibilities that do not belong to them. The other day a

Mr. Thinkmuch, of Texas.

Market-street real-estate-dealer was working like a pile-driver to get a communication through to a customer, and was beginning to turn red-headed when he heard the rental say—"Lock the door Jimmy." The real-estate man was furious, but with his usual sagacity asked her to please give him the number he wanted before she went into executive session. But he was wide of the mark, for Jimmy was simply a messenger boy, the day was windy and the latch bad.

The telephone and the innumerable wires that serve it in large cities is by some Texas sage called "The nervous system of modern civilization." In a recent scientific article written by the learned gentleman it is stated that the life of civilization, like the original vegetable product, is passing into a higher organism that tingles with sensations, just as vegetable life passed into animal life centuries ago, and after thousands of years brought up masses of thoroughly-organized substances which proceeded to bear progressive fruits. This fruit, it is alleged, is thought. The argument goes on to the effect that this higher organization of mechanical products is at present nothing more than the passive receptable and transmitter of that thought, and that sound reason assumes that the time will come when the originative faculty will be developed to such an extent that mechanical apparatuses will constitute beings whose powers will enable them to discharge the thought function with alarming scope, attitude and feeling; when, for instance, a railway engine will be so complete it will be able to handle its own throttle and demand recognition as a being whose judgment on the leading questions of the day must be respected.

The great day of independent mechanical action is by the Texas philosopher announced. The David B. Hill machine of New York city is cited as an illustration of the mechanical perfection attained already. "The time will come," says Mr. Thinkmuch, of Texas, "when every telephone in our land will have so improved its voice by cultivation that an intelligent answer may be promptly received to any question put to it, but not this century—perhaps some other century, at which time its system of knowledge-gathering will have been so extensively improved that an answer by telephone will receive the same respect as that of a Supreme judge."

Mr. Thinkmuch has set the people down there to thinking, and, it seems, has very dangerously aroused the misapprehensions of the People's party in that State. Some action will doubtless be taken on the matter soon.

NEW HOOSIER PLAYWRIGHT.

W. Echard Golden, Who Won the Prize in Competition with Hundreds.

Here is another son of Indiana who has gone off and honored himself, as well as his State, by brushing up against 597 ambitious people who compiled, stole or wrote plays and mailed them to the New York Herald recently to compete for a $500 prize in gold. This unassuming, tough-haired Hoosier, with the Tanyard Kiplingesque eye-glasses and eskew moustaches, was the 598th man. He will shortly have the honor of sitting on a straight-backed chair in a proscenium box of a leading New York theater and be called before the curtain to receive the plaudits of a critical Gotham audience

because his little drama—a one-act comedy farce entitled "Hearts"—was awarded the coveted first prize. There can be little doubt about the successful run which the play will have, since such excellent judges as Frohman and A. M. Palmer pronounce it the cleverest bit of playwriting turned out by any American in years. The young man who has attained this not unhoped-for fame will be recalled by many Indianapolis people as Will E. Golden—W. Echard Golden, the Eastern papers insist on printing it—who graduated from the State University at Bloomington in the class of '88. When he left college many prophesied that he would not live long for he was hardly able to tote off his sheepskin. "He's killing himself with work; just plain downright suicide," many said, but they didn't know young Golden. Though only twenty-four years old at the time, he had already spent four years at hard labor on the stage doing the legitimate. He didn't let his hair go to seed, nor count railroad ties between stops, but he studied continually, as all successful people know they must, and was well seasoned to labor. Members of his family for generations back have been connected with the stage—you must have heard of the Golden family; Alice, his sister, is singing in opera in New York now—and the drama is young Golden's favorite study. He went almost direct from college to the Brooklyn Polytechnic as a teacher, and since he graduated has written a work on the English drama that is highly mentioned. An enterprising manager has already paid Golden $1,100, and contracted to give him a generous royalty for the privilege of staging "Hearts" in New York. Golden is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Greek-letter fraternity, and is the second son of the Bloomington institution to distinguish himself during the past year.

PENSIONS FOR VETERANS.

Residents of Indiana and Illinois Whose Claims Have Been Allowed.

Pensions have been granted the following-named Indianians:

Original—Frederick Reganus, James B. Hatch, John Trainer, J. Naylor, Daniel H. Rowe, Sylvester S. Spangler, William B. Siemons, William H. Server, Ezra Fergeson, Robert Dunlop, James W. Graves, George W. McAtee, Lemuel Rhodes, Abraham C. Starns, Henry C. Shenkenbarger, Henry Wine, Levi Mote, Isaac Anderson, Andrew Armstrong, Lon Nicoli, Philip Days, Dudley H. Chase, Joseph T. Kern, Thomas J. Stanley, Lewis Hardin, Charles E. Hughes, Lockwood S. Block, Moses R. Leland, Thomas W. Chopson, Julius Nemitts, John Shetters, Charles J. Hoopie, Orin H. Deming, David Miller, Benjamin F. Howell, Alpha Hiser, Henry S. Hammer, Joseph B. Charles, John S. Klein, Joseph P. Iliff, William T. Black, James Johnson, James Williams, James G. Jeffers, John D. Cheney, C. Kramer, William Haworth, George W. Grismore, Samuel M. Yergan, William Cehlbeck, Wm. Cox, George W. Karer, David Bigelow, William Helm, Aaron Meek, Cadwallader M. Griffith, John Kader, Henry Sheridan, Amos Hetrick, William O. Henry, William C. Miller, Emery McKee, Harvey Brooks, Ed W. Morris, Jacob Gill, Joel Green, John Dudley, William H. Smith, John W. Laycock, Samuel Gillespie, M. A. Galpin, Thomas E. James. Additional—John F. Williams, Alfred Sims, Jacob N. Land, Robert Samuel. Increase—George A. Grover, Samuel Aldridge, John H. Barnes, George W. Moore. Reissue—D. Calvin Roberts, William Marquis. Reissue and increase—John J. Mayer. Original widows, etc.—Lizzie D. Ritner.

TO RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS.

Oricinal—Martin V. Baker, John W. Sowers, Jeremiah Moynihan, James Chalmers, Ethan Allen, Frank Bills, Samuel Sellers, Newton Crow, Chas. W. Southern, Alexander McKinney, Thos. White, Jos. C. Gleason, Joel Decker, Jos. Bennett, Silas W. King, Henry J. Mostow, Francis C. Cole, Wm. Albright, Christian Haas, Christian Kublank, Wm. O. Johnston, James Douglas, Wm. C. Hale, George Meeks, Joseph Bingham, Lewis Haynes, Edward King, Robert L. Kinne, Anton Dollinger, Absalom Lattimore, James Lang, William H. H. Hartman, Harrison Sharp, Dennis Keefe, Charles Hoar, Albert Mayo, Geo. F. Hecker, James M. Fulwider, John H. Brookman, David Hoover, John Eaton, Friedrich Eickhoff, Mark D. Hill, Jeremiah Syler, James McClure, Francis M. Hudspeth, Thomas G. Brown, William Beatty, William M. Donelson, Geo. Kepky, William C. Alpin, Daniel E. Bedford, James K. Rice, James H. Williams, Henry Norris, Benjamin F. McCutchen, James L. Hudson, William H. McIlvay, George Hollingsworth, Albert Metzger, John Reid, William Ingles, John Hayes, Stephen B. Gray, Andrew H. Drennen, David Heaton, George H. Scott, Henry Chapman, Charles F. Roswell, William K. Archer, Jesse T. Lancaster, William R. Dunlap, Joseph F. Latimer, John C. Mitchell, John N. Heary. Additional—Russell C. Middleton, Joseph Farnham, George E. Hicks, Thomas Frail, John B. Pruitt, Oliver Smith. Increase—Daniel Sheesly, David Shumaker. Original widows, etc.—Margaret Terwilliger, America Warrick (mother), Johanna M. Farrell.

Should Give the Money.

New York Independent

During the week the President has sent a message to Congress approving a liberal appropriation in the form of a loan to aid the world's fair in Chicago. The amount asked is $5,000,000; and as it will be but one-quarter of the total expense, it does not appear to be more than it is proper that the national government should advance to aid an enterprise to which the Nation is already pledged, and in whose success it has so large an interest. There is every reason to believe that this exhibition will be superior to any other ever held, and too much praise cannot be given to the large plans of its managers. We trust that Congress will not be parsimonious.

CAUGHT AT THE POSTOFFICE

Suggestions of Improvements in the Service and a Story or Two.

Encouraging the Use of Stamped Envelopes—Partial Prepayment—Politician Who Lost a Bet—Mailing Circulars.

Postmaster Thompson is of the opinion that the government should give more encouragement to the use of the stamped envelope. "It would be a desirable thing," said Mr. Thompson, "to bring about an almost universal use of the stamped envelope and the special-request envelope. If a limited addition to the printed request upon the envelope were allowed the use would be greatly extended. This would be speedily accomplished if the envelopes were supplied to the public at the price of the stamp. It would also give additional security to the delivery of mail, as there would be no stamps to drop off, and no stamps to be forgotten by careless or hurried people.

"There is another matter that might be amended; in fact, in spite of the great things that have been done under the administration of Postmaster-general Wanamaker, there will be other improvements suggesting themselves all the time. The present business-like administration, through the very improvements it has made, has encouraged other suggestions. There is considerable loss to the revenues of the government because of the regulation permitting letters to pass through the mails with one rate prepaid without reference to the weight of the letter. By this, of course, I mean that if 2 cents is paid, though the letter may carry several times that amount of postage, it is taken and the over-weight is supposed to be collected at its destination. A great amount of such over-weight postage is never collected. At this office, where considerable care is used, we collect about $2,000 a year of this kind of postage, and I have no doubt that half as much more, that is one thousand dollars' worth, slips through unpaid, as letters are necessarily handled in a hurry. At small offices very little due postage is collected. It would be difficult to approximate the loss of postage from this cause, and full prepayment should be made compulsory. There are firms in this city, as we know, who write to customers that they need not pay but one rate on letters, regardless of weight, as they (the houses mentioned) will pay the remainder. Of course, they intend to pay it, and this is very clever to their patrons, but some of this generosity is at the expense of the government, for, as I said, we do not catch all the overweights."

Postmaster Thompson's office is a regular rendezvous for his large circle of friends, and there they gather every afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, and spin yarns, talk politics and criticise the state of things in general. As the campaign draws near politics becomes the most absorbing topic, and if there is any theory that has not been advanced or probability discussed it is due simply to the fact it has been crowded out for want of a chance. Postmaster Thompson always keeps the easiest and most comfortable chair in the room and lets his guests sit on the table, the stiff-bottomed chairs or stand up. He pulls his black derby hat down over his eyes and gets his neck about on a line with the low back of the chair, then permits the conversation to go on uninterrupted. Nobody can tell whether he is awake or not half the time, and only when Assistant Postmaster Dave Wallace comes in to ask for a cigar does he show any signs of life. A well-known politician, who may be called Tom Robinson, because that is not his name, is the center of attraction, and he does all the talking, and the others the disputing. A gentleman entered the office the other evening when the crowd was all assembled and, extending his hand to Mr. Robinson, said: "How are you, Mr. Robinson; haven't seen you since you returned from your campaign tour."

"Yes; you're a damned aristocrat, you are. I've seen you a dozen times since I got home."

"What?" exclaimed the new-comer in astonishment.

"Yes, I have; I saw you over in your own office the other day and talked with you for half an hour."

"O come now, Robinson, what are you talking that way for? You know you're joking."

"See here," answered Robinson, growing warm behind the collar, "I'll bet you $10 to a nickel I'm right, and I'll prove it to you before all these men." The bet was agreed to, and the stakes put up in Postmaster Thompson's hands. "Now," began Robinson, moving closer to the edge of his chair, "didn't I meet you over in front of your office the other day and you asked me in and we sat down and you gave me a cigar, and then you reached down in the drawer of your desk and passed me a bottle of whisky, you bragged on and said you had been made a present of it? Didn't you, now?"

"Nope," cheerily answered the other, "you're plumb wrong, Robinson, you must have hit some other man's bottle too hard and have'nt recovered from it yet."

"Why, Smith, you're either crazy or a damn liar, or both," excitedly answered Robinson, as the crowd gave him the laugh.

"Smith? His name ain't Smith," answered Postmaster Thompson, waking up at this point. "This is Jones, who works for Smith."

"What?" ejaculated Robinson, jumping up and reaching for his ten. "This is a set-up job; give me that money; I won't be played for no sucker this way."

Jones didn't want his money anyhow, so he compromised with Robinson upon his agreeing to take the crowd over to Gasper's and set 'em up.

Now he yells "Jones" when he sees that gentleman a block away.

"A great many people," remarked Postmaster Thompson, "are of the opinion that circulars mailed in this city to be delivered here by local carriers must bear a two-cent stamp. The question has been answered over and over again and some people never will be informed. An unsealed printed circular goes at the rate of 1 cent for two ounces or under, and at that rate will be delivered anywhere in the United States. No writing, however, is permitted in such circular except the date at the head of it, and the person's name to whom it is sent. One may also sign his name at the bottom of the printed circular."

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

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Wednesday in Indianapolis....M. D. Jones and wife went to Crawfordsville Friday....Miss Tinnie Van Nuys, of Franklin, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Voris....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Richmann came from Indianapolis Saturday....Miss Hattie Atkinson returned home Saturday from Kokomo....Miss June Williams, after a week's stay, returned home in Noblesville last Monday.

Liberty.

Mrs. Nan Tennell, of Greenville, O., is the guest of relatives here....Miss Carrie Wolber, of Riley, O., is the guest of Mrs. Lee Moore....Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murphy, of Richmond, were in Liberty last week....Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Cooper entertained Wednesday evening....Mrs. Thomas Keeler, of Philadelphia, is the guest of S. D. Byram and family....Mrs. M. E. Burgoyne, of New York city, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. Kelly....Miss Mame Byram visited in Hamilton Tuesday....Mrs. T. C. Huddleson, of Fairmount, O., is the guest of Mrs. Oliver Lafuse, at Ash Home, north of here....Dr. and Mrs. George Coughlin are wintering in New Orleans....George Witter and Della Brown, Lewis Harrol and Miss Alma Burt, of this place, were married Thursday evening....Miss Bertha Rude returned home Friday from Oxford....Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stevens entertained a card party Thursday evening....Misses Ginevra and Emmazetta Kennedy left Thursday for New York city to complete their musical education.

Logansport.

Mrs. W. B. Hanson, of Grayling, Mich., is the guest of Mrs. B. F. Keesling....Mr. William B. Westlake and wife have departed for Chicago to reside....Mrs. J. F. Getty has returned from Sterling, Ill., where she has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. S. J. West....Miss Lillian Parks has gone to St. Louis on an extended visit with her aunt....Miss Minnie Clark, of Indianapolis, is the guest of her aunt, Miss Fanny Mull....Judge and Mrs. D. P. Baldwin and Miss India Randall arrived home Sunday, after a seven months' trip in Europe....Miss Oddie Degroot is entertaining Miss Caddie Anderson, of Kokomo....Miss Kate Booth is visiting at Crawfordsville, the guest of Mrs. Am. Jones....Miss Lottie Shroyer is home, after a brief visit with friends at Richmond....Mrs. W. H. Snider has departed on a month's visit with relatives in New York city....Mrs. McMullen and daughter, Miss Mamie, of Cincinnati, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kerns.

Marion.

Mrs. George Jurdon, of Niles, Mich., has returned after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. O. H. Keller....Mrs. Calvin Bond, of Fargo, Dak., and Mrs. Kate Milliken, of New Castle, are guests of their brother, Miles Murphy....Miss Myrtle Judson, of Bluffton, is visiting Miss Maude Saylor here....Miss Ida Hulley has returned from a visit with friends at Urbana, O.....Miss Ada Wilson, of Macon, Mo., is a guest here....L. J. Starrett and wife are visiting in Chicago....Mrs. Ray Dilling has returned from a fortnight's visit at Richmond.

Madison.

Miss Drusilla Cravens's reception in honor of the new rector at Christ Church, Dr. Glover and wife, was the social event of the season. Miss Cravens was assisted in receiving by her sister, Mrs. Dr. Davidson, Mrs. Alex. Lanier and Mr. Charles Cravens....Married: Robert O. Perry and Isabel Jones, Thomas G. Cole and Martha E. Lemen, Prentice M. Dunaway and Laura M. Adams....Betrothed: Louis Sulzer and Rose Lelly, Louis Kessler and Susie Weber....Miss Cooperider has entered the music department of Moore's Hill College....The O. L. H. Society met last week with Mrs. R. R. Rea, and the Trinity Women's Society Mrs. J. Schooley....Miss Clara Creamer is home from Oklahoma City....Miss Amanda Davis is visiting in Devay....Miss Caroline Brewington returned last week from Illinois, and will give a reading Tuesday night at Brooksburg....Mrs. W. H. Powell is at Thomasville, Ga....George Smith and Victoria McLeland were married Thursday evening.

Muncie.

Miss Sarah Heinsohn entertained the Young Women's Cooking Club Monday....The Women's Whist Club met with Mrs. John Kirby Monday....The Woman's Club was entertained by Mrs. Rose Stewart Monday....Misses Suzane Little and Suzette Kirby left Tuesday for Cincinnati to join a pleasure party of twenty young women going by boat to New Orleans and many points of interest. The party is chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bishop....The German Women's Society banqueted at the home of Mrs. George Zuber Wednesday....Miss May Heath is visiting at Cincinnati....Mrs. M. A. Williams, of Petoskey, is the guest of Mrs. W. W. Shirk....Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Valet returned Thursday from New York city....Mrs. L. P. Kirby spent Friday with Anderson friends.

Noblesville.

Miss Minnie Bauchert is the guest of Indianapolis relatives....Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson spent last Thursday at Indianapolis....Mrs. Dewey, of Cleveland, visited her daughter last week....Mrs. Robert Wilson had for her guest last Wednesday Mrs. Pettijohn, of Westfield....Mrs. William Christian was in Indianapolis Thursday....Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright were in Indianapolis last week....Mrs. Cole, of Terre Haute, is a guest of her sisters, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Dale....Mrs. Jones, of Anderson, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Loehr, has returned home....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wild, after a few days' visit last week with Dr. and Mrs. Curtis, have returned to their home in Anderson.....Mrs. John Patterson spent last week in Indianapolis....Mrs. Walter Nichols and son, of Indianapolis, are guests at Mr. Kastlehun's....Mrs. Graham and son are visiting in Chicago....Mrs. Frank Zeller left last Monday for a visit at Crab Orchard, Ky....Mr. and Mrs. Mark Davis have returned from Plainfield....Mr. and Mrs. William Greble, of Cairo, Ill., who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Greble, have returned home....Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Newman and Mrs. Goodman, of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. Newman Levinson last Tuesday....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peck, of Indianapolis, spent last Sunday here....The Young Woman's Musicale met at the home of Miss Vivian Voss Friday....Mrs. Silas Hare entertained the Neighborly Club Wednesday....The Willing Workers of the Christian Church met with Mrs. Edward Longley Wednesday....There was an old-time melody concert given at the home of Mrs. Bert Hare Tuesday.

New Castle.

Miss Minnie Black, of Earlham College, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother....Miss Lizzie Keyall, of Portland, is the guest of Miss Mary Waldron....Miss Lizzie Wilson visited her sister at Richmond last week....Mrs. J. W. Pence, of Anderson, is here on a visit....Miss Katie Polk spent several days with Knightstown friends last week....Miss Ethel Needham visited at Milton on Sunday....Mrs. Fulton is visiting her old home at Mattoon, Ill....Miss Bertha Stafford, of Spiceland, was a guest here last week....Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jennings have returned from their trip to Florida....Mrs. G. W. Bunch visited Connersville last week....Mrs. G. L. Swain, of Middletown, is in the city....Miss Eliza Mendenhall is visiting Richmond....Miss Lizzie Rea is in Indianapolis....Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Hickman, of Anderson, visited here last week.....Mrs. W. G. Hillock, Mrs. H. L. Powell and Mrs. Julia Loer visited Mrs. A. W. Codin at Richmond on Saturday and Sunday....Mrs. Selg and Mrs. Crawford, of Knightstown, are visiting here....Mrs. E. H. Bundy and Mrs. J. H. Mellette entertained on Friday evening.

Pendleton.

Mrs. Charles Hedrick was a guest of Anderson friends last Tuesday....Mrs. Lon Ireland is visiting at Union City....Mrs. S. D. Searles, of Chicago, is visiting Mrs. F. S. Tyler....Miss Annie Cunningham, who has been visiting Miss Lyie Zenblin, has returned to Union City.....Miss Belle Martin, of Connersville, has been a guest of Mrs. J. M. Taylor during the week.....Miss Grace Dougherty, of Fort Wayne, is a guest of Miss Lulu Hensley....Miss Lulu Huston, of Anderson, was a guest of Myrtle Long last Saturday....Mr. and Mrs. J. Wyford have returned from an extended visit with friends at Huntington.

Portland.

N. H. Baher and wife, of Mingo, Ia., are visiting here. They will go to Mexico in a few weeks.....Miss Lena Burkett will entertain at her residence on High street this evening.

Peru.

Miss Sadie Walker, of Indianapolis, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Emswiler....Mrs. F. Truster entertained the Q. T. C. Club Thursday afternoon....Mrs. E. H. Shirk entertained the women of the Baptist Church Wednesday....Mrs. A. T. Reed, of Indianapolis, is a guest here.....Miss Mattie Hazzard was the guest of Kokomo friends during the week....Mrs. S. W. Mathews returned Tuesday from Tipton....Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Strouse are entertaining Miss Carrie Strouse, of Cincinnati....Miss Nellie Turpin is entertaining the Misses Harris, of Union City....Miss Grace Emswiler returned Wednesday from Richmond....Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mowbray visited in Bluffton last week....Mrs. L. Shuman entertained Miss Maggie Polk and Miss Edith Hackleman, of Wabash, last week....Mrs. B. Elvin, who has been a guest here, returned to Indianapolis Friday....Miss Lucy Daugherty, of Wabash, was the guest of Miss Maud Farrar last week....Mrs. Fannie Leas, who has been visiting her brother, returned home to Bowling Green, O., Friday....Mrs. M. P. Denston was the guest of Indianapolis friends Tuesday and Wednesday....Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Deibert, of Portage, Wis., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Deibert.

Rensselaer.

Mrs. Merrill returned to her home in Cincinnati last Saturday....Mrs. A. Purcupile is visiting in Logansport this week....Miss Maggie Healey attended a dance at Monon Monday evening....Mrs. Vic Willey is the guest of Chicago relatives....Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McCoy entertained a cinch party Saturday evening....The O. E. S. gave quite a successful entertainment in the form of a "Circulating Library," Monday....Mrs. Samuel Smith, of Fowler, is visiting in this place....Mrs. John Reynolds went to South Bend last week to enter her niece as a student in the convent....Marriage licenses have been issued this week to the following: Jeremiah Shea and Mollie Potts, Reed Banta and Laura B. Kenton, Robert Dumond and Mary Bouk.

Richmond.

Marriage licenses were issued during the past week to Timothy Cronin and Mary McCormick, Joseph H. Reese and Mary A. Fuller, Frank Gibson and Effie May Mannies, Frederick Wilkemeyer and Emma Backman, James Goodwin, jr., and Ida Hickman, Joseph A. Penny and Myrtle Jameson....Mr. and Mrs. James M. Starr and Miss Hettie King returned from St. Augustine, Fla., Thursday....Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hutton and daughter, Miss Laura, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Thomas, Mrs. J. M. Gaar, Mrs. J. B. Craighead and Miss Allie Starr, who have been in Florida are en route home....Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Newby left for Marion Friday....Mrs. Margaret Dennis went to Indianapolis Wednesday....Miss Emma Lloyd returned from Anderson Tuesday....Miss Sadie Stanley went to Connersville Wednesday....Mrs. Frederick Wilke and Miss Lydia Starr left on a European tour last Saturday night. They will be gone about six months....Miss Ella Correy returned from Indianapolis Thursday....The York Club gave its closing "hop" at Odd-fellows Hall Tuesday night....About twenty-five friends of Miss Mary Wilson paid her a visit Thursday night....Two aged couples, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Nixon and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith, celebrated their golden weddings Thursday....Mrs. Mary Wood went to Knightstown Thursday....About one hundred attended the social of the Patriarchal Circle Tuesday night.....Miss Agnes Druly returned from Connersville Wednesday evening....Miss Susie Long returned from Knightstown Thursday evening....The women of Colfax degree staff, Eden Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, gave a dance Wednesday night that was attended by over two hundred.

Rockville.

Miss Blanche Crieger, of Hillsboro, has been visiting Mrs. William Hutchinson....Mrs. J. N. Russell, of Kansas City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mason....Miss Cora Hall has returned from Indianapolis....Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Whipple visited in Indianapolis.

Shelbyville.

Misses Grace McGuire and Jessie Hoover are guests of Columbus friends....Miss Grace James has returned from her visit in Connersville....Miss Sophia Levinson received the members of the Thirteen Club, Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Levy and Mrs. Art Levinson....The Spinster Club met with Miss Bertha Thompson Thursday afternoon....Miss Effie Milleson, of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haymond....Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clare and baby, of Portsmouth, O., are the guests of Rev. T. L. Hughes and family....Miss Mertie Frazee, of Greensburg, is the guest of Miss Carrie Conrey....Mrs. Wells, of Fort Wayne, addressed the members of the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening....Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wadley, of Dubuque, Ia., are guests of relatives here, and celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at her mother, Mrs. Cory's, home on Friday evening.

Seymour.

Miss Lulu Casey spent Sunday at Austin with relatives....Dr. Fall and wife, of North Vernon, visited J. H. Andrews and wife....James McCammeron and wife are at New Albany, visiting W. D. Biggs and family....Mrs. William French and son are at St. Paul....Mrs. E. P. Brown, of Piercevlle, visited here....Mrs. Frank McCoy, of Columbus, visited Mrs. Mary Lucas....Miss Sallie Wells is visiting at Medora....Mrs. Josiah Shewmaker, of New Albany, visited Mrs. Marion Deputy Monday....Mrs. Frank Eldridge is visiting her father, A. J. Chambers, at Butlerville....Last Sunday Mr. George Willman, of Jonesville, and Miss Anna Meyer were married by Rev. George Eyler....Mrs. Meedy Stillwell, of Danville, has returned home....Miss Leona Platter is at Lafayette, visiting Mrs. Newton....Miss Ella Craft, of Vallonia, has returned home....Mrs. S. A. Tanner, of Milan, has returned....Mrs. A. J. Pellens and daughter are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pflazet, at Louisville....Miss Anna Crowe has returned from a visit to her sister at Indianapolis....Mrs. R. H. Wood, of Ludlow, Ky., has returned home....Mrs. Sarah Ross, of Butlerville, visited Mrs. William Brewer.....Mrs. E. E. Holmes and Miss S. M. Ricketts are at Cincinnati....Mrs. B. H. Burrell, of Brownstown, is at Kokomo....Mrs. Edward Forsythe, of Crothersville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swift....Thursday Henry Bergdoll and Miss Hattie Loranz were married by Rev. W. J. White.

Terre Haute.

Misses Cora Rehner and Grace Burget will spend Sunday in Indianapolis....Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mass, of Vincennes, returned home yesterday....Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rottman entertained a card party Thursday....Miss Estella Lintz, of Chicago, will return home soon....Mrs. Blake celebrated her eightieth birthday yesterday....Miss Edith Cook, of Shelbyville, Ill., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. South....Mrs. Lida Norman, of Evansville, is visiting here....Mrs. Charles Graff, of Crawfordsville, is visiting her mother....Miss Belle Overman, after a visit with Miss Nellie Blake, has returned to Carmarge, Ill....Miss Lena Davies, of Troy, O., who is visiting Miss Anna Martin, will visit in Mattoon next week....Mrs. Conaway is visiting Mrs. W. Knapp at Brazil....Miss Louise Haberly attended a dance in Danville Tuesday evening....Miss Emma Kerschner has been visiting in Clay City....Mrs. William Harrison has returned to Peoria....Mrs. R. N. Thompson is visiting in St. Louis....Miss Ida Plowman has returned to Murdock, Ill....Mrs. D. W. Waters has returned to Houston, Tex.....Miss Alice Barden is visiting in Springfield, Mo....Mrs. Mace Townley has returned to South Bend....Mrs. A. L. Newman, of Chicago, is visiting here....Miss Laura Trump, of Decatur, is visiting Mrs. Lewellan....Miss Annetta Hayden is visiting in Kansas City....Miss Alice Ranze, of Hillsdale, is visiting here....Mrs. E. B. Carter, of Chillicothe, O., is here....Mrs. George Martin, of Saginaw, Mich., is visiting Mrs. William Jones....Miss Alice Richards, of Frankfort, is visiting Miss Lena Rochell....Mrs. Frank Hunter, of Cincinnati, is visiting relatives here.

Tipton.

Miss Ora Newcomer is visiting at Indianapolis.....Mrs. W. H. Axtell returned last Sunday from Sterling....Mrs. Woolpart, of Denver, is the guest of Dr. H. G. Reed's family....Miss Jessie Swoveland has returned from Danville....Miss Lonie Gates has returned from Hamilton, O....Misses Clara Chamess, of Elwood, and Rena Hahn, of Carmel, are visiting Mrs. E. U. Bert.....Miss Amanda Guisinger, of Anderson, visited her sister, Mrs. W. J. Miner, last Sunday.

Union City.

Mrs. R. B. McKee is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Higgs, in Chicago....Mrs. John Frank entertained Saturday at luncheon....Mrs. Tom Hough visited Winchester on Monday and Tuesday....Misses Stella and Jennie Harris are the guests of Mrs. W. V. Turpen, at Peru....Miss Clara Snyder is visiting friends at Dayton....Lillie Mitchell is visiting her sister at Logansport....Dora Branham left on Friday evening of last week on a four weeks' visit to friends in St. Louis....Miss Bertha Stephenson, of Greenville, attended the club dance on Wednesday evening....Mrs. W. R. Craven entertained the Three G's on Friday evening....Miss Mattie Kerr returned home Wednesday from Chicago.....Miss Anna Fitzgerald, of De Graff, is visiting in this city....Mrs. J. C. Northlane entertained a few friends Wednesday evening....Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Huesman returned home Thursday, after a four weeks' visit on the Pacific coast....Mr. and Mrs. G. Rittenour were guests of friends and relatives in Dunkirk Sunday....Miss Emma Combs, of Harrisville, is visiting in this city....Miss Daisy Cowdrey celebrated her sixtenth birthday by a peanut party Feb. 29....Miss Esta Kalp, of Hillgrove, O., attended the Greble-Clark wedding last Thursday evening....Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson and Miss Belle Murray, of Spartansburg, visited in this city the past week.

Wabash.

Jennie Ray Crowe, of this city, and Frank Smith, of Indianapolis, were married Tuesday.....Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, of Fort Wayne, visited here last week....Miss May Lower has gone to Logansport....Miss Lizzie Hoover has been in Toledo....Miss Nellie Nye has returned to her home in Warsaw....Mrs. David Overman is visiting in Marion....Mrs. Mattie Schlebech, of Canton, O., is the guest of Mrs. R. F. Blount....Mrs. R. Bowden and daughter, of Muncie, were in Wabash Sunday....Mrs. Bates and Miss Barnhart have returned from their visit in Marion.....Mrs. Samuel Sawyer, of Marion, is the guest of Mrs. Stearnes Fisher....Mrs. Mary Hamilton has returned from a visit to her sister at Decatur, Ill....Mrs P. O. Updegraff, of Kokomo, is the guest of friends here....The "Dilettante" Club will meet with Mrs. Beegan Monday evening... Mrs. Wilson Ross is in Kokomo this week.

Winchester.

Miss Dora Irvin, of Richmond, visited her parents last week....Misses Vora Miller and Lilie Swain were guests of Miss Blanche Shipley, of Muncie, last Sunday....Mrs. Frederick Nichols, of Fort Wayne, visited relatives here the past week....Miss Marguerite Carver was with her sister, Mrs. Emerson McGriff, of Portland, the past week....Miss Bertha Wilkinson, of Piqua, O., was the guest of Mrs. F. E. Vestal last week....Among those who attended the golden wedding of Rev. R. D. Spellman and wife Tuesday evening were Henry Spellman and wife, of Portage county, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Jones and Mrs. C. D. Long and son, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Downing, of Richmond; Rev. McElwen and wife, of Farmland, and W. A. Thompson and wife, of Muncie....Miss Mary Fowler is home from Oxford, O., where she attended college.... Mrs. G. D. Williamson was at Ridgeville the past week....J. M. Henry and wife, of Fort Wayne, were guests of C. W. Eastman and wife last week....Mrs