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DIED.

KIRKHOFF—Charles Kirkhoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Kirkhoff, at 229 Walcott street, died at 8:30 p. m. Dec. 26, aged twenty-one months. Funeral Friday at 2 o'clock. Friends invited.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

HOEFGEN—John B. Hoefgen. Funeral from his late residence, 1831 South Meridian street, Thursday, Dec. 28, at 1 p. m. Friends invited.

CARD OF THANKS.

CARD OF THANKS—The Little Sisters of the Poor thank all the kind friends for the many Christmas presents sent for the old people.

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FOR SALE—Ten R.I.P.A.N.S for 5 cents at Druggists; one gives relief.

LOST.

LOST—Pearl crescent pin. Return to 409 Indiana Trust Building. Liberal reward.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE—State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. Notice is hereby given that a meeting to be held of the Board of Regents of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, at the office of said board, room No. 82, in the State Capitol, in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, on the 30th day of January, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of receiving bids for six double bronze doors and casings for same, to be fitted, constructed and erected in perfect working order, for the six different entrances to the monument. Two of these doors will be put in place at the entrances on the main floor, which are seven feet eight and three-fourth inches high (7 by 8¾ high), by five feet six inches (5 feet 6 inches) wide, to be made of one design, and four of said doors will be at the entrances to the crypt, which are six feet four inches high by five feet wide (6 feet 4 inches high by 5 feet wide), and to be of another and different design. These doors are to be of cast bronze, cast in one piece, and designs for same and specifications covering the quality of bronze and kind of locks, bolts, hinges and the manner in which the castings are to be fitted in place must accompany each bid. The attention of bidders is directed that these doors are in constant use, necessitating the utmost skill and care in erecting and hanging same. The Board of Regents reserves the right to reject each, any and all bids, and hereby notifies all bidders that there are no funds available out of which to pay the expenses of any kind of the unsuccessful bidders. By order of the Board of Regents of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument. JAMES W. MORRIS, Secretary. Indianapolis, Dec. 18, 1899.

Will Keep Open House.

The workers and friends of the Rescue Mission, corner South and Pennsylvania streets, will keep open house and hold a reception at the mission rooms on New Year's day, from 2 to 9 p. m. A substantial meal will be served free to all and all are invited to come. There will be music and short speeches by Rev. M. L. Haines, Rev. J. A. Milburn, Rev. W. A. Quayle, Rev. Frank O. Ballard and others. Sixty cakes are needed. All ladies willing to assist with cakes or baked beans will please send them to the office of the mission, 406 South Pennsylvania street, before noon New Year's day.

The Ninety and Nine.

"Come in," to the new; and "farewell to the old."
Ring out—or ring off, as may hap.
Connect us with one nine naught naught; we would hold
A century's talk with the chap.
Now hail to a cycle as yet unattached;
Not platted with figured design.
But big with the years that are soon to be hatched—
Good-bye to old ninety and nine.

My good resolutions, fresh born with last year,
Where are they? Where are they? Ah, where?
To bet, nor to play, nor to taste of the beer;
To spend, nor to smoke, nor to swear.
They have passed with the months. With the century's sun
They have set (ne'er to rise, I divine.)
And living to-day there is never a one
That wasted old ninety and nine.

Shall I start a new hundred with record as new?
Shall I clean everything from my slate?
Shall the ciphers betoken a life pure and true?
Shall I virtues galore reinstate?
Alas! for the faults I have nurtured so well—
Alas! for the foibles of mine—
Alas! for the vices, too many to tell—
Oh, darling old ninety and nine!

—Edwin L. Sabin, in Leslie's Weekly.

R. E. Springsteen & Co., popular-priced tailors, 9 North Pennsylvania street.

BIG RAILROAD EARNINGS

DECEMBER PROMISES TO SURPASS ALL BIG FOUR RECORDS.

Owners of the Hocking Valley Secure Control of the Toledo & Ohio Central—General Notes.

In the third week of December the Big Four lines proper earned $328,778.41, an increase over the corresponding week of 1898 of $16,885.62. The increase for the three weeks of this month over the corresponding period last year is $62,705.27, and should the weather continue favorable for moving freights and for travel December will show an increase of at least $100,000 over December, 1898.

The Peoria & Eastern lines earned in the third week of December $45,633.55, an increase over the corresponding week of 1898 of $3,548.14. The increase the first three weeks was $5,809.71 over the corresponding period of 1898.

Classifications May Be Readjusted.

As a result of the protest of merchants against the reclassification of merchandise by the railways, and of interviews of members of the Merchants' Association in New York with trunk lines officials, the latter have said that this classification will go into effect Jan. 1, but they have promised that the matter of a readjustment of classifications, which, it is claimed by the merchants, will hurt their business, will be taken up again by the traffic officials and executive officers of the roads, who will sift every grievance to the bottom and meet the merchants half way in making proper readjustment. The merchants have asked the classification committee to call a meeting of that committee for Jan. 22, for the purpose of taking this matter up and considering it. They have put it at that date so as to give three weeks operation to the new classification, by which time each merchant ought to know just how this reclassification will work in practice, and the railroads ought to have some more definite knowledge as to how it will affect them.

The Interstate-commerce Commission yesterday decided to comply with the request of the shippers of freight to transmit to the attorney general of the United States a transcript of evidence taken before the commission last week on the increase on the classification of freight by the official classification committee. The shippers, in their petition, urged that the testimony taken showed a violation of the Sherman anti-trust act. Their desire is that the attorney general should take action, by injunction or otherwise, to prevent the railroads from putting the classification into effect Jan. 1.

The Toledo & Ohio Central.

A statement prepared in the office of President Monserat, of the Hocking Valley Railroad, who represents the Morgan interests of New York, has been given to the public. It follows in part: "It is stated that large holders of stock of the Hocking Valley Railroad Company, including some who are also interested in the securities of other railroads, notably the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Erie, have acquired a controlling interest in the stock of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway Company. Through an arrangement made with the majority stockholders of the Toledo & Ohio Central the minority stockholders of that company will be given an opportunity, if they desire, of selling the holdings on precisely the same terms as those accepted by the majority holders. The two properties will not be consolidated. They will be operated separately and separate corporate organizations will be maintained, but, naturally, as a result of the transaction, harmony and economy in operation will be arrived at, and while they will continue as rivals in business illegal discrimination will undoubtedly be obviated." The general passenger agents of the Hocking Valley and Ohio Central roads have already been instructed to end the rate cutting. From other sources it is understood that the Columbus, Sandusky & Hocking is included in the deal.

Asking More Pay.

Employes on the Belt road and of the Union Railway Company are becoming uneasy as to the wages they receive. In 1893 a reduction of 10 per cent. was made in their pay and fully 25 per cent. of the men dismissed, their duties being placed upon those remaining, and, as one of the men said, they have quietly submitted to the reduction, at the same time doing more work than ever before, and while the men are not disposed to strike or make any trouble, they feel that the company should restore 5 if not 10 per cent. of the cut of 1893. Their work is such that they cannot increase their wages by running extra mileage, as on most of the roads, and the only manner in which their pay can be increased is through an advance in wages.

Personal, Local and General Notes.

Paul Rainer, chief of the weighing and inspection bureaus, is expected in the city to-day.

W. F. Greaves, general Southern freight agent of the Big Four, with office at Atlanta, Ga., is in the city.

C. C. Denton has been appointed general baggage agent and superintendent of the dining car service of the Nickel-plate.

S. J. Paddock has been appointed agent of the Erie lines at Winfield, Ind., and Louis Cobb agent of the company at Kenton, Ind.

The Boston & Albany stockholders yesterday voted in favor of the lease of the road to the New York Central, the vote standing: Yes, 186,652; no, 15,571.

William F. Cook, district passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley road, and well known in Western passenger circles, died on Christmas at Rochester, N. Y.

J. H. Hyland, general agent of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton at Cincinnati, will retire, it is stated, and be succeeded by R. H. Campbell, agent at Dayton.

The Great Northern will in February distribute a certain number of shares of its stock among the oldest engineers, conductors and other trainmen as a reward for faithful service.

Local representatives of the Wabash lines were yesterday notified of the opening for business of the lines from Hannibal to Quincy, seventeen miles, and from Moulton to Harvey, seventy miles.

J. C. Haggerty, who has been one of the train dispatchers of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern at Washington, Ind., for twelve years, will on Jan. 1 take a similar position on the Illinois Central.

George R. Knox, general freight agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis, on Jan. 1 will be given the title of assistant general traffic manager, and Charles Bastian will be promoted to general freight agent.

The continental limited on the Wabash was on Saturday hauled from Peru to Danville, 103.3 miles, in 117 minutes, stopping at Logansport and Delphi. The scheduled time between the points is 155 minutes.

W. P. Deppe, assistant general passenger agent of the Big Four, and Col. Samuel Moody, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines west, remembered their friends by sending out beautiful Christmas cards.

Little credit is given to the rumor sent from Toledo of a consolidation of the Detroit & Northern, the Lake Erie & Western and the Monon lines. Persons who would know, were such a deal to be consummated, have heard nothing of it.

On Monday fast train No. 5 on the Vandalia was hauled from Terre Haute to St. Louis, 165 miles, in 173 minutes, excelling all former records of speed between those points. Five stops were made at stations and railroad crossings not yet interlocked.

This evening Freight Traffic Manager McLeod, of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, will give a banquet to all his subordinate officials, at the Sterling Hotel, Cincinnati. H. F. Stiles, general agent at this point, and A. D. Evans, local freight agent, will be present.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois was held yesterday and propositions submitted and agreed on for the purchase of the Evansville, Terre Haute & Chicago Railway Company and the Indiana Block Coal Railroad Company. The Chicago & Eastern Illinois operated both roads for some time under a ninety-nine-years lease. Both roads were heavily mortgaged.

W. J. Murphy, general manager of the Queen & Crescent, on Monday disbursed $320 to the track men as premiums for having the best section of track. The money was disbursed among ten section men, the roadmaster of the Chattanooga division receiving a gold medal.

Paul Morton, second vice president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe road, yesterday denied most positively that he is to be president of the reorganized Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf Railroad. Mr. Morton said there was not a particle of truth in the published reports to that effect.

G. A. Smith, general foreman of shops of the Wabash at Fort Wayne, who expected to take a position on the Big Four on Jan. 1, has decided to remain with the Wabash. His associates at Fort Wayne on Christmas presented him with an elegant diamond ring and expensive rocking chair.

By the decision of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton cutting both the Nickelplate and the Baltimore & Ohio out of selling tickets on a differential basis between Cleveland and Cincinnati, the entire differential rate between those two cities has been wiped out, all roads selling at $7.25.

S. B. Mason, mechanical engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio's eastern division, on Christmas was the recipient of a handsome gold watch, chain and charm, presented by associate employes. Mr. Mason was at one time an employe on the Lake Erie & Western, in the mechanical department.

There is said to be a good deal of agitation among owners of Northern locomotive and car works over the proposition to build large works at Birmingham, Ala. Of the locomotives built this year, 18 per cent. have gone to Southern roads; of the passenger cars, 15 per cent., and of the freight cars, 16 per cent.

The directors of the Wabash have ordered a semi-annual payment of 3 per cent. on its debenture A income bonds, payable Jan. 2. The payment is for the six months ending Dec. 31. This is a special payment. The debenture A bonds are noncumulative, with preferences as to interest over junior issue. The last payment was in July, 1896, of 1 per cent.

E. O. McCormick, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific lines, passed through the city yesterday en route from Cincinnati to Chicago. Mr. McCormick will return to Cincinnati to attend the wedding of Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager Morse, on Jan. 1; he will then visit New York and Boston, expecting to reach his headquarters at San Francisco by Jan. 10.

Local railway officials were pleased over the announcement, yesterday, that George M. Burns has been appointed a division superintendent on the Wabash. When assistant to E. A. Peck, at the time Mr. Peck was general superintendent of the Big Four, he made many friends at Indianapolis, and since going to the Wabash he has made an excellent record in different positions in the line of promotion.

INDIANA C. E. UNION.

Fifteen Delegates Consider Matters of Importance.

Fifteen of Indiana's most enthusiastic Christian Endeavorers met yesterday at the Hotel English, constituting the executive committee of the Indiana Union. The Rev. R. V. Hunter, of this city, is chairman of the committee and Miss Ella Applegate, of Knightstown, is secretary. The committee considered plans for the ensuing year's work, approving the reports of the superintendents of the three departments. Miss Anna Minich, of Worthington, superintendent of the junior department, recommended that a special effort be made during the year 1900 for the organization of new junior societies. She also advised that a course of study in church history be taken up and carried through the year, each denomination teaching its own history. At the suggestion of Miss Minich the executive committee arranged for two banners to be awarded junior societies for best missionary work and for best general showing.

Mrs. C. J. Buchanan, of Indianapolis, superintendent of the missionary department, urged that this work be carried on by denominations instead of by a general united effort. She suggested that the plan known as the "Macedon phalanx" be adopted, allowing an individual, a Christian Endeavor Society, a church or a denomination to support a missionary.

T. T. Alford, of Lafayette, superintendent of the good citizenship department, praised the compulsory education law, and said the greatest hope in his department lay in education. He advised the establishment of night schools and the institution of reading rooms in the smaller cities and towns, especially in the manufacturing centers of the gas belt.

The state convention of Christian Endeavor societies will be held in Lafayette Nov. 29 to Dec. 2. J. W. Kapp, of Richmond, who is chairman of the committee which is arranging for the trip of the Indiana delegates to the international convention in London, was present at yesterday's meeting. He urged that all who expect to go to London report to him at once. The international convention will be held in July.

STRAWBOARD REFUSE.

Dr. Hurty Says It Is Not as Bad as Sewage.

Dr. Hurty, of the State Board of Health, will go to Muncie the early part of next week to make further studies relative to plans for the disposition of the refuse from the strawboard factories there. In speaking of the situation, Dr. Hurty said he could not account for the action of the Legislature and courts in prohibiting the turning of refuse from the strawboard factories into the streams and at the same time declaring there was no other way in which to dispose of the sewage of cities and towns. He said there was no question that the sewage contains disease germs, whereas the refuse of the strawboard factories was, as it came from the steam vats and turned into the streams, undoubtedly absolutely pure and the mixture could be drunk with perfect safety. Hurty claims this refuse, if dumped into streams with good currents, would not seriously endanger health nearly so much as the sewage which is now permitted to be placed in the streams.

Annual Christmas Dinner.

The Christmas dinner was given to the poor yesterday at the Tabernacle Church, Meridian and Eleventh streets. Long tables were spread in the Sunday school room, and there was an abundance of everything that goes to make a good holiday meal. Before the dinner was ready games were devised for the entertainment of the little ones in a classroom by the girls from the Sunday school, and the mothers of the little ones looked on and enjoyed the fun. The contributions from the Sunday school as well as from the outside were unusually liberal.

Little Gas to Be Had.

M. W. Pershing, of the Tipton Advocate, said last night that he was of opinion that the promoters of the new company said to be preparing to furnish gas to Indianapolis from the Tipton and Grant county fields was making a mistake in buying up the lands in the territory referred to. He said it was understood in Tipton that leases had been made for lands which the Tipton Gas Company had abandoned some time ago, and in which there was considered to be small prospect of securing any great amount of gas.

Gets a Breathing Spell.

Milton E. Jackson, who is serving a year's sentence in the Jeffersonville prison, was granted a ticket of leave yesterday by the Governor, that he might visit his home, where his father is ill and expected to die.

Jackson's sentence has about expired. He was sent up from Bartholomew county for receiving stolen goods.

Young & McMurray, Tailors, 42 N. Penn. st.

THE STATE DENTAL LAW

ATTORNEY SPAAN CLAIMS IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Power of Appointment Not Properly Delegated—A Day's Cases in the County Courts.

Attorney Henry N. Spaan has raised a point in the case against Grant Clay, charged with practicing dentistry in this city without a license, which may set aside the dental law in Indiana providing Judge Alford sustains his motion to quash the information against Clay and the higher courts sustain him.

The latter was arrested some time ago at the instigation of the Indiana Dental Association, charged with practicing dentistry in this State without a license. He was tried in Police Court and found guilty, but he appealed to the Criminal Court. He engaged Mr. Spaan as his attorney, and the latter will file a motion, which will be argued Saturday, to set aside the affidavit against Clay. Attorney Spaan claims that he will raise the point of the right of the state Legislature to appoint the members of the examining board. The Legislature held that the board shall consist of one appointment made by the Governor, one by the State Board of Health and three by the State Dental Association. Attorney Spaan claims that the Legislature has no power to delegate the appointments of any board, and this question, he says, has been raised before and decided that the Legislature was in error in delegating any appointments. The State Pharmacy Board and State Medical Board are appointed by the Governor, and this has been held to be legal, but the State Dental Board is held by Attorney Spaan to be unconstitutional. Should Judge Alford sustain Attorney Spaan's motion to quash, an interesting state of affairs may follow.

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS.

The Usual Tales of Woe Are Given to the Public.

In a divorce complaint filed by Henry A. Wise against his wife, Mary A. Wise, yesterday the plaintiff alleges that they were married in Dayton, O., Jan. 3, 1884, and after moving to Indianapolis they lived together until May 5, 1897, when she abandoned him, taking with her all the personal property belonging to the defendant and a large amount of money belonging to him. He avers that she still persists in such abandonment. He further alleges infidelity.

Sidney G. Brackett makes sensational allegations in a divorce complaint filed yesterday against his wife. He avers that they were married about twenty years ago and that they have three children. He alleges that his wife treated him cruelly, cursed him and falsely accused him of infidelity before their children. The plaintiff further claims that his wife abandoned him and the children about Jan. 6, 1897, leaving the young children to care for themselves, as he was compelled to be at work the whole of each day. He avers that his wife later took the youngest child from him, but he asks for the custody of it.

Frank J. Leibold yesterday filed suit for divorce against his wife Louisa. He says that they were married about June 5, 1883, and have three children. He alleges his wife was guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment toward him, and by her cruel treatment has driven him and the children away from home. The plaintiff further asks for the custody of their children.

TWO SETS OF OFFICERS.

Judge Carter Gives a Hearing to a Peculiar Case.

The case of David B. Douglass against the Wirebound Box Company came up for a hearing before Judge Carter in Superior Court yesterday, the object of the suit being to ascertain who are the officers of the company. The suit was brought against William S. Stuckenburg, president of the company, by Darwin B. Douglass and Charles J. Greenstreet. The three men own a controlling interest in the stock of the company, and it is alleged that Stuckenburg called a meeting for the election of officers to be held at 10 o'clock in the morning. Douglass and Greenstreet were present, but when 10 o'clock arrived Stuckenburg had not made his appearance. They proceeded with the election, and were elected president and secretary, respectively. After the election Stuckenburg arrived and objected to the election and called another meeting, but the two men refused to participate. Stuckenburg, it is claimed, then secured the aid of the other stockholders and was re-elected president, thus making two sets of officers. Yesterday considerable time was consumed in arguing the question of the time of the election as held by the first two men, it being claimed that their time did not agree with the time of Stuckenburg, and that was the reason he was late at the meeting.

Police Court Cases.

In Police Court yesterday the cases against William F. Dehm and Gus Klotz, charged with stealing about $1,000 worth of goods from Kipp Brothers, by whom they were employed, were dismissed. Both men accounted to the firm for articles taken.

Mrs. Emma Dillon, in whose house a large quantity of goods supposed to have been stolen was found, was tried yesterday and on a charge of petit larceny fined $5 and costs and sentenced to the workhouse for thirty days. Mrs. Dillon is about fifty years of age, and on this acount Judge Daly entered a sentence lighter than he considered the offense, according to the evidence, warranted.

William Brentlinger, a saloon keeper, charged with violation of Section 3 of the Nicholson law, was fined $10 and costs. The case against Martin Hertz for violation of Section 4 will be tried to-day.

The Grand Jury's Work.

The grand jury was in session yesterday, but the time was consumed in hearing evidence in the cases against the prisoners now in jail. These cases will be hurried through and then a few more witnesses will be examined in the street-car investigation. The grand jury hopes to make a report this week, but it is thought there will be no indictments returned in the street-car case as a result of the long investigation. Owing to the fact that there are a large number of cases to be tried in the Criminal Court next month there will be no session of the grand jury until February.

Will Be Tried To-Day.

Charles G. Tichenor, who killed John Lucas in a Cumberland saloon with a billiard cue, will have a preliminary hearing in Justice Lockman's court this morning. James A. Collins will conduct the trial.

THE COURT RECORD.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Room 3—Vinson Carter, Judge.

Daniel Morgan vs. Brown-Ketcham Iron Works; damages. Dismissed and costs paid.

Thomas J. Vater vs. St. David Parish Church; lien. Dismissed and costs paid.

Darwin B. Douglass et al. vs. William S. Stukenberg et al.; two warrants. On trial by court.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Fremont Alford, Judge.

The State of Indiana vs. James B. Thornburg; provoke. Appeal from Justice of the Peace Smock. Tried by court. Finding of guilty. Fined $1.

The State of Indiana vs. Frank Forley; assault and battery. Appeal from City Court. Tried by court. Finding of not guilty. Defendant discharged.

NEW SUITS.

Marion Bond Company vs. Carrie L. Schmidt et al.; improvement lien. Superior Court, Room 1.

Board of Commissioners of the County of Marion vs. Albert A. Womack; to recover money. Circuit Court.

Frank J. Leibold vs. Louisa Leibold; divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

Sidney G. Brackett vs. Mary Brackett; divorce. Superior Court, Room 3.

Henry A. Wise vs. Mary A. Wise; divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PLANS.

The Quarterly Meeting Is Held at Roberts Park Church.

The quarterly meeting of the cabinet officers of the different Epworth leagues of the city was held last night at Roberts Park Church. Owing to the cold weather the attendance was rather small. A new feature for the society was suggested last night—that one deaconess be appointed to look after the sick and destitute of the city regardless of creed or color, and if she finds such to report to the officer of the league in whose district the afflicted has been found, that there may be a nurse taken from the society and stationed there until the patient is safe from the needs of charity. It was to this end the meeting was held last night and to acquaint the members with the fact that they had stored in the cellar of the church many contributions of food that was ready to be delivered to any one found wanting.

MAYOR'S CABINET MEETS

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS PRESENT.

Matters of Public Import Are Considered—The Rural-Street Subway—City Affairs.

Mayor Taggart's cabinet held a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which nearly all the members of the various boards were present. Controller Johnson explained that his annual report of the department of finance would not be ready until after the first of the year. The Board of Safety reported the recent efforts of that department to make the police and fire forces of the city more "efficient" by discharging several men in each department because of "inefficiency," and substituting new men.

The Board of Health, represented by Dr. Benham, stated that the only question of importance now under consideration by that board was the location of the proposed pesthouse. City Controller Johnson then offered a suggestion to build the pesthouse on part of the land occupied by the City Hospital. He said that in other large cities pesthouses were constructed in the city, and there was no danger of the contagious diseases spreading because of this fact. He proposed that a modern building be erected on the City Hospital grounds, with rooms built so that the interior walls would be round and easily disinfected, and use the building for a pesthouse. Mr. Johnson said he had consulted with persons who know something about the pesthouse question, and he believes that the health of the neighborhood would not be in the least jeopardized. Dr. Benham was of the same opinion, but said the chief objection to building the pesthouse at the City Hospital would be the fact that the residents in that community would likely protest. The Health Board has practically no suitable location under consideration at this time for the pesthouse.

Mr. Merritt, of the Park Commissioners, reported that the work on the various parks was progressing nicely. He referred to the scheme being considered by the board of accepting strips of land near Riverside Park, which were offered to the board by two parties providing the city would make the necessary improvements. He seemed to think that the plan was a good one in some ways.

Colonel Downing, of the Board of Works, offered a suggestion that as two deaths had occurred in the board within the term of Mayor Taggart it would be fitting for the cabinet members to draft resolutions to be presented to the families. Mayor Taggart appointed Colonel Downing chairman of the committee, and City Attorney Kern, City Controller Johnson, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Roth as the other members of the committee.

SWEEPING OF STREETS.

The Bids Are Considered Too High by the Board of Works.

The Board of Public Works received bids yesterday for cleaning the improved streets of the city, but while action was deferred until to-morrow, it is probable that all the bids will be rejected, as they are said to be too high and unsatisfactory. It is said that the lowest bid, if accepted, would involve an expense to the city greater than the amount of the appropriation for the year, which amounts to $50,000. Two of the bids were considered. One was to sweep the streets during 1900 for a price so much per ten thousand square feet, and the other was to keep the city clean for a gross amount, subject to penalties for inefficient service. But the board does not favor the latter method, as it is said that under that arrangement the city is not kept sufficiently clean. The bids received yesterday were as follows:

For the contract to keep the improved streets clean from March 15 to Dec. 15, 1900, the bids were: Stuckmeyer, $52,000; Shover & Austin, $57,500; Capital Sweeping Company, $50,000; Union Contracting Company, $55,000. For 1901 the bids were: Stuckmeyer, $50,000; Shover & Austin, $56,500; Union Contracting Company, $61,000. The Capital Company did not bid on this.

Other methods of bidding were: Per ten thousand square feet, number of sweepings subject to order, Stuckmeyer, one year, 18½ cents, two years, 20 cents; Shover & Austin, 22¾ and 21½; Capital Sweeping Company, 21 and 21; Union Contracting Company, 22¼ and 21¼.

Per ten thousand square feet a week, Stuckmeyer, one year, $1.20, two years, $1.25; Shover & Austin, $1.10 and $1.10; Union Contracting Company, $1.50 and $1.50.

From Dec. 15 to March 15, per ten thousand square feet, Stuckmeyer, one year, 20 cents, two years, 22 cents; Shover & Austin, 21 and 21; Union Contracting Company, 23 and 23.

The bid of the Capital Sweeping Company for cleaning the city for $50,000 was the only one within the appropriation, but the figure was just the same as the appropriation, and the season under which the bid was made only runs from March 15 to Dec. 15. This year it cost the city but $36,000 to sweep the city under the "blanket contract" system, but the work was unsatisfactory, and the board may go back to the old system.

TO-MORROW AFTERNOOON

Council Committee and City Engineer Will Make Gas Tests.

Chairman Evans and one or two members of the committee on contracts and franchises of the City Council called at the office of City Engineer Jeup yesterday afternoon and laid plans for taking the pressure of the two gas companies in various parts of the city to-morrow afternoon. Mr. Jeup will make arrangements to tap the pipes in the homes of several families and will attach his gauge to the pipe and secure the amount of pressure. The figures will be compared in an endeavor to arrive at a suitable pressure by which to amend the new ordinance. It is believed that the committee will recommend that the three-ounce clause be reduced to two ounces, as it is believed by many who are acquainted with the gas situation that two ounces will be sufficient to supply all the gas needed and the gas companies would then be given a little protection over the ordinance as it now reads. The committee may hold a meeting directly after making the trip to-morrow afternoon and decide whether to report the ordinance back to the Council on Monday evening.

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City's Interest Paid.

City Controller Johnson drew warrants yesterday for the payment of the semi-annual interest of the bonded indebtedness of the city of Indianapolis in the sum of $39,565.50, and also for the payment of $10,000 on the principal of the improvement bonds issued in 1896. Drafts were drawn payable to Winslow, Lanier & Co., of New York, who hold the bonds of this city. The bonded debt of the city amounts to $1,794,500 in 4 per cent. bonds and $260,000 drawing 3½ per cent. interest.

The Rural-Street Subway.

Before signing the agreement with the P., C., C. & St. L. and the C., H. & I. railroad companies for the Rural-street subway M. A. Downing and W. Scott Moore, of the Board of Public Works, yesterday struck out a section to prevent the city from opening any other crossing between State street and the Belt Railroad. The agreement was then signed and sent to the railroad companies for signatures.

Fire Department Statistics.

The records of the fire department for this year show that the department answered over 200 more alarms than during any previous year. There were but 704 alarms last year, and up until yesterday there have been 933 this year. The total fire loss last year amounted to $140,273, but Fire Chief Barrett does not expect the amount this year to greatly exceed the loss last year.

Against Annexation.

A petition has been circulated by the citizens of Tuxedo against the annexation of that place, as provided by an ordinance introduced in the Council, together with the annexation of Irvington. The objection raised is the fear of extensive improvements, which would be very costly to the property owners in Tuxedo.

BOARD OF WORKS ROUTINE.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN.

The board took final action on the resolution for the following improvements:

For graveling the first alley north of Howard street from Reisner street to McLain street.

For graveling the first alley west of Reisner street from Lambert street to the first alley north of Howard street and from the first alley south of Morris street to Lambert street.

COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED.

The board appointed Fred A. Gregory, William H. Schmitts and William F. Moore to appraise the real estate affected by the following improvements:

For paving with brick the roadway of the first alley east of Delaware street from Nineteenth street to Twentieth street.

For grading the roadway of Twentieth street from Central avenue to College avenue.

ASSESSMENT ROLL APPROVED.

The board approved the final assessment rolls of damages awarded on account of the opening of Caldwell street from Capitol Park addition to Michigan street and ordered the roll to be transmitted to the department of finance.

PETITION FILED.

A petition was filed with the board and referred to the city engineer for investigation and report for a local sewer in Patterson street from Michigan street to North street.

EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED.

The board granted to M. C. Allen an extension of time until Jan. 15, 1900, within which to complete the brick pavement and cement sidewalks being placed in Hudson street between North and Walnut streets.

WATER MAIN TO BE LAID.

The board directed the Indianapolis Water Company to lay water mains in Race street from Abbott street to Norwood street.

GAS PIPES TO BE LAID.

The board ordered the Indianapolis Gas Company to lay and extend the artificial gas mains in Vermont street, from Highland avenue to Oriental street; in Bright street, from New York street to Wabash street; in Michigan street, from Holmes avenue to Warman avenue, and in Warman avenue south to St. Anthony's Church; in Villa avenue, from Prospect street to Woodlawn avenue; in Woodlawn avenue, from Dawson street to Villa avenue; in Highland avenue, from Vermont street to Michigan street; in Michigan street, from Randolph street to Temple avenue. All mains must be laid by May 15, 1900.

CONTRACT APPROVED.

The board approved the contract with the P., C., C. & St. L. and C., H. & D. Railway companies for the construction of a subway under their tracks at Rural street.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT DEFERRED.

The board deferred awarding the contract for sweeping and cleaning the improved streets. Sealed bids were offered by Charles H. Stuckmeyer, Capital Sweeping Company, Shover & Austin and the Union Contracting Company.

Capital Stock Increased.

The Badger Furniture Company, of this city, yesterday filed with the secretary of state articles increasing its capital stock from $25,000 to $50,000.

The Universal Oil Company, of Geneva, with a capital stock of $25,000, was incorporated. The directors are C. L. Kimball, Chicago, L. N. Lethun and H. W. Batterman, of Chicago.

Articles of incorporation were also filed by the Kesler Hardware Company, of Seymour, capital stock $6,000.

AMUSEMENTS.

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25c Matinees Wed. and Sat.
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