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YEAR IN THE OIL FIELD WONDERFUL DEVELOPMENT IN INDIANA IN TWELVE MONTHS. Comparisons by Counties and by Months with Former Years—Ohio and Indiana Crude Statistics.

FAMILY POISONED. Parents and Five Children Supposed to Be Suffering from Trichinosis. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fitzlaff and five children, living at 622 Jasper street, this city, are critically ill from eating bologna sausage, supposed to have been affected with trichinosis poisoning.

CONGRESS THIS WEEK LEGISLATIVE WEEK BEGINS GRINDING OF WHEELS. Financial Bill to Be Taken Up in the Senate, but May Be Interrupted by the Quays Case.

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Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MONTPELIER, Ind., Dec. 21.—During the year now closing in the greater Indiana oil field 2,223 wells were completed at the nominal cost of \$3,556,890, or an average of \$1,600 apiece, which is estimated as a low figure at the present cost of material.

MRS. GEORGE GOULD WINS SOCIETY FINALLY OPENS ITS ARMS TO THE FORMER ACTRESS. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It is now generally agreed that the splendid amateur theatricals and the attendant festivities given by Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould at Lakewood, on Christmas, marked the definite entry into society of the beautiful actress, Edith Kingdon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—With the resumption of its sittings Wednesday the Senate will practically begin the real work of the session. After the present week's longer daily sessions will be the rule, and very few more adjournments from Thursday to Monday are to be expected.

DEATH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON COMMEMORATED YESTERDAY. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The members of the various Masonic lodges in this city commemorated the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of Gen. George Washington to-day by religious services in the historic churches of the metropolis.

TO DAZZLE FOREIGNERS. Nearly \$300,000 to Be Spent on the Palace of the Elysee. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—A cablegram from the Post-Dispatch from Paris says: "Among the preparations being made to receive and dazzle the foreign visitors expected here next year, and the least in importance, is the thorough overhauling of the executive palace. In the budget now before the Chamber of Deputies for discussion and approval is an appropriation of \$26,322 toward making President Loubet's quarters a bit more cozy. The head of the French republic will receive many high-born visitors next year, and his present ministers deem it that his palace should compare well with any of theirs. So the following money will be expended: For the freshening up of decorations, wall paintings, ceiling, panels and gilt decorations, \$30,000. For replacing certain dazed hangings and carpets, together with the purchase of necessary appliances, silver rings and silk embraces necessary to hang and affix the same, \$18,800. For several new chimney mantels, destined to cover the old ones, \$10,000. For the taking the place of some now deemed of bad taste, either in form or color, \$4,500; for statues and chandeliers, \$30,000; for the enlargement of the small dining room, \$20,000; for the modification of the palace, consisting in making the entire d'houneur on the Avenue Gabriel instead of the present one, \$10,000. For modifying two suits of private apartments, \$25,000; for constructing two new bathrooms, \$10,000. For the purchase of necessary furniture, \$5,000; for adding two new dinner services to the household material (porcelain, crystal and silver), \$10,000. For providing several additional pieces of ornamental silver and gold plate, \$10,000. Total, \$263,222.

THE ACTIVE FIELDS. During the year the seat of activity has been in the western portion of Wells county and the eastern part of Grant county. The latter county field has a large scope of territory that looks good, especially around the Godfrey reserve, and west in Washington township, where two years ago some large producers were completed. This township will show some activity, and at the present prices will certainly show more when the spring wheat shows up. The Broad Ripple end of the Marion county field is still showing up some good wells. The Broad and the Indiana fields are by far the most active in the development of oil in this State. This brings a large revenue to the State, as well as making employment for thousands of men at good wages. There are at least 4,000 men employed as drillers, tool dressers, oil-well pumpers, etc., and nothing like the higher salaries positions, such as farm bosses, rousters, gaugers, tank strapmen, etc., and as every one knows, the farmers also have received a great benefit from the finding of the crude oil, as many of them have become wealthy from the products of their properties.

Foreign Concessions at Shanghai Approved After a Diplomatic Wrangle. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The announcement that the extension of the foreign concessions at Shanghai, China, has been finally approved brings to a close a diplomatic controversy between Great Britain, the United States and France, which has at times become rather acute, France taking the position at one stage of the negotiations that the American co-operation with the British in opposing the French plan of extension was an unfriendly act toward France.

BEATS A BAROMETER. Peculiar Weather Sign in a Little New York Town. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Lorville, in this State, has a natural weather gauge of its own. It belongs to the community at large, and it is constantly consulted by every inhabitant. No resident of Lorville is complete without a barometer, and the Lorville barometer has never yet been known to fail. Whenever one of the citizens wants to know absolutely and beyond question whether or not there is going to be a storm, he merely walks down to the Delaware and listens to the trains on the Ontario and Western Railroad, the nearest station being about eight miles distant. If he hears nothing he can safely go rabbit shooting or make preparations to get in his hay in the morning. If, on the other hand, he can hear the railroad doing business, he knows it is time to suspend out-of-door operations.

Services by Masons in Churches and Lodges of Sorrow in Temples—Eulogies on the Father of His Country. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The members of the various Masonic lodges in this city commemorated the one-hundredth anniversary of the death of Gen. George Washington to-day by religious services in the historic churches of the metropolis, most notably in St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity church, where the centenary of the first President's death was recently celebrated with a patriotic display. Five hundred members of the Masonic fraternity marched to the Temple Emanuel, where special services were conducted by Dr. Silverman. These special religious services were held at the request of Grand Master Wright of the State of New York, who recently issued a circular to all the Masonic lodges under his jurisdiction suggesting that the fraternity commemorate the anniversary by the attendance of the members of the various lodges at divine services in the churches and lodges of the different denominations had consented to preach sermons on the life and character of Washington. There was no Masonic ceremony in the churches but the Masons who attended the churches wore the regalia of the order.

MEET HIS FRIEND'S FATE. Hilliard F. Johnson, a Reporter, Drowned in a Bath-tub. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Hilliard F. Johnson, a reporter on the Chronicle, was found dead in a bathtub at his lodgings yesterday morning. The tub was full of water and appearances indicated that Johnson had fainted and fallen into the water. The theory is supported by the fact that his feet were encased in a pair of slippers, and the bath towels had recently been used, while his clothes were lying across a chair in his bedroom adjoining the bathroom. He was also known to have been a sufferer from heart disease.

ASYLUM FOR INEBRIATES. South Carolina Legislature May Be Asked to Establish One. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 21.—The question of the establishment of an asylum for inebriates is being discussed in the South Carolina Legislature. The bill will be introduced in the Legislature making some provision. There are two propositions that have advocates, one to establish the asylum as an annex to the State Insane Asylum, connecting it under the same management. Those who favor this plan contend that the excessive use of liquor is, in many cases, a disease; that it is a habit, and is contended the patient is to be treated by the State, doubly so when the State is the sole dealer in liquor. Others urge that the Legislature pass a law making drunkenness a crime and establish a reformatory for drunkards, where they would be given hard work in a cotton mill, machine shop and on a farm. As most of the drunkards are from cities and towns, it is contended the fear of being humiliated by being sent to a reformatory will do more to keep them sober than anything else could do.

THE MERCHANT MARINE. Increase This Year in the Construction of Sailing Vessels. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The total number of vessels built and registered during the year 1898, compared with 95 of 27,660 gross tons for the year 1897. Steam vessels built during 1898 numbered 421 of 160,132 gross tons, compared with 420 of 160,000 gross tons for 1897. The increase in almost every class of vessels was marked, except in the case of sailing vessels, where 60 vessels of 163,519 gross tons were built, compared with 63 of 170,510 gross tons for 1897. The increase in almost every class of vessels was marked, except in the case of sailing vessels, where 60 vessels of 163,519 gross tons were built, compared with 63 of 170,510 gross tons for 1897.

Electricity Successfully Employed in Producing Anesthesia. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 21.—Anesthesia from electricity was one of the scientific discoveries discussed before the American Scientists' Association here. Prof. Edward W. Scripture, of Yale, read the paper which told of this new result. He said he has devised an apparatus which renders dumb the nerves in any given area, simply by the flow of electric currents. In this way operations can be performed without subjecting the patient to the dangers of unconsciousness and yet rendering him insensible to pain. "I worked on the apparatus for years," said Scripture, "before I succeeded in producing anesthesia in a given part of the body without introducing an electric current and thereby rendering it dumb for the time being. In this way it is possible to perform an operation painless. The same experiments can be performed in dentistry. It will be possible for teeth to be extracted without recourse to electrical forces."

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Table with 4 columns: Year, Runs, Shipments, Stocks. Data for 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912.

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