

FEEBLE-MINDED WOMEN

REPORT OF BOARD OF STATE CHARITIES WILL DEAL WITH THEM.

Instances Cited to Show the Conditions in Indiana—Legislation That is Needed.

The report of the Board of State Charities, which will soon be filed with the Governor, will contain a chapter on the conditions and needs of feeble-minded women in the State. The report says: "Perhaps few things in Indiana have attracted so much attention as has the legislation that is designated to prevent pauperism, vice, crime and other undesirable conditions. The way we have led out along these lines has brought many inquiries from elsewhere and frequent good words for the State. One of the results of the efforts put forth is shown in the School for Feeble-minded Youth at Fort Wayne. There were enrolled Oct. 19, 1900, 781 feeble-minded children, 712 of them being present. A large number of these are taught a useful occupation. Still many others are trained to be helpful and all are separated from the world. It is hoped they will never be the fathers and mothers of another generation of feeble-mindedness. It is a pleasure to see how useful many of them become and to realize that in this institution they are safe. The total average number present for the year 1898 was 594, while in 1899, by reason of increased facilities, this number had grown to 623, an increase of over 10 per cent.

The contrast between their condition and the care they receive here and that of persons of a similar degree of mental weakness in our poor asylums is indeed striking. The latter vary from helpless to unmanageable. Few perform any useful service and most require much care. Unless the oversight is close and the administration efficient, it is often practically impossible to secure proper sex separation. The result is another generation of mental weakness, a source of family degradation and social degradation, a continuing and increasing public burden. This result is not so common as formerly, but it is still too frequent.

Of the 781 feeble-minded women in the county poor asylums of this State 430 feeble-minded women over fifteen years of age; 223 of these between fifteen and forty-five years of age. Of the latter, 152 were given as single and twenty-three as married. Within the same year there were discharged from the county poor asylums 410 feeble-minded women over fifteen years of age, forty-three of whom were reported as unmarried, and 367 as married. All together, then, there have passed through our poor asylum records 569 women who are feeble-minded. A few of the younger of these have been placed in the School for Feeble-minded Youth at Fort Wayne. Many of the others (their numbers cannot be told) under present conditions will, in all probability, become the mothers of feeble-minded children. In many of the poor asylums family history and troubles of these unfortunate women are told.

The report cites a number of examples, among them the following: A feeble-minded woman who died in a poor asylum in northern Indiana years ago left three feeble-minded daughters to be a burden upon the county. Since 1880, and the five persons first mentioned are still being supported in public institutions. In another instance a woman who died in a poor asylum in the same county since 1880, and the five persons first mentioned are still being supported in public institutions. In another instance a woman who died in a poor asylum in the same county since 1880, and the five persons first mentioned are still being supported in public institutions.

"In an orphan's home in southern Indiana are two feeble-minded girls, and in the same county, in the poor asylum, are two feeble-minded women and a little boy, a son of one of the women. These persons belong to a family consisting of forty-eight members. Every woman and nearly every man in the tribe is said to be feeble-minded. Idiocy, epilepsy, disease, vice and crime are also factors in its history. Four generations are represented. The reports received by the Board of State Charities show that twenty-nine persons are directly descended from one member of this family—a feeble-minded woman who was an inmate of the poor asylum since 1880, and the five persons first mentioned are still being supported in public institutions. In another instance a woman who died in a poor asylum in the same county since 1880, and the five persons first mentioned are still being supported in public institutions.

ZOO'S NEW ATTRACTION.

Interest in the Coming of the Chimpanzee—Other Features.

The three carpenters at the Zoo was kept busy yesterday building an ornamental cage for Motzuma, the chimpanzee that is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow morning. This name is only temporary, and the permanent designation for the animal will be made by the newspaper men of the city. The announcement that Director Hostock had succeeded in bringing a genuine chimpanzee to this country after created quite a sensation among the local attaches of the Zoo, who assert that this is the first attempt of the kind in years that has been successful. They call attention to Mr. Barnum's specimen, Joanna, which died a short time ago, said to have been valued at \$20,000, to prove the rarity of the animal. The chimpanzee, which is to be a part of the collection at the local zoological garden, is declared to be the only living member of that curious and interesting branch of the monkey family in this country. A feature about chimpanzees is their habit of making a noise resembling to human beings, and in this respect they are not unlike the human race. In many points of bodily construction as well, Motzuma will be exhibited to the pleasure of the public to-morrow morning, Tuesday to the physicians and Wednesday will be put on public exhibition in the handsome new glass house built especially for the purpose.

Mayflower Church Fair.

The ladies of Mayflower Congregational Church will hold their annual Christmas fair this week, beginning Tuesday morning and closing Wednesday evening. A New England supper, including genuine Boston baked beans and brown bread, will be served Tuesday evening, and the cantata "Rumpelstiltskin" will be given by a large number of young ladies. A New England supper, including genuine Boston baked beans and brown bread, will be served Tuesday evening, and the cantata "Rumpelstiltskin" will be given by a large number of young ladies.

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OBJECT OF A SUIT BY THE CENTRAL STEEL COMPANY.

Tangle Growing Out of the Premier Company's Receivership—Other Cases in the Courts.

The Central Steel Company brought suit against the Indiana Steel Company yesterday to quiet title. The suit is the outgrowth of the receivership of the Premier Steel Company. It is alleged that on April 4, 1891, the Premier Steel Company leased a part of its property and mill to the Indiana Steel Company, which was organized with \$300,000 capital to manufacture steel rolls. The stock was divided into shares of \$50 each. The Premier Steel Company took 2,000 shares of stock, 2,000 shares were held by the Indiana Steel Company and the remaining 1,000 shares were held in reserve. The transaction was made for a consideration of \$10. The Premier Steel Company suspended operations soon after the transaction, and the Indiana Steel Company was later thrown into the hands of a receiver. The receiver sold the plant, by permission of the court, to William J. Carlin July 10, 1893, and the sale included the shares of stock in the Indiana Steel Company held by the Premier company. Carlin sold the property to the Central Steel Company.

The Central Steel Company claims that the stock was purchased with the property, and as the Indiana Steel Company has not operated its plant and no further steps other than organization have been taken the Central Steel Company claims the lease given by the Premier Steel Company be canceled, and that the property revert to the plaintiff and that the title thereto be quieted.

AGAINST TRUEMPER.

Henry Leonard Asks that He Be Cited for Contempt.

Henry Leonard yesterday filed a petition in Judge Carter's court asking that Charles J. Truemper be brought before the court for contempt and that he (Leonard) be awarded \$50 damages. Truemper keeps a resort at Bellevue. Leonard lives near the place, and Feb. 24, 1898, in a suit for injunction and damages against Truemper he was awarded \$300 and a permanent injunction was issued by Judge Carter, ordering Truemper not to sell liquor after 11 o'clock at night and on Sundays, also restricting him from entertaining immoral characters and permitting boisterous conduct and carousing. When Leonard, Truemper was called before the court and was fined \$50 by Judge Carter for contempt in violating the order and \$50 damages was awarded to Leonard. Truemper was cited to appear in court Dec. 22, which will be his second appearance in contempt proceedings.

Police Court Sentences.

Virgil West, colored, who gave the police a chase of several miles before he was captured, was fined yesterday morning in Police Court \$25 for theft of money from the store of Mrs. Emma Jones several days ago. The negroes arrested with him were discharged. John W. Temple, charged with receiving money under false pretenses, was given his liberty, the cases against him being dismissed. The conference will be called to order a number of coworkers at Marion, where they were taking "impressions" at 25 cents each to be called after the meeting. Kelsey, the celebrated palmitist, the same as had been done here.

Finances of a Social Club.

Truitt Fox yesterday brought suit against Robert B. Bagby for a dissolution of partnership and the appointment of a receiver of the Propagandist Club, a social organization that has been in existence since Aug. 28, at 330 West Michigan street. Fox says the concern is insolvent. He asserts that he is entitled to the business and that unless a receiver is appointed to take charge of the affairs of the club his money will be lost. He also says that Bagby has pocketed all of the profits of the club.

In the Probate Court.

Sarah P. Anderson was yesterday appointed executor of the will of William A. Anderson, and gave a bond of \$100. Lancy E. Robinson was appointed administrator of the estate of Russell D. Robinson, and gave a bond of \$500. R. P. Davidson was appointed guardian of William Shattuck, a person of unsound mind, and gave a bond of \$1,000. Mary A. Kostie was appointed administratrix of the estate of Henry H. Cole, and gave a bond of \$500.

An Allowance of \$2,500.

Judge Carter yesterday allowed Noble C. Butler \$2,500 for his services as master in chancery in hearing the Vandalla case. He asked for \$20,000, but later offered to accept \$2,500, providing the money was accepted. Twelve hundred dollars had already been allowed him, which is included in the allowance yesterday, and \$837 was allowed to the stenographers.

THE COURT RECORD.

Room 1—John L. McMaster, Judge. Mabel Adams vs. Charles M. Adams; divorce. Granted plaintiff judgment against defendant for costs. Ola Wilson vs. Joseph R. Wilson; divorce. Granted plaintiff custody of minor child. Judgment against defendant for costs. Barbara Wagner vs. Everett Wagner; divorce granted plaintiff. Maiden name restored to Barbara Euenagel. Judgment against defendant for costs.

Room 2—Vinson Carter, Judge.

William H. Miller vs. George J. Bowley; appeal. Dismissed. Plaintiff judgment against defendant for costs. The Marion Bond Company, trustee, vs. John R. Childers et al.; lien. Dismissed and costs paid.

NEW SUITS FILED.

Central Steel Company vs. Indiana Steel Company; to quiet title. Superior Court, Room 1. Truitt Fox vs. Robert B. Bagby; dissolution of partnership and appointment of receiver of the Propagandist Club. Superior Court, Room 1. Gertrude Bazil vs. Fort M. Bazil; divorce. Superior Court, Room 1.

SUPREME COURT.

1907. John S. Brown et al. vs. James B. Clow et al. Clinton C. Appellant Martindale's brief in reply (8). Joint, et al. reply briefs (4). Of Brown and Taylor, 1848. Edna Taylor vs. Mrs. Vogel et al. Noble C. C. Appellee's brief (10).

APPELLATE COURT.

2826. Ida Winderel vs. the Rush County Fair Association. Rush C. C. Appellee's brief. The P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. vs. Willard B. Elwood. Henry C. C. Return to certiorari. 2845. Evansville & Indianapolis Railway Company vs. Faustimus Huffman. Clay C. C. Confession of error.

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The annual opening of the mite boxes bringing in the Indiana mite season will take place at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Thornton, 1625 North Delaware street, Tuesday afternoon. The Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Ferguson, 114 West Eleventh street. Mrs. Moore will read a paper giving an account of "The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel."

J. M. King, of 1523 College avenue, yesterday fell over the railing around the staircase at his home, 1523 College avenue. His right ear was badly mashed. Dispensary doctors sewed up the wound and took him to his home.

THE "NEW INDUSTRIES" COMMITTEE.

The Commercial Club held a meeting yesterday relative to the proposed industrial city to be established on the Belt Railroad. Elaborate plans have been made by S. H. Brubaker, a member of the committee, and efforts are being made to have the project carried to completion by a private corporation.

Hugh J. McGowan, of the Indianapolis Street-railway company, said yesterday.

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THEIR TAXES DEDUCTED.

A GREAT SURPRISE FOR POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

The City, which Employs Them, Adopts Drastic Measures to Raise Some Money.

There was a great deal of complaint yesterday by members of the city police and fire departments when, after getting the warrants for their pay at the city offices, they went to the county treasurer to have them cashed and were given but a part of the amount called for in the warrants. The 18-cent levy, which was the issue upon which Mayor Taggart secured his reelection, was the cause of the trouble. The administration is in desperate straits for funds and in order to secure about \$1,400 for present use the amount of unpaid taxes of all members of the police and fire departments was deducted when the warrants were presented. One fireman, drawing \$94.65, received less than \$2 for his warrant. One of the attachers at police headquarters had \$35 assessed against him. He has been connected with the department only about two years and has but little property. He will investigate the charges made against him next week. One of the bicycle policemen, owning considerable property, paid a week ago one-half of his taxes, \$19.55, yet when he presented his warrant he was told that his delinquent taxes were \$100.

RECEIPTS OF POSTOFFICE.

THE BUSINESS THIS YEAR MAY REACH A TOTAL OF \$500,000.

In that event the salary of the Postmaster would be increased to \$5,000 a year.

The unusual manifestation of local pride about a year ago in the matter of increasing the receipts of the Indianapolis postoffice to the \$450,000 mark, in order that Postmaster Hess's salary might be increased to \$4,000, is still agreeably fresh in the minds of all who took part in the lively and friendly competition. It will be readily recalled that the statement went out to the public that if the receipts reached the grand aggregate of \$450,000 by the 31st day of March, 1899, the city of Indianapolis would be augmented and the salary of the postmaster would at the same time be subsequently increased. That was a few months before the date fixed.

There at once ensued an exceedingly spirited effort among local business men to swell the sale of postage stamps and mailing wrappers at the postoffice, with the result that \$1,150 more than the required amount was placed to the credit of the office. No especial effort has been made to better last year's showing during the present year, but a compilation made recently by Cashier Richman reveals the interesting fact that the business of the Indianapolis postoffice has increased to a total of \$450,000, perfectly natural gain, even over the total at the close of the last fiscal year, when it might be said that the "strains" had been put on the business men. It has not been requested in any way to buy more stamps or wrappers since the 31st of March, 1899, nevertheless a great many more have been sold.

Mr. Richman's figures are well worth repeating, and a timely contribution to the development of the city. The total receipts of the office for the eight months ending March 31, 1899, were \$394,128.84. During the corresponding eight months of the fiscal year preceding the receipts amounted to \$394,128.84. The receipts for the eight months just ended over the same period of the preceding fiscal year is \$17,871.16.

A very interesting possibility is opened up by these figures. If the present rate of increase should be maintained from now until the 31st of next March, so that the total additional increase would amount to \$2,242.42, the receipts for the present fiscal year would foot up the splendid total of \$500,000 and the man who is to be given a commission as postmaster of Indianapolis March 4, 1901, would find himself on the first day of the next month drawing a salary of \$5,000 per year—\$1,000 per year more than he is now drawing.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

Dr. William S. Beck has gone to Chicago and Wisconsin for a week or ten days visit.

Miss Kathryn E. Eldridge entertained her friends yesterday with a charming dinner party Friday evening.

Mr. Alfred R. Hovey has been called to New York in response to a telegram that his father is seriously and probably fatally ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis G. Wood, of Chicago, who have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wood, will return home to-morrow.

A large number of warrants against owners of dogs upon which city licenses

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O. Partlow, Lenox.....172 McFarland, Marott.....172 R. Mayer, Meteor.....168 Kestine, Meteor.....168 McGrew, Marott.....168 R. Churchman, Prospect.....168 Beckler, Stone Palace.....168 Pritchett, Marott.....168 Fueringer, Lenox.....168 W. H. Crislow, Capital City.....168 Bark, Lawton.....168 Taylor, Marott.....168 W. H. Crislow, Capital City.....168 Sienken, Marott.....168 Randall, Marott.....168 C. Koelling, Meteor.....168 Niemann, Rumber.....168 Wolner, Stone Palace.....168 Hampton, Meteor.....168 Olive, Prospect.....168 Buckner, Rumber.....168 Romer, Dewey.....168 Heller, Prospect.....168 W. H. Crislow, Capital City.....168 Linsgar, Dewey.....168 Maddox, Marott.....168 Clark, Dewey.....168 Hughes, Dewey.....168 Debert, Lawton.....168 Dams, Prospect.....168 Baron, Dewey.....168 Fishinger, Lawton.....168

SOUTH SIDE LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Graf Germania.....164 Urlewicz, Meridian.....164 Sachs, Germania.....164 Becker, Stone Palace.....164 Peterson, Meridian.....164 Neiger, Germania.....164 Fumast, Stone Palace.....164 Kroeckel, Meridian.....164 Starr, Salvator.....164 Hendrickson, Apollo.....164 Hansing, Apollo.....164 Wolner, Stone Palace.....164 Reimer, Meridian.....164 Reimer, Apollo.....164 Kellymer, Stone Palace.....164 Hackel, Apollo.....164 Parnin, Apollo.....164 Schindler, Salvator.....164 Starbuck, Stone Palace.....164 Jolantens, Meridian.....164 Rogenstein, Meridian.....164 Fumast, Apollo.....164 Smith, Germania.....164 Spangenberg, Stone Palace.....164 Van Ness, Germania.....164 Vogel, Meridian.....164 Rumpfharber, Night Owls.....164 Ellersbrock, Stone Palace.....164 Hoffman, Germania.....164

SOUTH SIDE LEAGUE CLUB AVERAGES.

Clubs.....Pins.....St'kes.....Sp's..... Germania.....15,297.....1,794.....44 Meridian.....14,720.....1,738.....37 Stone Palace.....14,498.....1,700.....39 Reimer, Meridian.....14,288.....1,664.....24 Salvator.....12,888.....1,113.....24 Night Owl Sports.....12,510.....136.....21

TENPIN LEAGUE AVERAGES.

Schwartz, Columbia.....177 Mueller, Blue Label.....172 McCree, Capital City.....172 Nolting, Columbia.....170 Jay, Capital City.....168 Wickard, Monitors.....168 Kimmell, Blue Label.....168 Kimmell, Blue Label.....168 Buchanan, Blue Label.....168 Schaller, Rinks.....168

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