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AMUSEMENTS.

Otis Skinner, Sarah Cowell Le Moyne and Eleanor Robson at English's.

English's Opera House has probably never in its history held a larger or more cultured audience than that which occupied the theater last night, the occasion being the presentation by three leading American players of Robert Browning's powerful drama in blank verse, "In a Balcony." This city has been the scene of many dramatic triumphs, but none (at least in the memory of the younger theatergoers) has ever transcended or even equaled that won by Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Le Moyne and Miss Robson. If any should feel inclined to question the truth of this strong declaration, let him try to recall a theatrical performance in this city that so completely won the admiration of an audience as to cause people to remain in their seats long after the last word was spoken, applauding enthusiastically, almost wildly, until they were forced to desist from sheer physical weariness.

This is exactly what happened in English's Opera House last night. The applause broke forth in a veritable storm with the fall of the curtain, and even after it had been raised and lowered four or five times the outburst of enthusiasm continued until first Miss Robson, then Mrs. Le Moyne and finally Mr. Skinner came out and bowed their appreciation. Still the end came not. The people were at last induced to leave the playhouse by Mr. Skinner coming to the footlights and making a graceful speech of acknowledgment on behalf of his distinguished associates and himself. It was one of those remarkable scenes that are witnessed in a lifetime in the theater, if indeed so often. One must not forget that, while it was a triumph for the players, it was also a triumph for the great poet who penned the words which were made to pulsate with life and meaning by the consummate art of the players. The hearts of ardent Browning admirers, who have had to bear meekly the gibes and sneers of the unenlightened, must have bounded with joy to see the memory of their idol thus powerfully vindicated.

The term players has perhaps been erroneously applied to the great trio. They should rather be styled, in this particular work at least, interpreters. It is idle to talk about Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Le Moyne or Miss Robson doing real acting in "In a Balcony," for one never experiences for an instant the illusion that is an adjunct of acting. No one in last night's audience saw in Mr. Skinner a prime minister or a queen. No one saw in Mrs. Le Moyne a real queen. No one found himself for a moment forgetting that Miss Robson was herself and not Constance, companion to a queen. What these players really did was to pour a literal flood of illumination upon the dramatic poem that no amount of individual study in private could ever transform into anything but a beautiful poem. Herein lies the value of such wonderful efforts as that of last night. Concerning the work of each player, it is difficult to make a distinction. Each in his or her way seemed without fault. One could not forbear marveling that a hitherto comparatively obscure actress like Miss Robson should in a brief space develop talent enthiling her to rank side by side with such stars as Mr. Skinner and Mrs. Le Moyne. The play, if it be permitted to call it thus, was magnificently staged, the single scene shown being one of such surpassing beauty that it received a round of applause on its own account. Perhaps one of the most remarkable features of the performance was that three players should be able, without a change of scene and almost without action, to hold a vast audience literally enthralled for an hour and fifteen minutes. This simple fact alone speaks volumes for the accomplishment of Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Le Moyne and Miss Robson.

Great as was the triumph of this production, it is not likely that the impression made by the little symbolic play preceding it will soon fade from the memories of those privileged to witness it. This was "The Land of Heart's Desire," written by an Irish poet, W. B. Yeats. Mr. Yeats's name and works are not very familiar in this country, but it is certain that wherever "The Land of Heart's Desire" has been shown a considerable curiosity will be aroused to know more of its author. Indianapolis theatergoers have not been privileged to form more than a limited acquaintance with the symbolic drama, but if the rapt attention that was paid to this dramatic gem is any criterion there is a bright future for such offerings. The piece is a delicate, marvelous crystallization of a domestic tragedy within a symbol, just as science tells that sometimes insects are caught and buried within the heart of a bit of amber. The fascination of the play was so powerful that it was not interrupted by applause, although none of the players had cause to complain of the outburst at the close. Harold Russell as Father Hart, the priest, Frank Connor as Shawn Bruin, the young husband, Oscar Eagle as Maurteen Bruin, his father, Ada Dwyer as old Bridget Bruin and Nora O'Brien as Marie Bruin, the bride, improved to the utmost their limited opportunities for the display of ability. The opportunity of the play came to Mabel Taliaferro, a child actress of scarce fourteen years. Her acting was of the kind that suggests inspiration. A tragedienne of years of arduous, patient study might have rejoiced to send through an audience such a thrill as this wonderful child in the character of the fairy caused by her matchless simulation of horror at sight of the crucifix on the wall of Maurteen Bruin's humble dwelling. The future of this gifted child actress will be watched with keenest interest after this striking evidence of genius following so closely upon her brilliant, though lesser triumphs, in "The Children of the Ghetto" and "Lost River."

Notes of the Stage.

Carl Pfleuger, who composed the music for "1492," died recently in Boston.

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Fisher and Carroll, comedians, will be starred next season by Delcher & Hennessy in a new musical comedy by Frank Kennedy entitled "Put Me Off at Buffalo."

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Mary Hampton, who is to star next season in "The Gay Mr. Goldstein," under the management of Henry W. Greenwall, has signed for the summer season with the Euclid-avenue stock company in Cleveland, O.

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Mrs. Leslie Carter will finish her season in "Zaza" to-night in Rochester, N. Y. She will not be seen on the stage again until next November, when she will produce "La Dubarry," an adaptation from the French made for her use by David F. Belasco.

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Gus Bothner, manager of "A Bunch of Keys," has purchased a half interest in Bartley Campbell's "A White Slave" from John Campbell, a son of the deceased author, and an extensive production of the play will be made in the New York Academy of Music next August.

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The work of John A. Preston in the role of Armand Duval in "Camille" at the Park is attracting favorable attention. Mr. Preston is one of the cleverest and most versatile actors that have visited the Park this season. The production of the fascinating Dumas play will end with to-day's two performances.

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The Holden Dramatic Company will present "The Fool of St. Avren" for the first time at the Park Theater Monday afternoon of next week. The latter half of the week "A Barrel of Money," one of the most popular plays in the company's repertory, will be revived by request. It was a pronounced hit during the engagement of the Holden organization at the Park last season.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Smith, of 2201 North Alabama street, left last night for New York.

Mrs. Arthur B. Grover has gone to Chicago to visit friends for a short time.

Mrs. S. E. Stone, of Cleveland, O., will arrive to-day to visit Mrs. J. W. Hewitt.

Miss Alice Zollinger is visiting Mrs. George C. Meade, at Avondale, Cincinnati.

The opening dance of the Euterpean Club will be given Monday, June 3, at Broad Ripple.

Miss Marie Celeste will arrive early in June to visit Mrs. George Edwin Hunt for a month.

Mrs. E. C. Duncan and Miss Hogate will sail, June 29, for Europe, where they will spend the summer.

Miss Isabella Haas will entertain the senior class of the Girls' Classical School to-day with a luncheon.

Mr. Harold Eldridge, of Chicago, will today be the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Eldridge, of Morton Place.

Mrs. J. Miller, of Anderson, who has been visiting Mrs. Edward Kingsbury, 539 East Twenty-second street, has returned home.

Mrs. E. R. Hiett, of Toledo, will arrive, next week, to visit Miss Hunt and Mrs. Harry A. Crossland, 1444 North Alabama street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Fauvre and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Frank, will give a dance at the Propylaeum, on June 18, for their daughters.

Last night there was a theater party to the Skinner-Robson-LeMoyne performance, at English's Opera House, for the Adams-Dalton bridal party.

Miss Louise Garrard entertained twelve friends of Mrs. David C. Buntin's at tea, yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in her apartments at the Delano.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert A. Dickert announce the engagement of their daughter Katherine Jane and Mr. Herbert Wilding, the marriage to occur June 11.

The German Literary Club will spend Tuesday with Mrs. Harry Adams, at her summer home, near St. Paul, Ind. The regular club meeting has been deferred until Tuesday, June 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilding announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth and Mr. Clifford Wheatley, of Cleveland, O., formerly of Indianapolis. The marriage will occur June 11.

Miss Sara Wilson will give a 5 o'clock high tea, Wednesday afternoon, for Miss Elizabeth Dalton and her bridal party, and this evening the gentlemen of the bridal party will entertain at dinner at the Country Club.

The annual Acton May-day picnic will be held Tuesday. Cottage holders will go down to the park and carry their lunches and spend the day. Mrs. Frank Olin has taken the Crossland cottage, "Edgewood," for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Furrey Wyon have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter Violet Eugenia and Mr. Harry Eugene Kunzman, which will take place Wednesday evening, June 6, at Roberts Park Church.

Mrs. J. P. Mullally gave a delightful card party, Tuesday afternoon, in her apartments at the Dollman flats, entertaining about twelve friends. Prizes were won by Mrs. Hugh Reynolds and Miss Rose Marie Beatty.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Sloan have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Fannie Valentine Sloan, and Mr. Whittington Townsend Underhill, of Cincinnati, to occur Thursday evening, June 6, at the family residence, 1625 Central avenue.

Mrs. Evalyn Seguin entertained twelve friends at luncheon yesterday, for Mrs. Kaufman, of Reading, Pa., who is the guest of Mrs. Henrietta Stevens and Mrs. J. W. Holtzman. The daintily-appointed table held a large basket of sweet peas in the center, with individual baskets of flowers at each plate.

The annual entertainment given by the juniors of the Girls' Classical School to the senior class was a dinner at the English cafe, followed by a theater party to the Skinner-Robson-LeMoyne performance at English's Opera House. The guests included Miss Beryl Maud Showers, Miss Bertha Augusta Bais, Miss Blanche Louise Barbour, Miss Julia Anna Kern, Miss Isabel Hass, Miss Beatrice Klass, Miss Belle Layman, Miss Emma Stanhope Ribeyre, Miss Mary Louise Sanders, Miss Margaret Mandeville Shipp, Miss Iris Wynn and Miss Edith Wilson.

A GARDEN PARTY.

Mrs. John M. Shaw gave a delightful garden party yesterday afternoon, at "Forest Home," inviting her friends to meet her mother, Mrs. Leopold Burkhardt, and Miss Marion Devreux, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Falconer, of Springfield, O. The guests were greeted by Mrs. Shaw and her visitors on the large lawn, which is studded here and there with blossoming flower beds, making an attractive scene. Mrs. Shaw was assisted in the hospitalities by Mrs. Volney T. Malott, Miss Malott, Mrs. C. B. Lockard, Mrs. Alvin S. Lockard and Mrs. Edwin Henry Forry.

A DETERMINED FIGHT.

It Will Be Made by Big Associations of Machinists and Employers.

There was no change in the labor situation yesterday, and the trouble between the machinists and employers is now believed to have settled down to a determined fight between the national organization of machinists and the Metal Trades Association, the national organization of the employers. Most of the firms not in the association have conceded the demand of the union and the men are working. It is believed the strike will not be settled with the Chandler & Taylor Company, Dean Bros. and the Rockwood Manufacturing Company until the fight is over between the two big organizations, the center of which is now being waged in Cincinnati.

Saw Makers' Helpers' Union.

The Saw Makers' Helpers' Union, at last night's meeting, elected the following new officers: President, Frank Cones; vice president, John Wheatley; recording secretary, William Wheatley; financial secretary, Harry Richwine; treasurer, J. A. Scott; delegate to Central Labor Union, Frank Cones; guard, Ed Bennett.

A CLASS OF EIGHT.

Confirmation Ceremonies Held at the Jewish Temple.

Following the celebration of the feast of "Shebuoth" by the Hebrews at the Temple Thursday night, was the confirmation of a class of eight yesterday morning. The members of the class were Harriet Baum, Ella Efroymson, Bessie Joseph, Gertrude Hahn, Sadie Newman, Albert L. Frankel, Morris A. Lichtensteter and Frank Werthom. In connection with the confirmation services was a specially arranged musical programme, which was carried out by a choir composed of the following: Director, John Lipman; soprano, Miss Lulu A. Fisher; alto, Mrs. Alice Fleming Evans; baritone, Mr. Homer Van Wie; bass, Mr. Oliver Isensee. Mr. Roy Mullendore was the organist.

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OWNERS OF FLOUR MILLS

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF WINTER WHEAT MILLERS' LEAGUE.

Members from Eight States of the Central West Now at the Grand Hotel.

Nearly 100 owners of flouring mills in the central States arrived at the Grand Hotel last night to attend the twelfth annual convention of the Winter Wheat Millers' League of Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, Tennessee and Pennsylvania, to be held to-day.

The convention will be called to order this morning at 10 o'clock by President M. H. Davis, of Shelby, O., following which he will deliver his annual address. Secretary E. E. Perry, of Indianapolis, and Treasurer J. W. Morrison, of Lexington, Ky., will make their reports. Committees on resolutions and nominations will be appointed at this morning's meeting. "Short Weight Flour—How Can the Evil Be Corrected?" will be discussed this morning by H. B. Sparks, of Alton, Ill.; R. P. Moore, of Princeton, Ind., and A. W. Igleheart, of Evansville, Ind.

At the afternoon session a discussion on "What Can Be Done to Push the Sale of Winter Wheat Flour?" will be made by T. A. Taylor, of Toledo, O.; E. P. Bronson, of Nashville, Tenn., and S. T. Ballard, of Louisville, Ky. "Amendment to Interstate-commerce Law" will be discussed by Edgar H. Evans, of Indianapolis; Robert Colton, of Bellefontaine, O., and E. W. Kidder, of Terre Haute. The election of officers will also be held at the afternoon session.

President Davis said last night that the league was formed to protect the rights of the millers, and not to maintain high prices or in any way govern the prices of flour.

MAY FESTIVAL TO-NIGHT.

An Interesting Programme to Be Given at Germania Hall.

The capacity of Germania Hall will be tested at the May festival to be given this evening by V. R. Jose. Over fifty of the leading German societies of the city have been invited to participate in the festivities. Mr. Jose has carefully arranged all details, and in addition to a splendid musical programme to be rendered by Klausman's orchestra there will be singing by the numerous singing societies, quartets, duets, solos, comical sketches and speeches. The programme by Klausman's orchestra is as follows:

Orchestra Fest March.....Bach
Speech, Fred Schrader, president Pioneer Verein.
Orchestra selection, "Carmen".....Bizet
Baritone solo, "Holy City".....Adams
Nick Rembush.
Orchestra—Selection Songs of the Fatherland .....Vaelker
Brass quartet, "Annie Laurie".Dudley Buck
Charles Keifer, Judd Hall, Nic Rembush and Robert Ruth.
Orchestra selection, "Burgomeister"..Ludus
Cornet solo, "Columbia".....Rothman
Mr. Charles Keifer.
Potpourie German songs.....Moses

At the completion of the programme the entire second floor will be given over to dancing. The hall has been beautifully decorated. The walls are covered with evergreen, palms, leaves and cut flowers. The many wall chandeliers have each a beautiful basket of flowers drooping under them and the stage is filled with a solid mass of palms, ferns, etc. On the south wall is a star design fifteen feet in diameter, made of electric bulbs. The second floor, like the third, is also beautifully decorated.

CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Maj. Robert Anderson, W. R. C., will attend memorial services with Maj. Robert Anderson Post at Christ Church to-morrow morning.

Chapman Post and Corps will held memorial services to-morrow at 2 p. m. in G. A. R. Hall on Delaware street. Rev. R. V. Hunter will deliver the address.

The City Boarrd of Health yesterday raised the smallpox quarantine from the residence of Samuel Colyer, at 218 Trowbridge street. Colyer has recovered.

J. K. Lilly, of Indianapolis, is in Kansas City inspecting the new building being erected in that city for the branch factory of the Eli Lilly Manufacturing Company, of this city.

Adjutant General Ward yesterday issued a commission to William Conley as first lieutenant and quartermaster of the artillery battalion which has its headquarters in Indianapolis.

The rites of ordination of James B. Delaney, James L. Carrico and John Barthel for the priesthood began yesterday at St. John's Church. The special services wil be concluded to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Hiram D. Castetter has had as her guest this week her sister, Miss Hortense Cora Jackson, of Jamestown, Ind. Her visit was to consult book publishers with a view of publishing a volume of her own poems.

A reunion of members of the German Evangelical Zion's Church who have been confirmed since 1884 will be held to-morrow evening at the church. The number confirmed is 1,110, and those who attend will be separated into classes.

Ex-Prosecutor Pugh says he will not sign a petition for the pardon of John Higgins. He says he told the jury that two years was not enough for him, and that the sympathy of friends is not enough to induce him to ask for a pardon.

A gypsy giving the name of William Smith, camped near Central avenue and Fall creek, yesterday asked the police for assistance in finding his daughter, who had disappeared suddenly. The girl ran away at Chicago, several weeks ago.

The H. B. Claflin Company, of New York, brought suit against the White Fruit Company, of this city, in the United States Circuit Court yesterday, for $2,701, which the complaint alleges to be due for merchandise shipped to the defendant.

Special exercises will be held at Turner Park, June 2, for the purpose of raising funds for the payment of the local societies to the Turnfest at Fort Wayne, June 15 to 18. Part of the entertainment will consist of the exercises in which the classes will participate at Fort Wayne.

The Robert Anderson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, will attend Christ Church in a body to-morrow morning for their annual service in connection with Decoration day. The Rev. James D. Stanley will preach a special sermon and patriotic music will be rendered by the vested choir.

Mrs. Emma J. Bowen, of this city, expects shortly to receive from the Philippines, through her nephew, Morris R. Bevington, a member of the Third Artillery, several cigars given him by Aguinaldo. Bevington writes that he is the first white soldier placed as guard over the Filipino chief.

Delegates from nearly every one of the Epworth League chapters in this city left yesterday for Brooklyn, Morgan county, where the annual district convention opened last night. The programme for last night included an address by the Rev. C. N. Tinsley, of this city, on "What's the Matter with Uncle Sam."

Capt. William E. English yesterday received a large photograph of Vice President Theodore Roosevelt, showing him in his Rough Rider uniform. The inscription is "Capt. W. E. English, with warm regards." Captain English was on General Wheeler's staff, under whom Colonel Roosevelt served during the Santiago campaign.

Bicycle policemen yesterday arrested "Jack the Tinker" and Joshua Munden, both of whom have considerable acquaintance with the Police Court, for the alleged theft of brass. Munden told the officer of a plot to rob the woman proprietor of the James House and he was charged with loitering, pending an investigation.

Cyrus J. Clark has purchased a picturesque seven-acre tract of land on the banks of White river northeast of Fairview Park, known as "Crow's Nest," which will be converted into a summer home. A cottage, fence and gateway will be built of bowlders. It is said negotiations are pending for adjoining land by other persons for country homes.

Prof. W. H. Freeman, secretary of the State Board of Forestry, visited the Statehouse yesterday and examined the room that has been set aside as headquarters for the board. It is Room 119, on the third floor of the Statehouse, to the rear of the freight elevator. Prof. Freeman said that the board will not be ready for business until Monday, June 3.

Prof. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the chemistry department of the United States Department of Agriculture, paid a brief visit to his brother, Judge Ulric Z. Wiley, of the Appellate Court, yesterday. Prof. Wiley reports that the work of the department is increasing at a rapid rate. Leading scientists of other countries come to the department to prosecute their studies and researches.

The new steam motor car which the I. & V. Railroad is testing will be ready for the first official test in about two weeks. The car is one which will seat sixty passengers, and may be run at a speed of sixty miles an hour. The plans of the company for Martinsville traffic, in case the tests are satisfactory, include the building of a double track from here to Martinsville.

Within a few days the ward at the Central Hospital for the Insane, which was damaged several weeks ago by fire, will be ready for occupancy again. The ward has accommodations for about seventy patients. Much delay in the work has resulted from inability to secure workmen and materials, and this cause will also delay work on the new building so that it may not be completed for six months.

Samuel Copeland, of 1017 South Illinois street, died yesterday morning at his home. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked actively until two years ago. He was eighty-two years of age, and had for fifty years been a Mason. He came here nineteen years ago from Johnstown, Pa., where he was born. Two sons and three daughters survive him. The funeral will be held to-day at 2 p. m. from his late residence.

The Union Veterans' Legion, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and affiliated organizations, will attend the evening service at Plymouth Church to-morrow at 7:45 o'clock. The Union Veterans' Legion will meet at the Monument steps at 7:30, and, together with the Ladies' Auxiliry, will proceed to the church. The regular choir will be assisted by a male quartet. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Meserve, will speak on "The Optimism of Patriotism."

COUNTY HIGH SCHOOLS

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT IRVINGTON AND BROAD RIPPLE.

Interesting Programmes Provided in Each Instance—The Graduating Classes.

Commencement exercises of the Irvington High School were held last night at the new High School building on University avenue. The large hall was more than filled with visitors and friends. Although the graduating class was not as large as usual the number of high school pupils shows an increase over last year. The superintendent of schools is Otis G. Stanton. The principal of the High School is Edgar T. Forsyth, and assistant principal, Pearl Jeffries. The exercises were held at 8 o'clock and were opened by a piano solo by Miss Pearl Leedy. After invocation by the Rev. Scott Hyde, of the Irvington M. E. Church, Mr. Pearl W. Jeffries sang a solo. The principal feature of the evening followed, the address by Judge U. Z. Wiley, of the Indiana Appellate Court, his subject being "The Perpetuity of Popular Government." After the address a violin solo was rendered by Mr. Clayton Pierce, followed by the presentation of diplomas by Superintendent Otis G. Stanton. The graduating class included Miss Mary Adams, Mr. Alvin Eickhoff, Mr. Harrison Pfeiffer, Miss Hermine Reller, Miss Elizabeth Senour, Mr. John Shearer, Mr. Walter Shearer, Mr. Nonald Shimer and Miss Nelle Ward.

The members of the School Board are Charles H. Badger, president, Daniel Lesley, secretary, and Charles Z. Coffin, treasurer.

BROAD RIPPLE HIGH SCHOOL.

The Commencement Exercises Held—Names of Graduates.

The graduating exercises of the Broad Ripple High School were held last night, and eight graduates received diplomas. The exercises consisted of musical numbers and the reading of graduates' essays. Those forming the class, with the names of the subjects, were: Clarence E. Bowen, "The Twentieth Century City;" John R. Cline, "Alfred the Great;" Sampson B. Scott, "The Progress of the Colored Race;" Earnest Cline, "The Debt of Modern Civilization;" Edna Wheaton, "The American Girl;" Clyde Bower, "The New Spirit of Education;" John Hampton, "Will America Fall?" and B. Shanebarger, "Peter the Great and His Country." The Broad Ripple High School Alumni Association will give a banquet at the High School building tonight.

Two More Indiana Lieutenants.

Jennings B. Wilson, of Corydon, and Charles E. Reese, of Fort Wayne, have received from the War Department appointments as lieutenants in the regular army, subject to their passing the required physical examinations. The appointment of Wilson is credited to the Third congressional district and that of Reese to the Twelfth.

Many of those who served in the late war are yet making applications for commissions, asking to be placed on the waiting list, thinking there will be opportunities in the event of the failure of the appointees to pass the examinations. There is said to be some complaint that the examinations are so strict that few may pass them, and that the requirements are made so rigid that the failure of those politically recommended will give those of the regular service preference. The other Indiana appointments will, it is said, be made in a short time.

Property Owners Complain.

Persons living along the proposed right of way of the Indianapolis & Martinsville Rapid Transit Company are contesting the appraisement of their lands in the Circuit Court. They say the appraisers placed the valuation of their land too low. The contestants represent about two-thirds of the property owners between Eagle creek and the Marion county line. They are Fielding Bieler and his sisters, May and Bertha Duzan, William Harmon, Lewis George, William A. Weatherly, Henry Huffman, Jane T. Doan, Caleb F. Doan, Charles Steehner and Fred Fahnley. The suits will not prevent work as the appeal only relates to the price on the land and not to the condemnation.

School No. 33 Entertainment.

School No. 33, Miss Jessie Smith, principal, gave its annual May festival yesterday afternoon, witnessed by about seventy-five visitors. The halls and rooms were beautified with snowball and haw blossoms arranged about the walls by the teachers. The exercises were conducted in the various rooms and consisted of songs and recitations, after which the teachers, pupils and visitors went out on the school lawn to witness the May pole exercises by thirty-six little girls dressed in dainty white dresses.

A drill and song recital will be given by School 33, under the direction of Miss Jessie Smith, principal, at the United Presbyterian Church, on North Arsenal avenue, June 4.

Mission for Sick Children.

The managers of the mission at Fairview Park for sick children have been doing much work and are now prepared to take care of a limited number. The work has been delayed by lack of funds. Letters asking for contributions were mailed yesterday to a large number of citzens. The mission is one which does much good, and it is thought the lack of funds is mostly because the attention of those interested in charity has not been specially called to the matter. Liberal donations are looked for. Secretary Grout said they would be received if people could only realize the good their money would do.

Winona Reading Circle.

The Winona Reading Circle held its annual reception last night at the home of Mrs. G. W. Brown, 1926 North Meridian street. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. T. Brown, and short addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Sol C. Dickey, Rev. J. Cumming Smith, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, and Mrs. J. E. Brown, of North Indianapolis. The meeting was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

HEALTH BOARD HARD UP

MONEY IS NECESSARY TO CARRY ON QUARANTINES.

City Controller Johnson Asked to Recommend Appropriation of $2,000—Municipal Affairs.

The city Board of Health is again in financial straits, and has asked the city controller to recommend another appropriation of $2,000. Clerk Zearing said yesterday that the money was an absolute necessity. Out of the $2,000 appropriation made a short time ago there remains but $773.11, and the greater portion of this amount will have to be expended in the maintenance of the various quarantines, the payment of the extra men employed by the board, the purchase of new clothes for those who are released from the pesthouse, the renting of tents and various other things which Mr. Zearing named with lightning-like rapidity.

City Controller Johnson declined to say whether he would recommend the appropriation are not. "I will investigate," said he, "before I promise the board any more money."

The Board of Health is now maintaining quarantines at the following places: Three hundred and fifty-three West Seventeenth street, 329 Holton place, 426 Chesapeake street, 622 West Court street, 948 West Washington street, 840 Charles street, 936 West Washington street, 935 Alvord street, 603 West Washington street, 1655 West Ohio street, and 118 Geisendorff street.

MICHIGAN-STREET SEWER.

A Remonstrance Filed by Property Owners with Works Board.

About twenty property holders interested in the main sewer to be laid in East Michigan street were before the Board of Works yesterday morning. The property owners are about equally divided, and those who own property lying east of the terminus of the sewer, which will begin at Rural street and run west to the junction of Pogue's run and Michigan street, filed with the board a written remonstrance setting out a list of objections. The remonstrance states first that the new sewer law is void because it is in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, and because it violates the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

It also states that the sewer would be of no use to the remonstrating property holders, because their property is far from the eastern terminus of the proposed sewer. The remonstrating property holders also say that the cost of the sewer would be equal to the face value of their lands, and would be a practical confiscation of their property.

City Engineer Jeup explained to those present that the matter of the amount of the assessment was not before the board, and when it did come up, if the property holders were not satisfied with their assessments, the law gave them a hearing and an appeal to the Circuit Court. If their property was not benefited a dollar's worth it could not be assessed a dollar. The most of the property owners along the line of the proposed sewer are in favor of the improvement. The board deferred final action on the resolution until it makes a trip over the ground next Monday.

A DELEGATION OF WOMEN.

They Want an Extension of College-Avenue Street-Car Line.

A number of women from the part of the city that wants an extension of the College-avenue street-car line appeared before the Board of Works yesterday to inquire why the extension had not been ordered. A petition has been filed with the board for more than a year. Chairman Sahm explained to the women that there were other petitions for extension that were filed prior to this one, and should receive the board's attention first.

The petitioners for this extension have been besieging the board for months, but, so far, have accomplished nothing. They say the board declines to ask the street-car company to do something it is not ready to do.

Signs Ordered Torn Down.

Building Inspector Bedell is waging war against signs that have been placed by advertising firms on fences around buildings that are in the course of construction. He has authorized the people who complain to tear the signs down and a great number have been removed. Mr. Bedell says the signs have no right in the streets.

BOARD OF WORKS ROUTINE.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN.

For a brick pavement on Scioto street, from St. Clair street to Pratt street. Estimated cost, $1,725.

For gravel roadway, cement walks and curbing on Isabella street, from Twenty-seventh street to Udell street. Estimated cost, $2,200.

For cement walks on Steele street, from Brookside avenue to Coyner street. Estimated cost, $500.

For vacating 31 feet and 7 inches off the north side of Fourteenth street, from Illinois street to a point 109 feet 6 inches east.

FINAL ACTION DEFERRED.

For bricking the first alley west of Ruckle street, from Nineteenth street to Twentieth street. Estimated cost, $1,650.

For graveling the first alley east of Hamilton avenue, from Twelfth street to the first alley north of Tenth street. Estimated cost, $725.

For graveling the roadway and sidewalks of Olney street, from Twenty-fifth to Twenty-eighth street. Estimated cost, $1,700.

For cement walks on Baltimore avenue, from Hillside avenue to Twenty-fifth street. Estimated cost, $2,300.

For cement walks on Hillside avenue, from Columbia avenue to Commerce avenue. Estimated cost, $2,775.

For a main sewer along East Michigan street, from Pogue's run to Rural street. Estimated cost, $65,000.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.

To Daniel Foley, at $1 per lineal foot: For gravel roadway and brick gutters on Brookside avenue, from Crown street to Rural street.

To William C. Smith, at $1.48 per lineal foot, for gravel roadway, cement walks and curbing on Terrace avenue, from East street to Wright street.

To W. H. Albert & Son, at $1.16½ per lineal foot: For cement walks and curbing on Belmont avenue, from Morris street to Howard street.

CONTRACTS AND BONDS APPROVED.

In behalf of J. C. Veney: For cement walks on Eleventh street, from Central avenue to College avenue.

In behalf of William C. Smith: For cement walks on Shelby street, from Pleasant run to Southern avenue; for cement walks on Delaware street, from Sixteenth street to Nineteenth street; for cement walks on Palmer street, from Ringgold avenue to Shelby street.

In behalf of Henry Maag: For cement walks on Dorman street, from Vermont street to Michigan street, and for gravel roadway, cement walks and curbing on South Elder avenue, from Maryland street to the first alley south.

In behalf of W. K. Cooper & Co.: For gravel roadway, cement walks and curbing on Kenwood avenue, from Thirty-eighth street to a point 630.48 feet below Thirty-fifth street.

In behalf of William Bossert: For a local sewer along the first alley east of Cornell avenue, from Twentieth street to Twenty-third street.

In behalf of Conrad Bender: For constructing the new wing at the City Hospital.

In behalf of W. K. Cooper: For lowering the bridge across the canal at Tenth street.

PETITIONS FILED.

For cement walks on the south side of Washington street, from California street to White river.

For cement walks and curbing on Olive street, from Lexington avenue to Prospect street.

APPRAISEMENT OF PROPERTY ORDERED.

For cement walks on Edgewood street, from Sanders street to Downey street.

For gravel roadway, brick gutters, cement walks and curbing on Chicago street, from Barnes avenue to Schurman avenue.

For gravel roadway, cement walks and curbing on Rural street, from Nowland avenue to Massachusetts avenue.

For cement walks on Tenth street, from Illinois street to Capitol avenue.

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TOPICS IN THE CHURCHES.

Sunday School Lesson AND Christian Endeavor Work.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

May 26, 1901: The Holy Spirit Given—Acts ii, 1-11.

Pentecost was the popular festival of the Hebrew Church. Its keynote was joyous. Its distinctive offering was the twin-loaves of bread, made from the new wheat of the harvest. It occurred at a period favorable for the largest attendance. There was a recess in farm toil, and the season was so favorable for travel that Jews of the dispersion came in large numbers. It is commonly believed that at this particular Pentecost there was an especially large attendance. The Hebrew world was more than usually expectant. Rumors of mighty deeds had spread afar. In a historic parenthesis, Luke catalogues the countries represented. What a territory! From Mesopotamia to Rome; from Asia Minor to the Lybyan desert! * * * The festive throng is far too large to be accommodated within the city walls. Gay turbans, bright talliths, and tents, have converted the hillslopes into a vast and brilliant parterre. The informal morning meal is finished. The liveliness of the general converse is toned, perhaps, with an indescribable premonition of the coming great events. * * * It is the very hour for the gladsome service to begin. All eyes in that vast theater of nature are turned to Herod's snowy temple, crested now with fire. Suddenly a preternatural sound falls on every ear. It is the awful roar of a cyclone. Yet one looks in vain into that radiant sky for the funnel-shaped cloud. The air itself is motionless. The audible symbol could not be more appropriate. It represents at once an invisible Presence, and an irresistible but not harmful power. * * * The dread report admits of localization. A vast throng is attracted there in an instant. Now the sound is matched by a preternatural sight. The long-lost Shekinah, indissolubly associated with every triumphant epoch of Hebrew history, appears again. Not now, however, as in former times, as in former years, within the temple, but in a common home. As they look, a new and significant phase of the miracle appears. That celestial fire parts into many flames. One rests above each disciple's head.

"The fires that rushed on Sinai down
In sudden torrents dread,
Now gently light, a glorious crown,
On every sainted head."

A sign pregnant with meaning! Fire, the pure and purifying natural element, the warming and illuminating agent! Fire, too, in the shape of a tongue, signifying that humanity is to be warmed, illuminated and cleansed by the spoken Word, the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. * * * Now, there is a continuation, in articulate speech, of the miraculous manifestation in audible and visible form which had preceded. In elevated and rapturous strains, like Moses's song or Mary's magnificat, the inspired disciples celebrate the finished work of the Messiah. They yield themselves as instruments to the Holy Spirit, and are, perhaps, but semi-cognizant of the words they utter. That polyglot audience listens to a polyglottous anthem, commemorating the high praise of the glorified Redeemer. To this ecstatic and poetic outburst, the deliberate, explanatory and argumentative address of St. Peter presents the sharpest contrast. * * * Divine the appositeness! On that Old Dispensation harvest-home day, the first harvest of souls is reaped, with the gospel sickle in the hand of Peter, foremost of apostles of the New Dispensation. Three thousand souls are immediately baptized and received into the disciples' goodly fellowship. * * * Pentecost is the irrefragable seal to the ascension of Jesus. When the high priest went within the veil, though the people saw him not, they knew he was there, by the sweet tinkling of the golden bells that fringed his robe. They were assured that he still lived, and performed the holiest rites of their religion. So this preternatural sound, this dazzling sight of Pentecost was the token by which the apostles knew, and all subsequent believers are assured that the Eternal Priest of the universal heart, having entered within the veil, yet lives and pleads. Well did Peter say, "He hath shed forth this which ye now see and hear." This is demonstrative evidence that God hath raised Him up and exalted Him to the right hand, and hath fulfilled to Him the promised effusion of the Holy Ghost.

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN.

The courage and persistency of the apostles in tarrying at Jerusalem is admirable. Like sheep in the midst of wolves, their Shepherd gone, they still held together, and were obedient to His last command. The glory of the ascension had heartened them to this extent. * * * The descent of the Holy Ghost is strongest proof of the ascension of Jesus. As the high priest, lost to view of the people as he officiated behind the veil, was yet in evidence by the tankling of the golden bells that fringed his robe, so the successful mediation of the Divine High Priest was proven by this shedding forth which all saw and heard. He had prayed the Father for the comforter. He had baptized them with the Holy Ghost and fire. * * * The expression, "mighty, rushing wind," has a new significance for me since April 27, 1884, when I heard the cyclone which passed over the city of Xenia, O.