HISTORY OF JOHN VERRALL.

His Father Was a Tavern Keeper and Died in a Poorhouse.

William Philpott, of Camden, N. Y., has written to the police department here giving a short history of the Verrall family, to which John Verrall, confessed forger and embezzler, claimed to belong. Mr. Philpott said the parents kept a tavern at Wittersham, county of Kent, and later at Rye, in Sussex county, after which they removed to Tunbridge Wells, where the prisoner was born. The mother died, and the father, because of trouble in which his eldest son was involved, became penniless and went to the poor farm, where he died.

The police are satisfied that Verrall is not the L. R. Adams who operated here in December, 1899, and that the affidavit on which he is being held is not sufficient to convict him, although he has confessed. He will be held on a charge of petit larceny. Mrs. Wampler, 309 North Capitol avenue, has identified Verrall as the man who rented a room of her and disappeared about the time a clock, which was afterward found in a pawn shop, disappeared.

HOUSE IN NATIONAL COLORS.

John H. Brown's Unique Plan to Show His Patriotism.

John W. Glover and John H. Brown were arraigned in the United States Court yesterday on the charge of violating the pension laws. Both pleaded not guilty. Brown, who is a colored man, formerly lived in Columbus, Ind., but is now living at Anderson. It is said he filed a claim for a pension, alleging that he was in the service of the Union under the name of Henry Howard. Afterward a man in Illinois filed a claim for a pension for the same service, claiming that he was Henry Howard. The matter was investigated, and as a result Brown was arrested on the charge of filing a false claim. It is said that Brown while living at Columbus painted his house red, white and blue as a mark of patriotism.

ANNUAL BANQUET TO-NIGHT.

It Will Be Given by the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

The eighth annual meeting and banquet of the Indiana members of the Phi Kappa Psi will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Denison. This meeting will also be in celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the fraternity. Frank M. Dice, of Crawfordsville, is president of the Indiana society. John L. Griffiths will preside as toastmaster. Addresses will be made by Thomas L. Sullivan, Charles L. Henry, of Anderson; Representative James Watson, of Rushville; Professor Weaver, of De Pauw; ex-Representative George Faris, of Terre Haute, and Judge Allen, of this city.

LOST HER MEAL TICKET.

Grace Lyons' Suffers at the Hands of a Highwayman.

Grace Lyons, of 810 North Pennsylvania street, while returning from work yesterday evening about 6 o'clock, was accosted in front of Roberts Park Church by a negro who snatched her pocketbook. He grabbed one arm and took the pocketbook from the hand. She screamed loudly and attracted the attention of a number of persons living in the vicinity, but the negro made his escape before help arrived. She lost $2, a number of car tickets and a meal ticket. Her description of the negro corresponds to that given by one or two other women who have reported similar losses to the police.

JOHN WOODWARD AGAIN.

He Returns to This City and Is Arrested on Meridian Street.

John Woodward, who was convicted here about a year ago in the Federal Court for using the mails in connection with lottery ticket selling, and ordered from the State, was arrested yesterday on Meridian street by Detective Morgan. A number of tickets of a lottery which is supposed to have no existence were found on him.

Girl Leaves Stepfather's Roof.

Frank Forester, of 224 Indiana avenue, reported to the police yesterday that his stepdaughter, Ellen Elvis, disappeared from home Monday, taking all her clothes. He knew of no reason why she should go away, and asked the police to assist in finding her. She is thirteen years of age.

ENVOYS OF IRELAND

MASONIC HALL PACKED BY AUDIENCE OF IRISHMEN.

Messrs. Redmond, McHugh and O'Donnell Interested Their Hearers During Three Hours.

MOVEMENT TO FREE ERIN

ITS AGITATORS DECLARE IT HATES TO FIGHT FOR ENGLAND.

Great Enthusiasm Aroused by Patriotic Sentiments and Mr. O'Donnell's Ersc.

Three unadulterated Irishmen—John E. Redmond, Patrick A. McHugh and Thomas O'Donnell—stirred to enthusiasm an audience that packed Masonic Hall last night. They had come to Indianapolis early in the day and had met the leading Irish-American citizens at the Grand Hotel. The women of the party had been received by a committee of women. In the evening a procession of five hundred or more men, headed by a band and the Boys of Father Mathew Brigade, had marched from Monument place to the Grand Hotel and escorted the guests to the hall. Messrs. Redmond and McHugh are members of the British Parliament, and they, with Mr. O'Donnell, are touring the United States to create interest in the movement that is directed toward Ireland's freedom from English rule.

The hall was decorated with American and Irish flags and on the balcony rail were hung pictures of eminent men that sympathized with the Irish cause and banners bearing patriotic sentiments. There was a portrait of "Oom Paul" Kruger beside a printed declaration by Mr. Redmond, "The sympathy of Ireland is with the Boers," and a picture of the late General Harrison with his statement that "I would rather be William O'Brien in Tullamore jail than decorated with the star and garter of England."

When the visitors and their escort entered the hall the band played "The Wearing of the Green" and "Killarney," and the bass horn was especially fervent. The audience cheered, and an elderly woman in the third row of chairs from the stage cried out, "Three cheers for ould Ireland!" This raised a laugh and she retorted, "And I'm not ashamed of it!" As the reception committee appeared on the stage the woman exclaimed in delight, "Nothin' but Irishmen!" Among these prominent men were James Quigley, Frank B. Burke, Joseph E. Bell and Henry N. Spaan, the pro-Boer. Maurice Donnelly introduced Mayor Bookwalter as the chairman. Mr. Bookwalter said the great audience represented the liberty loving people of Indianapolis and that the outpouring, though a tribute of respect to the guests, also was to a greater degree a manifestation of interest in the cause they represented. He said Irishmen have been for years fighting the battles of the British and that in South Africa their hearts are filled with sympathy for the Boers while they are fighting them. He said the city gave a warm Hoosier welcome to the visitors.

MR. REDMOND'S ARRAIGNMENT.

When Mr. Redmond arose to speak he was greeted with general cheering. He is the leader of the United Irish League. Both he and Mr. McHugh have gray hair and mustaches, but they also have the appearance of youthful strength. Mr. Redmond's speech was of a quiet, practical nature. He said in beginning that Ireland is more determined to rule itself now than it was fifteen years ago. He and his colleagues bring the message to Irish Americans that Ireland's hope is high and it will struggle on, and that if its movement for freedom is properly supported it will win in a short time. Ireland takes no pride in having fought England's battles either at Waterloo or in South Africa.

The land question lies at the root of Ireland's misery, said Mr. Redmond. But the island is better off now than it was before Parnell began his crusade. Then the Irish were the slaves of the landlords and had no incentive to industry, for the harder they worked the higher went the rents. Parnell lifted off a part of the burden of rent and capricious eviction, and under a government concession 50,000 Irish farmers are buying their farms from the landlords. But the scheme is slow and under it it will be more than a hundred years before Ireland is entirely free from landlordism. The United Irish League is determined to force the British government to make it compulsory for landlords in Ireland to sell the land to their tenants. The tenants are willing to buy, said Mr. Redmond, though the landlords' titles rest on robbery, murder and confiscation. When the Irish farmers own their land and feel their independence, Mr. Redmond said, they will be fit soldiers to fight for Ireland's national freedom if they are called upon.

The English people have their hands full and their time occupied by their own troubles now, said the speaker, and they pay no attention to Ireland's affairs unless the latter country makes itself a nuisance and a danger, and that is what it is doing now. It is England's chief embarrassment, said he, that in its citadel are men that rejoice at its trouble. He closed by saying that it costs nothing for the American public to attend pro-Irish meetings and cheer, and what he had to ask is support for the United Irish League, not in money, but in branches of the organization, so that the Irishmen in the British Parliament may have a world-wide backing.

Mr. McHugh described humorously and sometimes cynically the hardships that Irish agitators undergo for their cause. He was six months in jail for condemning jury-packing in his newspaper at Sligo. He made his audience laugh often, but he gained the same effect on it that Mr. Redmond had with his more serious style. Mr. O'Donnell followed Mr. McHugh. He is younger than his companions and seemed trying to restrain warmer words. He said that Ireland maintains its mother tongue and is proud of its language and its flag. He reiterated what one of the other speakers had said—that the Irish were a civilized people when the English were savage.

ERSE AND A RESOLUTION.

"Speak some Irish now," cried some one in the gallery.

Mr. O'Donnell complied, and the members of his audience that understood the Erse could be marked by the eagerness on their faces as they leaned forward to catch his words.

The speeches lasted three hours, but the audience was interested, at times fascinated, and there was no lack of applause. Andrew M. Sweeney, chairman of the committee on resolutions, offered the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

"Be it Resolved, That this large and enthusiastic assemblage of representatives of the Irish race in the capital city of Indiana extends to that matchless leader, the Hon. John E. Redmond, and to his colleagues, the Hon. Thomas O'Donnell and the Hon. Patrick A. McHugh, a cordial cead mile failthe as they enter our portals bearing a message of love and hope as the accredited envoys of the united people of Ireland.

"Resolved, That we have watched with keenest interest the recent successful efforts to establish the United Irish League in Ireland, and that to the furtherance of this glorious cause we now here gladly pledge our moral and material support; and that it is the sense of this meeting that a branch, or branches, of the United Irish League be organized in this city and State to aid in the advancement of the cause that lies so near to our hearts, and that all men of Irish birth or lineage be invited to membership therein.

"Resolved, That once more England's adversity becomes Ireland's opportunity, and under heaven's guidance we will strike another blow for those we love. To strike now, and to strike hard, is our holy duty. England has never granted Ireland even simple justice except as she has yielded it through fear. Every concession, the emancipation, the disestablishment, the land reforms and every other reform were extended only from her trembling finger tips.

"Resolved, That we contemplate with unbounded satisfaction the decadence of landlordism in Ireland, by which rack rents and cruel evictions were fastened upon the peasantry for ages, and that we hail with extreme delight the dawning day when every Irishman shall have a fee simple title to his land.

"Resolved, That the war in South Africa is now waged by England along the most barbarous lines, and is in open violation of the rules of civilized warfare; that her cowardly and inhuman conduct there, as reported, is a disgrace to civilization, and should be exposed to the odium of mankind; that from 'a fellow-feeling' we extend our sympathies to the brave Boers in their unequal fight for the God-given right of home rule, and that we thank these envoy guests for the noble stand they took in the very teeth of the British lion in behalf of the Boers."

Two receptions will be given to-day for the visitors. This afternoon a reception will be given at the Occidental Hotel for the women of the party, Mrs. Redmond and Miss Daldon, and to-night at the Propylaeum a reception for the whole party will be given by the Sons of Columbus.

ARREST OF W. V. MORRIS

LOCAL INSURANCE AGENT CAUGHT IN A SCHEME TO DEFRAUD.

When Confronted with His Crime He Confessed—Names of Several Persons Forged.

W. V. Morris, an insurance agent living at 1147 Linden street, after being arrested last evening by Detectives Morgan, Haley and Splan, confessed to forgery and a unique swindling scheme.

He was sometime ago employed as a traveling agent for the Continental Casualty Company, of Chicago. As agent he took the application of M. J. Dowdell, a conductor on the I., D. & W., who lives at 1104 South Senate avenue. Dowdell paid $25 for his accident insurance, for which in case of injury he was to get $20 weekly. In October the company received a notice that Dowdell had been injured at Roachdale, Ind., a trunk having fallen on his foot and mashing it, as he passed the door of the baggage car. Attached to the "proof of injury" were certificates of one witness and G. H. Graves, superintendent of the road. Claim was made for six weeks' indemnity, and a check for the amount was mailed to M. J. Dowdell at Roachdale, the company having received notice to change his address from 1104 South Senate avenue to that place. The check was cashed here at the Capitol National Bank and when presented at the Commercial National Bank at Chicago payment was refused. The company had in some manner learned that Dowdell had not been injured. The company wrote to Morris and he replied that a man claiming to be Dowdell had, during his absence, visited his house and asked for the check. Morris said his wife had cashed the check after it had been given to Dowdell, who claimed to be unable to secure identification at the bank.

Last night he confessed to having forged the names of the witness and G. H. Graves, superintendent of the I., D. & W. Railway, to the "proof of injury," to going to Roachdale and getting the letter addressed to Dowdell, and to the forging of Dowdell's name on the back of the check. He also confessed to an agent of the company that he had secured money from the company in a like manner several times before.

HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Dr. Hurty Returns from Lafayette—Tuberculosis Hospital.

Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the State Board of Health, was at Lafayette yesterday morning to investigate smallpox cases among the students of Purdue University. He found there was no increase of the disease and prompt action had stopped an epidemic. The college authorities have been active, he said, in taking precautions against the disease. Secretary Hurty said there was not the slightest probability of the college being closed.

Secretary Hurty is now at work on his annual report to be made to Governor Durbin. He said yesterday that he will make the same recommendations as last year and will again urge the establishment of a state institution for the treatment of consumptives. He said tuberculosis was a dread disease in this State, but that it could be treated here as well as anywhere if a hospital were built on sanitary principles. He said he receives letters every day from persons in the State who want to know where the best climate can be found for those troubled with tuberculosis, and he invariably answers that Indiana is all right if the patient will live an out-of-door life.

CALL FOR REV. R. V. HUNTER.

The Central Presbyterian Church of Buffalo Wants Him.

The Rev. R. V. Hunter, of the Seventh Presbyterian Church, is considering an invitation to the pulpit of the Central Presbyterian Church of Buffalo. Mr. Hunter has been notified that the church committee charged with the duty of selecting a new pastor has in course of preparation a formal call. Mr. Hunter has not made up his mind whether he will accept the invitation.

The Central Presbyterian Church of Buffalo is the largest church of that denomination in that city. It has a congregation of about 700 members. Mr. Hunter has been actively engaged in ministerial duties in this city for fourteen years. He came here eighteen years ago for the first time, but for four years was pastor of a church in Terre Haute.

The matter has not been placed before the congregation of the Seventh Church, and until the official call is received Mr. Hunter will not take formal action.

RESIDENCE PROPERTIES.

Several Sales Recorded During the Day—The Consideration.

Christian G. Weiss yesterday sold to James Renihan a property on East Washington street near Liberty for $4,000.

Frank M. Page deeded to Patrick White his residence property at the corner of Cornell avenue and Twenty-ninth street for $3,300.

John S. Tevis has purchased of the Indiana Savings and Investment Company a house and lot on Greely street near Market for $2,600.

Charles F. Beach has sold to Henry C. Fisk a property on Julian avenue near Maple avenue for $2,500.

The deed conveying the property of Samuel E. Rauh, on West Washington street, to George A. Dickson was filed yesterday. The consideration was $47,500.

LOCAL MAGNATES NOT TALKING.

Indianapolis, However, Will Probably Be in New Association.

W. H. Watkins and Charles Ruschaupt still decline to talk about the baseball situation as far as Indianapolis is concerned for next year. In all probability Watkins will attend the meeting to be held in Chicago Friday.

President Hickey of the Western League gave out a statement in St. Joseph, Mo., yesterday that a circuit comprising Minneapolis, St. Paul, Kansas City and Omaha in the West, and Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Columbus and Toledo in the East, has been formed. This will be distinct from the Western League of last year. President Hickey will tender his resignation at the meeting of the Western League next week and will probably take charge of the affairs of the new league.

CARE OF JUVENILES

YOUTHFUL CRIMINALS TO BE GIVEN MORE ATTENTION.

Council Committee and Other Officials Agree Upon a Plan After a Conference.

FRIDAY IS CHILDREN'S DAY

JUDGE STUBBS WILL KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON YOUNGSTERS.

Two Ordinances Considered by the Committee, but Present Laws Are Sufficient If Enforced.

As the result of a meeting of the Council committee on public safety and comfort yesterday afternoon with Police Judge Stubbs, Police Superintendent Taffe, Prosecutor Collins, Chief Truant Officer Perry N. Hiser and the Rev. W. V. Wheeler, superintendent of the Rescue Mission, new methods of dealing with juvenile offenders of all kinds and sizes were adopted, and will at once be put in force.

The committee meeting was held for the purpose of taking action on general ordinances Nos. 69 and 70, recently introduced by Mr. Negley, chairman of the committee. The first ordinance provides for taking into custody vagrant and mendicant children, and gives to the authorities a sort of paternal supervision of youngsters without proper connections. The other measure was drawn with the idea of providing a law by which youthful offenders might be separated from older and hardened men and women when incarcerated in the police station.

Judge Stubbs, Prosecutor Collins, Superintendent Taffe, Truant Officer Hiser and Mr. Wheeler are greatly interested in measures tending to better existing means of dealing with boys and girls who sin against the law, and were asked to attend the meeting. During the consideration of the ordinances they volunteered a number of suggestions, several of which induced the committee to decide against favorable action on one measure and to delay action on the other.

THE ORDINANCE KILLED.

The ordinance providing for the taking into custody of truant and vagabond children was killed by the committee because discussion indicated it was the general opinion that the Board of Children's Guardians' act and the truancy act passed by the Legislature and the city ordinance against loitering furnished enough law on the question, and the ordinance could be dispensed with if more care were taken by patrolmen in looking up cases and in making exact reports to headquarters.

When discussion of the ordinance providing against incarceration of children with older persons came up Mr. Hiser suggested to the members of the committee and to Judge Stubbs that the ordinance is not necessary providing one or two new ideas were put in force by the police department and by Judge Stubbs. Mr. Hiser recommended that the cases of all juvenile offenders who are arrested during one week be continued until some afternoon toward the close of the week, when their cases could all be heard at the same time. In that manner children could be tried separately from older and more hardened criminals. Mr. Hiser declared that the moral effect of such a course would be great. Judge Stubbs agreed with Mr. Hiser as to the value of the idea, and remarked that he would put it in force at once. He set Friday afternoon as the time each week when he would consider juvenile cases exclusively. The purpose of the judge's action is to give him more time to examine the circumstances affecting each case and to allow him to confer in each case, if possible, with the parents of the children. The committee expressed its approval of the idea.

MR. HISER'S SUGGESTION.

Another suggestion made by Mr. Hiser governed the committee in its decision to set aside the ordinance, temporarily, at least. The truant officer suggested to Superintendent Taffe that he instruct his patrolmen to report to him all the children who may be found on the street during school hours or at an unseasonable hour at night. Through the superintendent Mr. Hiser, as chief truant officer, would then be in a position to investigate each case and see if the child in question could be got into school or kept off the street without having it arrested and subjected to the ignominy and danger of arrest and incarceration in a station house. Prosecutor Collins warmly commended the plans outlined by Mr. Hiser, and declared they would go far toward solving one of the most difficult problems with which the police department and school authorities have to deal. The Rev. Mr. Wheeler, who made several suggestions to the committee during the meeting, spoke in favor of the adoption of Mr. Hiser's suggestions, and believed they would prove more effective than the passing of the two ordinances, as first suggested. Superintendent Taffe expressed the same views and promised the active co-operation of the police department in carrying out the reform.

The members of the committee came to the conclusion that the suggestions were more valuable than the proposed ordinances, and, setting aside both of them, recommended to the judge and the police superintendent that Mr. Hiser's ideas be executed in detail.

REMONSTRANCE SHRINKS.

Brewery People Make Gains in the Schafer License Case.

The temperance people were heavy losers in the liquor license remonstrance hearing before the County Commissioners yesterday, more than 100 names being stricken from their petition. The day was spent in going over the remonstrance and marking off names that had been repeated. The attorneys agreed that they would discontinue the use of witnesses to decide what names had been repeated, and they started over the long list of names.

The attorneys for the temperance element admitted that some of the names had been repeated and these were stricken off by agreement. The list will likely be finished to-day and Friday the hearing of testimony will again begin. So far the saloon element has succeeded in having about 150 names marked off. At the present rate it appears that the temperance people will lose and the attorneys for the brewery interests say they feel confident that they will reduce the number of signatures below a majority of the voters of the Fourth ward. There will be no hearing to-morrow.

BURNS PROVE FATAL.

Mrs. Jane Deitchman, Seventy Years Old, Dies at City Hospital.

Mrs. Jane Deitchman, of 308 South Noble street, was taken to the City Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from burns from which she died about 10 o'clock last night. She attempted to start a fire in the stove with coal oil and an explosion followed. Her clothes and hair caught fire and she ran screaming into the yard. Harry Barneco, who had for a week been unable to leave his bed, heard her screams and jumped out of bed, running to her assistance. Several other neighbors arrived about the same time and the fire was put out, but not until Mrs. Deitchman's clothing had been burned from her body. Mrs. Deitchman was seventy years of age and leaves one son.

Colored Man with Smallpox.

City Sanitarian Buehler discovered a case of smallpox yesterday at 214 Toledo street. Wiley Hampton, colored, is the victim, and has been suffering with the scourge for several days. There are six in the family, and the chances are good for a few more cases in the same house. A quarantine was established at once.

FOR HARRISON FUND.

Dramatic Club to Give a Performance Next Monday Evening.

The Indianapolis Dramatic Club will contribute to the Harrison monument fund the profits of a public performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's opera, "Contrabandista," to be given at the Propylaeum next Monday evening. The club will present this opera for its own amusement at its regular meeting on next Saturday night. The committee in charge of the event consists of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGibeny, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sharpe, jr., and Mr. Lynn Martindale. The musical director is Mr. McGibeny, and the stage director E. A. Morris. Beside the chorus the parts will be taken by the following members of the club: Mrs. J. M. Leathers, Mrs. Herman Sayles, George Denny, Clarence Martindale, Clinton L. Hare, Sam D. Miller, Walter Williams, Parker Boice, J. K. Sharpe, jr., Sam Sutphen and Herman Sayles.

General Harrison was a member of the club and a regular attendant at its meetings when he was at home. Information regarding seats for the public performance may be obtained from Edson T. Wood, secretary, 48 North Delaware street.

A "STRONG BOX" ROBBED.

Police Informed of Theft of $126 from Kingan & Co.'s Office.

Between the hours of midday and 1 o'clock Monday some unknown person entered the office of Kingan & Co. and stole the "strong box" from the safe in which the books for the butterine department were kept. In the box was $126 belonging to the company, but not turned over to it. Clarence Agel, a city collector, used the box in which to keep money collected until he made settlements with the company. Saturday night he put $126 in the box. Monday morning he opened the box and the money was there. After dinner he returned with more money to turn in with his report. He was surprised to find that box and money were gone. The box had been pried loose from the wooden casing with which it was surrounded. Agel had the only key to the box, but did not know the combination to the safe. This was known to a number of the clerks, who kept their record books in it. There is no clew to the thief.

PART OF TRAIN DERAILED.

Accident to a Big Four Passenger Train in the Early Morning.

The early morning train on the Big Four from Chicago was delayed in reaching the Union Station yesterday morning by being wrecked between Ohio and Market streets. A switch rod broke when the engine struck the switch. The engine and express car passed safely over, but the next car was thrown from the track and carried with it the three following coaches. The derailed cars collided with some box cars on a siding and caused passengers to be severely shaken up, but none was injured. The fact that no further damage was done was due to the slow speed at which the train, although behind time, was running. The track was badly torn up and several hours' work was necessary to put it in order. The track parallels the canal, and had the train gone off on the other side the cars would no doubt have gone into the canal.