RETURNED WITHOUT A BRIDE.

James Hicks, of Irvington, Duped by a Girl in Porto Rico.

The Spanish-American war is still turning out romances. James Hicks, a young man living at 45 Butler avenue, Irvington, has just recovered from one of these romances. He returned from San Juan, Porto Rico, the first of the week alone, although he had gone there with the intention of bringing back a bride. She is an Australian, who had gone to Porto Rico as a missionary, but later took up teaching of English as a more profitable occupation.

After hostilities had ceased in Porto Rico and the soldiers and sailors had opportunities to mingle with the people of the island, Hicks met the young missionary. He courted her, as did an architect and a captain of a lighter, neither knowing that the other was paying her attention. When the troops were returned to the United States Hicks asked to correspond with the missionary and she consented. Their corespondence became intensified with love, which resulted in an engagement. He sent money to the woman to come to this country to be married and also to purchase a trousseau. Shortly after that he received a letter from her saying she would prefer to have him come there and be married "under the shade of the sheltering palms," where they had first loved. This seemed pleasant to Hicks and he packed his grip and started for San Juan.

Being of a religious turn of mind, he first sought the Y. M. C. A. headquarters there and made inquiries about the woman. In his investigation he learned that he had not been the only one who had sent the young missionary money; that the architect and the lighter captain had also been contributing liberally. They, also, expected to marry her. The three got together and by comparing notes discovered that they had given the woman $1,800. Hicks then sought the woman and asked what she meant. She said she was sorry and asked his forgiveness and further stated that she supposed he would not marry her after what had happened. He told her she had judged correctly and then took the first boat for the United States. His contribution was nothing to what the others had made and he is now satisfied with his experience. He says the lighter captain even made the woman his savings bank and at one time had $600 deposited with her. The woman had promised to marry each of her suitors.

REV. H. N. SPEAR WILL ACT.

Temporarily Succeds Rev. R. V. Hunter in Anti-Saloon League Work.

The Rev. H. N. Spear, who has been field secretary for the Indiana Anti-saloon League for the past year, and who had experience in anti-saloon league work in Nebraska for a year or two, has been made acting superintendent of the Anti-saloon League of Indiana, to succeed Rev. R. V. Hunter, who has resigned to go to Buffalo.

Mr. Spear is an energetic man with experience, and will keep the Anti-saloon League cause moving until such time as the board succeeds in getting a permanent superintendent. The Rev. C. J. Baynor, assistant superintendent of the Ohio League, is under consideration for State superintendent. He wil not be able to decide for some time yet as to his acceptance.

HOTEL LOBBY GLEANINGS

CHARLES P. WALKER JOURNEYS TO THIS CITY FROM MECCA.

The Latter Is a Small Town in Indiana That Has No Saloons—Other Hotel Visitors.

There was a man at the Occidental Hotel last night who hails from an Indiana town in which a saloon is not allowed. There is no ordinance against saloons in the town, but by common consent no property owner will sell to a man who proposes to establish a liquor resort. The town is called Mecca and it is located on Raccoon creek, a rippling little stream that traverses one of the picturesque valleys of Parke county. The man from Mecca is Charles P. Walker, manager of the Mecca clay works, an establishment that employs eighty-five men and is building four more kilns so that when they are finished the works will employ more than a hundred men.

Mr. Walker is a Democrat but admits that he is almost persuaded to join the party of progress and prosperity. He said last night that in all his thirty years' business career last year was the most prosperous he has had. The town got its name from the old Mecca mills that were established in the little valley many years ago by the McCune family. The mills are picturesquely situated on one side of the stream and the new town on the other. There is a saloon on the mill side but no groggery in the town. Mecca was laid out and platted into town lots a few years ago when William E. Dee, of Chicago, established the clay works there. While not especially a temperance man, Mr. Dee thought he could see where a town without a saloon would be a sort of ideal place and with this fact in mind he declined to buy a foot of ground unless the people who sold to him would make a contract to sell no ground to persons desiring to establish a saloon. These contracts have been successful. The clay works flourished, Mr. Dee found his Mecca there and the village grew and grew. The citizens of Mecca seemed to pride themselves on the fact that they hailed from a temperance town. One day, however, there was amazement written on many countenances when it was learned that a saloon was to be established. It was to be started in a building that had been erected on ground sold before the Dee contract went into effect. An agitation was at once started against the saloon and a man was found who would buy out the owner. The citizens made up a sum and paid the difference between what the owner paid for the property and what he received for it. Since that time there has been no liquor establishment in Mecca and the locality might well be termed Peaceful Valley. Mr. Walker says the state geologist has declared the valley to be the richest locality in the State for clay products. Besides there is mining in the neighborhood. The Mecca mine, the Rock Run mine and the New Century mine are located within a short distance of Mecca.

A FORESTRY RESERVATION.

Sam P. Burkholder Says One Ought to Be Established.

"The Legislature ought to appropriate money and establish a forestry reservation or State park," said Sam P. Burkholder, president of the Indiana Wholesale Hardwood Lumber Dealers' Association, at the Grand Hotel, last night. The hardwood dealers will hold their annual meeting in this city on Jan. 21, and Mr. Burkholder will bring up the question of a forestry reservation at this meeting. The lumber dealers will also be addressed by Secretary Freeman, of the Board of Forestry. Mr. Burkholder says that New York, New Jersey and other Eastern States are establishing State parks, and he thinks Indiana should do the same. His idea is to purchase a large tract of land which is plentifully timbered with old trees and preserve these forests so that other generations may know what kind of timber once grew so luxuriantly in Indiana. Mr. Burkholder says he knows of a tract of land in this State that would do admirably for park reservation purposes if it could be bought. This is a tract owned by John Lusk, of Parke county. There are about 1,100 acres in the tract, and the ground includes Bloomingdale Glens, one of the picturesque spots in Indiana. The original Indiana forest trees are growing on this land, Mr. Burkholder says. The State by all means ought to buy it," he asserted. "Within the next ten years there will be very few of the old forest trees standing in Indiana. The people of the State ought to do more tree planting. In Nicaragua a man from Boston has secured the right to cut down and utilize the mahogany trees. The government, however, requires him to plant three trees where he cuts one down. The government furnishes the saplings and he sets them out. The poplar in this State is almost entirely gone. There is little wild cherry left and the walnut is about gone. People should plant more walnut trees, because they will grow rapidly. Our firm once established a sawmill near Rockville, Parke county, and bought all the walnut timber on a certain tract of land. We cut every tree that we thought would make timber. Ten years afterward we established a mill at Bellmore, in the same locality, and paid $400 for walnut timber that had grown on this same tract in the ten years."

MINE INSPECTOR EPPERSON.

He Is Here to File His Annual Report with State Geologist.

James Epperson, of Linton, state inspector of mines, arrived at the Grand Hotel yesterday evening, with Assistant Inspector of Mines Andrew Dodds, of Oakland City. Mr. Epperson is here to complete his annual report, which will be placed in the hands of the state geologist within a few weeks. Mr. Epperson says considerable trouble was experienced during the recent cold snap on account of the shortage of cars at some of the mines. The inspector says his report has not advanced far enough towards completion to warrant an accurate statement as to its details at this time. He is of opinion, however, that the tonnage of coal mined last year was in excess of that mined during the year 1900. Between 6,000,000 and 7,000,000 tons of coal were mined in Indiana in 1900. During that year thirty-three new mines were opened in the State and during the year just closed these mines added to the product. The report will also show the amount of wages paid to miners for the year. Mr. Epperson said he could give no figures as to wages at present. The report will also show the number of strikes that have been in progress. It is understood by the inspectors that the mines at Cannelton, where strikes went into effect, have been abandoned.

The commission appointed under an act of the last Legislature to codify the mining laws of the State has been doing some work. The commission is composed of James Heenen, a Linton miner; James Cantwell, a miner of Carbon, and two mining operators, one of Terre Haute and the other of Brazil. The commission will examine the mining laws of Indiana and other States and then arrange a set of laws that will be submitted to the next Legislature.

HOWE CLUB OF INDIANA.

It Is Organized at the Annual Dinner at Hotel English.

The twelfth annual dinner given yesterday at the Hotel English by the rector, Rev. J. H. McKenzie, to the alumni and cadets of Howe Military School was attended by a large number. At the dinner the Howe Club of Indiana was organized and the following officers were elected: H. C. Adams, of Indianapolis, president; Frank D. Aid, of Indianapolis, secretary; H. G. Neely, of Anderson, treasurer.

A committee on the constitution was elected consisting of Aquilla Jones, W. W. Hammond and H. C. Adams. The club is to be a permanent organization, and the annual dinners will hereafter be given under its auspices.

Music at Hotel Cafes.

Indianapolis is taking on the airs of the large cities in introducing music in the cafes. Some time ago when the Denison hotel management started its grillroom a mandolin orchestra was stationed in the balcony, and now discourses good music as long as there are guests to listen. The management of the cafe at the Hotel English decided that it could not be outdone in the way of progress and sent to Chicago for a pianist. She is proficient in her line, and now the after-the-theater diner is regaled with all sorts of music, from classic down to rag-time.

Success of the Love Feast.

Republican politicians are gratified over the success of the love feast that was held here Tuesday. They say that in point of interest it was one of the best ever held in the State. The gathering developed the fact that there are few factional disturbances in the ranks of the party. Everybody is determined to go into the next campaign to win, and what little contention there is is in regard to the question as to who shall be the officers of the party—slight skirmishes that always occur in the preliminary work of reorganizing any political party.

Former Resident in Town.

N. H. Baker and wife, of Washington, D. C., arrived in the city last night on their way to Martinsville, where Mr. Baker will take the baths in the hope of getting rid of an attack of rheumatism. Mr. Baker is a former indianian, but has resided in Washington for several years. He once lived at Portland, this State. He was connected with the Washington postoffice for several years. Some time ago he resigned his position as superintendent of carriers.

Is Now a Republican.

Hon. C. R. Cory, of Fairfield, Ind., is in the city, having attended the Republican love feast. Mr. Cory was the Democratic representative from Franklin county in 1867 and 1869, and became reading clerk of the Senate in 1871. In 1885 he was re-elected representatives of the counties of Franklin, Ripley and Dearborn. He renounced Democracy upon the nomination of Bryan, and has since affiliated with the Republican party.

GEN. E. S. OTIS IN TOWN

COMMANDER OF DEPARTMENT OF LAKES INSPECTS ARSENAL.

The General Is Fairly Optimistic Concerning Conditions in the Philippine Islands.

Gen. E. S. Otis, a distinguished regular army officer, who has come prominently before the public in the last few years by his excellent service at the head of the army and civil government of the Philippines during the exciting period of the war, is in the city with his wife. General Otis is now at the head of the Department of the Lakes, and is here to inspect the United States arsenal and to make a recommendation as to what can be done with the property after the ordnance is moved away. General Otis is accompanied by Maj. C. H. Murray, who was with him in the Philippines, Major Murray being secretary of the civic administration in the islands. He is now of the Fourth Cavalry and is acting adjutant general of the Department of the Lakes. General Otis is stopping at the Denison.

General Otis said last night that he could not give an opinion as to what ultimate use the arsenal grounds would be put. He supposed, however, that the property would be occupied by government troops for a time after the machinery is moved away. As to whether the government will establish a camp of instruction here, General Otis said he could not say. He and Major Murray went out to the arsenal yesterday and spent a short time in the grounds. They will make a thorough inspection to-day. General Otis thinks Indianapolis is a pretty good point at which to establish troops on account of the railroad facilities. In commenting on the situation in the Philippines, with which he is familiar on account of long service in the islands, General Otis said: "I think everything is working favorably there. It is going to take some time to engraft our civilization on to those people. I think our civil commission there is making fair progress. The people must be patient. There are some able men among the Filipinos—men who are working hard in the interests of their people." General Otis looks upon Aguinaldo as a sharp, shrewd, cunning man. He is not a man of education, but a man of a good deal of personality. "He has had a great deal of influence with the ignorant masses," said General Otis, "but his influence has departed. The great difficulty we are having in the Philippines now is the difficulty that was experienced by the Spanish regime. This is the trouble with the outlaw bands. In fact, Spain had a great deal more trouble than we are having. The people of the Philippine islands say to-day that they have more liberty now than they ever had. Probably for a long time we will have those little outbursts from the outlaw on the island, but they will amount to but little."

Asked as to his views of the opportunities of American capital, push and energy in the islands, General Otis said: "I believe in advancing the Filipinos and giving them the first chance, but, of course, they will have to have American capital to aid them." General Otis says there are many men among the Filipino people who have been educated at the University of Manila, an institution of high class. It has its law, scientific and medical departments, and is an excellent school.

MAJOR GENERAL ELWELL S. OTIS.

A PRECOCIOUS CHILD.

Roy Ellis, Eight Years Old, Secures Money in a Shrewd Way.

Roy Ellis, of 64 North Beville avenue, an eight-year-old boy who has been reported by his mother dozens of times during the last few months, was taken to police headquarters late last night by Detectives Lancaster and Kinney. The boy was found at Illinois and Washington streets working about as smooth a game as many professional criminals are able to work. He had been at the Occidental Hotel, where he told a traveling man that he lived in Greenwood and had no money to pay car fare home. He got a 25-cent piece, part of which he spent for a ticket to the Park Theater. He visited the Occidental again after the theater and then went to the Occidental drug store, where he induced the druggist to call for a telephone number in Greenwood, saying his mother lived in the house adjacent to the one in which it was and he wanted to explain to her that he had lost his escort to the city and had no money with which to get home. He thought the druggist would fall into the trap and give him the money. He told the detectives his home was in Greenwood and stuck to his story for a long time. He also claimed to them he had asked for the money at the solicitation of a man named Hartman, of whom he could tell nothing more.

PATROLMAN BELL SUSPENDED.

It Was Reported to the Superintendent that He Was Intoxicated.

Patrolman Bell, who was appointed during the last year, was suspended yesterday by Superintendent Taffe on a charge of drunkenness. Bell had called from one patrol box in his district twice within twenty minutes. This fact was reported by the operator to the superintendent, and, when a report was made by a citizen that the policeman was drunk in a saloon, Detectives Holtz and Wallace were sent after him. He was taken before the superintendent and relieved of his star and mace.

CASE OF R. C. DAVIS.

Former Washington, Ind., Banker Consults with Attorneys.

R. C. Davis, charged by the government with misappropriating funds of the bank with which he was connected at Washington, Ind., was at the Denison Hotel yesterday. He was accompanied by his Washington attorney and a consultation was held with Smiley N. Chambers, of this city, who will appear in Mr. Davis's defense. Mr. Chambers said yesterday that he had no reason to believe the case will not be tried.

INJURED WHILE HUNTING.

John F. Goode Received a Load of Shot in His Face.

John F. Goode, a draughtsman at the Brown-Ketcham iron works, who was accidently shot in the face at Marshall, Ill., Monday, returned home yesterday. He is a son of Solon N. Goode. He was hunting with a friend, whose eyes were partially blinded by the sun, and when he fired his gun Goode received the charge of shot in the face. It is feared he will lose the sight of one of his eyes.

Disappointment in Jeffersonville.

Word comes from Jeffersonville that there is much disappointment there over the failure of the Governor to appoint a police commissioner, as it was thought the appointment would be announced yesterday, so that the new officer could take the oath of office at the regular meeting of the board to-day, at which time the term of H. M. Frank expires. It is believed now that Mr. Frank will be appointed to succeed himself, in spite of the fact that he stated some time ago that he did not desire another term.

James Stevens Receives Injuries.

James Stevens, of 607 South Alabama street, was seriously injured yesterday morning at Pennsylvania and Ohio streets by being dragged by a car, which he tried to board before it stopped. He was taken to the City Dyspensary, and after being treated by Dr. Gray was taken to his home.

FIRE IN IRVINGTON.

A Loss of $4,500 to the Residence of George M. Billings.

The residence of George M. Billings, in Irvington, was destroyed early yesterday morning by fire, the occupants barely escaping with their lives. The house is located at 5781 Oak avenue and is one of the Parry addition houses erected several years ago. The buildings are very close together and Irvington citizens had hard work to save the adjoining houses.

The fire originated from the furnace, in which gas was burned. It is supposed the gas came up very high about 3 o'clock and the overheated furnace set fire to the lower floor. A son, Fred Billings, came home at midnight, but did not notice any high pressure of gas in the furnace. About 4 o'clock Mr. Billings was awakened by a crackling sound. On rushing down stairs and opening the cellar door he was met by a burst of flames, which burned him badly about the face. He gave the alarm and the family had barely time to escape in their night clothes before the whole interior of the house collapsed. Nothing was saved except a few chairs, which were near the entrance to the house. A daughter, who was at a dance in the city, lost all her wardrobe except the party gown which she wore. The whole loss is estimated at $4,500, with an insurance of $2,800.

The residence of P. N. Gallahee narrowly escaped burning also. Its contents were carried out and the fire fighters nearly gave up hope. The house was badly scorched.

MARION CLUB BALL.

This Season's Function Expected to Eclipse All Previous Efforts.

The annual ball of the Marion Club will be held in the German House the evening of Feb. 17. If the success of the dance last year can be taken as a criterion the members of the entertainment committee will have reason to congratulate themselves on the morning of Feb. 18.

Judge James M. Leathers is chairman of the committee this year, and with his colaborers is now at work on the details of the function. Supper will be served by the club instead of by outside parties, as formerly. Tickets will be $1, and each member of the club will have the privilege of inviting five friends. In addition to the usual decorations of the German House ballroom there will probably be a number of unusual electrical decorations. Thomas C. Whallon, R. B. Tuttle and Dr. R. W. Garstang are other members of the committee in charge.

Claims He Was Defrauded.

Gaylord Jones, of 519 South Missouri street, reported to the police yesterday evening that a man, claiming to be a representative of a Washington street dry goods store, had swindled his wife out of $1 and a Mrs. Clemmons, living next door, out of 50 cents. He offered for sale sample skirt patterns, which he said would be delivered in a few days. He left "phoney" diamond rings as securtiy for the money collected.

BUTLER'S SECOND TERM.

The Doors of the College Will Open Again To-Day.

The second term of Butler College will open to-day. Registration will take place to-day and to-morrow and regular work will begin Saturday. The professors who spent their vacation out of town have returned. There will be quite a number of new students, among them Miss Carpender, from Chicago, who was not back last term on account of having to attend the golf tournament in the East. Miss Carpender will greatly strengthen the girls' basketball team, as she was one of the best players in school last year.

Improvements have been made in the gymnasium and the first basketball team will begin practice to-day. Murray, who was injured in the last league game, will probably be played against the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night.

WANT SOUTHERN BUILT

SCORES OF LETTERS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT PARRY.

Residents Along the Proposed Route Anxious that Work Shall Begin at Once.

Scores of letters are being received every week by D. M. Parry, president of the Indianapolis Southern Railroad Company, requesting information as to when the work of construction will commence and urging the necessity of immediate action. To all of these Mr. Parry has replied that he is naturally more anxious than the residents of the towns along the line of the proposed road for an opportunity to begin operations, but as yet the city authorities have taken no action, and until they do nothing can be done.

Many of the letters received set out at length the advantages which the building of the Southern will confer upon the various towns along its route. The town of Bedford, in particular, wants the road badly, and city officers and leading manufacturers have written to the president of the company. Bedford is the center of the great stone industry of the State, and its facilities for shipping the famous Bedford stone are not as extensive as desired. If the Southern is constructed Bedford will be in a position to place carloads of stone in Indianapolis cheaper than they were ever before obtained here.

Bloomington wants the road built, not only as a help to its stone industry, but for other reasons. The town is the seat of the State University. Four times a year 1,000 students travel back and forth from their homes to the town. At present the Monon railroad is the only line passing through the town, and in consequence the railroad facilities for this heavy passenger traffic is necessarily limited. Should the Southern be built through Bloomington, as is now contemplated, hundreds of students will receive quicker and more satisfactory service.

Mitchell is anxious to have the road, and the owners of the large cement works there have communicated with Mr. Parry in regard to the matter. From other smaller towns letters have been numerous. Some desire the road for purposes of shipping coal; some to enable them to get a better market for their agricultural products and fruits, and some that they may have an opportunity of transferring their trade from Cincinnati to Indianapolis.

Mr. Parry says that the financing of the road has been completed, and that there is plenty of money in the treasury of the company. Should the franchise be granted within a few weeks Mr. Parry states that the road could be completed and in operation within a year. In building it he said he would act on the principle that if one man can do a piece of work in ten days ten men can do it in one day.

MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN.

Boy and Girl of Anderson Wedded at Benton Harbor, Mich.

Monday County Clerk Elliott received a message from C. J. Griffith, county clerk of Madison county, requesting that a marriage license be refused to Stephen Rhoads and Georgia Griffith, his daughter, because the girl was not of age. No application was made here for the license, but a dispatch from Benton Harbor, Mich., says the couple was successful there in getting a license and were married by the Rev. W. F. French, of St. Joseph. Both are school children, Rhoads being nineteen years old and Miss Griffith sixteen. She has been attending the school for girls at St. Mary's of the Woods near Terre Haute. The young people live in Anderson and both were home for their holiday vacation. They admitted when they stopped at a hotel in Benton Harbor that their parents knew nothing of their marriage. A telegram was sent from Benton Harbor to their parents, but after waiting in vain for congratulations they left for home to learn the consequences of their elopement.