THEIR RANKS DIVIDED

MANY WASHINGTON STRIKERS WILL BOLT THE ORGANIZATION.

Efforts to Effect a Settlement at Terre Haute Result in Decision of Company to Hold a Conference.

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DECISION AT DANVILLE ON POWERS OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Close Vote in Delaware County Primary—Fatal Gas Explosion at Lafayette—Danger in a Teapot.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Ind., Feb. 1.—It was thought the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern strike had been settled to-day, when the strikers reconsidered last night's action and agreed to the terms proposed by President Perkins, of the State Federation of Labor, and Commissioners Schmid and McCormack, but the refusal had been telegraphed to Superintendent Rawn, and he instructed that the shops would not be opened.

The situation is very complicated, and there is ill feeling among the men to-night. Fully two-thirds, it is said, will refuse to be guided by the organization and will offer their services to the company Monday.

Trying to Effect a Settlement.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Some leading merchants are trying to affect a settlement of the street-railway strike, and to that end have conferred with some of the strikers and also with Manager Clark, of the company. The latter has reconsidered his decision not again to meet a committee of the men, and he told the merchants he would meet a committee. The strike leaders say that such a committee has not been authorized by the strikers, and is proposed by a few of them who are being used by the company as tools. The merchants, however, are going ahead in the effort to bring both sides together for a conference.

The strikers held a public meeting to-night at Central Labor Union Hall and addresses were made by a number of persons, including President Van Horn, of the Indiana miners, and Councilman Reinbold. Before the meeting began crowds collected in the street in front of the hall, and between cheers for the strikers jeered at trainmen on passing cars until four policemen ordered the shouters off the street.

Wages Voluntarily Increased.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The shop men and other employes of the Pennsylvania Company have been notified of an increase in wages at this point amounting in the aggregate to $5,000 a month. This gives each man a substatial increase and with their overtime puts them in a situation where they are earning more money than ever before.

MODIFIES TOWNSHIP LAW.

Court's Decision at Danville on Powers of a School Trustee.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DANVILLE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Judge Thomas J. Cofer has made a ruling which is of vital importance in township affairs and goes far to nullify the township reform law. The trustees of Franklin township, this county, some time ago bought some furnaces for the schoolhouses. He issued township warrants for them without the advice or consent of the advisory board. The holder of the warrants sued for collection. The defendant school township pleaded that the warrants were issued contrary to law and were worthless. The court held that the act of March 4, 1899, was subsequent to the township reform act, which was approved Feb. 27, 1899, and, by implication, at least, repealed the act of Feb. 27 in so far as they conflicted. The defendant township then moved for a change of venue from the judge, which was granted, and the case went over to the next term.

The effect of this ruling is that township trustees, under the act of March 4, 1899 (Page 424, acts of 1899), have the right to buy school furniture, apparatus and other articles without the consent of the advisory board.

Decision in a Road Contract Case.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAPORTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—In an action by the taxpayers of Laporte county against the County Commissioners and Ryan & Co., who last week were placed in the hands of a receiver, brought for the purpose of having an $80,000 stone roads contract properly completed and to prevent the payment of certain sums of money by the commissioners to the company until such completion of roads, Judge Capron, of Marshall County Circuit Court, to-day announced a decision in favor of the plaintiffs, ruling that the commissioners could pay no more money until the roads are built according to specifications. The plaintiffs now contend that other contractors should be engaged to complete the work and they should receive the unexpended balance of the $80,000. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

Legal Decisions at Portland.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PORTLAND, Ind., Feb. 1.—John Creamer has brought an action for $10,000 against McKinley C. Smiley, charging the latter with the alienation of his wife's affections. Creamer was granted a divorce from his wife to-day without any contest being made on her part. Domestic infidelity was the ground.

The jury in the case of Elmer Clark vs. Journey & May, in which he asked $5,000 damages for personal injuries, returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

EXPLOSION OF GAS

Wrecks a Home, Injuring Three Persons, One of Them Fatally.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Goldie Milton, aged fifteen, is dying in a Home Hospital ward, while her father and mother are inmates of the same institution as the result of injuries received in a gas explosion which completely wrecked their home on South Twentieth street, about 6 o'clock this morning.

Investigation proves that the accident was due to an escape of gas from the high pressure main which lies in the street, the gas having seeped into the cellar of Frank Milton's six-room cottage. The family had noticed an ordor of gas, but having a year ago substituted wood in their home, thought nothing of it. This morning Goldie was sent into the cellar on an errand, and there lighted a match. At once there was an explosion, one side of the house being blown sixty feet and the remainder badly demolished, the floors being torn out, all the windows broken, furniture wrecked and stoves, tables and beds hurled topsy-turvy.

The father, then at work in the barn, hurried to the scene, finding his daughter's limp form on the cellar stairs and his wife lying in one corner of what had been the kitchen, with flames already licking their way through the debris. As soon as the child was brought into the open air her clothing began to burn fiercely and fatal injuries were inflicted before the clothing could be torn from her person by neighbors, who had hurried to the family's assistance. The child and her mother were carried to a neighbor's, where they were made as comfortable as possible until removed to the hospital. The girl's burns were frightful, the face, arms and body being almost cooked. Mr. Milton suffered serious injury by running against a pile of wreckage, cutting his face very badly. John Mann, passing in a rear alley at the time of the explosion, was badly hurt by being thrown against a fence.

Church Damaged by Fire.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Feb. 1.—Fire partially destroyed the United Brethren Church on West Franklin street last night. The floor of the building had been scrubbed and the gas left in the stove to dry it. The gas pressure increased and the roof was burned off. It is a large frame building, and the damage is $600, fully covered by insurance.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Big Contingent to Sail for Manila—Glee Club's Easter Tour.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Indiana University people who are to join the teachers' colony at Manila are arranging to leave here about the 10th and will sail on the transport McClellan from New York on the 15th, going by way of the Suez canal. The party will include Prof. and Mrs. H. A. Bordner, who were married on Wednesday evening, and Miss Laura Woodburn, of this city; Miss Essie Coleman, of Rushville; Archer Miller, of Princeton; Miss Mabel Bonsall, of Thorntown—all Indiana University people; John M. Coulter, son of Dr. J. M. Coulter, and Miss True, of McConnellsville, O., who will accompany them. In all there will be about 250 on the transport. It is stated that Professor Monkhaus, who was offered a position, will not go to Manila at this time.

The University Glee Club is arranging its dates for the annual Easter vacation tour. It expects to visit Indianapolis and dates have been made for Evansville, Terre Haute, Madison and several points in Kentucky. The club will start on the 22d and will be gone about two weeks.

The Pi Phi ladies gave a delightful reception this afternoon at their chapter house on East Fourth street. In addition to the resident members, the members of the faculty and their wives were guests of honor.

Details are being arranged by Manager Horne, of the Athletic Association, for an indoor athletic tournament in the gymnasium about Feb. 22. A year ago the seniors scored the most points and the effort this year will be by the lower classmen to be successful.

Dr. Swain has accepted an invitation from the president of Kansas University to give the annual graduating address before the students of that institution next June.

An interesting catalogue has been issued by Indiana University which gives the graduates of the institution from 1820 to 1901, giving the full names, addresses and occupations of all the alumni of the institution. It is one of the most valuable publications that has been sent out from the university.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is arranging for an "open" meeting on the afternoon of the 15th in its new chapter house. The affair will be in the nature of a house-warming and will include resident members and also members of the faculty and their wives.

Indignities to Freshmen.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—There was the regulation attempt to have fun last night when the freshmen of Rose Polytechnic Institute held the annual class banquet. The freshmen put up their bulletin yesterday and then schemed to get to the hotel where the banquet was to be held without being kidnaped by sophomores. Most of them were successful and spent the remainder of the day and the first part of the evening in a room inaccessible to the sophomores. Several were captured. One was taken into the country. Another was taken to a room where he was smirched with lampblack, his trousers turned inside out and a nightgown put on him with an inscription on the back. Then he was taken to the hotel and pushed into the banquet room.

Earlham Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 1.—At the meeting of the board of trustees of Earlham College yesterday it was decided to purchase six new microscopes for the biological laboratory. This is made necessary by the large number of students who are now doing work in that department. There were also a number of instruments ordered for the psychological laboratory.

The literary clubs last night presented the following programmes: Phoenix—"Current Events," Laura Mendenhall; "Astronomical Myths," Eva Newsom; music, Edith Allison; paper, Olive Rogers; personation, Olive Hedges. Ionian—"Biology of Birds," Charles H. Frazee; recitation, Clyde Kennedy; music, Allen W. Tomlinson; oration, Lowell Parker.

Purdue Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Prof. A. C. Kelsay has arrived here from West Superior, Mich., to take charge of Purdue's new telephonic engineering department. He is a gentleman of extended experience in this line of work and will be instrumental in bringing the department up to the standard of those better known to the public.

The Purdue Grange will on Monday evening hold an open session and has arranged a programme of music and addresses, the special features of which will be addresses by H. E. Van Norman, of the university, Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, on "The Agriculture of New Zealand," and by H. F. McMahan, a prominent farmer of Union county.

INDIANA OBITUARY.

Thomas B. Hedekin, a Wealthy Resident of Fort Wayne.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Thomas B. Hedekin, aged sixty-eight, died suddenly in the night, and was found by a daughter this morning. An investigation will be held to discover the cause. He was at the theater last night seemingly in good health. He left a widow and eight children, one son being a lieutenant serving in the Philippines. He was vice president of the White National Bank, owner of hundreds of lots, usually occupied by tenements, and was supposed to be worth over $200,000. His father, Michael Hedekin, was a local pioneer and left a large estate.

August Barth.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 1.—August Barth, one of the wealthiest residents of the city, died last night of congestion of the brain. He was a native of Germany, was sixty-nine years old and came to this city when a young man. He engaged in the tannery business and at his death had amassed a large fortune. About three years ago he bruised a toe and gangrene set in. The member was amputated, but the disease was only checked and amputation of the leg was finally necessary. About a year ago the other foot became affected and Mr. Barth submitted to another operation for its removal. He left a widow and seven children.

Funerals at Pendleton.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

PENDLETON, Ind., Feb. 1.—The funeral of Walter Kirkman, twenty-three years old, was held this morning, and his wife is not expected to recover from the same disease, typhoid fever. Mr. Kirkman was the son of R. A. Kirkman, one of the wealthy farmers of this county. He was a telegraph operator employed by the Big Four at Taft, two miles east of here. * * * The funeral of Mrs. Sophia Beck, aged seventy-seven, was held at her late residence in this city this afternoon. Three sons survive.

Died in Colorado.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPICELAND, Ind., Feb. 1.—A telegram received to-day tells of the death yesterday in Guffy, Col., of Walter, son of the Rev. Nathan H. Ballinger, of this place. He was thirty-one years old and was born, reared and educated here. Several years ago he went to southern Illinois to engage in business. About a year and a half ago he went to Colorado on account of failing health, his disease being consumption. He requested to be buried in Colorado and the funeral will take place there on Sunday.

G. Huthsteiner, Banker.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 1.—G. Huthsteiner, president of the bank at Tell City, died suddenly this afternoon at a local sanitarium. He came here for treatment, was rapidly recovering and was sitting up at the time of his death. He was one of the wealthy and leading citizens of Tell City. He left a large family.

Other Deaths in the State.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Rev. G. W. Stafford died this morning from an attack of heart failure. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon. He was born in Giles county, Virginia, on Sept. 24, 1815, and in 1832 he came with his parents to Fountain county. He attended Wabash College and was licensed to preach in 1836 as a Methodist minister. He was ordained a deacon in 1840 and an elder in 1842. He remained in the ministry until 1878, when he was superannuated. He was a Mason and an Odd Fellow and was chaplain of the Fortieth Indiana Volunteers during the civil war.

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Susan McDaniels, widow of Moses McDaniels, died at her home in New London, Howard county, to-day, aged about eighty. Death was from old age and coincident afflictions. Deceased was the only child of Mrs. Mary Bryan Cobb, who still lives at the age of ninety-nine.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Clara Linderman, wife of George Linderman, died yesterday at Green's Fork. Her age was twenty-six years. She was the daughter of Mrs. Amanda Russell. The husband and two children survive.

MARGIN OF THREE VOTES

Decides the Delaware Primary Election for County Auditor.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The official count was required to-day to decide Friday's Republican primary election to determine the candidate for county auditor between Richard Fenwick and Joseph Davis. When all the returns had been canvassed it was found that Davis, of Selma, had won over the Daleville man by three votes in a total ballot of over 5,000. The successful candidates named in the Journal this morning were correct, but the official count modified the majorities. There was no opposition to Mr. Cromer for Congress, and he received the indorsement of 5,165 votes. The nomination is equivalent to an election, the county being Republican by about 3,000 majority. Mr. Davis is a young merchant at Selma, and Mr. Fenwick has been deputy auditor for fifteen years.

Places on the Ticket.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Feb. 1.—The drawing for position on the Republican county and city tickets took place this afternoon. There were but two candidates to withdraw. Dr. J. M. Bulla retired from the race for mayor, leaving Dr. W. W. Zimmerman, the incumbent, and Albert G. Ogborn to fight it out. It promises to be one of the hardest fought battles in the history of local politics. Oliver N. Long withdrew from the race for mayor. The primary will be held on Feb. 17.

Primary Election on April 2.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENSBURG, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Republican county central committee met here this afternoon and decided to hold a primary election on Wednesday, April 2, for the purpose of making the nominations for the county ticket. There is a host of candidates in the field for every office. Delegates to the state, congressional, judicial and joint senatorial conventions will be selected in all the townships on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Wabash County Primaries.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Republican county primaries were held to-day, and the attendance was unprecedentedly large. All told, there are thirty candidates for county offices, and the contest for delegates was one of the most spirited ever known in the county. Several State candidates were present at the meeting here.

Delegates Instructed for Cromer.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DECATUR, Ind., Feb. 1.—The largest Republican convention ever held in the county met here this morning and elected delegates to the congressional and state conventions. Delegates to the former were instructed to vote for Representative Cromer as long as his name shall be before the convention.

DANGER IN THE CHEERING TEAPOT.

One Explodes at Logansport, Badly Injuring a Young Woman.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Feb. 1.—An air-tight teapot exploded this evening as Miss Edith Matt was attempting to lift it from an oil stove and painfully if not seriously scalded the young woman's face, hands and arms. Miss Matt is secretary of the Cass County Building and Loan Association, and was unable to go to her supper at her regular hour. The meal being brought in, she took the air-tight teapot and placed it on an oil stove, and when she was ready for the use of its contents the vessel suddenly exploded, sending its boiling contents over her head, face and arms. It is thought she will recover.

Farmer Killed at a Crossing.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—E. W. Mitchell, of No. 10 neighborhood, a prominent farmer, aged thirty-six years, was killed at the Monon "man trap," a mile south of this city, at 2 o'clock this afternoon by Monon passenger train No. 6. Mitchell was riding in a top buggy and had his head wrapped up for protection against the cold, and it is evident that he did not hear the warning signal. The pilot struck the buggy squarely and Mitchell was thrown a considerable distance. He lived for several minutes after being picked up and put in the baggage car, but was dead when the train reached this city. His horse was instantly killed and the buggy completely wrecked. He left a widow and two children.

Shot Their Hunting Partners.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DANVILLE, Ill., Feb. 1.—Two Vermilion county nimrods accidentally shot their hunting partners last evening and this morning. Dr. Tabert, of Sidell, filled the right arm of Charles Goff, a prominent jewelry merchant, full of shot. The arm will have to be amputated. Vese Steinberger, who recently was married in Colorado, received a full charge in the back and head from the gun of a young man named Parish. Between sixty and seventy shot were extracted from the wounds. He probably will recover, although at first it was thought he was fatally injured.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Will Organize Indiana State Council at South Bend on Monday.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 1.—South Bend will be the rallying point for the Indiana members of the Knights of Columbus during the next few days, and it is expected that several hundred of the Catholic brethren will be here from all parts of the State. Delegations also will be sent from Chicago, Detroit and Battle Creek. The occasion of the gathering is the conferring of the degrees of the order by South Bend Council on a calling of a state convention for the purpose of organizing the State Council of Indiana. This convention has been called for Monday morning, Feb. 3, at 10 o'clock, in the banquet hall of the Oliver Hotel.

The convention is to consist of two delegates from each of the Indiana councils, eleven in number. It is hoped that Edward L. Hearn, supreme knight of the order, will be able to be present and to preside. In case he is not, Prof. John G. Ewing, grand knight of South Bend Council, who is also district deputy supreme knight for the State of Indiana, will preside.

The first business will be the organization of the State Council and the selection of state officers. This will be followed by the regular business of the meeting, the consideration of the general welfare of the council in the State and the making of rules and regulations governing and controlling them. At this meeting also the place for the first regular meeting of the State Council will be chosen.

On Feb 1 and 2 the local council will have a grand celebration, and will confer the degrees of the order on eighty-six candidates. On the evening of Feb. 1 the knights will initiate a class of fifty-six in the first degree in their hall in the Nippold block. On Sunday morning there will be mass for the candidates and members at St. Patrick's Church. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Thomas Ewing Sherman, S. J.

On the afternoon of Sunday the second degree of the order will be conferred by Indianapolis Council, and the third degree by State Deputy P. L. McArdle, of Illinois, on a class of eighty-six. This will be followed by the banquet at the Oliver for the candidates and members of the South Bend Council and all visiting knights. Preparations are being made for between three and four hundred banqueters, and a royal time is assured. The toastmaster will be State's Attorney George E. Clarke, of South Bend, and responses will be made by State Deputy P. L. McArdle of Illinois, Francis J. O'Shaughnessy of Chicago, Charles J. Korbly of Indianapolis and David L. Guilfoyle of South Bend.

Found Guilty of Murder.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Mrs. Sallie Watkins, formerly of this city, but latterly of Paulding, O., where she and the Shaffers operated a lying-in resort, has been found guilty of the murder of Dora McBride, daughter of a respectable farmer living near Lima, O., but has not yet been sentenced. When the verdict of the jury became known Richard Shaffer and his wife, at whose house the operation was performed, changed their plea to one of guilty and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. Judge Hubbard scored Mrs. Shaffer severely and sentenced her to five years at hard labor and her husband to two years.

Will Build Houses at Matthews.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The Matthews Building Association has been organized in Matthews for the purpose of erecting new dwelling houses for the accommodation of people who desire to locate in the town but have no place to live. Officers have been elected as follows: President, J. W. Platt; vice president, Earl Lachin; secretary, George N. Catterson; treasurer, L. John Woods; directors, Fremont Wilson, J. D. Urban and B. E. Dailey. The association will file articles of incorporation within a few days. The capital stock will be $30,000.

Florida Winter Chautauqua.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BOURBON, Ind., Feb. 1.—Programmes have been received for the eighteenth annual session of the Florida Chautauqua at De Funiak Springs, Fla. This popular winter Chautauqua in the land of summer will open on Feb. 12 and continue seven weeks. Wallace Bruce, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the president. The Rev. Edmund F. Albertson, pastor of the Methodist Church in this city, is one of the lecturers and also has charge of the Bible school a part of the time. This is Mr. Albertson's third consecutive year at this assembly.

Record Figures of Iron Production.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., Feb. 1.—Employes at the Indiana iron mill believe they have established a new world's record. George Richards and his crew, of the eight-inch mill, charged 86,710 pounds of iron yesterday, and finished 78,000 pounds of half-inch rounds. The record for the previous day was 85,000 and 75,000 pounds on the same mill and by the same crew. The men on the sixteen-inch mill, under Riller and William Goff, on Thursday night established a new record, charging 145,000 pounds and finishing 120,000 of merchant iron.

Suicide of a Blind Woman.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Feb. 1.—Miss Elizabeth Schafer, who had been blind from birth, committed suicide this afternoon by jumping into Falling run, a small creek, in this city. She had been despondent on account of ill health. She quietly left her home and walked to the stone bridge which spans Falling run at West Main street and jumped into the stream, twenty feet below. She was thirty-four years old.

Traction Company Election.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The stockholders, at a meeting yesterday in this city, elected the following directors of the new Fort Wayne & Southwestern interurban road: J. Manchester Haynes, George E. Macomber, Augusta, Me.; W. B. McKinley, Champaign, Ill.; S. L. Nelson and Charles McCulloch, Fort Wayne. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. McKinley; treasurer, Mr. Macomber; vice president and general manager, Mr. Nelson.

State Liquor League Intentions.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 1.—The executive board of the Indiana Liquor League has just concluded a meeting here, at which it was decided to arouse sentiment throughout the State for the prosecution of drugstores and groceries which do a liquor business and do not pay the license required of saloon keepers. The selection of a city for the next state convention was postponed until the next meeting.

Successful Amateur Performance.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Feb. 1.—"My Friend from India," by local talent under the auspices if the Hartford Club, an organization composed of young society men, was produced last evening at Van Cleve Theater. Long before the house opened the sale of seats closed. The performance was the best ever given here by local talent and the members of the company were persuaded to repeat the production to-night, meeting with similar success.

Hobart Terre Cotta Works Sold.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Feb. 1.—A trust, which had been formed to control all the terra cotta works in the country, to-day bought the Owen terra cotta works at Hobart. The price was $100,000. New York and Chicago parties are in the combine.

Indiana Notes.

FORT WAYNE.—An evidence of local prosperity is the announced intention of the Berghoff Brewing Company to increase its bottling department by the erection of a building for this purpose costing $25,000. The Mondamin Dairy Company, owned by former Senator Thomas E. Ellison, has also announced a large increase in floor capacity by the erection of new buildings. * * * The School Board has let the contract for the stone for the new high school building to the Bedford Stone Company at 38 cents a foot. Bids for the erection of the schoolhouse will be opened on Feb. 28.

PENDLETON.—There is but little question now but that the Pendleton & New Castle Railroad will be built. Most of the right of way has been secured and the manager, Charles S. Hernly, of New Castle, will go to Eastern money markets within the next few days to confer with capitalists with whom he has already been in correspondence. This road will give an outlet toward Indianapolis to a rich agricultural section and to the towns of New Castle, Cadiz and Markleville.

WORTHINGTON.—The series of revival meetings at the Christian Church at this place closed on Friday evening, with forty-seven additions. The services were conducted by the Rev. Eugene T. Martin, of Danville, assisted by Rev. H. A. Turney, of this place, and have been in progress since Jan. 6. The greatest interest prevailed during the entire four weeks. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost and many were turned away.

WABASH.—L. A. Bond, of New York, after a conference with Wabash manufacturers, has determined to effect the organization of a company with a quarter of a million dollars capital to pipe gas from his oil leases in Liberty township to this city for manufacturing purposes. He proposes to deliver the gas in the main on his lease, and will form a company of outside capitalists to deliver it at the point of consumption.

TERRE HAUTE.—Judge Piety, of the Circuit Court, has discharged William Northrop, who had been tried on an indictment for forgery. The judge said the accused undoubtedly was guilty, but that the pitiable spectacle he had presented in court during his trial, when he had several attacks of epilepsy, and the further fact that he had been in jail some time awaiting trial, moved the court to let the farmer go.

ELKHART.—Late Friday night the health department learned of eight persons who were suffering slightly from varioloid, and the eight patients were quarantined in three different residences. They are students at a local institution of learning, but the health department did not consider it necessary to close the school, simply giving it thorough fumigation and vaccinating all students not already vaccinated.

LAFAYETTE.—Eight hundred farmers and city people indulged in a fox drive on Saturday on the Wea plains. When the lines were closed five foxes were found as captives, and these were killed. Two or three were known to have escaped before the lines were drawn taut. The affair is accounted a great success.

PORTLAND.—The Rebekah Degree of the I. O. O. F. of this city entertained nearly two hundred guests from Fort Wayne, Winchester, Ridgeville and Geneva on Friday night. Several candidates were initiated, the work being performed by the degree team from Winchester. After this a banquet was served.

CENTERVILLE.—The Centerville Telephone Company, composed of business men and farmers, was organized on Saturday to operate in the surrounding country, with an exchange at Centerville.

WISHES TO BE TRIED.

Rollins Bingham, a Fugitive Forger, Surrenders to the Police.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 1.—Rollins Bingham, a member of one of the first families of Missouri, has surrendered to the Dallas, Tex., police and asked to be returned here to stand trial on the charge of forging deeds to property in Kansas City twelve years ago. Bingham has been a fugitive from justice since November, 1890. His whereabouts was made known to County Prosecutor Hadley, to whom he sent a letter offering to surrender. Bingham, according to his letter, is penniless and ill. Officers will leave for Texas to-night to bring him here.

Rollins Bingham, before he fled from Kansas City, was prominent in politics and was a leader in society. He is the son of Gen. G. C. Bingham, artist, writer, politician and one of the best-known men in Missouri. Bingham forged the name of his stepmother, securing $20,000. He had spent his money recklessly in speculation and in other ways.

Bingham, in the course of his letter, admits the forgeries and makes the unusual statement that he committed them to save his stepmother's property. He says: "She was defendant in a suit that, as a lawyer, I knew must, if followed up, go against her and make her poor. I never had much myself really, but was so anxious to save her that I thought probably I could by some coup make a great deal of money so that a judgment against her would not cripple her."

General Bingham was three times married. His second wife, Rollins's stepmother, died in 1890. This Mrs. Bingham had always treated Rollins as if he were own son, despite the fact that she was well aware of his dissipations and had tried vainly to turn him from them. About a month before her death Mrs. Bingham told her attorney that she had discovered that certain property held by her in trust had been incumbered by a forged deed of trust. An investigation that followed disclosed other forgeries that made a total loss of $20,000 and Bingham was indicted.

AARON BURR'S $4 FEE.

Suit Begun in 1814 Ended by a Former Resident of Indianapolis.

New York Herald.

After eighty-seven years of litigation, during which the valuation of a piece of property located at the corner of One-hundred-and-thirtieth street and what was formerly the old Bloomingdale road, but is now Broadway, increased in value from $250 to $15,000, a judgment was rendered in the Supreme Court Friday which sets the title of the plot free and clear, and establishes the rightful ownership, which for all these years has been a matter of speculation. When the case first came to the notice of the courts, in 1814, no less a person than Aaron Burr was retained as counsel, and his bill for $4 fees, which appeared as a part of the original court records, is now in possession of Harold Swain, formerly of Indianapolis, and son of Dr. Rachel Swain, of Indianapolis, of No. 55 Liberty street, attorney for the City Real Estate Company, whose ownership of the land has been determined by the Supreme Court decision.

According to papers in Mr. Swain's possession, the property, which consists of a plot 35x100 feet in dimensions, was originally owned by William Callen, whose family was well known during the revolutionary times. Mr. Callen came into possession of the property as a legacy from a British uncle, who had obtained it through a royal grant. Desiring to dispose of the land, Mr. Callen, on Jan. 25, 1814, sold it to John Marks for $250, part of which was to be paid in wampum.

Unfortunately there was no office during Mr. Callen's time where the sale could be recorded, else there would have been no litigation, for if the keen eye of an employe of the register's office to-day had glanced through the deed then made he would have seen that Mr. Callen had given an incorrect description of the property he sold, and instead of conveying the lot he owned at the corner he had sold one-half of it and one-half of the plot next to it, and to which he had absolutely no claim. The error was not discovered at the time, nor was it detected thirty years afterward when the property again changed hands, becoming a part of the estate of Alfred Lyon; but twenty-five years later, when Mr. Lyon died and his widow Hannah disposed of the land to Mrs. Louisa Belter, accepting a mortgage of $2,500, the mistake became known.

The mortgage was to run for one year, at the end of which Mrs. Lyon was to redeem it and receive the title to her property.

The mortgage ran for four years, during which time Mrs. Belter had been promised settlement, but, not receiving it, had had the title searched and learned, to her surprise, that Mrs. Lyon was not the owner of all the land. Mrs. Lyon was equally surprised when she learned the result of Mrs. Belter's investigation, and she had her attorney, the late William B. Hornblower, begin a rigid search for the heirs of Mr. Callen, from whom her husband had purchased the plot thirty years before.

After a chase of thirteen years Mr. Hornblower located some of Mr. Callen's heirs in Pittsburg, Pa., and some others in Louisville, Ky. It was by the merest accident that he discovered them.

In 1885 he instituted a suit for the reformation of the deed to the property, so that title to the original plot, which Mr. Callen owned, might be clear, so that Mrs. Lyon could assert her ownership through the will of her husband.

A judgment was given Mrs. Lyons reforming the deed, but when she went to Mrs. Belter and informed her of the court's action Mrs. Belter refused to reconsider the conditions set forth in the mortgage, and later, in the Court of Appeals, it was decided that Mrs. Belter was entitled to a clear title to the property. In the meantime Mrs. Lyon died, and her son, Andrew Shields, seventy years old, laid claim to the land.

Mrs. Belter, desiring to rid herself of the troublesome tract, had disposed of the deed she had obtained to a real-estate agent, and he in turn has sold his interest to the Title Guarantee and Trust Company.

The latter concern later disposed of the land to the City Real Estate Company, which found itself confronted with the claim of Mr. Shields, and to settle which Mr. Swain brought suit against all the persons included in the various transactions relating to the property from 1814 to the present time. After this suit had been continued for several years a decision was handed down in the Supreme Court Friday which gave the title of the land to the City Real Estate Company.

MR. ROOSEVELT'S FRANKNESS.

He Still Surprises His Visitors by His Outspokenness.

Washington Letter in Boston Transcript.

President Roosevelt continues to interest all his visitors by the breezy frankness with which he discusses everything that comes up. A New England congressman thus describes a recent call at the White House:

"I wanted to see the President about an important postoffice in my district. I had not bothered him much and determined that I would have a few words with him on this case. I telephoned Mr. Cortelyou and received an appointment. General Grosvenor, who sits near me in the House, said it would be no use for me to go down there as it was Cabinet day, but having the appointment I went along and was ushered into the main, or President's room. Many other people were there; we could hear the President talking with some one in the Cabinet room, and while it would have been impossible to follow the conversation the tones were strong enough to indicate a vigorous discussion. Pretty soon the door from the Cabinet room opened and in came the President. 'I am not going to see any of these people except Senator Bard—not any of them—I am too busy. I cannot do it,' said the President to Secretary Cortelyou with considerable emphasis. Suiting the action to the word he took Senator Bard over into the window and had quite a talk with him. Mr. Cortelyou beckoned for me to stay, and as soon as the President was through he came over and sat on the sofa beside me. When I mentioned my postoffice case he told me to go down to the department and fix the matter up with the postmaster general, as much as to say that he was tired about hearing of postoffices and would willingly have this one settled in any way that the postmaster general and I might agree upon.

"As I got up to go he looked over to two young men who were still waiting. 'You are from Alabama, aren't you?' he asked, and before they had time to answer he continued, 'You want X. appointed.' The young men replied that they did, but before they explained why the President told them that he was tired and sick of hearing of Alabama patronage; that he almost wished that there was no such State in the Union as Alabama; that he certainly was weary of the accounts he had of its troubles. 'You say the other candidate for this office ought to be in jail, don't you?' addressing the young men. 'Yes, sir; he ought to be there,' was their reply. 'Well, now,' said the President, 'his friends assure me that your man ought to be in jail; I assume that you are both right. I wish you would go to the attorney general and put in writing the reasons you have for believing that the other candidate should be sent to the penitentiary, and I will have a similar statement made up in regard to your candidate; let the attorney general look them both over. And, besides, if you know anything good about the man you are backing I wish you would put that in writing and give it to the attorney general, too.' The young Alabamians said that they knew much that was good about their candidate and would give the attorney general abundant food for reflection in that line as well as in considering the faults of the opposing candidate."

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S MANNERS.

The Idea Refuted that He Was Offensively Familiar.

Lulie J. Perry, in Lippincott's Magazine.

There remains in some quarters an impression that in his personal manner and address Abraham Lincoln was too brusquely, sometimes even offensively, familiar with his daily associates, but certainly no person could appear less so throughout all his correspondence and official utterances. Even in informal and purely personal matters his numerous notes and telegrams to his closest friends were always most respectful and dignified, if anything too stiffly formal. Periodically a story goes the rounds of the public press in which the President addresses his secretary of war as "Dear Stanton," directing him to appoint a certain man chaplain in the army. In due course Stanton replies: "Dear Mr. Lincoln—He is not a preacher." There is further correspondence between "Dear Stanton" and "Dear Mr. Lincoln" on the subject, finally culminating in Stanton refusing point blank to appoint the President's friend to the chaplaincy. This is to show how yielding Mr. Lincoln was, and at the same time Stanton's masterful position in the Cabinet.

Now, there is internal evidence that nothing of this kind ever happened. In the first place, the President and not his secretary of war appointed all the chaplains in the regular army; secondly, Mr. Stanton was never addressed by the President as "Dear Stanton" on any occasion whatever. Lincoln's correspondence is proof positive of this. It also pretty plainly indicates that if Lincoln had a friend he desired to appoint to an office he would have done it very quickly, despite Mr. Stanton's opposition.

In fact, Lincoln never started even the most hasty note "Dear Seward," or "Dear Stanton," or "Dear Halleck," as, under the circumstances at times, might have been clearly permissible. They were almost invariably addressed "Hon. Secretary of State, My Dear Sir," or "Hon. Secretary of War," or "Major General Halleck," or, if the name was used, it was "Hon. William H. Seward," or "Hon. Edwin M. Stanton," as the case might be, exactly as they are quoted in this article, which are typical of his whole correspondence.

Lincoln was too serious a man himself to imagine that he could with impunity underrate the dignity of others.

Statues of the Apostles.

New York Letter.

People hurrying down Broadway early Saturday morning saw a huge white figure rise slowly from the ground at the base of Trinity Church, and, ascending some fifty feet, swing into one of the niches beneath the clock. It was an imposing image of a man with a heavy beard and bald, bowed head. A book was in his hand, a lamb at his feet. He was conspicuous against the background of stones turned black and brown and green with age, and all the morning the approaching throngs lifted their eyes to look. One, a little more curious, or with more time to spare, stepped inside the gate and talked with the foreman who was directing the placing. An enormous plank box just opened was being pushed on rollers under the derrick that rose above the niches. A rope was made fast, five men began to pull, and another stone giant was lifted from the straw to an erect position and slowly upward.

"Do you know how much they weigh?"

"Sure. How could I gauge the tackle else? They weigh three tons."

"Who are they?"

"Mattoo, Marx, Looke and John."

"How did you know that?"

"By the invoices—sure—and the names on their feet."

Hawaii Watches Marconi.

San Francisco Chronicle.

Hawaii yearns for a cable to connect it with the mainland, so that communication with the world outside the island settlements may be had without waiting a week or more for the transmission. The cable project of Mackey was welcomed in Honolulu as a means to the desired end, but now the people over there are asking each other if, after all, it will not be possible to establish a wireless telegraph system that can answer the same purpose as the proposed cable. If Marconi has flashed signals from St. John's to Cornwall, a distance of 1,800 miles, why can he not do the same thing between Honolulu and San Francisco, only 300 miles further? This question is being seriously discussed in Honolulu, and already the people are speculating on the means that may be necessary to have the system inaugurated.

A Bit of Wisdom from Browning.

Mrs. Bronson, in the Century.

He never passed a day without taking one or more long walks; indeed, his panacea for most ills was exercise, and the exercise he chiefly advocated was walking. He wrote:

"I get as nearly angry as it is in me to become with people I love when they trif