LINE OF DISAGREEMENT

NOW CLEARLY DRAWN BETWEEN THE MINERS AND OPERATORS.

Report of the Committee That Investigated the Defeat of the "Shooters" Bill in the Senate.

TRACTION STRIKE DISORDERS

NIGHT CAR FIRED ON FROM AMBUSH NEAR BRAZIL.

Gas Company Blamed for Gas Explosion Fatalities—Smallpox at Kokomo—Bold Dash for Liberty.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 6.—The joint scale committee of the Indiana miners and operators has gone through the scale once and has agreed on minor matters, leaving as the clearly defined line of disagreement the price of day labor, charge to miners at machine mines for blacksmithing, establishment of minimum thickness of vein of coal for which the interstate price of 80 cents for mining will be paid, and the weekly pay day instead of semi-monthly.

A committee appointed to investigate the defeat in the last Legislature of the bill to require operators to employ experts to fire charges of explosives reported to the miners' state convention to-day as follows:

"Whereas your committee was instructed to investigate charges against members of the Legislature who were said to be against all bills introduced in the interest of labor, after due investigation we find the following-named members guilty of the same: Senators Brooks, Wood, Walcott, Binkley, Crumpacker, Dawsman, Goodwine, Guthrie, Johnson of Jay, Ogborn, Joss, Keeny, Kell, Keyes, Whitcomb, Conlogue and Fleming.

The "shooters" bill had passed the House and was held up in the Senate.

FIRED ON A CAR.

Traction Strike Sympathizers Made an Attack Near Brazil.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 6.—The 8 o'clock west-bound interurban street car was fired on by a crowd of strike sympathizers east of this city last night. Those in charge of the car immediately returned the fire, and the crowd, which was small, speedily dispersed. Outside of a few bullet holes through the windows of the car no known injury was done. This is the first serious trouble that has occurred on this end of the line since the inauguration of the strike seven weeks ago.

The strikers say they know nothing of the attack and regret very much that such disturbance occurred. The company will hereafter take special precaution to guard their cars at this point and through the adjacent territory. There is no indication of a settlement of the strike.

Alleged Burglar Under Arrest.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 6.—William Baumgarden was arrested to-day on a charge of burglary. It is alleged that for eight week he has been operating in South Bend and Elkhart, but until today the police were unable to locate the unknown thief. He would rob houses during the early evening when the families were away, entering homes by means of skeleton keys. His plunder, which was only jewels, amounted to several hundred dollars.

RUNS AND SHIPMENTS.

February Reports Indicate Increased Ratio of Former to Latter.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MONTPELIER, Ind., March 6.—The pipe-line reports from the Indiana pipe line and other pipe lines handling Indiana crude oil for the month of February show that the shipments of crude oil were 29,877 barrels less than for January, while the runs from the wells show a decrease of 89,937 barrels. The decline in both cases is due to the shortness of the month, and as to the wells it was a very hard month on production. Had the weather been good during February the runs from the wells would have been the largest for several years.

Total shipments of oil for the month in the State were 873,049 barrels, and the runs from the wells were 549,258 barrels. The average daily shipments were 31,810 barrels, and the daily average runs were 19,617 barrels. The runs from the Indiana oil fields are gradually increasing, and if the present large amount of work is kept under way the average should reach that of the Ohio field within a year or so.

Oil in the Heart of the City.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 6.—While drilling the water well deeper for the Hartford City Artificial Ice Company, on East Water street, a fine flow of oil was encountered at sixty feet in the oil sand. Oil men say the oil-bearing rock found in this well is the finest specimen ever encountered in the Indiana field and predict that when the well is drilled deeper it will make one of the finest producers yet found. The well is located in a thickly populated part of the city.

NOW WANT THEIR LAND.

Laporte County People Who Let It Be Sold for Taxes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAPORTE, Ind., March 6.—Between 1870 and 1884 the Maksawba Club of Chicago obtained, through purchase of tax titles, 600 acres of marsh land in Laporte county to be used for hunting grounds. In the last few years this land, once hardly worth a song, has become exceedingly valuable, being made productive by the construction of drainage canals. The original owners and heirs have now taken steps to redeem the land, but Joseph Leiter, the ex-wheat king, acting for his father, L. Z. Leiter, president of the club, refused to accept a tender of taxes and interest to date. This means litigation for possession of the property.

THROUGH A CAR WINDOW.

Prisoner Escapes from a Deputy, Taking His Child with Him.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 6.—A daring escape was made Wednesday night from a Monon passenger train a short distance south of Limedale, and as a result Jacob Reynolds was for a time at liberty, instead of being on his way to a Kentucky jail. With him was a little girl whom he is alleged to have kidnaped from a Booneville woman, of which child he says he is the father, and the woman referred to the mother. The latter, who had the child in her custody, denies that the ex-prisoner is its father. The woman is married and her husband is living.

It has been learned that Reynolds is the father of the child and Mrs. S. B. Warner, living near Hodgenville, Ky., is its mother, though at the time of the child's birth she was Miss Ida Clark, daughter of a well-to-do business man of Green county, Kentucky. She and Reynolds eloped from her home several years ago, because they were so young the girl's parents would not consent to their marriage. They came to this State but were not granted a license on account of their youthfulness. However, they lived together for several years, and the girl was born, and after Miss Clark returned to her Kentucky home, having been deserted by Reynolds. She later became the wife of Warner.

The little girl is six years old. She was taken by her father Oct. 11, 1901, and he has been a fugitive since that time. He escaped from the train by climbing through the closet window with the girl under his arm. Both were hurt by the fall, but not seriously. Reynolds was recaptured to-night fifteen miles north of this city, after tramping more than that distance through the mud and fields, carrying the girl in his arms.

Cherry would have given up the chase this morning, but Sheriff John W. Cooper, of this county, kept him at it and the arrest was effected by the two officers and a number of farmers. These men were angry over the story told them by the officers and Reynolds would have been lynched had the sheriffs given him up. The prisoner and little girl will be taken to Hodgenville to-morrow.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Steeg Again Heads It in Terre Haute—Other Candidates Named.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 6.—The Democratic city convention to-night nominated a ticket to be voted for in May. Mayor Steeg, against whom there was lively opposition for a few days, was renominated by acclamation.

Andrew O'Mara was nominated for city clerk and J. M. Vickroy, Chester Blood and Dr. Odell Weaver for councilmen at large.

Democrats Are Moving Out.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ROCHESTER, Ind., March 6—The largest deed of transfer of real estate ever recorded in Fulton county was presented for record at the recorder's office this morning. The instrument of conveyance transfers 604 acres of land in the Mud Creek "bottoms," executed by Thomas F. Lovatt to John McKinney, and represents the sum of $37,146. There have been thousands of acres of Fulton county land sold to Illinois men within the last few months, and in nearly every instance the transfer has had the effect of dislodging a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat and the moving in of a substantial Republican. The changes, in a political sense, have about been sufficient to put Fulton county in the Republican column this fall.

Two Sets of Delegates.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 6.—The Republican mass meeting held at Charlestown to-day to select delegates to the state, congressional and joint representative conventions proved to be a lively one. The crowd divided, and after a set of delegates was selected that were favorable to the county organization, the opposition gathered its forces and also selected a list of delegates. As both sets of delegates probably will go to the state convention it will devolve upon the convention to decide which is the regularly elected delegation.

Candidate for Attorney General.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 6.—James A. Bingham, of the law firm of Bingham & Long, to-day made the authoritative announcement of his candidacy for the nomination for attorney general on the Republican state ticket. Mr. Bingham came to Muncie from Covington, Fountain county, five years ago, and is a leading practitioner at the Delaware county bar. In the recent nomination of a candidate for member of Congress in the Eighth district Mr. Bingham was talked of to oppose the renomination of Mr. Cromer.

Politics at North Vernon.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., March 6.—The city campaign is warming up and candidates are numerous for the various city offices. Harry C. Meloy, W. S. Prather and Squire J. M. Rash are the Republican candidates seeking the nomination for mayor, and the race between them is earnest but good natured.

Socialists' Conventions Called.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 6.—The Socialists have isused a call for their county convention, April 15, and for a congressional convention May 6. The local leaders have been particularly active and announce that forceful speakers from Chicago have promised to aid them in their canvass.

WILL COLLECT BY LAW.

Student Kept Out of College by Hazing Wants Tuition Fees Returned.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 6.—Fred Harned, of Littlefield, Ky., has employed attorneys here to collect from the Marion Normal College money that he paid as tuition. Harned was a student in the college but was scared out by hazing. A number of fellow-students resolved to initiate Harned into the ways of college life, and one evening assembled and smeared red ink over their faces, hands and razors, giving them the appearance of having participated in a duel.

At this juncture, when two of the principals were apparently smeared with blood from severed throats, Harned was brought into the room and charged with being the instigator of the alleged tragedy. The spectacle made a horrible impression on Harned's mind and he fled from the school, staying all that night with a friend, crazed with fear. Next morning he disappeared, returning to his home in Kentucky. Nothing had been heard of him until he wrote local attorneys to collect the money he paid for tuition.

DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Class "Scraps" on Washington's Birthday Are Things of the Past.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., March 6.—The time-worn custom of having a sophomore-freshman class scrap on the anniversary of Washington's birthday has run its course in De Pauw, and the sentiment of the students against a repetition of the celebration, which has marked the day here for a number of years, was crytallized yesterday, when the faculty enacted that the day should be observed by some form of intellectual and spectacular exercises, and the idea is supported by the Students' Council. This latter organization is composed of representatives elected by the four classes, and before them come all matters of dispute between the classes or between the members of any class, things which are not within the logical field of legislation of the faculty. The members are representative students, who have the respect of all the university, and it is believed that they will accomplish great good. The organization of the council was completed yesterday, and it consists of Miss Ravenscroft, Messrs. Edwards, Iglehart and Wilkins, from the seniors; Miss Josephine Calhoun, W. B. Warriner and Ray Naftzger, of the juniors; Miss Ritter and Homer McKinstrey, of the sophomores, and Walter Holmes, of the freshmen.

Prof. M. T. Cook, of the department of biology, has an extensive article now in the process of publication concerning the morphology of the pond lily, which is the condensed result of four years of study. The subject is one on which there is considerable dispute, and the professors of botany in both the Minnesota and Pennsylvania universities began its study at the same time Professor Cook took it up. The first named agreed with Professor Cook in his conclusions, while the latter reached a different finding.

Franklin College.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 6.—The question for the Franklin-Hanover debate was definitely decided on this afternoon. The committee, which has had the matter under consideration for some time, made a unanimous report in favor of the question, "Resolved that trusts and combinations tending to monopolize industries should be regulated by the federal government."

The committee forwarded the question to Hanover College this afternoon, and that school will choose the side it desires to uphold.

Secretary Carr made a report in chapel yesterday morning on the progress of the campaign for the $20,000 Greek chair endowment. The movement was started on Jan. 1 by A. J. Thurston, of Shelbyville, subscribing $1,000 on condition that the remaining $19,000 be raised by July 1. Up to yesterday morning $8,551.23 had been subscribed. Secretary Carr is very hopeful that the required amount will be raised.

The Debating Club met yesterday afternoon and discussed the question, "Resolved that Cuba should be annexed to the United States." The debaters on the affirmative were Spaulding, Stott and Branigan, while Tilson, Murphy and Pierce spoke for the negative.

S. D. Gordon, of Cleveland, made a short address Tuesday morning on the subject, "To Know, to Do, to Be." It was one of the best talks given in chapel this year.

Miss Fanny K. Read, of Richland, Mich., grand vice president of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, is visiting the local chapter of Pi Beta Phi this week. A banquet was given in her honor this evening and the young women of the sorority will entertain informally for her to-morrow afternoon.

Indiana Delta of Phi Delta Theta has issued invitations for its annual alumni day banquet on March 15.

The regular term recital of the music department was given this evening in the college chapel.

Miss Maud Witt entertained a number of her friends on Monday evening at the Alpha Gamma Alpha chapter house in honor of Miss Ruth Perkins, of Lebanon.

The tenth lecture of the gymnasium lecture course was given Monday evening by Dr. Dan Thompson, of Indianapolis, his subject being "The Eye."

LEVIED ON THE SAFE.

Sheriff at Washington Trying to Collect Davis's Judgment.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 6.—There seems to be no end to the interesting developments in the Davis gambling cases. Sheriff Morgan has seized a fine, large safe belonging to Matt Kelley, one of the gamblers against whom the $9,000 judgment was given. When asked for the combination Kelley claimed he had lost it. It is believed the safe contains valuable papers and jewelry belonging to Kelley and another well-known gambler, against whom a suit is pending. A guard that was placed in charge of the safe after it had been levied on says Kelley offered him $50 a few nights ago if he would be allowed to open the safe. Kelley denies this and says the report grew from a "jolly" he made without the least thought of bribery. Attorneys for Davis are preparing to have the safe opened. Attorney C. K. Tharp says it will be blown open if the combination cannot be worked. Attorneys for Kelley claim the sheriff cannot levy on the contents of the safe until they are known to him, and that any damage to the safe will be at his peril.

The sheriff has also seized a large quantity of gambling paraphernalia which seems to be a "jonah," for the reason that the law will not authorize its sale or disposal in any way. It is held that his only course is to destroy the property.

The fight between Attorney J. W. Ogden, who is vice president of the People's National Bank, and Charles H. Roberts over the appraisement of Kelley's saloon stock is still the talk of the town. Ogden precipitated the trouble, it is claimed, and drew a knife with a threat to "cut Roberts's heart out," when friends interfered. Both are Kentuckians. It is said the facts will be laid before the next grand jury. Especial surprise is expressed because the deputy sheriff who was present made no interference. Ogden is quoted as saying he proposes to see that local gamblers are sent to prison for conspiracy to wreck the People's National Bank. There are some serious counter threats, and each day brings new developments.

COMPANY TO BLAME.

Finding of the Coroner in Kokomo Gas Explosion Fatalities.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 6.—Coroner Harrison, in his inquest on the bodies of Mrs. Ida Achey and Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, killed in a gas explosion that destroyed the residence last week, holds the Kokomo Natural Gas Company responsible for the fatalities.

The leak was in the street mains of that company, but the gas followed the service pipes from the mains of another system, that of the Indiana Natural Gas and Oil (Chicago pipe-line) Company. Damage suits are expected to follow.

Goes to Manila to Wed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ELWOOD, Ind., March 6.—Miss Daisy Smith, one of Elwood's best known young women, left to-night for San Francisco, where she will embark on one of the transpacific liners for Manila. Immediately after her arrival there she and Mr. Harry Glover, who is connected with the department of engineering there, will marry. Mr. Glover and Miss Smith met at Terre Haute a few years ago and were betrothed. When the war with Spain broke out Glover enlisted in the Thirtieth United States Infantry and served with such credit that he was advanced to the rank of sergeant major before his term of enlistment expired. When the war was over he was among the American soldiers who took advantage of the opportunities which the Orient offered for advancement and soon reached his present position. Deciding that it was better for them to begin life in the far East than here he sent for his sweetheart, and with the consent of her relatives she will make the long trip, her brother accompanying her as far as San Francisco.

No Serious Result Expected.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MUNCIE, Ind., March 6.—The committee from the City Council appointed to investigate the alleged attempt of C. L. Bender to bribe Councilman Topp met again to-night, continuing the examination of witnesses. The investigation is being conducted in the office of City Attorney Frank Ellis, with only the committee, Mr. Ellis and Mayor Tuhey present. Mr. Topp insists that Mr. Bender's conversation was an attempt to bribe him, while Mr. Bender claims that it was all a "kidding match." Opinions differ among citizens, but the masses believe that Mr. Topp took the remarks of Mr. Bender too seriously, and believe that nothing serious will result. The committee will make no report until the next regular meeting of the Council, Monday night.

"Royal" Nuptials at Marion.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 6.—Two great bands of gypsies were united here to-day by the marriage of George Morgan to Mary John. The two tribes are those of Morgan and Stanley. George Morgan is the king of the former and his bride is the daughter of the queen of the Stanley tribe. Miss John now becomes the queen of the Morgan tribe. The purchase price of the bride was $800. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Quinlan, of the Catholic Church. As it is forbidden to perform a marriage ceremony in the Catholic Church during Lent, the gypsies appealed to Father Quinlan, and the latter wrote to Fort Wayne and obtained a special dispensation to marry them. The wedding was attended by 2,000 curiosity-seekers.

Will Put in a Sewer System.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BEDFORD, Ind., March 6.—At a meeting of the City Council of Bedford it was decided by that body to put in a first-class sewerage system throughout the city, and steps were taken to put the project on foot at once. Bids for its construction will be received up to March 29, when the contracts will be let. The proposed cost probably will reach $25,000. The advantages of this action to the health of the city alone have long been discussed by the Council, and the holding back of the work has only been done in order to contract for the work and have the money to pay for it when completed, and this is now available.

Superintendent's Bill Allowed.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ROCHESTER, Ind., March 6.—In the Fulton Circuit Court Judge Capron has found in favor of the plaintiff in the case of County Superintendent W. S. Gibbons vs. The County Commissioners, for the payment of salary and certain "extras." The court held that Mr. Gibbons's bill was not only fair and honest, but bore evidence of saving and economy to the taxpayers.

Little Sugar, Many Berries.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

COVINGTON, Ind., March 6.—Maple-sugar makers are disappointed at the outlook for their product. The intermediate period between winter and spring, the thawing season, probably will be short, since winter is holding on so long. Strawberry growers, however, say there will be compensation for a short sugar yield by an increase in fine, large berries this year. The berry men expect a larger and finer crop of fruit than they have yet had. The same climatic condition that disappoints the sugar makers gives the berry growers hope.

Buy Alabama Timber Land.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 6.—A number of Marion capitalists have just closed a deal involving 50,000 acres of land in Alabama, on which it is stated there are 200,000,000 feet of lumber. The amount of capital involved is close to $1,000,000. The tract of land is near Bay Minette, Ala., and it was necessary to purchase a railroad in connection to ship the lumber to the Mississippi. The road is thirty miles in length. The Marion men interested are James L. Barley, R. J. Spencer, Bert Barley and Charles Barley. St. Louis capitalists are also in the deal.

Unearthing Buried Treasure.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 6.—Before his death, day before yesterday, Jeremiah Phelps, of the West Side, told David Bryan, whom he named as executor of his estate, that a considerable sum of money was concealed about the premises, being buried between the back door and a shed standing in the yard. To-day a search was made for the treasure and $1,160 in gold was found, it being in denominations of $5 to $20. Further search will be made in the hope of discovering more of the eccentric old man's savings.

New Head of Alexandria Schools.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ANDERSON, Ind., March 6.—Lawrence McTurnan, superintendent of Madison county, received notification from the Alexandria School Board this evening that he had been elected superintendent of the Alexandria schools in place of I. V. Busby, resigned. Mr. McTurnan will accept, but probably will not resign his present position until the beginning of the next school year. He has been county superintendent here for five years, having taken the position at the age of twenty-two.

Head Severed by a Train.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WARSAW, Ind., March 6.—Lorenzo Lantz, a sixteen-year-old boy, of Milford Junction, near this city, fell under a moving train on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad this morning, and was instantly killed. Lantz attempted to board a moving freight train at Milford Junction and slipped, falling underneath the train. The wheels passed over his neck, almost completely severing his head from his body.

Tried to "Shoot Up the Town."

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 6.—A gang of rowdies went on a tear last night at Greentown and undertook to clean out the town in wild West fashion. "Blubber" Osborn, the leader, took the crowd into the Lawrence barber shop, where the lights were shot out and several shots went into the ceiling and other bullets were fired up stairs, where the Rebekah lodge was in session. Marshal Scott arrested seven of the rioters, including Osborn.

No Serious Danger Expected.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 6.—It is believed the river will not go over 37.5 feet here. The crest of the rise probably will reach here by Saturday noon. The stage by to-morrow, at 9 a. m., will be about thirty-seven feet. All the boats arriving to-day were late owing to the wind of last night. In many of the smaller towns the boats cannot land. The water is over the lowlands below and above the city, but thus far no damage has resulted.

Were Not Buried Together.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 6.—Arrangements were made to-day for a double burial for William B. Cox and his wife, but they were not carried into execution, because relatives of the wife came here and appealed to the court for the possession of the body, which was given them. Cox killed his wife on Tuesday last and committed suicide.

Twice Stricken with Heart Failure.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 6.—George Crane, expert accountant and a prominent citizens, was stricken with heart failure this afternoon in his office. A second and more severe attack after he reached home left him pulseless for an hour. He was revived, however, by stimulants, but is still in a critical condition.

Explosion of a Gas Engine.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 6.—Charles Geerkin, employed at Brudie's flour mill, was painfully but not fatally hurt this morning by the explosion of the gas engine. W. H. Brudie, owner of the mill, escaped injury, although close to the engine. It is supposed the base of the engine ignited and caused the trouble.

Contracts for School Building.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 6.—The School Board to-day let the contract for the construction of the new high and manual training school to Kellar & Braun for the excavating, concrete footings, brickwork and cut stone for $62,993, and to W. H. Roney, of Chicago, for the carpenter work at his bid of $38,500.

Smallpox Case at Kokomo.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 6.—Smallpox made its appearance in Kokomo to-day, the victim being Albert Walters, of the west part of town. He brought the malady from Wells county. The authorities have taken prompt measures to prevent contagion. It is of mild form and occasions no alarm.

Lecture by General Gordon.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NORTH VERNON, Ind., March 6.—Gen. John B. Gordon delivered his lecture on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" before a large and appreciative audience at Whitcomb's Opera House in this city last night. The decture was pronounced the best that has ever been delivered here.

Quarrel Ends in a Shooting.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 6.—"Bill" Letner, a well-known character about town, was shot and probably fatally wounded to-day by John Eversole. The shooting was the culmination of a quarrel. Eversole claims that he shot in self-defense.

Bonds Were Not Taken.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 6.—The bonds, amounting to $3,700, supposed to have been secured by the Montgomery bank robbers, were found to-day in the debris caused by the wrecking of the vault. Detectives are busy on the case. The cash secured amounts to nearly $4,000.

Indiana Obituary.

MOORE'S HILL, Ind., March 6.—Dr. Andrew J. Bowers, a well-known and successful physician and surgeon of Dearborn county, after an illness of three days died last night of double pneumonia. He was the son of a prominent Cincinnati physician, Dr. Henry J. Bowers, a native of Massachusetts. Dr. Bowers was seventy-five years old.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 6.—Mrs. Eleanor Drake Ellsworth, one of the oldest residents of this city, died this morning at the residence of her granddaughter, Mrs. William V. Stuart. Mrs. Drake was born in Windsor, Canada, on Dec. 25, 1813, and came to this city in the early fifties, residing for a short time since then in Indianapolis.

KNIGHTSTOWN, Ind., March 6.—Frank K. Steele, of this city, died suddenly this evening of hemorrhage of the lungs. For many years he had been a leading druggist in this city. He was the son of the late Capt. James Steele and a brother of former Prosecutor Steele, of New Castle. He left a widow.

ELKHART, Ind., March 6.—John Hardin Schutt, of this city, where he was born fifty-eight years ago, died at the National Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill., last night of cancer of the stomach. His widow and two sons reside here. The interment will take place at Danville on Friday afternoon.

ELWOOD, Ind., March 6.—Mrs. Lydia Lamb, who lived in the country, near Aroma, is dead. She was eighty-three years old, and was one of the oldest residents of that vicinity.

Indiana Notes.

ELWOOD.—The Columbia Club, of this city, one of the leading social organizations of the gas belt, has secured a lease on the entire second floor of the Headley block, and in addition to its splendidly equipped dance hall and reception and reading parlors, will install a complete and modern gymnasium. * * * R. L. Leeson, jr., owner of a fine building site almost in the heart of the city, has announced that during the coming summer he would erect thereon a modern three-story brick and stone business block, to cost in the neighborhood of $30,000. The structure will be 66x120 feet in size, with five business rooms on the ground floor and offices above.

COLUMBUS.—At a meeting of the City Council, held Thursday night, an ordinance was presented for a franchise for the Irwin Interurban Railway, to be extended from Franklin to this city. The franchise as asked for provides for the entrance to the city over Washington street, south to Twelfth; thence east to Franklin street, the principal residence street; thence south to Fifth street and thence west to Jackson street. The residents of Franklin street will solidly fight the granting of the franchise over that street.

PORTLAND.—The County Commissioners have ordered special elections held in Wayne and Penn townships April 7 for the purpose of voting on the subsidies for the proposed Dayton, Union City & Huntington Railroad. The promoters ask $58,000 in this township and $18,750 in Penn township. There seems to be a good deal of feeling in favor of the road, and the general public think that it will be built if the subsidies here and at Huntington are voted.

CONNERSVILLE.—The local lodge of Elks is making arrangements to erect a $50,000 opera house, lodge and clubrooms. It has secured a lot in the central part of the city, and ordered plans and specifications from a Chicago architect. The building will be of three stories, 88 by 165 feet, and will have two storerooms, clubrooms on second floor, lodge rooms on third floor and opera house in the rear.

MARION.—Antioch Church, one of the oldest landmarks in Van Buren township of Grant county will soon disappear. Fifty-nine years ago William Hayes, Henry Douglass, Samuel Pulley and others met and organized and built a Methodist Episcopal church. The members of the congregation have decided that a larger church is needed. They will expend over $3,000 for a new structure.

MADISON.—The City Council has adopted a resolution submitting to the voters of Madison at the regular May election the question of whether Andrew Carnegie's offer for the construction of a $20,000 library building shall be accepted. If it carries, steps are to be immediately taken to construct and equip the building.

BOURBON.—The rural mail route inspector has been here this week, and the chances are that two routes will soon be in operation. * * * The new State Bank, which has been organized with Mr. Hiram Bowman and Mr. C. C. Rink as directors, expects to be ready for business by the 1st of April.

KOKOMO.—Miss Maggie Perry, one of the victims of the hay-wagon party run down by a train at Kokomo a month ago, was given $1,700 damages by the Panhandle Company on Thursday for her injuries. The company has settled with all of the eighteen victims.

FORT WAYNE.—Local agents of fire insurance companies have been notified to raise the rates on a number of down-town properties. One block in the business quarter was raised from 95 cents to $1.55. The increase is due to the heavy losses in recent fires.

VINCENNES.—The contract for the new Knox county jail was given to Coats & Perkinson, of Columbus, Ind., for $42,243. * * * The Interstate distillery, worth $75,000, has been ordered disposed of at sheriff's sale by the Knox Circuit Court.

MUNCIE.—Susan Tweedy, aged twenty-three, swallowed 10 cents' worth of strychnine on Thursday night at her home in Shedtown, and will die. It was the result of a love affair, her parents objecting to her suitor.

SENOR AMPIL AT MANILA.

He Narrowly Escaped Burial Alive by His Filipino Captors.

MANILA, March 6.—Senor Ampil, the former presidente of the town of Cainta, province of Morong, Luzon, who was recently captured by the insurgents and subsequently escaped, has arrived at Manila, where he will remain indefinitely, as he considers himself to be safer here than at Cainta. Senor Ampil is well known as an American sympathizer. He says it was the intention of his captors to bury him alive. When the insurgents captured the detachment of native constabulary, March 3, they secured, according to Senor Ampil, twelve Remington rifles and eight revolvers. Their principal camp is on a high mountain in the province of Manila. When the constabulary who came to effect Senor Ampil's rescue reached the insurgent camp the latter charged, whereupon the constabulary fled. The insurgents and the constabulary were within speaking distance of each other. Senor Ampil was bound by his captors. He says the insurgents fear the American soldiers, but care little for the native troops. Senor Ampil has resigned his position as presidente of Cainta.

Maj. Henry Allen, chief of the organization of native constabulary, says that his men report having fought for an hour in their endeavor to effect the release of Senor Ampil. The constabulary aver that the kidnapers of the late presidente of Cainta were neither insurgents nor ladrones, but a gang of rascals with no definite object.

General Chaffee has left Manila on his tour through the north of Luzon. He is accompanied by General Bates and Mrs. Chaffee.

The insurgent General Lukban, who was captured last month in the Island of Samar, has requested an immediate inquiry into his conduct of the insurgent campaign in that island.

NEW PENSION SYSTEM.

First Ever Established for Superannuated Street-Railway Employes.

NEW YORK, March 6.—President Vreeland, of the Metropolitan Street-railway Company, caused notices to be posted in the Manhattan barns and offices of the system to-night announcing to employes the establishment of a pension system for the superannuated employes of the company. This, Mr. Vreeland says, is the first pension system ever established for the street-railway employes, of whom the Metropolitan has 15,000. The pension system will go into effect on or before July 1. It is for the benefit of the superannuated employes whose annual maximum wages have not exceeded $1,200 a year. It provides for a voluntary and involuntary retirement of all employes included between the ages of sixty-five and seventy after twenty-five years' service in the company or any of its constituent companies.

FELL WITH THE SIDEWALK.

Crowd That Was Watching a Hypnotist—The Subject Not Wakened.

HOWARD CITY, Mich., March 6.—While witnessing a demonstration of hypnotism here to-day a crowd of about 100 people, watching a sleeping subject who was being carried to a hall, were precipitated to a basement ten feet below by the collapse of a sidewalk. No one was seriously hurt, although a number were bruised and cut. The sleeper slept on and was awakened in the hall by the hynotist, uninjured.

Mutual Insurance Men Elect Officers.

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 6.—The National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies will hold its convention next year in Chattanooga, Tenn. Seattle also made a bid for the convention, but the Southern city was chosen by a large majority. The new officers are: President, W. D. Forbes, Des Moines, Ia.; vice presidents at large, J. J. Furlong, Austin, Minn.; secretary and treasurer, W. B. Linch, Lincoln, Neb.; executive committee—C. F. Mingenback, McPherson, Kan.; R. J. Young, Lewin, Ia., and H. A. Wiley, Kewanna, Ind. A vice president was also selected for each State represented in the convention.

Street-Railway Strike May End.

NORFOLK, Va., March 6.—From the outlook now everything points to a settlement of the strike that has tied up the street-railway system of the Norfolk Railway and Light Company by noon to-morrow. A lengthy session of the committees from the Chamber of Commerce, Central Labor Union, Carmen's Union and the railway company adjourned at midnight after having agreed to submit the matter to arbitration in the morning. The conference of the different interests was behind closed doors, but it is understood that concessions were made by both sides. One car was wrecked on Church street to-night.

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MR. GEORGE MEREDITH.

Is Seventy-Four Years Old and Has Written Twenty-Seven Books.

London Daily Mail.

Mr. George Meredith, the oldest, as he is without question the most original and inspired, of modern English romancers, has this week entered his seventy-fifth year, having been born in Hampshire on Feb. 12, 1828. His first appearance in print was with a poem called "Chillianwallah," in Chamber's Journal in July, 1849, and his first book of poems appeared two years later. It is rather remarkable of a novelist who took so many years to secure the recognition of his genius that his most popular and in some respects his finest romance, "The Ordeal of Richard Feverll," was published forty-three years ago.

Mr. Meredith has, all together, published twenty-seven books, his last novel being "The Case of General Ople and Lady Camper," published in 1895. In the early part of his career Mr. Meredith wrote in the Pall Mall Gazette and the Morning Post, but when his publisher suggested that this early work should be included in his bibliography the author firmly remarked, "Let them lie."

The novelist once shared a house in Cheyne-walk with Rossetti and Mr. Swinburne, but the arrangement was not very successful. It is said that Mr. Meredith was disgusted with Rossetti's clumsy housekeeping, and that he left the house forever after seeing the Pre-Raphaelite poet devour a breakfast of raspberry tarts and six eggs, which had been waiting for him, getting colder and colder, for over an hour. Rossetti himself confessed that "George will never be able to work here with us." Eventually Mr. Meredith made his home at Foxhill, in Surrey. He has worked for many years in a summer house built in his garden.

He was at one time a great walker, and, despite his decided age, is still active and alert. His rather harsh voice is modulated and pleasantly rhythmical. He dresses with what may be called an artistic instinct, his coats usually being silver-grey, harmonizing in color with his hair and beard. For many years he was reader for Messrs. Chapman and Hall, and—rather a curious characteristic—is a great authority on wines, some of his wealth of lore on the subject having been put into "The Egoist."

Mr. Meredith is a great reader of French and German literature, and a criticism of his on De Maupassant is worth quoting. Some one had taken exception to the subjects of the French novelist, and the English writer remarked: "Everything is saved by the poetry of his language." Though Mr. Meredith's public is not as large as many of his contemporaries', he has been an almost infinite influence on the more thoughtful men of his age. He has enriched the English language with a multitude of aphorisms. The following are perhaps among his wisest: "To be truly happy is a question of how we begin and not of how we end, of what we want and not of what we have." "A generous prayer is never presented in vain; the petition may be refused, but the petitioner is always, I believe, rewarded by some gracious visitation." "What a woman thinks of women is the test of her nature." "Observation is the most enduring of the pleasures of life."

It is of interest to note that Mr. George Meredith, like Mr. Thomas Hardy, regards his poetry as of greater value than his prose; and it is said that the surest way to offend him is to exaggerate the value of his novels and to minimize that of his poems.

THE PRINCE AS A SPORTSMAN.

He Is Awkward with a Gun and Has Bad Luck.

New York Commercial.

Right here it is proper to record of the prince that he is a most unlucky sportsman. His wife, the Princess Irene of Hesse, far outshines him in the realm of the sports. She is an expert horsewoman and exceedingly skillful with the rifle. In this last respect she far outranks her husband, whose awkward accidents in handling a gun are common talk throughout Germany. A few years ago, while on a shooting expedition with the King of Greece, he stumbled, and in falling both barrels of his gun were discharged, and a Greek gentleman belonging to the ropal party was severely wounded. Four years before that occurrence a similar unfortunate affair occurred near Baden-Baden, when the accidental discharge of the prince's weapon inflicted dangerous wounds on one of the gamekeepers of his uncle, the reigning grand duke. It need hardly be said that liberal pensions were settled on the sufferers, both by the grand duke and the prince, which, if he yet lives, the gamekeeper still enjoys.

Another adventure of a similar nature is told of his experience while on a visit to his royal grandmother, the late Queen Victoria, at her home in the Scottish Highlands. Upon his return from a day's deer stalking the Queen inquired what sport he had had, whereupon the prince airily replied:

"Oh, I haven't killed any stag, but I managed to wound several."

An awkward silence, it is said, followed this astounding remark, while Queen Victoria's face was a picture, and the princely grandson was from that time forth forbidden to go deer hunting any more.

The prince plays the violin, and has composed a march, which, to