VITAL STATISTICS—DEC. 23.

Births.

R. N. and L. Parent, 810 Union, girl.
F. A. and J. Unversaw, 413 Downey, boy.
W. F. and R. Nuetemeyer, Dearborn street, girl.
J. J. and I. Steele, 2121 Fountain, girl.
Otto and Alma Caudell, 2118 Oxford, boy.
E. and M. Parker, 527 Indiana av., boy.
H. H. and M. Feadler, 181 Euclid av., girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Arthur Turpin and Daisy Hopkins.
Robert Owens and Maud Keeley.
Thomas E. Wright and Emma Johnston.
Isaac L. Fisher and Jeannette Gowdy.
Henry Gardner and Maud Kinley.
Andrew L. Kiash and Rosa Fisher.
Ogden H. Gray and Harriet L. Obrist.
George E. Lorentz and Maud M. Gatewood.
Lewis A. Poundstone and Minnie Buehler.
William Froley and Juno Ferguson.
Alpheus Raymond Willey and Jemima K. Pollard.
John S. Wishard and Harriet J. Wishard.
Charles A. Sheets and Nellie Connelly.
Thomas Mulrine and Daisy Clay.
Charles J. Miller and Marie Schmidt.
William Hudson and Marie Knop.
Corson Chapman and Cordelia Davis.
George W. Tingle and Sophronia J. Helton.

Deaths.

Alexander Trumbull, sixty-eight years, 2008 Martindale, rheumatism.
Caroline Dickman, sixty-one years, 113 East Maryland, pneumonia.
Anna L. Miller, six years, 215 Iowa, pneumonia.
Robert Thorpe, ninety-two years, 1415 Kappes st., old age.
Florence Hert, twenty-five years, City Hospital, smallpox.
Harriet Richardson, sixty-nine years, 904 Beville, neuralgia of heart.
Edna Hazel, nineteen, Morton House, narcotic poisoning.
Cora English, thirty-four, 1450 Prospect, tuberculosis.
Elizabeth Rosenstengel, thirteen, 600 Parkway, heart disease.

MONUMENTS.

MONUMENTS—A. DIENER, 449 E. Washington. Tel. 2525. Branch works E. entrance Crown Hill.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS.

TUTEWILER & SON, Undertakers, 129 W. Market st. Tel. 216. BOTH 'PHONES 250.

C. E. KREGELO SELLS A BURGLAR-PROOF VAULT THAT GHOULS CANNOT BREAK. 223 N. DELAWARE ST.

PLANNER & BUCHANAN—(Licensed embalmers.) Can ship diphtheria and scarlet fever. Lady embalmer for ladies and children. 320 N. Illinois street. Telephone 641, new or old.

JOURNAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS—
FRANK BLANCHARD, 99 N. Delaware st. Tel. 411. Lady attendant.

FLORISTS—
BERTERMANN BROS., New No. 241 Mass. av., 228 N. Del. st. Tel. 840.

PATENT LAWYERS—
THOMPSON R. BELL, consulting engineer and patent attorney, 55 Ingalls block, Indianapolis.

SALE AND LIVERY STABLES—
HORACE WOOD. (Carriages, Traps, Buckboards, etc.) 25 Circle. Tel. 1007.

FOR RENT—HOUSES.

FOR RENT—See list at 131 E. Market; ground floor. GREGORY & APPEL.

FOR RENT—ROOMS.

FOR RENT—Elegant rooms, single or en suite, private baths, steam heat, new dining room. THE MANHATTAN, 512-522 N. Meridian.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—Or Rent: Invalid and reclining chairs. W. D. ALLISON CO., 905 N. Alabama.

FOR SALE—One Dean Bros.' duplex power pump. Inquire W. LARUE, at the Chalfant, corner of Pennsylvania and Michigan streets.

WANTED—MALE HELP.

WANTED—Young reporter; some experience; reference. THE EXPRESS, Terre Haute.

WANTED—Partners with some capital to go in the stove business. Address Box 351, care the Journal.

WANTED—Recruits for the United States Marine Corps, able-bodied men of good character between the ages of 21 and 35 years, not less than 5 feet 4 inches and not over 6 feet 1 inch in height, of good character and not addicted to the use of liquor; must be citizens of the United States or persons who have legally declared their intentions to become citizens, able to read and write English properly, as well as speak it. No minors or married men will be accepted. This important branch of the Naval Service offers SPECIAL INDUCEMENT TO RECRUITS, as the law PROVIDES for the PROMOTION of WORTHY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS to SECOND LIEUTENANTS. Marines are enlisted for a period of four years, and are generally stationed in large cities, and are now serving in Cuba, Porto Rico, Manila and Guam, and when sent to sea have a fine opportunity to see all parts of the world. Pay from $13 to $44 per month. Clothing, board and medical attendance are provided in addition to pay. Apply at U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Office, Room 730 Newton Claypool bldg., corner of Pennsylvania and Ohio streets.

WANTED—HOUSES.

FOR RENT—7 or 8-room cottage or house with bath; north preferred; locate and name rent in reply. Box 352, care Journal.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—
If you have anything to buy, sell or trade make that fact known through the Sunday Journal want ads. You will get the desired results.

All advertisements inserted in these columns are charged at the very low rate of 5 cents a line. Blank or dash lines at the same price per line. Telephone 238 and your add. will be called for.

NOTICE.

NOTICE—Rent your Santa Claus costumes from KIRKLIN, Yohn block, Room 1.

NOTICE—JOSEPH GARDNER, tin work and furnaces, 29 Kentucky av. Telephone 322.

NOTICE—Two vacancies in Training School for Nurses; write to MARION HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL FOR NURSES for particulars.

NOTICE—

A CARD LIKE THIS
Every Sunday for one year costs but $1.95 per month. The Journal want page is profitable to the advertiser and reader.

FINANCIAL.

LOANS—Money on mortgages. C. F. SAYLES & CO., 127 East Market street.

FINANCIAL—Five per cent. money to loan on Indianapolis city property, or on city property in any county-seat town, or on farm property anywhere in Indiana; we use our own funds; no delay; partial payments. Call or address C. N. WILLIAMS & CO., 8-10 E. Market st.

FINANCIAL—Money to loan on farms anywhere in Indiana; 5 per cent. interest; NO COMMISSION; full partial payment privilege at interest dates; annual or semi-annual interest; large loans a specialty; write us before making arrangements. CLEMENTS & EVANS, Crawfordsville, Ind.

FINANCIAL—

Money to Loan

On furniture, pianos, horses, wagons, store fixtures, etc., without removal. This is the company that was organized to furnish money at the lowest possible rates. Try our building association plan, payable in fifty equal weekly payments.

$25.00 weekly payments only.....$ .60
$50.00 weekly payments only..... 1.20

Other amounts in same proportion.
We also make loans on watches, diamonds, etc. Also, to salaried people on their individual notes. Business strictly confidential. Office open evenings until Christmas.

CENTRAL LOAN COMPANY,
Room 203, Stevenson Building.
(15 E. Washington Street.)
Second Floor—Old phone 3182—Front Room.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Two-year-old white and brown spotted English pointer dog; answers to the name "Fritz." Finder return to 41 Monument place and get reward.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

The Board of Trustees of the Central Indiana Hospital for Insane will receive sealed proposals until Friday, Dec. 26, at 10 a. m., for furnishing a full line of supplies for the month of January, 1903. Estimate book will be on file at Room 45, Statehouse, from and after Monday, Dec. 22, 1902. By order of Board of Trustees.

Depot Q. M.'s Dept., Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 20, 1902.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 10 o'clock a. m. Jan. 9, 1903, for furnishing 500 Field Ranges. United States reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Field Ranges," and addressed J. M. MARSHALL, Assistant Q. M. General.

CRITICISMS ARE UNJUST

RAILROADS ARE DOING THEIR BEST TO HANDLE THE TRAFFIC.

Important Decision by Iowa Supreme Court—Local Freight Agents Issue an Important Notice.

The general superintendent of one of the Indianapolis systems remarked, yesterday, that much of the complaint as to shortage of cars and ability to move freight was unjust. The lines he represented, he said, were this month handling 15 per cent. larger tonnage than any other former December and were doing all in their power to expedite the movement of freight. He stated that shippers and consignees were complaining of being unable to get cars to handle their freight, while the roads were getting new cars, new locomotives, and increasing their equipments continually and employing more men and paying better wages than at any former period. He said that a shipper came into his office a day or two ago and was very bitter in his comments regarding the road's service. After hearing him through he called his attention to one or two other matters, and asked the complainant how his business was, to which he answered, "We have all we can do; we have orders that we can't fill for months to come, and are head over heels in business." The general superintendent said to him, "Why don't you enlarge your shops preparatory to filling these contracts? Probably the men you have contracted to furnish goods to are as anxious to get their articles as you are to get your freight shipped. I think the railroads are doing their best to accommodate the shippers and consignees, and they do not have the sympathy they deserve. I know of consignees who are as slow unloading freight as when business was dull, and while the present prosperity lasts, the roads, the shippers and the consignees will have to forbear in their criticisms of the railroads' service. The country from one end to the other is full of freight to be moved. All are working to the full limit of their capacity and are still way behind on their orders. If anybody has reason to complain it is the grain shipper, as there is not a station on the western lines where there are not large quantities of grain waiting cars, and the demand of the entire West for cars has increased enormously; both in and outbound business with all lines is very heavy, and likely to continue so for some time to come. There seems to be an impression that the roads are entirely in fault for the present condition, when they are moving more traffic than in any former year, and very fortunately weather conditions have been such that locomotives could haul their full capacity, there not having been a day as yet that the roads were obliged to cut off cars to relieve matters. I think the roads deserve credit for their efforts to move the unprecedented business, rather than censure."

The Railroads Not Liable.

The Supreme Court of Iowa has rendered an important opinion on the question whether a railroad is liable for the loss of a registered package sent by mail. In this action the plaintiff sought to recover the value of a registered mail package containing $2,000, which the railroad as a carrier of mail for the government undertook to carry from Kansas City, Mo., to Kinsley, Kan., and it is claimed that because of fire and wreck the package was lost. The Supreme Court in affirming the decision in a clear and exhaustive opinion says that railroads, so far as they handle the mail, are simply instrumentalities of the government for the performance of a public function and are neither common nor private carriers for the government or for the individual. It is a charge of officers and agents of the government. The railroad company has charge of the cars in which the mails are carried, and its responsibility with respect thereto is to the general government.

Action of Local Freight Association.

The Indianapolis Local Freight Association has issued a notice to shippers regarding the tracing of freights, tracing of which does not always give satisfactory results. The circular says: "A tracer does not in any way expedite the movement of freight or accelerate the delivery to consignee. Less carload shipments are forwarded on schedule trains and a tracer, or even a request for prompt handling, does not in any way assist to hasten the freight to destination. The same is true of carload shipments. In view of the above we beg to respectfully request that shippers confine tracers to such shipments as have failed to reach destination within a reasonable time after date of forwarding. Compliance with this request will save the expense of thousands of useless tracers, will help to make the legitimate tracer the agent it should be, and will prove of advantage to all concerned."

New York Central's Statement.

The directors of the New York Central and allied railroad lines yesterday declared the regular dividends except that the Canada Southern dividend was fixed at 1 per cent. for the six months. Last year it was 1½ per cent. The New York Central statement for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1902 (partly estimated), showed net earnings of $5,825,400, as compared with $6,350,947 for the corresponding quarter last year. This is a decrease for the quarter of $525,547. The net earnings for the last six months of this year (partly estimated) were $13,019,900, a decrease of $567,700. The surplus, after payment of the last quarter's dividends, was reported at $361,700, a decrease of $683,044. The surplus for the six months showed a decrease of $942,500. According to semi-official explanations these differences arose from the increase in the capital stock demanding larger dividend payments.

Exchange of Passes Curtailed.

The executive officers of Western railroads have agreed to exchange annual passes with the railroads in Central Association territory and Southern lines, but not to issue any free transportation to officers or agents of the roads east of Pittsburg and Buffalo, or to representatives of fast freight lines of which trunk lines are members. A proposition that the Western lines refuse to exchange passes with all lines east of Chicago and St. Louis received only a few votes.

Personal, Local and General Notes.

H. M. Waite, division superintendent of the Queen & Crescent, will be in the city to-day to spend Christmas.

William Alfred Kellond, assistant general passenger agent of the Illinois Central, was in the city yesterday, calling on local passenger officials.

The executive committee of the locomotive engineers of the Louisville & Nashville is in session in Louisville, considering their grievances. The proceedings are secret.

George S. Venn, who, prior to his accepting a position with Dean Brothers, was general baggage agent at the Union station, died yesterday at his late residence on Oak street.

The Canada Southern has declared a dividend of 1 per cent. for the half year ending Dec. 31. This is a reduction of half of 1 per cent. from the dividend declared last December.

H. O. Huston and P. J. Raldy, formerly train dispatchers on the Pennsylvania line west, have returned to the same service and taken positions on the Baltimore & Ohio lines west.

The St. Louis & San Francisco has purchased fourteen acres of land in South Memphis. The land will be used by the road as a site for its new machine shops, which will cost $500,000.

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie has sent individual notice to thousands of its employes notifying them of an advance in their pay, dating from Dec. 1, and wishing them a merry Christmas.

It is stated that the White Pass & Yukon route will transfer its general offices from Seattle to Vancouver, B. C., and that the traffic of the Yukon district will be placed in full control of the Canadian Pacific.

The Norfolk & Western for twenty weeks consecutively has shown an average weekly increase of earnings of $55,029. The excellent showing is attributed to excessively large general business in conjunction with an enormous coal traffic.

The Chicago & Northwestern announces special round-trip tourist ticket to Honolulu and return via all direct steamship lines from San Francisco. The trip can be made going via San Francisco and returning via Vancouver if desired or vice versa.

The Nickel-plate is doing the heaviest freight traffic in its history. On Saturday twenty east-bound through fast freight and sixteen west-bound were run. Its sidetracks in its yards are crowded with freight, and every effort is put forth to move it.

A local superintendent, in commenting on the scarcity of cars, says the soliciting agent should be withdrawn and put at work looking after cars, as there is plenty of business in sight without any soliciting, and they could be made very useful in this line of service.

Up to the present time locomotives turned out for the Pennsylvania lines have been consigned to the lines east of Pittsburg and the Pittsburg division of the Western lines, but beginning with next month the new locomotives will come to the Western lines as fast as completed.

Horace Burk, president of the Union Pacific, is in New York, in conference with Mr. Harriman. He is expected home early next week, when he will make a reply to the demand of the striking boiler makers. Neither Mr. Burk nor Mr. Harriman will make public what their ultimatum will be.

The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern has experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining strong young men to act as firemen on the heavy compound freight engines. Tempting wages are offered applicants, but the young men try it for one trip and then quit on account of the hard work.

The vice presidents of the Pennsylvania declare that the announcement from New York that the company intended to erect a skyscraper hotel with the new terminal station in that city and that the plans were already drawn is premature. Nothing has been determined as to surface improvements.

Official announcement is made that John F. Deems, general superintendent of the Schenectady branch of the American locomotive works, has accepted the position of superintendent of motive power of the New York Central. Mr. Deems came to the locomotive works from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

The directors of the Central Railroad of New Jersey elected F. M. Bosler vice president of the company yesterday. Mr. Bosler then appointed T. B. Coons, who has been general freight agent of the road, to be freight traffic manager. Mr. Bosler has been general manager of the road and he will continue to hold that position.

The oldest of transportation officials do not remember an accident similar in character to that on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton near Liberty, Ind., in which four engines were disabled by an engine running away and colliding with freight trains running one west-bound, the other east-bound, and hauled as double-headers.

James Leeming, of New York, general freight agent of the Erie division of the Erie Railway, who is on a Western trip, lies at the German Deaconess Hospital quite ill, he having undergone an operation for appendicitis. He was stricken with typhoid fever and was well on the road to recovery when this trouble presented itself.

R. H. Fowler, Southern traveling passenger agent of the Illinois Central, was in the city yesterday. He states that this road is doing an unexpected volume of business both in freight and passenger on the Southern line, and it is a serious question how to keep within touch of the traffic in a manner satisfactory, especially to the shipper.

The New York Herald says the employes of Wells, Fargo & Co., to the number of 6,000, will have their salaries increased from 5 to 10 per cent., the increase to date from Dec. 1. The increase is spoken of by the officers of the express company as a readjustment of the scale of wages, but virtually in the readjustment the salaries are raised.

The lines in Central Association territory have been compelled to advance their passenger rates to Washington, Oregon and California by a round sum. This has all grown out of a fight that was on between a Canadian road and the line along the south shore of Lake Erie. The advance makes a difference of $5 to $7 from Eastern to California points.

A. V. Brown will become the successor of R. K. Smith as assistant superintendent of the Burlington Railway lines, with headquarters at St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. Brown has been chief clerk to General Manager Levy at St. Louis. Formerly he was connected with the Burlington lines in Iowa. Mr. Smith is made division superintendent on the Iron Mountain Railway.

It is reported that G. G. Warner, second vice president of the Missouri Pacific and who has been connected with the road for thirty-five years, will retire and be succeeded by W. C. Smith, the present freight traffic manager. Rumor further says that W. B. Biddle, freight traffic manager of the Santa Fe, has had an offer from another road and will probably accept.

The Atlantic type of engine recently received by the Panhandle are doing great work on the east end. One of them on Saturday hauled eight cars fifty-eight miles in fifty-six minutes—eight miles of the distance being up a grade of seventy-five feet to the mile. These engines have eighty-inch driving wheels, and no engineer has had the nerve as yet to test their highest speed capacity.

The Brooks locomotive works is building six-wheeled switch engines for the Hocking Valley, delivery next April, and the Rogers locomotive works is building twenty freight engines for the same road. The Brooks locomotive works is breaking all records this month in construction of engines. If the December schedule is carried out it will complete fifty-one locomotives, while the general works has been so planned that fifty-three will be built.

The Big Four has just completed at its shops in this city a coke car of new design. While its marked carrying capacity is 80,000 pounds, 84,000 has been loaded into it, and it proved a very satisfactory car for that line of service, having double the capacity of any coke cars heretofore built. The Big Four and the Louisville & Nashville are so well satisfied with its construction that they will probably build several hundred of them for their coke traffic from southeastern Virginia to the Northwest.

Official announcement is made of the appointment of William W. Atterbury general manager of the Pennsylvania lines east. These and other promotions heretofore noted are the direct results of the personal investigation of President Cassatt of the great freight congestions on the system, notably at Pittsburg, Altoona and Harrisburg. An improvement in operating methods is thought to be accomplished without delay by placing younger and more active men at the heads of departments.

A charter was issued yesterday by the Missouri secretary of state to the Kansas City & Rock Island Railway South of Kansas City. The company has a capital stock of $1,000,000. The road is to extend from Kansas City to Strassburg, in Cass county, forty miles, and is to be the Kansas City entrance of the St. Louis-Kansas City line now building Westward from St. Louis. W. B. Leeds, Charles Warren, of New York; Robert Mather and W. W. Stevenson, of Chicago; W. F. Evans, W. E. Morse and M. E. Farrows, of St. Louis, are the incorporators.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed yesterday for the Delphi Lime Company. The liabilities are $13,476.93; assets, $12,800. Howard Smith and Jane Smith, administrators of the estate of Wicklif Smith, asked for the receiver, claiming that the officers of the company had conveyed certain property to others, and the claim of the administrators is not sufficiently protected.

William W. Brewer, a farmer of Wilkinson, filed a bankruptcy petition, giving his liabilities at $3,019.31, and assets $100. Marcus Holiday, a Muncie grocer, in his petition gives his liabilities at $1,913.11; assets, $478.10.

Compromise Is Effected.

The suit of the Central Union Telephone Company against the Merchants' Heat and Light Company has been compromised and was dismissed in Federal Court yesterday at the request of the complainant. The Central Union Company secured a temporary restraining order to prevent the Merchants' Company from interfering with the plaintiff's manholes on Washington street in laying the pipes for heating purposes. The order was dismissed and the Merchants' Company has proceeded with the work on Washington street.

Jesse Stone, one of the employes on the new federal building, fell from a platform yesterday and sustained injuries to his back and shoulders. He was taken to the City Hospital. He is not seriously injured. He lives at 314 North Alabama street.

STORAGE.

STORAGE—The Union Transfer and Storage Company, corner East Ohio st. and Union tracks; only first-class storage solicited. Crating and packing. 'Phones 725.

STORAGE—INDPLS. WAREHOUSE CO., W. E. Kurtz, Pres. H. A. Crossland, Mgr. 517-523 S. Penn. Telephone 1343. We STORE, PACK and HAUL.

CLAIMS AGAINST STATE

SUPERIOR JUDGES SITTING TOGETHER HEAR THE CASES.

Attorney General Taylor Is Representing the State—Other Cases in the Local Courts.

Attorney General William L. Taylor is defending claims against the State of Indiana being heard by the three Superior judges of the county, Judges McMaster, Leathers and Carter, in Room 1, Superior Court. The claims of George W. Hall, Felton A. Basler, Mortimer Levering and Marcus Claypool for expenses connected with their service on the State Live Stock Commission were allowed by the court. The money allowed to Hall is $225.66; Balser, $1,036.88; Levering, $353.90, and to Marcus Claypool, $182.57. These claims were not contested by Mr. Taylor, as the bills are for the expenses of those men which could not be met by the appropriation for the commission. The sums of the expenses were figured by Auditor Hart and the members of the commission, and the presentation in the court of the claim was only to supply a legal technicality.

The claim of the Reed Smokeless Furnace Company against the State of Indiana for the payment of $2,000, alleged to be due for a smoke-consuming device sold to the State for use in the Northern Prison, was contested by Mr. Taylor. The proof of the claim was submitted to the court during the day and the facts of the contention brought out. The furnace company agreed in January, 1900, to supply the prison with furnace appliances which would successfully do away with 75 per cent. of the smoke and also save 25 per cent. of the coal formerly used in the furnaces of the institution. The appliances were defective, it is alleged, and shortly after they were put in the board of control decided that they were of no benefit and notified the firm in this city of an intention to abrogate the contract. The firm failed to call for the machinery and it was taken out and stored in the prison. The action of the board in refusing to accept the consumer was based on the opinion of Engineer Crockett, who thought the appliance of little use to the State. The contract provided for the refusal of the consumer if upon several tests it was found unequal to the work expected of it.

The consumer company brought suit against the State on June 25, 1901, and the claim has been in the courts since then. The evidence was concluded yesterday and this morning the arguments will be heard. Among the witnesses were ex-Warden G. A. H. Shideler, E. H. Nebeker, president of the prison board, Warden James B. Reed and other State officials.

Another claim against the State to be heard by the judges of the Superior Court will be that of Contractor McCormick for $57,000. McCormick built the new cellhouses in the Indiana Reformatory and claims this amount in addition to the contract price. The State refuses payment and the hearing has been set for Jan. 28. Attorney General Taylor is anxious to get rid of all of the unfinished court business of the State by Jan. 30.

Stranger Files a Complaint.

William Holden demands damages of $5,000 against the Indianapolis Street-railway Company in a suit filed yesterday in the Superior Court. Holden avers in his complaint that he was a stranger in Indianapolis on Dec. 10, and that he boarded an English-avenue car. At Pine street and English avenue the sudden turn of the car in making the curve threw him from the platform, and he was severely injured. Holden claims that his arm was broken, his back hurt and several bruises and scratches on the body caused him a loss of time and money valued at $5,000. He blames the street-car company for the speed at which the car was made to take the curve, and says that in standing on the platform he was only agreeing with the company's permission to do so.

Suit on a Policy.

Oliver J. Kidd filed a suit yesterday against the Western Assurance Company to collect on an insurance policy issued by the company from its offices in Toronto, Canada. Kidd is the proprietor of the wall paper store at 442 Massachusetts avenue, which was burned out several weeks ago. He alleges in the complaint filed that his policy of $1,500 has not been paid and that he has been damaged in addition to the amount of the policy in the sum of $175 for watching and caring for the salvege, in accordance with the terms of the insurance company when it accepted the risk.

Charles Simon's Complaint.

Charles Simon, in complaining to the Circuit Court of the actions of his wife, Lena Simon, says she fails to cook his meals, has not mended his clothing and failed to keep their house clean and comfortable. He asks that he be granted a divorce. He enumerates other irregularities in his wife's conduct and accuses her of taking his money from his trunk and giving it away. Another charge is that she has frequently bought articles of furniture and other purchases on credit and that the calls on him by collectors have become annoying.

Rudolph Marchall Fined.

Rudolph Marchall, the proprietor of the North Alabama-street rooming house, who was arrested two weeks ago for conducting an immoral place, was fined $10 and costs by Judge Alford yesterday. Marchall pleaded not guilty to the charge, but on an agreed statement of facts he was fined. Josephine Marchall was released. The charges originally came up in Police Court, but applications for jury trials and two postponements caused the charges to be made before the grand jury and indictments were returned.

Will of George W. Marvel.

The will of George W. Marvel was probated yesterday. Mr. Marvel left his personal property and real estate to his widow, Lucinda Marvel, and provided that upon her death it be divided among his three children, Mrs. Otta Watson, Frank Marvel and Mrs. Rosa Sims. He named Francis M. Hollingsworth as executor of the instrument, but Mr. Hollingsworth renounced his right to the office. No selection of an executor has been made by the probate commissioner.

Courts Practically Closed.

The Marion county courts will be practically closed from to-day until after New Year's day. In the three Superior Court rooms, the Circuit Court, the Probate Court and the Criminal Court only necessary business will be transacted, and all of the county offices will be practically closed. Suits may be filed and causes needing immediate action will be attended to, but no regular calendars for the courts during that time are to be followed.

Construction of a Will.

The heirs of the Mary L. Walker estate filed a petition in the Circuit Court yesterday for a construction of her will. The court considered the appearances of the defendants to the petition and the instrument, and declared Edwin J. Walker, Louis A. Walker, Robert P. Walker, Jacob Walker and Henry L. Walker to be the heirs to the estate, which consists of real estate and personal property.

Additional Bond of $75,000.

An additional bond of $75,000 was filed by Jesse Fletcher yesterday as guardian of the minor children of Charles B. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was the administrator of his brother's property and when he closed the estate and accepted the guardianship of the children a bond sufficiently large to cover his trust was necessary. The total bond now is $150,000.

Says Mrs. Dry "Rushed Growler."

John M. G. Dry applied for a divorce yesterday from Nannie K. Dry and for cause of complaint says that she "rushes the growler." Dry avers that his wife lives at 716 Blake street, and has been married to him since 1886. Domestic troubles caused a separation in August, 1901, and a divorce is needed, Dry alleges.

Estate of Frederick Ilg.

The Indiana Trust Company, administrator of the estate of Frederick Ilg, filed a final report of the trust yesterday. After all of the claims against the estate were satisfied a small balance was left for payment to the chief beneficiary of the instrument, the testator's widow.

A Bond of $12,000.

Jesse C. Moore filed a bond of $12,000 yesterday with the probate commissioner to secure his administration of the estate of Mary Jane Moore.

THE COURT RECORD.

SUPERIOR COURT.
James M. Leathers, John L. McMaster and Vinson Carter, Judges.

George W. Hall vs. the State of Indiana; claims. Finding and judgment for plaintiff for $225.56.

Felter A. Balser vs. the State of Indiana; claims. Finding and judgment for plaintiff for $1,036.88.

Mortimer Levering vs. the State of Indiana; claims. Finding and judgment for plaintiff for $353.90.

Marcus Claypool vs. the State of Indiana; claims. Finding and judgment for plaintiff for $182.57.

The Reed Smokeless Furnace Company vs. the State of Indiana; claims. Evidence concluded. Continued for argument.

SUPERIOR COURT.
Room 3—Vinson Carter, Judge.

Esther J. Whitinger vs. William Surber; on note. Jury returned verdict for plaintiff for $163.23.

CRIMINAL COURT.
Fremont Alford, Judge.

Rudolph Marshall and Josephine Marshall; keeping house of ill-fame. Defendants arraigned and pleaded not guilty. On an argued statement of facts Rudolph Marshall fined $10 and costs. Cause nolled as to defendant Josephine Marshall.

NEW SUITS.

David C. Braden vs. Demas C. Barreckman; damages. Circuit Court.

Oliver J. Kidd vs. the Western Assurance Company of Toronto, Canada; on policy. Superior Court, Room 3.

William Holden vs. Indianapolis Street-railway Company; damages. Circuit Court.

Schuyler C. Williams vs. Eva B. Williams; divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

Charles Simon vs. Lena Simon; divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

Elsie Thompson vs. David Thompson; divorce. Superior Court, Room 3.

Thomas Murphy vs. Jennie Murphy; complaint for partition and to quiet title. Superior Court, Room 3.

Anthony F. Kleinschmidt vs. Susan A. Harvey; complaint on mechanic's lien. Superior Court, Room 1.

John M. G. Dey vs. Nannie K. Dey; divorce. Circuit Court.

CIRCUIT COURT.
Henry Clay Allen, Judge.

Amos Keeport vs. Edward Cornell et al.; defendants defaulted. Submitted to court. Finding for plaintiff for $19 and costs. Foreclosure of liens.

Michael Sello vs. City of Indianapolis. Trial resumed. Evidence concluded. Continued for argument.

John L. Moore. vs. Frank Selvin. Appealed from Justice of the Peace Court. On account. Judgment against defendant for $14.26 and $2 costs, and against plaintiff for costs.

Mary Ella Johnson vs. R. E. Johnson; divorce. Trial resumed.

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4688. Jane Bell et al. vs. William Bitner. Howard C. C. Record. Assignment of errors. Notice to Tipton county.

—Minutes.—

4553. The Consumers' Gas Trust Company vs. Crystal Window Glass Company et al. Madison C. C. Appellee's brief (8.)

4561. John Sexton vs. John C. Goodwine et al. Warren C. C. Appellee's brief (8.)

4515. The C., C., C. & St. L. Railway Company vs. C. and A. Potts Company. Marion S. C. Appellant's reply brief (8.)

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4489. Baltes Land, Stone and Oil Company vs. James M. Sutton. Blackford C. C. Appellee's petition for extension of time.

4080. Riley R. Gadbury et al. vs. Ohio and Indiana Consolidated Natural and Illuminating Gas Company. Blackford C. C. Appellant's petition for rehearing and brief (8.)

4669. William E. Mickey et al. vs. Virgil Dingan. Dubois C. C. Appellant's brief (8.)

Another Three Born on Same Day.

To the Editor of the Indianapolis Journal:

I read in last Saturday's Journal of the unusual coincidence of three children in the same family—that of Mr. James H. Moore—having been born on the same day of the same month, and that Mr. Moore has long searched for another family that could celebrate the birthdays of three children on the same day. Mr. Moore would have to look only twenty miles west of Indianapolis, in the town of Danville, to have his search rewarded. Col. Thomas Nichols and wife were the parents of nine children, the oldest of whom, Mrs. Nancy Powell, was born Feb. 24; eleven years thereafter on Feb. 24, with three children between, was born William H. Nichols, and eleven years after William H., on Feb. 24, with three children between, was born O. E. Nichols. Thus the oldest, the youngest and the middle one of the nine children were born on the same day of the same month, with eleven years between the oldest and the middle child and eleven years between the youngest and the middle child. On Feb. 24 Mrs. Nancy Powell will be seventy-three years old, William H. Nichols will be sixty-two and O. E. Nichols will be fifty-one. All reside in Danville. William H. Nichols, former county auditor, is at present deputy county auditor, and O. E. Nichols is a druggist. The birthday anniversaries are celebrated by each family in turn.

GLYNDON M. WHITE.

Danville, Ind., Dec. 23.

Fire Loss of $150.

An overheated stove in the home of Mrs. Elisha Green, 1407 Kappus street, yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, caused a fire which damaged the house to the extent of $150.

Christmas Gifts.

Don't give me slippers, for they never fit;
Nor yet a padded lounging coat because
Not twice a year will I get into it—
Shirt-sleeves I much prefer; ah, pause, ah, pause,
'Ere on a smoking set you cast your eyes;
I have a score; and as for smoking caps,
Of these I'm sure I own what would suffice
To nicely furnish forth a dozen chaps.

Don't give me penwipers; I never wipe
A pen—who does? No neckties, for you'll choose
A dot or figure, where I like a stripe—
And handkerchiefs I only get to lose.
Don't give me any article of dress—
And hark! of all things underneath the stars,
No shaving mug—and, if you'd save distress
In your dear precious life, don't give cigars!

—Madeline Bridges in Brooklyn Life.

WISE.

Preacher—Well, maw, I just made a splendid arrangement with a shoe dealer.

His Wife—About what, Ezra?

Preacher—He has promised to buy all the slippers I get at Christmas at 50 cents a pair.

AMUSEMENTS.

PARK—2 p. m. 8 p. m.—The Young Romantic Actor WILLIS GRANGER in the London Melodramatic Success,
"GYPSY JACK"
Portrayed by an excellent company, embellished with magnificent scenery.
PRICES—10c, 20c, 30c. "Everybody goes to the Park." Christmas matinee prices same as night. Christmas, Friday and Saturday "James Boys in Missouri."

LOCAL WHOLESALE TRADE

HOLIDAY GOODS AND EATABLES CONTINUE IN BRISK DEMAND.

Other Markets, However, Are Light, and a Dull Period Is Expected—Grains Are in Good Demand.

There was little doing yesterday, except in holiday goods and those things that enter into table consumption. Poultry is a fast mover and one of the largest dealers in the city stated yesterday that not since 1885 has poultry sold as high as for the past week, not only in this market, but in Eastern markets. This is due partly to the short supply and partly to manipulation, and present indications are that for some time to come high prices will prevail for poultry of all kinds. Game is more plentiful, but prices are firm and probably will be until after the first of the year. Receipts of eggs are increasing and prices are easier. Should the weather continue mild further reductions are probable, as eggs are now selling higher than last year at this time. Choice butter is a fast mover and is selling from 2 to 5 cents higher than a year ago, despite the fact that the fall has been so open that farmers have had to feed but little. Provisions carry a weaker tone and while the reductions of Monday probably will prevail through the week, next Monday further reductions are anticipated. The wholesale grocers have thus far had a very busy month, but now look for a lull in their trade. Sugars seemingly have become settled as to prices. Coffees and canned goods carry a steady, firm tone, and in other groceries there are no changes. Little will be done in dry goods and fancy notions after to-day the remainder of the year. As usual the dry-goods houses and clothiers and dealers in fancy notions will doubtless reduce prices after the first of the year to encourage trade. Hides and leather present no new features. Cereals are selling well at easier prices than a month ago.

Local Grain Market.

The local grain market is fairly active, and all arrivals are taken at the quotations published. Wheat carries a firm tone and is in good request. Receipts are very light. Corn is active, but owing to a scarcity of cars the receipts are not what they should be. But few oats are arriving. Receipts of hay have been more liberal of late, but prices are strong. Track bids, as reported by the secretary of the Board of Trade, ruled as follows:

Wheat steady; No. 2 red, 73½c track; No. 2 red, 73½c on milling freight; No. 3 red, 69½@71½c track; wagon, 73c.

Corn steady; No. 1 white, 45c; No. 2 white, 45c; No. 3 white, 45c; No. 4 white, 41@43c; No. 2 white mixed, 45c; No. 3 white mixed, 45c; No. 4 white mixed, 41@43c; No. 2 yellow, 45c; No. 3 yellow, 45c; No. 4 yellow, 41@43c; No. 2 mixed, 45c; No. 3 mixed, 45c; No. 4 mixed, 41@43c.

Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 35½@35¾c; No. 3 white, 34¾@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 33@33½c; No. 3 mixed, 32½@33c.

Hay strong; No. 1 timothy, $13.50@14; No. 2 timothy, $12.50@13.

Inspections: Wheat—No. 3 red, 1 car. Corn—No. 3 white, 10 cars; No. 2 white mixed, 1; No. 3 yellow, 2; No. 2 mixed, 2; No. 3 mixed, 14; No. 4 mixed, 6; ear, 2; total, 37 cars. Oats—No. 3 mixed, 2 cars. Hay—No. 2 timothy, 1 car; total, 40 cars.

WAGON MARKET.

Offerings on the wagon market were over 100 loads and they sold quite briskly at the following range, as reported by the wagon weighmaster:

Corn—42@43c per bu.
Oats—30@32c per bu.
Sheaf Oats—$9@11 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, $14@15; mixed, $11.50@12.50; clover, $9@11 per ton.
Straw—$5@6 per ton.

Poultry and Other Produce.

(Prices paid by shippers.)

Young turkeys, 14c; hens, 9c; cocks, 5c; young ducks, 8c; geese, $4.25 per doz; springs, 9c.

Game—Rabbits, $1.25 per doz; Mallard ducks, $4 per doz.

Cheese—New York full cream, 13@14c; Swiss, 17c; brick, 14c; limburger, 13c.

Butter—Choice roll, 17c per lb; country but