TRAINS IN COLLISION

FREIGHT WRECK IN WABASH COUNTY AND ANOTHER IN CLAY.

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES UNDER DISCUSSION.

Parole for Daviess County Prisoner—New Castle's Era of Prosperity—Other News of the State.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., March 5.—A head-on collision occurred to-day at Servia, Wabash county, on the Erie railroad, resulting in the demolition of two freight engines and many cars. An east-bound freight train was standing at the station, awaiting the arrival of the west-bound freight, which got beyond the control of the engineer and crashed into the east-bound engine at the speed of twenty miles an hour.

The enginemen escaped injury by jumping, with the exception of Engineer Kelly, who suffered a fractured arm. The track was blocked for eight hours.

Trainmen Hurt in a Collision.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BRAZIL, Ind., March 5.—A north-bound work train, consisting of an engine and caboose, collided near Coxville, on the C. & E. I., this morning with a south-bound freight. The collision derailed both engines and several cars. The trainmen of the south-bound freight jumped and escaped with slight injuries, but all the crew of the north-bound train except the fireman were severely injured. Engineer Frank Lease fell on some ties beside the track, breaking his jaw and injuring him internally. Conductor John Brennon escaped with severe body bruises, Brakeman Harry Davenport suffered a broken arm and Brakeman Frank Fields had his left shoulder dislocated and suffered severe internal injuries. The cause of the wreck is attributed to a misunderstanding of orders. All the injured men live in this city. Traffic was delayed several hours.

Fugitive Killed by a Train.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Ind., March 5.—Louis F. Shank, a former city mail carrier and later railway mail clerk on the Lake Shore, who left here under a cloud on the night of April 5, 1901, and had since been a fugitive, was killed by a train at Salt Lake City, Utah, on Wednesday. A message was received here this morning by relatives from Mr. Shank's wife conveying this intelligence. Shank was involved to the amount of more than $2,200 when he left here.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Team Will Leave This Morning to Meet Illinois in Debate.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 5.—Indiana's debating team, consisting of four men, will leave in the morning for Champaign, Ill., where, on Friday night, it will meet Illinois in debate. The team is made up of some of the best speakers in college, J. L. Pink, J. H. White and J. Richards, with R. Metzger as alternative. They were picked from a squad of nine men who have been working hard all this term, and were selected on the merits of their daily rehearsals. Indiana has the negative of the question for debate: "Resolved, That the United States should enter into a reciprocity treaty with Canada, said treaty to provide for a mutual reduction by at least 50 per cent. of the present tariff schedule on all articles of commerce between the two countries." For the past two years Indiana has carried off the honors of the Indiana-Illinois debate.

The freshman girls' basketball team has been selected from the two freshmen teams—the reds and whites. The representative team of the freshmen class among the girls plays the sophomore girls' team in the men's gymnasium here to-night, but no students except 'varsity girls were admitted. In the near future an open game will be played by the best girls' teams of college.

Franklin College Notes.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 5.—The Franklin College Debating Club has received a challenge from Hanover for a debate to be held at that institution about May 14. By a unanimous vote the challenge was accepted. This is the second intercollegiate debate that Franklin has scheduled for the spring term.

The biological laboratory has received from the Huyler Cocoa and Chocolate Company, of New York City, a fine collection of cocoa beans, flowers, and the compressed cocoa butter, with different parts of the trees in various stages of growth.

Mr. F. N. Thurston has been elected delegate to the Epsilon Province convention of Phi Delta Theta, which will meet at Indianapolis to-morrow. Almost the entire chapter from here will attend the convention and the annual banquet at the Denison, which follows. Indiana Delta of Phi Delta Theta has issued invitations for its annual alumni day banquet for March 16.

Manager A. B. Hall, of the football team, will attend a meeting of the football managers of the secondary league to-morrow afternoon at Indianapolis to arrange a schedule for next fall. Considerable difficulty has been encountered in making out the schedule, and as a result this meeting has been called.

Spanish Course at Earlham.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., March 5.—President Kelly, of Earlham College, announces that, in addition to the present course in foreign languages, a course in Spanish will be offered next year. There have been a number of requests for such a course, and in response to popular demand it will be furnished. A year's work in Spanish will be given the same credit as a year's work in Latin, French or German. Prof. Adolph Gerber, head of the department of German and French, will be the instructor in the new course. He is a fellow of Johns Hopkins University, and received his doctor's degree from the University of Liepsic. He has not taught Spanish for a few years, but will spend his summer vacation in Spain, thus making more thorough preparation for the work.

Earlham awards two scholarships each year, one to Bryn Mawr and one to Haverford. They are awarded wholly from a standpoint of merit, and it is considered no mean honor to have the refusal of either scholarship. The one to Haverford has been awarded to Vivian Floyd, of Bloomingdale, Ind. The one to Bryn Mawr goes to Miss Ruby Davis, of this city.

Negro College Presidents.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 5.—The first annual conference of the negro presidents of the agricultural and mechanical colleges of the Southern States convened here this morning. The discussions in the conference to-day showed that it was the consensus of opinion that the moral condition of the negro is improving; that negro students must be taught to be reliable and efficient laborers; that efficient instructors can only be trained in the established colleges. The delegates represent institutions in which are taught more than 5,000 students, and whose faculties number 250 teachers.

Typhoid to Be Stamped Out.

ITHACA, March 5.—In accordance with recommendations by Dr. Soper, who came to Ithaca at the instance of the State Board of Health, the Common Council voted today to place unlimited means at the disposal of Dr. Soper for the purpose of stamping out the typhoid epidemic. A force of twenty men immediately visited all houses in which fever has appeared and thoroughly disinfected them.

The attitude of the university toward the water question is that Cornell is in favor of any plan which promises to give the city pure water in short order, and does not stand committed to the filtration plant, which was proposed by President Schurman and adopted by the Common Council.

Catholic Students Organize.

NEW HAVEN, March 5.—The Catholic students at Yale University organized tonight, and will have a club similar to the Newman Associations at Harvard and Pennsylvania. It is the intention to have a series of lectures, and Rev. John A. Conway, of Georgetown University will speak next Sunday.

Gift of $1,000,000 to Barnard College.

NEW YORK, March 5.—It was announced to-day by the trustees of Barnard College that a gift of $1,000,000 had been made to that institution by a person known to President Butler and Treasurer Plimpton. The money is to be used for the purchase of land adjoining the present college.

Michigan to Have a Pasteur Institute.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 5.—The board of regents of the University of Michigan to-day decided to establish at the university a Pasteur Institute for the treatment of hydrophobia. It is expected that everything will be ready for receiving patients by April 1.

ARGUMENTS SET FOR TO-DAY.

Vaccination Case Not Completed in the Vigo Superior Court.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 5.—The hearing on the restraining order issued by Judge Stinson against excluding unvaccinated children from the schools occupied the day in the Superior Court. The argument went over until to-morrow.

Ex-Judge David N. Taylor, who is the leading counsel for the anti-vaccinationists, and who is a pronounced opponent of vaccination, is indignant over the smoker which was given by physicians to-night for the three doctors on the Board of Health, and to which Drs. Hurty, Wishard and Brayton, of Indianapolis, were invited, but which they did not attend. He thinks it was in poor taste and beneath the dignity of an eminent profession that this "show" should be given at this time, when the courts are passing on the validity of the Board of Health's action in excluding unvaccinated children from the schools.

Second Victim of Smallpox.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 5.—The second fatal case of smallpox out of over two hundred in Washington during the past two years is recorded. The victim is Andrew Mink, "chain gang" foreman at the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern shops. He died last night.

Lockjaw Caused by Vaccination.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DUBLIN, Ind., March 5.—The four-year-old daughter of Murray Taylor, a farmer south of Dublin, is near death from lockjaw caused by vaccination. Over 500 people in Dublin have been vaccinated in the past four weeks.

FINE VEIN OF COAL.

Work of the Drill Shows a Great Deposit in Vermillion County.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CLINTON, Ind., March 5.—The second drill hole on the Maple valley land, north of this city, proves beyond question the existence of a vein of fine coal in this district lower than any yet worked. The first hole put down, a few weeks ago, showed a vein six feet thick. An analysis of the coal from the drill hole showed it to be better and more free from impurities than the Jackson Hill coal, which has hitherto been regarded the best in the State. Another hole was then put down and the same vein was found.

The discovery is of almost sensational importance, as the new vein is better than either of those now being worked, as they contain much sulphur and rock. It also shows the coal supply of this district practically inexhaustible. The vein has a fine roof of thirty feet of solid rock.

DAY SPENT IN DEBATE.

Miners Discuss Constitutional Changes—Election of Officers.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 5.—The convention of District No. 11, United Mine Workers, spent most of the day debating proposed changes in the constitution. Some of these changes are intended to give the officers more authority in enforcing the laws of the organization. One is to give the district officers authority to fine or suspend a local which refuses to abide by the terms of the annual wage contract.

Another change is to require each local union to send to the district secretary monthly reports of the output and mining conditions at each mine. These statistics, it was said by President Hargrove, will enable the scale committee to discuss disputed questions with operators on a surer basis.

The tellers reported the result of the balloting for officers. President Hargrove and Vice President Boyle had been re-elected by acclamation. The vote for secretary-treasurer showed Secretary Kennedy to have received 177 votes to 17 cast for John Cole, of Clay county. National Committeeman Purcell received 152 votes for re-election to 40 for James Hennan, of Linton. In the ballot only three candidates received a majority for places on the state executive board, as follows: Charles Vaughn, of Linton; Harry Moore, of Clinton, and L. L. Jackson, of Evansville. The several other candidates failing to receive a majority will be balloted for again to select the other two members of the board. There also must be another ballot for delegates to the State Federation of Labor, only President Hargrove, Charles Vaughn and Charles Challis receiving a majority.

The convention disposed of the last of sixty resolutions brought by delegates on instructions of their local unions, many of them being rejected. The most important action was the lowering of the initiation fee for nonpractical miners from $50 to $25 and for practical miners from $25 to $10. This was done on the recommendation of the national officers and to please the operators, who complained that the higher fee deterred many farmers and others from going into the mines in rush seasons. The district officers were authorized to impose a fine of $25 on local unions at mines where the men suspend work pending a settlement of local grievance by arbitration.

The executive committee elected is as follows: Charles Vaughn, Linton; Harry Moore, Clinton; L. L. Jackson, Evansville, and Wellington O'Connor, Seeleyville.

CAUGHT IN THE SHAFTING.

Foreman of the Soldiers' Home Laundry Is Killed at Marion.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 5.—Hugh Gillen, a well-known member of the Marion Soldiers' Home, was caught in a line shafting in the laundry at the Home this morning and received injuries which resulted in his death this afternoon. The shaft was making more than one hundred revolutions to the minute, and his body was whirled about and beaten against the crossbeams of the framework of the building for several minutes before the machinery could be stopped. When Gillen was taken from the shaft he was unconscious. His head was crushed and his body lacerated in several places.

Gillen was foreman of the Home laundry, in which capacity he has served for five years. He served in Company I, One-hundred-and-eighty-eighth New York Infantry, during the civil war. His relatives live at Columbia City, Ind. Gillen was a prominent Mason, and last fall took the Shriner degree at Indianapolis. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

WILL BE PAROLED.

William E. Hinshaw, Convicted of Wife Murder Eight Years Ago.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

DANVILLE, Ind., March 5.—William E. Hinshaw, sent to prison for life on the charge of murdering his wife at Belleville, Hendricks county, in January of 1896, will soon be released from prison on parole. His mother is probably on her last sick bed, and she begs that her son be allowed to come home. He will be released on a limited parole, and if his conduct is good the time will be extended indefinitely.

The mysterious tragedy by which his wife was killed has never ceased to arouse interest and discussion in this county. Hinshaw was found in the roadway calling for help. His breast was cut as with a razor. He had a bullet wound in his side. His wife was found in a rear door of their home unconscious from a bullet wound in her head. She died in a few hours without speaking. Hinshaw's story was that burglars did the deed. He was indicted by the grand jury in May, 1896, and at the September term of court was convicted of the murder. Numerous attempts have since been made to show that burglars were present.

CLOSING THE SALOONS.

Thirteen License Applications Refused in Kokomo on Remonstrances.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 5.—In Commissioner's Court to-day the thirteen saloons in the central business portion of Kokomo were knocked out of business by a blanket remonstrance under the Nicholson law. The remonstrance had 176 signatures, and all the persons were on hand to testify to the genuineness and legality of the names. After examining thirty of the witnesses the attorneys for the publicans gave up the fight. This closes three drinking places at once, one being owned by Councilman George W. Stidger, and the licenses of ten others will expire in June and September.

This is the first big fight against the saloons for years and will be followed in all other wards. The Civic Federation and Pastors' Association led the fight. The temperance people think they have the power to close every saloon in Kokomo, and intend to exercise it.

GLASS WORKERS STRIKE.

Trouble in the Smoothing Department of Cincinnati Factories.

CINCINNATI, March 5.—The glass workers of the Pittsburg Plate Glass Company and the Western Mirror Plate Company quit work to-day owing to differences with their employers as to the amount of work to be done by them as a fair day's output. Up to this time it has been the custom to estimate 4,700 inches of roughing and 6,100 inches of smoothing as the average per day. Yesterday the company asked the men to raise the amounts to 5,400 inches roughing and 7,000 smoothing.

All the workers in the department involved went out, but it is possible that there will be satisfactory settlement before the end of the week.

Woman Thief at Lafayette.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 5.—Several homes in Highland Park, the fashionable residence district on Ninth-street hill, were robbed of articles of value yesterday by a strange woman representing herself to be a solicitor for church missions. The homes of Leroy Armstrong, Adam Wallace and others were among those entered by the alleged solicitor. Her plan was to enter one house, ascertain the religious denomination of the family next door, and then visit that family. She would stand in the hallway, and when discovered would ask for a contribution to the missionary society. In some instances she got small amounts of money, but before the residents discovered her presence in the hall she snatched articles of clothing from hatracks and stands.

New Castle Filled with Prosperity.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW CASTLE, Ind., March 5.—The Town Council voted last night in favor of paving Broadway and Main streets with brick one-half mile each way from public square. A sewer seven miles in length has just been completed at a cost of $45,000. Contracts are made for the grading and graveling of eight new streets during the summer. A $40,000 improvement has been ordered on the courthouse, and a $50,000 Methodist Church will be erected during the year. The Indianapolis & Greenfield Rapid Transit Company has already laid its tracks into town, and by fall New Castle will be on a level with most county seats in the State.

Smash Expected in Window Glass.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 5.—President Mambourg, of the Federated Association of Window Glass Manufacturers, yesterday sent telegrams to the managers of the different companies of the organization advising them to get out their orders as quickly as possible and to dispose of their ware as fast as manufactured. The telegram is taken to mean that the window-glass business is expected to go to smash. A big reduction in prices is expected at any time with the failure of the different associations to reach an agreement at the Columbus conference.

Greenfork Postoffice Robbed.

RICHMOND, Ind., March 5.—Burglars blew the safe in the postoffice at Greenfork, Wayne county, last night, securing $275 worth of stamps and $6 in money. They obtained tools from a handcar house, knocked off the combination of the safe and blew off the door. The safe was ruined. The robbers tried to get into several houses in the town, but failed. They overlooked some valuable papers belonging to the postmaster, William M. Roller. The postal authorities are at work on the case.

Suit for Divorce and Alimony.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Ind., March 5.—William Parfitt, Goshen's leading photographer and former Methodist preacher, late this afternoon was sued for divorce by Deete Parfitt on grounds of cruel treatment, caused by ungovernable temper. They were married nearly fourteen years ago, and separated on Feb. 19. She asks $5,000 and custody of their nine-year-old daughter. A restraining order was issued to prevent him disposing of any portion of his $10,000 of property.

Sues Gas Company for Damages.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., March 5.—Lucinda Turner filed a $5,000 damage suit against the Kerlin Brothers' Gas Company in the Blackford Circuit Court here today demanding $5,000 for injuries received in a natural gas explosion. On May 9, 1902, a building at Montpelier, belonging to Shule & Leonard, was blown up by an explosion. Mrs. Turner was passing the building at the time and was badly injured. She avers the company knew the pipes were defective.

Reception for Major Steele.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 5.—At a meeting of citizens to-night it was decided to tender a reception to Major and Mrs. George W. Steele as a token of appreciation of what he has done for Marion and Grant county during his service in Congress. The reception will be given next Tuesday evening in the Commercial Club rooms, on their arrival from Washington. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the reception.

Demand for Gas Ordinance Repeal.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 5.—At a mass town meeting of gas consumers held at the City Hall to-night the councilmen were instructed to vote for the repeal of the recently enacted high-rate ordinance. It was cited that the company took the increased price and gave no corresponding increase in the supply or gas. The "repealers" outvoted the "high-raters" 5 to 1.

Accused His Brother of Stealing.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 5.—Brother faced brother in Police Court here to-night. William Spitler, an Ervan township farmer, had his brother, Samuel Spitler, arrested for robbing his smokehouse of a quantity of hams and shoulders. The accused has served a term for larceny.

Damage Suit Compromised.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

KOKOMO, Ind., March 5.—The $15,000 damage suit of J. H. Watson against the Southern Pacific Railway for injuries received in the wreck of the Pythian train at Elko, Nev., last August, was compromised to-day, the company allowing Mr. Watson $5,300.

Death Due to a Hog's Bite.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

MARION, Ind., March 5.—J. J. Mart, a farmer residing five miles south of Marion, died to-day as the result of being bitten by a hog. The bite caused blood poisoning, resulting in death.

Indiana Obituary.

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 5.—Dr. E. W. Leech died at his home in this city this morning, aged seventy. He was born on Nov. 6, 1833, and was a graduate of both the Cincinnati and Louisville medical colleges. During the civil war he was a surgeon in the One-hundred-and-twenty-third Indiana Infantry. He was a member of Dumont Post, No. 18, G. A. R., of the Shelby County Medical Society and of the First Baptist Church of this city. His wife was making preparations to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, which would have taken place next month. The widow and three children survive.

COVINGTON, Ind., March 5.—Mrs. Mary Lewis, wife of Representative Lewis, was buried here to-day at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Mrs. Lewis died in Indianapolis on Tuesday. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fowler, of the Presbyterian Church, under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 5.—Mrs. Lydia M. Sears died last evening at her home in West Lafayette after a long illness, aged sixty years. She was formerly an active church member and well known in the city. She was a widow and left six children.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 5.—Gottlieb Doering, aged seventy-two, the oldest night watchman in the city, died to-day after a short illness. He had been in the service for nearly a quarter of a century. He was a native of Germany.

UNION CITY, Ind., March 5.—Smith Kennon, a well-known pioneer resident, is dead at the old family home near Bartonia, five miles south of this city. His death occurred very suddenly. He was seventy years old.

Indiana Notes.

GOSHEN.—A report from Chicago on the spinal column of the dog that bit three women in the county on Monday states that the animal was infected with rabies, and that the patients should be hurried to the Pasteur Institute for treatment. * * * The Elkhart County Commissioners have instructed the auditor to call the County Council together not later than April 1 to authorize extensive improvements and alterations in the courthouse, which is in a dangerous and unsanitary condition. The action was taken on petition of a large number of citizens of the city and county.

ELWOOD.—The Union Traction Company has leased the first floor of the Jeffries block, at the corner of Main and Sixteenth streets, for its new passenger and freight terminal in this city, and will equip the building for that purpose at once. The new location is an excellent one for the terminal, being almost opposite the City Hall.

RICHMOND.—John S. Shank, grandson of the late J. P. C. Shank, of Portland, is very sick here with consumption. He was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. * * * Mrs. Hobson, who has been holding revival services in the Friends' Church at Centerville, probably will be called to the pastorate of that church.

PORTLAND.—One of the compressors at the station of the Portland Natural Gas and Oil Company, in Green township, has broken down, thus making the gas supply low in Portland. The mild weather, however, prevents suffering. Repairs have been telegraphed for and ordered to come by express.

GREENSBURG.—The third case of smallpox in this city developed on Thursday. George McKee is confined to his home with the disease. The three cases have developed in the last few days, and as a consequence everybody is being vaccinated. Compulsory vaccination is in force in the public school.

MONTPELIER.—Albert Vought, a butcher of this city, drove into the river to wash his horses and a swift undercurrent caught them and the buggy and washed them into the main stream. Vought escaped by swimming and the horses were saved by several men. A dog in the buggy drowned.

MARION.—The Marion company of zouaves has signed a contract to travel with the Wallace circus during the coming season. The company is composed of twenty young men and is under the captaincy of Ernest Phillips. The company's part in the show will be to give exhibition drills.

COVINGTON.—The County Commissioners have called an election for April 28 to vote a 1 per cent. tax in favor of the Chicago & Southern Railroad, which will extend from Chicago to the coal fields south of here. There is no doubt the tax will be voted.

GOSHEN.—After this month Nappanee, which has been the storm center of a temperance fight under the Nicholson law, will be dry. Remonstrators on Thursday defeated two applicants for renewals of licenses.

SHELBYVILLE.—A case of smallpox was reported here on Thursday. Frank, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Byard, has the disease. Mrs. Byard recovered from a case of variolold last week.

KOKOMO.—The Howard paper factory, of this city, has been sold to the Lewis Knerr Paper Company, of Dayton, O., of which latter corporation W. C. Proctor, of Cincinnati, is president.

DUBLIN.—The Friends' Church, of Dublin, has made an unsolicited gift of $900 to Earlham College, at Richmond. The Dublin congregation is one of the largest in eastern Indiana.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

J. B. Floyd, of Canadian county, Oklahoma, was shot and killed an Thursday by his stepson, E. C. Putnam, during a family quarrel.

George H. Bowman is dead, making the eighth death from the Edison cement mill explosion at New Village, N. J., last Monday evening.

Alfred Pelldram, the newly-appointed German minister to Venezuela, arrived at New York Thursday on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. He intends to sail for Venezuela on Saturday.

The charcoal burners on the Sosa hacienda, near the City of Mexico, killed their foreman, Juan Guillermo, and cremated the body by placing it in a pit and keeping a hot fire built over it for ten days. The men escaped.

Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, has issued a proclamation fixing Monday, June 1, as the date for a special election for the purpose of filling the vacancy in Congress caused by the death of Congressman Thomas H. Tongue, of the First district.

On the ground that her legal residence is in San Francisco, Mrs. Theresa A. Oelrichs, daughter of the late Senator Fair, was on Thursday relieved of an assessment of $1,000,000 levied against her by the New York department of taxes and assessments.

The Elder-Dempster steamer Mintauk, which sailed from Portland, Me., Thursday night for Hango, Finland, carried the largest cargo of oats ever taken out of this port, about 300,000 bushels. This cargo goes to Hango-Udde for the relief of the starving Finlanders.

The steamer J. W. Taylor arrived at New York Thursday night after an absence of about three years. The J. W. Taylor is the steamer that brought the bubonic plague to New York on Nov. 18, 1899. It was then running between New York and Brazil for the Lamport & Holt line.

Al Wade has been sentenced to be electrocuted on June 27, at Columbus, O., for the murder of Kate Sullivan two years ago. This is the first capital punishment to be inflicted for a crime in Toledo since 1856. Wade's brother Ben and also Ben Landis are to be tried for the same murder next week.

Allan Melton, a well-to-do farmer near Henderson, Ky., who Wednesday night fatally wounded his daughter and shot Mrs. John Culver, committed suicide Thursday in a barn when he found the building surrounded by bloodhounds which had been sent in pursuit of him. He swallowed a large amount of paris green and then shot himself through the head, falling dead.

About 300 invitations have been sent out for the launching of the cruiser Chattanooga, which will take place at Elizabeth, N. J., next Saturday. Mrs. Nellie Chambliss, daughter of the mayor of Chattanooga, will christen the new vessel. The Chattanooga is nearly 300 feet long, and it is feared some difficulty will be experienced in launching her because of the narrowness of the channel.

Charles A. Anderson, of Onawa, Ia., has received notice that his claim, filed with the State Department at Washington against the government of China, has been allowed and judgment rendered in his favor for $5,443. This claim was made for the death of Anderson's two sisters, missionaries residing in Mongolia province, China, and who were killed by Boxers during the uprising three years ago.

The army transport Sheridan will leave San Francisco for Manila April 1. She will take 816 men of the Eighteenth Infantry, 216 of the Thirteenth Cavalry and about forty recruits and casuals. She was to have taken a number of marines, but reservation of space for them has been canceled. The transport Sumner will leave for Manila as soon as she is ready for sea. From Manila it is expected she will go to New York.

The Newport (R. I.) City Council has appropriated $5,000 toward the fund for the erection of a monument in the Harbor Park there to the memory of Admiral De Ternay and other French officers who came to this country in the course of the war of the revolution in support of the colonists. The monument, which is designed by Philip Martini, of New York, is to be placed in the park at the south end of the harbor, where the French troops first landed on their arrival in Newport.

J. W. Boschke, assistant engineer of the Southern Pacific Railway system, in charge of the construction of the Dallas division of the Texas & New Orleans Railroad, reported that seven negroes had been killed among the construction crews up to Tuesday. Mr. Boschke states that bad weather has forced the construction crews to remain idle on several occasions, and that the men become quarrelsome. On Monday the laborers were paid off and did not go to work. As a result Mr. Boschke reports the death of seven negroes, who were killed by their comrades during shooting affrays.

Chester Baylis Bloome, three years of age, son of William Bloome, of New Rochelle, N. Y., is dead from blood poisoning followed by an abscess on the brain, caused by falling on a lead pencil which pierced his eye. The accident happened over two months ago, and under treatment the child improved rapidly. Two weeks ago, however, inflammation set in around the eye and it was decided to perform an operation, as it was discovered an abscess had formed. This was removed, but the boy gradually grew weaker, and finally became unconscious. It is said the blood poisoning produced a second abscess on the brain, and also caused spinal meningitis.

RISING AN INCH AN HOUR.

River Steadily Swelling at Owensboro and Much Damage May Result.

OWENSBORO, Ky., March 5.—The river here has been rising an inch an hour since Sunday, and a steady rain has been falling since noon, with no likelihood of letting up soon. The water now is within less than four feet of the famous 1884 rise. A heavy fog has been hanging over the river all day, and boats are driven to the shore. River men are fearful of the result of this rise, as the crest will not be here for several days. Green river and its tributaries, Pond and Rough rivers, are higher than they have been known for years. The damage within a radius of forty miles here will undoubtedly be great. Stock is suffering, and where wheat is overflowed it will be a total loss.

Rising at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 5.—The Ohio river is still coming up rapidly here, a rise of two feet having been reported within the past twenty-four hours. A stage of 26.2 in the canal and 24.4 on the falls was registered to-night, but unless heavy rains occur it is not expected the danger line, 28 feet in the canal, will be reached. No damage has been done.

Stationary at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 5.—At 10 o'clock to-night the river remains stationary at 53.2 feet, having been on a stand since 7 o'clock this morning. Reports from the upper Ohio valley show that the river is falling and the indications are that it will recede here before morning.

Obituary.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 5.—The Very Rev. Carlos M. Ulloa, bishop-elect of San Jose, is dead. The deceased was elected to succeed Bishop Bernardo Thiel, who died in September, 1891, but differences among the clergy prevented his installation. It is asserted by the prelate's family that the bishop-elect died of a broken heart.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The death of A. Goodwin Munn, jr., a charter member of the Cotton Exchange, was announced on the exchange to-day. Mr. Munn was sixty-four years old and a member of the firm of S. Munn, Son & Co.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., March 5.—Josiah Muir, ninety-one years old, inventor of the paper car wheels now in use on railroads, died to-day. He was formerly a large manufacturer of paper and pasteboard.

MITCHELL, S. D., March 5.—Hon. John Colvin, twice a member of the Legislature and in his second term speaker of the House, died suddenly early to-day, after a brief illness resulting from the grip.

He Wanted to Know.

Philadelphia Record.

A certain bright young man living up town, who has reached the mature age of eight years, was recently introduced to the study of history in school, and, as he is one of the kind that take a great interest in everything that is new, he has become enthusiastic in the study. So far his investigations have been limited to the United States.

A few evenings ago he asked his father, who thinks he is the only boy on earth, who the President of England was. The father explained the difference in the system of government, and told him that England was governed by King Edward VII.

"And who is the Queen?" asked the youngster, who was all attention. He was also informed as to Edward's charming consort.

"And, papa," asked the boy, deeply interested, "who is the Jack?"

The history lesson came to a sudden end.

Losses by Fire.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 5.—Fire early to-day damaged the Dormer building, on Lock street, to the extent of $75,000. The Dormer Fish Company, owners of the building, was the principal loser. Fire Lieutenant Joseph Herschel was painfully injured.

CHICAGO, March 5.—A large quantity of hay on the wharves of the Barry Transportation Company was destroyed by fire to-to-night and the pier sheds were damaged. The loss is estimated at $50,000.

OAKLAND, Me., March 5.—The plant of the Preston Lumber Company, at Crellin, was destroyed by fire to-night. Loss, $60,000.

Two New Dioceses in Cuba.

HAVANA, March 5.—In response to a cablegram to Rome from Archbishop Chappelle, the apostolic delegate to Cuba and Porto Rico, announcing the celebration in the cathedral at Havana of Pope Leo's anniversary, Cardinal Rampolla has cabled: "I have the satisfaction of announcing to you the creation of two new dioceses in Cuba and of conveying the thanks of his Holiness for your participation in the jubilee feast. His Holiness sends his blessings to the authorities, clergy and people of Cuba."

Dead Body of Woman Found.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The body of a woman who had apparently been dead for several days was found to-night in a rooming house on West Thirty-seventh street. She came to the house on Sunday accompanied by a man, who said they had come from Chicago and desired to remain in the house for a few days. The woman's name is believed to be Nellie Fletcher. The man who was with her was not seen by the people of the house after the two arrived.

Heavy Loss of Live Stock.

FORT WORTH, Tex., March 5.—Railroad men returning from the Panhandle country state that the situation resulting from the recent blizzard is the worst ever known. The estimated loss to the stockmen of Texas and the Territories, it is said, will reach $500,000. What is considered a conservative estimate of the loss of live stock is given at 25 per cent., and some ranches report as high is 75 per cent.

Accused of Stealing $7,000.

DENVER, Col., March 5.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of W. C. Munsell, formerly chief clerk of the flat tax department of the state auditor's office, on the charge of having absconded about $7,000 of the State's money. The discovery of the shortage was made by a special examiner appointed by the Governor to look into the affairs of the auditor's office.

Jumped 135 Feet to Death.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 5.—Hugh Dixon, aged seventy years, committed suicide today by jumping from the Forward-avenue bridge to the ground below, a distance of 135 feet. Nearly every bone in his body was broken and he was dead when picked up. Ill health and the recent death of his wife are assigned as the causes for the deed.

Only Nine Jurors Secured.

CHICAGO, March 5.—Out of 900 men who have been examined only nine jurors have been chosen for the jury to try the Indiana coal operators charged with conspiracy. Two new venires of 100 men each have been ordered for to-morrow.

NEW SHORTHAND RECORD

WORK OF THE STENOGRAPHERS IN THE COAL INVESTIGATION.

Nothing Like It Ever Before Achieved by Stenographers—A Profitable Job.

New York Sun.

When the last session of the anthracite coal strike commission was finished in Philadelphia the official stenographers had just completed Page 10,007 of the record, and they had still half a hundred pages to write to finish their work for that day. In all they had reported the sessions of fifty-six days, and the record made somewhere in the neighborhood of two and a half million words.

Nothing just like this job has ever been done before by shorthand reporters. To begin with there has never been such an arbitration before. But in the two considerations of the speed with which the record was made ready for those who wanted to use it and in the number of copies prepared there is no precedent. Also there is probably no precedent for the profits the official stenographers made from their work.

As soon as it was announced that there was to be such a commission stenographers all over the East began to figure on getting the work of reporting the sessions. A score or more of applications were made to the recorder of the commission for the appointment, and each applicant not only submitted to the recorder such credentials and recommendations as he thought would benefit his case, but if he had friends who might be of assistance they were asked also to do what they could.

Several firms in Washington which have had extended experience in reporting hearings before congressional committees were among the applicants, and one of them, Hanna & Budlong, got the prize. All had submitted bids for the work. In awarding the contract it was understood that price was not the only consideration, but that efficiency counted for a large part.

The successful bidders had realized that their work for the commission would be only a small part of their possible return, and relying on that had made their bid much smaller than the usual fee for such work in Washington. As soon as they received the appointment they either visited or wrote to all the coal companies that they knew would be parties to the arbitration and solicited orders for copies of the record.

The miners also would be in need of copies for their counsel and they were solicited also. The result was that orders were received for something more than forty copies, including those furnished to the commissioners. Of these there were eight.

GOOD CUSTOMERS.

The big coal companies, of course, were the best customers, some of them taking from three to five copies every day. The price for all these copies was 10 cents a folio for the first copy and 5 cents a folio for each additional copy on one order. A folio in stenographer's language is 100 words, and so the price for a single copy became approximately from 20 to 25 cents a page, as the pages run from 200 to 250 words.

The first session of the commission was a very brief one in Washington, where the lawyers for both sides met the commissioners to talk over the arrangements for the taking of testimony, which was to begin soon thereafter at Scranton. The stenographers undertook then to furnish the copies they had contracted to deliver by the ordinary methods of making manifold copies on typewriters.

They had plenty of machines and fast operators, but it took them nearly all night to get through their work, and it was evident at once that such a system would not serve at all when the taking of testimony began, and the record became long. Besides, by such a scheme many of the copies were bound to be more or less thin and illegible.

So a new plan was adopted, involving the use of a copying machine. This is an instrument on which as many copies can be made as desired, one as good as the other. Instead of making copies on a typewriter in the ordinary method the stenographer dictates his notes to an operator, who writes them out on a paraffin sheet.

This sheet is run through the typewriter in the regular way, but is covered with silk gauze to prevent the steel type from perforating the thin wax. The stencil which results from this process is clamped on the frame of the machine and as long as the ink holds out and the boy who turns the crank can keep up the printing goes on. The ink, distributed on the inside of the machine, passed through the lines cut in the wax by the letters of the typewriter and a perfect copy is the result.

The stenographers brought two copying machines with them to Scranton with experts to run them. There were three men to take the shorthand notes. One was the senior member of the firm that had the contract, one was one of the official reporters of the House of Representatives and the third was a Washington man who has had much experience in reporting committee work there.

It very soon developed that the work could be done only by men who were extremely expert, for the testimony was filled with mining terms and words strange to the reporters.

THE PLAN FOLLOWED.

The routine work of reporting the session was done on the same plan as that of reporting the sessions of the congressional houses. First one reporter would take notes for a few minutes. Then he would be relieved by No. 2, and begin at once to dictate his notes to the typewriter.

As soon as No. 3 went in No. 2 came out and began to dictate, so that after the hearing had progressed for twenty minutes there would be two men dictating all the rest of the day while the third was taking the notes. As fast as a man completed dictating his take he relieved the man who was then taking notes.

A clerk kept track of the time each man had in, and the effort was so to divide the takes as to have each man put in about the same time at it.

As fast as the stencil sheets were prepared they were run off on the copy machine, and enough copies were made for all the orders to be filled, with several more for emergencies. Then came the task of numbering the pages. For this an automatic numbering machine was used, and as the piles came from the copying machine a clerk took them and stamped each sheet with its number.

Then came the biggest task of all in point of the time required to do it. That was to distribute the pages so that there should be one of each for the different sets that went to make up the complete record for each day. To accomplish this Mr. Hanna had two long frames made of boards in which nails were driven at the proper intervals so that in the spaces between the nails there was just room enough to accommodate the sheets.

Two or three clerks were kept busy distributing the prepared pages and from fifteen minutes after the session opened in the morning until the last page was out at night there was a steady hustle in the room occupied by the stenographers as their workshop.

Then when all the copies had been collated each was carefully looked over to see that there were no bad pages included, and then they were bound with stout fasteners at the top and covered with heavy straw