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SPORTS CAN 'PHONE BETS TO CUMBERLAND TO-DAY

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FRIENDS TAKE THE MONEY
 Roulette and Faro Flourished Yesterday and Last Night.

If you get off the interurban car at Cumberland you're a gambler, at least you are sized up as one of the "profession," and until you convince the residents of the village to the contrary your reputation will be the same as that of Gus Rakhe, who now runs the "telegraph office" along with his business associate, "French Lick" Jones.

Yesterday was a busy day for Cumberland, but owing to the inability of the Western Union Telegraph Company to get the telegraph wires into operation the betting on the horses was not begun as announced yesterday morning. The last of the wires were placed into running condition yesterday afternoon, however, and to-day will mark the opening of the Rakhe-Jones poolroom, which is expected to do a land-office business unless the grand jury interferes.

Yesterday everything was in readiness for the betting on the races and the bulletins, even, were on the boards, giving the races in the order of their running and the condition of the various tracks. No bets were taken, however. The afternoon the poolroom will be open and betting on the horse races will again be possible to those citizens of Indianapolis who desire to place a few dollars on the "ponies." It will not be necessary to be at the poolroom in person, as thoughtful Gus Rakhe has arranged for the convenience of his customers by installing a long-distance telephone over which orders will be taken. Any person who has not time to take the trip to Cumberland, but desiring to bet on the races may do so by depositing the money to be bet with some responsible personal friend or business associate of Rakhe's here in the city, and the bet will be taken over the telephone.

FARO AND ROULETTE.
 The visitors yesterday were able to find plenty of amusement in the line of faro bank and roulette and a poker game would have been started on the slightest provocation. Over the poolroom, which is on the first floor back of the saloon, is the faro bank and the roulette wheel and both were running yesterday.

Both games received a fair patronage. No one has been received by Rakhe or Jones to deceive the citizens of Cumberland as to the exact nature of the business now being conducted in the saloon, which was formerly the bar of the Little Hotel. Before the venture was undertaken both Rakhe and Jones made a canvass of the village and consulted many of the leading business men, all of whom were convinced that the poolroom would tend to increase business and from a commercial standpoint they seemed much in favor of the proposed plan. An attempt was made on Thursday night to raise the pool against the tolerance of the gambling resort and to that end a meeting of the citizens was called in the lodgeroom of the Modern Woodmen.

The mass meeting was well attended, but the feeling against the pool was not as strong as expected. The formation of a citizens' league was talked of and another meeting will be called for that purpose within the next few days. In the meantime Rakhe and Jones intend to make the best of their bargain and gain as many friends in the hamlet as possible. Many of the older residents are opposed to gambling being allowed within the village limits and they claim that they will fight against it relentlessly.

CALL ON PROSECUTOR.
 A delegation of the citizens who are opposed to gambling will call on Prosecutor Ruckelshaus to expect of the grand jury in view of the continuance of the pool selling and gambling. Early next week another public meeting of the residents of Cumberland will be held at which the Rakhe-Jones syndicate will be the topic of a heated discussion and the question of the pool will be the question. Several of the business men at Cumberland, when spoken to yesterday afternoon in the saloon, said they were in favor of allowing them to run for a time at least until the effect upon the village could be ascertained. However, it is not expected that the pool will be allowed to continue, as it is necessary to get all the small change from the guests, as it is needed at the bar, and a pool selling without a slot machine, like a circus without peanuts, would be a dismal failure. "Anything you want" will be the motto of the firm of Rakhe & Jones, and from present appearances you will be able to get it if you take a trip Cumberland.

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REPUBLICAN EDITORS TO FEAST ON JAN. 21

Arrangements Completed for Large Midwinter Meeting.

PROGRAMME NOT PUBLIC

President Stiver Enthusiastic and Predicts Record Breaker.

Arrangements for the annual midwinter meeting of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association were perfected yesterday at a meeting of the executive committee of the association at the English Hotel.

The meeting will be held Jan. 21-22, at the Claypool Hotel. The annual banquet will take place on the evening of the 21st, while the 22d will be devoted to the business sessions of the association. The programme for the banquet and business sessions was arranged, but it will not be given out until acceptances have been received from all those invited to make addresses and read papers.

However, it is known that Governor Durbin, Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge, and several members of the Indiana delegation in the lower branch of Congress will be present at the banquet. Governor Durbin and Charles L. Henry, of this city, have accepted invitations to respond to toasts.

The members of the executive committee present at yesterday's meeting were Charles Stivers, of Liberty, president of the association; W. S. Montgomery, of Greenfield, secretary; T. Singleton, of Martinsville; Julian D. Hogate, of Danville; E. A. Remy, of Seymour; and W. F. Downs, of Connersville.

RECORD BREAKER.
 "Our midwinter meeting this year will eclipse any ever held by the association," said President Stivers last evening. "Interest in the work of the association is growing rapidly, and the members are anxious to make the coming meeting a great success. The programme will be one of both business and politics, and unless our plans miscarry woefully it will be better than ever before. We are already assured of a record-breaking attendance, and that means we shall do our best efforts to arrange a big Republican editorial love-feast that will be both enjoyable and profitable."

Other members of the executive committee equally enthusiastic over the prospects for a banner meeting of the association. It is expected that the public feeling against the present administration will be at its height at the time of the meeting Jan. 21, but a change of date was found necessary because the hotel could not arrange for the affair to the best advantage on the 28th.

LYNCHHAUN COMMITTEE PRAISED BY IRISHMEN

William O'Connor Receives Word from Achill Branch of Irish League.

Mr. William O'Connor, secretary of the local Lynchhaun defense committee, yesterday morning received the following communication from the Achill Branch of the United Irish League:

"The meeting of Achill Branch was held on Sunday, Nov. 23, Rev. Father Greany, C. C. presided. The following resolution was proposed by Michael Kibane, D. C., seconded by Andrew Gallagher, D. C., and was passed unanimously: 'That we, the members of the Achill Branch of the United Irish League, thank most sincerely the Irishmen of America, and in particular the Lynchhaun defense committee, for their patriotic action in assisting to liberate our countryman, James Lynchhaun, who has suffered so much in English dungeons for his part in the destruction of Irish landlordism; that we cannot but be proud to have part be always taken in Irish politics, and that we congratulate the city he chooses as his home on having such a man as Lynchhaun and spirited Irishmen as its citizens.'

The above was signed by Patrick Sweeney, a county counselor, four district counselors and about twenty-five other Irishmen.

CHILD WIFE OF INDIANS A GRANDMOTHER AT 27

Sukhoda Banarjee in City—Betrothed at Six, Wedded at Eight.

Miss Josephine Holmes, of Los Angeles, Cal., founder and national president of the Indo-American Restoration League, accompanied by Mrs. William S. Wallace, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Sukhoda Banarjee, of India, arrived in this city yesterday at noon and are stopping at the Charlemont on North Illinois street for a few days.

Miss Holmes has been touring Europe and this country in the interests of the league, the object of which is to support the English Parliament in its efforts to overcome the frightful social conditions in India due to child marriages. Miss Holmes hopes to establish 1,000 branches of the league all over the world. Miss Holmes will soon present a petition to King Edward, of England, asking that the marriage age of the women of India be placed at sixteen. Heretofore the children have married at the age of six.

BETROTHED AT SIX.
 Mrs. Sukhoda Banarjee was betrothed at the age of six and married before she had arrived at her eighth year. At the age of twelve Mrs. Banarjee gave birth to a little girl and at the age of thirteen another girl was born. As there is a particular fondness for girls in India Mrs. Banarjee's mother had her daughter and one of her daughters' children kidnapped and taken into the jungles, where it was hoped the wild beasts would devour them. After wandering around for three or four days Mrs. Banarjee was rescued and taken to a house of refuge established by Pandita Ramabai. A short time after the rescue Mrs. Banarjee and her mother, Mrs. Wallace, were traveling through India, and Mrs. Banarjee brought her to America. Mrs. Banarjee, who is a very pretty little woman, is now twenty-seven years old and is a grandmother.

Miss Holmes will deliver a lecture in the interests of the league this afternoon at the First Baptist Church and will leave to-morrow for Chicago.

SUCCEEDS FATHER.

Charles Johnson New Trustee of Washington Township.

The Board of County Commissioners will to-day appoint Charles Johnson trustee of Washington township, to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of his father, which occurred a few weeks ago.

DEATH OF PIONEER.

Mrs. Annie Stilt, Old Settler in City, Dies.

Mrs. Annie M. Stilt died yesterday morning at her home, No. 1271 Edgewood avenue, after an illness of ten weeks. She was born in Louisville, Ky., March 12, 1831, and came to this city with her parents in 1851. They lived in the farmhouse still standing at the corner of Barth avenue and Palmer street until 1884, when the family moved to their present home. Mrs. Stilt was the daughter of Jacob Birkmeyer and his wife, married in 1858. Seven children survive her. For many years she was a member of Christ Episcopal Church and when that church started the Trinity Mission on the South Side she transferred her letter there to help build it. The funeral services will be held from the house on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the body will be taken from there to Charles Johnson's funeral home service will be held at 2:45. Burial will be at Crown Hill.

A Christmas Present, A Dunlap silk hat from Seaton's.

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GAS MUST STAND TEST TO BE MADE BY CITY

Candle Power Contract Will Be Enforced by the City Engineer.

COMPANY NOT AFRAID

A practical and thorough test of the candle power of the gas furnished its patrons by the Indianapolis Gas Company will be made soon, probably the latter part of next week.

The company's contract with the city provides that it must furnish gas giving an eighteen-candle-power light through a burner consuming five cubic feet of gas per hour. As a number of complaints have been made that the candle power of the Indianapolis company's gas was not up to the standard, the engineer's department began making ready for a test some time ago.

Apparatus for the test will cost about \$200. Some of it was made in this city, while other parts were purchased in Philadelphia. City Chemist Walter Buehler will conduct the work.

John R. Pearson, manager of the gas company, is confident that the test will prove that his company is furnishing gas of the required candle power. "We welcome such a test," he stated yesterday.

P. J. Ryan, inspector of weights and measures, stated yesterday that he would make immediate arrangements to test the gas company's meters, as he believes this work comes within his jurisdiction.

Under the charter of the gas company the Board of Public Works has authority to inspect and test the company's meters, at the company's expense, and a number of requests have been made by patrons for a test.

GOES TO GRAND JURY.

Harrington, Who Killed Playmate, in Juvenile Court.

With his eyes seemingly staring with fear, and refusing to recognize anybody, not even his father, young Harrington, who shot and killed his playmate, Albert Nicholas, Nov. 27, entered the Juvenile court yesterday morning, where he was given a preliminary hearing on the charge of murder.

"We will do this," said Mr. Pearson, "in spite of the fact that every material that goes into the manufacture and piping of gas is higher than it was a year ago. Our coal bill alone was \$38,000 higher than last year's. Labor, too, is much higher than it was."

POSED AS EXAMINER.

Postlewait, Now in Kentucky, Wanted by Governor Durbin.

Governor Durbin yesterday issued a requisition for the return of Otis A. Postlewait, who is wanted at Marion for passing a fraudulent check. He is supposed to be arrested at Somerset, Ky. It is said that Postlewait went to Kentucky and passed himself as a special pension examiner, and was arrested while posing in this role.

CHOIR OF YEARS AGO SING OVER OLD SONGS

Old People's Night at First Baptist Church—Quaint Costumes.

Mrs. Lotfy keeps a carriage. So do I. I have a dappled grey to draw it. None have I. No prouder with her coachman than I am I.

I with my blue-eyed, laughing baby, trun-I hide his face lest she should see The cherub boy, and envy me.

This old song, as quaintly suggestive of old times and by-gone days as was the costume of the woman who sang it, was one of the things that made the "Old-time Entertainment" at the First Baptist Church last evening one of the most thoroughly enjoyed and successful entertainments that has been given in the parlors of that church in a long time. The old song was sung by Mrs. F. W. Day.

Old songs, old costumes and "old people" were on the stage, which was given over entirely to them for the evening. Prof. J. S. Black was the presiding genius, who appeared in the role of a singing master of the olden time, wearing a periwig tied with a monstrous black bow.

One of the most interesting features of the evening was a piano solo, variations on "Home, Sweet Home," played by Prof. Charles Schultze. This was composed by Mr. Schultze when he was sixteen years old.

The chorus was made up of the following men and women: Sopranos, Mrs. A. M. Nov, Mrs. Penelope Wagner, Miss V. Reiser and Miss Kate Reiser; contraltos, Mesdames H. C. Martin, Arthur Jordan, W. C. Smock and F. W. Day; basses, W. C. Smock, A. T. Potter and A. Wagner; tenors, J. M. Crandall, Dr. A. E. Buchanan and O. P. Black. Others taking part in the programme were Miss Virginia Osgood and Clyde Long, in a duet as "colonial children"; Henry Smithers, in a recitation, and Mrs. Mary J. Christian, in a solo, "A Scotch Lullaby."

After singing a quaint old song in a quaint old way, Professor Black was presented with a large bouquet of carnations, with the card, "Lovely young, the Old Folks." Professor Black is the oldest voice teacher in the city.

UNNECESSARY EXPENSE IMPOSED UPON POLICE

Action of Safety Board Creates Dissatisfaction Among Blue Coats.

A proposed movement on the part of the Board of Public Safety to compel the members of the city police force to equip themselves with new revolvers so as to insure uniformity in make and calibre is provoking considerable dissatisfaction among many members of the force.

One policeman is authority for the statement that at least 70 per cent, of the force are now armed with 38 calibre Smith & Wesson guns. They are good guns, of a good calibre and of the most improved pattern," said the officer, "and it seems to some of us that the best thing for the Safety Board to do would be to direct the other 30 per cent, of the force to equip itself with the same guns.

As there are nearly 200 officers now on the city's force, and as the new guns will probably cost about \$15 each, the proposed change in armament will cost the members of the department over \$3,000.

The Board of Public Safety will probably ask several big revolver manufacturers to bid for the contract of furnishing all the revolvers, but nothing of this nature has been done as yet. It is said that the board favors the Colt make of revolvers.

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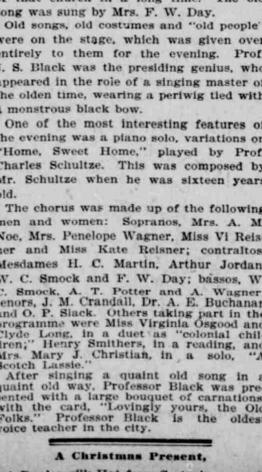
GREAT INCREASE IN COST

Under the contract of the Indianapolis Gas Company with the city to gradually decrease the price of illuminating gas as the amount consumed increases, gas will go down in January from 95 cents to 90 cents per 1,000 feet. This statement was made by John R. Pearson, vice president and general manager of the company, last evening.

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