

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

10,000,000 IN U. S. MENTALLY WRONG

Judge Willis M'Mahan Tells Charity Conference Problems of Court.

"There are 10,000,000 mental defectives in the United States and the number is increasing much more rapidly than the population," said Judge Willis C. M'Mahan, judge of the Lake county circuit court, at the opening session of the St. Joseph County Social Welfare conference at the high school Sunday afternoon. Preceding his talk Miss Grace Osborn of Indianapolis, who is connected with the Indiana Anti-Tuberculosis league, spoke on "Tuberculosis in St. Joseph County."

Judge M'Mahan's address was on "The Problems of the Court," in which he told of the many different kinds of cases, especially those of children, which the courts are called upon to solve. He gave statistics to show the effect of mental deficiency on the individual and the state.

50 Percent Criminals Escape.

"The most serious problems of the court are those which deal with the criminal and the child," said Judge M'Mahan. Fifty percent of the professional criminals escape punishment. That is probably why there is so much crime. The offenders feel that they will escape with a light penalty, if any at all. What the professional criminal needs is the knowledge that he must face trial and, if he is convicted, that he must pay the penalty.

"We hear a cry that the laws should be changed. There are only a few changes that are necessary. The judge should determine what the law is for each case, not the jury. The jury should determine the facts and it should be the right of the court to allow a new trial, if the jury attempts to interpret the law rather than the facts. The courts should be taken out of politics and put upon a non-partisan basis. With these few changes, the recall of judges would not be necessary."

Juvenile is Problem.

"The hardened criminal is the outgrowth of juvenile offending. In dealing with adult criminals, the court has little time to determine the mental efficiency of the offenders. A speedy trial is necessary and the court cannot go into the criminal's history. But in dealing with the child the first question is: Why was this child brought into court?"

"Parents and teachers think they have problems, but they are nothing as compared with those the court has to solve. Of course, the parent and the teacher do have problems and they do their work well. The judge must determine many things to answer the question of the child's appearance in court."

"The temptation to have better clothes than the parents are able to furnish is many times the cause of the child's first appearance in court. The child goes to school with others whose parents are wealthy enough to give the best of clothes and this makes the poorer child envious. He listens to the temptations that are put in his way by other children, who tell stories of how easy it is to obtain money by stealing, forging or other dishonest ways."

Causes Are Many.

"Poverty is often the answer to this question. Quarreling among the parents often causes a child to go wrong. Drink, the frequenting of saloons and poolrooms and bad company all contribute to the child's first downfall. Mental defectiveness is responsible for a great part of the offenses committed by children. Feeble-minded children should never be allowed to live with others."

"In an investigation of 100 fallen women made by a Massachusetts health department, four were found to be proprietors of houses of ill-fame, 45 were inmates and 50 were wayward girls. The average mentality was that of a 10 year old child. In Massachusetts an examination was made of 99 women. It was found that 23 percent were of normal mentality, 14.7-10 were of fair mentality, 19 percent were poor and 43-10 were mentally defective. Out of the 400, 344 were infected by either or both syphilis and gonorrhea."

"The problem of fallen girls, under 16 years of age, is the greatest problem of the day. They are social outcasts who are as much singled against as they have sinned. There is only one place in the state where they can be confined. Some of them are in such a condition that they cannot be placed in homes with other children. After they become over 16 years, there is not a place in the state where they can be sent."

Much Rests on Parents.

"Mental defectives, however, are not the only ones that cause the

LAND TAX WOULD SOLVE THE H. C. L.

Stoughton Cooley Says Produce Should be Exempt to Aid Laborer.

A change in the present system of taxation was suggested as a means of decreasing the high cost of living at the second of a series of lectures given at the people's open forum by Stoughton Cooley, editor of The Public, and contributing editor of the Chicago Herald, at the First Baptist church Sunday night.

"The idea that we are trying to strike upon in securing a method of increasing the wages of the laborer without raising the cost of living is very simple and yet complex," said Mr. Cooley. "It is very evident that the higher prices are, the less capable we are of buying; the less we buy, the greater the decrease in production, which will eventually result in a decrease in labor. Therefore, if we tax the value of the land instead of the produce derived from it, we will in this manner be in a better position to solve one of the handicaps in securing an increase in wages, and thus permit the poor laborer to live at a smaller cost than he has heretofore been capable of doing."

Mr. Cooley was asked by one of the members present why it was that women doing the same amount of labor as some men in various positions, received inferior wages to the men. In reply Mr. Cooley stated that it was merely due to the fact that girls and women did not demand the wages they were capable of earning. Another point was that there was always someone ready and willing to fill any position at any price.

"If every man and woman would demand the proper amount of wages for their services, and were bound that they would get it, this would solve one of the greatest of problems towards a greater solution of the wage problem."

Urges School Inspection.

"There should be school inspection in every county. We do not know what is in our schools. Pertinent suggestions on health should be posted in all of the schools. Children should take up any hints that are given to them and practice them. It is not fair to keep our children in school without air."

RUNAWAY GIRL IS HELD AT ST. JOSEPH

Teckla Giebler's Plans to Leave City Frustrated by Police Woman.

Teckla Giebler, 16 years old, was at home in bed when Mrs. Minnie Evans, police woman, inquired as to her whereabouts at her home, 213 N. Lincoln st., shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday night. The parents were sure of this until, with Mrs. Evans, they went to Teckla's room and found her gone.

Teckla, employed at the Wilson Bros. shirt factory, attracted the attention of Mrs. Evans at the street car station owing to her nervous instructions to a girl friend as to her future whereabouts and her failure, after purchasing a ticket to St. Joseph, Mich., to await change for a \$5 bill.

According to the mother, the girl had taken the \$5 bill from her purse, and \$25.00 were given to apprehend her if possible. Chief of Police Alden was notified, and when the 12:03 car arrived at St. Joseph, Teckla found a reception committee in the person of a policeman awaiting her. A South Bend officer will go to St. Joseph for the girl this morning.

MISSION CLEARS DEBT

Jubilee Held as Result of Payment of \$400 Claims.

The Rescue Mission at 436 E. LaSalle av. has today for the time in a number of months a clean slate financially. The mission indebtedness, which amounted to nearly \$400 but a few weeks ago, was cleared up Saturday. Saturday night a big jubilee was held at the mission to celebrate its work.

Rev. Rae Williams delivered the principal address, speaking on the work of the mission during the past year and the results that have been obtained through the workers' endeavors.

CRACK SHOT DIES.

NEW YORK, April 17.—Dr. Hugh Schussler, 38 years old, formerly a member of the Century Opera company, and at one time the champion pistol shot of the United States, died Sunday at his home here.

JUDGES FAVOR NEGATIVE IN MARINE DEBATE

Holy Cross Debating Team Wins Annual Contest at Notre Dame.

Holy Cross literary society's negative debating team won a unanimous decision over the Brownson Literary society's team in Washington hall Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. The merchant marine question, which is the subject of the varsity team this year, was used by the literary teams. The question involves the advisability of government financial aid for the upbuilding of an American merchant marine. The negative side won the decision.

The negative was upheld by Messrs. Palmer, Healey and Robertson; the affirmative by Messrs. Holst, Reinhart and Edwin Hunter. This debate is an annual affair, and much interest is shown by the members of both societies, in order to gain supremacy for the year. The debaters are all freshmen in the college department. The judges for the contest last evening were Rev. Michael A. Quinlan, Prof. William Farrell and Fr. James Hayes.

LAD SWALLOWS JACK; DIES IN HOSPITAL

Hemorrhages 10 Days After Operation Fatal For Two-Year-Old.

Hemorrhages, following an operation performed 10 days ago for the removal of a jack-stone from his throat, resulted in the death of Lester Cowell, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cowell, 436 S. Michigan st. Death came Sunday afternoon at St. Joseph's hospital, where the operation was performed April 7.

While little Lester was playing with his playmates in Pierceton, Ind., where, with his parents, he was visiting relatives, he swallowed the jack-stone. Physicians of Pierceton sent him to the local hospital for an x-ray photograph, which showed that the jack had lodged in the lad's throat, about three inches down. The operation was apparently successful, and the jack was removed, but hemorrhages set in Sunday and death followed.

REPORT TWO ROBBERIES

Cassopolis Has Case Similar to One in South Bend.

Sheriff Reed of Cassopolis Sunday morning notified Chief of Detectives John Kismert of a robbery at Cassopolis, which, in the nature of the entrance to the premises and loot taken, resembles those reported hereabouts the past few months. A suit of clothes, a hat and undergarments, besides a pair of shoes, were taken.

The report came incidental with information received concerning the robbery Saturday night of the M. E. Gillman home, 219 E. Monroe st., from which, besides two suits of clothes and a fedora hat, a gold watch, two gold chains and other valuable jewelry were taken.

BOY SUFFERS A FIT

Falls From Wheel When Taken III on Prairie Av.

Arthur Wright, 1627 S. Taylor st., suffered a fit while riding a bicycle in the 1700 block of Prairie av. Sunday afternoon and was removed to his home in the police ambulance. Wright fell from the wheel and was slightly bruised from contact with the pavement.

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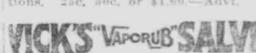
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