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THE formation of a gigantic railway combine at Chicago recently is only another evidence of the fact that the general tendency of the times is toward union and consolidation of wide spread interests.

RECENT action of the state board of health of Michigan puts membranous croup and diphtheria on the same footing as regards sanitary treatment and preventative measures against contagion. Membranous croup is now regarded as a contagious disease of malignant type.

YVETTE Guibert, of Paris, is taking New York and Chicago by storm. She is the pet of the newspapers, the darling of the public and a favorite with critics. The American people are pouring into Mlle Guibert's lap, as fast as possible, a fortune with which she will soon depart for the country of her native. She is certainly a charming Yvette.

THE postal service of this country is undergoing many changes and is developing rapidly along common sense business lines. The order recently issued, providing that in all cities and towns having free delivery postal service, the postal system shall be extended to include house to house collection, is promising indeed. In a very short time it may be possible to effect such further improvements in the mail service as to permit the delivery to sweet young girls, in their own parlors, and at regular intervals the most delightful of lover's communications, depending somewhat of course upon their lovers. When Uncle Sam can deliver lover's kisses and serve them warm, to which perfection he is undoubtedly striving, he will have won the everlasting gratitude of feminine America.

HIS TABLECLOTH.

"Charlemagne possessed a tablecloth woven from asbestos. He used to astonish his guests after dinner by turning it up and throwing it into the fire, from whence he drew it cleansed from gravy and other grease."

Charlemagne evidently had ideas on sanitary subjects which might well be emulated by some people not more than 7 1/2 miles from Plymouth.

Not To Locate Here.

It will be remembered the INDEPENDENT a few days ago spoke of the report circulated regarding Mrs. Julia Work, moving the orphan asylum here from Laporte. In an interview with a Laporte Herald reporter a few days ago she is reported as follows:

"I am under contract with the trustees of the home, which contract expires in March. At that time, if the trustees see fit to renew the contract, I will remain. On the other hand if my services are no longer needed I shall move to Plymouth and locate on my farm. Plymouth has many home ties and it has always been my intention when I retire from this work, to spend my last days at or near that spot where I once spent so many happy moments."

Join the Venezuelan Commission.

The Venezuelan commission met recently in its first regular session. Its work was that of examining the maps of the territory in dispute. Every reader of the INDEPENDENT should have Rand, McNally & Co's new General Atlas with marginal index for the purpose of following closely and intelligently the constantly shifting points of international interest.

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Sudden Deaths.

Mike Bowman, who lived near Etna Green, died of heart failure Monday morning. Mr. Bowman was sitting in a chair apparently in his usual health, when, without an apparent struggle he fell over dead.

Funeral Today.

The funeral of Samuel Joseph, of Laporte, brother of Silas Joseph, of this city, will be held today at Donaldson, where the burial will take place. The remains will be brought through by wagon road if the weather permits.

From Georgia Again.

We presume there are a good many readers of the INDEPENDENT who are pleased to get news from sections of Georgia. We are not running a free Georgia advertising bureau, but in response to numerous requests have given up much space to advertising indirectly for land companies, etc., who are undoubtedly coining considerable money in the Georgia boom. The following letter to Frank Buchan from his son William, is published by request.

FATHER AND MOTHER:

I am in Albeville Georgia now, and am working on a farm. I weigh ten more pounds since I left home. When you come down here bring lots of corn and hay. corn is worth \$1.50 a bushel and hay \$40 a ton, and I think it will be more after a while. We heard the frogs holler here last night, did you hear any in Plymouth? Men are working in their shirt sleeves, and women wear sun bonnets down here. It froze here last night about half an inch, but it thawed in a couple of days. The roads are nice and dry.

There are about 150 to 200 people that came down here in one day. The next election Wilcox Co. will go Republican. It is said that out of 3,000 western men 2,700 are republicans. Well, I must close for this time.

Love to all.

WM. BUCHAN.

P. S. Elvie Buchan has been very sick for the last two weeks, and has been unable to go to school.

M. E. Church Notes.

Ventilators have recently been placed in the audience room removing the cold air from the floor, reheating it and returning it warm and mingled with pure air from the outside. New stoves are to be put in place this week.

The new officers and teachers in the Sunday School are occupying their places with energy. Dr. Brown the new superintendent brings into his office five years of experience in superintending such work in other places. J. W. Wiltfong's thorough acquaintance and active sympathy with every child and youth makes him an admirable assistant. The attendance yesterday was large.

Miss Anna King led the Epworth League service, a place for which she is well fitted.

W. T. M. S. meets at the parsonage Saturday at 2:30 p. m.

The special services are to be continued all the weeks at 7 p. m. also, every afternoon at 2:30 except Monday and Saturday.

A genuine revival has been in progress in the church for the past three weeks. Everybody cordially invited.

Sunday School Officers.

The Presbyterian Sunday school, Sunday week, publicly installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Superintendent, John W. Parks.
Associate, Chas. R. Leonard.
Secretary, Emma Koontz.
Associate, Hulda Strumbeck.
Treasurer, Jessie Warnes.
Librarian, Mable Jacoby.
Associate, Wm. Qualls.
Special Librarians, W. B. Outenult and Cory B. North.
Superintendent Home Class, Mrs. J. W. Parks.
Secretary Home Class, Mr. Chas. Harris.

Organists, Angie Houghton and Gertrude Peterson.
Chorister, Chas. R. Leonard.

This school has a membership of over 400. Some of its officers are serving their third and fourth years, the superintendent his ninth. Its sessions are held regularly each Sunday at 12 o'clock.

A Social Time.

Sunday night Tillie Wade rendered a complete surprise on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wade at their home on N. Walnut St. being the twentieth anniversary of their wedding day. Relatives and a few friends were there. The evening was spent well, all report having a good time. Those present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. P. Stegman and daughter Louie.
Mr. J. Wade and daughter Kate,
Mr. and Mrs. F. Haba,
Mrs. M. Hank and son Edward,
Mr. P. Stegman Jr.
Mr. Ed Bergman,
Mr. B. Bergman,
Mr. W. Reese,
Miss Celia Bergman,
Miss Anna Sinele,
Misses L. and D. Keller,
Miss Mary V. Wade,
Miss Kate Haba.

Are Looking This Way.

We learn that another manufacturing enterprise is looking with longing eyes toward the center of the universe, with a desire of establishing a manufacturing enterprise in our city, and although we are not prepared to give a detailed account of the matter, yet we have learned enough to give this out as authentic.

This company has made an offer through one of our most popular citizens in which it offers to establish its business here if \$10,000 in stock can be

secured, the company being willing to put up \$20,000. This institution proposes to employ at least 175 men. There is no gainsaying the fact that everything is coming our way, and all that is necessary is to out stretch the hand and rake in the plums.

Court Notes.

From Monday's Daily.

In the case of Katie Kent vs Bridget Shay, George W. Holman, special judge, rendered judgment on the verdict of the jury yesterday. This gives Mrs. Kent possession of the little home now occupied by Mrs. Shay and the latter is practically turned out of doors.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In the circuit court yesterday, A. G. Wood, special judge, rendered his decision in the case of Sarah Bennett vs. William H. Craig. In this case the dividing line between plaintiff and defendant's land was in issue and the court decided in favor of the plaintiff.

M. A. O. Packard obtained a judgment on note against E. W. Geiselman et al., for \$135.00.

Mary V. Searle was granted a divorce from George C. Searle.

John E. McColly sued Eben Parish and Kezia Parish on a note for \$125.00. Defendants claim to have paid the same, and the case is now on trial before a jury, with Samuel Parker special judge, presiding.

Hankered After Other Peoples Property.

Marshall Meyer has been carrying a warrant around in his pocket ever since the holidays for a fellow by the name of Rogers, wanted at Rochester. This fellow took a liking to a Colt repeating rifle belonging to a man named Campbell, and during a moment of absent mindedness it froze to his fingers.

The whereabouts of this interesting young man was unknown until Monday, when he was taken into custody while trying to secure a box at the Pennsylvania depot, that had previously contained the gun, but which had been recovered through a search warrant, and returned to the owner.

Rogers is at present confined in the jail awaiting transfer papers to Rochester, where he will have to answer the charge placed against him.

Foster's Weather Prediction for the Month.

His last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from 19th to 23rd and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 24th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 25th, great central valleys 25th to 28th, eastern states 29th.

With the close of this disturbance the cold part of January will have passed, the last part of the month and the first week in February being designated in the forecasts at a warm period.

The warm wave will cross the west of the Rockies country about 24th, great central valleys 25th, eastern states 28th. Cool wave will cross the west of the Rockies country about 27th, great central valleys 29th, eastern states 31st.

What Is The Trouble.

It does seem very strange that the editor of the Republican, has shown such an apathy of late, regarding the different matters of importance that have surely presented themselves to him. He must surely see that by his iceberg appearance along party lines, he has caused some little indignation in the Republican camp, and caused a series of questions to be set afloat that if not run to the ground would have reflected upon the political actions of Clerk Wiltfong in no uncertain light. Get in the band wagon, Brother Brooke.

A Quiet Wedding.

Married by the Rev. L. S. Smith at the M. E. parsonage Saturday Jan. 25 at 3 p. m.

Alva Hall of Ilion,

Olive May Waltz of Walnut
They had driven fourteen miles through the drizzling rain caring little for the inconvenience of cold, rain or distance, so they might bear back the seal and signature of the Clerk with the name of the Minister authorizing the establishment of a new country house.

Appellate Court on Gambling.

In affirming the decision of a case from the Gilson circuit court the appellate court says: Where it is charged in an indictment that the defendant knowingly permitted a building to be used for gambling purposes it does not consist of a single act, but continuous one, and the names of the persons engaged in gambling need not be alleged.

Sings Its Praise.

The Sunday Standard, of Keokuk, Iowa, has an extended article in last Sunday's issue, regarding the efficacy of the Borton Cure. The writer, J. H. Carmody, of Chicago, adds his evidence regarding its efficient work in a letter brim full of strong points, which will meet with hearty response from others of like faith, which are legion.

Notice About Portraits.

Tomorrow will be the last day on which pictures will be received on our gift portrait proposition. Those who have given orders and promised to have photos at this office will please take notice and be governed accordingly.

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