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WEATHER FACTS.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—Ohio: Threatening weather, with rain; cooler, except on lakes; stationary temperature.

SPRINGFIELD, O., May 1, 1888.

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OHIO ODD FELLOWS.

Annual Session of the Grand Encampment—Programme—Officers—Growth of the Order.

CLEVELAND, O., May 1.—The city is full of prominent Odd Fellows from all parts of the state, the occasion being the state annual encampment which meets here today. The meeting is composed of what is known as the "Encampment degree," the officers of which have taken up quarters at the Forest City house. The committee on appointment met at headquarters yesterday morning. It is annually appointed by the grand patriarch and is composed of J. Hart, chairman, of Cincinnati, John Little, of Springfield, Phillip Walther, of Lima, E. B. Comley, of Logan, and William Vedeman, of Chillicothe.

The first regular session of the encampment was held at 9:30 o'clock this morning when Mayor Babcock delivered an address of welcome to the visitors on behalf of the city and Colonel John O. Winship on behalf of the local lodges. Grand Patriarch Franklin Ellis, of Troy, responded for the delegates. The afternoon session is being devoted to the installation of the following new officers: W. S. Bell, Zanesville, grand patriarch; Henry E Frost, New Lisbon, grand high priest; L. Vanmoorden, Toledo, senior warden; H. M. Innis, Columbus, junior warden; James Anderton, Dayton, scribe; Anthony Wright, Wooster, treasurer; L. C. Parker, Akron, representative to the Sovereign Grand lodge, which meets at Los Angeles in September next.

Important business, the nature of which is as yet held secret, will come before the meeting on Wednesday, and the exercises will be brought to a close with a grand ball in honor of the officers and representatives of the Grand encampment on Wednesday evening. E. K. Wilcox, of Cleveland, and H C. Hedges, Senator Sherman's law partner of Mansfield, are the present representatives to the Sovereign Grand lodge. Some of the prominent members of the order in Ohio are John Sherman, R. B. Hayes, W. S. Cappeller and Henry Bohl.

The retiring grand patriarch, Franklin Ellis, of Troy, is captain general of the Uniform Rank of Patriarchs Militant, being second in command of the order in the world. John C Underwood, of Covington, Ky., is the present lieutenant general of this branch. The order is said to be in a flourishing condition and gaining members very rapidly. There was a net increase of nearly 1,000 members in Ohio alone during the fiscal year ended April 15.

They Are For Gresham.

VANDALIA, Ill., May 1.—The republican congressional convention for the Seventeenth Illinois district nominated John Brown for congress; Benson Wood Edington [illegible] of Vandalia.

SECOND EDITION.
4:15 P. M.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Today's Proceedings at the Great Metropolitan Opera House—The Women Question Promptly Struck.

Hundred of Saloons Closed in Pittsburg and Alleghany—Cuban Bandits Done For—English Admiral Drowned in the Thames.

NEW YORK, May 1.—Nearly four hundred delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church had arrived in the city up to last night and were quartered in the hotels in the neighborhood of the Metroplitan opera house.

The conference was convened this morning. The first hour was devoted to devotional services, and then the work of the conference began with roll-call. With the roll-call came up the first great question at issue in the conference—the admission of the women who have been elected as delegates. It is generally thought that any final action on this subject will be deferred for several days, but a debate is likely to be raised which will bring the supporters of the women delegates to their feet.

The absence of Miss Willard, who is regarded as the leader of the woman movement, was heard with much regret today. She was here on Saturday, but was obliged to return home, owing to the serious illness of her mother, and it is doubtful whether the will be able to return to the city before the question has been fully determined. In the absence of Miss Willard, the management on the part of the women falls into the hands of Mrs. Angie F. Newman, of Nebraska, who has had a large amount of experience in public affairs, and is an effective speaker.

The first woman delegate whose name will be called, and the one on whom the contest will be made, is Mrs. W. D. Rippey, of Lawrence, Kas. Nearly one-third of the names of the delegates will have been called before her name has been reached.

The Rev. John P. Newman, known so long as General Grant's pastor, was among the delegates at the Methodist book-rooms yesterday. He is thought to favor the women delegates.

He says that he has talked with several eminent jurists in Washington on the subject, and they are of the opinion that the women must be seated as delegates if their certificates are regular.

One of the means by which the question will be avoided, it was thought by some of the delegates, will be an action on the part of Bishop Bowman, who, as the senior bishop, will preside at the opening of the conference, in passing over the names of the women as they are reached and leaving it to the conference as subsequently organized to settle the question. The supporters of this view say that the presiding bishop is the only member of the conference, and his decision, if he decides to pass the names, cannot be overruled, as the members do not constitute a conference until the roll has been called, and they cannot vote until then. How such an action will be met, the women decline to say, but it was understood that a meeting had been held and that they had consulted their friends and a definite line of action had been determined upon.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church opened its sessions this morning, in the Metropolitan opera house. Long before the appointed hour the vast auditorium was filled with ministerial delegates. The bishops occupied seats on the stage, and the galleries were crowded with ladies and gentlemen, the boxes with wives of delegates and their friends. The proceedings opened with prayer, singing and reading of scriptures. Bishop Foss read a passage from the Bible and Rev. Dr. Quinn, of Wisconsin, delivered the prayer. Bishop Bowman, senior bishop, presided and conducted the exercises. At the conclusion of the religious exercises Bishop Bowman said: "We are at this hour in the presence of new surroundings, which call for a new movement in electing delegates. At first each candidate presented his credentials in person, and in ordinary cases this simple method of procedure was satisfactory, but as the movement spread and the number of delegates increased, greater supervision and care became necessary, especially when information is received from reliable sources that a number of those presenting themselves as delegates are known to be ineligible. The list of candidates this year is a large one, and contains many names whose eligibility are not satisfactorily established, and a number of protests have been lodged in our hands to be dealt with by the conference, when the question of election of candidates is in order. Our general rules provide that the names of parties challenged shall not be called until a quorum of unchallenged delegates shall be found present: conference will then act as is just and lawful." The number of ministerial delegates is 288, lay delegates 175.

Among the lay delegates are six women, among the reserve delegates. Every state and territory in the union is represented, and there are delegates from Canada, Mexico, China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and India.

David S. Monroe was elected permanent secretary. The delegates then discussed the appointment of a committee to report upon contested seats. Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton proposed that two committees be formed consisting of one clerical member and one lay member from each district respectively, and they be instructed to report at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Adopted. The leading questions to be settled by the committees are the admission of women as delegates and admission of delegates from foreign countries.

PITTSBURG.

License Law Goes Into Operation.

PITTSBURG, May 1.—The rail-blooming and converting departments of the Edgar Thomson steel works have not yet been started, but the machinery is in operation and everything points to resumption in these departments at any hour. A large number of men have applied for work, including some of the striking Knights of Labor.

At twelve o'clock last night the Brooks liquor law went into practical operation, and 502 saloons, out of 723 in this city closed up, probably never to be reopened. A large number of saloon keepers who were refused licenses have decided to quit the business, but a respectable minority will hold overfor a year, in the hope of getting license next year. In Allegheny county there 1,551 applications for licenses, but only 485 granted.

Australia Refuses Chinese Immigrants.

MELBOURNE, May 1.—The steamer Afghan, from Hong Kong, brought 268 Chinese immigrants to be landed here. The government, however, forbade the landing of the immigrants and quarantined the vessel refusing to recognize the Chinamen [illegible]

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES.

An Entertainment to be Given for the Benefit of the Poor.

The Associated Charities are in great need of money, to meet the daily demands of needy people on the treasury, and the young ladies of the Flower Mission, in recognition of the need, have been working very hard to get up a public entertainment, for the purpose of raising funds for the purpose outlined in the foregoing. The entertainment will be given at the Grand opera house Thursday evening, according to previous announcement in the REPUBLIC. The *piece de resistance* will be Gaya's charming French comedy drama—rendered, however, in the purest English, entitled, "A Scrap of Paper." This will be put on with elaborate stage settings, which will be furnished from the elegant residences of some of our wealthy citizens, and are sure to be of the most luxurious nature. The play will be a succession of stage pictures of a brilliant description, and judging by the amount of hard and talented work that has been upon it in daily rehearsals, will be rendered in a thoroughly acceptable manner. The cast is as follows:

CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Prosper Couramont.....Mr. A. T. Rodgers
Baron de la Glaciere.....Mr. Hilleary
Brisemouche (landed proprietor and naturalist).....Mr. Chas. Rabbitts
Anatole (his ward).....Mr. Frank Johnson
Baptiste (servant).....Mr. Ralph Bartholomew
Francois (servant to Prosper).....Mr. Chas. Jefferies
Louise de la Glaciere.....Miss Lulu Jefferies
M'lle Susanne de Ruseville (her cousin).....Miss Helen Ballard
Mathilde (sister to Louise).....Miss Alice Foley
M'lle Zenobie (sister to Busemouche).....Miss Anna Hall
Madame Dupont (housekeeper).....Miss Lou Baldwin
Pauline (maid).....Miss Mamie Winslow

In addition to the comedy drama, the "Mother Goose Lancers" will be repeated, by popular request, with the appended caste this lovely spectacle was one of the most popular features of the recentt operetta presented by the Flower Mission, and is safe to make a great hit. The cast of the lancers is as follows:

Little Miss Muffe.....Miss Lulu Jefferies
Little Bo Peep.....Miss Alice Foley
Mollie.....Miss Mary Cassilly
Milkmaid.....Miss Mamie Winslow
Mrs. Jack Sprat.....Miss Martha Steele
Red Ridinghood.....Miss Ellen Wilson
Jill.....Miss Eva Carson
Polly.....Miss Maria Foley
A Pretty Maid.....Miss Louise Baldwin
Little Polly Flinder.....Miss Frances Foley
Mary, Mary.....Miss May Bookwalter
Queen of Hearts.....Miss Delo Grove
Dolly.....Miss Minnie Keyser
Mother Hubbard.....Miss Fannie Winger
Joan.....Miss Helen Ballard
Margery Dow.....Miss Anna Steele

Aside from the absolute pleasure afforded the audience by the entertainment the worthiness of the cause should pack the house. The Associated Charities are so badly in need of funds that Mr. John Foos announces he must solicit subscriptions unless this entertainment be liberally patronized. Seats were put on sale at Harris's this morning and there was quite a rush.

FARM AND FIRESIDE.

The Great Agricultural Journal as Presented in Today's Republic.

The REPUBLIC publishes today a full page article referring to one of the most, if not the most, prosperous of Springfield's institutions. The *Farm and Fireside* has reach a point never before achieved by any agricultural journal in this country, its circulation having gone far beyond even the hopes of its projectors, and it has done much toward spreading the name and fame of Springfield throughout this entire land.

The magnitude of its success, the reader can find by turning to the page referred to. Messrs. Mast, Crowell & Kirkpatrick are its proprietors, but Mr. Mast is not intimatly associated with the management, leaving the matter instead in the entire control of his young and active partners. It is the best and ablest agricultural journal in America and boasts the best newspaper plant in the state.

THREE MORE NEW ONES.

The Buckeye Club Has a Quiet Meeting Last Night and Elects Three New Members.

The Buckeye club met in its room in the Grand opera house building last night, with only a fair attendance. Three new members were elected and fifteen applications for membership were received. Several bills were passed on and ordered paid. The next meeting night will be Monday, May 10, when an important amendment to the constitution will be voted on. A full attendance is urged at this meeting.

The Cincinnati Liquor Sellers.

CINCINNATI, May 1.—When the cases of the saloon keepers charged with violating the Sunday closing law were called this morning in the police court, Judge Wilson, who represents some of the defendants, stated that he declined to enter a plea in abatement on the ground that the law was not operative, not having been legally enacted. In order to allow time to present proof for this assertion the cases were continued until Friday. Meantime the journals of the senate and the house of representatives will be examined.

Another Brewers' Strike.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1.—About 500 union employes in breweries went out on a strike this morning, in obedience to orders from the National Union, but breweries are running a small force and the bosses have given the strikers forty-eight hours to return, otherwise arrangements are already completed to fill their places with outside men.

Mob Law in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 1.—Henry Rape, a negro under sentence of death for outragous assault, but who has received several respites from the governor, was last night taken from jail at Summerville by a mob and hanged. Rape received a new respite Saturday last.

An Irish Newspaper and the Pope.

DUBLIN, May 1.—The *Freeman's Journal* again urges the people to receive the pope's decree with the respect due their supreme pontiff. Archbisop Croke, of Cashel, influences the *Freeman's Journal*.

The Queen Pleased.

BERLIN, May 1.—The empress has received a letter from Queen Victoria in which her majesty expresses great gratification at the cordial reception accorded to her by the people of Berlin.

Fire in Illinois.

KEITHSBURG, Ill., May 1.—A fire started here this morning in the center of the business portion of the city at 5 o'clock this morning, and at 7 o'clock the Still block of stores had been wiped out.

Great Traveler Killed.

LONDON, May 1.—The Asian traveler, Dalgleish, was recently shot and killed by a pothare, near Karakoram pass, while going to Yorkand.

Two Cuban Bandits Done for.

HAVANA, May 1.—Advices from Matanzas state that the bandit Morrere has been killed and the bandit Alfonzo severely wounded and taken to the hospital.

The Pennsylvania Railroad.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The directors of the Pennsylvania railroad company today declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent.

The Connecticut River on the Rampage.

WOODSVILLE, N. H., May 1.—The Connecticut river is higher than at any time time since 1872, and still rising.

[illegible] Admiral Drowned.

[illegible] May 1.—Admiral Sir Alfred [illegible] drowned in the Thames by [illegible] on the London, a Ten Dollar [illegible]

ABOVE THE CLOUDS.

The Parachute Man Makes His Perilous Journey and Comes Back Safe.

There was probably more interest in the balloon ascension and the parachute descension than anything in the entertainment line that has visited Springfield for some time. The populace who throng the show grounds were much disappointed when Messrs. Miller and Freeman found it impossible to send the balloon up yesterday, because of the weather, and although the weather was still unpromising today, those gentlemen, who are always anxious to please and fill all advertised performances, decided that the ascension should be made today. The people were on hands early after dinner in great numbers and keenly watched the filling of the monster air ship, which was inflated with great difficulty because of the damp, heavy atmosphere and the wet condition of the canvas.

The balloon, when filled, stands about forty feet high and the parachute, suspended below, about eighteen feet in diameter. At about 1:45 o'clock the young man who was to make the perilous journey announced that everything was ready, and "let her go" was the signal, and away she went. There was very little air stirring at the time, and for nearly 200 feet the balloon arose almost perpendicular, the young man sitting as unconcernedly on his trapeze below as if starting on his wedding journey. After rising to that height they were carried in a southeasterly direction and upwards to probably 500 feet, and when almost over the Fair street school building the parachute was detached and down they came. For about one hundred feet there seemed to be scarcely any retarded motion in the fall, and inexperienced observers thought certainly the man would be killed in the fall, but the parachute adjusted itself, spread its surface and the remainder of the descent was slow and gradual. In a few minutes the young man was returned to the grounds smiling and in good condition, none the worse for his flight among the clouds. The balloon, after the weight left it, shot high away and passed entirely from view above the clouds. It soon emptied itself, however, and came down. The feat was one of the most thrilling and intensely interesting ever witnessed.

THE PROFESSOR

Has Not Been Heard from by His Anxious Creditors, and They Grow Weary.

The readers of the REPUBLIC are familiar with the story of Prof. Price, of London, Ohio, but more recently of Jamestown, and the fabulous fortune which he represented himself as having fallen heir to by the death of a relative in England. His fortune was to have come to hand about the first of February, but late in January he disappeared, and has not since been heard from by his creditors.

The following is the latest advices regarding him:

The wife of Prof. Price, the man who made several trips to England after a $500,000 fortune, the money for expenses having been advanced liberally by friends and bankers in this vicinity, and who has never been heard from since some time in January, a few days since received a letter from her husband, about which there has been much surmise. She persistently refuses to reveal the contents, and all sorts of rumors are afloat—that he is held somewhere for ransom; that he is in a lunatic asylum across the ocean; that the authorities of the asylum have been writing to Mrs. Price for some time, and that the fortuns is sure to come.

The people of Jamestown, where he resided before going away, hardly know what to think about the matter, especially the men who advanced him money.

THE COTERIE.

Interesting Programme for This Evening—Music and Literature.

The following programme will be given by the Coterie in the First Baptist church parlors this evening:

Topic.....American Literature
Music
Paper—"Literature of the Colonial Period".....Miss Mamie Lyon
Selected Prose Reading.....Mr. Geo. Reed
Music.
Paper—"Eminent Prose Writers of America".....Mr. Forest Wolf
Selected Roem—"Marguerite," Whittier.....Miss Nellie Hall
Music.
Paper—"American Poetry".....Mr. George Gridley
Selected Poem.....Miss Florence Martin
Music.

Matrimonial Announcement.

Handsome invitations have been issued as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Galley
request your presence at the marriage
of their daughter,
Lizzie B. Blake,
to
John F. Dittman,
At Second Lutheran Church, Thursday,
May 10, at 2 o'clock p. m.,
Springfield, Ohio, 1888.

The young people are well known and deservedly popular, Miss Blake being an accomplished little lady, and Mr. Dittman an esteemed compositor.

CAPTURED.

Arthur Boggess Under Arrest at Cincinnati for Stealing John Emerson's Watch.

Chief Ambrose received a telegram this morning from Colonel Phil Deitsch, chief of police of Cincinnati, announcing that Arthur Boggess, wanted here for stealing a gold watch belonging to Mr. John Emerson, sexton at St. Paul church, last Saturday, is under arrest there. Ambrose, an accomplice, is not yet found. Chief Ambrose will go down after the prisoner tonight.

A Springfield Man Appointed.

Mr. George B. Cox, of Cincinnati, recently appointed state oil inspector by Governor Foraker, yesterday appointed a number of deputies in different parts of the state. Among the number is Mr. John S Willis, of this city, member of the firm of R. P. Willis & Son, the Limestone street plumbers.

The appointments continue at the pleasure of the inspector. Mr. Willis is to be congratulated upon his appointment.

Another Fellow.

TREMONT CITY, O., April 30, 1888.

To the Editor of the Republic:

In a recent issue of the REPUBLIC, in giving an account of the institution of Tremont City Lodge, No. 295, K. of P., you stated that C. V. Phillips was elected past chancellor and representative. In reply, allow me to say that D. Benton Jenkins was elected past chancellor and representative of the new lodge, and installed as such. Respectfully, A. K. P.

Hand Crushed.

Philip Benninger, a workman in the city building excavation on Market square, had his right hand badly crushed this morning by a falling stone Dr. Russell rendered the necessary surgical attention.

Masonic Notice.

Stated communication of Anthony lodge, No. 455, F. and A. M., this evening. A full attendance is desired. By order of W. M. J. B. CLINGERMAN, Sec'y.

Said Brown to his lawyer, "Pray what shall I do,
This point is perplexing, the answer is moot?"
Replied the attorney, "Why, Brown were [illegible]
[illegible] on the London, a Ten Dollar [illegible]

THOSE INVESTIGATIONS.

Special Meeting of the School Board Monday Evening to Hear the Results of Official Inquiries.

The Parties in the Ballentine-Hickman Matter Not Entirely Exhonerated—Supt. Taylor Found Guiltless of Boodlery.

School board met in special session last (Monday) evening. All members were present but Mr. Troy.

The president stated the object of the meeting, to be to hear the reports of the investigation committees.

Mr. Weixelbaum stated that before the Ballentine investigation committee report, two communications in the hands of the chairman of the committee of teachers, connected, should be read, whereupon Mr. Serviss presented the resignation of both Mr. Balletine and Miss Hickman. Laid over until the report of investigation committee be read.

Mr. Wilkinson then read the report of the committee as follows:

To the Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee charged to investigate the facts concerning the propriety of the relations of Mr. Principal Ballentine, of the Shaffer street school, and Miss Kittie Hickman, a teacher in the same school, which relations have been called into public question by recent sensational articles published in the city papers, respectfully reports:

The committee has held four sessions: two for private consultation of the members among themselves, and two for the taking of testimony. Every person known or supposed to be in possession of information likely to be valuable has been requested to appear as a witness before the committee. Every one thus invited has appeared for examination, with the exception of the representatives of the press. In all, more than thirty sworn witnesses have been examined, and that with a latitude that admitted and invited all information in possession of anyone that seemed to be relevant to the case in any degree. This number of witnesses included both Mr. and Mrs. Ballentine, the teachers in the Shaffer street school, the superintendent and several school principals, two pupils of the Shaffer street school (one colored girl of 14 years and one white girl of 12 years), two school janitors, and various citizens, both men and women, who are in no way connected with the public schools.

It seems proper to state that as to the specific charges made by Mrs. Ballentine, whose communications to newspaper reporters appear to have been almost the sole basis of the newspaper article referred to, they do not include, nor necessarily imply, any immoral conduct between Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hickman. The phraseology of the published articles which would seem to imply such a charge (as for instance the reference to "a certain house in this city," an apartment which Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hickman occupied together on an occasion when Mrs. Ballentine stood in the hall of the house,) appears to have been wholly a specimen of newspaper art for the conveyance of an elaborately wrong impression—the "certain house in this city" referred to being the Shaffer street school building, in which both Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hichman were employed.

Mrs. Ballentine alleges no fact pertinent to the case which Mr. Ballentine denies. The difference of testimony between them relates wholly to the constructive significance of the facts alledged and not to the existence of the facts themselves. With the exception of the two children referred to no witness alleges any single fact denied by Mr. Ballentine; and the manner of both of these witnesses, together with a striking want of corroborative testimony from the mother of one them, created a strong impression on the mind of the committee unfavorable to their trustworthiness.

The pertinent facts in the case, established by the testimony in the convictions of the committee, are the following:

1. That for a period of several years Mrs. Ballentine, either with or without reason, has been an exceedingly jealous wife.

2. That Mr. Ballentine during the same period has been painfully aware of this disposition on the part of his wife.

3. That for more than a year Miss Hickman has been joined with Mr. Ballentine in the jealous suspicions of Mrs. Ballentine.

4. That for the space of at least several months Mrs. Ballentine's jealous distrust of them has been known to both Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hickman.

5. That for the space of at least several months both Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hickman have been aware that the fact of Mrs. Ballentine's jealousy of them was known to a circle of outside parties.

6. That notwithstanding this jealously and their knowledge of it, they have maintained, to a degree, at least unnecessary, the terms of obviously congenial companionship between themselves in the school building which they knew to be objectionable to Mrs. Ballentine.

7. That the terms of friendship maintained, and the frequency of association indulged between them under these circumstances were such as a wise prudence and just regard to the public interests in their charge as teachers would have greatly restrained; or, better still, would have totally disrupted.

8. That the frequency of companionship between them, even though wholly devoid of any particulars of technical impropriety, yet unnecessary and, under the circumstances, eminently unwise, was persisted in by them until the exasperation of the jealous wife finally overflowed and furnished the material for scandalous newspaper publications reflecting serious discredit upon our public schools.

9. That this was a course of conduct indisputably prejudicial to public interests, and therefore distinctly unbecoming and positively reprehensible in teachers in the public schools.

In view of these facts thus enumerated, and of the further fact that the resignations of Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hickman have been presented to the board, it seems to be unnecessary for the committee to make any recommendation.

L. WEIXELBAUM,
J. P. DUGAN,
A. L. WILKINSON,
T. F. MCGREW, JR.,
CLARENCE H. KAY,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Winger, seconded by Mr. Goebel, the report was adopted.

The report of the Taylor investigation committee was presented by Mr. McGrew, and read by the clerk as follows:

REPORT OF THE TAYLOR INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

At a regular meeting of the school board, April 23, 1888, the following resolution was offered by Mr. L. H. Lorenz:

"It is moved that a committee be appointed to investigate the charge brought against the superintendent that he has tried to hire a janitor to electioneer in the saloons for Mr. Taylor's candidate."

On motion this complaint was referred to the committee on law and contracts for investigation. Said committee met in the committee room, Friday evening, April 27, to investigate same and hear all testimony that was offered, and beg to submit the following report:

1. The janitor referred to in the charge was Mr. Charles Winkler, of the Northern building.

2. The party referred to as Mr. Taylor's candidate was Mr. C. E. Holden, of the Eighth ward.

3. No testimony was produced that even intimated that Mr. Taylor tried to hire any one to work for his candidate at any price whatever.

4. The testimony went to show that Mr. Taylor did ask Mr. Winkler to attend a political gathering at or near Lagonda.

5. The testimony also showed that the central committeeman of the Eighth asked Mr. Holden to [illegible] that he would like to [illegible] in his end of the ward to come out to a political gathering, and to come himself also. Mr. Wes. Holden asked Mr. Taylor to tell Winkler, which he (Taylor) did. The committee could not find Mr. Taylor displayed any more anxiety for the election of Mr. Holden than would be the right of any citizen to exhibit, in his desire for the election of a member of his own party to an office of this kind. The testimony in this investigation was taken by a stenographer, but the committee, having no authority to pay for the same, has not ordered transcript of the same to be made.

Respectfully submitted,
T. F. MCGREW, JR.,
O. F. SERVISS.

On motion of Mr. Gable, seconded by Mr. Reifsnider, the report was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Weixelbaum, seconded by Mr. Serviss, the resignations of Mr. Ballentine and Miss Hickman were accepted. They are as follows:

KANSAS CITY, MO., April 24, 1888.

To the Honorable Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby present my tardy and compulsory resignation, and thank you for your kindness at Christmas. I am
Yours respectfully,
KITTIE H. HICKMAN.

SPRINGFIELD, O., April 27, 1888.

To the Honorable Board of Education:

GENTLEMEN—I hereby tender my resignation as a teacher in the schools of your city. Thanking you for past favors, I am
Yours, etc.,
C. F. BALLENTINE.

Concerning the investigations and the reports of the committee there was no opposition to their adoption and little or no comment. Mr. Weixelbaum simply stated in reference to the alleged star-chamber nature of the sessions of the Ballentine-Hickman investigation committee that the only reason for excluding the press was the fact that the committee deemed it best to give the board the results of its proceedings before the public should get it through the press. That any testimony was cheerfully admitted at the investigation and that he (Mr. Weixelbaum) had personally gone to the newspaper offices and requested them to furnish before the committee any information in their possession. The investigation he said had been free, full and impartial.

Mr. Winger, from the finance committee, stated that as $1,500 interest is becoming partly due next Monday, the committee be authorized to provide for it. On motion the committee was authorized to procure a temporary loan.

On motion the board adjourned.

A GREAT PLAY IN PARTS.

The Thomas-Zimmerman Comedy Company in Training for a Tragedy.

Everything is not lovely in the democratic camp. The Thomas crowd succeeded in sitting down on the Zimmerman faction very thoroughly at the convention last Saturday, but the effect is not to harmonize, but to stir up even more bitterly, if possible, the feeling between the two factions. The young democracy, headed by John Zimmerman, claim that they were not downed by being fairly out-voted, but by the free use of money and bulldozing methods. And if this was not enough their opponents went farther and slapped them in the face by saying that had their leader been such a democrat as would honestly, honorably, creditably and ably hold up the arms and honor of Clark county democracy the old leader, John H. Thomas, would not have been entered for the race. In fact, Mr. Thomas, himself, when called up to enthuse the boys after Saturday's convention, made this statement: That he was only induced to enter the contest to save the reputation of his dear old party.

This is what the boys call rubbing it in, and each Zimmerman supporter has a blade, long, bright and sharp, secreted somewhere in his clothes, which he proposes to stick deep into the back of any of the Thomas crowd who may in the future seek political preferment.

They smile, look pleasant, say we are down, and all that, but all the same they have a tight grip upon this same long, sharp knife and at the opportune time the weapon will get in its work.

The red lights are ready to turn on, and before the close of the play there promises to be a luridness about it that will be decidedly interesting.

THE BOYS SERENADED.

How to Become a Member—Seventeen New Names Monday Night.

The members of the Young Mens' Republican club were last night tendered a serenade by the Little Six band in the club room, and the music and the proceedings of the meeting furnished much amusement for the boys. Seventeen names were presented for membership and several were rejected on different scores; any person wishing to become a member of the club must send twenty cents as initiation fees. The club has established a systematic method of receiving members and collecting dues, and the constitution will be slightly amended. There will be several questions of importance to be considered at the next meeting, and Mr. James D Corrothers will recite a political poem entitled, "A Farmer's Capital Dream." George Elliott, Charles Cissell and James Buford was appointed as the new executive committee.

THE SCHEME WORKED.

How a Company of Urbana People Made Things Interesting for a Springfield Friend.

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pennock, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Colwell and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pennock and Messrs. Lee and Charlie Pennock made an early drive to Springfield. The object of their visit was a birthday surprise upon Mrs. H. C. Smith. The surprise was complete in every respect, and Mrs. Smith accorded a very hearty welcome to her parents and brothers and sisters on their arrival. Well loaded baskets had been prepared by the visitors for a good dinner, and a most enjoyable and pleasant day passed. The parties returned in the evening very much pleased with the pleasures of the day.—Urbana *Citizen*.

SOMETHING NEW.

A Chapter of the Agassiz Association Organized at Wittenberg.

Mr. R. H. Hiller has been successful in effecting the organization of a chapter of the Agassiz association at Wittenberg college. The first meeting was held in the college laboratory on Saturday afternoon, Mr. E. O. Weaver acting as chairman. The election of Dr. Edgar F. Smith as president and Mr. S. S. Keller as vice president was unanimous. Messrs. R. H. Hiller, W. F. Becker and A. H. Smith were appointed to submit a constitution and by-laws at the next meeting. The charter members of the chapter are: Dr. E F. Smith, Messrs. S. S. Keller, A. H. Smith, W. F. Becker, F. N. Bouck, E. Bruchie, Clem Ehrenfeld, R. H. Hiller, Harvey Martin, E. O. Weaver, G. C. Smith, E. S. Luckenback, Fred Ehrenfeld.

DIED OF CONSUMPTION.

Mrs. Sarah Warner Departs This Life at Her Late Residence.

Mrs. Sarah Warner died at her late residence, 224 west Columbia street, of consumption, yesterday at 4 p. m., aged 22 years, one month and four days. She was the daughter of Samuel and Catharine Shoemaker, of Northampton. She was the wife of William Warner, and was married in July, 1886. One child, seven months old, survives her. The funeral services will occur tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2 p. m. from her late residence. Interment will be made at Greenmount.

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YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

A Mere Lad in Court for Being Drunk—Soaked with Five Glasses of Beer.

For low-down depravity the following case, as reported to the Columbus *Journal*, stands near the head of the class. The fellow who gave the lad the beer should be brought before Judge Young once and he would get a lesson which he would not soon forget:

When the name Evan Evans was called out in police court yesterday a midget of a boy trotted up to the desk to answer before his honor to the charge of being drunk. He was one of the smallest specimens of humanity ever seen in a court room, and the officer who made the arrest said that he felt ashamed to appear against the youthful offender. Young Evans is 14 years old, though he does not appear to be over 10, and he was found beastly drunk in the rear of the Neil house. The officer carried him in his arms, and only made the arrest, of course, for the safe keeping of the boy.

The boy's aunt appeared with him in court and pleaded that he be allowed to go home. She said that his mother was dead and that his father had promised to send him to school, and the relatives will look out for his welfare. Mayor Bruck was astounded when the boy said he had been hanging around Schlee's brewery and some one had given him five glasses of beer.

"It's a wonder it didn't drown you," said the mayor, and others echoed the same sentiment when they noticed what a little fellow the boy was. It would have gone hard with the man who gave the lad the beer if he had been in court, and no little indignation was expressed, though it could be seen that young Evans is quite a wayward youth. He was allowed to depart with his aunt.

EX-MAYOR MEANS.

His Condition Grows More Critical, and His Final Recovery Very Doubtful.

The condition of ex-Mayor Means grows gradually worse rather than better; such is the word received here daily from his bedside at Yellow Springs. The following from the *Commercial Gazette* of this morning also indicates that his case is regarded almost hopeless by his friends in that city:

The condition of Hon. Wm. Means, president of the Metropolitan bank, is so critical as to give his immediate friends cause for alarm. He is suffering from acute Bright's disease, complicated with a disorder of the stomach and bowels. The latter, the physicians say, is a symptom of the acuteness of Bright's disease of the kidneys. U. S. Surgeon Dowling, it is learned from Yellow Springs, visited Mr. Means yesterday. He found his condition very serious. Mr. Means is confined to his bed, and frequently does not recognize his friends. He is of sensitive mental organization, and the suspension of the bar' and the bringing of criminal proceedings against him have rather shattered his mental and nervous vitality. It is hardly within the bounds of probability that Mr. Means will ever appear in the United States court for trial on the indictments found against him. United States Surgeon Dowling, it is understood, will report that Mr. Means's physical condition is such that a trial would prove fatal. Mr Means's trial is set for May 7, on the United States court calendar, but it will now be deferred until the autumn term of court. It is doubtful if he is ever able to appear at the bar.

SHUT UP SHOP.

The Two Saloons of German Township Close Their Doors.

The people of German township have been circulating, for some time, a petition for signatures with the intention, at an early day, of submitting the question of prohibition under the Dow law to the voters of the township.

The petition has 260 signatures, more than the required number, and the election will be fixed at an early date. The present effect of the vote will be nothing, but it will only serve to keep the business out of the boundaries of German township. It will effect nothing for the reason that the two saloons, one at Lawrenceville and one at Tremont, concluded to close their doors before the legal notification came. Last night was the last, and today German township has not a saloon. It was the occasion of much revelry, the boys taking occasion to celebrate the event in a grand blaze of enthusiasm, and from all reports they did. No sore heads are reported, but there are plenty of big heads in that corner of Clark county today.

HARD LUCK.

Pick-Pockets Escape from Officer Wilson Last Night.

Manager Freeman, of the Miller & Freeman circus, pointed out to Officer Temp Wilson, on the show grounds last night, a number of fellows whom he knew to be notorious crooks. Officer Wilson arrested one of them on suspicion of having lifted a pocketbook, and took him down town afoot, instead of calling a wagon. Near Holloway's livery stable two friends of the prisoner got into a discussion with the officer and got so demonstrative that he dropped his prisoner and attempted to arrest the other two. As an immediate result, not only the pickpocket but one of the obstructionists got away, and Temp showed up with but one prisoner, named Frank Myers.

THE PATROL.

The Work Performed by This Important Branch of the City Service.

The following is the report of the patrol house force for the month of April, which shows that they have not been idle by any means: Number of arrests, 82; number of runs, 74; number of miles made on these runs, 166; sick persons removed, 3; suicides taken home, 1; insane cared for, 2.

This is an average of 2½ runs every day in the month, and an average of 2¼ miles with each run made. The boys render good and efficient service.

Police Court.

The following cases were disposed by Judge Young in police court yesterday afternoon: David Carter, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs; Wm. Burns, drunk and disorderly, $5 and costs; George Cosgrove, profane language, $5 and costs; Thomas Jackson, George Williams, Ed Ryan, John Grinnell, loitering about a tippling house, $5 and costs each: Anna L. Smith, assault and battery, dismissed; Henry Ebinger, drunk, $5 and costs.

It is a little surprising that Judge Young should have let off such notorious crooks as Williams, Ryan and Jackson at so low a fine.

Police Arrests.

The following minor arrests were made by the police yesterday and last night: Edward Williams, safe keeping; Fred Wilson, drink and disorderly; Frank Myers, obstructing officer; John Thompson, disorderly; Isaac Brindle, drunk and disorderly; Will Whorles, disorderly; Henry Ramey, disorderly.

Death of Wm. Hayes.

Mr. Wm. Hayes died at his home in East Springfield yesterday morning at 11 o'clock of lung fever. He was 29 years old and was born in Clark county. Funeral services will be held at his late residence Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Greenmount.

Star Club Concert Drill.

The Star club of the Second Baptist church will give a