

THE WEATHER.

Indiana: Rain in the south, heavy snow or rain in the north this evening; fair Friday and in the southwest tonight.

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MANAGER WILSON MAKES STATEMENT

IN REGARD TO THE COLUMBUS, GREENSBURG & RICHMOND TRACTION ROAD.

THE SOUTH SIDE BRIDGE

Question Should be Settled and the Matter of Street Disposed Of.

The Palladium received a letter from Manager Wilson, of the Columbus, Greensburg & Richmond Traction company, which is of special interest, inasmuch as it gives assurance that the company is willing to do their part if our citizens and officials will only meet them part way. They do not seek money—only privileges granted to any ordinary company. Following is the letter:

“Indianapolis, Ind., March 16, 1904. “To the Citizens of the City of Richmond: “I am inspired to write this signed statement by the confidence I have in the people of your city. It is not my purpose to enter into a public controversy nor to censure those who have been honest in their convictions and who are opposing the entry of the C., G. & R. traction road into your town. I am convinced that if the people at large will thoroughly consider the requirements of this road that they will seek a happy solution to the benefit of all concerned.

“I have never lost confidence and have always believed that the city authorities were seeking the best interests of their constituents, and at the same time were using honest endeavors to eventually effect some arrangement by which we might be able to connect the merchants with a territory now inaccessible.

“The history of electric roads has been such as to warrant any municipality in lending encouragement to these enterprises. There has been a disposition shown against through service on electric lines, which to me seems not to be justified by the facts. It might as well be said that steam roads should not have through trains that would carry passengers to larger cities.

“Richmond is unfortunate that she is bound on the west by a gorge so expensive to span as to be prohibitive of any one interurban road, and it is well known that the bridges now existing are incapable of meeting the demand of heavy equipment. It would seem that the time is opportune for the construction of such a bridge as will admit the several lines into the city and permit the eastern lines to reach on westward.

“There has for some time been an agitation in favor of a south end bridge, and which, from indications, would seem among the possibilities. It has been remarked that the county commissioners have not been officially approached, and while this is true, it has not seemed wise, as the C., G. & R. would not build such a bridge as is needed, and since the county must assume the major expense, it would seem that if they considered it desirable that an invitation extended to the road might be productive of good results. Should such arrangements be made for a joint bridge it would insure a traffic arrangement by which the roads of the future might have, with reasonable compensation, ingress and egress to Richmond that would result in great benefits. Should the C., G. & R. be invited to join issues with the county commissioners I have no doubt that an arrangement could be effected that would be mutually agreeable and an assistance in the completion of this great project.

“There has been much discussion as to the streets to be occupied by this company and it is evident that to obtain this road some suitable street must be conceded. It seems that the desire for this road is unanimous, yet the residents of each street seek to push it upon the street of their neighbor. There is also a dis-



MISS VIRGINIA HARNED, Who Created a Panic in a Pittsburg Theatre.

position to have us use tracks already laid which becomes impossible for the reason that our cars are two feet wider than any traction car now in operation, hence they will not pass upon opposite tracks under the present mode of construction, neither can they be turned upon a “Y” as built for original street car service, hence to obtain and receive the benefits of

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EARLHAM AND NOTRE DAME

NOTHING DEFINITE AS YET IN THE ORATORICAL CONTEST.

SOMETHING WILL DEVELOP

In the Next Few Days, and When it Does the Palladium Will Give it Straight.

Nothing new seems to have developed so far, in the negotiations existing between Earlham college and Notre Dame in regard to holding the interstate oratorical contest in Richmond. Rumors have circulated to the effect that Notre Dame would not permit Mr. Feeger, Indiana's representative, to deliver his oration at that institution, and also that the Notre Dame people would not permit the contest to be held in Richmond. At present there appears to be no foundation for these rumors.

Something is expected to develop within the next few days, which will explain the actions of these two institutions in this matter. A representative of the Palladium is investigating this matter and it is possible the Palladium will be able to publish something within the next few days that will interest its readers very much.

Rev. Willis R. Hotchkiss, who has been a missionary to Africa, is expected to arrive at Earlham college this afternoon. Mr. Hotchkiss will address the students of the college tomorrow morning in the chapel, and a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. associations tomorrow evening.

The Young Men's Christian association held a business meeting last evening for the purpose of electing officers for the spring term. Those elected were as follows: President—M. N. Dillon. Vice-President—R. M. Allan. Secretary—Archibald Bond. Corresponding Secretary—Wallace Newland. Treasurer—Hugh Mauzy.

The Young Women's Christian association will elect their officers this evening.

President Kelly had the last philosophy recitation this morning, and the algebra class will probably meet for the last time this term tomorrow. The time for holding examinations has not been definitely arranged as yet.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WITH US

AND IS BEING CELEBRATED IN A VERY MODEST WAY.

THE IRISH SOCIETIES

Will Have a Meeting Tonight in St. Mary's and K. C. Hall.

O THE SHAMROCK.

Through Erin's Isle, To sport awhile, As Love and Valor wander'd, With Wit, the sprite, Whose quiver bright A thousand arrows squander'd; Where'er they pass, A triple grass Shoots up, with dew-drops streaming, As softly green As emerald seen Through purest crystal gleaming, O the Shamrock, the green, immortal Shamrock! Chosen leaf Of Bard and Chief, Old Erin's native Shamrock!

Says Valor, 'See, They spring for me, Those leafy gems of morning!' Says Love, 'No, no, For me they grow, My fragrant path adorning.' But Wit perceives The triple leaves, And cries, 'Oh! do not sever A type that blends Three godlike friends, Love, Valor, Wit, forever! O the Shamrock, the green, immortal Shamrock! Chosen leaf Of Bard and Chief, Old Erin's native Shamrock!

So firmly fond May last the bond They wove that morn together, And ne'er may fall One drop of gall On Wit's celestial feather! May Love, as twine His flowers divine, Of thorny falsehood weed 'em! May Valor ne'er His standard rear Against the cause of Freedom! O the Shamrock, the green, immortal Shamrock! Chosen leaf Of Bard and Chief, Old Erin's native Shamrock!

This is St. Patrick's day and the “wearing of the green” is in evidence everywhere. Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Catholic church this morning at 8 o'clock and was well attended.

Owing to the fact that St. Patrick did so much good in his life the celebration of his day is not exclusively in the hands of the Irish. His noble character and pure life are examples worthy of emulation by all ages and peoples. This evening at St. Mary's hall the Ladies' Auxiliary to the A. O. H. will have an entertainment of a literary nature appropriate to the day.

At 8 o'clock tonight, in K. C. hall, twenty-five candidates will be initiated into the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The ceremonies are very beautiful. After the initiation there will be music, songs, speech-making, etc.

SECRETARY DIED.

(By Associated Press.) Detroit, Mich., March 17.—Henry Thurber, who was private secretary to President Cleveland during the latter's second term, died today. He was operated on for appendicitis two weeks ago.

REMOVED FOR CAUSE.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 17.—As a result of inquiring into charges against Senator Dietrich, U. S. Summers, United States district attorney for Nebraska, will be removed from office.

CHAIRMAN GOODRICH

ISSUES CALL FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

TO CONVENE APRIL 27

In Indianapolis to Select Delegates and Nominate Candidates.

The following call has been issued by the Republican State Chairman Goodrich:

Indianapolis, Ind., Mch. 4, 1904. To the Republicans of Indiana and All Those Who Desire to Co-operate with them:

Pursuant to an order of the Republican State Committee you are invited to meet in delegate convention in Tomlinson Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 26th and 27th, 1904, for the purpose of adopting a platform for the coming State campaign, selecting four delegates and four alternate delegates to the Republican National Convention of 1904, nominating two presidential electors-at-large for the State of Indiana and nominating candidates for the several offices hereinafter named.

The convention will assemble at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, April 26th, for the transaction of all other business except the selection of candidates.

The convention will reassemble at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, April 27, select delegates and nominate candidates for the following state offices, to-wit:

Four delegates-at-large, four alternate delegates-at-large, two electors-at-large, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, attorney general, reporter of supreme court, superintendent of public instruction, chief bureau of statistics, judge supreme court, second district, judge supreme court, third district.

The convention will be composed of 1,488 delegates, apportioned among the several counties of the state on the basis of one delegate for every 200 votes, and for each additional fraction of more than 100 votes cast for Hon. Daniel E. Storms for Secretary of State at the November election, 1902.

Wayne county is entitled to 26 delegates.

Whole number of delegates, 1,488. Necessary to choice, 745. The delegates from this district will meet in Indianapolis, Tuesday, April 26th, in the State House, Room 79, second floor.

At each of such meetings the following officers and members of committees will be selected:

One member of the committee on Rules and permanent Organization.

One member of the Committee on Credentials.

One member of the Committee on Resolutions.

One Vice President of the convention.

One Assistant Secretary of the convention.

Tickets of the convention will be distributed by the District Chairman at these district meetings. The members of the Committees thus chosen will meet at the following places at 12 o'clock noon of the same day.

Committee on Rules and Permanent Organization—Room 324, Hotel English.

Committee on Credentials—Room 326, Hotel English.

Committee on Resolutions—Room 327, Hotel English.

The County Committees of the several counties wherein delegates have not been chosen will apportion to the different townships of their respective counties the representation to which they are entitled, and make the necessary arrangements for the selection of delegates accordingly and in conformity with the rules pertaining thereto recently adopted by the Republican State Committee, giving notice of at least two weeks, by publication in the Republican press of



DR. THOMAS HERRAN, Colombia's Minister at Washington Who Closes the Legation.

their counties, of the time and place of meeting for the selection of said delegates.

County Chairmen will please send their committees copies of the published call and apportionment, and report as soon as selected the names and addresses of the delegates and alternates as chosen if they have not already done so.

J. P. Goodrich, Chairman. Fred A. Sims, Secretary.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE ART ASSOCIATION HAD A MEETING LAST NIGHT.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS

Were Made by the Different Chairmen—Prospects For Fine Display Good.

The executive committee of the Richmond Art association met last night at the Garfield building.

Mrs. M. F. Johnston presided. Several committees reported progress. Prof. W. S. Hiser suggested that the pictures this year should be accompanied by some information that would give the observer assistance in getting at their beauty and the prime object of the artist. This suggestion was approved, but for fear of making the catalogue too bulky, no effort will be made to include this information in that publication. If gathered it will be given the public through the newspapers.

Mr. Girardin announced that his committee on local artists would be composed of the local artists. A communication, in reference to the new buildings to be erected by the government at Washington City, in which it was stated the plan about to be pursued is not in harmony with the plans of President Washington and not in keeping with the best ideas of civic beauty, was read. This communication was from the American Institute of architects. Protests against this were enclosed and they will be signed by the officers of the association and forwarded to members of congress.

The most important matter to come up was in reference to the picture called “The Child of Mary” which is a madonna by Daingerfield, one of the greatest things of this kind ever done in America. The picture is valued at \$5,000 and is very large. It is owned in New York and it will cost about \$70 to secure it for exhibit here. This is a rather large sum to invest in securing one picture, but, as it would be the distinctive feature and would take the place of several others, it was decided a good thing to do and the officers of the association will close up the negotiations. The picture will be given a room to itself and every possible advantage of setting and light. It will no doubt prove a strong attraction.

Dr. Stevenson, chairman of the municipal art committee, reported that he has an opportunity to secure

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BERTRAM CASE ATTRACTS CROWDS

THE JURY IMPANELED LAST NIGHT AND TRIAL BEGUN.

A LEGAL BATTLE ON

Mrs. Lloyd Hill on the Stand—The Court House Thronged.

After spending almost an entire day, exhausting the special venire and the regular jury and several others, a jury was finally selected at 3:30 yesterday afternoon to try the Bertram incest case, which has been hanging fire in circuit court for almost a year. The following gentlemen compose the jury:

- John M. Thomas. J. Jewett. John Shaffer. Henderson B. Oler. Frank M. Hunt. Chas. F. Williams. Louis Hosier. Hamilton Williams. Howard Ridge. Frank B. Huffman. W. H. Cheesman. Clayton Shaffer.

One of the peculiar things about the jury is the fact that there are two sets of brothers on it—the Williamses and the Shaffers. Immediately after the selection of the jury they were sworn in and the trial begun.

Attorney William A. Bond opened the case for the state by giving a brief history of the charges preferred against Otto S. Bertram by his stepdaughter, Eliza Alice Hill, and the law in relation to the case. This was explained for the benefit of the jury.

The case is one in which a mother must face the only daughter of a dead husband in a court room and deny the charges preferred against the man whom she married as a protector for the child who was then almost an infant.

There is no difficulty in the way of knowing that Mrs. Hill is a daughter of Mrs. Bertram: for there is a strong facial resemblance.

Mrs. Bertram and her husband sits on the east side of the court room, while Mrs. Hill and her husband are on the west side. Mrs. Bertram's husband, Robert Delap, died when Mrs. Hill was four years old, and she made her home with her mother and stepfather from the time of their marriage in 1890 until her own marriage.

The first witness was the mother of the girl, Mary Bertram. She stated she was married to Robert Delap and that the plaintiff in the case, Eliza Alice Hill, was their daughter, and she was born October 3, 1885. She said she was married to Otto S. Bertram in 1890. She was then excused. E. M. Haas was the next witness called. He identified the marriage certificate issued to Otto S. Bertram and Mary Delap as being a part of the records of the court of which he is clerk.

The plaintiff, Eliza Alice Hill, wife of Lloyd K. Hill, was called. She gave a history of her relations with Bertram, her stepfather, from the time she was eight years old until the suit was filed. The evidence given by the witness is appalling in its villainy, and is not only not worthy of a place in print, but unwholesome to listen to. It is corrupting, inasmuch as it falls on the ears of vast numbers of young “buds,” who crane their necks to get every word uttered.

This Afternoon.

The cross-examination of Mrs. Hill was continued by Henry U. Johnson. In answer to questions she gave a history of all the occurrences that took place before her marriage. Of her trips to Buffalo, ostensibly to attend the exposition, but in reality for other purposes. She will be on the stand all afternoon.

The court room is crowded to suffocation.