

THE RICHMOND PALLADIUM

AND SUN-TELEGRAM.

VOL. XXXIV. NO. 274.

RICHMOND, IND., TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 10, 1909.

SINGLE COPY, 2 CENTS.

MIDGET PRISONER ESCAPES BY SLIPPING THROUGH A TRANSOM

Oneil Rhodus of Hagerstown, Aged Eleven Years and Not Four Feet Tall, Disliked Being Confined in a Cheerless Room at the Home for the Friendless, So in the Wee Hours of the Morning He Takes French Leave by Climbing Through "That Thing Over the Door" and Walking Down the Hallway.

YOUTH CAPTURED BY A PATROLMAN AT THE STATION

Later This Morning the Lad, Behind Bars at the City Jail, Tells the Reporters His Story.

LAD STATES PARENTS TREATED HIM BADLY

Youngster Was Taken in Custody Because, It Was Asserted He Was Incurable—Is a Sad Case.

"She told me that unless I was good, she would put me in jail and send me to the reform school" was the excuse made by Oneil Rhodus, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rhodus of Hagerstown, in the county jail this morning, for taking French leave from the Home for the Friendless, about 1 o'clock this morning. The woman whom he referred to was Mrs. Margaret O. Spencer, matron of the Home for the Friendless. The child was brought to the city yesterday from Hagerstown and placed in the home for sleeping until today when he was to have been arraigned in the juvenile court for delinquency, but owing to the illness of Judge Fox this could not be done.

Behind the Bars. Locked behind iron bars and in a steel lined cell, the little boy, who is probably three and half feet tall, made a pitiable appearance. He was almost in tears when he told his story but bore up with remarkable fortitude. He has been called the young Wayne county desperado, but in reality it would seem that he was a boy, somewhat wayward, but with an ambition to be just like other boys.

Report was given out that the boy jumped out the third story window at the home. He says that he was placed in a room at the Home for the Friendless and the door locked. In there he was supposed to spend the night. However, his desire for freedom and home was not to be denied by such means and he climbed through the transom, "that thing over the door." He denied jumping from the window but instead maintained that he walked through the hall and made his exit through the front door.

Is Caught Again. About 2 o'clock this morning, he arrived at the Pennsylvania station, intent upon catching a train for home. However the big arm of the law, as impersonated by the station policeman, swooped down upon him and he was again placed in the custody of the county. This time, however, he was taken to the county jail.

Instructions were given for the boy to be locked up so that it would be impossible for him to get away. According to the statutes it is not permissible that a child of his age be confined in the jail but in his case something had to be done as the county has no juvenile ward.

Before the reporter took his leave, the little fellow begged that the newspaper man make some arrangements whereby he might go home on the noon train. "Please mister won't you ask them to let me go home, I will come back again tonight," he said in parting.

Makes His Choice. He took much interest in the reform school where it seems that he must go, as his parents say they can do nothing with him. He asked which was the best place to go, White's Institute or the Plainfield Reform school. After a pause he said he guessed he would go to the reform school in order to "learn to be good."

public and Sunday schools regularly at Hagerstown.

Wants to be Merchant. His ambition is to be a store keeper, like other big men in Hagerstown. Unless some special disposition is made for the young boy, he will probably have to remain in his cell until Judge Fox recovers and is able to hear his case in the juvenile court.

JAMES VAN DUSEN HALE AND HEARTY DESPITE OLD AGE

Oldest Railroad Man in the World Shows His Steady Nerve by Exhibition of His Penmanship.

OLD AGE RECEIPT BY THE VENERABLE MAN

He Attributes His Long Life to Living Just as He Pleased And by Not Partaking of Any Medicine.

Ninety-seven years of age and still hale and hearty, James Van Dusen of 206 North Thirteenth street is perhaps the oldest living railroad man in the world today. Mr. Van Dusen, who is an excellent penman, despite his extreme old age, has written cards recently on which is the date of his birth, together with the present date and the fact that he was the first ticket and freight agent on the Little Miami at Cincinnati in 1845. This was the first railroad ever built in Ohio. The cards have been filed in the offices of practically every railroad in the United States it is said, and there are numerous requests for them among Mr. Van Dusen's friends in this city. The cards are beautifully done and it seems impossible to believe that a man who has attained such a ripe old age is the possessor of such steady nerves. The penmanship is truly remarkable and might easily be mistaken for engraved work.

Likes Black Coffee. When asked to what he attributed his old age and steady nerve Mr. Van Dusen laughed and replied that "because he lived just exactly as he pleased and took no medicine whatever." Many of the doctors' pet hobbies about tobacco and strong coffee ruining the nerves are given a severe jolt in Mr. Van Dusen's case for he states that he had used tobacco all his life and could drink a quart of strong, black coffee immediately on going to bed and sleep like a baby. Asked about health foods Mr. Van Dusen stated that he would just as soon eat a door mat or a bunch of excelsior for breakfast as many of the health foods now on the market.

Respects to Oister. In regard to the Oister theory that a man should be chloroformed at the age of forty, Mr. Van Dusen ridiculed the idea and stated that he hoped to live a number of years longer. He was born on May 9, 1812 at Kinderhook, N. Y., and moved west in 1835. For thirty-five years he was connected with the Little Miami railroad, which then ran between Cincinnati and Springfield, Ohio. Never ill and still the proud possessor of all his faculties, Richmond should be very proud of this rare old character, who is doubtless without a parallel in the United States.

ZEPPELIN NOT DEAD

(American News Service) Berlin, Aug. 10.—The report circulated at the Hague that Count Zeppelin the famous aeronaut, had died, was found today to be untrue. He is at the sanitarium at Constance practically recovered from a slight operation on the neck necessitated by an abscess. The cause of the rumor has not been learned.

POLICE BELIEVE SLAIN GIRL WAS LURED BY WOMAN

Rochester Officials Were Busy Today With the Mysterious Murder of Pretty Anna Schumacher.

STRANGE WOMAN WAS SEEN WITH VICTIM

Slayer of the Pretty Girl, However, Is Believed to Be a Man Employed at One of the Cemeteries.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 10.—The police today have positive evidence that pretty 17-year-old Anna Schumacher, who was slain in Holy Sepulchre cemetery and her body buried in a shallow grave, was lured to her death by a woman. The mysterious woman is described as being tall, wearing a pink dress, and "acted wild."

The girl and the woman were seen in the cemetery late Saturday the day Miss Schumacher disappeared and the woman in pink was observed to leave the graveyard alone about 7 o'clock. At present there is no clue to her identity.

Who Slayer Is. The slayer, however, is believed to be a man employed in the cemetery, or at St. Bernard's seminary, and today a posse of police and citizens, headed by Chief of Police Quigley, having formed a cordon around the woods adjoining the cemetery, began beating the underbrush where he was believed to be hiding. It was confidently expected his capture would be effected within a few hours.

The slayer, unable to control the fatal fascination which leads most murderers back to the scene of their crime, returned to the edge of the cemetery just as the girl's body was being taken from the rude grave. His face was peering through the underbrush and was seen by one of the searchers. The latter immediately drew his revolver and cried: "Halt, or I'll fire."

The man darted back and dodging from tree to tree, succeeded in eluding his pursuers.

Word Was Sent. Word was at once sent to police headquarters and Chief Quigley hurried a posse on bicycles and in automobiles to the scene.

The slayer apparently had no chance to escape from the thicket and the police surrounded the woods. The search for the man was kept up until dark, and then an all-night vigil was maintained, the police and citizens closing their lines, making it utterly impossible for a living thing to pass through without detection.

The slayer undoubtedly bears marks of his encounter with the girl. Miss Schumacher's body bore evidence of a terrific struggle and pieces of human skin were found under her finger nails.

The police have gathered in all the suspects in the neighborhood. Mrs. Schumacher, mother of the slain girl said today she was positive her daughter was killed by an employee of the cemetery.

Based Suspicion. Mrs. Schumacher based her suspicions on reports which reached her of girls having been chased by a man employed in the cemetery. Two distinct stories of women being chased in the cemetery were told to men and women who yesterday searched throughout the old and new cemeteries for clues of the girl.

"You may say for me," says Mrs. Schumacher today, "that I have suspicions of a workman at the cemetery as having committed this crime."

Two of the girls who had been to the cemetery yesterday morning returned and said that when they were searching the cemetery a man employed there said to them: "If you don't find her (the missing girl) in section H, there's no use looking for her."

Nuns Parade in the Gloucester Pageant



Nuns taking part in the pageant at Gloucester, Mass., in honor of the two hundred and eighty-sixth birthday of that historic town. Below from right to left are W. W. French, chairman of the pageant committee and Eric Pape, master of ceremonies.

JUDGE FOX WAS A VICTIM OF HEAT

Well Known Jurist Overcome While Returning Home Yesterday.

MANY COMPLAINTS MADE

SUFFERING WAS GENERAL YESTERDAY, ESPECIALLY AMONG CHILDREN AND ELDERLY PEOPLE—HIT 89 MARK.

Judge Henry C. Fox of the circuit court was overcome by the intense heat yesterday afternoon as he was returning home from the court house about 5 o'clock. His condition while not serious is such that he will be confined to his bed at his home, West Third street, for several days and he will not be able to hold court again this week, it is believed. The attending physician advised complete rest in order that he recover from his illness.

Yesterday was one of the hottest days of the year. The maximum temperature was 89 degrees. However it did not maintain this all day, but fluctuated between 80 and 89 degrees from 8:30 o'clock in the morning until after sun down.

Complaint General. Much complaint was made by the public in general owing to the warm weather. Old persons and young children were probably the least able to stand the extreme heat. Last evening many did not retire until late as they desired to wait until the cool night air brought relief and make it possible to sleep.

BUILD CEMENT WALL

Milton, Ind., Aug. 10.—Work has commenced on the cement wall on the north side of the ditch that runs through town. The piece to be put in extends along the south side of the schoolhouse square. The town trustees state that they may extend it further west. The ditch is encroaching on properties on Canal street on the north side of the street.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

INDIANA—Continued cloudy and probable thunderstorms.

A SWARM OF BEES INVADDED STATION

Little Insects Take the War-path and People Take To the Trees.

MASTERS OF SITUATION

QUITE A NUMBER WERE STUNG BEFORE THE PESTS WENT FORTH TO CONQUER MORE WORLDS.

It was only a swarm of bees, but O, the excitement they created at the Pennsylvania depot this morning! No one seemed to know just where they came from, but it is thought that they probably escaped from one of the express packages. The little insects held full sway for a few minutes and the way they cleaned out the depot was a caution. One old soldier who had braved the terrors of the wars, forgot his rheumatism in the excitement of the moment and was quickly put to flight by the little stingers.

Many persons got "stung" literally, not figuratively, and pandemonium reigned supreme for a period of several minutes. People were running in all directions to get out of the way of the little honey makers who seemed to be mad about something and were looking for revenge. They left the impression of their visit on the face and hands of several persons in the depot and then, apparently growing tired of this form of recreation, flew away amid a sigh of great relief.

(Continued on Page Seven.)

Tips

—On Finding a Lost Article or Restoring One

"And it was a keep-sake," "I prized it so," "Mother gave it to me"—such common expressions after something is lost. But somebody almost always finds it! And almost always gladly restores it if they know who has lost it. Tell who you are in a little Want Ad in this paper when you lose anything, describing your article. And if you find anything, advertise it in our "Lost and Found" column. The owner will gladly pay the cost. You reach thousands this way.

SUGGESTS SMITH FUND OF \$20,000 BE MADE USE OF

Mrs. Elizabeth Candler County Probation Officer, Would Like to Apply Money to Build Orphanage.

COUNTY NEEDS ONE VERY BAD, SHE SAYS

At the Present Time Children Are Kept at Friendless Home Until Other Homes Can Be Secured.

Mrs. Elizabeth Candler, probation officer, believes that the \$20,000 left by the late Miss Mary Emily Smith for the founding of an orphan asylum in the county or to endow some established home for children could be wisely spent in the purchase of some large and suitable property, to be converted into Wayne county's orphan home. At the present time the children who become wards of the county are confined in the Home for the Friendless Women until some other disposition can be made of them.

At the present time there are several children at this institution and in addition a number from this county are confined at state institutions. The Home for the Friendless is not the most suitable place for the care of children.

Offers Her Own Home. In speaking of a desirable place, she mentioned that of her own home, southeast of the city. It is a brick building with modern improvements and is surrounded by twelve acres. Mrs. Candler does not want to sell if some other place could be acquired, but said this morning that her home would make a splendid place for such an institution. She was not prompted by mercenary motives for making the offer. She is too much interested in the welfare and care of children to be prompted by such motives.

Children who are boarded at the Home for the Friendless by parents who can not care for them, for good reasons, and orphans who become dependent on the county, would thus be given a good country home. There

(Continued on Page Seven.)

PINCHOT SPEAKS VIGOROUSLY ON U. S. LAND LAWS

Head of United States Forestry Bureau Was Feature At the Irrigation Congress At Spokane.

NUMEROUS PROMINENT SPEAKERS ON LIST

Is Keen Feeling of Expectancy Regarding Probable Resolution Censuring Secretary Ballinger.

Spokane, Aug. 10.—The interest of the delegates to the national irrigation congress centered in Gifford Pinchot, head of the United States Forestry bureau today and Mr. Pinchot was vehement in stating his opinion of the land laws and their interpretation by certain lawyers.

There was a keen feeling of expectancy also over the proposed resolution criticizing Secretary Ballinger of the department of the interior, whose attitude toward Government Forester Pinchot has been far from friendly. The speakers today filled the program with a long list of prominent names, and men eminent in affairs were gathered from both the east and west for enlightenment of the champions of irrigation improvement.

List of Speakers. The speakers today were Mr. Pinchot, R. E. Allen of the department of the interior; George S. Long; E. T. Allen, United States forester; Bailey Willis of the United States geological survey; John Barrett, director of the international bureau of republics; Senator Cummins of Iowa; Thomas Warrier, Charleston, S. C.; Dr. W. J. McGee secretary of the Inland Waterways Commission; J. N. Taal of the joint conservation committee; N. W. Harris of the Washington good roads association; Samuel Lancaster, highway expert.

The attention of the convention swerved from irrigation today and much was said in favor of forest conservation and the utilization of water energy. John Barrett spoke on "Water as a Resource," and Mr. Long on the "Attitude of Lumbermen Toward Forestry." Mr. Taal asked for good, deep waterways for the Pacific coast, and Prof. Willis pointed out the relation of good waterways to plentiful forests.

A feature of the day was the parade of progress, showing the transformation of the Northwest from semi-savagery to civilization. There will be a banquet tonight.

Pinchot's address today was as follows: Home Building for Nation. The most valuable citizen of this or any other country is the man who owns the land from which he makes his living. No other man has such a stake in the country. No other man lends such steadiness and stability to our National life. Therefore, no other question concerns us more intimately than the question of homes. Permanent homes for ourselves, our children, and our Nation—this is the central problem. The policy of National irrigation is of value to the United States in very many ways, but the greatest of all is this, that National irrigation multiplies the men who own the land from which they make their living.

The old saying, "Who ever heard of a man shouldering his gun to fight for his boarding house," reflects this great truth, that no man is so ready to defend his country, not only with arms, but with his vote, and his contribution to public opinion as the man with a permanent stake in it, as the man who owns the land from which he makes his living.

Nation of Farmers. Our country began as a Nation of farmers. During the periods that gave it its character, when our independence was won and when our Union was preserved, we were preeminently a nation of farmers. We can not, and we ought not, to continue exclusively, or even chiefly, an agricultural country, because one man can raise food enough for many. But the farmer who owns his land is still the backbone of this Nation; and one of the things we want most is more of him.

The man on the farm is valuable to the Nation, like any other citizen, just in proportion to his intelligence, character, ability, and patriotism, but unlike the other citizens, also in proportion to his attachment to the soil. That is the principal spring of his steadiness, his sanity, his simplicity and directness, and many of his other desirable qualities. He is the first of home-makers.

Nation of Homes. The Nation that will lead the world will be a Nation of homes. The object of the great conservation movement is just this, to make our country a permanent and prosperous home for ourselves and for our children, and for our children's children, and it is a task that is worth the best thought and effort of any and all of us.

To achieve this or any other great (Continued on Page Eight.)

Read and Answer Today's Want Ads