MAKES ANSWERS TO SUIT FOR SLANDER

Two of Wallingford's Replies Held Not Sufficient for a Defense.

That he had denounced Dr. Arthur H. Jones, the Whitewater physician, pharmacist and general storekeeper as a saloon keeper and a malpractitioner because in the first place he had drank intoxicating liquors as a beverage and not for medicinal purposes in the plaintiff's place of business and further that Dr. Jones had admitted to him three acts of malpractice, was the answer of Manford B. Wallingford, of Whitewater, to the suit of the physician, in which the latter demands $5,000 damages for slander.

The answers of the defendant were filed in three paragraphs and the second and third were held not good by Judge Fox of the circuit court Saturday, in ruling on a demurrer to these answers. The attorney for Dr. Jones had pleaded the answers did not constitute sufficient facts as a defense. The first answer of the defendant in which he admitted making the charges was held good. The defendant's attorney took exceptions to the court's sustaining the demurrer to the last two paragraphs.

In January the Methodists of Whitewater were holding a revival, but without much success, when one evening, Wallingford at the meeting declared no revival could be a success in Whitewater with Dr. Jones living in the town, so Dr. Jones charges. He also alleges Wallingford then publicly accused him of being guilty of selling liquors in less quantities than five gallons, and charged that he had been guilty of malpractice. Not long afterwards Dr. Jones instituted suit in the circuit court for $5,000 damages for slander. The defendant is a well known man and owner of a fairly large farm.

Wallingford in his answer as to his charge that Jones was a saloon keeper says he made this charge because he, himself, had drank intoxicating liquor upon Jones' premises, solely as a beverage and in less quantities than five gallons. He claims that Dr. Jones told him he sold liquors for gain. Wallingford also in his answer represented to the court that he had seen people come out of Jones' place drunk and carrying packages of "wet" goods in less quantities than five gallons.

Relative to his defense in calling Dr. Jones a malpractitioner Wallingford says the physician told him he had committed such acts, and that Jones led him to believe that on three occasions, which Wallingford in his answer did not specify more minutely, the alleged acts were not necessary for the purpose of saving the lives of the women operated on.

The case is now ready for trial. It will probably be held this summer.

TENNESSEE PARSON'S MARRIAGE RECORD

Bristol, Tenn., May 27.—"Out of two thousand young couples married by me without the consent of their parents, so far as I have been able to trace, not more than five divorces have been sought. The percentage of divorces in parent-made matches is much larger. If parents would be more considerate of the desires of the hearts of their children in so important a matter we would have less of the now growing evil of divorce."

Such is the belief of the Rev. Alfred Harrison Burroughs, who has married more than five thousand runaway couples in the last ten years. His fees in that time have amounted to $25,000.

Tennessee's "marrying parson" holds the world's record, and his business has increased so rapidly of late that he has erected a handsome "Gretna Green hotel"—the only one of its kind in the world, designed especially for the use of bridal couples. Bristol is the metropolis of eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia. The hotel is on both sides of the line that divides the two states. It is said that the hotel has a Tennessee parlor and a Virginia parlor and that the ceremones take place in the one that most easily evades the law.

MARRIED SO OFTEN FORGOT WIVES NAMES

Kansas City, May 27.—As a simple and mutually satisfactory way of adjusting a legal contest for the possession of the children of Andrew L. Lindholm, they are for half the year to be with him and his fourth wife and the remainder of the year with Mrs. Lindholm III, their mother. The court asked both the boys, who are less than ten years old, which parent they preferred, but the little fellows expressed no preference.

One of the amusing incidents of the hearing was Lindholm's statement that he could not remember the given name of his first wife. They were married on brief acquaintanceship, he said, and divorced after a short time, so that the name slipped his mind.

AT 79 PREFERS TO SUPPORT HERSELF

Forest Grove, Ore., May 27.—Mrs. Sarah Crowther, of this city, who has just celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday anniversary, has eight living children, two daughters and six sons, and has ten grandsons living in this city.

Mrs. Crowther, who has been a widow for ten years, spent her girlhood in Westmoreland, England, where she was born, and then came to America, locating at New Orleans, where she lived three years. She then moved to St. Louis, and came to Forest Grove with her husband and children twenty-one years ago. She splits her own wood and is practically self-supporting.

DIVORCES A BRUTE

Treatment Accorded Pearl Perry Revolting.

After being subjected to one of the most indecent cruelties imaginable, Pearl M. Perry was on Saturday divorced by Judge H. C. Fox of the circuit court from Werden E. Perry, a degenerate, sought by the police on a charge of assault and battery, but now a fugitive from justice. His cruelties, which came to the attention of the authorities in February were not brought out in detail in the circuit court, and the divorce was perhaps was one of the easiest obtained of any in several months. All the court required was to prove that the complainant was the same woman who was prosecuting witness in the police court case, he having been familiar with the revolting details of that case. In addition to the divorce decree, the woman was given custody of the minor children.

Perry, who until the time he took French leave and skipped his bond, was a resident of the river bottoms. He turned the hounds on his wife frequently after she had retired and forced her to meet other men.

SPEECH RESTORED BY SUGGESTION

Los Angeles, May 27.—After two years of silence, Charles Fischel, twenty-three years old, is able to speak again in English and German. The cure is credited to mental suggestion by Drs. Hart and Hubbell.

"Two years ago Fischel was struck on the head with a club in a fight and thrown over a railing," said Dr. Hart. "He was literally scared speechless. His condition was that of hysterical aphonia and the cure was accomplished by physchotherapy or what is generally termed mental suggestion."

Fischel, when his silence was broken, spoke fluently and seems entirely recovered.

SAYS 4 YEAR OLD EGG IS STILL FRESH

Williamsport, Pa., May 27.—Harry Burns, of Hornell, N. Y., worked in a cold storage plant in this city four years back. One day he took an indelible pencil and wrote in small letters his name, address and the year "1907" on an egg.

Burns has since returned to Hornell to live. Thursday he went to market and bought a dozen "strictly fresh" eggs and paid the extra price. Among them he discovered the identical egg bearing his name, address and date of four years ago.

The grocer says he "bought them for strictly fresh eggs."

Baseball Results

National League.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	22	13	.629
Philadelphia	23	14	.621
Chicago	21	13	618
Pittsburg	20	15	.571
St. Louis	15	16	.484
Cincinnati	15	16	.484
Brooklyn	13	23	.361
Boston	9	28	.245

American League

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Detroit	28	9	.757
Philadelphia	19	15	.559
New York	18	15	.545
Boston	18	16	.529
Chicago	16	16	.500
Cleveland	16	22	.427
Washington	12	22	.353
St. Louis	12	25	.324

American Association

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Columbus	22	15	.595
Kansas City	22	15	.595
Minneapolis	23	20	.535
Milwaukee	21	20	.512
Louisville	19	21	.475
St. Paul	18	21	.462
Toledo	18	23	.439
Indianapolis	16	24	.400

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	4	8	2
Pittsburg	3	9	0

Smith and Clarke; Adams, Ferry and Gibson.

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	2	5	1
Boston	7	10	1

Barger and Ervin; Curtis and Graham.

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	3	6	4
New York	5	9	3

Burns, Alexander and Dooin; Raymond, Mathewson and Meyers and Wilson.

American League.

No games played.

American Association.

	R.	H.	E.
Minneapolis	5	10	3
Indianapolis	6	13	2

Essick, Waddell and Owens; Linke and Walsh.

	R.	H.	E.
Kansas City	6	6	1
Columbus	1	6	3

Maddox and O'Connor; Leibhardt, Cooke and Bemis.

	R.	H.	E.
Milwaukee	1	5	3
Louisville	6	11	2

Nicholson and McGlynn and Marshall; Cheney and Orendorf.

	R.	H.	E.
St. Paul	4	6	1
Toledo	5	10	2

Steiger, Check and Spencer; Viebalm, Baskette and Brennen and Adams. Ten innings.

FIND DAZED YOUTH ON TOP OF A CAR

Lad Had Severe Cut on Top of His Head—His Companion Is Missing.

When Conductor Jones, of a Pennsylvania freight train bound into Richmond, climbed on the top of one of his cars near West Sonora, O., about 25 miles east of Richmond on the Little Miami division, last night, his foot slipped in a pool of blood, which seemed to be covering much of the top of the car. In the darkness he was just able to distinguish the vague form of a man staggering along at the other end of the car, swaying drunkenly first to one edge and then to the other as the train sped along.

The man's clothes were wet with blood, which was trickling from a jagged cut on his head. When he was seized and forced to lie down, by the conductor, he lapsed into a semi-conscious condition and was dragged to the caboose, where there was a hasty examination. He gave his name as Ralph Fritz, 17 years old, of Dayton, O.

Fritz is now at the Reid Memorial hospital. Hospital officials say he suffers from a severe scalp wound, but that he is not in a serious condition.

Does Not Talk Much.

Very little of his story would he reveal. He and a companion, who has disappeared, started from Dayton to Indianapolis, bumming their way on freight trains. Why they left home and the name of his companion Fritz did not reveal.

After riding a short distance from Dayton, the boys climbed on top of the freight car, and from that time, until when he was found wandering aimlessly around on top of the moving car, by Conductor Jones, playing hide-and-seek with death, the boy's mind is a blank.

Vaguely he remembers lying down with the other boy on top of the car, then a blood curdling scream, and a crash and then blackness. There is no hint of foul play. Fritz had some money and other articles of value but the boy had not been robbed and he said he trusted his companion, after long years of friendship. The blood on the freight car top, it is believed is from the cut in Fritz's head. He, himself, remembers nothing of having fallen or being struck. He is uninjured excepting the head cut. He may have struck an overhead bridge.

The authorities here are inclined to believe that Fritz's companion fell to death between the freight cars, or that he was struck by an overhead bridge and that his mangled body will be found later.

Police authorities are expected to make an investigation of the mysterious affair. So far Fritz has declined to talk to anyone but the railroad physician, Dr. C. S. Marvel, and to him he has said only a few things. Whether the boy is withholding something, or whether his lapse of memory is unfeigned the hospital authorities do not know.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BASEBALL NOTES.

Alva Williams, the new first baseman of the Boston Red Sox, is hitting well over the .300 mark.

The Rochester Eastern League team copped thirteen straight games, lost one, and then started another winning streak.

When the Cubs were in New York recently, Catcher Johhny Kling was touched by pickpockets for ninety good paper dollars.

The western trip of the Athletics was a sad skirmish. What the "woolly boys" did to the champions was more than plenty.

Arthur Irwin, a member of the old guard in the baseball world, is managing the Highlanders in the absence of Hal Chase.

Corhan is his name, and he plays short for the Chicago White Sox. He is about as fine a performer as you ever trained your lamps on.

Major league pitchers are being nicked to a fare-you-well this season. Thirty heavers were used by the big league clubs in one day recently.

"Rajah" Bresnahan thinks his St. Louis Cardinals will land in the first division. The "Cards" made a good showing during their Eastern trip.

Are the umpires or the players losing their goat? In the National League hardly a day passes without some sort of tangle between arbiters and players.

As soon as they finish in the big show, Joe Cantillon grabs them for his Minneapolis club. "Schoolmaster" Leever, the former Pirate, has joined Joe's outfit.

Sandy complexioned gentlemen must be the right number for a successful manager. Close your eyes and guess the name of a Tiger leader, also a Quaker pilot.

How can you beat the Tigers with a lively pitcher and a lively ball? A Joe Miller that has been sprung twenty-six hundred times this season, but is reprinted by request.

Jimmy Callahan is playing great ball for the White Sox. You have to think well of Jim when you consider that he pitched for "Pop" Anson something like fourteen or forty-four years ago.

Members of the Washington team claim that their hard luck dates from the day they encountered a cross-eyed darky porter. He slapped the four-pronged X on the Nationals and the newspapers give you the answer every day.

WITH THE BOXERS.

The mayor of Indianapolis has put the crusher on the boxing tournament advertised for Decoration Day.

Battling Nelson and Charles Neary both figure that they can come back and have signed to box in Milwaukee July 4.

LATE MARKET NEWS

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS

Furnished by A. W. Thomson Co., Hittle Block. Phone 2709. Correspondents, Logan and Bryan.

New York, May 27.—

	Open	High	Low	Close
Copper	67	67¼	67	67
Am Smelting	80¼	80½	80¼	80½
U S Steel	78⅜	78½	78⅛	78⅝
U S Steel pfd	119	.....	.....	119
Pennsylvania	122	.....	.....	122
St Paul	123	123⅛	123	123⅛
Mo Pac	50⅜	50⅜	50⅛	50⅛
N Y Central	108	.....	.....	108
Reading	159⅛	159⅝	159⅛	159⅜
Canadian Pac	234¾	235½	234¾	235
Gt Northen	129¼	129½	129¼	129½
Union Pacific	183⅜	184	183⅜	183⅝
Northern Pac	128⅞	128⅞	128½	128½
Atchison	113⅞	114	113⅝	113⅝
B R T	80	80	79⅞	79⅞
Southern Pac	118⅜	119⅝	118¼	118½
Am Can Com	12	12⅛	12	12⅛
Am Can Pfd.	88	88	87¾	87¾

N. Y. BANK STATEMENT.

(A. W. Thomson Co., Brokers.)

New York, May 27.—

MEMBERS OF CLEARING HOUSE.

Reserves, inc.	$ 672,400
Reserves less U. S. Dep. inc.	669,325
Loans, dec	228,900
Specie, inc.	76,200
Legal Tenders, inc	93,300
Deposits, inc.	1,588,400
Circulation, dec.	186,000

ACTUAL CASH STATEMENT

Reserves, dec.	2,847,750
Reserves less U. S. Dep. dec	2,842,725
Loans, inc.	1,529,600
Specie, dec.	4,191,800
Legal Tenders, inc.	268,700
Deposits, dec.	301,400
Circulation, dec.	179,000

NON-MEMBERS OF CLEARING HOUSE

Loans, inc.	7,650,300
Specie, inc.	2,016,300
Legal Tenders, dec.	3,108,000
Deposits, inc.	8,160,900

Required Reserve 28.36% vs. 28.20% Last Week.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Furnished by A. W. Thomson Co., Hittle Block. Phone 2709. Correspondents, Logan and Bryan.

Chocago, May 27.—

	Open	High	Low	Close
—Wheat—				
May	99¼	99⅞	99⅛	99¾
July	89⅛	98⅝	88¾	89½
Sept	88	88⅜	87⅝	88¼
—Corn—				
May	54¼	54¾	54	54⅛
July	54	54⅛	53⅝	53⅞
Sept	54¼	54⅜	54	54¼
—Oats—				
May	35¾	36⅛	35¾	35⅞
July	35¾	36	35⅝	35¾
Sept	35⅝	36	35⅜	35¾

Liverpool Cables, Close: Wheat unchanged @ ¼ up; Corn ⅛ up.

INDIANAPOLIS LIVE STOCK

Indianapolis, May 27.—

Hogs—Receipts 400; tops $6.30.
Cattle—Receipts 400; best steers $6.00
Calves $7.00.
Sheep—Receipts 100; clipped $3.75.
Spring lambs 50@$1.00 lower.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, May 27.—

Hogs—Receipts 6,000; bulk $5.95@6.10.
$6.40.
Cattle—Receipts 200; beeves $5.15@
Sheep—Receipts 11,00; prime $4.90.
Lambs $7.20.

PITTSBURG LIVESTOCK

Pittsburg, May 27.—

Cattle—Receipts light; market steady, choice $6.25; good $6.10; butchers $4.50@5.85.
Calves $7.50.
Sheep—Supply fair; 10c lower; prime $4.25@4.40.
Lambs $7.25; springers $8.00 down.
Hogs—Receipts 15 loads; 5c higher; prime heavies and mixed $6.10@6.30; yorkers and pigs $6.45@6.50.

CINCINNATI LIVESTOCK

Cincinnati, May 27.—

Cattle—Receipts 300; tops $5.85.
Hogs—Receipts 1,000; 10c@15c higher; tops $5.95.
Sheep—Receipts 1,900; steady.
Lambs strong at $5.60.
Calves $7.25.

E. BUFFALO LIVESTOCK

East Buffalo, May 27.—

Cattle—Receipts 25; trade light; prime steers ..6.25@6.40; butchers $3.00@6.00.
Hogs—Receipts 2,500; firm; 5c higher; yorkers and pigs ..6.50@6.55; heavy and mixed $6.35@6.50.
Calves—Receipts 150; choice $6.00.
Sheep—Receipts 4,000; market slow; primes $4.50.
Lambs $7.00@7.25.

INDIANAPOLIS GRAIN

Indianapolis, May 27.—

Wheat	87c
Corn	54c
Oats	36c
Clover seed	$9.65

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, May 27.—

Wheat	98½c
Corn	54¼c
Oats	34½c

MARSHALL'S BOOM CAUSING BIG ROW

Moss' Plan to Have Meeting to Indorse Governor Being Opposed.

(National News Association)

Washington, May 27.—An effort is to be made by some Indiana Democrats to call off the meeting engineered by Representative Moss of the Fifth district with the view of indorsing Marshall for president. The suggestion for the meeting is said to have originated with John E. Lamb.

Moss presented the matter to Senator Kern before he left for Virginia Thursday. Kern agreed to call a meeting whenever the delegation desired it and Moss gave it out that it would be held June 2.

But there is a big roar going up from other Indiana Democrats and especially is this true of Kern's friends, who say that it is aimed to rebuke promoters of Kern's presidential boom. Kern has declared that he is not a candidate. To demand a formal commitment of the entire delegation to Marshall strikes Kern's friends as imputing lack of good faith to Kern's professed loyalty to Indiana's governor. Marshall's friends are said to be working to secure for him the second place on the ticket with Woodrow Wilson. They could deliver the delegation to Wilson in return for the second place. This is not pleasing to some Indiana men. So much complaint is heard of the Moss meeting that it is believed he will abandon it.

MOSQUITO SEASON APPROACHES FAST

Richmond People Can Exterminate Pests by Using Proper Methods.

There is one little insect that almost spoils the pleasure of the summer months. Have you ever heard of the mosquito? This little pest causes more worry and bother during the summer months, when no one wants to be worried or bothered, than any other in the world. Especially is this true in cities located along some river, like Richmond for instance along the Whitewater river.

There are many kinds of mosquitos, the most common in this state being the carrier of malarial fever germs. This is what the residents of this county must fight against.

The ideal method of exterminating mosquitos is to do away absolutely with all possible breeding places, that is, with standing water, whether in ponds, ditches or puddles, or in old tin cans, pails, rain barrels, broken bottles, etc., about one's own premises. Drainig or filling in of all standing pools and ditches of water and seeing that there are no water-containing receptacles around are therefore the best and most satisfactory way of doing away with the mosquito nuisance.

At best, however, the filling up or draining of all ponds or ditches will take a long time, and meanwhile mosquitoes will breed by the millions. There is fortunately another means of getting more immediate, even though not premanent relief. The pouring of kerosene oil on the water is very satisfactory for it forms a thin film over the surface and the young mosquitoes cannot stick their breathing tubes through this film to get air. Being unable to breathe they soon die. One quart of kerosene oil is sufficient to form a film over a pool twenty fee in diameter, over as large a part of the pool as can be reached.

The only radical way of dealing with the mosquito and malaria problem is along the lines above laid down, that is by preventing mosquito breeding. If, however, the above measures have not been carried out the mosquitoes are not already present, something can still be done, at least to make life indoors more bearable and to lessen the danger of contracting malaria.

By screening all windows and outside doors of the house not only will mosquitoes be kept out but also flies, and these latter, while not capable of carrying malaria are believed to be responsible for a considerable proportion of all cases of a much more serious disease—typhoid fever. If you cannot afford screens for the entire house, at least screens for the bed rooms, and if this is impossible, mosquito nets over the beds are better than nothing.

Perhaps the best practical method of freeing a room of mosquitoes is by closing it tight and burning pyrethae powder, which is simply the best grade of so-called "insect powder." This smoke is not poisonous to the human subject, though it is not advisable to breathe it unnecessarily. It must be remembered that this method does not kill the mosquito outright but merely stupifies them. After the powder has been burned out, the room should be entered within a short time and mosquitoes swept up and burned before they recover consciousness.

SCHNEIDER CHILD DIES OF INJURIES

After twenty-four hours of intense agony Katherine Schneider, three years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schneider, of Indianapolis, which was hit by a taxicab Thursday night, died at eleven o'clock last night. The body will be brought to Richmond tonight, and taken to the home of Mrs. Schneider's mother, on North Eighth street.

$.15 GREW TO $50

A Hammond Youth Makes Profitable Trades.

Hammond, Ind., May 27.—Once more Hammond has come into the limelight as the home of an up to date "David Harum" who could have given the David of story book fame a few pointers on trading.

Frank Coorse is the new "Harum" and when he had finished his day's work he had succeeded in raising $50 with a nominal expenditure of 15 cents.

Horses, harness, wagons, wheels, buggies and watches were a few of the things that rapidly changed hands in Coorse's deals.

The trading started fhen Frank Nelson, president of the Lowell bank, made Coorse a present of an old silver watch. It wouldn't run, so Coorse paid fifteen cents in real money to have it fixed. Then he sold it for $2. With this money he purchased a sick and decrepit looking horse from a farmer. He traded the horse for an old buggy and two wheels.

An hour later he traded the two wheels for the body of a road cart, and taking off the buggy wheels he placed them under the road cart. He traded the body of the buggy for a set of harness. Then taking the whole outfit to another farmer he traded it for a likely looking broncho.

While driving home the animal ran away and Coorse discovered it was blind. In the course of the runaway the broncho upset a buggy in which a young farmer was driving.

"That's a lively animal you've got," said the farmer.

"Nothing to it," replied Coorse, rubbing his shin, "nothing in the county can touch him."

"Sell him?" queried the farmer.

"Well, I might let him go for $50 if I was sure he would be well treated. You see, he's a great pet; I raised him from a colt. It's pretty hard to part with him, but I might take $50," and Coorse wiped his eyes as the rural purchaser counted out five $10 bills.

"Wall street hasn't anything on the trading game," said Coorse to Mr. Nelson last night.

FELL NINE STORIES

Iron Worker Lost Balance, Pulled Inspector Along

Washington, D. C., May 27.—Barney Coughlin, one of the iron workers who risk their lives daily, while trotting around on narrow beams high in the air, took one risk too many and plunged to his death through nine stories of iron network on the new Woodward building, Fifteenth and H streets. As he turned over and over in the fall he struck A. B. Galt, a steel inspector, and the two fell together for the remaining five stories. While Coughlin was crushed and bruised so that scarcely a single bone remained unbroken, Galt has but a scalp wound, some scratches and a possible fracture of a bone in the left leg.

Galt, the target of a human missile, who plunged from a height which would seem to mean instant death, will no doubt be out of bed within a few days.

Iron workers have steel nerves, but the scream from Coughlin's throat, as the man felt himself gone forever, made every hammer stop in its tapping and the quick clutch of "heart in the throat" seized every man in the building. It was a scream that frightend their very souls and turned their strength into childish fears. Sixty-five men were working there and the entire force quit work because of that terrible scream.

There were men who saw every inch of the fall. They happened to be looking upward from the minute the board upon which Coughlin was standing gave way. They saw the man plunge and heard the scream which will perhaps stay in their ears forever. They say that Coughlin reached out to clutch at everything and in reaching he turned over and over.

VETERANS OF '98 TO HAVE EXERCISES

Besides asisting the Sons of Veterans and other patriotic organizations of the city in arranging for the general celebration of Memorial Day, the Spanish American War veterans will have exercises of their own. They will assemble in the camp room at 8:30 o'clock and proceed to Earlham cemetery. There they will decorate the graves of dead veterans, and at 10:30 o'clock will hold Memorial services in section six. A salute will be fired over the graves at the close of the services. Members of the Auxiliary will assist in the decoration of the graves.

WAUGH ANNOUNCES HIS APPOINTMENTS

Indianapolis, May 27.—Grand Army commander Waugh announced his appointments for the ensuing year to be John R. Fesler. Indianapolis, assistant adjt. commander general and assistant quartermaster general, and Webster Ray of Madison, department inspector.

FESTIVAL CLOSES WITH AN OVATION

Prof. Earhart and Musicians Applauded — Finances Not Reported.

With the redition of Verdi'e Requiem by the adult chorus of 250 voices, soloists and Richmond Symphony orchestra at the Coliseum last evening the fifth May Musical Festival came to a brilliant conclusion. From a musical standpoint it was an unqualified success. As an artistic accomplishment it ranks along with the festivals which have preceded it, and perhaps a little higher, for it came nearer being an entirely Richmond affair than ever before.

The worth and character of the offering last evening was evidenced by the continued applause of the musical enthusiasts which reverberated throughout the Coliseum when the concert had come to a close. The audience lingered for many minutes, apparently unwilling to go, calling upon Prof. Earhart and the soloists for repeated bows.

A Splendid Chorus.

The chorus had been drilled through the untiring efforts of Prof. Earhart practically to perfection, and the result was highly pleasing. It was a concert that would be a great[illegible] a city many times larger t[illegible] mond and it did much to pe[illegible] Richmond's reputation as a music center.

The work of the soloists in connection with the chorus was also very pleasing and well received. This was especially true of Jessie Lynde Hopkins, contralto, and Prof. Aurele Borriss, head of the music department of Earlham college. The other soloists were Mrs. Luella Chilson-Ohrman, soprano, and John Miller, tenor, both of whom have well cultivated voices and showed appreciative understanding of Verdi's great work.

The splendid performance of the Richmond Symphony orchestra was particularly brought out at the concert yesterday afternoon when much of the program consisted of orchestral numbers. Here again was the extraordinary ability of Prof. Will Earhart, the moving spirit of the festival manifested, and the excellent playing of this body of Richmond musicians was another tribute to him. The work of the orchestra was one of the most important features of the festival, and its great succes was well merited.

A Great Pianist.

The playing of Leon Sampaiz, the Belgian pianist, at the concert yesterday afternoon was well received.

Owing to the fact that many members of the orchestra and choruses and school children, with whom tickets were placed for distribution, have not reported, the members of the Commercial club committee, which backed the festival, are unable to give the receips and estimated attendance figures. It is certain however, that the receipts this year will fall short of those or previous festivals. This was indicated by the smaller audiences. While the attendance was not as large as was expected and consequently somewhat disappointing, the attendance was considered fair and showed that Richmond music lovers and students appreciated the value of the event.

It was stated by members of the Commercial club committee today that although there wil be no surplus, it is certain that the receipts will cover all expenses and leave no deficit. Last year there was a surplus of about $300 which was turned into a special May Festival fund to perpetuate the event, and in case there should be any money resulting this year after all bills have been paid it will be added to this fund.

At the same time that great credit is being given Prof. Earhart and members of the chorus and orchestra for the success of the festival, the Commercial club, and particularly the executive committee comes in for its share of the praise.

JUDGE WIGGS PLACE THREATENED BY FIRE

Sparks from a locomotive started a roof fire at the old Judge Wiggs homestead, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth street on the Pennsylvania railroad, about noon today. The damage was slight.

CASE DISMISSED

The police court against Mrs. Marcus Roberts, charging her with assault and battery on Beatrice Redmond, was dismissed this morning, on a motion of Prosecutor C. E. Ladd. He said on investigating the case it was found that the Redmond woman had been "bothering around" Mrs. Roberts's husband.

A LODGE EVENT

The degree staff of the Hokendauqua lodge of Red Men will on Tuesday go to Indianapolis on a pleasure trip. At the meeting of the tribe on Friday evening officers were nominated to serve the ensuing six months. The election will take place at the next regular meeting.