

NEWS OF INDIANA and MICHIGAN

STATE GEOLOGIST IS
MAN FOR THE PLACE

Work Has Proven of Great
Benefit to Farmers—In-
diana is Third.

Special to The News-Times.
INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 2.—In selecting the man for state geologist the people of Indiana were fortunate in securing the services of a man so well fitted as Edward Barrett. He is not only qualified but exhibits the right enthusiasm in his work and so gets results that are worth while. It was because he possessed the qualifications and the interest in the work that the democratic party selected him as the candidate, and his acquaintance in the farming communities, either personally or through his work, has brought to him an unusually strong and increasing support.

Mr. Barrett has had the cooperation of the agricultural department of the state university and also of the federal government in his work of completing soil surveys. The value of this work has been thoroughly demonstrated to the farmers as an adjunct to the practical crop work being done by the demonstration department of the state university. For a knowledge of the soil compositions, needs and peculiarities are fully as important as the selection and testing of seeds and methods of cultivation after it has been determined what crops shall be planted on this farm or that.

Completes His Report.
Mr. Barrett has completed his annual report and it will soon be in print. In his introduction he calls attention to the importance of the position occupied by Indiana among agricultural states. This state is third in the list in the percentage of total acreage in farms and fourth in percentage in what is designated "improved farm lands." Of the total acreage of the state 92.5 per cent is farm land and 73.7 improved farms. Iowa has 55.4 per cent and 32.9 per cent respectively. Illinois has 50.7 and 78.2 per cent and Ohio has 92.5 and 73.7 per cent. These are the four leading states in percentage of farm lands and improved farms.

In his comment Mr. Barrett says: "When we think that the average yields in most cereals is only one-third to one-fourth as much in this state as in some of the best agricultural states of Europe, we can see the necessity of added knowledge and more effective methods of soil improvement, not only through experimental and extension work, but through field work from the standpoint of geology. There is no good reason why a survey of the topmost formation in Indiana, the soil and subsoil is not a proper function of the department of geology, and as long as the present incumbent is in charge of the department, it shall be so held."

Few Farms Improved.
Quoting from government reports it is shown that of the 1,902,289,600 acres of land in the 48 states, 878,798,225 acres, or 46.2 per cent, is designated farm land, while but 25.1 per cent is in improved farms, some of the state having one per cent or less. In prosecuting the soil survey work two field parties are maintained, one by the state and the other in cooperation with the federal department.

Much of the state geologist's time in the year 1914 was devoted to promoting good roads, a task in which the people of Indiana are deeply and enthusiastically interested. During the year, Mr. Barrett delivered some 25 addresses at different points in the state on road construction and on the excellent road materials of Indiana. He has also written several circulars and magazine articles on the subject. In addition to these he spent considerable time at farmers' meetings and institutes discussing geologic problems that are closely related to the soils and farming interests of the state. Work along these lines will be continued during the rest of Mr. Barrett's term.

CHILD TAKES TRIP

Four-year-old Seymour Boy Wanders
From Home to Louisville.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Sept. 2.—Jimmy Theriac four years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Theriac, wandered from home, boarded an Indianapolis and Louisville traction line car, and arriving in Louisville was lost in a crowd at the terminal station. The child went to his father's blacksmith shop, and it was supposed that he was playing near there. He saw the traction car arrive a short distance away and boarded it with other passengers, and the conductor thought he was with his parents. Zack Callahan, the conductor found him when the car reached Louisville. The boy was later recognized by Miss Emma Simmons of this city, who brought him home. The parents did not know of the boy's journey until he was returned home.

CRUSHED UNDER IRON

Marion Man Killed When Cupola at
Foundry Gives Way.

MARION, Ind., Sept. 2.—Jack Dillon, 30 years old, a laborer, was killed and three other laborers were severely injured when the floor of a cupola at the Atlas foundry gave way. Dillon was crushed beneath tons of iron. The three injured men were hurried to a hospital. They are: Joseph Bluzs and William Chinski, Austrians, and Ora Wallace, colored. Ora Wallace was the most seriously injured of the three men. His right leg was broken between the knee and the hip. He will survive. The injuries of Bluzs and Chinski consisted of severe bruises.

The charging scaffold from which the cupola at the Atlas foundry was filled with pig iron was overloaded, it is believed. The scaffold gave way. Dillon was working beneath it and the injured men were on top of the scaffold.

Jack Dillon came to this city only two weeks ago from Lima, O., where his father, Frank Dillon, lives. The father telephoned instructions last evening to send the body of his son to Lima today.

EXPECT VALLEY LINE
TO TOLEDO BY NOV. 1

Negotiations With Traction
Companies for Terminals
Under Way.

ELKHART, Sept. 2.—That the Valley line will have through service between Elkhart and Toledo by Nov. 1 is the statement accredited by H. E. Buckien, principal owner of the traction company. Negotiations with one of the traction companies running out of Toledo for terminal connections have been completed, it is said, and all that remains to be done is to build to its terminal, a distance of about nine miles from Columbus, O. The present terminal of the Valley line, Mr. Buckien was not in the city this morning but it was declared that work was being pushed east of Columbus and that it was Mr. Buckien's plan to connect with a Toledo interurban either at Elkhart or Montpelier, O.

A local representative declared that he knew Mr. Buckien was negotiating with the Wabash railroad and the Toledo & Western Traction Co. but was not aware that negotiations had been closed.

It is said that it is Mr. Buckien's plan to use the big gasoline type of car for the through service, as he has satisfied himself that the gasoline car is superior to any other including the electric of the line. A complete telephone dispatching system has been completed.

Ulysses Grant Pike, a well known N. Y. C. mechanic, whose home was at 1902 W. Franklin st., is dead of valvular heart trouble from which he had suffered for several years, although not seriously until two months ago. He was taken to the hospital a week ago, at which time he was able to dress himself and walk to the physician's automobile in which he was conveyed to the hospital.

Mr. Pike was a member of Pulaski lodge, L. O. O. F., of the local lodge of Knights of Pythias and of the Lake Shore Relief association.

"While you girls are in a movie we'll play pool," remarked Wallace Crooks, 34, and Robert Crooks, 27, upon parting from their wives on Friday evening, Aug. 6, five weeks ago. Nothing has been heard from them since, except a note which Crooks left at home telling his wife that he and his companion "were going to find work."

On last Friday evening Mrs. Crooks gave birth to a daughter, and has since been seriously ill at the General hospital, her condition being due, the physicians say, to her husband's desertion of her.

Mrs. Zones has gone to the home of relatives in a middle western city.

W. G. Buseard, assistant cashier of the Citizens Trust Co., and Mrs. Buseard went to North Manchester Wednesday to attend the funeral of C. H. Flook, who was the father of Mr. Buseard's first wife.

Mr. Flook died Tuesday evening from the effects of injuries received two weeks ago in an automobile accident.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 2.—His crops ruined by frost, John Tremethick, an aged farmer residing near Ishpeming, hanged himself in his barn late Monday. Boys found him alive and informed a policeman, who cut him down. The discouraged man will be given a new start in life by friends.

WILL RECOMMEND
AMENDMENT OF LAW

Gov. Ralston States Objections
to Section Covering Es-
caped Prisoners.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 2.—Gov. Ralston yesterday made public the first of the recommendations he has decided to make to the 1917 legislature. He will ask the general assembly, he said, to amend the 1915 law, which provides a prison sentence for persons escaping from the Indiana state farm at Putnamville. The bill for this law was introduced in the last house of representatives by Huber Hickam of Spencer, whose father was a member of the original state farm commission.

The law provided for a prison sentence of from two to five years at the Indiana state prison at Michigan City for those who escaped from the state's penal farm. But it failed to provide that the inmates might send the persons in question to the Indiana reformatory for the term indicated in the law, if their ages were such that incarceration in the reformatory would be preferable to incarceration in the state prison.

Greencastle Case in Question.
The governor said he would recommend to the next legislature that the law be so changed that trial judges in such cases hereafter would have the privilege of sending the escaped prisoners either to the state prison at Michigan City or the Indiana reformatory at Jeffersonville. Young men under the age of 30 years ought to be sent to the reformatory, the governor believed, rather than to the state prison.

The matter was brought to his attention yesterday while he was at Greencastle. He and Judge James P. Hughes discussed the sentence that must be imposed on several boys in Putnam county for escaping from the farm. Their ages range from 18 to 21 years. They are in jail at Greencastle. The officials hesitated when they thought of the boys being sent to the state prison, and it was understood that the sentences might be suspended during good behavior. The governor, on returning to Indianapolis, said he would seek to have the new law remedied by the next legislature.

McCorkle Case Considered.
The governor also said he had told Putnam county officials that if they presented a properly signed petition and the showing in the case was proper he would commute the life imprisonment sentence of Roy McCorkle, sentenced from Putnam county for life for murder, to manslaughter, thus making McCorkle eligible to parole. McCorkle was convicted of killing an Italian in Greencastle eight years ago.

RATTLER CAUSES FRIGHT

Snake Escapes From Cage and All
Children Are Kept Indoors.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 2.—Every child in Maple Heights, an addition of Bloomington, has been kept indoors the last 48 hours. A big rattlesnake escaped from John Aitop, a Brown county man, who was visiting in this city, and it is thought to be in the weeds at Maple Heights. Aitop caught the snake in Brown county, and when he came here to visit his brother-in-law he brought it with him in a box. The snake escaped, and now everyone in Maple Heights is looking for it. The snake has 15 rattles and Aitop says when it is alarmed it can be heard three blocks.

LEAVES HOSPITAL; FALLS

Man With Bullet Wound in Head Will
Remain in Bed Several Weeks.

CADILLAC, Mich., Sept. 2.—William Gildie, who was shot through the head by his uncle, six weeks ago, following a quarrel and who has been in the hospital here since that time, isn't a lucky man. Young Gildie was dismissed from the hospital as recovered and fell as he was walking down the steps. The fall tore open the wound in his head and as a result the young man must spend several more weeks at the hospital.

FLINT MAN IS KILLED

Attempted to Get Off Moving Train
at Davison and Is Struck.

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 2.—Alfred Seaton, 38 years old, was killed at 1 o'clock this morning while trying to get off a moving train at Davison, 10 miles east of here. His body was found at 5 a. m. by D. D. Boynter, a section man, who was on his way to work.

"PENNY ZONES" WOULD
MEAN MORE REVENUE

Investigation Shows Interurban Com-
panies Lose 6 Percent of Rev-
enue Through "Jitneys."

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 2.—One million dollars or more will be paid into the treasuries of the interurban companies from increased fares in any one year of the future, through computation of fares on the "penny zone," according to persons familiar with the matter.

Owing to opposition by some interurban patrons, who claim that they are charged excessive fares, an investigation was made and may lead to the filing of petitions with the Public Service commission asking that further hearings be held.

The operating expenses of 24 roads in Indiana for the fiscal year ending July 30, 1914, were \$8,211,834.80. Automobiles, "jitneys" and the like have made inroads upon the interurban revenue, however, the comparative statements of the companies showing a decrease of 6 per cent. It is believed that the operating revenues in the state of Indiana will exceed \$10,000,000 and the increase from six to 12 per cent will more than likely pay the roads more than \$1,000,000 in increased fares.

TWO INJURED IN WRECK

Engine and Caboose Plow Through
Freight Train at Carleton.

CARLETON, Mich., Sept. 2.—H. C. Kelly of Sandusky, O., Pere Marquette brakeman, and Fireman Edward Imerson of Port Huron, were seriously injured and the Pere Marquette depot on the main street here was nearly wrecked when a Pere Marquette train consisting of a locomotive and caboose, plowed through a D. T. and I freight train at the junction here at midnight last night. Kelly's face and head was badly lacerated and Imerson sustained a broken arm and other injuries. Both will live. The Pere Marquette engineer jumped and escaped unhurt. The target was against the Pere Marquette train.

HAD FAKE "PERMIT"

Gypsies at Indianapolis Pay Dearly
For Scrap of Paper.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 2.—When Judge Deery demanded of Minnie Stevenson and Minnie John, two gypsies, whose business was fortune telling, that they explain why they violated the statutes of the state of Indiana, both produced an alibi in the form of a pink slip of paper bearing the signatures of city officials and known as a "permit." The permit cost the gypsies \$25 and Judge Deery ordered them to return to court later and receive further orders.

BOYS TAKE POWDER CANS

Place Explosives on Railroad Tracks
and Are Arrested.

BAY CITY, Mich., Sept. 2.—Four boys ranging in age from 14 to 18 years were arrested last night in Monitor township, five miles west of Bay City, on a charge of breaking into the powder house of Handy and Sons, a powder mill, Sunday night, and stealing two cans of giant powder. The theft was discovered when the coal miners' train on the Midland division of the Michigan Central ran into two cans of giant powder on the way to the mine from Bay City.

FEAR BABE WAS POISONED

Autopsy to be Held—Mother Finds
Child Dying on Bed.

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 2.—When Mrs. Hasple returned home after being absent a few moments Monday, she found her three-year-old daughter, Dartona, dying on her bed. The child died before medical aid could be obtained. Coroners Leroy and Hilliker performed an autopsy Tuesday and removed the stomach of the babe. This was sent to Lansing where an analysis of its contents was made this afternoon.

DISCOVER POISON PLOT

Muskegon Farmer Finds Apples With
Poison Instead of Cores.

MUSKEGON, Mich., Sept. 2.—William Johnson, a Cedar Creek township farmer, this morning discovered a number of apples in his barnyard, from which the cores had been removed and either arsenic or strychnine inserted in an attempt to poison his herd, which is valued at \$2,000. Sheriff Collins is investigating the attempt to poison the animals.

Come And See Us.
Geo. Wyman and Co.

Saturday--Sept. 4th
Fall Opening of Rugs,
Carpets and Draperies

2:30 to 5:30--7:30 to 9:30

Third Floor

Music

55th Anniversary
Sale---is Now On

REAL "old time bargains" -- are being offered in departments throughout the store in celebration of this our fifty-fifth birthday.

We Mention a few of them:

—Silk Velvet Hat Shapes—\$1.55.
—50 in. Curtain Marquisette (35c regular)—25c.
—\$1.00 Wash Blouses—55c.
—Ladies' Flannel Night Gowns—\$1.00 ones at 55c; the 50c ones at 39c.
—Wyman's \$12.50 sets of Red Fox Furs—at \$8.55.
—Our \$2.00 Leather Hand Bags at \$1.65.

—Wyman's 25c Wearwell Hose—at 21c.
—Insertions—2c yd.
—3 in. Laces—5c yd.
—35c Taffeta Ribbons—19c yd.
—Ladies' Wool Sweaters—\$2.50.
—16 yds. of Outing Flannel (10c kind) for \$1.00.
—Ostrich Neckpieces—at 95c, \$1.95, \$2.95, \$3.95 and \$5.95.

COLLISION KILLS TWO

Interurban Car Strikes Wagon at
at Royal Oak With Fatal Results.

ROYAL OAK, Mich., Sept. 2.—Two men were killed when the vegetable wagon in which they were riding was struck by a Saginaw and Bay City limited interurban car of the D. U. R. at the 10-mile road crossing on Woodward av. this morning. Benjamin Kurdt, who resided on High street near Rivard st., died instantly, and his companion, whose name has not been learned, died while he was being taken to the office of a physician here. The horses also were killed and the rig demolished. The accident took place within 10 rods of where Fr. Dominic H. Kolarski was killed.

CHILDREN ARE RESCUED

Mother Throws Sons From Window
and Is Rescued From Flames.

CORUNNA, Mich., Sept. 2.—Arthur Adams and his family escaped from their burning home through an upstairs window, after flames had burned the stairway, early Tuesday. Adams was awakened by the cries of his four-year-old son, Allen. He found the room filled with smoke. He threw a mattress out of the window and leaped to the ground. His wife then threw her two children and he then rescued his wife by means of a ladder.

STATE BRIEFS

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The annual convention of the Southern Indiana Baptist association is in session here with about 200 delegates attending.

VALPARAISO, Ind.—The wets have won in the Westchester township, Porter county, election by a majority of 108. In an election in 1909 the wet majority was 206.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Acting against advice from the department of justice in Washington, Indiana coal operators have formed an organization representing coal properties

worth \$20,000,000. The avowed purpose of the organization is to "root out ruinous competition and keep prices at a reasonable level."

SHOALS, Ind.—Arthur Nicholas, 12 years old, living on a farm near here, was playing with a dynamite cap when it exploded and tore off a thumb and three fingers. He was alone, but succeeded in telephoning a physician.

OAKLAND CITY, Ind.—When Elmer Conder, 12 years old, dragged a loaded shotgun toward him today the cartridge was discharged. One of his arms was shot off and he suffered serious wounds in his side.

MOUNT VERNON, Ind.—Burglars blew open a safe in the Wellbrenner grocery store here last night and got \$40 in cash. Several other stores were robbed.

COLUMBUS, Ind.—Orville Cowden will lose the sight of one eye as the result of the falling of a hoe from a shelf in a toolhouse which struck his left eye.

COLUMBUS, Ind.—John Stingle of Indianapolis came here to confer with his estranged wife on means of paying a small fine assessed against their son. Before they got through a reconciliation had been effected and they decided to live together again.

MARION, Ind.—World wars have no horror for Robert Matter, 22 years old, son of Philip Matter, local millionaire. Young Matter will sail shortly for a vacation in Europe.

VALPARAISO, Ind.—Thomas H. Heard was the third of a party of six who have died from the effects of eating toadstools which they supposed were mushrooms at a dinner party a month ago. Heard was one of the best known attorneys in this part of the state.

MEROM, Ind.—Following numerous complaints about "drunks" on the Chautauque grounds, the drug store of J. J. Parker was raided by officers and a considerable amount of "wet" goods was confiscated.

HAMMOND, Ind.—Paul Cander placed a lantern in a tank containing gasoline in order to ascertain the amount of its contents. An explosion

occurred which threw him 50 feet. He is not expected to recover.

ANDERSON, Ind.—A horse driven by Arthur Stepson fell dead at the sight of an elephant which was marching in a small circus parade here.

ANDERSON, Ind.—When workmen unloaded a car of coal at the Pennsylvania railroad at North Anderson, they discovered a can containing 25 pounds of coarse grain gunpowder.

SHELDON, Ind.—Because he mistook the direction in which he was going to fall after cutting loose from his balloon, George Williams, an aeronaut, was killed when he crashed through the tops of a group of trees. He is said to have made 500 successful flights.

WASHINGTON, Ind.—When Jerry Beard and Harvey Beach became engaged in an altercation, Beard drew a razor and slashed Beach on the right shoulder. It required 17 stitches to close the wound.

LANSING, Mich.—Reports have reached the office of the state board of health that there are 115 cases of diphtheria in Lamotte township, Sanilac county. One of the medical inspectors has been ordered to investigate conditions.

HOLLAND, Mich.—Fire originating from the explosion of an oil stove destroyed the home of R. Lappinga Tuesday afternoon and Mrs. Lappinga and her two-year-old child, who were in the house, narrowly escaped.

HOLLAND, Mich.—Contrary to action recently taken by the city council, three members of the board of police and fire commissioners have ordered two new fire trucks for use in this city.

CHARLOTTE, Mich.—Members of the local branch of the W. C. T. U. appeared before the council this week asking that the moving picture theaters of the city be closed on Sunday nights.

CHARLOTTE, Mich.—Rev. E. L. Conklin of Ellettsville, Ill., will have charge of the Gale Memorial church in addition to his duties as state superintendent of Michigan Universalist churches.

THE DINGBAT FAMILY

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Strange How the Same Excuse Occurs to two Such Minds