

DEADLOCK RESULTS IN REFERENCE TO ROUTE FOR FREIGHT

General Manager Reynolds of the Traction Company, Refuses to Consider North Twenty-third Street.

WHAT WILL MCGOWAN DO, IS THE QUESTION.

Meeting Held Friday Night Was Very Unsatisfactory—Resolutions Are Presented By the Shippers.

The Indiana, Columbus & Eastern traction company has turned down the demand made by the city that the proposed freight route in the north end run on North Twenty-third street.

The result of this meeting with Mr. Reynolds was most unsatisfactory to the city officials as it means that the prospective adjustment of all traction troubles has gone glimmering and that all the ground covered at the recent conference held with President McGowan will have to be fought over again.

No Special Council Meeting. There was to have been a special meeting of council next Monday evening to act on the franchise ordinance which was to have been presented by the special council committee, but as the citizens insist that the Twenty-third street route shall be the one named in the franchise and as the traction company refuses to accept this route, no franchise ordinance for the time being will be prepared by the special committee and the special council meeting has been called off.

What Will McGowan Do? At the meeting Friday evening Mr. Reynolds expressed surprise that the board should insist on the Twenty-third street route, calling attention to the fact at the meeting held with President McGowan the city officials had insisted on the Twenty-second street route.

It was pointed out to Mr. Reynolds that it was the will of the property owners and shippers that the Twenty-third street route be the one adopted and that as representatives of the people the board had no other alternative than to demand that the

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TWO OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY BOARD

One Vacancy Filled and One Addition Is Made to List of Patrolmen.

NOT UP TO THE LIMIT.

EDWARD STEIN, REPUBLICAN, AND OSCAR BROWN, DEMOCRAT ARE THE LUCKY MEN TO WEAR UNIFORMS.

The board of police commissioners met this noon and appointed two new officers to the force, Edward Stein, a republican, and Oscar Brown, a democrat.

Stein is to succeed Harry Hebble, who recently resigned. Brown was added to the force because the commissioners thought it best to increase the force. These new officers will begin their duties the first of April.

Not Yet to the Limit. With the addition of two more officers, the force will consist of fifteen policemen, one patrol driver, two sergeants and the chief. The state law provides one officer for each one thousand inhabitants, so that the commissioners can, if they so desire, add four more policemen to the force, as the 1900 census shows Richmond to have over 18,000 population.

With the addition of the new officers it is probable that one of the older officers will be promoted to the office of night roundsman. Edward Stein is a tinner and has been in the employ of Schultz & Lanning. Brown has for some time past been a conductor on the street car line. Both are well known and will make excellent officers.

Fighting Against a Lunacy Commission.



DELPHIN M. DELMAS, DEFENDER OF HARRY K. THAW.

Throughout the trial Delmas has made a brilliant fight for Thaw and now he is in the midst of trying to defeat the latest move by Jerome—a lunacy commission, which might declare the prisoner insane and send him to an asylum to spend the remainder of his days.

DEPEND MUCH ON THAW'S WRITINGS

Defense Hopes to Prevent Lunacy Inquest by Showing Him Rational.

THEIR EVIDENCE FILED.

MUCH FROM THE ALIENISTS ALONG WITH A STATEMENT FROM DELMAS—THAW'S LETTER IN THE TOMBS.

New York, March 23.—Harry Thaw's lawyers today completed their preparation of evidence on which they believe Justice Fitzgerald will decline to appoint a lunacy commission. It consisted of affidavits by the defense's alienists and certain documents in defendants' handwriting.

The letter, which was written by Thaw the day after the defense opened at the pending trial, is introduced to show to the court that Thaw has a perfect grasp of his affairs, fully understands his position, is capable of conferring rationally with his counsel regarding his case.

The circumstances under which the letter was written makes its force as testimony still more binding. It will be recalled that the opening day for the defense was something of a fiasco. The distressing breakdown of Dr. Wiley's testimony and the failure to get before the jury the testimony of the man who told of the threat of Stanford White to kill Thaw endangered the whole case of the defense.

A quarrel ensued among counsel. Delmas, feeling that his reputation was endangered, frankly told his client that if the then status of counsel for Thaw was maintained he would not be responsible for the outcome of the trial.

Then it was that Thaw, in his cell in the Tombs, wrote the letter to Delmas, putting him in sole control of the case. Accompanying it was an affidavit of Delmas in which he declares his belief that his client is perfectly able to advise with counsel and that in point of fact he has been conferring with counsel every day since the trial began.

The other attorneys for Thaw submitted similar affidavits. In addition, all of the experts who were called by the defense during the trial submitted affidavits declaring it to be their belief that Thaw is perfectly able to consult with his counsel. One of these experts has made an examination of Thaw since last Wednesday and he will relate the result of that examination. This was Dr. George F. Schiel, who has not yet been put on the stand, although he has been connected with the defense since the trial began.

Has Boom for Governor. Covington, Ind., March 23.—Fremont Goodwine is being boomed by his friends as the next republican nominee for Governor. His record in the Indiana senate and his long service to the party are the arguments advanced in his behalf.

JUMPED THE TRACK DOWN EMBANKMENT

Big Four Passenger Train Wrecked at Avon, Near Indianapolis.

ENGINEER KILLED; 13 HURT

JOHN GREGORY, OLD AND RELIABLE ENGINEER, MET DEATH AT HIS POST—ESCAPES WERE MIRACULOUS.

Indianapolis, March 23.—One man was killed and thirteen others injured near Avon, eighteen miles west of this city, yesterday afternoon, when passenger train No. 11, on the St. Louis division of the Big Four railroad, west bound from Indianapolis to St. Louis, jumped the track and ploughed down a twenty-foot embankment.

The rear cars left the track, but did not go over the embankment. It is not clear what caused the accident, but it is thought a new switch frog, which had been lately put in place, was the indirect cause of the derailment. The injured were brought to Indianapolis.

The Dead. ENGINEER JOHN GREGORY of Brightwood, Ind., a suburb of Indianapolis, killed. The injured: J. C. Phiffin, New York, brakeman. George Ash, Austin, Texas, traveling man. R. E. L. Winter, St. Louis, traveling man. John Hauss, St. Louis, chef. E. P. Yates, Rush, Texas. John Schlenburg, Indianapolis, brakeman. C. A. Dall, New York, barber. J. E. Reidell, Mattson, Ill., fireman. Mrs. William B. Strang, New York. W. H. Stephenson, Chicago, mechanical engineer. Miss E. L. Kennedy, New York. E. Baer, New York.

Escapes Seem Miraculous. The train was occupied by sixty passengers, many of whom were making a through trip from New York to St. Louis. With the exception of a few all were in the buffet and dining cars at the time of the derailment. Many had just left the observation car, the last of the train which held to the rails, for luncheon when the wreck occurred. They went to the forward cars, and, according to statements of the train crew, the entire number of passengers were forward in the train and in positions which make the many escapes seem miraculous.

Engineer John Gregory, one of the oldest and most reliable in the Big Four service, met death with his hand on the reverse lever of his engine. His body, up to a late hour tonight, crushed and mangled, had not been removed from its position between the wreckage of the engine and tender.

Sunk Into Soft Earth. What seems to have been an intervention of Providence was in the most part responsible for the fact that the list of dead and injured was not tripled. The grade over which the train went was new. Tons of soft earth had just been thrown over it and had not yet been hardened by the weather. The Pullmans leaving the rails sank deep into the grade and their velocity was checked.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

INDIANA—Generally fair except local thunderstorms; warmer Sunday.

OHIO—Sunday, fair.

CIRCULATION STATEMENT.

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REV. H. C. RANDOLPH IN DIVORCE ACTION

His Name Connected With Case of Cook vs. Cook.

SEPARATION IS GRANTED.

In the circuit court Prosecutor Jessup, during the hearing of a divorce case, Joseph Cook, colored, against Mahala Cook, stated that he had investigated the case as state attorney, and had found that the Rev. H. C. Randolph, former pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist church, South Ninth and B streets, was primarily responsible for the breaking up of the Cook home.

In the case Joseph Cook charged his wife with misconduct and cruel and inhuman treatment. The co-respondent in the case was a young colored man, consequently Prosecutor Jessup's charge that the Rev. Randolph was the cause of the domestic woes of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, came in the nature of a surprise.

Judge Fox, after hearing the testimony of the prosecutor, promptly granted a divorce. The Rev. Randolph resigned his pastorate at Mount Moriah church last year and at the present time it is not known where he is located. It is rumored that his implication in the Cook case had something to do with his leaving the city.

START EASTER SUNDAY

Christian Church Revival to Be Inaugurated Then. ONE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Rev. S. W. Traum of the First Christian church has received a letter from Rev. Allen Wilson, the evangelist who is now in New Castle, holding a successful series of meetings stating that he in company with his singer, Mr. Lint would arrive in the city next Saturday, and begin their series of meetings at the Christian church Easter Sunday. During the coming week the official board and members of the church will make full arrangements for the starting of the meeting on that date.

The coming week will be a week of prayer and services will be held each evening at the church.

TO DRILL DEEP WELL IN FOUNTAIN COUNTY.

R. R. Brant, of Hagerstown, to Search For Oil or Gas—Is Going Down Two Thousand Feet.

Hagerstown, Ind., March 23.—R. R. Brant, who operates a number of rigs in the oil fields, has contracted to drill a well in Fountain county that will be two thousand feet deep. This well is in a new field and is purely for experimental purposes.

The promoters desire to ascertain what is beneath the surface in their county and have raised a large sum of money to be used in drilling wells to a great depth. Whether oil or gas or neither will be found is mere speculation, but the promoters have faith that something valuable will be discovered.

In order to drill to so great a depth Mr. Brant had to procure a special equipment and built his derrick heavier and stronger than when used in wells of the usual depth. Fountain county is not believed to be in the oil belt, but should a new deposit be found it will be all the more valuable.

HAMMERSTEIN HAS PROFIT.

He Makes This Announcement Following That of Herr Conrad That He Has Lost on Opera Season.

MARCH RECORD FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE

Even the Old Resident Has to Acknowledge That He Is Put to the Bad.

SUMMER CLOTHES NEEDED.

CONTRAST WITH LAST MARCH STRIKING AS THERE IS DIFFERENCE OF 26 DEGREES IN THE MINIMUM.

According to the record kept by Walter Vossler at the pumping station, Friday was the warmest March day since he has been keeping the records at that place, which dates back to 1884. At two o'clock in the afternoon the thermometer registered 84, probably the highest ever known here, on that date.

The oldest residents of the city state that they do not remember such warm weather at this time of the year. Shirt waists and negligee attire have been decidedly the vogue among the women for the past two days and it has been no uncommon sight to see women on the streets wearing neither hat, jacket nor coat.

More than one has remarked as to the early appearance of the summer girl. Dig Up Summer Suits. The men have also caught the fever and summer suits have been dug out from wardrobes and trunks, and the moth balls relegated.

The array of light summer suits has been large, while one man, had the temerity to appear on the streets wearing a straw hat. And the strangest part of it all was the people did not look twice at him as such warm weather makes all mankind of one mind.

Many men had postponed buying their Easter suits, fearing there would still be considerable cold weather before then and since the appearance of the beautiful spring days, tailors are rushed with orders and clothing merchants are doing a landoffice business.

Today the little glass tube registered 75 degrees at noon, and 80 at about 4 o'clock. The cool breeze which was blowing, tended to offset any unpleasantness.

Difference of 26 Degrees. Update, there has been a difference of 26 degrees in the minimum temperature between the record of last March and of this. The lowest temperature last year was 7 below zero; the lowest update this year being 19 above. The maximum temperature last March was 60 degrees, there being a range of twenty-six degrees for the two months.

Voluntary Observer Vossler states that he expects the highest mean temperature for the month of March ever recorded in the history of the state. From present appearances there is every chance for such to be the case.

The mean temperature for the first twenty days of last March was 29 degrees while for this month the first twenty-two days' mean temperature has been 43.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY WILL MEET ON APRIL 13.

A Number of Volumes of Reports, Sent by Congressman Watson, Will Be Distributed.

The Wayne county Horticultural society will hold its regular meeting at the court house Saturday, April 13. A large number of volumes will be distributed to the society which were furnished by Congressman James E. Watson. Among those to be given to the members of the association are "The Domestic Relations of Different Nations"; report of the treasury, gold and silver, report of the United States civil service commission, official directory of the 59th congress and pamphlets relating to the Mexican cotton boll weevil. Some of the books are bound in cloth.

The annual seed distributing falls due on that day, but it is thought the seeds probably will be distributed before the date of the meeting.

IS \$35.50 PER CAPITA

Bulletin on Indebtedness in This Country.

CENSUS BUREAU FIGURES.

Washington, March 23.—The census bureau today issued a bulletin announcing per capita of public indebtedness in the United States as \$35.50. The total indebtedness, covering national, state, county township and school district debt is \$2,788,069,125. However, for every \$2.55 public debt there is one hundred dollars national wealth.

THE EARTH QUAKES AGAIN

Several Walls Damaged at Kingston Jamaica.

CANNON HAD JUST SAILED.

Kingston, Jam., March 23.—A severe earthquake shock occurred at midnight and a number of walls were damaged but nobody hurt. Speaker Cannon and party just missed the excitement as their ship sailed a few hours before.

EVEN TOOK NICKEL FROM BABY'S BANK

Lon Montgomery Is Shown Up In a Very Undesirable Light by His Wife.

CLAIMS HE WAS ABUSED.

JUDGE CONVERSE ASSESSED THE MAXIMUM AND MONTGOMERY WILL SPEND 110 DAYS IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

Under the existing law concerning wife desertion a minimum penalty of \$10 and a maximum of \$100 is provided. This morning in the city court Lon Montgomery got the maximum, which means that he will be an inmate of the county jail for the next 110 days.

Mrs. Montgomery, rocking her few weeks old baby in her arms, sat in the witness chair this morning and testified that Lon had left her and the sick baby on March 12 for no other cause than a little domestic quarrel two days previous. She stated that he left her with no money and nothing to eat but a few potatoes. She also stated that he had drawn money due him at the Starr Piano company which with the entire contents of his baby's bank, one nickel, he had taken with him on his journey.

Montgomery's Side of it. Montgomery testified that he left home, wife and baby because of the treatment his wife accorded him. He said that after his day's work if he happened to take a drink or two of beer Mrs. Montgomery would curse him and make things generally unpleasant. He also testified that she had struck him one evening so hard that for a time he thought he was seriously injured. Mrs. Montgomery, who is a bright faced, honest looking young woman, frankly admitted cursing her husband and she stated that she had struck him because he accused her of unfaithfulness.

Deserved the Maximum. Judge Converse in finding Montgomery guilty stated that his was among the most aggravated cases brought to his attention and that he thought a man who would deliberately desert his wife and month-old baby without money or food, deserved the stiffest penalty accorded by the law. Mrs. Montgomery stated after court that if her husband would come back to her like a man and promise to support her and the child she would live with him again. This is the ultimatum of the little woman and when Lon's term has expired he must either accept it or hunt a new home.

Bad Fire at Cincinnati. Cincinnati, March 23.—A dangerous fire broke out in Baker's alley, in the rear of the St. Nicholas hotel today, and the entire fire department was called out to prevent the spread of the flames. Two men were injured, one of them fatally. The fire was in the Ohio Valley Printing company's plant, and was caused by an explosion of benzine. At the St. Nicholas hotel the guests were badly frightened. The loss was confined to the printing plant.

LODGE HAD MUCH WORK.

Red Men at Hagerstown Equipped With New Regalia.

Hagerstown, Ind., March 23.—The Imp. O. R. M. conferred the adoption degree upon two candidates last night and the Chief's degree. This Lodge has had work in some of the degrees at every regular meeting this winter. The Degree Team has new regalia and equipment, and under the captaincy of C. of R. Exum Copeland is exemplifying beautiful work.

Will Elect in May.

Madison, Wis., March 23.—There will be no election of a United States senator to succeed John C. Spooner until May 14, according to an agreement reached among legislative leaders.

THREATENING FIRE QUICKLY SUBDUED

Close Call for a Destructive Blaze Occurred at Early Hour This Morning.

HALL HARDWARE STORE.

FLAMES ORIGINATED IN THE BASEMENT BUT TEN FEET AWAY FROM A LARGE AMOUNT OF HIGH COMBUSTIBLES.

A fire this morning about 5 o'clock in the basement of the Hall hardware store, located in the Zeller block on Main street, between Ninth and Tenth was the most threatening blaze the fire department has been called upon to extinguish in a considerable time. The fire laddies had to fight like demons to save not only the Zeller block but also adjoining buildings from Ninth to Tenth street.

Spontaneous Combustion. The blaze originated in a barrel of waste, most of which was soaked with oil and benzine, and was caused by spontaneous combustion. The dangerous feature of the fire was the fact that the burning waste barrel was only a few feet distance from several lines of oil, benzine and varnish receptacles. There was also a quantity of paint stored in the basement. Had the tongues of flames reached these gallons of combustibles it would have been next to impossible to save the buildings in the vicinity of the fire. Prompt and efficient work on the part of the firemen prevented the blaze from reaching these combustibles but a large amount of rope and other things stored in the basement was destroyed.

Loss Placed at \$1,500. Manager R. W. Hall stated today that he estimated his loss at about \$1,500. He said that most of the damage was done by smoke which entered the sale room on the first floor and ruined many articles displayed there. Varnish was eaten off articles of furniture and nickel plated goods not in the show cases were rusted. Mr. Hall states that his loss is covered by insurance. He said that he is very thankful he had no high explosives stored near the place where the fire originated.

A number of people reside in the Zeller and adjoining blocks and the dense smoke caused by the blaze created a general alarm and by the time the department arrived people were pouring out of the building panic stricken.

CENTENNIAL PLANS KNOCKED IN HEAD

Hasty Adjournment of Legislature Is Responsible For the Condition.

MUST GO FOR TWO YEARS.

IT WAS THE INTENTION TO HAVE A COMMISSION NAMED TO MEET ON APRIL 1 AND OUTLINE PLANS.

On account of the unusual haste in adjourning the legislature no steps can be taken toward arranging for Indiana's centennial celebration until the next meeting of the general assembly. During the session recently closed Senator Kistler of Cass county introduced a resolution providing for a preliminary organization whose purpose it was to devise and propose plans to the next legislature for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of Indiana to the union.

The resolution provided that the organization should consist of members of the legislature, state officers, the vice president of the United States and the Indiana members of the United States senate. The members of this commission were to meet on April 1 in the city of Indianapolis and begin the work of arranging for this centennial celebration. The members of the commission were to serve without pay. The resolution passed the senate and was passed by the house on the last day of the session under a suspension of the rules.

In the excitement of adjournment the resolution failed to return to the senate in time to be enrolled, signed and delivered to the governor. Hence it died with the close of the legislature, with a number of other resolutions, joint and concurrent.

The legislature, however, clearly indicated its purpose to commit Indiana to the work of a great celebration of her birth year in 1916. As there will be several sessions of the legislature (Continued on Page Two.)