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WORKS THE LODGES

Smooth Swindler Tries His Graft at Huntington Without Success

ASKED FOR HELP

Wanted Ticket to New York and an Overcoat—Watch Out for Him

Odd Fellows are warned to look out for an imposter who is working this part of the state. Thursday a man appeared at Huntington claiming to be an Oddfellow in hard luck. He seemed to have the proper credentials, showing his receipt for dues paid and other evidence of a member in good standing. He gave his name as Hugh Munion and claimed to have come from Sheldon, Wash., where he is interested in mining. He said that he had lost his hearing through an explosion and he carried an ear trumpet to assist in his conversation. At times he seemed to hear fairly well without the trumpet when he would get real interested, but as soon as he noticed the mistake he would resort to the trumpet again.

He represented that he was on his way to New York City where he has a brother with whom he wished to spend the balance of the winter. He asked that the lodge boys furnish him an overcoat and enough money to continue his journey to New York.

The lodge men proposed to telegraph to Sheldon, Wash., and if a favorable reply was received they would not only furnish him with an overcoat and transportation, but that they would also give him enough money to buy his meals while enroute.

To that proposition Munion took exception, stating that he would be obliged to call upon the Washington lodge for assistance to get back to that place when he was ready to leave New York. He offered various other excuses that caused the Huntington lodge members to become quite suspicious of him. Munion finally left without securing aid. The Huntington lodge men in the meantime sent the telegram of inquiry to the Sheldon lodge and in due time received a reply that the fellow was an imposter and to have him arrested and notify them as soon as his arrest was accomplished.

Munion in the meantime had made good his escape. It looked from the tone of the Sheldon telegram that Munion has been working the brethren at large at the expense of the Sheldon lodge. He undoubtedly will try the same tactics elsewhere and may yet be apprehended. If he is, the chances are that he will be dealt with accordingly.

CHANGES ON ERIE

Small Telegraphic Stations Will Be Entirely Abandoned

EIGHT HOUR LAW

It Causes a Change in Present System of Operators

Provisions of the eight-hour law in railway telegraph service March 1 will effect a number of important changes in train operation on the Chicago & Erie divisions of the Erie. A number of the smaller stations will be abandoned and the operators transferred to points where the service requires three telegraphers. According to interpretations of the law, where operators are in charge of receiving and sending messages governing the operation of trains, they shall not remain in continuous service longer than eight hours. Where the offices are open the full twenty-four hours, three operators will be assigned to such stations. Stations of this class will be at all points where interlocking plants are operated, all railroad crossings and the larger terminal points. At lesser

OPENED BURNED WOOD PARLOR
Mrs. C. Vogt Will Sell Burned Wood and Chinaware.

Mrs. Chris Vogt has started a burned wood parlor in her home in which she will have a large assortment of beautiful plaques and all kinds of designs for sale. This parlor is open to the public and it will pay any one who contemplates buying anything of this sort to call on her. Mrs. Vogt is artistic in her work and has many valuable pieces of burned wood. Her sister, who is a graduate from the state college of Oklahoma, and who has studied under a foreign artist in art painting, has sent her an assortment of beautifully painted chinaware which will also be sold at her home. This work will be sold very reasonable.

IS SURE TO PLEASE

Entertaining Program to be Rendered Thursday Evening

AT LIBRARY HALL

"An Evening With Tennyson"—An Opportunity to Hear Miss Miller

A rare treat is in store for all who are planning to attend the "Evening with Tennyson" at Library hall Thursday evening. The event is under the auspices of the Euterpean club, and one of the participants, Miss Grace Miller, is a Decatur lady and a vocal musician of rare talent. The exchanges speak of both her and Miss Elliott in glowing terms:

Brazil, Ind., Times: Miss Miller is a vocalist of the highest order. She possesses a rich contralto voice of surprising strength, volume and range, and she has it under perfect control. Her selections last night were most judiciously chosen and the sound of her voice will linger in the memory of her audience for many months.

Chicago, Feb. Events: A charming little reader, Miss Etta Elliott, has come before the Chicago public lately and charmed many of her audiences with the delightful readings and dialect stories. Miss Elliott is well known throughout the northwest, where she has been received with open arms. One paper says of her: "We know of no one who has greater command of the humorous, pathos or the laughter next to tears." Another says: "Miss Elliott is a reader who has succeeded because she has added to her natural gifts all that results from adherence to exalted ideals, sincere purpose, and a determination to achieve." Miss Elliott has taken up her residence in Chicago and intends doing club work principally.

IN SOCIAL LIFE

Mrs. Adair Received Guests at Her Washington Apartments

A SURPRISE PARTY

Given for Uncle Joe Brandyberry—Missionary Society to Meet

The Indiana delegation in congress is very considerably scattered this winter in Washington. Mrs. J. A. M. Adair, wife of the new Representative from Portland, Ind., received for the first time this season in the new hotel near the capitol, called Congress Hall, where they have an apartment. Mrs. John C. Chaney, of Sullivan; Mrs. Elias S. Holliday, of Brazil; Mrs. C. C. Gilham, of Lagrange, and Mrs. William H. Cox, of Jasper, the last two being new in the circle this year, are all at the Varnum. They received a large number of callers on Tuesday, which was also their first day at home formally this year. Representative and Mrs. Overstreet are again at the Portland; Representative and Mrs. Brick are at the New Willard; Representative and Mrs. Crumpacker at the Dewey; Representative and Mrs. J. H. Foster, of Evansville, at 1505 L street; Representative Watson, of Rushville, is at the Portland, where he has been for many years; Representative Charles B. Landis, of Delphi, in anticipation of his wife's absence this winter, has bachelor apartment in the Cecil, and Representative George W. Rausch, of Marion, is at Congress Hall.—Washington Society News.

Fourteen girls and boys of the two infant classes of the Christian church met at the home of Miss Ruby Arman on Tenth street, where she delightfully entertained them. Among the amusements of the afternoon was music, "Little Jack Horner Pie" and a peanut contest with other games which amuses children. A dainty three course luncheon was served the little guests who were: Lucile Buhler, Vivian Burke, Mary Bark, Irene Eady, Vera Eady, Harry Barnett, Reba Ramey, Bertha Schultz, Elyria Lichlinsberger, Blenya Mangold.

Mrs. Josephine Rodd was a charming hostess at a small informal party last evening. Progressive peanuts and pedro were played. In playing peanuts, Mrs. J. B. Meibers and Mrs. Peter Mougey captured the leading prizes, while the booby was awarded to Mrs. M. Fullenkamp. Mrs. Alphonse Kohne and Mrs. J. H. Bremerkamp were the winners of the pretty

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WITH THE PEERLESS

Congressman Adair Had a Conference With W.

J. Bryan

ALL DOUBT REMOVED

Mr. Adair Says That Bryan is Undoubtedly a Candidate

Washington, Jan. 27.—Congressman John A. M. Adair, of Indiana, had a conference at the Metropolitan hotel here with William J. Bryan. Mr. Adair said after it was over there is not the slightest doubt that Mr. Bryan intends to be the Democratic candidate for president. The advice of certain alleged friends in the east urging him not to run will not have the slightest effect on Mr. Bryan, Mr. Adair says.

"Mr. Bryan is highly enthused over the reports he is receiving from all over the country," said Mr. Adair. "He told me that Democratic prospects are growing brighter every day, and that the party with reasonable certainty can expect to win next fall. I never saw him in a more optimistic frame of mind."

Mr. Adair reinforced what had been

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A UNIQUE PAPER

The initial number of a unique little paper, published at Kendrick, Idaho, and called "the Roosevelt Prevalier," is being published. The paper is published by J. Lauterbach, the father of Mrs. F. S. Cook, of Huntington. Mr. Lauterbach is a hot Roosevelt enthusiast, the inventor of the idea of putting "Roosevelt Prevalier" postcards on sale all over the country, to be filled out with a request that the president run for another term. His little paper is filled with exhortations and arguments that Mr. Roosevelt again be a candidate. The slogan at the head of the columns is "Quod coepisti confici," translated "Finish what you have begun." The paper is a monthly, published at fifty cents a year.

ON THE CARPET

State Health Board Wants More Definite Death Returns

NOTICES SENT OUT

Medical Terms Must be Given in Plain English

The state board of health is preparing to send to the physicians of the state notices to the effect that they must be more explicit in reporting causes of death. The board has been troubled much with indefinite death returns, which have led to controversies, especially over applications for widow's pensions or the payment of insurance.

Oftentimes deaths have been reported as being due to a "bad cold." The state board wishes to know whether or not death was due to bronchitis, pneumonia or pulmonary tuberculosis. The board will insist, also, on knowing what kind of "bilious fever" the patient died of, and when death is reported as being due to "blood poisoning" the board must know what kind of blood poisoning killed the patient. If there has been death by "cancer" the board will insist on knowing what organs were affected. When physicians report deaths by "complications," the board wants to know just what diseases were included in the "complications."

"Heart failure," the instructions say, should never be accepted as the sole cause of death. "What disease caused the 'heart failure?'" says the circular to the physicians. "The heart always fails before death from any cause. Be particularly careful that deaths from diphtheria, tuberculosis, etc., are so reported. If organic heart disease is meant, it should be so stated.

Regarding the term "inanition" as returned by some physicians as a cause of death, the bulletin says: "This is a particularly pernicious term and is responsible for a multitude of worthless certificates. It sounds as if it meant something definite, but in the majority of cases it does not. What disease caused the inanition? Was it tuberculosis or cholera infantum? If unable to take food, state cause."

ALLISON CO. INCORPORATES.

Will Conduct Timber Mills In Mis-

souri.

The R. K. Allison Real Estate company is the title of a new firm to whom incorporation papers were issued Saturday at Indianapolis. This is the company that R. K. Allison, of this city is interested in and who in fact owns the controlling interest and the company will operate solely in Missouri, where Mr. Allison recently purchased fifty-five hundred acres of timber land. It is the intention of this company to put up several new mills in and about Cardwell, Mo., and will clear the land as fast as possible. It is the opinion of those who know the lay of the land and all particulars surrounding that Mr. Allison has made a great move and they are predicting that the new company will succeed beyond their expectations.

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IT'S NEXT MONDAY

Something New in the Way of Dramatic Representation

A TRUE AMERICAN

To Be Given by a Home Talent Company for the Pocahontas Lodge

On Monday night, February 3rd, the ladies of the Pocahontas degree of I. O. R. M. will present at the Bosses show shop the romantic comedy drama in four acts "A True American" by local talent, under the direction of Mr. Henry Thomas. "A True American" has enjoyed big runs in the larger cities, having been pronounced by press and public to be the no plus ultra of dramatic representation, embodying an absolutely new idea in construction of a comedy drama. "A True American" is original in plot, starting in situations, enigmatical in climaxes, devoid of water effects, railroad trains, automobiles, loss of wills, the discharge of firearms and the stereotyped murder, but tells instead of the adventures of a young Irish American in foreign lands whose happy go lucky disposition, combined with his outspoken love of country is continually landing him in some scrape. While the comedy element compels the heartiest laughter, and funny situations follow each other in quick succession, and while his patriotism appeals to the audience, there runs through the piece the golden thread of the sweetest love story ever told. The lodge ladies have started their ticket canvass and the price is 25 cents. Seats reserved on date of show at usual place without extra charge. The proceeds of "A True American" will be donated by the local order to the new state home of I. O. R. M. and while the ladies solicit your patronage, they also guarantee you a first class production of "A True American" Monday February 3rd Bosses opera house.

MRS. HELLER BROKE HER FOOT

Peculiar Injury Received While Dancing Virginia Reel.

Mrs. John H. Heller is suffering from a painful injury received in a peculiar manner last Friday evening. With a crowd of relatives, she attended a masquerade party at Bellview farm. They were dancing the Virginia reel when Mrs. Heller turned quickly, fracturing a bone in her left foot and tearing the ligaments loose. Though the injury is not considered serious, she will be confined to her home for some time.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

G. R. & I. Conductor Met Death Beneath His Freight Train

WAS KNOWN HERE

Had Worked for the Company for Five Years—Accident at Fort Wayne

George F. Condon, aged twenty-six years, and but recently promoted to the position of freight conductor on the G. R. & I., was instantly crushed to death at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning beneath the wheels of a G. R. & I. freight train at the junction of that road with the L. E. & W., just west of the city. The unfortunate man was running backwards when his foot caught in a frog and he fell to the rails, two cars passing over the prostrate body before the engineer could bring the train to a stop in answer to the frantic signals of the victim's fellow trainmen, who witnessed the accident.

Although Condon had been promoted to a conductor's berth he was doing brakeman's duty at the time of the accident. The train had broken in two at the crossing and Condon, in attempting to make the coupling, was

THE CAT CONTEST IS OVER.

Mrs. Ed Whitright is Successful in Winning the Prize.

A few days ago a cat puzzle was inserted in the ad for the "Little Detective" show company and a prize of two tickets to the show was offered for the first correct answer to same. Mrs. Ed Whitright was the first to send the correct answer, hence she is the winner of the prize. However, several other correct solutions have been received, the answer being fourteen cats. Among the many answers received by Mr. Bosse was one from a gentleman who lives north of the city, which said two good cats could kill one hundred rats in one day.

MAKING HEADWAY

Temperance Forces Want to Control Interstate Shipments

HAS FALLEN OFF

Government Reports Show Decrease in Indiana's Crude Production

Washington, January 27.—The temperance forces are making headway with their legislative program before congress. The measure they are most deeply interested in, that providing that states shall have authority to control interstate shipments of liquor at their borders, is before a sub-committee of the House of Representatives. The sub-committee is ready to report the bill favorably any time the temperance workers want it brought out. No hearings have been held, and the temperance workers are not asking for any. The opponents of the legislation have asked for hearings. Possibly they will be granted.

Washington, January 27.—According to a government bulletin, the oil industry has fallen off perceptibly in Indiana in the last year or two. During the year 1907 Indiana produced 7,673,477 barrels of petroleum. This is a rapid reduction in the quantity of oil produced, especially as nearly 1,200 new wells were drilled during the year, which added a daily production of nearly 15,000 barrels. A large number of wells were abandoned in 1906, probably due to the encroachment of salt water. The new developments during the year were principally in Delaware, Grant and Jay counties.

WILL USE OLD BALLOT SYSTEM

Delaware County Will Not Use Their Machines at Primary.

Muncie, Ind., January 25.—Notwithstanding that Delaware county, at great expense, has bought voting machines for use in general elections here, and also intended to permit political parties to use these machines at party elections, there is little doubt that the county republican central committee will decide to employ the old ballot system at the republican primaries on February 21. Such action will be taken over the protest of certain candidates, however, although approved by others. The nominal reason for this action by the county central committee is that the election will be cheaper under the ballot method than when the machines are used. It is notably true that in the general elections the voting machines have proved much cheaper than the cumbersome Australian method, because they do away with a number of election officers, and a good many protesting republicans are unable to see why the machines should not be cheaper in a primary election as well. It is certain that the machines are absolutely honest, and there has been much trickery in the past when the ballot system has been relied upon.

WANTS FRANCHISE

C. S. Brinneman, of Bluffton Will Fight the Bell Company

IN WELLS COUNTY

Will Install a New Telephone System—Offers Cheaper Rates

C. S. Brinneman, ex-county auditor of Wells county, has asked for a franchise to install a new telephone system in that county. A year or two ago the independent company sold their interests to the United company, since which time they have been paying rather high rates and have had mighty poor service, so they claim. Mr. Brinneman appeared before the Bluffton council Friday night and the banner says:

He said that the citizens of Bluffton were paying more for their telephones than many surrounding towns and received poorer service; that while the company was only paying a legitimate dividend on the stock, that it had been watered so heavily, that on the real value it paid a large per cent; that the company would not co-operate with the numerous county lines and that patrons of the local company had to pay toll to talk, often but a few miles into the country. He said that by the terms of the franchise that they hold, the local company could charge as much as \$2 per month rental for residences and that the prospects were that the maximum would be charged in the near future. He alleged that the service was poor, the toll rates high and in general that the company gave poor service, charged too much for it, and that without competition was likely to do worse.

Mr. Brinneman started by saying that he was in earnest and represented men of means that could and would do what they agreed. These men believed they would have a paying investment in a company that would guarantee to install phones in private residences for a maximum rate of dollar and a dollar and a half for business houses. Furthermore, that his company would guarantee that their patrons could talk to any part of Wells county without toll which at the present time is ten cents a call. Mr. Brinneman said here were companies operating rural lines in the county that had tried to make arrangements with the United company for free service over their lines but that the company refused to have anything to do with them.

Mr. Brinneman stated that rural companies operating near here had lines

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WANT IN LEAGUE

Decatur Again Offered a Place in the Indiana and Ohio

IT LOOKS GOOD

Means Much Money Kept at Home—