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become the central figure in the suit of federal prisoners' charges of rules as well as of the law, today it is intimated that he would remove some of the guards.

The sheriff declared that any statement he would make would be made before Judge Anderson in federal court.

Sheriff Miller looked considerably worried this morning. Ordinarily "Honest Bob," as he is known among his political friends, is immaculately dressed. Today he wore a dark, musty-colored sweater coat instead of the business suit he generally wears. His eyes were red and his voice was husky. A Times reporter called at the sheriff's office and asked him to make a statement.

"Not now," he said.
"When?" the reporter asked.
"Tomorrow."

"Where?"
"In court."

"Have you discharged any of the guards?"

Miller paused and said: "Am getting ready to."

TO TELL TOMORROW ABOUT DISMISSELS.

The reporter asked, "Are you going to discharge all four of those mentioned?"

"I will give that out tomorrow," said Miller.

Approximately \$32,000 has been paid to Sheriff Robert Miller by officials for boarding prisoners at the jail in a year.

Government paid Sheriff Miller a total of \$17,545.95 for prisoners last year, according to official figures in the Dark Store.

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DEMOCRATS TO WIN ON MERITS OF CANDIDATES

Success Assured by Class of
Men Running for Office,
Taggart Says.

EXPOSE HURTS G. O. P.

Thomas Taggart, democratic candidate for United States senator, declared today that democratic success in Marion county is assured as a result of the interest being taken in filling the offices with the highest class men available.

"We want the best men we can obtain in the legislature," Mr. Taggart said.

"We want to send to the legislature men who are capable of handling the problems of the state and who can correct the mistakes of previous legislation."

Among those who are said to be certain to become candidates for the state senate are Meredith Nicholson, John W. Holtzman and Oren S. Hack.

Charles E. Cox will be a candidate for state representative.

**HOLTZMAN FORMER
MAYOR OF CITY.**

Mr. Holtzman is a former mayor of Indianapolis and one of the prominent attorneys in the city.

He has long been active in democratic politics.

Mr. Nicholson has repeatedly been asked to become a candidate for congress, but he has always refused.

It is said, however, he probably will consent to become a candidate for state senator to assist in solving the problems which will come before the 1921 legislature.

Mr. Hack is a prominent attorney and has long been active in Marion county politics.

Mr. Cox was formerly a judge of the Indiana supreme court.

Interest in county offices still centers round the office of sheriff.

The revelations of conditions at the county jail made in federal court have greatly added to the chances of the democratic candidates, in the opinion of many democrats.

The disclosures put the republicans in an embarrassing position.

Sheriff Miller is serving his first term.

It has always been customary to nominate county officials elected to two-year offices a second time.

The republicans are faced with the (Continued on Page Twelve.)

\$17,000 SCHOOL SPECIFICATIONS ARE MISSING

More Inefficiency Bared in
Handling of Money of
Taxpayers.

MOTIVE IS SUGGESTED

Here is another example of how the school city of Indianapolis is run. Many more will come to light.

Simultaneous with the announcement of the state board of accounts that two examiners have been assigned to investigate the books of the school city of Indianapolis comes the admission on the part of George S. Rickes, superintendent of buildings, that the only pretense of specifications used in the remodeling of School 59 have disappeared.

This part of the school city's files, which has been lost just when it would form an important link in the chain of peculiarities that have marked the remodeling of School 59, is the only basis which the school board's employees had for the remodeling of a school building on which considerably more than \$17,000 was spent without authorization for the expenditure of more than \$2,500.

It consisted of a list of materials needed in the remodeling of the building.

It was made up by an engineer and submitted to the superintendent as a guide for the purchase of thousands of dollars of material which was afterward purchased in a wholly illegal manner and the purchases approved by George C. Hilt, who is still being retained as "business director" of the board.

SAYS THERE WERE NO REGULAR SPECIFICATIONS.

According to George S. Rickes, superintendent of buildings and equipment, and according to George C. Hilt, business manager of the school board, there were no regularly made specifications for the improvement of School 59.

Both Mr. Rickes and Mr. Hilt did say, however, that there was a list of materials to be purchased made out by an engineer for use in the remodeling of the building.

Several days ago when Mr. Hilt was asked concerning this list of materials he said it was in the hands of Mr. Rickes and that it could be obtained from him.

Mr. Rickes says he turned the list over to Mr. Hilt's department when the materials were purchased and that he has not seen it since.

\$17,000 WORK DONE \$17,500 AUTHORIZATION.

The importance of this list of materials, in lieu of any specifications for preventing the remodeling of the school, is readily seen when it is recalled that this re-

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VAT OF BOILING OIL TAKES FIRE

Prompt Action Prevents Dis-
astrous South Side Blaze

Prompt action of the fire department and fireproof doors at the Estelle Company, South and Harmon streets, today prevented heavy fire damage when a tank of oil boiled over and ignited.

Debris smoke and suffocating odors drove scores of employees from the building.

The oil, used to harden magnets, became too hot and several barrels of the oil were burned.

The company occupies the lower floor of the building, while the Capitol Paper Company is located on the second and third floors.

Employees of the paper firm, frightened by the smoke, also fled to the street.

MOTHER KILLS FIVE CHILDREN

Then Attempts Own Life by
Slashing Throat.

ELK CITY, Okla., March 31.—Mrs. E. J. Bowart, despondent over illness, cut the throats of her five children and then slashed her own throat today.

The five children, ranging from 4 months to 12 years in age, are dead.

Mrs. Bowart is in the hospital here in a serious condition.

The three younger children were slain in their sleep.

The oldest child, a boy, was getting out of bed, when he was pushed back and killed.

One daughter was passing her mother's room when the woman descended on her and slashed the child across the throat.

The girl, half dressed, fell to the floor and died to death.

Mrs. Bowart then went to the bedside of another three children and cut their throats.

Two died shortly after.

The death of a sister two weeks ago is believed to have caused Mrs. Bowart to lose her mind.

Recent crop failures ruined the Bowarts and they came here and have been living in a tent.

"I could afford to take over a hotel and take care of the prisoners if I had no heat, laundry, water, light and the like to pay," said Hayes.

Commissioner Shank was greatly concerned about the jail sensation and claimed that the commissioners had spent large sums for the upkeep of the jail.

WASTE IN PUTTING IN SANITARY FOUNTAINS.

"Yes, and we put in sanitary water cup fountains and they are busted," said Commissioner Hayes.

It is understood that an effort is being made to clear "Uncle Charlie" Whitesell, a guard, and stories have been floating today all over the courthouse about "how good Uncle Charlie is."

In the criminal court, where more men are sentenced to jail than in any other local court outside of the city court, Judge James Collins gave no indication of ordering his grand jury to investigate the food of the county prisoners, following the revelations in the federal court.

The grand jury always makes a report twice a year on the jail," said Judge Collins, "and all of their recommendations are referred to the county commissioners."

The present grand jury has made no recommendations on the jail management.

Last December a grand jury gave a glowing report on the jail management as the county grand juries usually do.

AGREE ON STATE HIGHWAY PLANS

Governor Approves Commis-
sion's Essential Points.

Essential points of the proposed Indiana state highway system, covering 3,200 miles, outlined by the state high- way commission, were approved by Gov. Goodrich at a conference with the commissioners today.

Under the new law announcement of highway plans for the ensuing year must be made public on or before April 1.

Hundreds of farmers and others interested in various road routings crowded the corridors of the statehouse throughout the morning waiting for opportunity to lay their claims before the commission.

Members of the commission, with the governor, retired to a consultation room with a large "private" sign hung on the door.

In the afternoon the commission granted hearings to various delegations.

In order to gain time this year the commission and the governor today ap- proved the tentative system, subject to certain exceptions.

AUTOIST HELD BY GRAND JURY

Driver of Car That Killed
Mary Ringo Indicted.

Myrel G. Robbins, 2003 North Delaware street, whose automobile fatally injured Mary Ringo, 8, was indicted for manslaughter by the Marion county grand jury.

Robbins was driving on East Tenth street on Feb. 21, when the little girl, who was on her way to school, was struck down while crossing the street.

It was said by police that Robbins was driving at a high rate of speed.

The little girl died at her home, North Oriental street, next day.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ringo.

Five men were indicted on charges of attempted criminal assault on girls under 16.

They were: John Rogers, Tim Moore, William Donahue, Thomas Cecil and Joseph Dietrich.

Eleven other defendants were indicted on other charges ranging from vehicle taking to manslaughter.

Prison Eats Still Slim

Then there was no improvement in the food served at the Marion county jail to the following startling revelations.

It was arranged that for breakfast the犯人 were given a bowl of cold milk and glasses diluted with water. A cup of coffee so thin that a spoon could be read through it.

One "Uncle Charlie" Whitesell, "hard boiled" guard at the "county poker palace" and Adrian Van Cleave, a guard who was said to have stolen food from the prisoners, were not at their usual post of duty.

For More Cars -- by Standing Vote

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