

INSPECTION OF MINES

State Inspector's Force Busy Finding Out the Conditions for His Annual Report.

COMMENT ON THE NEW BIT LAW

Peculiar Suit Against Attorneys—Man of Many Orders Dead—Lure for a Gymnastic Class.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 30.—The state mine inspector's force is now making the final visit to the mines of the state to be covered in the annual report. They are having less trouble with both miners and operators as to violations of the law than ever before. At the beginning of the year there were many prosecutions which kept up until operators and miners learned that the old lax methods due to the lack of a sufficient force under the inspector were not to continue.

Bit Law is Still Protective.

While the inspector opposed the amendment to the law passed at the recent special session by which the size of the bit in the drill is enlarged the amendment did not restore the old dangerous conditions, as many supposed. Under the old law the driller drilled a foot or more beyond the line where the machine had cut the coal, and thus lodging powder charges in the face of the coal there were frequent instances of the shots being forced out of the hole instead of breaking the coal. The law now prohibits drilling ahead.

Sues for \$1,000 Witness Fee.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 30.—Florence Ricketts has brought suit against attorneys Hamill and Catlin for \$1,000 for services as a witness in the litigation by which Mrs. Salee obtained most of the estate of Warren Soules, who died leaving more than \$100,000. The Salee woman was his housekeeper, and she produced what were held to be contracts to deliver deeds. The Ricketts woman testified to conversations between the old man and the Salee woman, and was the star witness for the plaintiff. She does not set out specifically what service she rendered to the two lawyers, but makes the claim that they got big fees and owe her \$1,000.

Had the Record in One Way.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 30.—John G. Hyneman, who died Tuesday at the age of fifty-eight, was one of the widest-known German citizens of Terre Haute, and especially among fraternal orders. It is thought that he belonged to more different orders than any other man in the state. He was born at Baden-Baden, and his uncle there was head chef at the hotel at which Emperor William, grandfather of the present kaiser, used to stop, and John when a young man was only twenty feet away when the emperor was shot at by a Russian red.

Knows How to Lure Them.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 30.—Physical Director Franklin, of the Y. M. C. A., has invited all the women friends of members of the gymnasium class of young business men to make themselves at home in the gymnasium on the nights this class is engaged. He found too many members of the class absent, with an explanation that they had calling engagements.

WANTS TO BE PREPARED

Place of a Man Still Alive Writes to His Home Town for a Coffin.

Columbus, Ind., Oct. 30.—Although Jacob Noblett, age sixty-four, is still alive in Indianapolis and is in as good health as numerous people who have no thought of death, his niece, Miss Helen Noblett, who lives in Buchanan street, Indianapolis, has written here, asking that the county commissioners buy her uncle a coffin and ship it to her. For three years Noblett was an inmate of the Bartholomew county poorhouse.

His eyesight was very bad, he was almost blind in fact, and the first of this month he decided to go to Indianapolis and consult some physicians there. The Indianapolis physicians evidently failed to benefit the man because his niece wrote to Superintendent Alonzo B. Coons, of the county asylum, that he was in very poor health and they felt certain he could not recover, she said. She declared that his son would not pay his funeral expenses and said her family was unable to do so.

Left With His Dad's Cash.

Sullivan, Ind., Oct. 30.—Walter Thompson, of Bicknell, has been arrested in the Davis hotel here on a charge of larceny. Thompson left Bicknell, it is said, with \$500 of his father's money. He had been making collections for his father and took the money, dispatches to local officers said, to "have a good time on."

Petersburg Corn Show.

Petersburg, Ind., Oct. 30.—The merchants' annual corn show will be held here Saturday, Nov. 7. A large number of cash premiums will be distributed, and the interest in the show is such as to insure a large attendance.

Pioneer Merchant Dead.

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 30.—Samuel Churchill Curtis, a leading business man, is dead. He was eighty-two years old and very active in business. He was born at Stockbridge, Mass., Sept. 7, 1825.

FARMERS' SOCIETY OF EQUITY

Organized at Indianapolis with Representatives Present from a Number of States.

Indianapolis, Oct. 30.—The Farmers' Society of Equity was organized here at a convention of representatives from a number of states. The constitution of the society embodies practically all of the basic principles of the American Society of Equity, the only changes made being some few of minor importance that will remedy defects and strengthen the principal change being that all delegates to the convention of the society must be producing farmers.

The following officers were elected: J. A. Everitt, of Indianapolis, president; W. E. Cretlick, of Traverse City, Mich., vice president; J. C. Rons, of Indianapolis, treasurer. The directors are N. M. Ashby, of Seebree, Ky.; J. A. Myers, of Ramsey, N. J.; R. Sherard, of Keosauqua, Ia.; W. H. Mitchell, of Hutchinson, Kan.; L. H. Johnson, of Attica, Ind., and F. W. Morris, of Rochester, Minn.

TRAPPED BY THE FLAMES

Two Men Die and a Third Will Probably Follow Them—Overpowered by Fumes.

New York, Oct. 30.—Hemmed in by flames and unable to escape from the basement of a businesshouse in Duane street Henry Jones and David Mahoney were burned to death, and William Settgast was so seriously burned about the face and hands that he will probably die. The men were employed by the firm of Stillman & Engel, manufacturers of celluloid novelties, and they were at work when a barrel of celluloid caught fire.

The poisonous fumes soon overcame Jones and Mahoney, and they perished, but Settgast managed to fight his way through the flames to the street, where he fainted. Frank Stillman, a member of the firm, and four girl employees, escaped from the building by the fire escape.

RELEASED FROM A PLEDGE

Supreme Court Gives a Decision That Absolves Legally, Some State Solons.

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 30.—Members of the legislature will be compelled to carry out their pledge to vote for the successful candidate at the primary senatorial election next Tuesday. The supreme court has decided unconstitutional the pledge feature of the primary law as it relates to the popular election of United States senators, but upholds the law providing for the vote. The writ of mandamus prayed for is denied, and the election will proceed, but all members of the legislature are free, legally, to exercise their personal choice in the election of senator to succeed H. C. Hansbrough, which means that Hansbrough, who was defeated at the spring primary, will try again.

Metcalf Still in Bed.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Secretary Metcalf is still confined to his bed with a disordered liver, and has been obliged to cancel all his political and social engagements for the near future. His malady is yielding to medical treatment and he expects to be able to resume his official duties in a week or ten days.

Footprints on the Sands of Crime.

Janesville, Wis., Oct. 30.—Peculiarities in footprints found near a barn burned at Milton, Wis., led to the arrest of Marten Hagemann, an inmate of the county farm. Hagemann afterward confessed incendiarism.

Much Gold in the Congo.

Brussels, Oct. 30.—Reports received from Dr. D. Mohun, leader of an expedition from the United States in the Congo, state that he has discovered rich deposits of gold, tin and copper in the Manyema district.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

Eight vessels of the United States battleship fleet arrived at Amoy, China, this morning and were given a rousing welcome.

Fire in an eleven-story building at Cincinnati caused a panic among the hundreds of girls employed in the building, and eight of them were badly hurt jumping from windows.

Memorial services were held at Washington in honor of the late Baron von Sternberg, the president and Mrs. Roosevelt being attendants.

Broughton Brandenburg, the Cleveland letter man, has arrived at New York to stand trial for alleged larceny and has pleaded not guilty.

John F. Caddagan, lessee and manager of the Hoffman House since 1894, is dead at New York after an illness of several months.

The acting chairman of the Isthmian canal commission, at Colon, has made Nov. 3, anniversary of the Panama's independence, a public holiday.

The National Council of Women of Canada has endorsed the movement for disarmament.

New York city's budget for 1909 has been tentatively fixed at \$157,000,000 by the board of estimate.

The resignation of Rev. G. S. F. Savage, of Chicago, as auditor of the Congressional Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, is announced. She has held the office for forty years.

Mrs. William Astor has been seriously ill for several weeks at her home at New York. Her ailment is heart trouble.

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The married man sagely remarks that the bachelor doesn't know what he is missing, for to know it he must have suffered it.

It is most fortunate that the majority of us are cheerful liars, else social life would be one long nightmare of agony.

The man who doesn't know what to do with his money is a man without imagination and most probably without money.

It may not be good form to offer your fashionable caller a bowl of hot soup, but it certainly is charming hospitality.

The woman with a brand new fall hat and a director's gown is neither heartbroken, nor matter what her domestic difficulties, nor entirely unhappy.

The man who loses hesitates to go home and recount to his wife how he spent the afternoon.

If you want to keep your skirts clear of trouble when people ask for your advice, find out what they are going to do, anyway, and tell them not to.

It is not so hard for a man to stop drinking—when he is out of money and his credit is no longer good at the bar.

Anyway, looking at our neighbors' children, most of us are firm in our belief that we know how not to raise them.

The industry and energy of a bustling busy man are sometimes positively annoying—to a lazy person.

Sure Opportunity.
Be good.
Be good.
My darling child,
Well mannered,
Neither
Bold nor wild.
See that
Your moments
Are well spent
Though you
May not
Be president,
Yet when
You grow
To man's estate
You still
May be
A candidate.
Though only
One may win
The prize
And to
The White House
Level rise.
A dozen more
With tilted
Lance
As candidates
May take
A chance.
That field
Is large
And limitless,
And any man
Of good
Address
Can get
Some faction,
Sect or clan
To hale
Him as
The coming man.

Hot Air.
"I had to pay an enormous gas bill this month."
"Is that so? I thought you used electricity."
"We do."
"How about it, then?"
"Had to consult a lawyer."

Easy Money.
"Why is it that a woman will always jump at a dollar article when it is marked down to 98 cents?"
"That is easy enough. If she saves the 2 cents she feels justified in spending \$1.50 for matinee tickets."

Emancipated.
Once those who danced serene and gay
The fiddler fellow had to pay.
But now on him they get the laugh
By dancing to the phonograph.

Ticklish Subject.
"My policy is in accord with the spirit of the times."
"The what?"
"The spirit of the times, I said."
"Be careful, sir; this is a prohibition state."

As Usual.
"You look all fagged out."
"Why, yes; didn't you know?"
"Know what?"
"That I have just returned from my summer rest."

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