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JUST 8,500 CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT

New Years' Reception at the White House Most Successful Ever Held.

WAS ROOSEVELT'S LUCK.

SUN SHONE AND THE THERMOMETER REGISTERED 55 DEGREES — PRESIDENT SHOOK

[Publishers' Press.] Washington, Jan. 1.—Just 8,500 people called upon President Roosevelt today at the White House to wish him a Happy New Year. It took the President three hours to the minute to shake hands with them all, but he did it and got to say a word or two to most of those who attended the first of the social events of the winter at the White House.

With the most pleasant day in weeks, coming as the first day of sunshine after a week of rain, Washington turned out en masse to greet the chief executive, and this notwithstanding that Mr. Roosevelt has been the president to preside at this function on five previous occasions. It was as pleasant outdoors as within the mansion and the three hours wait indulged in by many of the patriotic didn't seem so difficult as on previous occasions when it was necessary to hold an umbrella to preserve a half-way decent appearance when ushered into the Presidential presence. On the street thermometer registered 55 degrees, almost summer heat.

Came With Flare of Trumpets. At exactly 11 o'clock a flare of trumpets announced the President. He came down the stairway from the private rooms to the parlor with Mrs. Roosevelt on his arm, preceded by his special attaches from the army and navy. The vice-president and Mrs. Fairbanks and the members of the cabinet and their wives followed. Mrs. Hitchcock was not present, Secretary Wilson, Mrs. Cortelyou was another of the cabinet ladies absent on account of mourning. Mrs. Fairbanks, on account of her health, remained but a short time.

Falling Off of Negroes. There was a decided falling off in the number of negro men, usually attending these affairs. The Brownville affair did not however keep the colored veterans of the Civil war away, but among the general public the colored citizens were quite limited to women and children. In this connection it was noticed that Senator and Mrs. Foraker, of Ohio, were conspicuous by their early arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Longworth arrived about 11 o'clock. Mrs. Longworth was the usual center of attraction, although she was more retiring than on previous occasions. Nick mixed with the populace and falling in line with his congressional brethren shook hands with the President, who wished him many returns of the day.

President Heaves a Sigh. When the general public was admitted at 12:40 all the members of the cabinet and their ladies retired with Mrs. Roosevelt to the state dining room for light refreshments, except Secretary Wilson. About 1:30 the secretary rubbedered from a window for a moment to see how far the line extended. The report to the President was not encouraging. At 2 o'clock, when the last visitor had been greeted, the President removed his left hand from his pocket, where he had kept it all through the reception, and taking the secretary's hand in both of his said: "My Secretary, to you I wish a very, very Happy New Year." The big reception was over.

HODGIN GETS VACATION

TO TAKE A NEEDED REST.

Prof. Harlow Lindley Will Fill His Place at Earlham College as Head of the Department of History.

Prof. Harlow Lindley, of Earlham has been granted a leave of absence from his post as an assistant-in-the State Library at Indianapolis, and will fill the vacancy caused by the temporary withdrawal of Prof. Cyrus Hodgkin, at Earlham. The latter's illness has necessitated his leaving the college until his recovery is complete. Prof. Lindley resigned his position in the State Library but it was not accepted, the librarian preferring to grant Prof. Lindley an indefinite leave of absence.

Farmland Twice Victor.

Farmland defeated Greensfork in two games of basketball yesterday in Greensfork. The afternoon score was 31 to 25 and the evening score was 25 to 22.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Rain in southern portion; rain or snow in northern portion Wednesday; Thursday rain or snow and colder; fresh to brisk east to south winds becoming northwest Thursday.

OHIO—Rain or snow Wednesday and Thursday.

ENTRE NOUS ENJOY DAY.

Club Members Have Enjoyable Time at Their Rooms Interspersed With a Banquet

The Entre Nous Club, the foremost strictly social organization of men in Richmond, observed New Year's day in fitting style. The beauty of the club rooms in the Odd Fellows' block was enhanced by floral decorations. Renk's orchestra provided music throughout the afternoon and evening. A 6 o'clock the Entre Nous members left the club rooms and in a body went to the banquet room of the Odd Fellows on the third floor. A sumptuous repast was served and the new year was toasted.

SPLENDID GAVEL GIVEN THE ELKS

R. H. Newman Presents Lodge With "Speaker's Stick" Made from an Antler.

IS BEAUTIFULLY MOUNTED.

THE LOCAL HERD OBSERVED NEW YEARS' DAY IN APPROPRIATE MANNER HAVING A CONTINUOUS OPEN HOUSE.

Richmond Lodge of Elks in accordance established custom paid its respects to the new year yesterday, the club rooms being opened from noon until late last night and throughout the time were well filled with members. There was an elaborate spread and it was served as a "continuation performance."

One of the agreeable features of the afternoon was the reception of an appropriate gift from R. H. Newman, a member of Richmond lodge. The gift is in the shape of a gavel, probably as appropriate as any that graces the presiding officer's station in any lodge and undoubtedly the most unique that is wielded over any Elk's body in the United States. The base of an Elk's antler forms the gavel, the prong supplying the handle. The gavel is, beautifully mounted, a sterling silver cup being richly engraved with the name of the lodge and the name of the donor. Mr. Newman conceived the idea of an "antlered gavel" some time ago, but he found the task of finding suitable material a difficult one. Through the interest of a friend in Seattle, Wash., who was in a position to get possession of antlers of extra large proportions, the idea of Mr. Newman's was carried to success. The base of the gavel is fully three inches in diameter. It is a rich piece of work and was greatly admired by the Elks. J. Bennett Gordon upon behalf of Mr. Newman, made the presentation speak, and Arthur Burr, upon the part of the lodge, accepted it.

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED.

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Richmond lodge of Masons installed officers last night. The attendance was large. The officers follow: Worshipful Master—George L. Smith.

Senior Warden—Otis K. Karns. Junior Warden—J. Bert Russell. Treasurer—B. B. Myrick, Jr. Secretary—A. G. Compton. Senior Deacon—A. R. Hodgkin. Junior Deacon—Alfred Anderson. Stewards—James O. Rea and Clarence M. Hunt.

Tyler—Samuel W. Critchlow. The installation ceremonies were conducted by Frank W. Wilson, Past Master, assisted by Raimondo Paige, marshal.

ADDITIONAL WAGONS FOR GARBAGE SERVICE.

As a result of the continued complaints from all parts of the city relative to the accumulation of ashes, garbage and refuse of all kinds, in the alleys, the street commissioners department is making a strenuous endeavor to meet the issue by providing means to remedy the trouble. Additional wagons will be put on. This has been talked of for some weeks but according to reports of a conference held by the administration forces, it was deemed expedient to increase the alley force without delay.

MRS. BALDWIN AND HER HUSBAND DIE

Injuries Received by Former Richmond Woman in Wreck Proved Fatal.

WAS RECENTLY IN CITY.

WHILE HERE ON A VISIT TO MRS. BECKER, THE DECEASED POSED FOR WHAT WAS PERHAPS HER LAST PHOTOGRAPH.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Baldwin, of Washington, D. C., who were among the passengers injured in the B. & O. wreck last Sunday evening, died yesterday afternoon. George Becker, brother-in-law of Mrs. Baldwin, was advised by telegraph yesterday of the deaths of his relatives. Mrs. Becker who left Monday afternoon for Washington immediately after learning of the injuries received by Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin reached her destination shortly after noon yesterday to find that death had preceded her.

As was stated yesterday in the Palladium, Mrs. Baldwin formerly was Miss Mollie Theis, of Richmond. Her husband was holding a clerkship in the department of Printing and Engraving and was an efficient public servant. Mrs. Baldwin was in Richmond a visit with Mrs. Becker, her sister, during November. Probably the last photograph Mrs. Baldwin ever posed for, was taken during this visit on the occasion of a little gathering given at the home of Mrs. Becker. In addition to several family members who were present, a number of Mrs. Baldwin's friends also were guests. Being an enthusiastic camera devotee, Mrs. Baldwin proposed photographing the group and though she manipulated the camera, she also appeared with her guests in the picture. It was almost a month to the day from the time the photograph was taken until her death.

LEFT CONFESSION BOX TOOK LIFE OF FRIEND.

Not Five Minutes After He Had Been in Church New York Lad Cut Throat of Friend, as the Result of Slight Quarrel.

[Publishers' Press.] New York, Jan. 1.—Within five minutes after he had left the confession box in the Church of Our Lady of Mercy in Brooklyn today seven-year old Harry Bell drew a knife and cut the throat of Robert Wagner, a friend, with whom he had a slight quarrel. Bell accused Wagner of bulldozing him when Wagner sought to browbeat him today by throwing him down. Bell slashed him across the throat cutting his jugular vein. Bell told the police he feared Wagner would injure him. Wagner died instantly. The dead man was 20 years old.

DAY WELL CELEBRATED.

Eagles Had a Pleasant Time in Their Club Rooms Yesterday—Music all Day Long.

The Richmond lodge of Eagles celebrated New Year's day in a handsome manner. From early morning till late last night the club rooms were crowded. In the afternoon the degree team put on an exhibition drill for the home members of the lodge and the visitors who happened to "drop in," while the festivities were in full blast. The drill was reported to be the "best ever" from the point of effectiveness. Ranges Orchestra furnished the music during the entire day.

CAUGHT FOURTEEN SKUNKS.

Two Trappers Have Remarkably Good Luck on C. C. Saxton's Farm Near Whitewater.

Whitewater, Ind., Dec. 1. (Sp.)—Two trappers captured fourteen skunks by digging in one hole on the farm of C. C. Saxton, south of town. Four of the skunks were broad stripes, five were stars and five were short stripes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AT M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Economy, Ind., Jan. 1. (Sp.)—There was an election of officers for the M. E. Sunday school last Saturday as follows: Dudley Ramsey, superintendent; Thomas Cain, assistant; John Durbin, secretary; Jodie Denny, assistant; Charles Atkinson, treasurer; Oran Farmer, assistant; Miss Jennie Frazier, organist; Mrs. Celia Greenstreet, assistant; Miss Bertha Marshall, chorister; Miss Blanche Fenimore, assistant; Mrs. Esther Stewart, superintendent of home work; David Jordan, assistant; Mrs. Stella Cranor, superintendent of cradel roll.

SUFFERS SECOND STROKE POWER OF SPEECH GONE.

W. B. Leeds in Serious Condition as Result of an Attack of Paralysis—Has Gone to Paris in Hope of Getting Cure.

Word has been received here from New York that William B. Leeds formerly of this city has been stricken with paralysis and has left for Paris, France, where he will undergo treatment by a French specialist. This is the second attack of paralysis that Mr. Leeds has suffered in the past fourteen months. On the first occasion his left side was affected and this time it is his throat and vocal organs. His power of speech is at present nearly gone. On his former visit to France Mr. Leeds returned apparently fully cured. It is feared however that he may suffer another stroke. Mr. Leeds intends to remain under the specialist's care until he is assured that he is fully cured.

OVER 100 HOMES ARE IN MOURNING

Many Funeral Corteges Passed Along the Streets of Washington Yesterday.

THE INQUEST TOMORROW.

RAILROAD COMPANY IS CRITICIZED FOR THE SPEEDY MANNER IN WHICH IT CLEARED WRECK.

[Publishers' Press.] Washington, Jan. 1.—The blight of the fearful railroad catastrophe of Sunday evening rested upon a great portion of the city today. Over 100 homes are in mourning. In half of them there is death. Funeral corteges passed through the streets all day. Others will go through the streets tomorrow. According to the physicians the fearful harvest of death is not yet over. There are many in the hospitals for whose recovery no hope is entertained.

The coroner's jury went out today to the scene of the horror. They went over the ground carefully at Terra Cotta. Police officers showed them the different points along the road which figured in the accident but lost of the shocking scenes of the wreck could be cleared away. The railroad company is being severely criticized for the expeditious manner in which it cleared away the wreckage. The Evening Star hints at bodies having been destroyed by the wreckers.

"The police list now places the number of dead at 44 persons, of whom 43 have been identified," it says, "but there will never be further definite information it is believed the railroad company took the precaution of burning the debris Monday morning before daylight."

The railroad people say that all the bodies had been removed from the wreck before the fire was started. If they had not, no one was the wiser afterwards. When full daylight arrived the right of way was swept and garnished.

The coroner's inquest begins tomorrow. It is the intention of the District Attorneys office and the Interstate Commission to have representatives present.

CARRIE YET DENOUNCING

A VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Nation Attends Dance Given by Rechabites and Tells Them She Knows the Cause of all the Immorality in Capita

[Publishers' Press.] Washington, Jan. 1.—Carrie Nation was a guest at an entertainment and dance given by the Rechabites last night. She denounced dancing. Standing on the platform and waving her famous hatchet she exclaimed: "I've found the cause of all this immorality in Washington. It is hugging. You people call it waltzing. You young girls and you old women have no more right to hug, squeeze and roll around this public hall with a man, than you have to go out on the streets, grab a man by the coat collar and take him into your home and hug him."

Fiste-Steel Wedding.

Centerville, Jan. 1. (Sp.)—Mr. John Fiste and Miss Jessie Steel were married on Saturday evening, December 29, at the home of the bride in Centerville. The Rev. Aaron Napier of the Friends' church performed the ceremony.

ARRIVES IN CITY ON UNUSUAL TRIP

U. S. Mail Carrier Is Being Drawn From Nome Alaska to Washington by Dogs.

JOURNEY ENDS IN MARCH.

TRAVELER IS IN GOOD HEALTH AND HAS HAD SPLENDID LUCK—SPENT AFTERNOON AND EVENING WITH EAGLES.

Starting from Nome, Alaska, Nov. 14th, 1905, travelling 8,500 miles overland on a sledge drawn by seven Alaskan dogs, having no other back luck than losing three dogs in Wisconsin, Eli Smith, a mail carrier in the employ of Uncle Sam in the frozen north, arrived in Richmond yesterday. Smith is on his way to Washington, and when he arrives at that point next March, he will have covered a distance of over ten thousand miles, a record never before made by such means, and a record which probably few men are willing to try to break. Mr. Smith started from Alaska on a wage made by one of his fellow employees. Smith has till May 1, to get into Washington, according to the terms of the bet, but at the date and hopes to be in striking distance of the Capital City by the latter part of this month, although he will not enter the city until the latter part of February or the first of March.

How Trip Was Planned. The circumstances surrounding the strange trip of Smith are extremely interesting. Shortly after he had made one of his three hundred and fifty mile trips over the famous Alaskan trail, and had returned to Nome, a crowd of his friends were gathered together in a social session. While they were talking, a great brawny German, came stalking into the town, and word soon reached the men's ears. The German said that he was walking around the world on a wage, and had come from Hamburg, Germany to Nome by the way of Russia and Siberia across the Behring strait and into Nome. The conversation soon became animated and the question of a sledge trip was broached. Smith said he could make the trip to Washington by May 1st, 1907. He was laughed at, and he figured in water which was his mail team of ten dogs all the way from Nome to Valdez, Alaska, a distance of fifteen hundred miles. From that point he was to take a steamer to Seattle and from thence to Washington overland, driving his dog team.

Smith began to make preparations. His sled was fitted out with all the necessities for the trip. His best dogs were selected and early on the

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SCHOOLS TO REOPEN TODAY

All Over the City and County Pupils Will Resume Work After the Holiday Vacation.

The city schools will reopen today after one of the shortest holiday vacations in recent years. There has been much valuable time lost in the lower grades as a result of the many pupils forced to remain out of school on account of the measles epidemic and it is the desire of the school board that "business" be resumed as quickly as possible. The county schools also will reopen today.

STONER IS VERY SICK.

Greenfield Politician Lies at the Point of Death—Has Many Friends in This City.

Elmer E. Stoner, of Greenfield, who numbers his friends in Richmond and Wayne county by the score, has been seriously ill for the past three weeks and according to advices from Greensfield yesterday there is little hope for his recovery. Mr. Stoner has been prominent in politics in the Sixth district for a dozen years and at the last Republican State convention he was a candidate for the nomination of Auditor of State. He was defeated by John C. Billheimer.

A PRIZE FIGHT STOPPED.

Authorities Take Hand in Fistic Battle Between Schreck and Rogers at Shelburn.

[Publishers' Press.] Sullivan, Ind., Jan. 1.—Sheriff Walters, in company with a number of deputies, went to Shelburn at 1 o'clock this afternoon and stopped a prize fight which was scheduled to take place between Mike Schreck and Harry Rodgers. The fight was to have begun at 3 o'clock but the sports of Shelburn had been notified that an effort would be made on the part of the officials to stop the fight, but notwithstanding this warning preparations went on for the fight. The officers expected no trouble.

CHANGE IN LAW FIRM

B. C. ROBBINS TAKEN IN.

Promising Young Attorney Joins His Father and Henry C. Starr in Order to Help Them Handle Rapidly Growing Business.

After January 1st, Byram C. Robbins, who has been practicing law individually for several years, will be associated as a partner in the law practice with John F. Robbins and Henry C. Starr. The firm of Robbins & Starr now becomes the firm of Robbins, Starr & Robbins. Mr. Robbins is a graduate of the Virginia and Ann Arbor Law Schools and prior to beginning his practice also studied law in the offices of his father, and Addison C. Harris, of Indianapolis. During the past few years he has built up a reputation as one of the strongest young lawyers at the bar. The firm of Robbins & Starr is well-known as one of the leading law firms of the State. The new firm of Robbins, Starr & Robbins starts the new year with every prospect of continued and even greater success.

MAY BE HELD TO PAY AN OLD DEBT

Estate of Rebecca Weeks Has Account Against J. A. Winsor for \$2,000

OBLIGATION OF 35 YEARS.

OLD GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE DIED LEAVING HIS BONDSMAN, MR. WINSOR RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBT.

Lax methods of the Henry county court in years gone by, which without recorded cause, permitted the guardian of an insane ward to be discharged from his trust after he had squandered trust funds, as alleged, and had made no provision for reimbursing the estate, have developed in the course of an investigation made by the Dickinson Trust Company which recently appointed guardian of Mrs. Rebecca Weeks, an inmate of the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane.

Some months ago, by the will of Mrs. Eliza Corwine, of Henry county Mrs. Weeks was made the beneficiary of a bequest of \$300. The attorney for the estate, W. A. Bond, petitioned the probate court to have the Dickinson Trust Company made guardian for Mrs. Weeks, and the bequest of \$300 was placed in the hands of the company. It was then divulged, quite accidentally, it is said that thirty-five years ago, Mrs. Weeks was declared insane and a guardian was appointed by the Henry county court. This guardian was James A. Winsor and approximately \$800 was turned over to his keeping. In 1884, Winsor made a report to the court that he was insolvent and that he had no funds by which he could give an accounting of the estate he held in trust.

He was discharged from the guardianship, though the responsibility for reimbursing the estate still was incumbent upon him. However, he was never forced to settle, and died owing the estate. J. P. Nicholson, of Henry county, was bondsman for Winsor, and it is likely that suit will be brought by the Dickinson Trust Company against him to recover the original value of the estate with accrued interest, which will aggregate approximately \$2,000. The case is unique in the court records of Indiana.

CLEARED A SPLENDID SUM.

Bryan's Woman's Cemetery Association Made \$101.50 on Supper Monday Evening.

Centerville, Ind., Jan. 1. (Sp.)—The supper given by the Bryan Woman's Cemetery Association on Monday evening at the town hall, was unsurpassed for excellence and was largely attended by the people of Centerville and vicinity.

The ladies feel amply remunerated for their efforts. The gross receipts amounted to \$104.10. The expenses were \$2.50, thus clearing \$101.50.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Alleged That Albert Ferguson Severely Injured His Wife in a Personal Encounter.

Albert Ferguson, colored, may be arraigned in the city court this morning on a charge of assault and battery upon his wife. The assault took place on Monday and it is alleged that Mrs. Ferguson was severely injured.

GANS THE WINNER IN EIGHT ROUNDS

Colorado Fighter Conquered Kid Herman in a Most Decisive Manner.

HIS BATTLE FROM START.

FROM CHICAGO FOUGHT A GOOD BATTLE BUT HE WAS SIMPLY OUTCLASSED—GOOD PRELIMINARY BOUT.

Fight in Nut Shell. Winner—Joe Gans. Loser—Kid Herman. Place Tonopah, Nev. Purse—\$20,000. Sixty per cent to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser. Title at Stake—Lightweight championship of the world. Referee—Jack Welsh, of San Francisco. Time of Start—4:05 o'clock. Pacific time, which was 6:05 o'clock in Richmond. Age of Principals—Gans, thirty-two; Herman, twenty-three. Length of fight—Eight rounds. Club Manager—Mike Riley.

[Publishers' Press.] Tonopah, Nev. January 1.—Successfully defending his title as lightweight champion of the world, Joe Gans this afternoon demonstrated that he has no superior in his class, by knocking out Kid Herman in the eighth round. The issue was never in doubt. From the tap of the gong in the first round the Baltimore negro has superiority over his adversary and the "Pride of the Chicago Ghetto" had no look-in.

Gradually noting his opponent's jaw with a hard swing, Gans hammered his man at will and in several rounds his head gragged from the effects of the hard blows he administered. Drew Blood in First. The Baltimore boy began the first round by hammering the Hebrew until he bled from the nose and mouth. Time and again he punctured the injured members and soon had the Chicago lad in a weakened condition, finally capping the climax by sending his right and left to the jaw, which sent Herman down and out for the count. In better condition than he was when he fought Battling Nelson to a standstill, Joe Gans proved to pugilistic circles that there is no one in his class who can compete with him for the laurels which he has defended and held for so many years.

There was no excuse for the loss. He met a better man—one who had the "Indian sign" on him, but Herman made a good fight. He was simply outclassed. Both boys were in splendid condition. Gans Gladdened Hearts. Always a favorite, Gans gladdened the hearts of his backers by, to use his own words, "carry home the bacon." While the negro was always at prohibitive odds in the betting, as good as 4 to 1 being offered on him, those who backed the Chicagoan at these figures cashed in.

The Preliminary Fight. Lew Powell, of San Francisco, and Adam Ryan fought ten rounds to a draw. The fight was one of the best preliminaries ever pulled off. Powell

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CHANGES AT COURT HOUSE

NEW OFFICIALS STEP IN.

Cigars, Apples and the Like, as is the Custom Were Dished Out by the Elects—Many Callers During Forenoon.

NEW OFFICIALS STEP IN.

Edgar M. Haas, and Richard Smith are private citizens and each bears an "ex" as a prefix. Mr. Haas will be spoken of as ex-clerk of the circuit court and Mr. Smith as ex-sheriff of Wayne county for some time to come. Both men surrendered their offices gracefully yesterday at the expiration of their terms and Harry Penny, succeeded Mr. Haas; Linus Meredith, assuming the duties laid down by Mr. Smith. These were all the changes on the second floor of the county's temple of justice, as Treasurer Myrick and Commissioners Wiley and Clark, succeeded themselves. Down on the first floor, M. W. Marine jumped into the shoes of A. G. Compton, figuratively speaking, and became county assessor. Robert A. Howard, succeeded himself as county surveyor. Apples and cigars were the favors passed out to the visitors by the new officers and the supplies were plentiful. There were many callers during the forenoon, but those who went to the court house at noon to pay their respects were disappointed for the big building was closed.