

## WRITERS OF ANONYMOUS LETTERS TO BE RUN TO EARTH

Postal Department Is Very Active in Its Effort to Discover Authors of These, and Scurrilous Letters.

PUNISHMENT FOR THIS OFFENSE VERY HEAVY.

Greatest Number of Offenses Come in the Fall Months And the Officials Believe the Weather Affects.

The malicious tendencies of the people are governed by the seasons of the year. The statement is a broad one, but Postmaster Spekenhler, his corps of local assistants and in fact the entire federal postal force are inclined to think that the tendencies of the people as a whole the country over are influenced at certain seasons in the year toward wrong doing. It seems so to them at least for the number of criminal acts of various character invariably occur at certain seasons in the year.

This fall, as has been the custom in past years at this time of the year, local postal officials are receiving many complaints against anonymous letters of scurrilous and defamatory nature which are not alone being sent through the Richmond mails but are also being written by Richmond people. Complaints are being registered almost daily with Postmaster Spekenhler in regard to the practice, which, although young this year, is rapidly increasing. Postmaster Spekenhler is led to the belief that crime waves are always governed by the weather, in that little or no complaint is registered against the anonymous letter practice, except in the fall months.

The practice is a dangerous one, the maximum penalty for such an offense being \$5,000 and five years imprisonment, or both. The court hearing the case may determine just what sentence shall fall on the writer of the letters. As the practice is a most abominable one, both Postmaster Spekenhler and the federal postal officials will endeavor to capture every anonymous and scurrilous letter writer in the city of Richmond. The task is not a difficult one either. In fact, it is about the easiest task the inspectors have to handle and an arrest invariably results when but once an inspector starts on a case.

**Disguise Is Futile.**  
The writer in most cases during the course of the letter, speaks of only those things known to himself and to the one written to. A disguise at handwriting is always futile, as the correct writing invariably is used before the letter is completed, and by watching the letters to the complainant, the source of the letter is ascertained, while further proofs are always forthcoming and an arrest naturally follows. The postal inspectors and postmasters have a system which they use and which will bring retribution upon the heads of the annoyers. Several months ago a well known young man in Richmond wrote a scurrilous letter. The writer's identity was easily ascertained. Hearing that a federal inspector was camping on his trail the young man left the city suddenly and has not since been heard of by local postal authorities.

Recently a complaint was made against a defamatory letter, and a glance at the handwriting immediately determined the fact that the woman—for it was a woman—writing the letter, was more than sixty years of age. The cramped nervous "hand" determined this. The writer of the letter is now known definitely, other proofs having been gained.

Still another man wrote an "out-law" letter trying to disguise his handwriting. This was unsuccessful as he at different times drifted back to his natural script. The identity of this man has also been learned by the systematic set of tracers used by the postal officials.

Postmaster Spekenhler is inclined to think that at least 95 per cent of the scurrilous and defamatory letters are written through a spirit of pique or jealousy. Souvenir post cards of different character can also be classed as scurrilous and defamatory when sent at wrong times. If a woman should her husband and she should receive a card bearing an inscription making light of her husband's death and recommending a new matrimonial bureau, or other such inscription, they can be classed with the scurrilous letter and proper fine assessed. The practice in Richmond has to be broken up, says Postmaster Spekenhler.

## City and County STATISTICS.

**Deaths and Funerals.**  
McMULLEN—The remains of Father D. J. McMullen will arrive here this evening at 9 o'clock and will be taken to St. Mary's church where they will lie in state until 10 o'clock Friday morning, at which time the funeral services will be held. Members of the congregation and friends of the deceased will have opportunity to view the face from 9:30 this evening until 9:30 Friday morning.

## SOCIETY NEWS

(Conducted by Miss Florence Corwin. Office Phones, Both 21; Residence Phone, Home 1319.)

Richmond Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be represented at the state conference at Bloomington Oct. 8-10, by Mrs. W. W. Gaar, regent, who will appear on the program, and possibly by one delegate. The program, which will not only be of interest to the local members of the D. A. R., but which serves to show what the organization is doing, features the following: On the evening of the 8th, will be given the address of welcome by Mrs. Harriet C. Hughes, of Bloomington, and welcome addresses by Dr. William Lowe Bryan, president of Indiana university, and Claud G. Malott, Mayor of Bloomington. The response will be made by Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks. On Wednesday, the ninth, Mrs. William A. Guthrie, state regent, will speak and Mrs. W. W. Gaar of Richmond, will speak on "The Sixteenth Continental Congress." A reception will be held at the home of Judge H. C. Duncan at 8 o'clock, p. m. the same day. On Thursday, the 10th, reports of the various departments will be made and each chapter will respond to the roll call. On Thursday evening of the conference the Bloomington chapter will tender a reception to all the visitors. In addition the program calls for much else that will be of special interest to the D. A. R.

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Boyd, Miss Bessie Boyd and Miss Inez Martin, were guests at a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lashley, of Centerville.

Mrs. U. B. G. Ewing entertained the Foreign Missionary society of First M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at her home on South A street. An address on missionary work was made by the Rev. R. J. Wade, pastor. A solo was rendered by Mrs. C. M. Hamilton, and a duet by Mrs. Coll Bevington and Mrs. Hamilton. At the conclusion of the program refreshments were served. The next meeting will be a joint one with the Home missionary society and will be the last of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shafer of South Sixteenth street, will leave soon for California, where they will spend the winter.

A meeting of the Frances E. Willard W. C. T. U. will be held at Rhoda temple Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and as business of importance is to be transacted all members are requested to be present. Reports will be made by all of the officers.

A very pleasant social was given Wednesday evening at Reid Memorial church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society. The social was well attended and the feature of the evening was an old fashioned spelling match. Mr. Frank Glass captained one side and Dr. S. R. Lyons the other, the former squad winning. Music and refreshments concluded the program.

Wednesday evening, at her home on North Seventh street, at 7 o'clock, was solemnized the marriage of Mrs. Fannie Brown and Mr. George Rhodes, the Rev. R. J. Wade officiating. Following the ceremony, a wedding dinner of three courses was served. The rooms were very tastefully decorated. The guests present numbered about thirty. The bride is a well known woman of this city and the groom is a prominent photographer of Dayton, O. As favors, the groom presented each of the guests with a candy glass goblet, in the bottom of which was reproduced a likeness of the bride.

The home was tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns, the color scheme being pink and white. The bride wore a gown of point de esprit over white tulle. The bride's going away gown was of brown cloth with hat and gloves to match. After a short trip east Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes will be at home to their many friends at Riverdale, Dayton. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McCrea and Mr. Theodore McCrea of Bradford, Ohio, Miss Hazel Vance of Ansonia, O., Miss Opal Renner of Kokomo, Ind., and Miss Grace Stout of Kokomo.

The King's Herald band of Grace M. E. church will meet at the church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

A very enjoyable box social was given Wednesday evening by the Epworth League of Grace M. E. church in the church parlors. Lunch boxes for two were sold at auction, each box containing the name of the owner of the box. The one purchasing the box ate luncheon with the owner. Over ten dollars was realized on the sale of boxes. Games and music constituted the program.

The first meeting of the fall season of St. Paul's guild, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, was held Wednesday afternoon in the parish house. In addition to routine business, several special features for the winter's work were considered and it was decided that the annual supper of the guild would be given on Wednesday evening of next week in the parish house. Some time later in the fall an entertainment of some sort will be undertaken under the auspices of the guild.

It will be with delight that the music loving people of Richmond greet the announcement that Mr. Cecil Fanning is to give a recital in this city. He is a young baritone of rising popularity, for though only twenty-four years of age, he is most enthusiastically written of in the various newspapers and musical journals of the country. At the present time he is taking a more prominent part than any other one person, in the musical festival at Portland, Maine. Among others on the program are such artists as Mme. Calve and Miss Janet Spencer. St. Agnes Guild is to be complimented upon its choice of an artist and no doubt a large and representative audience will welcome Mr. Fanning and his teacher and accompanist, Mr. Turpin, on the evening of October twenty-first and twenty-eighth at the Pythian temple.

Mrs. H. M. Kramer of North Seventeenth street was hostess for the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of Grace M. E. church Wednesday afternoon. The address of the incoming president was the chief feature of the meeting, Mrs. T. A. Mott paying a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Julia Robbins in whose home the October meeting was to have been held, but who has been called away by death. The remainder of the time was devoted to routine business, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mark Wilson was hostess Wednesday afternoon at her home on South Thirteenth street for the Wednesday Duplicate Whist club. Mrs. John M. Lantz was chosen as the new president. Cards were played at three tables and luncheon was served. The next meeting will be in two weeks, Mrs. W. A. Sample, of North Thirteenth street to be the hostess.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of Grace M. E. church will meet at the church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will spend the time in needle work.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will meet Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the church. A full attendance is desired as work of importance is to be transacted.

Miss Anna Althaus returned to her home in Greenville, O., last evening, after spending several days with relatives and friends in this city.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Knollenberg, South Fourth street, took place the marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Knollenberg, to Mr. Clarence Foreman. The Lutheran marriage ceremony was used, the Rev. E. G. Howard officiating. The ceremony was performed without attendants. Following the ceremony, a several course dinner was served to the large number of invited guests. The house was charmingly decorated in smilax and garden flowers and the tables were done in green and white. Mr. and Mrs. Foreman will reside in this city, the groom being an employee at the local postoffice. They have many well-wishing friends.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Starr of East Main st., Wednesday evening, the occasion being their fifth wedding anniversary. The evening was delightfully spent with games and music and a two course luncheon was served. Those composing the party were: Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Ellabarger, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wehrly, Mrs. Thomas Whelan, and Mrs. Omar Chase of Knightstown; Miss May Hamilton, Leora Ellabarger, Lucile Turner, Francis Kumack and Bessie Linner.

Mrs. Sylvester Parke of Chatham, Ontario, is in the city, visiting her sister, Mrs. William Kittle, of North Twentieth street.

Mrs. Wesley Brown, of 122 State street, was the hostess for an all day picnic of the Penny club, Wednesday afternoon. Fifteen of the members who brought baskets, spent the day at the Brown home. At the noon hour dinner was served on the lawn and in the afternoon the company was augmented by other members and a regular business session was held. It was decided to hold some kind of an entertainment in the near future for the purpose of raising funds. The next meeting of the club will be in two weeks and will be at the home of Mrs. Sheridan, 1017 Ridge street.

Friday evening Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Bond, of North Tenth street, will entertain the Tourist Club. This will be the first meeting for the present season.

Captain and Mrs. Riffe are attending the thirty-sixth annual reunion of the Ninety-fourth Ohio, at Troy, O.

The Music Study club which was to have met Wednesday evening will meet Tuesday evening of next week when Prof. Fritz Krull of Indianapolis will give a song recital. All members are invited to be present and there will be a number of invited guests. The recital will be in the Starr piano rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Turner of North Twentieth street, entertained a small company of friends at dinner today in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Miss Bessie Thompson was hostess Wednesday evening at her home on North Twelfth street, to a dinner party

in honor of Miss Irene Mayer, of Millersburg, O. The table decorations were in scarlet and white and ferns. Candles and pink shades completed the table decorations with place cards done in the same colors. Covers were laid for the following: Misses Elsie Beeler, Marjorie Pennell, Anna Ross, Ruby Wilson, Jessie Beeler, and Ethel Lockwood; Mesdames E. J. Dykeman and Richard Study.

**WHAT MONEY IS.**

Bait for the matrimonial hook. The most effective substitute for brains.

Money is the most difficult root to cultivate.

That which women look for while men sleep.

Money is the loudest sound in the voice of life.

What the rich don't need and the poor don't get.

A curse to some that have it and a curse to all that haven't.

A provider for everything but happiness, a passport to everywhere but heaven.

The one thing that makes crooked things look straight and straight things crooked.

That which speaks a language we can all understand, but in which so few are able to converse.

**Purchasing by Scent.**

"The nose is a powerful factor in the selection of flowers," said the proprietor of a flower stand. "I keep the doors of this glass case open in all kinds of weather. I want possible customers to catch a whiff of the fragrance. Most people buy flowers for the smell instead of the looks. They will pass a shut-in flower stand day after day and never think of buying anything, but just let them get the odor of some favorite flower and they will go home carrying a bouquet as big as your hat."—New York Press.

**Golf sticks.**

It is of the utmost importance that the golfer should be on terms of the most complete confidence and intimacy with all the clubs in his bag, and particularly the wooden clubs, from which he gets his length. Such confidence cannot be established during the first few seasons of a golfer's experience. It needs a long time and much thought to grasp what are the essential features of a wooden club that make it exactly suited to the peculiarities of a particular player.—Fry's Magazine.

**The Obliging Bankrupt.**  
Good comradeship may count for much. No man ever typified this better than the Wall Street broker who said to his friend the reporter: "I did not fail until after the evening papers went to press, so that you could have it all to yourself in the morning. Come around in an hour or so and I'll give you the figures."

**The White Canoe.**

In the far north there is a superstition in which the trappers and traders firmly believe even now, that a white canoe, piloted through the heavens by the spirit of an old pioneer, comes for the dying.—Metropolitan Magazine.

When there is a man in the house just sick enough to stay indoors it behooves everybody to walk straight, or there is certain to be trouble.—Somerville Journal.

We hand folks over to God's mercy and show none ourselves.—Elliot.

Thirty streets and open places in Paris are named after noted chemists, the latest being Place Berthelot; and thirty-two are named after famous physicians.



## AFFAIRS OF FIRST LUTHERAN FLOURISH

The Past Year Has Been One Of the Best in Congregation's History.

## LARGE FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

REPORTS WERE HEARD FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE WORK AND OFFICERS WERE ELECTED FOR THE CHURCH.

During the past year the members of the First English Lutheran church have contributed \$8,500 to benevolent purposes and causes of the church, including a large subscription to the Y. M. C. A. The record is one of the best ever made by the congregation. All of this was distributed through the treasurer of the church who made his annual report to the congregational meeting Wednesday night.

Affairs of the church generally were shown to be in a most excellent condition, financially and spiritually. The members have adopted a policy of progression, which is being followed closely. Reports from the Trifolium society of young people showed that the membership during the past year has increased, while a goodly sum of money has been contributed to the church building fund and benevolent purposes. Reports were heard from the Young People's league, Junior society, Ladies' Aid society, Woman's home and foreign missionary society and the Mutual Aid society. The Mutual aid is an insurance organization paying death benefits. S. W. Kreuger was elected president of this organization. Fred G. Bartel was selected secretary and Robert Macy treasurer.

The church election resulted in the choice of the following: Trustees—Charles Sudhoff, Charles Winkler and Geo. J. Knollenberg. Elders—Eben Louck, E. M. Haas, William Flederdjohn and Henry Bentlage.

Deacons—Wm. Romey, Charles Backmeyer, S. W. Kreuger, Frank Haner and Clyde Gardner.

The annual election of the Sunday school officers will be held tonight. Financial reports will be submitted.

Next Sunday will be the rally day for the school and a special program has been arranged. The Rev. F. A. Ort, one of the most brilliant professors at Wittenberg college, will speak at both the morning and evening services.

C. C. & L. ticket agent will sell you sleeping car tickets to Chicago for their 11:15 P. M. train. Call on him. apr6-tf

## HALL WILL BE IMPROVED.

Centerville Town Council Has Taken Action.

At the meeting of the town board of Centerville this week an ordinance providing for the improvement of the old town hall was adopted. New seats will be put in the building and a modern lighting plant installed. This winter there will be a series of popular lectures given at the hall.

# Fall Arrivals

All our well laden tables now proclaim that "Fall's come." The handsome new Suits, the swell Top Coats, the most luxurious Overcoats, the choice Raincoats, the new Trousers—all are here, and their presence tells us that

# Fall's Come

No high or fancy prices here to discourage the man who enjoys being the first to wear a new thing.

## SUITS...

\$10, \$12.50, \$15 to \$18.

## OVERCOATS...

\$10, \$12.50, \$15 to \$18.

## Krone & Kennedy

803 Main Street

## THE CITY IN BRIEF

Butterick's patterns, Morris & Co's. Water bills due October 1st to 10th. MEN'S TAILORING OPENING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. RAILROAD STORE.

Bira Boyd of Cambridge City, was in Richmond, Wednesday on business.

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Dr. I. F. Sweney of Milton, was in Richmond, Wednesday.

We shall continue for two weeks longer our special clearance sale of Wall Paper; don't miss the bargains we offer. Ellwood Morris & Co. 1-5t

800 NEW WOOLEN SAMPLES SHOWN BY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. RAILROAD STORE.

Mrs. C. A. Brehm, 35 North 8th, will have elegant new display of the latest black and colored hats, Friday and Saturday at lowest prices.

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## JURIES ARE DRAWN FOR OCTOBER TERM

Members of Grand and Petit Bodies Announced.

Today the grand and petit juries for the October term of court were drawn. The two juries will be composed of the following:

**Grand Jury.**  
George W. Hoover, Otto Cranor, Attwood A. Jenkins, Charles H. Sarber, Jr., Robert E. Black, Frederick Dryer.

**Petit Jury.**  
Charles Neff, Fred W. Wolke, Frank W. Wallace, Jeremiah E. Meyers, William E. Jeffries, James M. Colvin, William E. Brooks, John W. Lamb, Joseph Brower, Nelson F. Weaver, William E. Oler, Lee Hartman.

## LOCAL PEOPLE ON COMMITTEE.

Dr. T. Henry Davis, J. F. Dynes, Centerville and Mrs. Elizabeth Candler, Richmond, have been chosen members of committees that will participate in the conference of state charities at Evansville.

## WIFE IS ASKING DIVORCE.

Florence Patterson has filed suit for divorce from Lee Patterson. Mrs. Patterson charges her husband with cruel and inhuman treatment, intoxication and failure to provide.

## SUIT AGAINST AN ESTATE.

Horace B. Boyd has filed suit against the estate of Sophia Laymon on claim, demand \$41.75.

## STANDARD'S RELATIONS WITH RAILS

It Is Claimed the Trust Virtually Dictates to the Great Systems.

## KELLOGG RESUMES WORK.

PROMINENT RAILROAD MEN MAY BE SUMMONED—SOME SAID TO BE ANXIOUS TO BREAK AWAY FROM TRUST.

New York, Oct. 3.—The Standard Oil company's relations with the railroads of the country, which is declared virtually a dictatorship was the feature in today's government hearing in the suit to dissolve the oil trust, which was resumed. Examiner Kellogg began to probe the Standard's sale of lubricating oil to the railroads. He contends the trust practically controls these railroads through its representation in the boards of directors and thereby shuts out competition. C. C. Steinbrenner, an officer of the Galena Signal Oil company at Franklin, was the first witness. He said the Waters-Pierce and Galena companies sold lubricating oil to the railroads, furnishing ninety-five per cent of all used. Prominent railroad men may be summoned. Some are said to be anxious to break away from the Standard.

## SEARCH FOR TRACTION PLANS PROVES FUTILE

Many Weeks Spent by Haas And Humpe at It.

## HOPED TO REVIVE SCHEME.

After having spent many weeks in the endeavor to locate the plans of the old Eastern Indiana traction line, that a company might be organized, and work towards its realization, again taken up, Secretary E. M. Haas of the Commercial club and E. J. Humpe, chairman of the committee on railroads, have almost abandoned hope of ever securing the plans.

The idea originated with the Commercial club to secure the plans of the long since abandoned line, and which cost the promoters \$5,000, and then secure a company to finance the proposition. There would have been a greater chance to induce construction companies to take hold of the proposition if all preliminary surveys and plans could have been placed in their possession. Tracers were put out over the country by Messrs. Haas and Humpe and the last heard from the plans, was that the company which had originally backed the proposed line had dissolved and it is supposed the plans were burned or otherwise destroyed.

PALLADIUM WANT ADS PAY.