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## TOLERATION OF LAW'S VIOLATION IS NOW TO END

**County Att'y Robbins Takes  
A Decided Stand for the  
County in Regard to Pris-  
oners' Board Bill.**

**TWO SHERIFFS CAN BE  
PROSECUTED, HE CLAIMS**

**It Is Hardly Probable Howev-  
er That County Commis-  
sioners Will Decide to Take  
Such Vigorous Action.**

**STRAIGHT RATE IN FUTURE.**

**ONLY THOSE MEALS EATEN BY  
PRISONERS IN THE COUNTY  
JAILS CAN BE CHARGED UP TO  
THE COUNTY HEREAFTER.**

**CLAIMS LAW IS NOT FAIR.**

**Meredith, Although Maintaining This,  
Will, in the Future, Comply With  
All Its Rulings—Interesting Devel-  
opments Expected.**

"You may say for me, as county attorney that the county commissioners have been violating the law in the past and it will not be tolerated in the future. I knew nothing about the matter until you called my attention to it. Every sheriff, who has received fees in this manner could be prosecuted for illegally taxing fees and the county could recover the money obtained in this manner, if the statute of limitations would not prevent it."—John F. Robbins, County Attorney.

The above statement was made to a Palladium reporter this morning by John F. Robbins, county attorney. Mr. Robbins cited in substantiation of his statements the same decision of the supreme court in the case of Pressley, sheriff, vs. the Board of County Commissioners of Marion county, as quoted in the Palladium of last evening. Mr. Robbins said further that the commissioners may have allowed the sheriff pay for boarding a prisoner a full day, or three meals, when the prisoner had not eaten the meals, in the past, but they will not do so in the future.

**Plain Violation.**  
"It is a plain violation of the law," he said. "I was not acquainted with the fact that such had been the custom. I do not see why the commissioners never had investigated the matter in the past. Certainly they can not pay and the sheriff has no right to charge for meals not furnished."

**Pay For Each Meal.**  
This means that hereafter, if the commissioners see fit to comply with the legal opinion of the county attorney and the decision of the supreme court, the sheriff will be paid 13 1/3 cents for each meal actually furnished a prisoner, and not 10 cents a day, irrespective of the number of meals eaten or even if none is eaten. It also means a loss to the sheriff of 13 1/3 cents on every prisoner taken to the county jail after he has been sentenced by the city court, as such prisoners are not transferred until after they have been provided with breakfast at the city jail.

**Law Is Not Fair.**  
Sheriff Meredith holds the law is not strictly fair in its treatment to him, but says he will comply with it upon instructions from the county commissioners as to the manner of preparing his bills. Under the present system, it is necessary for the sheriff to make affidavit to the correctness of the bills he presents. As has been customary in the past and so continued by Sheriff Meredith, the charge has been 40 cents per day and no fractions of days were considered. In case the sheriff made affidavit to boarding the prisoner an entire day and he had furnished but one or two meals, the affidavit was false. This is another phase of the matter that never had been brought to light.

**Probable Future Statements.**  
Interesting developments may be expected when the county commissioners meet at their next regular session. Unless called for some special business, this is not likely to be until the first Monday in April. The subject of charges for boarding prisoners will be presented then. It is probable that the result will be to require the sheriff to prepare an itemized statement, when submitting his bills, that will set forth the time each prisoner was received and released and the number of meals served him.

**No Prosecution Likely.**  
There is practically no likelihood the commissioners will enter into any prosecution. It would be exceedingly difficult to ascertain how much the

## WOMAN KILLED BY OWN CONTRAPTION

**Gun on Chicken Coop Worked  
Perfectly.**

Kenton, O., March 21.—Mrs. Sherman Burdette, was killed at Fortney, seven miles from here this morning by an internal machine contrived and set to wound thieves who might enter her chicken coop. She fired the gun with string fastened to the coop door, so when the door opened the gun would be discharged. Mrs. Burdette forgot about the gun and went to gather eggs and it operated perfectly, killing her instantly. She leaves four small children.

## WAR NOW IMMINENT IN SOUTH AMERICA

**Dispute Arises Between Chili  
And Peru.**

Valparaiso, Chili, March 21.—A demand has been made on the Peruvian government to explain the invasion of Tarata, by the customs officers and soldiers and entering and searching houses without permission of the government. Peruvians replied they were searching for goods smuggled by Chileans. Chili has rushed troops to Tarata to enforce her demand.

## IS DYING WITH DELIRIUM TREMENS

**Man Driven to Drink Because  
He Could Not Secure  
Employment.**

**HIS PITIFUL CONDITION.**

**ANTON DAUR IS RAVING LIKE A  
MAD MAN, THE RESULT OF  
AN ATTEMPT TO DROWN HIS  
TROUBLES.**

In the last stages of delirium tremens and painfully gasping his life away, Anton Daur, a vagrant moulder who was driven to drink because he has been unable to obtain employment for several months, was carried out of the city jail this morning on a stretcher, placed in the patrol wagon, and despite the protests of Sheriff Meredith, hauled to the county jail.

The sheriff said that the institution he presided over was no hospital or Keeley Cure. Prosecutor Jessup and City Physician F. W. Krueger explained to the irate sheriff that the man could not be taken to the hospital because his condition was such that it would be necessary for a male nurse to care for him.

The sheriff then locked horns with Dr. Krueger when the latter stated that he intended to give Daur the whiskey treatment. "No whiskey comes into the county jail," said Meredith. Then the doctor and the sheriff had a tilt after which Dr. Krueger left the jail. The city physician states that there is but little chance of Daur recovering. He said that he was past the stage where he suffers hallucinations and is now unconscious.

Daur bobbed into Richmond from Hamilton, O., via of Lynn, Thursday he was taken into custody while heavily intoxicated. All Thursday night the man suffered with an attack of delirium tremens but Friday morning, he appeared to be considerably improved and was arraigned in the city court on a charge of intoxication. He pleaded guilty but asked for an opportunity to get out of town. After stating that his home was in Columbus, O., and that he was a moulder by trade, Daur said that he had been unable to obtain employment there and had then left that city in search of work. He obtained a few days employment at Springfield and then lost his job. Daur went to Hamilton but could find no work so he started out on foot for Richmond. On arriving here he only had \$2.50 remaining in his possession. Being unable to obtain employment in Richmond he sought relief from his troubles in strong drink, spending every cent he had.

After hearing this pitiful story Judge Converse gave Daur a chance to leave town but late yesterday afternoon he was found again heavily intoxicated. Last night in the city jail he raved for several hours like a maniac but finally sunk into a comatose condition.

In a recent bulletin from the University of California is given a summary of the evidence prepared by Professor J. D. Whitney to show that the famous Calaveras skull, found in a miner's shaft in Bald Hill, near Alta-ville, probably came from a cave used by the Indians for burial purposes.

**THE WEATHER PROPHET.**

**OHIO AND INDIANA—Warmer Sat-  
urday night and Sunday.**

## HITCHCOCK SAYS TAFT WILL GET IT ON FIRST BALLOT

**Claims That War Secretary  
Has Already Sixty More  
Delegates Than Is Neces-  
sary for Choice.**

**WESTERN STATES WILL  
LAND IN TAFT COLUMN.**

**"Favorite Son" States Will  
Cast Their Vote for Can-  
didates on First Ballot—  
States Yet to Select.**

Washington, March 21.—Bulletins issued from the Taft Washington campaign headquarters have a most optimistic color to them. According to one that Frank Hitchcock, the Eastern manager of the war secretary's campaign, given out last night, Taft is a sure winner, and about all that is necessary to give him the nomination is the ratification by the national convention, which is looked upon as a matter of form. Taft, the bulletin says, will be nominated on the first ballot, as he now has 552 delegates to his credit, which same is sixty more than is necessary for a choice.

The politicians who do not look upon the chances of the war secretary with the same optimistic way, say the Taft boom has reached its highest crest and point out that breakers have already begun to appear and predict that within the next ten days the national situation will present a different aspect.

When New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Illinois, Kentucky and other states are heard from the general outlook may be entirely changed, it is argued by the opponents of Taft.

**Sees Entire West in Taft Column.**

Hitchcock, in announcing his bulletin, says it epitomizes reports that he has received from all over the country. The bulletin in part follows: "Recent reports from Western states that have not had an opportunity thus far to express their preference as regards presidential candidates, indicate such a preponderance of Taft sentiment as to warrant the prediction that practically the entire region west of the Mississippi will be found in the Taft column by the time the national convention meets."

Mr. Hitchcock also says: "The so-called 'Favorite Son' states—New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin—are together entitled to 256 votes in the convention. It is generally assumed that these votes will be cast on the first ballot for the respective candidates of these states. Aside from these states and the state of Ohio, which will send forty-six Taft delegates, there are at present ninety-unpledged votes in the East and North as follows: "New Jersey, 24; Delaware, 6; Maryland, 16; District of Columbia, 2; West Virginia, 14; Michigan, 28. Of these ninety votes fifty-two can now be placed in the Taft column, leaving thirty-six in doubt."

## FOUND IN PRISON HANGING BY WRISTS

**Shocking Disclosure Made To-  
day.**

Columbus, O., March 21.—Senator Lamb in passing through the penitentiary with a party of visitors today, discovered in an out of the way cell a man hanging by his wrists, almost exhausted. The convict in a weak voice told Lamb that he had been hanging since Thursday. Over the door was the name "Brown, solitary, indefinite." Visitors were shocked. The prison officials' only explanation was that the convict wouldn't work, had to punish him. Guards tried to avoid the cell with their visitors.

## ONE PATIENT KILLED ANOTHER

**Sheet Found Around Woman's  
Neck.**

New York, March 21.—Mrs. Margaret McCue was found strangled to death under her cot in the King's county hospital today. A sheet was tightly wound around her neck indicating that much strength was used in effecting death. The coroner ordered an investigation. It developed that two nurses who were with the woman left the hospital. It is believed another patient may have attacked the woman. Mrs. McCue was violently in-

## SIX INJURED AT LARGE HOTEL FIRE

**Two Men Will Probably  
Die.**

Pittsburg, Pa., March 21.—Two men were fatally and four others were seriously injured by an explosion of gas in the new Eagle hotel at McKees Rocks this morning. The seriously injured are Andrew Mortard and C. W. Hiburn. The building was partially destroyed.

## GOVERNOR GUILD IN CRITICAL CONDITION

**Physician's Bulletin Indicates  
Death Is Near.**

Boston, Mass., March 21.—A physician's bulletin this morning, indicates that Gov. Guild has but a short time to live.

## POLITICAL DOCTORS HOPE TO SAVE TOM TAGGART'S SCALP

**Meetings Among Followers to  
Discuss Plans to Secure  
Men on Marion County Dele-  
gation for Him.**

**RACE FOR GOVERNOR  
IS CUTTING FIGURE.**

**Kuhn, Conn and Slack All Ex-  
pect to Get Delegates From  
Marion County When They  
Are Selected.**

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Several meetings of Thomas Taggart's followers were held last night to frame up plans for the election of delegates to the state convention next Wednesday and Thursday, who will be friendly to Taggart's candidacy for National Committeeman.

Taggart met nearly a hundred of his faithful followers at his office at the Denison hotel, and the workers were instructed to get busy in every precinct. The fight between the Taggart and the anti-Taggart forces promises to be very close, as each faction will have a slate in every precinct.

It is charged by Taggart's enemies that the saloon keepers and gamblers are being lined up for him in the downtown wards, and this is hurting him in the residence districts, it is said.

**Fogarty Refuses.**

Chairman Fogarty of the county committee, has refused to permit Taggart's followers to name any of the members of the election boards. He says that he will accept suggestions from them, but that he will reserve the right to use his own judgment in making appointments.

The race for governor is not cutting much figure in the fight here. It was declared today that many of the anti-Taggart slates are being made up in behalf of Senator L. E. Slack, of Franklin. If the "antis" win, Slack probably will get a majority of the votes here. J. D. Megee, of Rushville, one of the managers of Rev. Thomas Kuhn, the Richmond candidate for governor, said that Kuhn is not mixing in the fight here, but he expects to have delegates from this county. C. G. Conn's representatives are getting into the game here as deeply as possible.

Several candidates for governor will open headquarters Monday morning. It is understood that Conn will arrive then with a large number of rosters.

**Will Storm the Hill.**

It is reported that Conn's managers have arranged to run a special train from Elkhart to Indianapolis, Wednesday, to bring nearly 1,000 people, headed by a band and carrying banners. This delegation, it was said, will be marched through the convention just before the roll is called for the presentation of candidates.

Chairman Jackson of the State Committee, has appointed a special committee, consisting of B. F. Shively, of South Bend; John Worth Kern, of Indianapolis; the four Democratic Congressmen from Indiana, and the candidates for the nomination for Governor, to prepare a platform to be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions next Wednesday night.

Word was received here today from Bloomington that ex-Congressman Robert W. Miers, who will be permanent Chairman of the Democratic State Convention, has finished his campaign "keynote" speech. It is understood that he will not discuss the temperance question, preferring to leave that to the platform committee. Miers, it is said, will show that the Republicans have been reckless in the expenditure of the state's money and have greatly increased the rate of tax-

## CITY, OFFENDER AGAINST SCENIC BEAUTY OF CITY

**Pofessor David W. Dennis  
Points Out Shameless Mis-  
treatment of the West Bank  
Of Whitewater River.**

**CITY SHOULD ACT AND  
NOT DELAY MATTER.**

**Unsanitary Features of the  
Bank's Present Condition Is  
Pointed Out and an Urgent  
Appeal Is Registered.**

In an address before the West Richmond Improvement association last evening, Professor David W. Dennis, of Earlham College declared the city of Richmond one of the worst offenders against scenic beauty in the city's limits. With words of rebuke and reproach Professor Dennis pointed to the shameless mistreatment of the west bank of the Whitewater river gorge between the Duran and Main street bridges. The drainage from a large portion of the west side is carried to the top of the bluff by sewers and then belched forth over the limestone formations to seek its way to the river below as best it may.

**Speaks for Boulevard.**

It was with words of satire that the speaker called attention to the fact this city claims to have the most beautiful parks of any city of the size in the country, but permits the ruthless ruin of a most ideal location for a park, that of the proposed park and boulevard between the bridges. Professor Dennis said he could think of nothing that would do more to improve the scenic beauty of the city than taking advantage of the natural opportunities offered at this location. He said he did not speak as a resident of West Richmond, but as a citizen of Richmond and one who is interested in the welfare of the municipality. He urged that the city give the matter attention at once and suggested that work ought to begin during the next month.

**Cost Would Be Small.**

The cost of such an improvement was declared by the professor to be very small, so small in fact that it is hardly deserving of consideration in view of the beneficial results that would be accrued. To permit the present abuse of the place by the city can not but reflect with discredit according to the views expressed.

Professor Dennis referred to the fact that in the construction of its parks the city has never failed to take advantage of its opportunity to receive the help of nature. To support his argument on this point about 45 stereoscopic views were shown. The remarks at this phase of the address were but preparatory to those which followed concerning the riverside park proposition.

**Best Place in World.**

The speaker has been an extensive traveler and his auditors were surprised when he said that the site of the proposed park is one of the best offered by any place in the entire world. The place suggested as a boulevard is formed by a natural terrace lined on both sides by beautiful trees. Between the terrace and the river is a broad sloping expanse which would be ideal for park purposes. To the west is the solid limestone bluff, overgrown with shrubbery except in the most inaccessible portions, where even the soil can not gain a hold upon the stone.

That the city itself should be the only party to the desecration of the place was declared by the speaker. By the present arrangement of the system of sewage in West Richmond, the underground sewers are provided with an outlet, a few feet below the surface at the top of the cliffs. By years of constant wear and erosion the water emitted by the sewers has dug shallow channels through the stone and down to the level of the flood plain of the river. Here the sewer water infested by pollution and disease germs seeks a level and in dry weather is unable to reach the stream. It spreads out over the surface of the ground and forms an immense vile cesspool. To endeavor to pass between the bridges one must submit to a plunge into this place. To the struggles of nature alone is due the fact that the place does not become the source of plagues. The trees and shrubbery protect the ground with their foliage and the rank growth of weeds even assist in the good cause. The burning rays of the summer sun are unable to penetrate the thick undergrowth and consequently evaporation does not create the overpowering odors that would arise otherwise.

Professor Dennis advocates the city providing a means whereby the outlets of the sewers will be below the

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least bother to you. Either Phone--1121 Automatic,  
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## TWO FATALLY HURT IN STREET CAR WRECK

**Car Left the Track in Syra-  
cuse, N. Y.**

Syracuse, N. Y., March 21.—Six persons were hurt and two fatally, when a street car jumped the track and went over an embankment here today. The fatally injured are Mrs. H. H. Burk and Lillian E. Metzger.

## THE SUNDAY LID TO BE DISCUSSED

**Rev. E. G. Howard Will Speak  
On the Subject.**

The Lenten services at the First English Lutheran church are continuing with increasing interest. The Woman's meeting this afternoon was addressed by the Rev. E. G. Howard on "Some Perils of the Immature." Mrs. Waggoner sang. In addition to the special music at the Vesper service Sunday at 4 o'clock, the question of "The Sunday Lid" will be discussed by the pastor.

## NEW RULES AFFECT WAYNE COUNTY

**Unless Several High Schools  
Improve, Commissions  
Will Be Lost.**

**SITUATION IN JACKSON.**

**ONE OF THE FEW THAT WILL  
HAVE TO MAKE MARKED  
CHANGES—IDEAL SYSTEM PRO-  
POSED FOR THAT TOWNSHIP.**

When the new rules of the Indiana Board of education become effective in September, 1909, there will be but one high school in Wayne county entitled to a commission. That will be the Richmond institution. The other high schools located at Centerville, Cambridge City, Milton, Dublin, Fountain City and Hagerstown, will be unable to comply with the stringent regulations of the board unless changes from the present conditions are instituted.

The state board requires that after the date specified, it will be necessary for the faculty of each commissioned high school to include at least three teachers, two of whom are graduates of colleges. The school period must consist of thirty-six months or four years of nine months each.

**Changes in Jackson.**

Jackson township will be one of the few in this county that will have to make marked changes. It has been suggested that in order to meet the requirements, the corporations of Dublin, Cambridge City and Jackson township combine. At present Jackson township sends its high school pupils to the schools of Cambridge City or Dublin and pays \$2 for the privilege. This is cheaper to the township than to erect and maintain a high school. If Dublin, Cambridge City and Jackson townships combined, better results could be obtained for less expense. To make the high schools at Dublin and Cambridge City fit the new requirements, would necessitate further advance in the school tax of the township, which is higher now than in the majority of townships. There is not enough property in the town corporations to pay for the maintenance of separate high schools under the new requirements, even if the maximum tax were assessed.

County Superintendent Jordan today expressed the opinion that to combine the three school corporations and erect one high school building, an ideal structure and an excellent course of instruction could be provided. The high school at Cambridge City now is conducted on the third floor of the grade school building. The structure is old and unequipped with modern apparatus. In case of fire it would be difficult for the pupils to escape. With three corporations contributing, the cost of maintenance could be apportioned and the expenses would not fall as heavily on anyone as would result, if individual schools were to be maintained.

The other high schools of the county will face a proposition difficult to solve.

The daughter of an English woman of very high rank had a pain in her foot, which her mother asked the governess to be good enough to look at. The latter, after examining it, said, with deference: "If it were not for her ladyship's exalted rank I should say it was a bunion."

## PENNSYLVANIA TO CUT THE WAGES OF ALL ITS EMPLOYEES

**Officials of the Road Have Ex-  
hausted Practically Every  
Other Means of Reducing  
Operating Expenses.**

**CUT MAY COME ABOUT  
APRIL OR MAY 1.**

**Reasons Are Set Forth Why  
Employees Will Not Strike  
And Why the Cut Is Best  
Means of Procedure.**

Local employees of the Panhandle were disheartened today on the receipt of the news that the officials of the company had decided to reduce wages of all classes of employees on the entire Pennsylvania and Reading systems. A Philadelphia dispatch says: Having exhausted practically every other means of reducing operating expenses to somewhere near a parity with the heavy falling off in gross earnings as the result of the depression in industrial and commercial circles without accomplishing the desired results, officials of both the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads reluctantly admitted that the next move would be a general reduction of wages.

When the cut comes, which may be about April 1, and certainly not later than May 1, unless a very material change for the better develops, a cut of 10 per cent in the wages of employees making full time will likely be made. The complete reversal in policy within the past few days on the part of the Pennsylvania and Reading in retaining in the service only such employees as are actually required, and putting them on full time, from the one established about four weeks ago of giving partial employment to all, indicates the direction in which the straws are drifting.

The plan contemplated will not appear nearly so drastic as a similar cut with only half time. In other words employees working 55 hours per week and having their wages cut 10 per cent would still have left practically 50 hours of service at full pay, as against 27 hours under partial employment.

**Merits of Plan.**  
Furthermore, with their employees on full time a less number would be affected by such a cut than if it were put in effect with an increased force on one half time and the chances for rebellion against such a cut would be materially lessened. Again, the chances of a vigorous protest against such a reduction and possible strike are still further lessened by the increase in the number of idle men that the present plan entails.

## MRS. BUCHHOLZ DIES IN ARIZONA

**Was Formerly a Resident of  
Richmond.**

Mrs. Carl A. Buchholz died at Tucson, Arizona, March 20. Mr. Buchholz was with the Westcott Carriage company a long time, but went to Arizona on account of the illness of his wife.

## JAMES B. HILL HAS PASSED AWAY

**Was One of Country's Biggest  
Railroad Men.**

Pittsburg, March 21.—James B. Hill, the general freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Pittsburg, died this morning at Biloxi, Miss., of paralysis. He was one of the best known railroad men in the country.

## RIDDED WITH FIFTY BULLETS

**Night Riders Continue Depre-  
dations**

Carlisle, Ky., Night-riders called Herman Hedges to the door of his home last night and riddled him with fifty bullets. He had refused to join the tobacco growers' association.

Seventy-five per cent of the home-stead entries in the Las Animas forest reserve in Colorado are fraudulent, says Daniel E. Fitton, in charge of the reserve.