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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 Prisoners' Board Bill.

TWO SHERIFFS CAN BE PROSECUTED, HE CLAIMS

It Is Hardly Probable However That County Commissioners 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 Developments Expected.

WOMAN KILLED BY OWN CONTRAPTION

Gun on Chicken Coop Worked Perfectly.

Kenton, O., March 21.—Mrs. Sneedman Burdette, was killed at Forkner, seven miles from here this morning by an infernal machine contrived and set to wound thieves who might enter her chicken coop. She fixed 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. Chile 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.

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 49 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 board 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

HITCHCOCK SAYS TAFT WILL GET IT ON FIRST BALLOT

Claims That War Secretary Has Already Sixty More Delegates Than Is Necessary for Choice.

WESTERN STATES WILL LAND IN TAFT COLUMN.

"Favorite Son" States Will Cast Their Vote for Candidates 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 Today.

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 insane.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

OHIO AND INDIANA—Warmer Saturday night and Sunday.

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SIX INJURED AT LARGE HOTEL FIRE

Two Men Will Probably Die.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 21.—Two men were fatally and four others were seriously burned by an explosion of gas in the new Eagle hotel at McKees Rocks this morning. The seriously injured are Andrew Mortard and C. W. Hibben. 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 Delegation for Him.

RACE FOR GOVERNOR IS CUTTING FIGURE.

Kuhn, Conn and Slack All Expect 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 state 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 states are being made up in behalf of Senator L. E. Slack of Franklin. If the "ants" win, Slack probably will get a majority of the votes here. J. D. Mege 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 routers.

Will Storm the Hall.

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 taxation.

CITY, OFFENDER AGAINST SCENIC BEAUTY OF CITY

Professor 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 rebuke Professor Dennis pointed to the shameless mistreatment of the west bank of the Whitewater river gorge between the Doran 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 ruination of a most ideal location for 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 decried 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 their 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 ground.

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TWO FATALLY HURT IN STREET CAR WRECK

Car Left the Track in Syracuse, N. Y.

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 PROPOSED 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 made.

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.

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 township combined, better results would be obtained. The school must consist of thirty-six months or four years of nine months each.

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