

## GOVERNMENT MAY INTERFERE IN THE 'PHONE SITUATION

Claimed That Uncle Sam May Prevent Carrying Out of Working Agreement Adopted in Richmond.

LINDEMUTH HAS RESIGNED FROM THE PRESIDENCY.

Chicago Report States That Becoming Angry at the Action of Local Independents, He Quits.

It is reported from Chicago that the United States government may interfere to prevent the Home Telephone company and the Bell Telephone company of this city in carrying out the working agreement both companies recently entered into. It is also reported that A. C. Lindemuth, president of the Home Telephone company of this city, has resigned his position as president of the International Independent Telephone Association because of the action of the local independent company. The dispatch states that Mr. Lindemuth was not consulted in regard to the consolidation with the local Bell interests and that he was so displeased when he heard of the action of the Home company that he at once tendered his resignation to the board of directors of the International Independent Telephone Association. His resignation was accepted.

L. E. Browne, secretary of the Home Telephone company, stated today that he knew nothing of Mr. Lindemuth's reported resignation. When asked if Mr. Lindemuth had been consulted in regard to the consolidation with the local Bell company, he said that as far as he knew, Mr. Lindemuth had not been consulted.

Mr. Browne read the Chicago dispatch, but said that he had no comment to offer on it. The dispatch reads as follows: A conference which may result in government intervention in the struggle between the Bell Telephone company and the International Independent Telephone Association was held here. It was precipitated by the recent conclusion of a working agreement between the Central Union Telephone company, which is alleged to be a Bell concern, and the Richmond Home Telephone company of Richmond, Ind. The head of the latter company was A. C. Lindemuth, who also was president of the independent organization. He told the other officers of the organization and the members of the executive committee who attended the conference that the action was taken without his knowledge or consent, and then resigned as president of the international association. This resignation was accepted and the conference decided to raise a fund for the presentation of the alleged misconduct of the Bell company to the federal courts under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The independent interests claim that such arrangements as the Bell company is concluding with various independent exchanges is contrary to public policy.

It is contended that telephone companies are public carriers, especially in the case of companies which operate exchanges in towns bordering upon state boundary lines, such companies, it is claimed, conducting interstate business and coming within the jurisdiction of the federal courts. Combinations between such companies are alleged to be in restraint of trade. A considerable fund for the enforcement of these claims was pledged at the meeting, \$40,000 being made immediately available and the campaign placed in charge of a subcommittee with power to act.

The members of the executive committee who were present today were A. C. Lindemuth, Richmond, Ind.; J. B. Ware, Grand Rapids, Mich.; James S. Bradley, Toledo, O.; A. C. Davis, Parkersburg, W. Va.; P. L. Woods, Lincoln, Neb.; H. D. Critchfield, Milwaukee, Wis.; and F. D. Honck, Harrisburg, Pa. In addition representatives were present from the independent telephone companies of Indianapolis, Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Kansas City, Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and other cities.

### BUSY DAY PROMISED.

Several Cases in the City Court Tomorrow.

Tomorrow promises to be a busy day in the city court. The cases of the State vs. the three Renk brothers and Charles Wolsbrod, members of the Richmond city band, charged with rioting, will be heard. The case of the State vs. David Hayes, charged with assault and battery upon his wife is set for trial, also.

### WANT BIDDERS.

Sugar Grove Bridge Will Be Built as Soon as Possible.

The county commissioners are wanting bidders on the Sugar Grove bridge in Clay township. Plans and specifications have been drawn, the money appropriated and the letting of contracts was advertised for but no bidders came forward. The present structure is in very bad condition, and the commissioners are anxious to have repairs made as soon as possible.

## MORE GIRLS THAN BOYS IN SCHOOL

Report for the Year Just Closed Is One of the Best Yet Made.

### MANY NOTABLE FEATURES.

PARENTS TOOK GREATER INTEREST IN THE SCHOOLS AND AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE.

The report of the Richmond public schools for the past school year has just been completed by Miss Ella Winchester, clerk to Superintendent Mott. This report shows that the general enrollment was 1,640 boys and 1,708 girls, a total of 3,348. The average daily attendance was 2,530.

The report shows that there were fifty-one bad boys whose behavior was positively so scandalous that their teachers were obliged to apply the "rod unspared." Four lads were suspended, one because he was absent so much and the other three because they were naughty little boys.

Parents of the children evidently took a keen interest in school affairs as there were 933 visitors at the various schools. There were 7,355.5 days lost by children because of illness. This was due to a great extent by various contagions, including smallpox the past winter. There were seventy cases of truancy, most of them occurring about the time the "old swimmin' hole" called seductively to the lads. A total of 15,842 minutes were lost by tardiness.

### WHO WILL WIN?

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	42	27	.609
Pittsburg	44	29	.603
New York	42	30	.583
Cincinnati	38	35	.521
Philadelphia	29	35	.453
St. Louis	32	40	.444
St. Paul	28	43	.394
Brooklyn	26	42	.382

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
St. Louis	42	20	.683
Detroit	42	20	.683
Cleveland	39	22	.641
Chicago	40	33	.548
Philadelphia	36	33	.522
Boston	33	39	.458
Washington	27	44	.380
New York	27	45	.375

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Indianapolis	51	31	.622
Louisville	49	32	.605
Toledo	46	35	.568
Columbus	43	40	.518
Minneapolis	38	38	.500
Milwaukee	36	46	.439
Kansas City	34	48	.415
St. Paul	26	53	.329

CENTRAL LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Dayton	41	29	.586
Evansville	42	32	.568
Grand Rapids	38	34	.528
South Bend	37	34	.521
Ft. Wayne	36	34	.514
Terre Haute	36	34	.514
Zanesville	32	36	.471
Wheeling	21	50	.296

### RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League. Cincinnati, 8; New York 3. Chicago, 6; Brooklyn 3. St. Louis, 7; Boston 2. Philadelphia, 4; Pittsburg 1 (First game). Philadelphia, 8; Pittsburg, 5. (Second game).

American League. Boston, 2; Cleveland, 4. Philadelphia, 2; St. Louis, 0. Detroit, 6; New York, 3. Washington, 7; Chicago, 1.

American Association. Milwaukee, 4; Minneapolis, 2. Louisville, 6; Toledo 3. Columbus, 4; Indianapolis, 3. Eleven innings. Kansas City, 8; St. Paul, 5. (First game). St. Paul, 10; Kansas City, 0. (Second game).

Central League. Evansville, 2; Ft. Wayne, 1. Zanesville, 7; South Bend, 0. Dayton, 5; Terre Haute, 4. Grand Rapids, 4; Wheeling, 1. (First game). Wheeling, 2; Grand Rapids, 1. (Second game. 1st innings).

### GAMES TODAY.

National League. New York at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at Pittsburg. Brooklyn at Chicago. Boston at St. Louis.

American League. St. Louis at Philadelphia. Detroit at New York. Cleveland at Boston. Chicago at Washington.

American Association. Indianapolis at Columbus. Toledo at Louisville. Milwaukee at St. Paul. Kansas City at Minneapolis.

Central League. Ft. Wayne at Terre Haute. Grand Rapids at Zanesville. Dayton at Evansville. South Bend at Wheeling.

In Buenos Aires the police alone have the right of whistling on the streets. Any other person whistling is at once arrested.

## LEAGUE STARTS IN GOOD FASHION

Fifty Charter Members for Riverdale Organization Enrolled.

### COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

WILL LOOK AFTER THE MANY IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN PLANNED—PROMINENT MEN TO ACT AS ADVISORS.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Riverdale Civic league last evening fifty charter members were enrolled and considerable business was transacted. From this time on the league will hold its weekly meetings every Wednesday evening at the Whitewater school building. Residents of the Riverdale district and people who own property in that neighborhood are eligible for membership. The dues are 25 cents each quarter.

Last evening the league elected the following advisory committee: John F. McCarthy, Dr. T. Henry Davis, Justice L. C. Abbott, R. B. Jones, O. A. Leftwich, George A. Ballinger, Sharon E. Jones, Prof. D. D. Ramsey, L. J. Woodard, B. B. Johnson and Thomas Porter.

The league also appointed other committees to serve the ensuing year. These committees are as follows:

Public Improvements—James Porter, E. N. Turman, William Schneider, George Carter, Irvin J. Brown, Shade Trees—J. E. Fuson, Oscar Green, Harmon Jahnke. Public Parks—A. C. Ogborn, Irvin Steagall, Tom Foster. Wood Cutting—W. W. Williams, George Zurell, Harmon Fresser. Vacant Lots—A. C. Underhill, Carl Bage, William E. Burns.

The "clean up" committee consists of every member of the league. The chairman of the committee for that section east of North Twelfth street are Preston Carr and Harry Hayes. The chairman of the committee for that section west of North Twelfth street are Harvey C. Petry and John Eckles.

The following committee was appointed for the purpose of interviewing the members of the school board in regard to changing the name of the Whitewater school to "Riverdale" school: A. C. Ogborn, Prof. D. D. Ramsey and James Porter.

The matter of securing a sub-postal station for Riverdale was referred to the committee on public improvements. The matter of purchasing three lots to enlarge the public school play ground in that section of the city was also referred to the committee on public improvements. There was some discussion to appoint a street railway committee which would endeavor to have a street car line located in Riverdale but action on this matter was postponed until the next meeting.

## RURAL SERVICE IS APPRECIATED

Farmers Fully Realize Benefit Derived, Says the Local Postmaster.

### COMPLETES COUNTY TOUR.

SPEKNIER FINDS THAT ROADS NEED BUT LITTLE REPAIRING AND CAN BE MADE BEST IN THE COUNTRY.

Postmaster A. J. Speknier has just completed a tour of the Wayne county rural routes leading out of this city, traveling over two hundred miles in the wagons used by the rural mail carriers. Mr. Speknier states that as a whole the roads used by the carriers are in fair condition, only being bad in places. He says that if the road officials of the county will make the necessary repairs, and there are not very many to make, the roads in this county will be about the best in the state.

The rural mail service in Wayne county, he states, is accomplishing excellent results. Country people are well pleased with the service rendered them and lend intelligent co-operation. He states that the farmers are willing to do everything in their power to improve the condition of the roads. On August 8 Maurice O. Eldridge, chief of records of the office of public roads, Agricultural department, Washington, D. C., will speak in this city at the court house. All the road officials in Wayne county and Preble county, Ohio are asked to attend this meeting. The public is also invited to hear Mr. Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge will explain how good roads can be made at less expense than the roads in this part of the country are made, and he will also tell how to keep roads in proper repair. The postoffice department expects the roads in this county to be placed in such a condition that the rural carriers can make their routes in four or five hours instead of six or seven hours.

Wood cannot be used as material for building houses in Brazil because of the destructive ravages of white ants and other insects.

## WILLIAMS MAKES DASH FOR FREEDOM

Trusty at County Jail Escaped From Sheriff Meredith Today.

### WORKED A CLEVER RUSE.

ON PRETEXT OF WANTING TO HEAR HIS WIFE'S DIVORCE CASE HE GOT LEAVE OF SHERIFF AND THEN RAN AWAY.

Curtis Williams, formerly of Cambridge City, and more recently a prisoner at the county jail, ran away this morning and trace of him was lost soon afterward. Williams has been a trusty. He was taken to the court house lawn to work this morning by Sheriff Meredith. He told the sheriff he believed the divorce suit brought by his wife was to be heard in circuit court and requested permission to attend court. The sheriff escorted him to the front door and gave him permission. The sheriff returned to Nathan Freeman and William Haylor, other trustees, who were in the yard. Williams had been told to proceed to the sheriff's office and remain with Oscar Mashmeyer, deputy sheriff until court convened. He expressed his willingness.

Williams started up the stairs to the second floor but when the sheriff turned and left the building Williams hurried down stairs and left. His sensational break for liberty was reported to the sheriff and his deputy by Freeman, but the handcuffed Williams had secured was too great. He ran across the lawn to Third street and north, from D street he followed the tracks of the C. C. & L. railroad company. The sheriff maintained the pursuit to Thistlethwaite pond, north-northwest of the city, where all trace was lost.

It is believed that Williams will endeavor to make his way to Cambridge City. The man was without a coat and wore a cap on his head. He did not have a cent of money. It is expected by the sheriff that he will try to reach his old home to obtain his clothing and leave the country. The man is a telegraph operator and as such would receive favors from railway train crews in his efforts to leave the county.

## POWERS A SPEAKER AT THE CHAUTAUQUA

Accepts Invitation to Come Here and Tell Story of His Prison Life.

### WILL RECEIVE A WELCOME.

HE, DURING HIS MANY YEARS IN PRISON, HAD THE SYMPATHY OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN RICHMOND AND VICINITY.

George Goodwin, in charge of the local chautauqua program, received a message from Caleb Powers yesterday to the effect that he will appear here. His subject will have to do with conditions in Kentucky and his experiences with its courts.

Mr. Powers was twice in the shadow of the gallows, but was recently exonerated and his liberty restored to him, thus closing one of the greatest legal battles in the history of the country.

During all his trials and term in the Kentucky prison, and during the many efforts made in his behalf, hundreds of people from Richmond and vicinity showed their sympathy for him and lent their aid in every way possible. He will no doubt be greeted with a great welcome when he appears at the local chautauqua.

Mr. Powers has the reputation of being a very fluent and entertaining speaker and his address no doubt will be a revelation as to the condition of affairs that can result from politics even in the heart of civilization. Water Defies Sword Cut. Near Granville, France, there is a manufactory which makes use of water drawn from a reservoir some 1,000 feet up on a mountain. The water comes down by a vertical pipe of this length and somewhat less than an inch in diameter. Sometimes the jet is allowed to escape in an upward direction, and it spurts with such force into the air, owing to the velocity imparted to it by its previous fall, that a strong man backing at it with a sword cannot drive the weapon through it. The sword is checked as effectively as if it had struck a brick wall. Relatively speaking, the speed at which the water moves is not very great, about 100 yards a second or about one-tenth of the speed of a cannon ball.

Towne—It takes a pretty long while to shave yourself, doesn't it? Browne—Not very; I can shave myself quicker than my barber could shave me. Towne—I don't believe a word of it. Browne—It's a fact. You see, he stammers terribly.—Philadelphia Press.

There is no medicine so safe and at the same time so pleasant to take as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, the positive cure for all diseases arising from stomach trouble. The price is very reasonable—50c and \$1.

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and 25c Lawns All at 13½c

Waist \$2.69

Lawns 6c

Lawns 3½c

The Low Priced Busy Store

# THE PEOPLE'S STORE

## GUFFEY READ OUT OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY LAST NIGHT

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out of the party McCarren, Guffey and other of the anti-Bryanites.

Attorney General Strauss read a minority report which protested against the seating of the Bryan delegates from Pennsylvania. It was signed by members from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Louisiana, Illinois, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Minnesota, West Virginia, Delaware and Kentucky.

Arguments Are Begun. Haskell of Oklahoma moved that half an hour be given each side for argument. Kerr of Indiana, seconded the motion.

Callahan, of the majority, took the platform in favor of the motion at 9:50 p. m. Strauss of Maryland attempted to get the opening and closing arguments for the minority on a technicality, but was overruled. The committee discovered that the allegation that the delegates chosen in Philadelphia were not representative of the Democracy of that city, said the speaker.

He declared that the contestants produced evidence that the Democratic party of Philadelphia is not represented in the convention. He discovered that one element was concerned with the election of a Democrat as President and another concerned in a defeat of such a candidate. The latter did not hesitate to buy the polls in order to win.

Received Sworn Evidence. By these methods the speaker said the Guffey adherents in Philadelphia elected their delegates. The committee, the speaker declared, had received sworn evidence of these facts.

It was impossible to escape the conviction, the speaker continued, after considering the evidence, that the dominant faction of the Democracy in Philadelphia was maintained altogether by an alliance with Republican leaders, and no plea of party harmony was to be permitted to operate against justice being done to the loyal Democrats who are struggling in Philadelphia to build up a real Democratic organization.

Strauss of Maryland, arguing for the Guffey organization, declared there was not a shred of evidence to support the finding of the majority. Moreover, the report of the majority was in absolute defiance of every law governing election contests of this sort.

"The report strikes down unimpeached credentials issued by the supreme party tribunal of the state," he said. "The report is a ruthless attack upon the rights of a sovereign state."

Charges Gag Rule. The report of the majority, Strauss declared, was adopted by a supreme exhibition of gag law. Every effort to get at the truth was stifled in the committee room. The contestants came from no Democratic organization in Pennsylvania. They had no credentials and their attorneys were the witnesses upon whose evidence the committee was asked to unseat the men from the Democratic organization of Pennsylvania, which for twenty-five years had been recognized as sound in the national councils of the party. The speakers loudly applauded Strauss' appeal for the Guffey organization. He argued for the pholding of the regular organization on the face of the returns at the primaries.

Grand opening at the old Schlitz place, West Main St., Saturday, Turkey lunch. All day affair. George Brucker, proprietor.

"If I say," said the teacher, "The pupil loves his teacher," what sort of a sentence is that?" "Sarcastic," said the boy.

## WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN TO BE NOMINATED TONIGHT

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there was reasonable hope of preventing his nomination, offered a resolution pledging the delegation to vote for Bryan in the convention. There was an earnest and extended discussion of the resolution which, upon the motion of Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. West and Mr. Cunningham and others was tabled by a vote of 22 to 4. Mr. Chappell then moved that a poll of the delegation as to a choice for president be taken and the chairman was directed to cast the vote as expressed by the delegates themselves, which motion was carried. Poll resulted, for Gray 21; Bryan 4; Johnson 1. There were several other Johnson voters in the delegation but they changed to Gray out of deference to the sentiment of the majority. Georgia's vote will be cast as above indicated on roll call in the convention.

Clayton Enthusiasm.

When Clayton finished his speech with the prophesy of a brighter day for the country when democracy will be entrusted with the task of government, he was given an ovation. As the cheering was about to subside, a band, leading the Jefferson club of St. Louis and bearing a banner inscribed "David R. Francis for vice-president," marched into the hall and the audience displayed the first sign of real enthusiasm of the morning. This was added to by another banner on which was written "Bryan means victory."

After the Jefferson club had left the hall the chairman performed his first official act by recognizing John W. Kern of Indiana, who moved the appointment of a committee to wait upon the resolutions committee to find out when it would be ready to report the resolution adopted, and Mr. Kern, A. E. Pace of Alabama and Norman Mack of New York appointed a committee.

After its appointment the chairman asked Raymond Robbins of Chicago, to stand to address the convention. He declared Robbins to be a most eloquent speaker and the result showed he was not very far wrong.

Littleton Speaks. When Robbins concluded, Oklahoma started a call for Martin W. Littleton of New York. The call was taken up all over the house and Chairman Clayton called on Littleton. He introduced him as a man born in Tennessee, the land of fried chicken and silver tongued orators. Littleton brought the whole convention to its feet with the declaration, "New York's political message is short. It is this: Whatever the platform, who ever the nominee, New York will support platform and candidate loyally."

Guffey's Pleasure Short. An eloquent plea for harmony and good will, concluded Mr. Littleton's remarks.

The next of business order was the reading of the list of national committeemen. To evident surprise of the convention the name of James L. Guffey was read out as committeeman from Pennsylvania and many of the delegates joined in the cheering at the announcement, at the conclusion of the reading of the list, however, the announcement was made by the chair that later another committeeman would be named in Guffey's place. Kern of Indiana then came in with his committee and reported that the platform committee would be ready to report by 7 p. m. and that its deliberations were entirely harmonious. This announcement was received with cheers.

There were calls for the various statesmen to address the meeting, but finally Senator Grady of New York got on the floor and moved for recess to 8 p. m. but at the suggestion of the chairman he changed the hour to 7 p. m. and the motion thus changed, was adopted by an almost unanimous vote.

### Death Warning.

Oliver Wendell Holmes recorded his protest against the custom of telling a person who does not actually ask to know that he cannot recover. As that loving observer of mankind asserted, no must every one who knows whom he speaks assert that people almost always come to understand that recovery is impossible. It is rarely needful to tell any one that this is the case. When nature gives the warning death appears to be as little feared as sleep.

An Evil Communication. Teacher—Evil communications corrupt good manners. Now, Johnny, can you understand what that means? Johnny—Yes'm. For instance, pagot a communication from ma's dressmaker this morning, and it made him use bad language.

Misfortunes are moral bitters which frequently restore the healthy tone to the mind after it has been cloyed and stricken by prosperity.

Tommy—Paw, this paper says a professional punster is one who makes a business of playing on words. What does that mean? Mr. Tucker—It means what it says, my son, but it is incorrect. A professional punster is one who works on words.—Chicago Tribune.

### TO MEET SATURDAY.

The Wayne County Horticultural Society will meet Saturday afternoon at the court house. An interesting program has been prepared.

If this concerns you, read carefully. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is positively guaranteed to cure indigestion, constipation, flatulence, offensive breath, malaria and all diseases arising from stomach trouble.

## Popular Excursions

Via Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville R. R.

\$3.00 ROUND TRIP to Chicago, Saturday Night, July 11th. Train leaves Richmond, 11:20 p. m. \$16.00 ROUND TRIP to Old Point Comfort, Va., Wednesday, July 15th. Final Limit, July 30th.

\$6.50 ROUND TRIP to Niagara Falls, Wednesday, August 5th. Final Limit, August 15th. Train leaves Richmond, 10:55 a. m.

\$16.00 ROUND TRIP to Atlantic City, Thursday, August 6th, via the C. & L. R. R. and Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Final Limit August 20th. For particulars call

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