

PLAN IS GOOD ONE

Indianapolis News Commends
Timothy Nicholson for
His Stand.

JAIL SYSTEM IS WRONG.

The proposition of Timothy Nicholson, of this city, regarding the establishment of district workhouses, deserves consideration by the Indiana legislature, according to the comment of the Indianapolis News. In an editorial, the News criticizes the conditions of Indiana county jails and cities those in Shelby, and Floyd counties in particular. An inspection of these jails was made by the State Board of Charities and their conditions reported as very unfavorable.

The News says in part:
Mr. Timothy Nicholson, of Richmond, thinks the present jail system of Indiana calls for reform, and that it can be bettered by the establishment of district workhouses for the punishment of petty criminals and those awaiting a more severe sentence. He considers the county jails of Indiana schools of crime. As a longtime advocate of prison reform and a member of the Board of State Charities continuously for eighteen years, with a record of disinterested service in the cause, any suggestion from Mr. Nicholson regarding prison reform carries much weight. In the present case we believe he is right. We believe the present county jail system of Indiana is bad in theory and vicious in practice, and that as now administered it is promotive of graft and of various kinds of vice. It is hardly too much to say that the system is a relic of barbarism.

"Our jails are bad," says the board, "not only because the system is wrong but because people do not take an interest in them. Officials of cities shrink from going to inspect them. Many are dark, foul and unsanitary. Others are infested with vermin or the germs of disease, and the moral conditions in some, where both sexes are confined, are shocking." And all this goes on under cover of the laws of Indiana.

This morally bankrupt system and disgraceful condition Mr. Nicholson proposes to cure by making county jails houses of detention only and by providing district workhouses, one in each congressional district, maintained by the counties, where tramps, vagrants, drunkards and petty criminals can be made self-supporting while undergoing punishment, and perhaps be reformed instead of educated as disseminators of crime. The proposition deserves the careful consideration of the legislature."

FUNDS MUCH NEEDED

Associated Charities Work Is
Handicapped by Lack
Of Money.

CANVASS WILL BE MADE.

At the meeting of the board of associated charities held yesterday afternoon, the question of securing the necessary funds to carry on the winter's work among the poor and needy was discussed. It is hoped that before the end of the month a large number of the churches will have special collections which will be turned over to the board. Other churches, it is stated, will give the collections of one Sunday for this benevolent work. It was found that at least \$2,000 would be necessary to carry on the work this year. It was suggested at the meeting that the Rev. Addison Parker, the former well known minister of the First Baptist church, make a personal canvass to secure the required sum. Mr. Parker has already expressed his willingness to take up the work.

For the work done during the month of November, bills amounting to \$130 were paid. This leaves but a small amount in the treasury of the board.

\$3,000,000 SPENT
ON MINE PROPERTY

Yet Mine Had Explosion, Says
Coal Men's President.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 2.—Coal men from every mining district of West Virginia are gathered here for the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute, which has begun its regular winter session. The late disaster at the Marianna mine was referred to by President J. B. Hanford in his annual address, stating that he knew the officials of the company and, although \$3,000,000 had been spent on the property in an effort to safeguard the lives of their employees, notwithstanding the serious loss from the explosion the coal company will not spare any expense to secure safety for the employees.

"We should be more deeply impressed than ever with the fact that eternal vigilance is the price of safety," said President Hanford. "It is not sufficient alone for the management to be zealous, but it is obligatory upon every person of the underground force to be ever on the alert for danger."

HILDEBRAND: Gold Medal Flour pleases the cook.

Shot Husband, Admiral's Nephew



Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson who has been placed under arrest in connection with the shooting of her husband Harry Sampson shown below, who was a nephew of the late Admiral Sampson.

NEWS OF SOCIETY

TO REACH THE SOCIETY EDITOR, CALL PHONE 1121

SOCIAL EVENTS OF TODAY

The Penny club is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. George Bishop at her home on North Seventh street.

The Domestic Science association is holding an open meeting this afternoon in the Westcott hotel parlors.

The Women's Missionary society of the First Baptist church is meeting with Mrs. McLelland of North Eleventh street.

Mrs. Pogue is hostess for a meeting of the Foreign Missionary society of the Grace M. E. church this afternoon.

A thimble party is being given this afternoon by the Ladies Missionary society of the Reid Memorial church.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First M. E. church is meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Williams of East Main street.

Miss Nettie Paulson who resides north of the city will go to Economy the latter part of the week to attend a house party given by Miss Effie Wilson.

The students of the high school are making extensive preparations for a carnival to be held Friday, December 11, at the school.

Miss Vera Moffitt and her guest Miss Clara Fallor have returned to Miami university.—Indianapolis News.

Miss Moffitt has visited in this city several times as the guest of Mrs. J. M. Wampler, 100 North Seventh street.

Mrs. Alma Denton and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Starr are guests of General and Mrs. O. J. Perry, having come over for the Maude Adams play.—Indianapolis News.

Miss Lura Lee will entertain several girl friends Thursday evening at her home, 105 South Second street, with an informal card party.

At an informal luncheon given recently by a hostess for several guests, a luncheon apron made of white lawn and worn by the hostess was a very pretty affair. It was quite short with a twelve inch flounce, trimmed with a hemstitched border. The very wide bib coming over the shoulder in a Gibson plait effect. One modeled on this plan would make a very acceptable Christmas gift.

Rev. S. R. Lyons of the Reid Memorial church has gone east for a week's stay. He will stop off at Pittsburgh for a few days before going to Philadelphia.

CLUB NOTES

An informal recital was given last evening at a social meeting of the Men's club of the First Presbyterian church. The program consisted of music numbers given by Mr. Wilbur Hasemeler, Miss Elizabeth Hasemeler,

Miss Bertha Garver, vocal; Miss Ruth Peltz, piano; Mrs. Will Earhart, vocal; Mrs. Miller, piano; and Mr. Frank Braffett, vocal. The address of welcome was given by Professor John Thompson, president of the club. The guests for this pleasant meeting were the wives and friends of the club members. After the program a social hour followed. Luncheon was served. The club will meet again the first Tuesday evening in January.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First English Lutheran church will meet Thursday afternoon, December third, at two o'clock in the church parlors. All members are requested to come prepared to work.

Mrs. Leander Woodard was hostess for a meeting of the Spring Grove sewing circle yesterday afternoon at her home in Spring Grove. The hours were spent with needlework and in a social manner. Later light refreshments were served.

The Tuesday evening dancing class, which meets every two weeks, alternating with the Tuesday Cotillion class held its meeting last evening in the Odd Fellows' hall. There was a large attendance of the members with a number of guests. Piano and drums furnished the dance music.

A concert was given last evening in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, by the Tenth Regiment band, which was encamped in Glen Miller during the recent Fall Festival. The occasion was the opening of the Flower Mission fair. The hall has been transformed into a "Japanese Village." One of the attractions is a jirikiha pulled by Donald McGibney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGibney.

A very successful supper was given last evening by the Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church in the basement of the church.

The Music Study club did not meet this morning, the session being postponed until a week later.

Mrs. C. S. Wilson was hostess for a meeting of the Auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the Christian church yesterday afternoon, at her home on South Fourteenth street. About thirty members were present. Mrs. B. F. Harris led the devotional exercises, after which a short business session followed. Mrs. S. W. Trautman was in charge of the literary program, which was given later in the afternoon. The following subjects were discussed by members: "Individual Aims".....Mrs. Harris "Congregational Aims".....Mrs. Dora Sheffer "General Aims".....Mrs. Albert Jones These subjects were all taken from the last issue of the "Missionary Tidings." The program was concluded with a paper on "The Missionary as a Bearer of Civilization," read by Mrs. John Thurman.

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But Few Bodies Remain in Ill Fated Marianna Mine--Remains Almost Burned When Improvised Morgue Caught Fire Last Night--Michigan Victims Rescued from Watery Grave.

Central City, Ky., Dec. 2.—One hundred miners in the coal mine of the Central Coal and Iron Company, near this city, escaped from the workings which had been filled by smoke and gas as a result of an armature blowing off a dynamo running a pump, shortly before 5 o'clock last evening.

The miners, frightened by the smoke, hurried to the ground through an air shaft, much to the joy of the assembled crowd of anxious wives and mothers, who had gathered at the mouth of the mine soon after word of the accident had gained currency.

MORGUE AFLAME.
At Marianna, Pa.—Bodies Threatened With Cremation.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—Many of the bruised, burned and mangled bodies rescued from the depths of the Marianna mine of the Pittsburg-Butte Coal company, where about 140 lives were snuffed out by an explosion last Saturday, narrowly escaped complete incineration last night, when fire broke out in the temporary morgue.

It is believed that all but two victims of the explosion in the Marianna mine of the Pittsburg-Butte Coal company last Saturday have been recovered.

At this time 126 bodies have been hoisted from the bottom of the five-hundred foot shaft.

Officials of the state mining department have begun their investigation to ascertain the cause of and fix responsibility for the disaster. Coroner Sipe has set December 10 for the inquest, but the Coroner's jury will be taken into the mine for an inspection before that time.

THREE VICTIMS
Of Michigan Salt Mine Catastrophe Found in Water.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 2.—After half an hour's search in 40 feet of water at the bottom of the 600 foot shaft being sunk for a salt mine in Oakwood village, a diver Tuesday afternoon recovered the bodies of three of the workmen who were suffocated by sulphur gas when working in the shaft last Saturday.

WOULD ESTABLISH
NUCLEUS OF NAVY

Measure in Filipino Assembly
For Appropriation.

Manila, Dec. 2.—Senor Monico Mercado, Filipino assemblyman from Pampanga, will introduce a bill in the legislature for the appropriation of 4,000,000 pesos for the construction of four naval cruisers, the beginning of a Filipino navy.

The bill also provides for the immediate beginning of the training of an adequate naval force against the time when the Philippines may attain independence.

Senor Mercado says the step was inspired by the visit of the American fleet. He asked what the probable attitude of the American people would be toward this new step of the Filipinos.

General Mills, commanding the department of Luzon, is strongly in favor of the readjustment of the rank of officers whose commissions date prior to the reorganization of the army in October, 1899. He says the change from regimental to lineal promotions has worked a hardship on officers who entered the service under the old arrangement.

"I spent some of my salary today. I think even a married man has a right to do so."

"There's a great deal to be said on that subject."

"Well, I guess my wife will be fully equal to saying it all."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Miss Anna Newman wishes to announce her studio in the Kelly building will be open every Saturday afternoon to visitors. Friends are welcome at any time, but Saturday afternoon is especially given that the public may feel free to come. Miss Newman has recently painted a portrait of Mr. J. O. Barber, which is now on exhibition in the Starr Piano Store window.

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