

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 cites 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 oftentimes 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."

FUND'S 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 canvas 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."

HILDEGARD: 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

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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. McLellan 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 Fallow have returned to Indianapolis. 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. Orrin Perry, having come over for the Maude Adams play.—Indianapolis News.

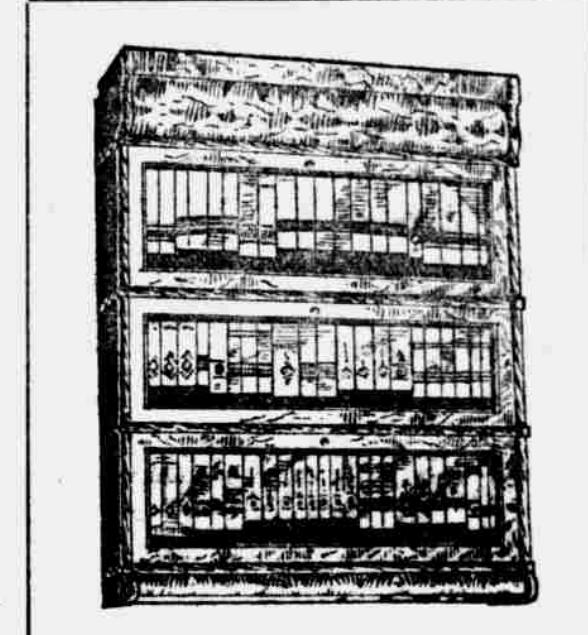
Miss Lura Lee will entertain several girl friends Thursday evening at her home, 105 South Second street, with an informal card party.

At a 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 Hassemeier, Miss Elizabeth Hassemeier, John Thurman.

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WOULD ESTABLISH
NUCLEUS OF NAVY

Measure in Filipino Assembly
For Appropriation.

Manila, Dec. 2.—Senor Monica 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 Philippines.

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, 1890. 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.

The unofficial and authorized jury of outsiders has decided that the award for personal pulchritude among the eleven Governors and next Governor is to be divided evenly between Draper, of Massachusetts and Proctor, of Vermont.

The famous Lachine rapids of the St. Lawrence are to be spanned by a bridge and the channel widened.

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