

INCREASE IN TAX REVENUE ASKED BY THE SCHOOLS

**Indiana University Will Ask
Lump Appropriation of
\$250,000 to Relieve Con-
gested Conditions.**

LARGER SALARIES FOR INSTRUCTORS IS ASKED

**State Board of Health Consid-
ering Advisability Providing
Medical Inspection for the
Schools of State.**

Palladium Bureau,
Indianapolis, Dec. 31.

The state educational institutions are going to ask the coming session of the legislature to give them large sums of money for enlargements of their plants and also for an increase in their tax revenue.

For instance, it has been learned that Indiana university will ask for a lump sum of \$250,000 with which to erect a building to relieve the crowded condition of their institution. It is said that the capacity of the university is more than taxed by the unusually heavy attendance of students and that more room is necessary. The university will also ask the legislature to increase its revenue. Indiana university now receives from the state one cent on each \$100 of taxable property in the state and it will ask that this be increased to two cents, just double what it gets now.

Normal Asks Increase.

The State Normal school at Terre Haute will ask that its levy be raised from 2.5 of a cent to one cent on each \$100 of taxable property and that the legislature appropriate \$175,000 for the erection of a new building for manual training purposes.

Purdue will also ask for an increase in its tax levy. It now receives one cent, and while the amount of the increase to be asked for has not been stated, it is understood that it will ask for two cents. Purdue also wants a science building and will ask the legislature to appropriate a large sum for this purpose.

Legislature May Refuse.

Just what the legislature visitation committee will do in the way of making recommendations for these institutions is not known and will not be known until the report is made during the session of the legislature. But it is seldom that any institution or department of the state government ever gets all it asks for. The committee has been visiting all the institutions and looking into their needs.

President Bryan, of Indiana university, says that the legislature ought to do something for the university to increase salaries so that instructors will stay and not leave for more profitable employment in other institutions of the kind, which he says is now one of the drawbacks of the university. He has this in mind in asking for large appropriations at the hands of the legislature.

For Medical Inspection.

A bill that will compel medical inspection in the schools of the state is under consideration by the state board of health and will probably be introduced in the legislature. Members of the board believe that such a law, compelling an examination of the physical condition of each child at stated periods would prevent many epidemics of children diseases.

The executive committee of the Retail Hardware Dealers association of the state met here and made a study of the merchants platform of legislation for a uniform system of bookkeeping and business management in the county offices and other public offices of the state. They decided that such a plan is needed and they came out in favor of its enactment into a law. They said that all fees in public office should be eliminated, and that if there must be fees in any office then a fee book should be kept. They also favored the bonding of county commissioners.

A legislative committee was appointed, consisting of the following members: Charles Hall, Indianapolis; Harvey Trevelock, Washington; Fred Bartholomew, Michigan City; M. L. Corey, Argos; Walter D. Creed, New Albany.

The proposal to hold an international aeroplane competition in Russia next summer has been abandoned on account of the lack of funds.



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THE THEATER

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

GENNETT.

Tim Murphy—New Year's Eve.
The Devil—Jan. 1.

NEW PHILLIPS.

Vaudeville all week.

"The Cow-Puncher."

One of the strongest dramatic situations ever seen on the local stage takes place in "The Cow-Puncher," which opens at the Gennett theater on January 5. In the fourth act a band of cattle rustlers headed by Carlos Mendoza, a sworn enemy of Tom Lawton, the Captain of the Rangers and Black Hawk, an all around bad man, have captured Billy Lawton, Tom's brother, and are trying to force him to join them by starvation and threats of death, when they are suddenly surrounded by Lawton's men. Lawton believes his brother guilty and sentences him to death with the rest. Carlos Mendoza swearing Billy guilty. The scene where Lawton pronounces the death sentence on his own brother is one that the author, Hal Reid, has taken full advantage of, between his love for his brother and his sense of duty, Lawton rises to the height of dramatic possibilities. Black Hawk with an inborn sense of honor, tells Lawton that his brother is innocent and the brothers are united at the brink of death. When the Rangers return after hanging the balance and announce that Black Hawk has escaped and that they couldn't see to shoot because the dust got in their eyes, the audience feels that he deserved to get away. Watch for the man with the rope.

"The Devil."

Henry W. Savage's sole authorized

version of Franz Molnar's Hungarian play. "The Devil," which has caused the greatest sensation in the history of New York theatricals, will be presented New Year's day at the Gennett theater with Wm. Abingdon and a distinguished cast.

While not exactly a problem play, this comedy offers an interesting psychological study in the author's fanciful efforts to make his Satanic Majesty human and sympathetic. "The Devil" is portrayed as a cultured, cunning gentleman, with just enough evil in his makeup to suggest the devil of tradition. Once the audience accepts the possibilities of the character, the bizarre events of the drama follow naturally and excite an increasingly absorbing interest till the last curtain fall.

Tim Murphy.

Tim Murphy, always most welcome in this city, is to be at the Gennett theatre on Dec. 31 in Charles Jeffrey's comedy, "Cupid and the Dollar." As a dramatic offering it presents many unusual opportunities and gives this distinguished comedian occasion for some of the most pronounced dramatic work he has yet done. Though in its dramatic form it is very strong, there is at the same time a thread of enlivening and amusing comedy running through it. Characteristic of all this artist has heretofore done the presentation of this play has received the most careful consideration for as a production it stands forth very prominently. It has been costumed and mounted most lavishly. Mr. Murphy's players number many excellent comedians, among them being artistic Dorothy Sherrod, who has the principal and opposite role to him.

VICTIMS OF QUAKE

**Two Prominent Martinsville
Women Thought to Have
Met Death.**

WERE ENROUTE TO SICILY

Martinsville, Ind., Dec. 31.—It is feared here that Mrs. Ella A. Parks and daughter, Miss Ethel Parks, former residents of this city, were among the victims of the earthquake in Sicily. Miss Parks has just finished a course of voice culture under Lamperti in Berlin and had started her career as an opera singer in Milan, Italy.

Mrs. M. Hite of this city, received yesterday a letter written by Mrs. Parks dated Milan, Italy, Dec. 9, in which she said she and her daughter would leave that city the following week for Palermo, Sicily, where Miss Parks would sing the leading roles in three different operas, the engagement to continue until Feb. 28. The operas were to be given in the Massimo Vittorio Emanuele Theater.

From Palermo Mrs. Parks and Miss Parks were expected to go, March 5, to Moscow, Russia, where Miss Parks has an engagement to sing in grand concert.

Writes of Home.

In closing her letter Mrs. Parks said: "I wish that we were coming to America next week. I want to see my darling children there, our own country and to hear our own language."

Miss Myrtle Parks, teacher of piano in Los Angeles, Cal., Messrs. Earl Pearce Parks and Francis S. Parks of Indianapolis, are the members of the Parks family living in the United States.

Mrs. Parks went to Germany one year ago to be with her daughter and expected to remain to chaperon her in the foreign tours during her engagements abroad.

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Surmised His Route.

"Last Memorial day," related the veteran, "I had a vision of tolerant secondary love. Our cemetery was crowded and conventionality abandoned."

"The grave of a loved one? I asked kindly of a woman who sat most disconsolately by a well kept mound. 'Oh, no, not at all,' she said, getting up and startling me with her vehemence. Then she continued more kindly:

"This is the grave of my husband's first wife. He and I have become separated in the crowd. I feel assured, though, that just for old time's sake my husband will visit this spot before he leaves the cemetery."—New York Times.

The Cold Winter.

The winter of 1700 is called by distinction "the cold winter." All the rivers and lakes of Europe were frozen over, and so was the sea for several miles from the shore. In England the ground was frozen nine feet deep. Birds and beasts died in the fields, and men perished by thousands in their houses. In the south of France the olive trees were killed and wine plantations destroyed. The Adriatic sea was frozen, and even the Mediterranean about Genoa. The citron and orange groves suffered in Italy.

A year's death rate from tigers in India numbers 698 human beings and nearly 29,000 head of cattle.

EARLHAM GIRL WEDS

**Miss Grace Randall Quietly
Marries and Surprises
Her Friends.**

GROOM A NEWSPAPER MAN

Miss Grace Randall surprised her many Eaton friends last week by being quietly married at Christ church in Xenia to Mr. W. C. Robertson, of Toledo. Miss Randall is the daughter of Auditor-elect J. F. Randall and wife, and had been a teacher in the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Orphan's Home at Xenia the past two years. She is a graduate of the Eaton high school, and one of Eaton's popular young ladies. Mr. Robertson holds the position of telegraph editor on the Toledo News-Bee. They left immediately after the ceremony for Toledo, where they will make their future home.—Eaton Herald.

Miss Randall is a former student of Earlham College. She is well known in this city, where she was quite popular during her college career.

ALL THE WAY ROUND.

An Odd Sort of Dinner and the Reason of It.

Lord Polkemmet, a Scottish lord of session, usually retired to his country residence during the part of the year when the court does no business. John Hagart, the Scottish advocate, equally idle from a similar cause, went to shoot, and, happening to pass Lord P.'s property, he met his lordship, who politely invited John to take, or, as he said, to take, a family dinner with himself, his wife and daughter.

John accepted the invitation, and they all assembled at the hour of dinner. There was a joint of roasted veal at the head of the table and stewed veal at the bottom, veal soup in the middle, calf's head on one side of the soup and veal cutlets on the other, calf's foot jelly between the soup and roast veal and calf's brains between the stewed veal and the soup.

"No," said his lordship in his own blunt way, "Mr. Hagart, you may very likely think this an odd sort of dinner, but ye'll no wonder when ye hear the cause of it. We keep nae company, Mr. Hagart, and my daughter here caters for our table. The way we do is just this: We kill a beast, as it were, today, and we just begin to cook it at one side of the head, travel down that side, turn the tail and just gang back again by the other side to where we began."

Europe has 20,000 newspapers, with Germany in the lead. England, however, has the greatest number of daily papers.

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DECLARES THAT THE COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Bradstreet's Review of Business Year Emphasizes Rapidity of Country's Recovery from Depression.

LATTER PART OF YEAR SHOWED A RECOVERY

Buying Became More Confident and Crops Sold at Good Prices, Swelling the Collections.

New York, Dec. 31.—Bradstreet's review of the business year emphasizes the rapidity with which the country recovered from the financial depression of 1907. The industrial outlook for 1909 is declared favorable, although a boom is not predicted. The great yield in agriculture was a big factor in the general revival.

"Nineteen hundred and eight par-took of most of the phenomena of an after-panic year, with its full quota of early weakness, doubt, and uncertainty," says the review, "but guiding forces and ultimate results were toward recuperation and repair. This, at first slow, later hastened to a point where conservative optimism ruled general business. Its early months witnessed a heavy volume of insolvencies, the aftermath of the financial storm of 1907; saw business sharply reduced in volume, an immense amount of transportation facilities of the country unused, public buying ability greatly reduced, low levels touched for most securities, and a vast number of idle operatives in all lines.

"Later, particularly in the last half of the year, a marked recovery of strength developed, confidence was largely restored, money was easier to borrow, industrial wheels revolved faster, idle cars decreased in number, buying became more confident, larger crops sold at good prices helped to swell connections, employment was more plentiful, wage reductions and ruinous strikes were largely avoided, labor proved more efficient and altogether the contrast between the early and late months of the year was striking.

Agriculture Not Affected.

"Explanatory of this, the early diagnosis of the 1907 trouble needs to be borne in mind. To all appearances the cause of the collapse was largely financial, though perhaps partly political, in that hostile legislation and legal proceedings against corporations were additionally disturbing factors. Industry at the beginning of the panic was not widely involved, but became unsettled through the dislocation of financial affairs. Stocks of commodities were not largely, and fortunately the trouble affected the agricultural interests of the country only in a remote degree.

"Most of the damage was visited upon, first, the financial community, and secondly, and later, the manufacturing and commercial elements of the country. Through it all the great food producing interests, aided by good domestic and foreign demand and extremely remunerative prices, felt the effects only indirectly, and here, with restored confidence in financial lines, were furnished firm foundations for the later revival, the recuperation, and the renewed upbuilding so notable in the second half of the year.

"The American farmer, with flattering profits in 1907, found large and insistent demand for his surplus products at good prices in 1908. Agricultural values as a whole were the largest ever known.

Strength of Securities Helps.

"Unquestionably the strength manifested by securities from the middle of February onward was an important element in bringing about the revival later shown in trade and industry, and the expression 'the ticker tells the story' found frequent employment among that large class of sanguine people who believed, as it turned out justly, that the growing strength in American securities foreshadowed a considerable amount of recuperation and repair. This same ease of money, too, made it possible for the railroads to borrow funds at less exorbitant rates, thus facilitating improvements and repairs, and investors proved more willing to take municipal and other bond issues that proved almost unsalable in 1907.

"Perhaps the most notable features brought out in the statistical exhibits in 1908 were the slightly increased yields of most leading crops, which commanded higher prices at times of heavy marketing than in the preceding year of shorter yields. Exceptions to this were found in cotton and hay, where lower prices offset enlarged yields. Cereal prices were aided by exhaustion of old supplies, European war talk, and a strong speculative movement. Farm values as a whole were the largest ever recorded.

"The strength of cereals and food products generally was notable and brought increased strain on poorly employed or paid labor. Cotton was an exception to the strength of most products, dropping 3 cents from the high price at the opening of the year. Strikes were comparatively few, one large coal dispute going far to swell totals. Immigration fell off sharply, but later began again to increase. Railway building was small, but, on the other hand, bankruptcies were comparatively few and relatively unimportant.

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Mrs. Isaac L. Rice, the anti-noise crusader, is the wife of the president of the Holland Submarine Torpedo Boat Company. She sold her beautiful home on Riverside Drive, New York, because the tugboat captains, against whom she began her anti-noise war, took special delight in tooting their whistles at all hours of the night when they passed her house.

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PREBLE COUNTY MAN IS DEAD

**Gen. Anderson Dies This Week
at Greenville.**

Eldorado, O., Dec. 31.—Gen. C. M. Anderson, member and secretary of the board of managers of Soldiers' Homes died this week at Greenville, O. His death was due to heart failure. Gen. Anderson was one of Ohio's best known men. A widow and two sons survive. They are Robert, an attorney; Major William Anderson of the United States army, in the Philippines; Charles M. Anderson, was elected to congress in 1884 when the Third congressional district was composed of Montgomery, Preble and Darke counties, being opposed by John M. Stuts. Anderson was a staunch democrat and was active in the affairs of the party.

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