

## HOUSE REPEALED THE POLICE LAW WITH VENGEANCE

Metropolitan Statute Went by The Boards Yesterday by The Overwhelming Vote of 75 to 15.

## "OUR WALTER" VOTED WITH THE DEMOCRATS

Ratliff Showed That He Evidently Took to Heart Action Of Republican Caucus—Sunday Ball Bill.

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It was a disappointed crowd that stood around in the Senate Chamber nearly all day yesterday waiting for the Sunday baseball bill to be handed down for passage. The crowd expected a lively fight to be pulled off. But it did not happen. The Senate has so many bills of its own to take care of that it did not have time yesterday to pay any attention to the Sunday baseball bill, which is a House measure. It was understood however, that the bill would be handed down for passage today.

The House did its part toward the repeal of the metropolitan police law, yesterday afternoon. It passed the repeal bill by a vote of 75 to 15. This was the bill introduced by Representative Faulkner, of Michigan City, and was exactly like the bill that was passed by the legislature two years ago and which Governor Hanly vetoed. It provides that the power to appoint metropolitan police commissioners in the fourteen cities in which such boards now exist shall be taken from the hands of the Governor and placed with the mayor of the city.

### Votes With Democrats.

Representatives Ratliff, of Wayne; Kilver and Wickey, of Lake; Elliott, of St. Joseph; Faulkner and Grieger, of Laporte; and the Allen county members voted for the passage of the bill. Wasmuth, of Huntington county, voted against it.

Representative King, of Wabash, Republican floor leader, made a speech in which he said he was against the bill because he did not believe the mayor should appoint the commissioners. He said he believed it would be better for the mayor himself to be the head of the police department and appoint the chief of police. Then the chief, he said, should appoint all of the other members of the police force. He argued that this would be better than the present system of having a board of three members.

### No Responsible Head.

"When anything goes wrong," he said, "and you go to one member of the police board to find out about it, he will tell you that the other members did it. They will tell you that he did it, and the result is that there is no responsible head from whom you can get any definite information. I would be in favor of a bill that would make the mayor the one man responsible for the police department."

But King's speech had no effect. There was an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the repeal bill and it went through with a whoop.

Market Saturday, of home-cooking at Allen's Furniture Store.

## GETS A TURN DOWN

Legislature Kills the Bill for a Normal School at the Magic City.

## TERRE HAUTE AGAINST IT.

Muncie is denied a normal school. President Parsons of the state normal at Terre Haute and his band of trusty legislative lieutenants proved too strong for the Delaware county politicians. Muncie has a school building property on its hands that is unoccupied. It is a splendid property and it was sought to induce the legislature to establish a normal school there. The only normal school in the state is located at Terre Haute near the extreme western boundary and the eastern section of the state wanted consideration. The proposition of the Muncie commercial club was regarded with favor but the Terre Haute school had too many wires in the legislature that were insulated against any Muncie batteries.

## HOLD FRANCHISE FOR A PAYMENT

Henry County Commissioners Make Demand on Tide Water Company.

## CLAIM ROADS ARE DAMAGED

AND THE COMPANY IS ASKED TO MAKE SETTLEMENT FOR SAME BEFORE THE FRANCHISE IS FORTHCOMING.

Unlike the commissioners of Wayne county, those of Henry county have refused to grant a franchise to the Tide Water Pipe Line company until payment is made for damage to roads incurred by hauling the pipe. At New Castle the commissioners wanted a viewer appointed to estimate the damage to the road that probably will result from hauling the pipe and asked the company to pay damages awarded. After payment the franchise was to be granted. The company refused to accede to the proposition, so the commissioners refused the franchise. Now there is talk of an injunction to pipe over the roads while soft.

### Have Agreement Here.

The Wayne county commissioners stated after awarding the pipe line company a franchise that an agreement had been formed whereby the company is to restore all roads damaged. Doubt has arisen as to the probability of the commissioners being able to hold the company to the promise of its agent in case it does not care to comply. Pipe is now being hauled in the vicinity of Hagerstown and the roads are being badly cut up.

## SENSATION TODAY IN COOPER TRIAL

Claim That Scabbard Was Found in Pocket of the Dead Senator.

## PROMPT DENIAL WAS MADE

YESTERDAY THE SENSATION IN THE CASE WAS THE TESTIMONY AGAINST COOPER BY A YOUNG WOMAN.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 18.—A sensational mystery was sprung in the Cooper-Sharp murder case this morning when it was announced that a short rubber scabbard was yesterday found in the pocket of the dead Senator Carmack. Embalmers claim it was not in the clothing prior to that time and others corroborate the story. An immense crowd was in attendance at the trial today.

### Woman Was Feature.

A woman yesterday furnished the feature of the murder trial which has rent Tennessee in twain—a modest, shrinking young woman who was forced by the exigency of law to testify to things her nature rebelled against uttering.

So she wrote these things on paper and they were placed before the court and jury via the attorney general, and members of both factions, with bowed heads, in silence paid tribute to the girl as she sat trying to hide her face in her hands.

Miss Daisy Lee, a stenographer for the law firm of which Robin Cooper, one of the men charged with the slaying of former Senator Carmack, is a member, was the witness, and she told of unprintable expressions just prior to the tragedy. She cried when asked to tell them and appealed to the judge. It was then, in deference to her, that the prosecutor agreed that her testimony might be written.

Miss Lee first told of the presence of Col. Cooper in the law office on the morning of the tragedy. Says She Heard "Awful" Swearing. "While in the office," she said, "I heard Col. Cooper say to the effect that he has no right to use my name and that 'I have a right to protect myself.' The colonel was excited, left the office, was gone half an hour and then returned."

"Did you hear anything said on the second visit?"

"I overheard something."

"What was it?"

"It was swearing—awful."

"Repeat it."

"O, I can not. Must I Judge?"

Turning appealingly to the court, her eyes filling with tears and pulling nervously at her gloves, the young woman seemed about to become hysterical.

"You must if they insist, and no one regrets it more than I," said the court.

"I will consent to Miss Lee writing what she heard," said the attorney general. The witness wrote rapidly and handed the slip to the prosecutor. He read aloud what she had written. The epithets were obscene. As the attorney general repeated them, the little witness covered her face with her hands.

Forget the Bitter Past.

There had been a fire in the apartment building, with heavy loss of property and many narrow escapes.

"Were there any acts of conspicuous heroism?" queried the reporters.

"Yes," said one of the victims. "With a self abnegation never before witnessed in a case of this kind, sir, we all turned in and helped to carry out the piano that was on the second floor."—Chicago Tribune

## NOVEL MUNICIPAL PLAN IS ADOPTED

Scheme to Improve Council Conditions Will Be Tried At Indianapolis.

## THINK IT WILL BE SUCCESS

NINE COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE BUT EACH PARTY MAY ONLY NOMINATE SIX, ALWAYS ASSURING A GOOD MINORITY.

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A new scheme is to be tried on the dog in this city. Indianapolis has a city council composed of twenty-one members. Fifteen of them are ward councilmen and the remaining six are councilmen-at-large, elected by the vote of the entire city. During this session a bill was introduced to reduce the number of councilmen to nine and have them all elected as councilmen-at-large instead of by wards. Then an amendment was offered by which no political party could nominate more than six candidates for the nine places. It was provided that the nine candidates receiving the highest number of votes should be declared elected. This plan assured majority and minority representation in each council. No one party could have absolute control, for there would at all times be at least three minority members.

### Nominations at Large.

Under this amendment the nominations would be made at large. But another amendment was offered to divide the city into six districts and each party to nominate a candidate for councilman in each district, but all six candidates to be voted for by all the voters of the city. These amendments were adopted and the bill passed the Senate yesterday afternoon.

So far as is known this plan is unique and has never been tried, but there is a general feeling here that it is a good one and that it will work well. It is pointed out that there will be less liability to graft and corruption under that system than under the old system, and that when the whole city votes on the candidate, the council is likely to be made up of better men of higher character than under the old system of nominating and electing by wards. It is believed that the bill will pass the House.

## STANTON SCARED

Bunch of Bricks Fell Off Dilapidated Vaughan Building, Just Missing Him.

## ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

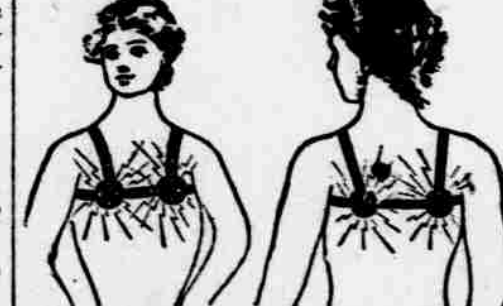
It is very probable that public-spirited citizens will recommend to the city authorities that some action be taken immediately to have the Vaughan building, Eighth and Main streets, torn down or else repaired so that it will be safe. This noon about a dozen bricks fell from a chimney on the south-west corner of the building and missed John Stanton, a printer, by but a few feet. Mr. Stanton turned pale and was badly frightened. Not many months ago a large board on this corner of the building fell and alighted alongside two women. Previous to this the rear of the building on Sailor street was torn down to prevent it falling.

A Delicate Dismissal.

"A certain theatrical manager," said an actor, "has to refuse many applications for free tickets, but his refusals are put delicately. They are as delicate as the young husband's dismissal of his wife's mother. This lady had been visiting at the man's house steadily for seven months. On toward Christmas time she said to him: 'John, I am going to have my photograph taken as a Christmas gift for you and Minnie. What dress do you prefer me in?' 'Your traveling gown, dear mother,' the son-in-law replied."

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## HE FAVORS ONLY SLIGHT REVISION

As a Whole Supt. Jordan Says Uniform Text Book Law Is Satisfactory.

## WOULD INCREASE PRICES

HE IS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED TO THE EFFORT NOW BEING MADE BY LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL STATUTE.

Only a slight revision in the school text book law is favored by Charles Jordan, superintendent of public instruction for Wayne county. Mr. Jordan advocates a measure permitting the book manufacturing companies to charge more than the present prices for the primer, first reader and speller. He would have the other prices remain the same. He favors a uniform text book system for the state and opposes the fight now being made in the legislature to repeal the present law and admit of a county system.

### Gives His Opinions.

Superintendent Jordan would allow an increase in the cost of the first reader, speller and primer because of their quality. These books now are sold for ten cents. Supt. Jordan says it is impossible for the companies to manufacture good books of the kind desired and sell them so as to retail at that price. He believes that if an advance of as much as 5 cents were permitted books of a great deal better quality could be obtained. He believes enough is charged for the other kinds of books.

The attitude of the book manufacturing companies that are trying to bring about the repeal of the present law providing for a state system is disapproved by Supt. Jordan. He says it would admit of graft in office and unfair prices.

## HAD A BULLY TIME

Local Knights Pythias Report Successful Meeting at Knightstown.

## LOCAL DEGREE TEAM WORK

More than a hundred local Knights of Pythias, including the degree team of Couer de Lion lodge, attended the district meeting of Pythians at Knightstown yesterday. The meeting was held in the Alhambra theater, both afternoon and evening, and was largely attended by members of the Knightstown order and visiting orders from the district. An interesting program was rendered at both the afternoon and evening exercises. Charles E. Shiveley former grand chancellor commander of the world delivered an address in the afternoon and the Couer de Lion degree team put on the third degree team work in the evening. Initiating four Knightstown candidates into the mysterious realms of the third rank.

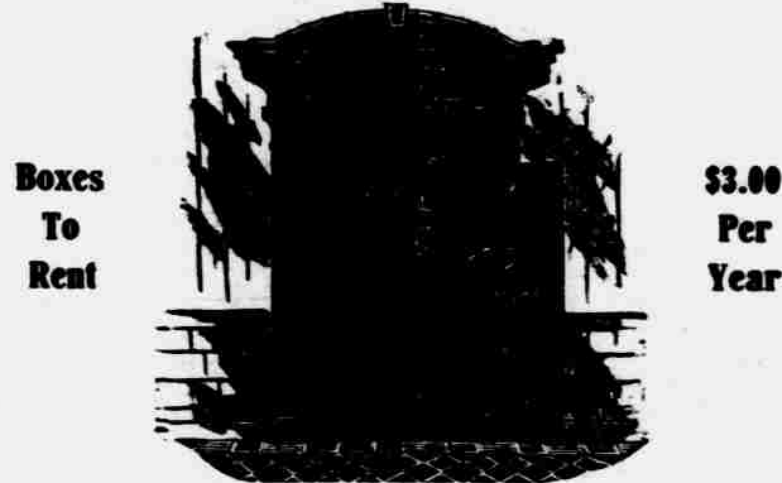
The degree team from this city chartered a special car which left here at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The Cambridge City Pythians had a special car. Earlier in the day, many members went and attended the afternoon session.

The banking power of the United States in 1908, as represented by capital, surplus and other profits, deposits and circulation of national and other reporting banks, together with the estimated amount of funds of this character in the nonreporting banks, is shown to be \$17,642,705,274 in the report of the Controller of the Currency.

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## CANNON AIDS IN FIGHT ON LIQUOR

Speaker Scraps for Measure He Was Accused of Trying to Knife.

## BILL PASSES TWO HOUSES

UNDER THE RULINGS OF THIS STATUTE THE SHIPMENT OF "BOOZE" INTO "DRY" TERRITORY IS PROHIBITED.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Speaker Cannon of the national house of representatives yesterday showed the falsity of the position taken by influential opponents and a number of anti-liquor organizations which last fall fought

his re-election on the ground that he was throttling legislation which would check the liquor traffic.

When a bill to regulate the interstate shipment of liquor came up for action in the house the speaker took his place on the floor and voted every time with the temperance forces.

Regulates Shipment of Liquors. The bill was almost a duplicate of the measure with which the anti-saloon forces last fall accused the speaker of hrotling to aid the liquor people.

It was the amendment to the repeal code which forbids the transportation of liquors in interstate commerce unless it is consigned to bona fide consignees and unless the package is labeled plainly with the name of the consignee and the exact character of the contents is shown. The amendment prohibits shipments of liquor C. O. D. Both Houses Pass Measure. The measure is the same as the

Knox bill, which already has passed the senate.

When action was taken in the house today Mr. Bartholdt of Missouri sought to amend the amendment so as to include "cider, so-called temperance drinks and all beverages containing more than 3 per cent of alcohol."

The Bartholdt amendment was voted down, 32 to 94. The Humphreys amendment was then adopted, 129 to 40.

Gunner—Percy Pinwood took part in the amateur theatricals last night.

Guy—Indeed! Were there any prompters back of the scenes? Gunner—I should say so. Percy caught sight of his tailor coming through the wings, and it prompted him to jump through the bass drum.

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