

### NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE IS NOW IN SESSION

Regular Meeting Began This Morning and the Delegates Are Welcomed by the Rev. Dr. Lineberry.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED  
MINISTERS ARE THERE

Officers Are Elected and Everything Is Progressing Nicely—Riley Could Not Be Present.

Greenfield, Ind., March 31.—(Palladium Special)—The regular session of the North Indiana Conference opened here today with an address of Welcome by Dr. Lineberry. Response was made by Bishop Anderson of the conference district. The meeting was largely attended by ministers of the different districts. Richmond ministers are in attendance and have secured excellent quarters. The report of Rev. T. M. Guild, presiding elder of the Richmond district, will be made tomorrow morning, in all probability.

Owing to illness, James Whitcomb Riley was unable to be present and read some of his poems. Instead, Will A. Hough of this city, read two of Riley's poems.

190 Ministers Answer.  
Roll call was held and 190 ministers responded. The election of officers following the roll call, resulted as follows: Rev. D. V. Williams of Gary, secretary; W. B. Freeland, of Auburn, treasurer; Rev. Louis Reeves, statistical secretary.

Rev. C. U. Wade, presiding elder of the Ft. Wayne district, made his report for the year, which showed that his district was in excellent condition.

It was reported that six ministers of the conference district had died during the year, including Rev. Thomas Stabler, Rev. J. L. Ramsey, Rev. J. B. Belt, Rev. E. E. Neal, Rev. C. W. Lynch, and Rev. J. C. Nash. Communion services were held following this announcement. Bishop Anderson had charge of the communion services, assisted by Rev. W. W. Martin of this city, and the presiding elders of the different districts.

Reads Annual Report.

The morning session adjourned after the reading of the annual report of presiding elder Rev. H. W. Bennett of Gosport district.

Session Started Tuesday.

The business of the North Indiana conference was begun yesterday when more than thirty candidates for the ministry presented themselves for examination before the committee, of which F. G. Browne is chairman.

The conference prescribes a four years' course of study and this must be mastered satisfactorily before the candidates are accepted. Those who are successful will be ordained at the special service Friday morning, when Bishop Anderson will deliver the address to the class.

### AN OLD BUSINESS IS NOW FOR SALE

Oldest Inhabitant Remembers Paxon Meat Store.

A card in the door this morning announced the Paxon meat market at 903 Main street, is for sale. It would be hard for the "oldest citizen" to remember when with the exception of a short time there was not a Paxon meat market in Richmond. The interval followed the disposal of the shop for a short time only. The little store has been recognized as a landmark and to see any other name on the window will seem strange. Isaac Paxon, the elderly proprietor of the shop, has been ill for some time. His son, Will, has been attending to the business, but he, too, now is sick.

### AN EATON WOMAN DIES OF APOPLEXY

Mrs. Sarah Charles Was Found Dead in Bed.

### WHO IS CRAZY SNAKE

Possum Club Wondering If It Is Ownie Kuhn in Disguise.

TELEGRAM SENT TO HIM

"O. O. Kuhn, The Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.—Are you Crazy Snake? Prompt reply requested. Richmond curious."

"THE POSSUM CLUB."

The above telegram has been sent to a former local newspaper man by his brother writers in this city. The decision to send this telegram was reached last evening at a dinner held by the organization at the Westcott hotel. It was suggested that Kuhn, to obtain a good story for his paper, might have donned the war paint, assumed the name of Crazy Snake and "jumped the reservation." His former associates hope to know soon whether there is any grounds for such a rumor.

"Ownie is traveling some—jumping the late departed smallpox outbreak into a real, live Indian outbreak," remarked Demas S. Coe, president of the Possum Club.

The scribes last evening enjoyed a splendid meal, which Landlord Gay devoted special effort in cooking. The only time these little feasts are not thoroughly enjoyed is when the bill comes in.

### POLICE LOOKING FOR A KIDNAPED VALPARAISO GIRL

Fifteen Year Old Pearl Wishon, Formerly a Resident of Richmond, Has Been Reported Missing.

CHARITIES BOARD IS  
PROMOTING SEARCH

It Is Thought the Girl Has Been Taken by Her Father, From Whom She Was Removed Because of Neglect.

Local police authorities probably will be appealed to in the effort to locate fifteen year old Pearl Wishon, who mysteriously disappeared from the home of John Weinhart at Valparaiso a few days ago. The girl formerly lived in this city with her father James Wishon and it is believed probably he has kidnapped her, as he has no legal right to her. When the Wishon family lived in this city, the father deserted the three children and they became charity charges. The board of children's guardians secured control of them and they were sent to White's Institute. From that place the girl was sent to the Weinhart home.

Co-operation is Urged.

The board of state charities is promoting the search for the missing girl. It has notified Mrs. Elizabeth Candler, secretary of the Wayne county board of children's guardians of the girl's disappearance and urged her to assist in the recovery of the child. Mrs. Candler is of the opinion the father has stolen his child and seeks to conceal her.

In a letter to Mrs. Candler, Mary Carmichael, state agent for the board of state charities, tells of the manner in which the girl left the home of the Weinharts unknown to them. It was at night and the Weinharts do not believe she went alone, as she was a great coward after night and never had left the premises after dark by herself. After she had gone, it was discovered \$20 was missing from a sum of money the family had kept concealed in the house. The girl knew the whereabouts of this money and it is believed she was importuned to take what money she could find and leave.

Were Attached to Her.

During her stay with them, the Weinharts had become attached to the girl and have shown interest in the attempt to locate her. Mr. Weinhart had 100 post cards bearing a description of the girl and her picture printed and turned them over to the county sheriff for distribution. In other ways an attempt has been made to secure some clue.

When the Wishon family resided in Richmond, it made its home in the north end. The mother had died and Pearl, aged thirteen was expected by her father to care for her two younger brothers. Conditions at the home were such that the board of guardians interfered and told Wishon he would have to improve them or be deprived of the custody of his children. He agreed and removed to the southern part of the city. But he failed to live up to the other provisions of his promise.

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### PLAINTIFF ASKS COURT TO GRANT ANOTHER TRIAL

Bill of Exceptions Filed Today As Result of Verdict Rendered in the Hodgkin Will Case.

ACTION OF THE JURY  
WAS NOT UNEXPECTED

Generally Believed That Judge Fox Will Not Grant a Retrial—Objections to the Rulings.

Motions for a new trial and a bill of exceptions have been entered in the case of Fleming vs the Dickinson Trust Company, which yesterday was decided against the plaintiff by a jury in the Wayne circuit court. The motions are to be argued during the April term of court. The usual recital of reasons why another trial should be granted is set forth. In the bill of exceptions, objections are made to the rulings of the courts as to certain evidence.

To those who heard any of the evidence in the case, the verdict of the jury was expected. The plaintiff, Laura Fleming, daughter of the late Prof. Cyrus Hodgkin, sought to prove the will of her father was unduly executed, as the testator was of unsound mind when the will was made. The evidence introduced was to prove that preceding his death and at the time the will was made, the former college professor was in a state of unsound mind.

Told of Vagaries.

Members of the Fleming family took the stand and told of the eccentricities of Prof. Hodgkin during his last illness. The defense ascribed these vagaries to the physical condition of the testator and said they were only such as is customary to an aged person during illness. The jury favored the idea of the defense rather than that of the plaintiff and did not take long to decide the professor was competent to attend to his business, when he executed his will. The present term of court ends this week, so there would be no chance for a rehearing of the case this term. There seems to be only a remote probability that the court will grant a retrial as care was taken to guard against any errors.

### HONOR TO RUSSELL

Local Friends' Minister Will Deliver Lectures in Great Britain.

ONLY AMERICAN SPEAKER

Prof. Elbert Russell, one of the most prominent members of the Earlham faculty and instructor in Biblical literature will go to England and Ireland where he will lecture at two of the most important conferences which the Friends will hold there this year. Prof. Russell will leave in July and will not return until just before the opening of school. He will lecture at Dublin and at Kendal.

This is no small honor to be chosen as the principal speaker before these two conventions and it plainly shows the rapid rise of Prof. Russell in this work. It is very probable that he will be the only American representative at these conventions.

### PRESIDENT KELLY TO BE A DELEGATE

Earlham Head to Attend Y. M. C. A. Conference.

President R. L. Kelly, of Earlham college will probably attend the third annual conference of the student department of the Indiana Young Men's Christian Association, to be held in Greencastle, April 1 to 4. Presidents of every college and university in the state have been invited to attend. Several of them are on the program. The program this year is of unusual excellence, including lectures by educators of National reputation. Among those who will speak are: Dr. Gobin of Greencastle, who spoke at the chautauqua last summer; Nell McMillan, President E. B. Bryan of Franklin college; E. E. Stacy, state secretary, and others.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Probable showers, Thursday.

### GERMAN PRINCE WILL BE GUEST OF THE VANDERBILTS



PRINCE EITEL.

### NEED ENCAMPMENT TO BOOM THE CITY

Main Street Merchant Thinks Lack of Interest Was a Great Mistake.

URGES Y. M. B. C. TO ACT

THOSE BUSINESS MEN WHO DO NOT BENEFIT DIRECTLY WILL DO SO INDIRECTLY—ADVERTISEMENT TO CITY.

That the Young Men's Business club will make a mistake if it does not secure the state encampment of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias this summer, is the belief of several business men on Main street. These men were among the "sixteen per cent." answering favorably to the inquiries of the club. Because their number is so small, they do not believe there is any reason why the club should stop in its effort to secure the encampment.

One of these men stated yesterday that, although the merchants in the majority of instances, might be unwilling to contribute to the affair at this early date, they would realize later the value of the meeting. "It is doubtful if I would make anything extra during the entire encampment meeting," declared this man, "but I would benefit indirectly and if such is the case with me, why not with every other business man in the city."

He pointed out the hard time the club had in raising sufficient funds for the Fall Festival last year. Now these same merchants who are objecting to contributing to the state encampment, are willing in many instances to give several times the amount they did last year to this year's Fall Festival.

"Once the merchants realize the value in advertising such conventions are to the city, they will not hesitate to bring every available one here," he declared. "I know that the merchants profit from conventions indirectly, if not directly."

"I can remember several conventions similar to the Uniform Rank State Encampment which I have attended and I know that there is hardly a delegate in attendance who does not spend \$2 or more each day."

"Personally, I feel that the club should make an effort to bring the convention here this summer, for I believe that it will be a success from every standpoint. Furthermore, after the first effort at raising the money, I believe that the merchants will, upon realizing the value of it, contribute freely to similar affairs in the future."

BOMB EXPLODED.

New York, March 31.—Six persons were seriously injured and several houses in Hoboken partly demolished today by the explosion of a nitroglycerine bomb under the big viaduct being built to connect Hoboken and West Hoboken. The contractors had received several threatening letters following trouble with their employees.

### ABDUCTRESS WAS ARRAIGNED TODAY

Mrs. Boyle Appeared in Mercer Court, But Waived Her Hearing.

BOND FIXED AT \$25,000

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STARTS INVESTIGATION OF THREATENING LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE WHITLA FAMILY.

Mercer, Pa., March 31.—Mrs. Boyle, the alleged abductress, was unexpectedly arraigned this morning. She waived a hearing and was remanded to the grand jury in twenty-five thousand dollars bail, which she doesn't know where to get. There was a small attendance in the court room.

Threatening Letters.  
Sharon, Pa., March 31.—The Whitla family left here yesterday, presumably for Atlantic City. Before going away Mr. Whitla turned twenty-five threatening letters over to the postal authorities.

These letters were received Monday and Tuesday. All were mailed at railroad postoffices.

One states that unless Mr. Whitla uses every effort to free the prisoners his home will be dynamited. A second letter demands that \$5,000 be deposited at some point in Ohio, which money it is stated, will be used to defend the Boyles.

The federal government today started an investigation to find the authors of the anonymous letters received by Mr. Whitla.

### A WARM WELCOME

Connersville Odd Fellows to Give Richmond Brothers a Treat.

EXPECT A BIG DELEGATION

Fayette Lodge of Odd Fellows at Connersville, is preparing a warm welcome for the members of Whitewater Lodge of this city, which will be the guest of the first named organization next Saturday. The local goat riders will leave this city in a special train and Odd Fellows from Centerville, East Germantown and Cambridge City will accompany the visitors. The special train will leave Richmond over the Pan Handle at 5:30 Saturday afternoon, and will leave Connersville on the return trip about midnight. The round trip rate will be \$1.15.

### NO RACE SUICIDE HERE.

Winston-Salem, N. C., March 31.—Race suicide is certainly not tolerated in one family in Rockingham county. The wife of a farmer named Turner, residing near the Forsythe county line, having given birth to five healthy children, three boys and two girls. The weight of the children ranges from four to six pounds. All of them are living and thriving.

### REPORTED DEAL GIVEN A DENIAL

Officers of I. & C. Say Road Was Not Purchased by The T. H. I. & E.

NEED CINCINNATI ROUTE

SO THE LOCAL COMPANY, IT IS STATED, TRIED TO ACQUIRE THE MOST DIRECT ONE FROM INDIANAPOLIS.

Officials of the I. & C. traction line have denied the report the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern is trying to secure control of the former line. They declare there is not the slightest ground for the report, and it is without any foundation whatsoever. But other folks say differently, so who knows?

It was claimed the T. H. I. & E. wanted to get control of the I. & C. so as to secure a route to Cincinnati from Indianapolis, that would be more direct than that now offered. At present the T. H. I. & E. runs limited cars between Indianapolis and Dayton. At the latter city passengers can change cars and board a Cincinnati line. But this is too round about and inconvenient, so the I. & C. line offers the shortest and most direct route. Although originally intended to reach Cincinnati, the I. & C. line never has gotten farther than Rushville. A large amount of construction work would be necessary if the line were built to the Queen City. This work would be very costly as it would have to pass through the high hills of southeastern Indiana.

### CONVERSE IN FIELD

Will Be City Judge Candidate If the Office Is Continued.

AWAITS COUNCIL'S ACTION

If it be decided by the common council to continue the office of city judge, William C. Converse, the present incumbent of the office will be a candidate for re-election. Luther C. Abbott, the well known justice of the peace, has announced his candidacy. Judge Converse has withheld formal announcement, pending the decision of the council and the city republican committee's probable action. Public sentiment seems to hold that council ought to determine at once as to the future of this office.

### A PNEUMONIA VICTIM

Mrs. Mary E. Titworth Died Suddenly After a Short Illness.

WAS WELL KNOWN FRIEND

Mrs. Mary E. Titworth, aged 50 years, died last evening at the home of Allen Jay, National avenue, after a short illness, from pneumonia. Mrs. Titworth was well known in this city and her many friends were much surprised at her death, few knowing of her illness. She was the wife of A. D. Titworth who died a year ago last fall at Canton where he was engaged in business.

Mrs. Titworth is survived by her mother, Mrs. Allen Jay, one son Fred, of Canton, Ohio, a daughter, Miss Helen Titworth of Wichita, Kansas, three sisters and two brothers. The funeral services will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of Allen Jay. Burial will be in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call after Thursday noon.

During the winter Mrs. Titworth had been the guest of her daughter Miss Helen Titworth who is an instructor in the Friends university at Wichita, Kansas. About a week ago she came to this city and had contracted a bad cold during her trip to this city. This later developed into pneumonia. Her death had been expected and her son and daughter were called home, arriving yesterday.

### CRAZY SNAKE IS STILL AT LARGE HOFFMAN STATES

Commanding Officer of the Militia Detachment Has Not Been Able to Confirm The Report.

SEARCH FOR CHIEF  
WAS RESUMED TODAY

Last Night the Soldiers Slept In Their Blankets on the Trail of the Wily Old Creek Leader.

Henryetta, Okla., March 31.—Col. Hoffman telephoned from Pierce this morning that the report of the surrender of Crazy Snake had not been confirmed. He believes it untrue.

How the circumstantial story of his surrender came to be sent out from Muskogee, has not been explained. If the old chief Creek was captured, it must have been by individuals who are keeping the fact secret until he has been safely landed in jail. Deputy sheriffs traveling in poses and the militia under Colonel Hoffman, today resumed the search for the Creek leader. Col. Hoffman's detachment spent the night in their blankets ten miles from Stidham. The weather was damp and chilly and log fires were insufficient to protect them from the cold. When informed that the chief had been captured, Colonel Hoffman expressed great satisfaction if the report was true.

SEMINOLES ARE OUT.

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 31.—The Oklahoma Indian uprising situation was further complicated yesterday by the Seminole Indian freedmen taking the war path in the vicinity of Wolf, fourteen miles west of the divide between the Salt and Little rivers.

This disquieting news, coming on the heels of courier dispatches which pointed to an early cessation of hostilities on the part of the Creeks under Crazy Snake, owing to the disintegration of the outlaw bands and the probable capture of the chieftain and his immediate followers in the Canadian river bottoms was the main topic of consideration by the authorities last night.

Militia Camps at Stedham.

The militia, under Col. Roy Hoffman, was entrenched last night near Stedham and there is no confirmation of engagements. A number of suspicious Indians have been captured and sent to jail, many of them being redskins who came to attend the Creek council, which was announced for this week, and who did not know that Crazy Snake was wearing war paint until the soldiers put them under arrest.

There is little probability of a general encounter with the fugitives still fleeing to the Conchara mountains with the Creek chieftain whom the national guard troops expect to corral in a few days at the latest. The moral effect of the soldiers in uniform has reassured settlers and served to quell rebellious tendencies on the part of possible "bad" Indians.

The first real news as to fatalities, sifted to actualities, shows that the deaths in the "uprising" to date amount to exactly three persons, the two deputies who were killed during Thursday's encounter with Crazy Snake's band at Hickory grounds and "Dick" Barnett, an "innocent bystander." The wild tales of numerous killings in the last four days are not substantiated.

The report that Chief Crazy Snake said he would surrender to the militia but not to Sheriff Odom, is unconfirmed, but is credited in many quarters.

Over Forty Indians Arrested.

Over forty Indians have been captured and put in Henryetta jail. Indian Agent Kelsey of Muskogee and George Woodruff, a special interior department agent from Washington, reached Pierce from Henryetta and sought interviews with the Creeks and attempted to locate Crazy Snake, but failed. They returned to Muskogee last evening.

Joseph Miller one of the proprietors of the 101 ranch at Bliss, today asked permission to place 100 cowboys in pursuit of the Indians, but the offer was refused.

### DENTISTS TAKE A HALF HOLIDAY

Action by Rushville, Ind., Teeth Carpenters.

The dentists of Rushville, who have an organization all their own, have decided upon a half holiday every week. Wednesday afternoon has been selected and all offices are to close at noon. The plan was inaugurated late last season and found so satisfactory it was decided to put in effect for the entire season this year.