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## CARRIED WIDOW UP CHURCH STEPS TO HEAR SERMON

Mrs. Meek Entirely Prostrated And Unable to Walk When Coach Arrived at the Fifth Street Edifice.

## CHURCH OVERFLOWED; IMMENSE GATHERING

Last Sad Rites Performed Over Bodies of Murdered Men Amid Sobs of Weep Clad Widow.

## NEED POLICE PROTECTION

FIRST DOUBLE FUNERAL IN CITY IN MANY YEARS ATTENDED BY THROGHT THAT WAS FORCED BACK INTO STREET.

Carried in the arms of the undertakers while a human lair of morbid curiosity seekers gazed on, ever encroaching on the space, Mrs. Rose Meek, widow of Alexander Meek and mother of Raymond Meek, victim of the murderous fire of Joel Railisback, Monday, entered the Fifth Street M. E. church this afternoon. She was followed closely by her eighteen-year-old daughter, the only other member of the family. Mrs. Meek was completely prostrated and unable to walk. She entered the church in the arms of the two men to hear the funeral sermon preached by the Rev. J. Cook Graham, her pastor.

The church was packed beyond its capacity by friends of the deceased and the curious ones from the country and city. Autos, street cars, vehicles of all descriptions were massed at the Fifth Street entrance and as the cortège approached it was necessary for police officers to clear the sidewalks. It was the first double funeral held in the city in recent years, and as it was the result of a murder the crowd was unusually large. Hundreds of persons stood about outside the edifice unable to gain admittance to the church. Ushers had been notified in advance to reserve seats for the mourners and those who accompanied them. Six rows were kept and these were more than filled by those who had participated in the cortège.

The two black hearses arrived shortly after 2:30 o'clock. The cloth covered caskets were mantled with beautiful floral offerings.

### Signs of Sympathy.

There was the sign of sympathy and compassion visible everywhere among the spectators. The same six men served as pall bearers in each instance. Three of them were elderly men, friends of the father. The three others were young men friends of the son. The last sad service was performed by Daniel Gard, William Crowe, R. P. Lankert, Lyman Lybott, Gaar Ellison and Pierre Helms, the latter three friends of the deceased young student.

### Sermon Brief.

The sermon by the Rev. Mr. Graham was brief. He called attention to the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death imploring all of his hearers to be ready when the time comes for them to answer the call. The minister seemed to appreciate the character of the gathering and did not enter upon a protracted discourse. His words were filled with sentiment and the expression of good cheer to the surviving widow and daughter. Throughout the sermon there were heard the subdued sobs of the mourners. Following the sermon the cortège proceeded to Earlham cemetery where the burial was held. The casket was not opened at the church.

### Grand Jury June 1.

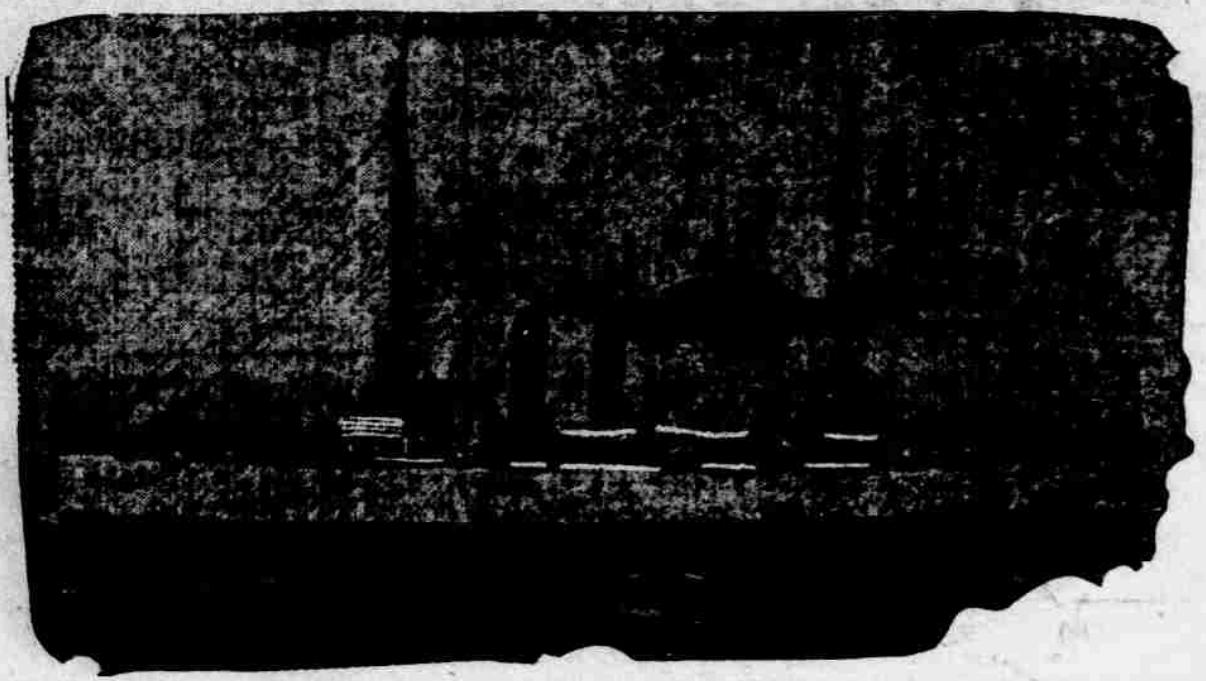
Judge Fox of the circuit court said today he will call the grand jury to report June 1. This delay is longer than had been anticipated. It is brought about by the delay in the coroner's verdict and the fact the court will be out of the city the first three days of next week. At first the court was going to call the jury May 31, but this date will be a legal holiday.

Prosecutor Ladd is busily engaged with the case. He is trying to investigate every clue. The state will be greatly handicapped as its only witnesses are dead. Other than the members of the Railisback families, no one saw the shooting except the two dead men. What evidence has been collected does not tend to strengthen the prosecution. The state's attorney has found that the Meeks had threatened trouble for the Railisbacks a number of times.

### Trouble Predicted.

There is evidence that the same is true of the Railisback family that the prosecutor might find. Flossie Railisback, the younger sister of the man who did the shooting is said to have told a friend in her class at the high school that trouble was in store. "If they don't quit fussing and talking about us, my brother will kill the Meeks some of these days," the girl is

## U. S. Gunboat Tacoma, Now in Turkish Waters



## GREAT SUCCESS PREDICTED FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Business Men and Y. M. B. C. Members Met Last Evening And Take Preliminary Steps For the Affair.

## HUSTLING CLUB IS ASKED TO PROMOTE IT

Owing to Success Made of the Affair Last Year Merchants Think Organization Should Be Pilot Again.

Very optimistic reports, relative to the part the merchants and manufacturers will take in the fall festival, to be held next fall, were made at the mass meeting, held under the auspices of the Y. M. B. C. at the city building last evening. The meeting was fairly well attended by members of the club and especially so by non-members who were interested in the success of the second fall festival.

W. M. Bailey, first vice president of the club presided and C. W. Merrill was chosen to act as secretary pro tem. The club members had asked that the fall festival be managed by the citizens as well as by themselves. However, the consensus of opinion, expressed last evening, was for the club to do this. Non-members promised to assist whenever possible.

### All Enthusiastic.

Judging from the enthusiastic manner in which a number of the leading business men have spoken about the affair, it will be a much greater success than the festival given last fall. Business men, in practically every instance stand ready to give twice as much to the affair as they did last year and will also equip floats for the industrial parade.

It was emphasized by a number of the merchants and club members who spoke, that the promoters should keep it until the festival was over. If the affair is managed properly, there is no question in the minds of the members but that it will be several times the success of what it was last year. The same promoters who managed the festival last year will be back of the 1909 festival. This will count for much, as they have the experience and can save much money, from the knowledge gained last year.

W. P. O'Neal, after hearing expressions from several favoring the festival, moved that it be in the sense of the mass meeting that another festival be held. It was unanimously adopted. Perry J. Freeman moved that the Y. M. B. C. have charge of the affair, which was also unanimously carried. The club at its next regular meeting, in June, will determine whether the members want the club to take this responsibility.

Among those who endorsed the festival were Stephen Kuth, who spoke from the standpoint of a farmer, W. P. O'Neal, Charles Morgan, H. H. Englebert, P. J. Freeman and several others.

## A HEAVY FIRE LOSS

Memphis, May 19.—The plant of a Memphis cotton seed oil company, one of the largest in the south was destroyed by fire today, with a loss of two hundred thousand dollars.

## DYNAMITED A BANK

Cairo, Neb., May 19.—The state bank of Cairo was dynamited early this morning. The vault and building was completely wrecked by three explosions. All the money in the bank, amount unknown, was taken by robbers, who escaped on a hand car.

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## ANNUAL MEETING OF Y. M. C. A. HELD LAST NIGHT

All the Former Members of the Board of Directors Were Re-elected Except Prof. D. R. Ellabarger.

## TREASURER'S REPORT WAS VERY PLEASING

President Sharon E. Jones Submits His Annual Report, Showing the Flourishing Conditions Existing.

At the annual meeting of the active members of the Y. M. C. A. at the association building last evening, a board of directors and two trustees were elected for the ensuing year, and reports were made by Sharon E. Jones, president of the board; A. M. Gardner, treasurer and other officers of the association. The meeting was poorly attended, only 30 members taking enough interest to be present.

The nominating committee, including Arthur L. Smith, chairman; George H. Knochenberg and Allen L. Bramkamp, presented the names of the following persons for nomination as directors: Sharon E. Jones, A. M. Gardner, C. H. Moore, E. G. McMahon and E. M. Haas. Mr. Haas was nominated in place of Prof. D. R. Ellabarger, who has moved from the city. The re-election of the other nominees was made unanimous. Adam H. Bartel and Henry Gennett, whose terms as trustees of the association will expire June 1, were re-elected for a term of three years.

The reports of all the officers were considered as exceptionally good. That of A. M. Gardner, treasurer of the association, is considered excellent. His report follows:

"I respectfully submit the following report of receipts and expenditures for the year ending May 1, 1909:

Receipts
Total receipts to April 30, 1909 as per annual report dated May 19, 1908, less error of \$20.00 in addition discovered in said report. \$ 60,587.79
Receipts on account of building fund from April 30, 1908 to May 1, 1909. . . . . 33,929.53
Received to May 1, 1909, on account of membership dues, lockers, billiard and pool, bowling alley, Spa, Etc. . . . . 8,501.24
Cash received on account of loans . . . . . 10,000.00
Total receipts to May 1, 1909 . . . . . \$113,018.56

Expenditures.

Total expenditures to April 30, 1908 as per annual report dated May 19, 1908. \$ 33,280.95
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Total expenditures from April 30, 1908 to May 1, 1909, as per vouchers No's. 118 to 543 inclusive 77,552.31

Balance in banks May 1, 1909 . . . . . 2,155.37
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Total credits . . . . . \$113,018.63

Total amount collected on building fund to May 1, 1909 . . . . . \$ 94,517.33
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Money borrowed to May 1, 1909 . . . . . 10,000.00
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Total . . . . . \$113,018.56

A. M. GARDNER, Pres."

Report of President.

The one criticism on our building was that we had "built too largely for Richmond." Now, we find ourselves in need of more room. Our dormitory rooms all filled, many of them having two occupants, the lockers all rented, and more purchased and these about all rented. The billiard and pool tables are insufficient for the number who want to enjoy this sport. The boys' quarters is taxed to its comfortable capacity. The problem of taking care of the educational classes the coming winter already confronts us. The Spa was first to outgrow its quarters. The kitchen upstairs was long ago put into permanent use to supply eatables for the tables, and the space for serving or eating has been doubled by adding the corner social room. This was done by portable screens. The other departments are not crowded, but will soon be comfortably filled.

We now have a membership of 738 men and boys, 408 men and 330 boys between 10 and 18 years of age. It now looks as though our membership will reach 1,000 before the end of the year.

Institution Needed.

What has made our association so popular? First and chiefly, its great need. The young men yearned for such an institution for years. Second, its completeness in all departments and appointments. Third, its employed officers, all of whom are men of

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## APPEAL TO POPE FOR ASSISTANCE

Bishops in Albania Want the Christians Aided.

Rome, May 19.—The Catholic bishops in Albania today appealed to the Pope for aid against the religious fanatics threatening to massacre Christians. The Catholic missionaries sent a most urgent telegram asking that immediate steps be taken if possible because they fear that bloody massacre will take place shortly. What action the papal will take was not made public.

## PRESIDENT TAFT OFF ON JUNKET

He Will Speak at Unveiling of Statue at Petersburg Battle Field.

## MRS. TAFT REMAINS HOME

AFTER DELIVERING HIS ADDRESS EXECUTIVE WILL ATTEND A CELEBRATION AT MECKLENBURG—HOME FRIDAY.

Washington, May 19.—President Taft left Washington at 4:20 o'clock this morning over the Atlantic coast line for Petersburg, Va., where he will speak at the unveiling of a statue to Gen. Hartranft and the Pennsylvania soldiers who fell there in the civil war. Although she is rapidly recovering owing to her recent nervous breakdown, Mrs. Taft did not accompany the president. Those in the party are Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, Capt. A. W. Butt, and Assistant Secretary Mischler. The president is to return to Washington early Friday morning, after attending the Mecklenburg celebration at Charlotte, N. C., Thursday.

GETS HEARTY WELCOME.

Petersburg, Virginia, May 19.—President Taft and party received a warm and hearty welcome, when they reached here today to participate in the unveiling of the monument and statue, erected to the memory of Union and Confederate soldiers who fell during the siege of Petersburg, during the Civil war. The president delivered an extemporaneous address on the subject, "The Union"; this evening the president will hold a public reception and lawn fete at the home of Charles H. Davis, president of the Petersburg board of trade.

Switching Tariff.

The local switching tariff of the Pennsylvania will be \$2 per car. This rate will be the same on cars destined for interchange service as on those for local use only.

This means that if a car on the Gaar, Scott & Company switch is to be transferred to the switch at the Wayne Works plant or any other private switch, it will cost the company desiring the use of the car \$2. If the car is to be taken from a private switch along the P. C. & St. L. and taken to a private switch on the C. C. & L. the charge will also be \$2.

An old switching tariff in force on the C. C. & L. has been \$5 per car.

Owing to the conditions, however, this rate has not always been definitely enforced. Application has been made to the C. C. & L. officials at Cincinnati to establish their rates at once and some reply was expected today, so that both roads could start their state interchange service tomorrow.

State Interchange.

The established state interchange rates will be effective in cases where a car is taken from a private switch along one road and put in a train destined for a point within the state on the other road. These rates are fixed by schedule.

The settlement of the interchange controversy is due to the efforts of the Commercial Club. In answer to the demands of its members the organization retained counsel and fought the case through the courts. The club was assisted by the State Railway Commission, which demanded an interchange agreement between the Pennsylvania and C. C. & L. The Pennsylvania appealed and in the supreme court the contention of the commission and club was sustained.

When the commission ruled on the case it affixed a fine as a penalty providing for the non-compliance of the railroads. The C. C. & L. put in a switch and announced it was ready to meet the obligations imposed by the commission. The Pennsylvania held action pending the litigation in the upper courts. If the fine imposed were to be collected it would amount to several thousand dollars.

Shippers Will Rejoice.

Local shippers will rejoice that arrangements are complete and that cars routed over either line will be accepted for interchange. The interchange switch is located on Pennsylvania property and was built by that road in compliance with the orders of the commission and court. Everything is in readiness and the first car under the new arrangement will be switched tomorrow, probably.

The Commercial Club feels as if it had accomplished something and its members are congratulating themselves. The majority of the factories of the city are situated along the Pennsylvania, but the same factory and Gaar-Scott, as well as other concerns have C. C. & L. switches.

## THE WEATHER PROPHET.

W. C. Ferguson left yesterday for Tennessee to be gone on a few days' business trip.

## THE MAN WHO KNOWS

that he has something which the people want needs only one thing more to establish a prosperous business. The one thing is the means of letting the people know he has what they want. The small want ad is the means. Call phone 1121.

## BIG FIGHT FOR INTERCHANGE IS THING OF PAST

Pennsylvania System Announces It Has Prepared Tariffs For State and Interstate Interchange Here.

## TARIFFS FOR C. C. & L. ARE ABOUT PREPARED

It is Expected That the State Interchange Arrangement Will Become Effective Thursday at Latest.

## THE INTERSTATE TARIFF

PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES THIS WILL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL JUNE 17—THE LOCAL SWITCHING RATES.

Two years of contention over the privilege of interchange of freight between the Pennsylvania and Chicago Cincinnati & Louisville railroad systems will probably come to an end tomorrow, when the rates on local interchange are made effective. The C. C. & L. is ready to make the interchange, but its rates have not been announced. The announcement of the rates to be charged by the Pennsylvania was received by Secretary Haas of the Commercial club this morning. He expected a similar announcement from the C. C. & L. before night.

The state interchange over the P. C. & St. L. railway will become effective tomorrow. The interstate rate is to become effective June 17. It is a rule with the interstate commission that notices of interstate rates must be filed one month before they become effective. This rule makes it appear the notice was filed with the commission as early as last night.

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