

CONTROLLER HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

While He Was Absent From Desk Big Bunch of Plaster Fell.

ROOM LOOKED LIKE WRECK

HAD PERRY BEEN SEATED AT HIS DESK IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT.

With a clatter and crash that startled everyone who heard it, the plaster fell from the ceiling in the office of the city controller. The plaster which became detached fell with great force upon the desk of Controller Perry and smashed into a thousand bits. It happened that the controller was at a counter in another part of office at the time. Had he been at his desk, where he spends the most of his time there is every reason to believe he would have been very seriously or fatally hurt.

The plaster became detached from a place about three feet square. It fell upon the controller's books and papers and filled the room with lime and sand. The office was not habitable for some time afterward.

EFFORT TO CATCH WAS UNSUCCESSFUL

He May Be Landed Today, However.

The report that a thief who recently stole money at a local business house was seen at Hagerstown yesterday has led to an investigation by the police. The officers are not acquainted with the man and this morning the loser of the money was called to headquarters for a conference. Hasty action was made necessary as today is the last day of the fair and the subject is expected to leave Hagerstown.

NO INVESTIGATION

The police are not making any investigation relative to the mysterious letter received by E. Mercurio. They have no clue on which to undertake a line of work. They have not been given the letter. The Mercurios will not pay any attention to the letter and await future developments, which are expected.

TO BE SAILOR BOY

Otto Peters, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Peters, was examined today by the naval recruiting officer. He passed the examination but owing to his age he has to get the consent of his parents. His father is willing and he will probably go to the headquarters at Indianapolis next week.

IN POOR CONDITION.

The condition of Mrs. Ollie Woods, residing on North Seventeenth street, who was operated on for a tumor at Indianapolis this week, is very serious and the attending physicians extend no hopes for her recovery.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL LEAGUE.		
	Won	Lost
Pittsburg...	63	24
Chicago...	56	29
New York...	50	34
Cincinnati...	44	44
Philadelphia...	39	47
St. Louis...	35	49
Brooklyn...	32	55
Boston...	25	62

AMERICAN LEAGUE.		
	Won	Lost
Detroit...	59	32
Philadelphia...	54	37
Boston...	52	42
Cleveland...	48	42
Chicago...	43	46
New York...	41	49
St. Louis...	39	50
Washington...	26	64

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.		
	Won	Lost
Minneapolis...	56	47
Milwaukee...	55	48
Louisville...	54	49
Columbus...	52	51
St. Paul...	48	50
Toledo...	47	52
Kansas City...	46	52
Indianapolis...	47	56

RESULTS YESTERDAY.		
National League.		
Pittsburg 4; Philadelphia 3.		
Chicago 6; St. Louis 3.		
American League.		
New York 11; Detroit 2.		
Washington 3-1; Chicago 2-2.		
St. Louis 6; Boston 3.		
Philadelphia 9-3; Cleveland 1-4.		
American Association.		
Indianapolis 3; Minneapolis 1 (five innings.)		
Louisville 4; Kansas City 3.		
Columbus 10; Milwaukee 5.		
Toledo-St. Paul—Rain.		

Church is Mourning His Death



William R. Huntington, for twenty-five years rector of Grace Episcopal church, New York, one of the most widely known clergymen of any denomination in the United States, who died on July 28, 1909, at his home at Nahant, Mass.

ARE PREPARING FOR 1910 BUDGET

County Officials Are Very Busy Now.

Some of the county officials have begun on their annual task of preparing for the next year's budget. The officials must take an inventory of their offices in order to find out what they have on hand and what will be needed in the way of new supplies. The budget always is made up in August and the county council acts upon the matter in September. It requires considerable work on the part of the office holders to prepare their requisitions.

THEY OBEYED RULES

After a three days argument as to how they would make the trip and what they would take along, Councilman H. H. Engelbert, Horace Meek and Harry Fee left early this morning for the Richmond camp at Brownville. One of the rules of the proprietors of the camp, Messrs. Christman and Macko, is that all visitors shall bring their own grub. Mr. Engelbert took a small piece of beefsteak, although he is the largest one of the party. Harry Fee loaded up on old newspapers for reading matter.

SHE ELOPED WITH A BOGUS NOBLEMAN



Mrs. Joseph Lancaster of Boston, Mass., wife of a prominent and wealthy business man, who eloped with a music teacher, known as "Count" Guido Costarelli de Gregorio. The couple are supposed to be in London and the husband is in hot pursuit.

DICKINSON GETS THE BOND ISSUE

Local Trust Company Entered The Most Satisfactory School Bid.

GOOD PREMIUM IS GIVEN TO PAY SCHOOL BOARD \$102,101.50 FOR THE ENTIRE \$100,000 ISSUE.

At the special meeting of the school board this afternoon for the purpose of selling the special issue of bonds in order to raise money with which to erect and equip the new high school building, the Dickinson Trust Company of this city was the successful bidder. This company's bid was \$102,101.50 for a \$100,000 bond issue. The premium is regarded as a very good one. The board was well pleased with the fact that a local bidder received the bonds. The bonds come due as follows: The first fifth of the issue in six years and the remaining fifths in each succeeding year up to 10 years. There were nine bids received all of which were rather close. The board issued \$175,000 in bonds, but decided to dispose of only \$100,000 today.

HE STILL ADVANCES

Clifton Williams, a well known local young man, who has been claim agent for the C. C. & L. railroad with headquarters at Chicago, has resigned his position to take a position in a large legal firm at Milwaukee. Mr. Williams recently graduated from Indiana university at Bloomington with high honors. He is a graduate of the local high school.

HELD AT HAMILTON

David Sebastian of Hamilton, Ohio, a former resident of this city is being held at the city jail at Hamilton on an insanity charge. Sebastian is alleged to have given trouble to the authorities on more than one occasion. He was seen at Hamilton yesterday by Sergeant Little, who was recognized by the prisoner. Little says the man did not seem insane at the time he was talking to him.

HELD POST MORTEM.

Milton, Ind., July 30.—A post mortem examination was held over the body of Mrs. Emma Knauf, who died here yesterday. It was found to be hardening of the liver that had caused her death. The funeral services are set for tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock at the family residence. The Rev. Mr. Pinnick pastor of the M. E. church will officiate. Burial in the family lot at Westside cemetery.

HE IS HAPPY MAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Lemon, 24 South Seventeenth street, are the parents of a baby boy which is the first child. Mr. Lemon is secretary of the Dickinson Trust Company. Both mother and child are getting along very well.

TWO GASFITTERS WERE OVERCOME

Both Men Room Mates and the Coincidence Is a Very Odd One.

THEY RECOVERED RAPIDLY

ONE MAN WAS ASPHYXIATED WHILE WORKING IN TRENCH AND WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS BY SOME FRIENDS.

It was rather an odd coincidence that Harry Ablass and James Oschel, gas fitters, employed by the Light, Heat and Power company should within twenty-four hours time both be overcome with gas. Both always work together and room at 223 North Second street. Ablass's experience was yesterday afternoon while making a tap of the main line on North Eighth street, in front of the Arnold bakery, while Oschel was overcome Wednesday afternoon while making a similar tap on West Main street. Following both men's experience it was necessary to walk them for a long time in order to restore consciousness. Although still suffering from their experience both were working today.

Fell Into a Faint. Ablass in speaking of his experience this morning stated that after drilling through the main, ready to put in the tap he placed his hand over the hole and stopped as much of the gas as possible. After making the tap, he climbed out of the ditch and fell over in a faint. He did not recover consciousness until his friends had walked him up and down Sailor street for nearly an hour. He suffered severe pains in the stomach and head. He was sick through the night and arose this morning with a terrific headache. His experience was even more severe than that of his friend the day before. Oschel did not inhale as much of the gas as Ablass did, although sufficient to be overcome.

IS BADLY TORN UP

During the installation of the new heating system of the Garfield school building, North Eighth street, the building is badly torn up. By reason of the installation it will be necessary for a different arrangement of the rooms in the basement, the manual training department will be placed in the southwest section of the basement, as the large fan of the heating plant will occupy the rooms formerly used for this department.

CANVASSERS BUSY.

The canvassers of the Richmond chautauqua commenced this morning in making a house to house distribution of the program leaflets of this year's assembly to be held at Glen Miller park, August 20-25. The catalogues have been generously distributed over the county. Headquarters of the association will be opened at the Y. M. C. A. building Monday.

WAS GREAT SUCCESS

The annual picnic of the Richmond Business College was held at Jackson park yesterday afternoon. A jolly crowd left the Interurban station at 12 o'clock M., laden with well filled baskets for five o'clock supper. The afternoon was spent in playing old time games in which both old and young entered with a zest. Although it was rather a disagreeable day quite a number were present, and all report a glorious good time. The Richmond Business College wishes to thank all the students for helping to make this picnic a success.

FLY FISHING FOR TROUT.

Why an Angler Considers It the "Best of All Sports."

I am inclined to believe that fly fishing has its chief and most easily defined excuse in the existence of a certain fish—Salvelinus fontinalis, the speckled trout. Here, indeed, is something tangible, a thing which may be taken in the hand—first catch your fish—and looked upon. No one seeing a freshly caught brook trout would say that it was other than a thing of beauty. Its delicate, varicolored resplendency is not equaled by any living thing.

The tarpon, the "silver king" of southern waters; the Atlantic and Pacific salmon, the ouananiche, or land-locked salmon, and the grayling comprise practically all the other fishes, excepting the various forms of brook trout, which may be said to possess both beauty of form and coloration. It cannot be denied that these fish are justifiably praised, but it is generally conceded that the red spotted brook trout has nothing to fear from their competition. Of the western rainbow, cutthroats and steel heads the rainbow is the eastern brook trout's nearest competitor, and that is praise enough for the rainbow.

So here is one good reason at least why fly fishing for trout is considered by many the best of all sports.—Samuel G. Camp in Recreation.

Husband—Did you hear the storm when it broke this morning? Wife—That wasn't a storm. It was the new girl washing the dishes.

ELUDED A RELATIVE TO WED SWEETHEART



Mr. and Mrs. Chase, eloping couple of Freeport, L. I. Mrs. Chase was Miss Reta Bedell, one of the prettiest girls in the Long Island village, and an heiress in her own right. The young woman eluded a vigilant aunt to marry the man of her choice.

CONFERENCE REPORT SUBMITTED TODAY

Owing to Victory of President, Is Called the "Taft-Aldrich" Bill.

HEAVY DECREASES SHOWN

ONLY ARTICLES, AS A RULE, USED FOR LARGE USE HAVE BEEN INCREASED AND ARE COMPARATIVELY FEW.

(American News Service) Washington, July 30.—Representative Payne, chairman of the ways and means committee, presented to the house today the conference report on the tariff bill, which, in consequence of Taft's victory, is now called the "Taft-Aldrich" bill. Reductions from the Dingley bill largely predominate, while the increases are comparatively few in number and fall articles of large use. The total duty decreased is estimated at \$4,973,122, and the total duty increased is estimated at \$32,512,525.

DATE FOR HEARING

Local Interchange Case Has Been Set for August Seventeenth.

UP BEFORE COMMISSION

Indianapolis, July 30.—The railroad commission has set August 17 as the date of hearing of the amended petition of the Richmond Commercial Club against the Pennsylvania and C. C. & L. railroads. The case is the one that has developed from the freight interchange squabble. The commercial club claims the offer of the Pennsylvania and the conditions under which it agrees to interchange are practically worthless. The case will be heard fought on both sides. If the railroad loses it will be appealed to the supreme court. The Pennsylvania is putting up the only opposition.

HARRIS IS WARNED

Moses Harris was admonished about riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in city court this afternoon and then released without a fine being imposed. He was arrested this morning for riding on the sidewalk on the east side of Sheridan street. He said the street was in such a condition, bicyclist have formed the habit of riding between the walk and curb, then crossing on the cement. He was seen by Patrolman Westenberg while riding on the cement. Complaint had been made to the police against the custom.

STORM KING WENT ON THE WARPATH

Fierce Electrical Storm Swept Over the County This Afternoon.

BUILDINGS WERE STRUCK

BARN IN THE NORTH END OF THE CITY BURST INTO FLAMES AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD A HARD FIGHT.

The worst electrical storm of the season broke over the city this afternoon. The lightning has not been as vivid in a number of years, nor caused as many cases of damage. Several small buildings in different parts of the city were struck. The Fry Brothers planing mill and the barn at the Mrs. Caroline Fife residence were the largest structures hit. But little damage was done at the factory but the Fife barn at last report this afternoon seemed in danger of total destruction. Street cars were paralyzed. Limbs were blown from trees. Lightning flashes ran all about through the air on electric wires. Telephones were knocked down from the walls. The rain came down in torrents and the streets were flooded.

Very Heavy Rain. It was about 1:30 o'clock that the storm broke. The rain was heavy at the start but increased in volume until it fell as if in sheets. Gutters were not large enough to carry the water off the streets. The sewers were inadequate and became clogged. At Main and Sixth streets the curbing was lost sight of and the muddy swirling water encroached on the sidewalks. In other parts of the city similar or worse conditions prevailed. Street cars could not withstand the beating rains and passengers were drenched.

A bolt of lightning struck the planing mill, while the rain was coming down at its hardest. The fire alarm was sounded. The first tap of the bell sounded No. 52. The indicator showed No. 16, the box at Fifth and South H streets. The department went by the indicator and the wagons dashed out into the downpour. The firemen were unable to do their rubber coats before they were whirling through the mud and water as fast as the horses could gallop. They were directed to the planing mill and found a brisk blaze in progress.

Another Alarm. Companies No. 4 and No. 2 and the hook and ladder truck remained at this blaze and No. 1 returned to the house. While the department was answering this alarm, the telephone at police headquarters rang. The operator said a woman had told him of a fire at 1413 South I street. The departments with the exception of No. 3 were at the planing mill. Supt. Stauch dispatched No. 3 company to the address, which is that of the Fife homestead. The barn was found in flames. It had been struck by lightning and ignited.

A tree in front of the Profit restaurant on South Eighth street was struck by lightning. It was enveloped in flames and the fire shot out in every direction. The whole street seemed a mass of flames. The lightning ran along the electric wires on North Fifth street across from the city building and into a transformer. A flash of flame surrounded the box and there was a loud explosion.

The lightning traveled into the city building on the fire alarm wires and caused the gong to strike. It played pranks in other parts of the city, also.

IT REGISTERED 89

While the government thermometer at the pumping station east of the city only registered 89½ degrees above zero today, yet there are any number of people who would swear that there was something practically wrong with the instrument, although it may register correctly. It was one half degree warmer today than yesterday. The registration today is, so far, the record of the season.

CARRINGTON WEDDED

Charles Carrington, an inspector of the city light plant went to Covington, Ky., yesterday morning and when he got there telegraphed back to local friends notifying them that he had married. His wife was Miss Edith Newcomb of Kokomo. She is well known in this city.

DIED LAST EVENING

Fountain City, July 30.—Mrs. R. M. Clark of this place died last night at her home. She was a well known woman. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home. Burial will be in the cemetery near here.

MAHARFY A SUICIDE

Indianapolis, July 30.—John Maharfy, a traveling salesman, suicided by shooting at the home of a friend here this morning. He had been drinking. His father is a prominent merchant at Crawfordsville.

WHALLEN WAS HURT

J. W. Whallen, an employee of Gaar, Scott & Co., had his foot mashed today by a wheel falling on it. The injury was dressed and it is not believed that it will prove serious.

THE "BREAK" IN THE GAME.

Baseball Almost as Much Psychological as Athletic.

Nearly every baseball game is won and lost on one play—a play that comes at the psychological instant. Among the players who do not study psychology the crucial moment is known as "the break," a phenomenon which no one has analyzed and which the players themselves do not understand. Twenty men on the bench are watching closely and intently every move of the pitcher, every swing of his arm. The tide of battle rises, ebbs, and then suddenly at the start of some inning something happens. What it is no one outside the psychic sphere of influence ever will understand, but the silent, tight lipped, watchful, alert fellows on the bench see something or feel something, and the mysterious "break" has come.

"One ball!" The players on the bench suddenly stiffen and prepare for action.

"Two balls!" Two players jump for bats and begin swinging them; the coaches, who have yelled only because it was their duty, suddenly begin raving, screaming and pawing the dirt, and the manager, who has appeared half asleep, makes a trumpet of his hands and leads his men, bawling loud orders and wild taunts.

The spectators do not understand anything has happened. Other batters have had two balls called many times, and it looks the same to the spectator who is beyond the mysterious "break" sphere. In two more moments the players' bench is a madhouse, with twenty men shouting, screaming, ordering, moving. "Three balls!" and a madman rushes out to the "deck." "Four balls!" and the spectators join the players in the demonstration. The madness is spreading. Crack—a base hit, a bunt, a wild throw; another base hit, screams, shouts, imprecations, a roar of frantic applause, a final long cry. The manager reaches for his glove, spits into it and says quietly, "Four runs—we've got 'em." The "break" is over, and the players' bench is again the quietest part of the grounds. The surge of enthusiasm, confidence and noise subsides, and the game is won.

Baseball is almost as much psychological as athletic. Why one team can beat a stronger one regularly and lose to a weaker with the same regularity, why one batter can hit one pitcher and is helpless before another, why one pitcher is effective against a strong team and at the mercy of another that cannot beat half as hard, are psychological problems.—American Magazine.

A MISER'S END.

Meanness of M. Vandille and the Way He Mastered His Death.

M. Vandille was chief magistrate at Boulogne and by miserly habits left a fortune of \$4,000,000. His usual diet was bread and milk. The bread cost very little, and after eating his last at home his habit was to become his own public milk inspector, who as chief magistrate he had the right to appoint. And so, as he declared, to protect the inhabitants from being imposed upon by an inferior quality of milk he took his walk immediately after eating his loaf and demanded to taste the milk of every salesman he passed, thus saving himself from purchasing any. Misers are generally strong men—they have to be so in order to live a life of privation—but eventually Vandille, like other misers, was seized with illness, and the surgeons had to be called in. In those days they bleed their patients. The surgeon asked Vandille half a livre for the operation, but the millionaire ordered him at once out of his sight and sent for the apothecary. The apothecary refused to cut the price down, so Vandille sent for a poor barber, who undertook to open a vein for three sous a time.

"Aye, but," said this worthy economist, "how often, friend, will it be necessary to bleed me?"

"Three times."

"And what quantity of blood do you intend to take each time?" "Eight ounces."

"Well, but why can't you take the whole twenty-four ounces at once? You want to make a job of me, you scoundrel! Here, sir; there are your three sous. Take the twenty-four ounces immediately." The barber was generous to obey. M. Vandille lost the twenty-four ounces of blood and died in a few days, leaving all his vast treasures to the king, whom he made his sole heir.—Strand Magazine.

The Oldest Bridge in Paris.

The Pont Notre Dame is the oldest bridge in Paris. It was first built in 1415 in the reign of Charles VI, but it was carried away, together with the houses which lined it, by ice flows when the frost broke in 1460. A new bridge was begun at once under the direction of Jean Jaconne of Verona and was ready for traffic in 1507. On that bridge stood the famous picture shop of Germain, which had a sign-board specially painted for it by Watteau.—Westminster Gazette.

Jelling Him.

Bashtful Youth—Miss Bella, does—does your mother object to my coming here so much? Fair Charmer—Oh, I think not; I heard her telling papa the other evening that you merely came to pass away the time; you didn't mean anything serious.—London Tit-Bits.

The Division.

"What?" exclaimed Mrs. Flitditch. "You don't mean to tell me you pay a girl \$10 a week for cooking?" "Oh, no!" replied Mrs. Urquhart. "We only pay her \$3 a week for cooking. The other \$5 is for staying."—Chicago News.

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR