

DESIRE STRICTER SANE FOURTH LAW

Bureau of Municipal Research
Thinks Further Restriction
Should Be Made.

PRESENT LAW BENEFICIAL

COMMUNICATION FROM LAW AND
ORDER COMMITTEE SHOWS AP-
PRECATION OF COUNCIL'S EF-
FORTS ON THIS LINE.

Appreciation of the efforts of the city council of Richmond to provide a "safer and saner Fourth," is contained in a report issued by the Committee on Law and Order of the Bureau of Municipal Research. The document is signed by Elbert Russell and Pettie A. Reid, and is as follows:

"The movement for a safe and sane Fourth this year had most gratifying results. The number of serious accidents reported for the country as a whole shows a decrease of about thirty percent as compared with the accidents reported last year. The loss from fire was about the same as in former years. The decrease in the number of accidents was almost altogether in those cities that restrict or prohibit the sale of fireworks. It seems that very little was accomplished by appealing to the prudence of the children or to the anxiety of parents. It seems also that the varieties of fireworks that are regarded as less dangerous to life and limb are about as destructive to property as the others.

"In Richmond the ordinance restricting the use of fireworks produced good results. There were no fatalities and not many serious accidents. Councilman Bartel and the Medical Society deserve special credit for securing this result. The ordinance might be improved, however, so as to make the day still safer. A woman received a severe scalp wound by a skyrocket, and a fire was started by one. This seems to justify Mr. Bartel's contention that their use should be prohibited. Most of the injuries received locally were cases of hands mutilated and faces burned by fire crackers. A considerable reduction in the size of the crackers allowed would eliminate most of these."

WAR VETERAN DEAD

Francois M. Howe, Aged 74,
Dies at His Home Here
After Long Illness.

MARCHED WITH SHERMAN

Francis M. Howe, a soldier who served in three regiments during the civil war, died this morning at his home, 621 Main street. Howe, who was 74 years of age, had been in failing health for many months. He is survived by his wife, Ella; three daughters, Florence, Della and Blanch, and a son, Sherman.

At the outbreak of the war, Howe enlisted in the 84th Indiana regiment. When his term expired he joined the Ohio National Guards for one hundred days. Later he enlisted in the 47th Ohio and marched with Sherman to the sea.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the home and burial will be in Barham. The Rev. M. G. Howard will officiate. Friends may call at any time.

WEST END CONCERT

A good program has been provided for the band concert given by the West End Business men this evening. These concerts are proving popular and are drawing large crowds each Saturday evening. The following is the program:

Part I.
March—"Scott's Special".....Phillips
Medley Overture—"Remicks Hits"
No. 8"
Selection from "Gay Musician"
No. 1"
Waltz—"Wedding of the Winds"
No. 1"
Novellette—"Snow Queen".....Salzer
Part II.
March—"Chicago Belle".....Warren
Medley Overture—"Remicks Hits"
No. 8"
Caract Solo—"Daisies Won't Tell"
Owen
Selection from "Three Twins"
No. 1"
Finale—"March 'Greater Pittsburg'"
St. Clair

MUNCIE TEAM VS. GIANTS.

The line-ups for the game between the Athletic Association Baseball club of Muncie and the Richmond Giants, at Athletic park, Sunday afternoon, are as follows:

Muncie—Moller c, Wulf p, Scarce ss, Miller 1b, Walters 2b, Elliott 3b, Love H, Knotts cf, Morrey rf.

Giants—Mitchell c, Salnes and Benson p, Knox ss, Carr 1b, Smith 2b, Harris 3b, Stokes cf, Patterson cf, Crane rf.

The Muncie team is expected to win. The Richmond Giants are expected to win. The game is expected to be a close one.

CHANGE AT WESTCOTT

Lease of Property Passed to
W. E. Bayfield, a Form-
er Proprietor.

IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Announcement was made yesterday at Indianapolis that W. E. Bayfield had obtained control of the lease on the Westcott hotel of this city. It is understood that the consideration was \$35,000 for the ten years' grant. Will Cunningham, who has been in charge of the hotel for five months, was out of the city today and the deal could not be confirmed.

According to the Indianapolis account, Mr. Bayfield will carry out the plans for improving the building as arranged by Mr. Cunningham. It is understood that Mr. Cunningham has secured the Claypool hotel at Indianapolis and will give it his attention.

STORIES OF THE DIAMOND.

Ira Thomas Tells of Duties of
Backstop Position.

STUDY BATTER'S WEAKNESS.

First Class Receivers Invaluable to
Pitchers and Infielders—Cool Head
and Good Memory Needed if You
Want to Succeed.

No. XIII.
By IRA THOMAS.
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sociation.]

Would I advise any youngster to take up catching in preference to any other position on a ball team? Well, no—not unless the chap himself is wrapped up in the position and finds that he can play there better than anywhere else. Catching comes natural to some men, and unless a player feels that he is intended by nature to become a backstop he should not tackle the position or he will not rise above the ordinary.

Besides being the hardest worker on the team, his position is the most dangerous on the ball field. In order to be a successful pad and mask artist one must require a cool, clear head and an intimate knowledge of the game. He must know the strength and weakness of every batter; he must possess a good arm and a brain capable of outguessing the other chaps. The knowledge of the batter's weakness gives the catcher a great advantage, for he can tip off to the pitcher just where and what to throw. He knows how many balls it is safe to waste in lying in wait for a runner to steal before trying for the man at the bat. He can often force the bat-



Photo by American Press Association.
IRA THOMAS, STAR CATCHER OF PHILA-
DELPHIA AMERICANS.

ter to go after bad balls by keeping the pitcher working the ball across the corners or just outside.

Of course this is not always possible, and it is the knowledge that lets him go just far enough that helps distinguish the stars from the mediocres backstops. Having the entire field before him, the catcher is in a position to tip off every play to the infield and generally signals for every defensive play made by his team. If he is really a great backstop he is of material assistance to his pitcher, for when the latter gets wobbly, as is frequently the case, a wise backstop can steady him and frequently pull out of a bad hole.

Youngsters just breaking into the game will do well to make a study of every man that goes to bat. Find out his weak points, study his attitude at the bat, and as every little incident comes up jot it down in your little book for the future.

Many times a catcher has been severely censured because some speedy fellow has stolen a base. To the onlooker the backstop is at fault. There are many times that the catcher is at fault, but now and again it's on the pitcher. It's up to a twister to keep a base runner close to the base. If the pitcher allows too much of a start the best throw in the world cannot stop him. Catchers make bad throws occasionally, but they would make very few if the base runners were held close to the bases and the throws did not have to be made in a hurry.

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	43	24	.642
New York	40	26	.606
Pittsburg	34	31	.522
Cincinnati	34	31	.522
Philadelphia	32	33	.478
Brooklyn	30	37	.448
St. Louis	30	39	.435
Boston	26	46	.361

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	46	23	.667
New York	40	28	.588
Boston	39	30	.565
Detroit	41	32	.562
Cleveland	39	34	.480
Chicago	30	37	.448
Washington	27	43	.386
St. Louis	21	46	.313

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Minneapolis	54	31	.635
St. Paul	52	30	.635
Toledo	46	34	.575
Kansas City	38	41	.480
Columbus	35	42	.455
Milwaukee	35	43	.449
Indianapolis	34	48	.414
Louisville	28	51	.354

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

National League.	
Chicago 3; Cincinnati 2.	
Brooklyn 6; Pittsburg 5.	
American League.	
Boston 3-4; Cleveland 1-2.	
Philadelphia 4; Detroit 3.	
Washington 12; St. Louis 3.	
New York 15; Chicago 4.	
American Association.	
Milwaukee 3; St. Paul 1.	
Kansas City 10; Minneapolis 2.	
Louisville 6; Indianapolis 5 (10 inn.).	
Columbus 6; Toledo 4 (14 inn.).	

GAMES TODAY.

National League.	
Brooklyn at Cincinnati.	
Boston at St. Louis.	
New York at Chicago.	
Philadelphia at Pittsburg.	
American League.	
St. Louis at Washington.	
Cleveland at Boston.	
Detroit at Philadelphia.	
Chicago at New York.	
American Association.	
Columbus at Indianapolis.	
St. Paul at Kansas City.	
Toledo at Louisville.	
Minneapolis at Milwaukee.	

SMALL DAMAGE BY FIRE.

The home of Frank Winters, 818 North Eighth street, was slightly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. A blaze on the roof was started from a defective flue, but the fire was extinguished before much damage was done.

JUDGMENT ON OLD NOTE.

Judgment for \$1361.96 on an old note was given by Judge Fox of the circuit court today in favor of James L. Pearce against Benjamin B. Duke. The note was originally of much smaller proportions but the plaintiff was never paid any of the principal and rather than allow it to be outlawed, he had the judgment renewed.

WILL NOT INTERFERE

New York, July 9.—Mayor Gaynor today positively refused to interfere with the exhibition of moving pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight in this city. His refusal was contained in a reply to the protest of the clergymen.

REV. NAFTZGER HONORED.

The Rev. L. J. Naftzger of Greenfield, formerly pastor of the Grace M. E. church of this city, has been offered the pastorate of the First Methodist church of St. Paul, Minn. He has not decided whether or not to accept the call.

OLD SETTLERS' PICNIC.

The Wayne County Horticultural society held its regular monthly meeting at the residence of Joseph Commons of Centerville today. In addition to the regular program, arrangements for the Old Settlers' picnic at King's Grove on August 20 were made.

BARBER SHOP CHANGE.

The Skinner barber shop, 408 Main street, has passed into the possession of Irvin Hull and Roy Wagner, two well known young barbers. Several repairs will be made to the shop. Frank Skinner the former owner has not announced what he will do in the future.

PERMAN SHAWLS.

The "shawl" of Kerman—whence our word "shawl"—is made of goat's hair. Like the carpets, the shawl patterns are learned by heart, and the work is even finer. Children also do this work. It is estimated that Kerman turns out \$300,000 worth of shawls, handmade, a year. The finest product is a fine pattern, a rich color effect, made especially for the governor of the province, who wears it as a robe of honor on the Persian New Year's day.

HE GOT HER.

"It's so long since you called upon me," said the girl as she came down to the young man in the parlor, "that I was beginning to think you were forgetting me."

"I am for getting you," replied the smart youth, "and that's why I've called tonight. Can I have you?"

A Real Crisis.

"Johnnie, do you understand what is meant by a crisis?"

"Yes, mum."

"Tell me, Johnnie."

"Two out of the bases full, mum."

LEMONS DRAWN IN BASEBALL DEALS

Seldom Does a Trade Turn Out
Satisfactorily to Both Clubs.

CUBS HAVE ENVIABLE RECORD

In Nearly Every Instance the Chicago National League Club Has Profited by Exchanges—Hugh Jennings Has Pulled Off a Few Good Ones.

Baseball history is full of trade and which one club was stung badly, and there are really only a few instances where both clubs apparently had reason to be satisfied. Rather queer when it is known that seldom are trades made on the spur of the moment. Sometimes the interested managers and magnates will spar for weeks and months before completing the details, and then one party discovers that it has been beautifully gold bricked.

The Chicago Nationals have always had the better of their trades. For instance, Murphy several years ago traded "Buttons" Briggs, Jimmy Casey, Jack McCarthy and Billy Maloney for Jimmy Sheppard. Sheppard is still with the Cubs, while the other four have passed out of the big leagues, some of them being even out of the game now. Chicago also gave Bob Wicker for Overall. The latter is one of the Cubs' mainstays in the box, while Wicker has been in the minors for several years.

Another deal that worked to the advantage of the Cubs was that where by Mordcaj Brown became a member of the Cubs along with Catcher O'Neill in exchange for Pitcher Jack Taylor. O'Neill and Pitcher Pfeiffer were soon exchanged for Catcher Moran. Did Murphy and Chance get the better of those deals? Well, very much so. Brown has been one of the greatest pitchers the game has known since joining the Cubs, while Moran, who was recently sold to Philadelphia, has been an able assistant to Kling and Archer. As for the others, they are now minor leaguers or have quit the game. Then the Chicago men put another over on Cincinnati when they acquired Steinfeldt for Pitcher Welmer, who was recently released outright by New York.

A couple of years ago New York released a big bunch of players to Boston in exchange for Tenney and Bridwell. Tenney is now playing in the minor leagues, but Bridwell is still in his prime, while the players let out to Boston are down and out.

A year ago the big clubs that won the big league pennants found it necessary to make some trades in order to strengthen several weak points. Pittsburg traded Barbeau and Storke for Byrne. The latter was just the man needed at the third corner, but St. Louis has nothing to show for the deal. Storke, dying, while Barbeau has been sent to Kansas City.

Detroit pulled off two transactions that showed that David Harum did not have a whole lot on Hugh Jennings. First, he sent Schaefer and Killifer to Washington for Delehanty. The latter has put up a splendid game at second ever since and was the champion batter of the world's series. Schaefer and Killifer, however, have failed to distinguish themselves at Washington. Then Jennings gave Rossmann for Tom Jones. Jones is one of Detroit's mainstays today, while Rossmann is a minor leaguer.

A year ago Cleveland gave Ryan and Chech to Boston for Cy Young. There being also a cash consideration. Young has not been of service this season, but he outpitched Chech and Ryan last season, both the younger men finding their way to the American association.

Yes, even up swaps are few and far between.

CRUSHED TO DEATH

(American News Service)
Freeport, Ill., July 9.—Conductor David E. Bankson, of Waterloo, Ia., and Thomas McCarey, brakeman of New Haven, Iowa, were crushed to death in the Illinois Central railroad yards today when a switch engine jammed into a caboose in which they were riding.

JEFF NOT SATISFIED?

Los Angeles, July 9.—The prospect of a return fight between Jeffries and Johnson was the leading topic of discussion in sporting circles here today.

COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS.

Arguments as to the legality of the partnership of Matthew Shew and Lewis Martin who jointly engaged in the saloon business in Cambridge City were made by Attorneys Johnson and T. J. Study this afternoon in the circuit court. Shew died in May and some difficulty has been experienced in adjusting the estate.

DIVORCED AND REMARRIED.

For a birthday present, Bertha Fay Young, twenty years old, was awarded a divorce on June 30 and today she was given a license to marry Roscoe O. Thomas of this city. The place where the first divorce was obtained is not specified on the marriage license but it is understood to have been in Madison county, which is her former home. Thomas has never been married. He is 34 years old and gave his occupation as that of a laborer.

You needn't suffer with skin troubles, indigestion, constipation or any other troubles arising from impure blood. Dr. Cole's Skin Syrup will cure you and keep you well. It is a pure and healthful food.

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SUSPENSION ORDERED

Washington, July 9.—It was learned today that the interstate commerce commission will decide at next week's meeting to order a suspension pending examinations, of the general increase of freight rates which have been filed with the commission recently to take effect on August 1st.

KERMIT TO EUROPE

New York, July 9.—Kermit Roosevelt sailed for Europe today on a Hamburg American liner, taking six trunks. Speculation is rife as to whether he goes to Paris to study or to see Miss Margaret Rutherford, eldest daughter of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr., to whom he paid much attention while abroad with his father recently.

AGAIN DELAY ACTION.

Still in a quandary, the county commissioners failed to take any action in regard to proceeding with the improvements at the county infirmary and the county jail, at their meeting today. They were waiting for the advice of the county attorney, Judge Henry C. Fox, who is much interested in the arrangements for the future care of the county's unfortunates, appeared before the board and expressed his approval of the architect's plans.

AN ANGRY MUSICIAN.

Amusing and Pathetic Story of Constant's Picture, "Too Late!"
An amusing and pathetic story is told of Benjamin Constant's first picture to attract attention. It was called "Too Late" and represented Fortune and Glory visiting an artist just as he had breathed his last. The artist was lying on the bed. The figure of Death stood near the door through which Fortune, carrying a box of money, and Glory, bearing laurels, had just entered.

The artist received many letters from those who had seen the painting. One was written by a professor of music, an old man, who expressed in touching words the emotion he had felt at the sight of the artist's work. He asked Constant to visit and talk to him about "Too Late."

The invitation was accepted, but as soon as the old professor saw the artist he uttered an ejaculation of surprise and anger. "Why, you are quite a youth!" he exclaimed. "I thought you were old and, like myself, had spent your life in vain endeavor to obtain recognition of your abilities. I conceived that picture to be the last despairing cry of a man as unfortunate as I am. I find you are quite young and your eyes are full of hope. You are a bungler, sir, and I request that you leave this house immediately!"

TRUE STANDARDS OF LIFE.

The Measure of a Man is What He Is, Not What He Has.

It takes so long to learn how to live, so long to get over a glimmering of what life is for and what we ought to do with it. We are so prone to live in the future, to fret ourselves about it. We are so busy yearning for the joys we imagine other people have and worrying about the trouble we imagine we are having that we make of the present, the one thing we are sure of, an endless regret.

And of all the follies the limit is to permit some one else to make our standards for us. Haven't we intelligence? Can't we think for ourselves? To want things we don't need, many we do not really care for, just because some one else has them and wouldn't understand if we didn't have them! To struggle and strain to make a show when all the neighbors know it is only a show and would respect us a heap more if we had the courage to be ourselves! Death's standards ought to be life's standards. Death does not ask how big a house we hail from, nor how many university degrees we have won, nor what is our bank account. Not what we have nor what we know, but what we are. And that's our measure of everybody but ourselves.—Erman J. Ridgway in *Deliberator*.

A Riddle Making Looch.

There have been epochs at which riddle making has been very especially in vogue, and such epochs would appear to occur at seasons of fresh intellectual awakening. Such an epoch there was at the first glimmering of new intellectual light in the second half of the seventh century. This was the age of Aldehlm, bishop of Sherborne, the first in the roll of Anglo-Latin poets. He left a considerable number of enigmas in Latin hexameters. Aldehlm died in 709. Before his time there was a collection of Latin riddles that bore the name of Symphosius. Of this work the date is unknown. We only know that Aldehlm used it, and we may infer that it was then a recent product. The riddles of Symphosius were uniform in shape, consisting each of three hexameter lines.—*Cornhill Magazine*.

Chaldean Tablets.
The clay tablets of Chaldean, probably the very earliest writing materials used by man, were of different sizes, the largest being six and measuring 9 by 6 1/2 inches, while the smallest were slightly convex and in some cases not more than an inch long. In the same ruins with the tablets have been found the glass lenses which were used by their readers. The writing was done, while the tablets were still soft, by a little iron tracer, not pointed, but triangular at the end. By slightly pressing this end on the soft moist clay the inscriptions were made. The tablets, having been inscribed on both sides and accurately numbered, were baked in an oven and stored away in the state libraries.—*New York American*.

ROGERS SERIOUSLY ILL.

Charles Rogers, former superintendent of the city light plant, is seriously ill with typhoid fever at the home of his father-in-law, William Rogers, 218 West Main. Mr. Rogers returned recently from Oklahoma.

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DIRIGIBLES WILL RACE ACROSS OCEAN

Greatest Interest in Aeronautical Circles Being Taken in New Scheme.

AMERICA AGAINST GERMANY

LATEST REPORTS FROM RHEIMS SHOW MANY RECORDS SMASHED IN THE BIG ANNUAL AVIATION MEET.

New York, July 9.—An international race for the honor of being the first to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible today is absorbing the attention of aviators, and for the moment the balloon has put the aeroplane in the background.

America and Germany in all likelihood, within a few months will be contending for the privilege of bringing to realization the dream which Edgar Allan Poe dreamed the nation three quarters of a century ago.

MANY RECORDS SMASHED.

Rheims, July 9.—Many records have been smashed at the aviation meet. Labouchere covered a hundred and eighty-six miles in four hours, five and a half minutes, and was still flying. M. Manst, a novice, carried two passengers in an hour and thirty-eight minutes. M. Auburnata, another novice carried one passenger fifty-four miles in an hour and twenty-two minutes. Several other records also were broken.

A BROKEN DRIVING ROD.

The Disaster Most Dreaded by the Locomotive Engineer.

The close calls that whiten the engineer's hair are mostly due to some one else's error or oversight which he cannot foresee or prevent. That many of these close calls do not result fatally is due to the engineer's swift and skillful meeting of the emergency.

The great driving wheels on which most of the enormous weight on the locomotive rests are connected by massive joints of forged steel. The ends of these are attached to the wheels about halfway between the axle and circumference. It is through these bars, called driving rods, that the wheels receive their impulse from the imprisoned steam. These rods weigh thousands of pounds each. Occasionally one of their fastenings will break, and then every revolution of the wheel to which the other end is attached will send the rod swinging like a titan's ball, beating down 300 strokes a minute. Nothing can withstand these awful blows. They tear up the track below and shatter the engine above, especially the cab where rides the engineer. No disaster comes so unexpectedly and is so much dreaded as this. Almost invariably it happens when the engine is running at high speed. When a driver breaks it is a miracle if the men in the cab escape with their lives. If they do survive and by their heroism succeed in stopping the train and avoiding a wreck despite the rain of blows from this huge fall of steel their act brings forth a greater measure of praise than almost any other form of bravery that the railroad knows.

Only the other day one of the driving rods of a fast passenger locomotive broke while the train was running more than sixty miles an hour down the steep grades of Pickersil mountain. In an instant the whirling bar of steel had smashed the cab and broken the controlling mechanism, so that it was impossible to bring the train to a stop by ordinary means. The great locomotive lunged forward like a runaway horse that had thrown its rider. In some way, however, Lutz, the engineer, had escaped injury. He crept to the opposite side of the cab and climbed out through the little window upon the boiler to try to reach some of the controlling apparatus on the outside. He was working himself aside along the scorching boiler when suddenly the engine struck a curve, which it took at terrific speed. The shock half threw the engineer from his perilous position, but he saved himself by grasping the bell rope. Then he worked himself down along the uninjured side of the swaying locomotive to where he could open one of the principal steam valves. A cloud of vapor rushed forth with a tremendous roar. Although robbed of its power, the locomotive did not slacken speed until it reached the bottom of the grade. Then little by little the thrashing of the great driving rod, which was pounding the upper part of the engine to pieces, grew slower, and finally it stopped. No one was killed or injured, and not a passenger in the long train knew until it was over of the danger that had been avoided so narrowly.—*Thaddeus S. Dayton in Harper's Weekly*.

A Rare Old Book.

The second book printed in the English language was "The Game and Playe of the Chess," which the title page says was "Fynnyshid the last day of Marche, the yer of our lord god a thousand four hundred and LXXXII." Only twelve copies of the work are now known to exist. In 1813 an Englishman of the name of Alchorne sold his copy for a sum equal to \$270 in United States currency. Fifty-six years later, in 1869, the same volume (an imperfect copy) was sold for \$2,150. The British museum has refused an offer of \$10,000 for its copy, which is imperfect to the extent of having seven leaves missing.

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THE NATIONAL ROWING REGATTA

Great Preparations Being