

ELEVEN MILES OF WIRING AT HOTEL

Witness for Defendant in Craighead-Brown Case So Testified.

Approximately eleven and seven-tenths miles of electrical wire constitutes the lighting system of the Westcott hotel according to expert testimony by Benjamin F. Royse of Indianapolis, a contracting electrician, who is a witness for the defendant in the case of the Craighead Plumbing and Electrical company against A. H. Brown, owner of the Westcott hotel.

Because of the large quantity of wire in the building, including over a hundred guest rooms in addition to the halls, dining room, kitchen lobbies, etc., the defendant, Mr. Brown, refused to pay in full the amount of demand of the plaintiff company, which had an oral contract with the defendant for the improvements to the plumbing and lighting systems of the hotel. The original demand for all these improvements was approximately \$13,000, on which a settlement of approximately \$10,000 has been made by the hotel owner.

According to the expert he could have wired the hotel building and obtained the same result with about four and one-half miles of wire. He declared that by this estimate on the job he could have installed the lighting system for approximately \$2,759 less than the demand of the local company, which for the lighting system was about \$6,000.

On Stand Three Days.

Mr. Royse, who has been in the city nearly three weeks and on the stand in the circuit court on direct examination for a little more than three days, could not in all instances obtain the exact measurements, but his figures, he believes, are substantially correct. In figuring on installation of a lighting system in the hotel building, for the purpose of comparison and use in the trial, a different system than that used by the local concern was employed.

His testimony is contradicted by witnesses for the plaintiff corporation. They say they were told to accomplish a certain result, supplying a great many lights, but which order they claim was partially countermanded after they had progressed too far in the installation of the system to make changes. By the original orders which the Craighead witnesses testified were given them, the plaintiff corporation claims it was as economical with electric wire as was possible for it to be. Other electrical experts will follow Mr. Royse. The trial will likely require a week or two more. It started on March 13 and has been heard continuously excepting three days.

The arrest of Attorney Henry U. Johnson and E. W. Craighead, for quarreling Monday afternoon, will probably be revoked. Special Judge John L. Rupe informed the men he would not be so lenient if the offense was repeated. Mr. Craighead was being cross examined at the time of the quarrel by Mr. Johnson. As soon as the tempers of the two men had subsided the case was resumed, without anything more serious than a passage of words resulting in the dignity of the court being ruffled.

Some Democratic Leaders in Next Lower House



ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Ralph Lantz Again Steps into Publicity Limelight.

Alleging that his wife is guilty of infidelity, Ralph B. Lantz of Milton, who was recently examined by a lunacy commission, filed suit for divorce in the circuit court Tuesday. His wife is now a resident at 114 West Broadway, Grand Rapids, Mich. Lantz has jumped from one pinnacle of publicity to another in the past few weeks and only last Saturday was under arrest at Cincinnati on a charge of beating a board bill.

The romantic marriage of Lantz and his wife on September 23, 1909, furnished good "copy." On December 5, 1909, Lantz alleges in the complaint filed in the circuit court that he learned of the unfaithfulness of his wife and her pleasure in being in the company of other men. He thereupon left her, he asserts. While in the city three weeks or so ago Lantz boasted of his wife's family connections and her wealth, declaring that she was a niece of Governor Harmon of Ohio, and worth \$75,000. He gives his occupation as that of a traveling salesman and his residence as Milton, although he promised his relatives he would reside some where else upon his release following the inquest by the lunacy commission.

J. BENNETT GORDON IS TO SPEAK HERE

J. Bennett Gordon, editor of the Indianapolis Sun, who had charge of the legislative bureau of that publication during the past session of the Indiana legislature, has been secured by the Young Men's Business club to make an address at the Commercial club rooms in the near future on the subject "The Legislature and Business." His discourse will be a general survey of the past session and its accomplishments, so far as business is concerned.

FAST MAIL SERVICE INDIANA PATRONAGE

New Flyer Goes Through on First Tuesday.

Mail service in Richmond is bettered to a considerable extent by the new fast mail train between New York and Kansas City, inaugurated by the Pennsylvania line last Sunday evening. The train passed through Richmond for the first time yesterday morning at about 10 o'clock, having left New York Sunday about 6:30 p.m.

The train leaves New York four hours and twenty minutes later than train 21, which now carries considerable mail. It arrives in Kansas City four hours and thirty minutes ahead of No. 21, thus cutting the time nine hours.

Competition between the Pennsylvania and the Santa Fe for mails to Kansas City is said to be responsible for the new train, as the Santa Fe has been taking eastern mail by way of Chicago and beating the Pennsylvania into Kansas City. The new train will now arrive at the latter point thirty minutes ahead of the Santa Fe.

The new train is due at Pittsburgh at 3:55 a.m.; at Indianapolis at 11:30 a.m.; at St. Louis at 5 p.m.; and at Kansas City at 1 a.m. No passengers are carried, the train being given over exclusively to mail.

PROMOTERS HOLD ANOTHER MEETING

The committee having in charge the drafting of articles of incorporation of the Eastern Indiana Traction company, which it is proposed shall build a traction line from Union City to Richmond and from here to Cincinnati by way of Liberty, Brookville, and Harrison, met in the Commercial Club rooms this afternoon for the purpose of completing their draft and definitely deciding upon several details. The committee is composed of A. M. Gardner and Paul Comstock, of this city, E. R. Beard of Liberty, R. L. Head of Brookville, and I. F. Brinkman of Harrison. The articles of incorporation prepared by these men will be submitted to the executive committee having the project in charge at a meeting to be held with in a short time. Definite action on the matter will then be taken. It is said that the company will be incorporated at \$50,000. Subsidies from various townships through which the proposed line will pass will be relied upon to meet a large portion of the expense.

THREE CHURCHES ELECT TRUSTEES

Trustees for the Methodist churches at Whitewater, Fountain City and Middleboro were selected at joint meeting of the congregations of three church. Those elected include Fountain City M. E. church, Thomas Brennan, H. R. Gifford, C. C. Hull and J. B. Cheneveth; Whitewater M. E. church, William Curtis, Colvin Williams, Frank Knoll, Ira Addleman, Nathan Graves; Middleboro M. E. church, Cyde Thomas, T. J. Adleman, Lawrence Cook, Isaac Brooks and Ed Williamson.

A Munchausen Yarn.
Baron Munchausen when hunting for deer upon one occasion encountered a magnificent animal, but found himself without shot. Speedily gathering together a handful of cherry stones, he loaded his gun with them and fired at the deer, hitting him squarely between the eyes, not killing him, however. The deer managed to escape, but some time later the baron encountered him again and was surprised to see a beautiful cherry tree growing out of the animal's forehead, covered with blossoms and fruit.

TWENTY GENTS OF ROAD FACE MAYOR

Weary Travelers Provided with Stone Pile Jobs—
A Blind Fighter.

Twenty hoboes, arrested by the police last night, were each given a sentence of 20 days on the stone pile, by the city court this morning. They were of all types; two dirty Italians, a pair of Fayette county youngsters, each about 18 years, four Irishmen from the "old sod," several self-admitted bums, and the rest searchers after work.

After the trial they were placed in the city lockup to await commitment. Suddenly they burst into strains of some ancient melody. The windows of the tall rattled, and the city hall force clapped its hands to its ears as the "music" fractured the air.

One of the boys said his name was "Johnnie Snow" and that he "was looking for work." Johnnie is about six feet tall. A dirty black felts hat covered a tousled head of "tos" colored hair. His eyes were pale sea green, like an alligator, and deeply sunk over a fierce jaw. He aroused suspicion in the breasts of the searchers.

Landslide of Dirt.

From his matted hair the dirt seemed to almost flow downward in layers, giving the appearance of a landslide. The police thought "Johnnie" was an anarchist and made him stand up, while they looked over all the pictures of "reds" they had. He wasn't though. He was just dirty. Even anarchists can be cleanly.

Outside of "Snowie" the other bums were a commonplace bunch. Patrolman Frank Remmert corralled eight of them in a box car near Beaverville. They made no objection to being arrested. Patrolman Lawler brought in the Connerville boys. The others applied for sleeping quarters at the city hall and were there arrested.

Mayor Zimmerman was much better to know what to do with the men, for he feared there would not be enough room at the county jail for them. After getting into communication with Sheriff Steen, he found the stone pile was well stocked so he decided to send them down.

There was one necktie and 39 cents in pennies and nickels in the entire bunch.

It took five of the biggest patrolmen of the department to arrest a blind man last night. Orville Thompson, the sightless one, was drunk, and with Albert Robbins and Ross White, broke into Corey's saloon on Main street. The patrolmen who took Thompson were Menke, Edwards, Welshak, Little and Longman. The men plead not guilty to drunk this morning and were committed to jail until tomorrow.

Frank Meyers and James Conaway were fined \$1 and costs for peddling without a license. They were selling coat hangers. They went to the stone pile along with the bums.

SEEKING NEW FIELD

Musical Conservatory Man to Look Over City.

Does Richmond provide a suitable field for a conservatory of music?

This is the question addressed to the secretary of the Commercial club in a letter received by him from Karl E. Kiefer of Aurora, Mo., today. Mr. Kiefer, according to the letter, is in charge of the Aurora conservatory of music and is looking for a new location. He states that he desires no only a little help in finding a good field for conservatory.

The request set the Commercial club officials to thinking. At first thought they seemed to be of the opinion that the high musical status of the city should be an indication that it could support a conservatory. But it was pointed out that the musical department of Earlham college and the large number of teachers in the city would afford too much competition for such an institution.

It was the belief, however, that if the teachers and the Earlham college department could be merged with a conservatory it would provide an institution of great benefit and credit to the city.

Mr. Kiefer will probably be asked by the Commercial club secretary to come to the city to investigate the situation for himself.

Two of a Kind.
A man can hide a secret from his wife about as easily as he can his pocket money—Judge

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