

## WILL ATTEMPT TO SOLVE A PROBLEM

Trustees to Ascertain Why More Pupils Do Not Attend High School.

### STATISTICS GATHERED

Course of Study May Be at Fault—Meeting to Be Held Tomorrow.

Township trustees of Wayne county will endeavor to find out why more pupils are not going to the high schools, at their January meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon.

School Superintendent Williams, has gathered statistics from the reports of the schools in Wayne township, Wayne county and all other counties is the state where conditions are similar to those of this county. The seventh grade grammar schools and the Sophomore year at high school are the stumbling blocks, according to Supt. Williams.

In Wayne county the following statistics of the passing of the students from one grade to another has been recorded by Supt. Williams and will be submitted to the trustees.

From the sixth to the seventh grades 82 per cent of the students pass, from the seventh to the eighth ninety-four per cent, from the eighth to high school seventy per cent."

In the high schools the percent of students who do not succeed in passing the examinations required or who give up school work after going to high school for one year is thirty-four per cent. The reason for the large per cent of those who fail or quit will be worked out by the authorities.

One of the trustees declares that many students do not appreciate the value of the high school training or do not receive the encouragement needed from their parents. The same trusted further said that the high school training is not considered practical by many students who do not wish to follow a profession or become teachers.

**May Change Course.**  
Supt. Williams believes that the course of study may have some influence on the way the students feel toward the school. They may consider many subjects required of them as useless or possibly too difficult. They become discouraged and stop attending school. We want as many students as possible to attend the township high schools and if the course of study is the cause for the low average in the second year at high school and the seventh grade grammar schools we will remedy the course to meet conditions."

In Wayne township, according to the superintendent in 1907, seventy per cent of students in the common school graduated; in 1908, the per cent increased and in 1909 the per cent dropped to sixty-three per cent. During 1909 and 1910 the number remained the same. In 1911 and 1912 the per cent increased.

In comparing the school reports of Wayne county with other counties the report is more than favorable in every respect other than the sophomore year of high school and the seventh grades of the grammar schools.

Secretary M. E. Mason, of the trustees organization, was ordered to write to J. A. Allen, of Terre Haute, regarding the proposed plan of distributing the state school funds. The township trustees are unanimously in favor of the plan and the secretary was not notified to inform Mr. Allen that they would use their influence in every way to have the bill passed.

### U. S. CONSUL DEAD

(National News Association)

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Paul Nash, the U. S. consul-general at Budapest, was found dead this morning in bed in his apartment at Claridon hotel. Mr. Nash arrived at the hotel last night. Mr. Nash was a resident of New York City and was appointed consul to Budapest by President Roosevelt.

### FOLLOWS FRIEND

(National News Association)

HASTINGS, Mich., Jan. 7.—Talmage Clifford, 65, who told of the sudden death of an old acquaintance, expressed his desire to die in the same way. This morning he was found dead in bed. He was a former resident of Findlay, Ohio, and has a son in that city.

### TO SUBMIT BONDS IN CHICAGO COURT

(National News Association)

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Bonds for 32 iron workers convicted in Indianapolis of a dynamite conspiracy, will be submitted to the U. S. circuit of appeals here, according to statements by the attorneys of the men today. It was expected that sureties for each of the men would be presented to Judge Francis E. Baker within the next ten days.

### BREAK THAT NEW YEARS VOW NOW?

LA PORTE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Edward McCloskey, of Porter county, who has just celebrated his 100th birthday is firmly of the opinion that his longevity is due to the constant use of tobacco. McCloskey, who is a native of Ireland, came to the United States at the outbreak of the civil war to enlist in the union army, but his age precluded service. He is making his home with his sister, not many years his junior.

## FINGER TIPS TEST

Fails in Case of Suspected Murderer.

(National News Association)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—"Jack," the negro whose arrest in connection with the torture and murder of Joseph H. Logue, the McVicker theater building diamond broker, has been shrouded in mystery, was identified today as "Big Jack" Edwards, a levee diamond peddler.

The evidence against Edwards, according to the police, is that he was in the McVicker building at the hour of the murder, was familiar with Logue's office and had been employed by Logue to sell imperfect diamonds on the street.

The negro denies the murder. His finger prints do not fit the bloody prints found on a handkerchief in Logue's office.

The negro today began his sixth day in an inclosed cell, seeing on one except police officials.

## LIGHTNING'S CAPERS

Strikes Buggy Shed and Then Kills Hog.

(Palladium Special)

MILTON, Ind., Jan. 7.—Lightning struck a buggy shed on the farm of Monroe Wohl, west of Milton, Monday morning. The lightning current ran down into the shed, struck the top of a buggy and glanced from there to the shed again and ran into a pen where a three-hundred pound hog was kept, instantly killing the animal. The farm is occupied by Victor Bertsch.

## 9 LETTERS FOUND THROUGH ACCIDENT

Had Dropped Between Sill and Slab—Were Mailed in 1907.

Bonds Given.

Mr. Joseph Allen told the authorities that he had no idea where his wife had gone after the charges were preferred against her and her husband.

Her bond of \$300 was stayed by Horace G. Kramer. Benjamin Hensley, who has been confined to the county jail since the charges were preferred against him was released yesterday by Sheriff Bayer after his father and William Tompkins furnished the \$300 bond.

He immediately informed the postmaster and an investigation was made.

The marble was removed to ascertain if the letter had fallen behind it and in the dirt that had accumulated there nine other letters were found, two of them unopened and bearing the date of October 17, 1907.

One of these letters was the property of George R. Dilks, deceased, and the other belonged to O. A. Kemper, South Eighth street. Another letter addressed to Mr. Kemper was found and two were found belonging to E. E. Roney of this city.

Although some of the owners of the letters do not reside in this city, all the letters were sent to their owners, accompanied by a letter of explanation.

### LECTURE AT HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY

The students of the High school will have the pleasure of hearing an interesting address to be given Thursday morning at the Chapel exercises by William G. Ulery of Chicago, a representative of the International Harvester company. His subject will be "The Romance of the Reaper." The talk will be illustrated with stereopticon views, depicting the entire story in a most interesting manner. Edwin L. Parker wrote the last reel of the picture. It is entitled "Back To The Old Farm." Patrons and friends are invited to attend. The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock.

## City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals.

POSTHER—Wilhelmina Posther, aged 79 years, widow of Fred Posther, died Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home, 309 South 8th street. Death was due to senility. The deceased is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Emma Hill, Anderson, Indiana, Mrs. Kate Wiley, Elyday, Ohio, Mrs. Tille Reddin of Anderson, Indiana, Miss Elizabeth Posther of this city; three sons, Henry, of Kokomo, Indiana, Louis, of South Bend, and Frank, of this city; one brother, Gus Welchman, and one sister, Mrs. Stubhouse. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. The deceased was one of the oldest German residents of this city. She was a well known member of St. Paul's Lutheran church.

LAFLIN—The remains of Agatha A. Laflin will arrive here this evening instead of this afternoon. The funeral will be from the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. V. Gause, 215 North 13th street at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Burial in Earlham cemetery. Friends may call any time.

EPFS—The funeral of William E. Epps, will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from the Friends' church at Chester. Burial in Chester cemetery.

Marriage Licenses.

Robert Heum, 37, merchant, Hakoda, Japan, and Francis Campbell, 29, city.

Alexander Pryor, 44, trimmer, city, and Rena Stanton, city.

## ANGRY OVER CHARGE

### MRS. ALLEN WEEPS

Grandmother of Georgiana Doyle, Child-wife, Is Reticent.

### IS RELEASED ON BOND

Says She Worked Hard for Girl—Says Nothing of Affidavit.

Mrs. Mary Allen, grandmother of Georgiana Doyle Hensley the child-wife of Benjamin Hensley, stated today that she would make no statement as to the marriage of the 12-year-old girl until the case is brought up for trial. When interviewed Mrs. Allen appeared to be very indignant over the charges brought against her but would not answer questions relative to the case.

She said she had been told to give out no statements. Not until she was asked if the child had married against her will would she give any answer. She then stated that Georgiana Doyle had come to her and said that she wanted to marry Hensley and that she had consented because it was the child's desire.

Charges Unjust.

Mrs. Allen broke down when she reviewed the way in which she said that people had placed unjust charges against her.

"I have rubbed my finger ends off in order to give the child a home," said Mrs. Allen. "I have always provided well for her."

Mrs. Allen refused to state whether she signed the affidavit which stated that the Doyle girl was sixteen years old. She was brought to this city last evening by Sheriff Oliver Mitchell, of Rising Sun, Ind.

Mrs. Allen told the sheriff she did not run away but told all her friends in this city where she was going. She said she had often visited friends in Rising Sun and her leaving Richmond was merely for the purpose of making a short visit.

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### CHURCH FIXES A TAX

(National News Association)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 7.—Two per cent of your earnings is the lowest amount you can give to mission work and be right with God, according to pastor Allen Moon, South Bend, president of the late union conference of the Seventh Day Adventists today before the conference.

In proof of his assertion he quoted from the Bible saying that Jesus Christ himself recognized this plan.

The plan was officially adopted by the conference.

### COUNCIL TO BANQUET

Celebrating over the success of the convention of the State Federation of Labor which was held here during last September the Richmond Trades Council will hold a banquet at its rooms on South Sixth street this evening. Delegates of the various local unions and past delegates and officers will attend the banquet.

### MEETS WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the Woman's Home-Missionary society of the First English Lutheran church will be held tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Henry Kollenberg at her home in South Fourth street.

### MR. GARVER DIES AT LANSING, MICH.

Word was received here today by friends announcing the death of John Garver, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oliver White, at Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Garver was well known here. At one time he had a mercantile business, later being employed at the Boston Store.

Walter's Composition.

Little Walter was told to write a composition containing the word "sodom." This is what he handed up to the teacher:

"My father owned some horses, but last week he seldom."

Y. C. Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Talk with your doctor about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla. Ask him if he prescribes it for pale, delicate children. Ask him if he recommends it when the blood is thin and impure, and when the nerves are weak and unsteady. Ask him if it aids nature in building up the general health.

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