

IS DECLARED SANE BY CIRCUIT COURT

Mrs. Lucretia Gibson Wins Fight to Secure Control of Property.

W. K. Bradbury was dismissed as guardian of Mrs. Lucretia Gibson of Centerville, this morning. Mrs. Gibson was declared insane by a commission, and recently a complaint was filed in the Wayne circuit court asking for the dismissal of the guardian, alleging she was of sound mind and able properly to care for her property. The complaint was ruled out because Mrs. Gibson was named as plaintiff. A person who has been adjudged insane can not bring a civil suit, according to law. The case was retried and won by Mrs. Gibson, after Robert Ribelin had been named plaintiff. Mrs. Gibson's estate was placed in her care.

The case was contested by Mrs. Anna Davis, sister of Mrs. Gibson. It was alleged that Mrs. Davis would be entitled to a share of the property of Mrs. Gibson if she died before she was declared sane and could make a valid will. Mrs. Gibson is said to be opposed to Mrs. Davis receiving any of her property.

Dr. T. H. Davis examined Mrs. Gibson and said she was perfectly sane and as capable of managing her estate as any woman of her age.

WAYNE MUST PAY A LARGER AMOUNT

Tax Commissioners Raise Assessments of Twenty-five Counties.

(National News Association)
INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 2.—Twenty-five counties had their assessments raised by the state board of tax commissioners following reports filed by the county board of review. This applies to total valuation on personal property, excluding corporations and real estate improvements. Marion county is not included in the list. Four counties were given an increase of 10 per cent, while the remainder were given a 5 per cent raise. Vigo county returned the largest figure with \$17,285,100. Vanderburg county comes second with \$13,748,479. Lake and St. Joseph counties have a close fight for third, \$13,636,288 and \$13,378,170, respectively. Of this number, Vanderburg county was increased 5 per cent.

Other counties with returns above ten million dollars are Allen, \$12,650,000, an increase of 10 per cent; Madison, \$10,738,515, and Wayne county \$10,273,990. The smallest returns were made from Brown county, \$701,810, which was under Ohio county, with \$710,310.

A GAIN IS SHOWN.
The gain in Wayne county this year over 1912 was \$687,080, which does not include the raise which will result from assessment of the railroad and telephone companies. The total raise this year over the past year will be approximately three-quarters of a million, according to the auditor.

The average gain for the past ten years has been two per cent. This year a gain of two and one-eighth per cent was recorded. The total assessment this year is \$32,372,460, according to statistics compiled by the auditor from the reports of the board of review and the township assessors.

WOMEN CLERKS AT COURT HOUSE ARE IN DEADLY FEAR

The bandit mice are again bothering the Wayne county officials at the court house, and a campaign against them is now threatened in every office. The officials realize that it will be impossible to exterminate them because of their numbers.

In the Wayne county abstract office the mice have even consumed the rubber erasers. Valuable papers are being chewed and destroyed. Traps will be set, and if possible, the ranks of the mice will be reduced. They are unusually bold, and scamper over the floors of the building, terrorizing the feminine employees. Last winter several feather dusters were consumed by mice.

Senator's Daughter is a Socialist



MRS. NINA LANE MCBRIDE.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Nina Lane McBride, daughter of United States Senator Lane, has admitted to her Washington friends that she intends to spend the remainder of her life speaking from soap box platforms on street corners in furthering the cause of Socialism. She recently became the wife of "Hobo" McBride, the famous Socialist orator while they were both attending a "hobo" convention in New Orleans.

RAILROADS ENTER REPLY TO CHARGE OF CONGRESS

Required to Perform Many Services in Transporting Mail They Are Not Paid For, They Allege.

(National News Association)
PITTSBURGH, Aug. 2.—By way of making clear the position they have taken before the Joint Congressional committee which is investigating the payment made to the railroads for transporting the mails, the railroad of the United States will in a few days issue a pamphlet claiming they are required to perform many services for which they receive no pay whatever.

A few preliminary extracts from that document are as follows:
"1. Providing apartments for mail distribution in combination baggage cars."

"Though the government has recognized that the space used for the distribution of mail enroute should be paid for, the law stipulates that there shall be no payment for such space unless the car, or portion of the car used aggregates forty feet in length. A very large number of cars have distribution space of from but ten to thirty feet. Some 4029 such cars are now in use with aggregate space, according to the postmaster General's report, of approximately 92,866 feet,

equal to 1548 full postal cars. Yet for this compartment space the government makes no pay whatever."

"2. Carrying free post office employees not in charge of mails."

"When an employee or agent of the post office department travels on government business as a passenger in a passenger car, the government, it is maintained, ought to pay his reasonable fare. The amount of transportation required by the department and not covered by law, for which no compensation is rendered, aggregates over \$1,000,000 in value per annum."

"3. Railroads must carry the mail between railroad stations and post-offices when such post-offices are within one-quarter of a mile of the station. This unremunerated service in the city of St. Louis calls for 60 porters especially to carry the mails from the different roads to their connections. In Kansas City 85 men are thus required. In Chicago there are 60 attendants in one station alone."

"4. The railroads are also required to transfer the mail between stations or from one train to a connection, if the stations or connections are within one-quarter of a mile of each other. This unremunerated service in the city of St. Louis calls for 60 porters especially to carry the mails from the different roads to their connections. In Kansas City 85 men are thus required. In Chicago there are 60 attendants in one station alone."

"5. Railroads are required to provide rooms in the stations for transfer clerks employed by the postoffice department."

"6. Rooms in stations are also provided for sorting mail. This is a charge on the railroad, but relieves the

LOCAL GAS MATTER IS NOW ENDED

Allegheny Co., and L., H. & P. Company Have Entered Into An Agreement.

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added. "Furthermore, our company has entered into a contract with the local company that it can not sell natural gas at a greater price than 40, 35 and 30 cents, as stipulated in the franchise. The citizens of Richmond will be protected by the contract we have made with the local company."

The public service corporation committee of the Commercial club was called together this afternoon and informed of the action of the two companies.

No Need of Hearing.

City Attorney Bond, who was present, said that he did not know what effect such action would have on the hearing which was to be held here next Monday, but it was his opinion that there was no further need of the commission holding a hearing. After hearing the statements of the representatives of the Logan company, the committee adjourned until 4:30 this afternoon, at which time Mr. Olney of the Richmond Light, Heat and Power company will be present and make a statement on behalf of his company.

Manager Wharton of the local company was asked for a statement regarding the policy of his company and he replied as follows:

No Artificial Gas.

"Of course we will discontinue the manufacture of artificial gas now the Richmond Light, Heat and Power company is to distribute natural gas."

Chairman Duncan of the Public Service commission was to have come to Richmond next Monday but it is thought that he will be informed of the action of the two companies tonight, which will probably mean that the hearing will be dismissed for the present.

postoffice department of the necessity to pay rent for such space.

"7. The railroads are compelled to provide mail receivers and mail catchers, so that mails may be taken on and put off moving trains, although in Great Britain, where similar apparatus is employed, the postoffice department pays for its installation and maintenance."

"Such are the incidental services required of the railroads for which no payment is made by the nation."

"It is estimated that the extra space in mail apartment cars for traveling postoffices is worth \$5,000,000, if paid for at the same rate as full railway postoffice cars, and that the other incidental services if performed by the postoffice department directly would cost over \$5,000,000."

PANICS 'IMPOSSIBLE WITH PROPOSED LAW

Says Senator Owen, Chairman of Senate Banking Committee.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—With the broad assertion that panics will be impossible if the administration currency reform bill is passed Senator Owen of Oklahoma, chairman of the Senate committee on banking and currency today made public a circular letter in which he replies to bankers who demand to know what advantages they will gain from the bill.

Owen asserts the bill will safeguard banks against occasional runs, give the ordinary state banks peace of mind against possible artificial panics and that while the banker loses two per cent on a part of his reserve deposited with the Federal Reserve bank, he actually will make money by other advantages. Senator Owen points out that a reserve of fifteen per cent will be sufficient instead of the twenty-five per cent now carried. With the same money a bank of \$100,000 capital would make \$2,750 each year more than under the present law.

In reply to the suggestion that bankers should control the federal reserve board because they are putting up all the money, he replied that the banks are not putting up money, but are merely lending credit and that the government is really supplying the money which is not supplied by depositors themselves.

BIG DAMAGE CAUSED

By a Severe Electrical Storm At Boston.

(National News Association)

BOSTON, Aug. 2.—Thousands of dollars of damage was done by lightning and resulting fires, when buildings were struck, transportation was delayed, electric light, telephone and telegraph systems were crippled and streets and roads were flooded by a rain and electric storm that swept over New England for six hours early today. The final deluge came as thousands were coming to Boston in the morning rush.

TWO CUTS OF PIE

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The President today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Henry F. Pennant of New York, to be secretary of legation at Caracas, Venezuela.
Gabe E. Parker, of Oklahoma, to be Registrar of the Treasury.

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