

RICHMOND INCLUDES COST OF LIGHTING

One of Few Cities Charging Item Against Municipal Light Plants.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—Preliminary figures of the forthcoming quinquennial report on the municipal central electric light and power stations of the United States have been given out by Director Harris, of the bureau of census, department of commerce. The statistics relate to the years ending December 31, for 1912 and 1907, and June 30, for 1902, and cover municipal electric plants only.

As a rule, no cash income is derived by municipal stations for electrical energy used for lighting streets and public buildings, and in order that the income shown may approximate the total consumption and sale of electric current by these stations, the schedule required that the income for service of this character should be estimated. In 1902, the income was \$245,987, or an increase of 222 per cent. The total number of persons employed numbered 7,940 in 1912 as compared with 3,417 in 1902, or an increase of 132 per cent.

The figures as presented for the United States show substantial gains for the decade 1902-1912. The number of stations increased from 1,415 in 1902 to 1,562 in 1912, or 92 per cent. The total income for 1912 amounted to \$23,218,989, as compared with \$6,965,105 in 1902, or an increase of 233 per cent. The total expenses for 1912 amounted to \$16,917,165, as compared with \$5,245,987 in 1902, or an increase of 222 per cent. The total number of persons employed numbered 7,940 in 1912 as compared with 3,417 in 1902, or an increase of 132 per cent.

TROOPS IN ULSTER

Britain Secretly Strengthens Forces in Province.

LONDON, March 18.—The intense gravity of the Ulster situation was shown today by the action of the government in increasing the forces of royal constabulary in the Irish province. Large shipments of ammunition were also being secretly made by the government.

The war department has counselled against the presence of troops in Ulster, and Premier Asquith and other members of the cabinet decided that if force is to be encountered on the part of the Unionists, the constabulary should be used against the anti-home rule army.

Captain James Craig, one of the Unionist leaders in Ulster, has left Belfast on a mission reported to be connected with the mobilization of 4,000 veterans of the Boer war.

MICE DEVASTATE SAMPLES OF GRAIN

A colony of mice is making inroads on grain samples which County Agricultural Agent Cobb has on display in his office at the court house. The height of boldness was reached by the rodents last night, however, when one of them chewed apart a cord to which was suspended an ear of corn. Cobb avers that they even perform the rump on top of his desk while he is writing on the typewriter. Recently several more samples of grain which were exposed on the open books after running through black and red ink. Traps will be set to catch the grain thieves.

NEW PARIS

Misses Faye and Opal Roberts entertained at a party, pulling last Thursday evening. Those who enjoyed the evening of games and music were Misses Hazel Coblentz, Izora Little, Genevieve Anderson, Messrs Walter Coblentz, Gaydon Morrison, Ralph Wilson, Gaydon Miller, Roy Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moody and son, Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moody spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Penland and daughter, Nettie. Miss Estelle Reinheimer spent the week end with Miss Lois Hughes. Miss Opal Roberts spent Sunday with Misses Ida and Ruby Wilson.

KENTUCKY WET

LOUISVILLE, March 18.—The legislature adjourned sine die this morning, and the possibility of prohibition for Kentucky died with it.

FRANKLIN SCHEDULE

FRANKLIN, Ind., March 18.—Manager Sundvall, of the Franklin college, nine today announced the schedule of the team for this year. The season opens April 1 at DePauw and closes May 30 at Earlham. Franklin plays Earlham here on April 25.

The New Zealand Farmers' Union asks government aid in procuring more laborers, more than six thousand workers being needed.

RECIPE TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

By a Specialist.

A very satisfactory preparation which darkens gray hair and acts as a corrective agent for dandruff and other diseases of the scalp can be made at small expense and in your own home by dissolving a small box of Barbo Compound in 7 ounces of water and then adding an ounce of bay rum and a quarter ounce of glycerine. Any drug store can furnish these ingredients. This is to be applied once a week until the hair is sufficiently darkened, then every two weeks to keep the hair soft and glossy and the scalp in a healthy condition. It may be used with equal success in darkening the beard. This is a preparation that gives splendid results, both as a hair darkener and a remedy for all scalp disorders, and is well worthy of a trial. You will find it far superior to the ordinary store preparations and much less expensive.

(Advertisement)

Investigate a Plan For Loaning Money

The character of a man to back up his promise and his reputation as security may be the means of borrowing small amounts of money, if the Morris loan company plan now being investigated by the commercial club, meets with the endorsement and support of the members.

The Morris plan is now operating at a profit in Baltimore, New York, Atlanta, Ga., and Norfolk and Richmond, Va., and after a trial it has been found that the loss of such companies is small.

Charles Jordan, secretary of the club has written to the company in New York to get the general plan. A study will be made of the information secured there. Then all other Morris plan loan companies will be asked for reports of their business.

Under the Morris plan, a man of good reputation who needs a small amount of money, may secure it by bringing two friends known to the bank officials to act as signers for a promissory note. If the signers have property, the lenders have property, for security as their reputations will be

at stake if the borrower does not repay the loan company.

The loan companies run on exactly the same plan as bank loan departments except that security is not demanded. The rate of interest charged by banks of the community is charged by the Morris plan loan companies.

The plan of loan companies is really an extension of the building and loan association idea, which was brought up at the last meeting of the club. Then a liberal loan company was suggested by which working men or men with a small salary can purchase his home with only a small amount of money to start with.

Mr. Jordan said it would be about two months before the data will be in and can be presented to the members for consideration. If the members will support it, probably a committee will be appointed to look into the formation of a company.

Small stockholders, probably would constitute such a company, and it is possible that membership in the company would be thrown open to any investor not necessarily a member of the Commercial club.

There's Nothing Wrong About "Plants," Says Hotel Clerk

"There are plants and then there are plants," is the way one hotel clerk sums up the "plants" in his hostelry. Do you know what a "plant" is? Maybe you are a "plant" yourself, but there's really nothing wrong about it. Here's a more detailed account of a plant as given by a Richmond hotel clerk:

"A plant is a person who patronizes the hotel chains in the hotel lobby, smokes a cigar or cigar and listens to the orchestra. It used to be that hotel detectives were hard on plants but that was in the old days. Now, the plant, if he is well dressed, is allowed to stay. He helps the impression that the hostelry is prospering, you know."

It is almost a physical impossibility for the ordinary man to distinguish a plant from a regular guest, who may happen to be looking around. But a house detective can every time.

"See that handsomely tailored man,

sitting in a chair near the wall," the clerk asks. "Well he looks like he might be a Boston bond broker. Nice fat cigar, freshly creased trousers, flashy tie, swell clad ankle. However, he's not from Boston. He's one of Richmond's own. He drops around here every day. We don't mind him for he drops his ashes in the proper place and he doesn't try to get fresh with any of the girls employed in the lobby. He'll do as long as he is dole."

Then there's another use to which the plant is put to by the hotel as an advertising disseminator. The plant likes to write letters on the hotel stationery. The hotel doesn't mind, because its picture is on the envelope. Of course, if the correspondence is too voluminous, then the house detective may stroll around and keep an eye on the stationery. Just by way of suggestion, you know. Most all the chairs used by the plants are used by the regular guests.

CAMBRIDGE CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Wolf of Fountain City, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mills Tuesday.

Frederick Freeman is spending a few days with his children in Indianapolis.

Lawrence Eby of Indianapolis, was the guest of friends here yesterday.

Mrs. H. H. Bryan has gone to Ohio to spend a week with relatives in Coshocton and Springfield.

The young married ladies' card club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Clarence Ingelman.

Miss Pauline Phares is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Miller and Miss Susie Freeman.

Mrs. David Furman after a visit with his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Danner, has come to Connersville to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Furman, before returning to her home in Monroe.

Mrs. F. M. Murray and Mrs. George Butler spent Tuesday with Mrs. Ira Sawyer in Richmond.

A. W. Scherer of Indianapolis was here yesterday.

Misses Katherine and May Bush of Connersville, were the guests of Miss Mary Dillon, the first of the week.

The annual opening of the mite boxes will take place at a called meeting of the W. H. M. S. Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Israel Morrey. All persons having mite boxes are asked to bring or send them to the meeting.

The Helen Hunt club met Monday afternoon with Miss Catherine Callaway.

Miss Rose Greisinger spent Monday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bakre have taken into their home, three little grandchildren, whose father, Samuel Bakre, died several months ago in Dayton.

The members of the Hurst theatre orchestra will donate their services at the pie social and dance to be given this evening in Red Men's hall by Mataska Council, No. 35, for the benefit of Mrs. Kate Stonecipher, one of their members.

J. H. Finrock celebrated his seventy-eighth birthday anniversary last Sunday.

The illustrated lecture depicting the scenes and history of the Panama canal, was given Friday evening at the Hurst opera house by Dr. D. W. Dennis, of Earlham college, who will be both interesting and instructive. Dr. Dennis returned recently from a visit to the canal zone.

Mrs. W. B. Wilson and her sister, Mrs. J. S. Griffin of Spiceland, are celebrating their birthday today at the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary Nicholson, at New Castle.

CRETE, IND.

Quarterly meeting was held at the M. E. church Sunday.

The last number of the lecture course was one of the best given at this place.

The members of the senior class and their teachers were entertained Friday evening at the home of Carl Standell.

Miss Ruth Borton was in Richmond Thursday.

COURT NEWS

Waivers of the right of notice and assent to the disposal of the estate of Robert J. Dickinson by the Dickinson Trust company, administrator, was filed today in circuit court by the heirs, Jane A. Dickinson, and three others. The value of the property is small.

M'ADOO WALTZ

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Society here has introduced a new waltz in honor of Miss Eleanor Wilson and her fiancé, Secretary McAdoo. The dance is called the McAdoo waltz.

GREENSFORK, IND.

Wm. Coffin, of Spiceland, is spending a few days with his son Arthur, northeast of the town.

Dr. Neff spent Sunday at Van Buren, the guest of his son.

Mrs. Archie Lindley spent Sunday with her parents at Frankton.

J. Collins and family are moving to the C. Y. Higgins farm northeast of town.

J. Haxton, of Economy, visited here yesterday.

E. M. Snyder, of Indianapolis, is spending a few days here as the guest of relatives and old time friends.

Life Stiggleman has placed a glass front in his building.

Ellen Bond is preparing for a cement walk in front of dwelling on North Main.

Joshua Allen, of Richmond, was here Tuesday.

William Davis met with a severe accident Tuesday and received some severe burns. He was pouring coal oil on the fire.

Miss Clara Weidman spent Sunday at Hagerstown.

Mrs. Edith Morgan was taken to the Red Hospital Monday.

Preaching services at the M. E. church on next Sunday evening by the pastor, it being the last service for the conference year.

Isaac Davis, of Richmond, was the guest of friends Tuesday.

INDIANA SAFE STATE TO USE STEAM CARS

INDIANAPOLIS, March 18.—Indiana is the safest state in which to travel on either rail or in automobile according to statistics compiled by Judge J. F. McClure, of the Indiana public service commission.

Over fifteen thousand miles of railroad in the state are already operating under automatic or manual block signals and several hundred additional miles will be equipped with the "block system" before the expiration of the present year. Fifteen per cent of the interurban mileage also is operating under the safety block system.

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FIRST TERMER IN U. S. CONGRESS



Henry Bruckner, who is serving his first term in congress, is an unusual New Yorker. He was actually born on Manhattan Island and in the district he now represents in congress. Mr. Bruckner is a manufacturer, has served in the state legislature and as commissioner of public works. He is a Democrat and is forty-three years of age.

TO HONOR MEMORY OF COLORED POET

Local Persons to Observe Anniversary of Birth of Paul L. Dunbar.

Tonight, white and colored residents of Richmond will honor the memory of the late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the famous negro poet who at one time resided in Richmond. A meeting will be held in the colored Masonic hall on South Sixth street and it is hoped that Mrs. Matilda Dunbar, the aged mother of the famous bard of the colored race, will be the honored guest. She resides in Dayton.

It is the general opinion that March 18, 1872, was the date of Dunbar's birth, although historians disagree on this point.

The following is the program for the meeting:

Life of Paul Lawrence Dunbar—Roy Brown.

Dunbar's Place Among American Poets—J. Edgar Hiff.

Remarks—Judge Luther Abbott, Mrs. Mary Frame Selby and the Rev. G. M. Ovalton.

Selection—"Our Own"—Miss Anna Brown.

Piano solo—Miss Emma Howard.

Male Quartet—Dunbar's favorite hymn, "Lead Kindly Light."

The committee is composed of Mrs. Jessie Smith, Mrs. Herbert Garrett, Miss Anna Brown, Mrs. W. W. Anderson and Mrs. Rosa Golins.

One of the speakers, Mrs. Mary Frame Selby, is generally credited with being the "discoverer" of the remarkable negro genius. She first heard of him, when he was a small boy in Dayton, through friends. They told her how the boy, who operated an elevator in a business block, would write verses in idle moments and read them to passengers on his elevator, to their great delight. She went to Dayton, met young Dunbar, recognized his literary talent and decided to develop it.

When Dunbar left Richmond he was east and eventually became a member of the staff of the Congressional Library at Washington. He died in 1906.

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Point System Will be Used at High School Next Term

By the new system introduced by Robert Nohr, physical director of the local high school, it will be possible for a student to win an "R" for all round school work, including athletics, scholarship, dramatics, oratory and conduct. The new system will be placed in effect next term.

The new system will give students that do not excel in any particular line a chance to win the coveted letter. By this means Nohr hopes to encourage students, who never before entered school contests.

Nohr's recommendation, adopted by the board of control of the school, is as follows:

As it is recognized by all the leading schools and colleges that the student that can perform with an average amount of proficiency in many and not one phase of athletics, I think it no more than proper that that to recognize such ability for several reasons:

(1) It would tend to bring out those that feel themselves not quite up to the standard in any particular branch of school activities.

(2) It would lead to all round development. The mind as well as the body would be trained—the object we are striving at in athletics and physical education.

(3) It would produce an incentive for outdoor recreation.

The plan for the year's work would be as follows:

50 yard dash 7
100 yard dash 7
220 yard dash 7
440 yard run 7
880 yard run 7
Broad jump 7
Hop-step-jump 7
High jump 7
Pole jump 7
Shot put 7
Discus hurl 7
Participating in games 7
Dramatics and oratory 7
Gentlemanly conduct 7

Total points 112
Points are awarded from 7 to 10. A student must average 7 points in each event to total 112 points which would be the required number.

I therefore submit the following amendment to the constitution of the school.

An all round "R" shall be awarded to the student that shall make the required number of points. The board of control shall each year publish a list of events to be tried for. All grading shall be from 7 to 10 points. That the same arrangement be carried out with respect to the girls.

TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING THURSDAY

A temperance mass meeting will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Third M. E. church under the auspices of the Mary Hill W. C. T. U. The public is invited to attend. The program will be as follows:

"White Ribbon Crusade" Glory Song—Members of a Male Quartet. Prayer—Mrs. Blümler. Reading—Mrs. Ella Towle. Solo—Miss Florence Berger. Address—"Who's Who"—Mr. Roscoe Kirkwood. Song—"Some Glad Day."

ARRANGE MEETINGS TO DISCUSS CASE OF COUNTY TREES

The care of orchards and fruit trees of all varieties grown in Wayne county will be demonstrated in a series of meetings arranged by Agent Cobb. The first meeting will be held at Economy in the orchard of C. F. Mendenhall at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Demonstration of spraying and pruning the trees and the best methods of caring for an orchard will be given, as Mr. Cobb gives his talk. He will show how to spray arsenate of lead to kill chewing insects; lime sulphur to prevent scabbing insects, and the use of Bordeaux mixture to prevent fungus diseases.

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NEW RULES FOR PARCELS POST