

## JOKE AT POOR FARM

**SUPERINTENDENT TAKES WITH HIM, LEAVING COMMISSIONERS IN LURCH.**

Superintendent James E. Greer on County Poor Farm played a April fool joke on the commissioners yesterday.

Farm was without a superintendent last night. James E. Greer, notice had been served by the commissioners that he must retract his resignation yesterday to take effect immediately, not return to the institution.

James E. Greer, a Pike Township farmer, immediately was appointed and in charge this morning, but over the affairs of the farm were in Edward Miles.

It was understood by the commissioners that Greer would give them a chance to fill the vacancy, but he returned to the farm.

The former official also went the night engineers and night watchmen says they notified him two days of their intentions to leave him no notice of this fact had the commissioners. The night engineer, however, conferred last night and successors appointed today.

## Whigham Is Appointed.

Whigham was appointed yesterday in place of day engineer and will perform his duties at the farm this morning. Commissioner James Kerven made a day afternoon to go to the farm in charge if it seemed necessary, however, stated he was well in hand and that assistance would not be needed.

The resignation of Superintendent Greer of a visit to the Poor Farm of the Board of State Charities reported to the commissioners and the farm poorly kept, and in an insanitary condition. Greer admitted the truth of the charges, but declined to lay the blame on subordinates, he said, he had intended to do the work.

## E & WESTERN DEMANDS SALARY INCREASE

Employees of Lake Shore, but Trainmen Hold Out for Agreement as B. & O. Made.

IND., O., March 31.—Following the demands of the Lake Shore Railroad, the Erie & Western Railroad today indefinitely the demands of its conductors for an increase.

The committee representing the employees meet here tomorrow to consider the advisability of following the lead of the Lake Shore men and order a vote taken. The committee representing similar employees in the Nickel Plate system pre-

fight of 300,000 miners to obtain a higher wage agreement with the operators.

## AUTOS TO PARADE AGAIN

### WILL SHOW VARIOUS STYLES

**SECOND PAGEANT OF ANNUAL MOTOR CAR CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD THIS AFTERNOON—GIVES LINE OF MARCH.**

The second parade of the annual automobile show is scheduled for this afternoon. This time a representative of every car handled in Indianapolis is expected to be in the procession. All of the members of the Indianapolis Auto Trade Association have entered models of their various cars, and in addition several private owners will participate. In all, it is anticipated to be the grandest display of various self-propelled vehicles ever lined up in a procession on Indiana soil. There will not be any attempt to make floral displays, but on every car will be a placard telling the name.

All of the entrants, however, are making extra efforts to have the crafts looking their best, and all will be groomed for dress parade with shining bodies and well-polished metal parts.

The parade committee last night mailed to all of the dealers instructions telling them on what streets to line up before forming in regular order on Fall Creek boulevard this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

The entrants will assemble on the following streets: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Alabama, New Jersey and Talbot avenue. The parade committee in its official car will make the rounds and issue instructions for the contestants to fall in. The Indianapolis Military Band will head the procession.

The success with which the floral parade was assembled and started on its popular march has encouraged the committee and it hopes to get this afternoon's procession off in as good fashion.

### Gives Line of March.

Following is the line of march for the industrial parade, in which there will be many more machines than were in the floral pageant:

From Fall Creek boulevard and Meridian street, south on Meridian street, to New York street, west on New York street to Senate avenue, south on Senate avenue to Washington street, east on Washington street to East street, counter-march on Washington street west to Pennsylvania street, north on Pennsylvania street to Massachusetts avenue, northeast on Massachusetts avenue to New Jersey street, north on New Jersey street to North street, west on North street to Delaware street and disband.

**"TWO-BIT" MEALS AND "BIT" WHISKY TOO HIGH IN 1804**

High Cost Cry Raised in Petition to Court, as Shown by Time-Stained Paper

## FIRES INTO GROUP OF WOMEN

**MASKED INTRUDER, AFTER DEMANDING MONEY, MURDERS MEMBER OF FAMILY WHO SCREAMS AND THEN SHOOTS ANOTHER.**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 31.—Miss Martha B. Blackstone was murdered by a masked burglar in the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow, Roundhill, tonight. Miss Harriet Dow, daughter of the house, was shot in the head, and was taken to the Springfield Hospital dying. The murderer escaped.

The murder was wanton. Mrs. Dow, her two daughters and Miss Blackstone, who was a guest for the night, were seated in the living room of the home about a small table solving a picture puzzle. The first intimation they had of an intruder was a demand for money from the dining room just in the rear.

They looked up to see a masked man in the dark doorway, threatening them with a revolver. Mrs. Dow retained her composure and replied: "We have no money," but Miss Blackstone, in fright, jumped to her feet and ran screaming into a reception room to the right of the living room.

The burglar said, "If you want to be killed keep on screaming," and fired as he spoke, the bullet entering Miss Blackstone's left breast. Death came instantly.

### Burglar Fires Into Group.

The murderer hardly paused to see his victim fall before he turned the revolver on the group, shooting Miss Harriet in the head. He then ran to the front door, leaped over the piazza railing and disappeared. The police have no clew to his identity, but say that in a general way his crime resembles the work of the men who terrorized the city last fall.

The four women were alone in the house and the murderer must have possessed this knowledge. It is the theory of the police that the man entered the house while the family was at dinner and concealed himself in a closet.

Mrs. Dow distinctly remembered having locked all the windows and doors about 7 o'clock, and the police found all the locks turned and windows fastened.

Marks found on the side of the house under a sheltered window led to the belief that he entered in this manner. Foot prints, plainly visible in the soft earth, after his escape, showed he ran as an athlete runs, on the balls of his feet.

The women are certain that only two shots were fired. Both Miss Blackstone and Miss Dow were teachers in the Jefferson avenue school. Miss Blackstone was 39 years old and Miss Dow about 30.

## PTOMAINES DISPROVE MURDER

Ohio Man Said to Have Been Poisoned by Food, Not Slain.

MANSFIELD, O., March 31.—Hugh McFall, a wealthy and eccentric merchant, who was found dying on his back porch yesterday, died of ptomaine poisoning, according to a statement made by Coroner Maglott tonight. The coroner declares that there is no reason to suppose that McFall was murdered, as was at first believed. The

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