

Announcements.

The Chicago Christian Endeavor Church will hold its quarter yearly meeting at the Chicago Avenue Church to-morrow evening. The Rev. Dr. O. P. Gifford will deliver the principal address, and reports of the work in the ten divisions of the city will be made. The Christian Endeavorers desire to reach all young people who are strangers in the city, and an invitation is extended to all such to be present at this meeting.

Mrs. E. V. Baker will lead the Central W. C. T. U. prayer meeting held at their headquarters, room 62½, No. 161 LaSalle street, at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Beaumont Club will give its third reception at Douglas Hall, corner of Thirty-fifth street and Indiana avenue, Friday evening.

The second reception of the Æolians takes place this evening at Netherwood Hall, corner of Taylor street and Marshall avenue.

Max O'Rell will lecture at Central Music Hall to-night upon the subject, "America as Seen Through French Spectacles."

Miscellaneous.

Dale & Sampill, Clark and Madison, general agents for I. X. L. Elastic Truss.

Fifteen photographs in three styles for \$3 at Stevens' Studio, McVicker's Theater Building.

The United States Court of Appeals, consisting of Judges Graham, Dockett, Jenkins held a session yesterday. But three lawyers were in attendance, and they were present to argue the suit of Mary E. Post against the County of Palaski, involving thirty railroad bonds issued in aid of the Cairo and Vincennes Railroad many years ago.

New phases of insanity developed yesterday in the case of Ernest Lundberg, who was sent to the Detention Hospital Monday night because his mind was affected on the subject of religion. He insisted yesterday upon walking across Lake Michigan. "There is enough ice for me to walk on," he said, "and I must get over in time to found a colony on the other side for people who are persecuted by the police, as I have been."

The Chicago Telephone Company procured an injunction from Judge Tuley yesterday restraining the Board of Trustees of Rogers Park from interfering with the company putting up and operating telephone wires through the village. The trustees have threatened to prevent the stringing of wires, on a claim that the company had violated the ordinance.

Quite a scare was experienced for a while in the clerk's office of the Criminal Court yesterday afternoon. The office is on the first floor and directly over the boilers in the basement. Some one had started the report that the boilers were unsafe and liable to explode at any moment. As a consequence, all the clerks in the office were walking around on tiptoes all the afternoon, scarcely speaking above a whisper, until Engineer Nye restored confidence by saying the boilers were in perfect condition and not liable to explode for many years.

Captain Porter, of the secret service, is after the man or men who have washed some of the new 25-cent silver coins with gold and passed them as \$5 gold pieces. The coins greatly resemble a \$5 gold piece when gilded and many people would be deceived by them. It was but ten days ago that any of the new money was received, but already several complaints have been made that gilded quarters have been passed as gold pieces. Captain Porter says it is against the law to gild the coins, even for use as scarf pins or ornaments, and he will prosecute any one caught doing so.

BRIEF MENTION.

News Items Gathered from All Quarters of the City—Looted a Cigar Store.

When James Drury went into his cigar store at No. 413 Blue Island avenue Monday morning, preparatory to opening up for the day's business, he found that the place had been so completely searched by burglars during the night that only his counters and desk were left. Even the cigar lighters, matches, and advertising signs had been seized and carried away. He notified the police of the Maxwell Street Station of his loss, and before night Sergeant O'Brien and Detective Creed had five men arrested for the theft. They are Edward Braddock, alias Scot; Charles Reynolds, alias Captain Thomas Murphy; Kit Burns, and Sam Richards. They were all captured in a West Side crook's resort, where part of the stolen property was recovered. The officers, in order to complete the chain of evidence, had their cases continued to Jan. 27 yesterday by Justice Eberhardt.

The Ceiling of Painted Canvas.

A citizen passing through the north corridor of the Postoffice yesterday afternoon, who chanced to glance up at the ceiling noticed a long strip of something that looked like iron filigree work hanging loose from its place. It swung to and fro, and seemed in momentary danger of falling. The citizen, in great haste, notified the custodian of the building, and a gang of men was sent to remove the dangerous piece of ceiling which hung over the heads of people as they passed in and out of the building. The workman procured a pole and pulled the hanging piece from its fastening. Instead of falling to the floor with a crash it sailed slowly through the air obliquely, and settled down on the floor with the lightness of a feather. Examination proved it to be a piece of painted canvas; the contractors had pasted over one of the numerous cracks in the ceiling to hold it together. The crack had widened, and loosened the canvas. The strip of canvas is now on exhibition at Architect Bell's office as a specimen of the efficient work of the contractors.

A Chance for Purdy.

William Purdy, who is charged with the murder of his friend, Samuel Reininger, feels very elated over the recent decision of the Supreme Court remanding his case back for trial. When seen at the jail yesterday morning his face was wreathed in smiles, and he was in splendid spirits. He stated that he expected nothing else from the Supreme Court, as a careful reviewing of the evidence could not help but show that he was being punished for a crime of which he was innocent. Not much stock is taken in the report which was circulated several weeks ago to the effect that a man had turned up in Rockford, Ill., who had confessed to the killing of Reininger. Legal opinion on the case seems to be that Purdy will not again be tried. When State's Attorney Longenecker was asked regarding future developments in the case, he said he was waiting for the opinion from the Supreme Court before he took any steps in the matter.

Say They Are Innocent.

David Silk, Nellie Wade and Mary Brighton, who were arrested by Officers Plunkett and Adamson on the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses, by representing themselves as authorized solicitors for certain charitable institutions, were in Justice Glennon's Court yesterday morning, but as the prosecution was not ready for hearing, the cases were continued until Jan. 22, bail being fixed at \$500. Silk denies he is guilty of any wrong doing, and said that the two young ladies who were with him at the time of the arrest had been with him to visit his sister who lives on the West Side. He said he was arrested for ordering one of the officers not to insult his lady companions, and when the newsboys' badge was found on him he was charged as above.

Freight Car Robbers.

John, alias William Yunkey and William Morrissey, two of the Baltimore and Ohio freight car robbers who were chased by the police last Friday night, were captured Monday night by Lieutenant Croak and Officers Ambrose and Yunk of the Maxwell street Station. Pat Grant, another of the gang is now under arrest on the charge of burglary, while Mrs. Martin and her son John of West Fifteenth street are locked up charged with receiving the stolen property. With these five people under lock and key, the officers think they have broken up as bad a gang of criminals as infests the West Side. They will have a hearing on Jan. 22.

The Matrimonial Swindle.

Jacob Zemon, M. Zamoutowsky, and S. Santowsky, the three men charged with conspiracy to defraud Charles Rosenberg out of \$40 which he had paid with the understanding that he was to be married to a buxom young Hebrew maiden and only succeeded in getting the laugh when he had been married to a freckle-faced boy, were arrested by Officers Abrado and Miller and taken before Justice Glennon yesterday morning. The prosecuting witness had not been notified of the arrests and the cases were continued until Jan. 25, the defendants being placed under bonds of \$300.

Held for Forgery.

E. F. Stevens, the clerical looking young man who has passed quite a number of worthless checks on West Side business houses, was put under \$2,500 bonds yesterday by Justice Woodman for hearing on Jan. 30. Lizzie Butler, of the meat firm of Setner & Co., No. 79 West Randolph street, and G. A. Bowman, saloonkeeper, of No. 323 West Randolph street, identified Stevens as the man who induced them, through the representation of being an agent for a St. Louis brewing firm, to cash \$201 checks. Sergeant Roche had the case continued in order to get a complete list of his victims.

The Citizens' League.

The board of directors of the Citizens' League met at the rooms of the league, No. 118 LaSalle street, yesterday afternoon to make arrangements for the league's annual meeting. It was decided to invite the subscribers to and members of the league and the public generally to a mass meeting to be held next Sunday evening at Central Music Hall. On that occasion the reports of H. J. Hayward, the league's general agent, and other officers will be read and officers for the ensuing year elected.

Only Indicted, Not Jailed.

Paul W. McWhorter, one of the alleged mortgage defrauders, reported yesterday as being in jail, called at the office of THE INTER OCEAN last evening, and denied that he had been locked up. "An indictment has been found against me," said Mr. McWhorter, "but I gave a bond for my appearance when needed, and did not go to jail as has been reported."

Chicago Historical Society.

John Moses, Secretary of the Chicago Historical Society, read a paper before that body last night on "Richard Yates, the War Governor of Illinois," at No. 104 Dearborn avenue. Mr. Moses' paper was a close study of the political life of the War Governor, and an appreciative tribute to the Union cause.

The Weather.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by Manasso, optician, No. 88 Madison street, was as follows: 8 a. m., 14; 9 a. m., 14; 10 a. m., 14; 11 a. m., 16; 12 m., 17; 1 p. m., 19; 3