

# ESCENTA.

th of Dr. Briggs, the Founder of the Colony.

LA CRESCENTA, Feb. 28.—A shadow of sorrow is cast over our whole community by the death of Dr. B. B. Briggs, on the 15th of this month. Though he had been ill with consumption for some time, when the final summons came, no one but himself seemed prepared for his death; but he had indeed "set his house in order" for all time, having put all his business in California into the hands of his nephew, Mr. George Crane of Ventura, with absolute power to act, and everything was arranged to save complication and trouble. He met death with a calmness which no one else could summon. He will be greatly missed from our midst, as he has long been the mainspring of the entire colony, coming here before any of the present residents, with one or two exceptions, and, together with Messrs. Childress and Lowell of Los Angeles, buying most of this valley, which was named "Crescenta" by Dr. Briggs, from the crescent shape of the mountains back of it; they subdivided it into 10-acre lots, developed water and laid out the townsite. Dr. Briggs afterward bought out his partners, made other large purchases and conducted the enterprise alone. He has always subscribed largely to all public enterprises, giving 10 acres of land to the church organization, besides generously contributing money whenever asked; he gave two and a half acres on the townsite for a park, set out trees, built the fountain basin, etc., gave two town lots for a store, several lots for a hotel, besides many more gifts for the good of the place. He had recently finished a fine large reservoir for storing the water for the townsite. He had looked forward to the good of the place in the future, and disliking to be thanked, yet his monument is in the hearts of those to whom he has been kind and helpful, and will endure forever. His funeral, at his home, The Terrace, was attended by nearly all the residents of the place, and his body, at his express wish, was taken to Los Angeles and cremated at the Rosedale cemetery. Dr. Briggs was well known in Los Angeles, as well as in this locality, having done business there for many years. He left a wife and one daughter, (who is now in Persia), besides a stepson and daughter, the latter of whom was with him at the time of his death.

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## Daily Mail to Shannondale.

Beginning May 1, there will be a daily mail from Crawfordsville to Shannondale. The postmaster here has advertised for bids for its carriage. The citizens in the vicinity of Shannondale are much elated over their good fortune.

## Do-You Want to Get Examined?

A civil service examining board for the Crawfordsville postoffice has been appointed. All applicants for positions in the Crawfordsville office will be obliged to pass an examination before this board which consists of J. H. Cook, Miss Grace White and Walter Roderick. Mr. Cook is chairman and Mr. Roderick secretary.

## Death of Dr. Briggs.

H. H. Ristine is in receipt of a telegram from Los Angeles, Cal., announcing the death of Dr. Benjamin P. Briggs which occurred there Wednesday evening. Dr. Briggs resided in this city until about ten years ago when he went to California on account of his health. He was a native of Ohio and came to Crawfordsville in 1871. Dr. Briggs leaves a large circle of friends here who will be pained to learn of his death. Mrs. Briggs will return to Indiana shortly and make her future home in Crawfordsville.

## Some High Toned Attractions.

March promises to be a month celebrated in the amusement history of Crawfordsville. Music Hall will fairly teem with good attractions. There will be three of the celebrated Frohman's plays of national repute and high standing. "Gloriana," March 1; "Jane," March 6; "Wilkeson's Widows," March 15. Emmet will be here March 11 and Gus Williams the 21st. There are also a number of other fair attractions. The Frohman plays, however, are what will take, and Manager Towneley is to be congratulated on securing them.

An Able Divorcee

## SURPRISE WEDDING.

The Attendants at a Prayer Meeting Astonished by the Introduction of a Marriage.

One of the most novel weddings in the history of Crawfordsville was that of Miss Edith May Davis and Mr. Mort Williamson. It was a strictly surprise wedding, only the family having any knowledge of its approach. About twenty friends of Miss Davis were invited to the family residence on east Market street Sunday afternoon to participate in a prayer meeting. All came with their Bibles and hymn-books and were not a little taken back when Miss Davis appeared on the arm of Mr. Williamson and took a position before Rev. W. G. Howe of the Christian church, who pronounced the solemn words that made them man and wife. Although greatly surprised the guests were none the less greatly pleased and united in extending the warmest congratulations. After the ceremony the prayer meeting was held conducted by Rev. J. B. Liter. It was a very happy but very solemn occasion.

## The New Dog Law.

A new dog law has passed the legislature. The bill provides that every dog shall be registered with the town ship assessor between the 1st of April and the 1st of June each year, and that tags shall be furnished by the township trustees. The tax is fixed at \$1 for the first male dog, and \$3 for each additional male dog; and \$3 for the first female dog, and \$10 for each additional female dog. Any and all persons are authorized to kill on sight dogs that are not tagged. The mode of distributing the fund originating from the dog tax is changed slightly. It is provided, as now, that the fund shall be used in paying for sheep killed by dogs. The excess of the fund when such excess amounts to over \$100, goes into the road fund in all the townships in the

## It Does Apply to Crawfordsville.

THE JOURNAL stated a few days ago that the act of the Legislature introduced by

Senator McHugh, O' Tippecanoe.

changing the term of city officials from two to four years did not apply to cities of less than 10,000 inhabitants. This statement was made on the strength of what appeared in the Indianapolis papers, but through the kindness of W. L. Hulet we have received a copy of the bill and no where is this limitation specified in it. Therefore, it does apply to Crawfordsville and affects the terms of the present officials as follows: Mayor, Clerk, Marshall and Treasurer will hold office until the first Monday in September, 1894, instead of May as now provided, and their successors elected in May, 1894, will hold for four years beginning in September, 1895.

Councilmen Smith, Vanarsdall and Scott whose terms expire in 1893 will hold until May, 1894, and Councilmen Reynolds, Tomlinson and Myers whose terms expire in 1894 will hold until May, 1896. After that councilmen will be elected for four years.

The bill has passed both houses of the Legislature, but has not yet been signed by the Governor. It is a job of the first water in the interest of the city officials of LaFayette, Terre Haute, Fort Wayne and other places and passed in spite of tremendous influences brought to bear against. As far as Crawfordsville is concerned it will save us the expense of an election this year and no one will object to the continuance of our present efficient city government.

## Obituary.

Dr. Joseph P. Russell, one of the country's best known and gifted men, departed this life Feb. 12, 1893, at his home, one-half mile south of Waveland. He was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, July 23, 1815, and was married to Mary E. Penn Sept. 3, 1845. In the



Will Represent Wabash.

Above we present a good likeness of Edgar G. Davis, who will represent Wabash in the State oratorical contest next month. Mr. Davis was born and raised in Montgomery county and has hundreds of friends who will be pleased to hear of his success.

## A DUTOR SYNDICATE

Will Soon Own Our Natural Gas Plant—A Statement From Mr. Ramsey.

According to a call published in THE JOURNAL the local stockholders of the People's Natural Gas Company met at the office of the Indiana Live Stock Insurance Company Saturday evening.

There were about twenty-five gentlemen there representing probably every share of stock held in Crawfordsville. Col. I. C. Elston was made chairman of the meeting and Capt. R. E. Bryant, secretary. A. F. Ramsey, president of the company, then stated the object of the meeting and explained the circumstances leading up to it. The Chester Pipe and Tube Company, said he, which owns a majority of stock wrote him about six weeks ago saying they desired to sell in order to invest the money elsewhere. They offered to sell their stock

## A DOUBLE MURDER.

The Widow of Wm. Mitchell, the Tailor, Meets a Tragical Death.

Hundreds of people in Crawfordsville remember Wm. Mitchell and his marriage experiences in this city. His first wife and her son still live here, she being now the wife of Loren Miller. As to the fate of wife number two, who caused his divorce with his first wife, the following from the Danville, Ill., Commercial is sufficient:

Several years ago a man by the name of William Mitchell, an Englishman, resided in Crawfordsville, Ind., where he was the proprietor of a first class merchant tailoring establishment, doing a flourishing business. In his employ was a lady who had twice been married and divorced. She was handsome and graceful, possessed fine business qualifications and performed her duties in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Mitchell was a married man at that time but afterwards secured a divorce from his wife and married his lady employee.

He finally disposed of his business in Crawfordsville and came to Danville, where he carried on business for several years, when he died. Mrs. Mitchell still continued to reside here on north Vermillion street, in the old Burroughs property, where now is built what is known as the Anker block. She was a member of the First M. E. church and a great church worker. W. G. Johnson came here from Portland, Oregon, and boarded with Mrs. Mitchell for some time, and finally married her and they went to his home in Portland. He was a contractor and accumulated considerable property. On the 20th day of June, 1890, while drinking heavily, caused principally by financial reverses, he committed suicide at the Hotel Portland. After the death of her husband Mrs. Johnson continued to reside at their home on Fourteenth and Laurel streets, Portland Heights. She opened a marriage bureau and for a while did a

## LEGISLATURE AND HOOPSKIRTS.

A Bill to Prevent Their Sale and Manufacture Introduced.

The bill of Senator Boord, of Covington, for an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of hoopskirts created a ripple of mirth in the State Senate at Indianapolis Friday morning. The bill comes in with a preamble reciting that "unless the sale of the article is prohibited they, the women of this great commonwealth, will be obliged to purchase, and wear the said hoop skirts—not because they are of any earthly use, but for fear of being ostracized by society." When the bill was introduced there was a diversity of opinion as to what disposition should be made of it. Senator Lynn wanted it sent to the committee on swamp lands. Senator Parker believed that the committee on military affairs was its proper repository. Senator Thayer, deeming the matter of national importance, insisted that the bill go to the committee on federal relations, while the author of the bill, Senator Boord, asked its reference to the committee on public health, vital and other statistics. A Senator who is in close confidence of Senator Boord, understanding his motive in introducing the bill to be that in the near future the young man expects to assume domestic responsibilities and expenditures, moved the appointment of a committee especially qualified to deal with the question involved. The idea took—the motion prevailed and the Lieutenant Governor with rare discrimination, named Senator Boord as chairman of the committee, with Senators Wishard and Leyden as his associates.

## Mr. Loucks Exonerated.

The Philadelphia Ledger of Feb. 14 contains the following concerning the case against Rev. W. E. Loucks, formerly of this city:

An adjourned meeting of the West Jersey Presbytery was held yesterday



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NAME	DEATH DATE	RACE COLOR	AGE/ BORN	SEX	CD	NATIVITY	TIME IN COUNTY	LAST RESIDENCE/ PLACE OF DEATH	CEMETERY OCCUPATION	MORTUARY
Bretcer, William	18-Jul-96	White	59y	M		Germany	6y	County Hospital	County Laborer	Frank M. Warner
Brewer, Abigail	7-Apr-95	White	82y	F	M	NY	11m	946 S. Hill St.	Rosedale	Kregelo & Bresee
Brice, Pricilla	13-Jul-99	Negro	80y	F	Wd	MD	6y	Santa Fe & Joy	Evergreen	Robert Sharp & Co.
Brice, Samuel, Sr.	9-Jan-96	White	50y	M	M	England	7y	341 E. 1st St.	Evergreen: Wood & Coal Yard Keeper	Sharp & Samson
Brichele, John	7-Apr-95	White	70y	M	S	Germany	1y	County Hospital	Evergreen Rancher	Kregelo & Bresee
Bricker, Arthur	9-Jan-94	White	1y 7m 15d	M	S	CA		135 1/2 Vine St.	Evergreen	Howry & Bresee
Bricker, H. R.	29-Mar-94	White	43y 7m	M	M	OH	2m	711 Macy St.	Evergreen	Howry & Bresee
Bricker, Harry W.	4-Nov-98	White	3m	M		Los Angeles		2327 Le Grand	Evergreen	Robert Sharp & Co.
Bricker, Herbert	13-Jun-93	White	7d	M	S	Los Angeles		174 Rose St.	Evergreen	Cussen & Cunningham
Bridenstine, D.	14-Nov-99	White	64y	M	M	PA	17y	345 S. Hope	Evergreen	Bresee Brothers
Bridge, Clarissa R.	10-May-97	White	77y 5m 11d	F	M	Lenox NY		Glendora	Rosedale	
Bridge, David	3-Feb-99	White	21y	M	S	CA		Small Pox Hospital	Calvary Conductor	Board of Health
Bridge, Jno. Lewis	16-Aug-95	White	76y	M	M	NY	5y	825 Bonnie Brae	Rosedale Capitalist	Peck & Chase Co.
Bridge, Mary C.	1-Jan-96	American	29y	F	M	Chicago IL	15y	South Pasadena	Rosedale	Peck & Chase Co.
Bridge, Rush V.	16-Jan-96	White	45y	M	Wd	Oneida NY	6y	823 S. Bonnie Brae	Rosedale Capitalist	Peck & Chase Co.
Bridges, [d/o James]	15-Feb-96	White	Stillborn	F		Los Angeles		1618 New Main	Calvary	Cussen & Cunningham
Bridges, Cecelia A.	22-Apr-98	White	36y 5m 5d	F	M	Canada	14y	754 S. Olive	Rosedale	Robert Sharp & Co.
Bridges, Charles	12-May-97	White	4y 11m 26d	M	S	KS	2y	2121 E. 6th St.	Evergreen	Cussen & Cunningham
Bridges, J. H.	23-Apr-97	White	76y	M	M	VA	3y	719 Boyle Ave.	Evergreen	Kregelo & Bresee
Briggs, Arnetta	25-Feb-93	White	16y	F	S	AZ	7y	211 W. Ann St.	Bur: Downey	Caesar & Co
Briggs, B. B.	10-Feb-93	White	65y	M	M	NY	12y	La Crescenta	Cremated Physician & Rancher	Chase & Co.
Briggs, Mrs. K.	19-Jan-94	White	83y	F	M	NY	7y	Hardy bt Iowa & Hoover Sts.	Rosedale	Howry & Bresee
Briggs, Phoebe	23-Aug-99	White	75y 8m	F	M	England	34y	1838 S. Main	Rosedale	Robert Sharp & Co.
Briggs, Walter herst	3-Sep-93	White	16y	M	S	OH	8y	3030 Maple Ave.	Rosedale	Howry & Bresee
Brigham, Dorothy	29-Jan-99	White	4m 23d	F	S	Los Angeles		6th & Figueroa		Orr & Hines
Brigham, Thomas H.	3-Dec-95	White	70y 8m 12d	M	M	MA	15y	Florence	Evergreen Farmer	Peck & Chase Co.
Brill, John J.	17-Oct-97	White	70y 5m 2d	M	M	Wilton NY	10y	927 S. Hill	Rosedale Vault	Dexter Samson
Briminstod, Sidney O.	9-Jan-98		30y					Orion, Oakland, MI	Rosedale	Orr & Hines
Brinton, Geo. T.	20-Sep-97	White	13y 11m		S	CA	8y	Pearl & Bellevue	Rosedale	Kregelo & Bresee
Britton, Max M.	21-Feb-99	White	20y	M	S	CA	11y	Weller St. [4th W]	Mountain View	Lippincott
Brizzolera, G.	18-Nov-97	White	62y	M	Wd	Italy	25y	French Hospital	Calvary Laborer	Robt. L. Garrett & Co.
Broadwell, Dottie D.	26-Jun-97	White	20y 4m 6d	F	S	OH	10y	311 Court	Evergreen	Robt. L. Garrett & Co.

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Hi Trudy:

You may find this hard to believe, but I actually found another error in my book, CV Pioneers! :) On page 37, it states Dr. Briggs was cremated at Roselawn Cemetery. There is no such place in L.A. He actually was cremated at Rosedale Cemetery, founded in 1884 and in 1887 they built the only 2nd crematorium in the U.S. and the only one west of the Mississippi. It is now Angeles Rosedale.

Jacque was the one who called them and confirmed that he was cremated there and no one ever picked up the ashes and they were buried in an unknown location. Mrs. Briggs went back to Crawfordsville pretty quickly and I think no one quite knew what to do with the remains.

As I am working on this new series I am re-verifying all my facts, it has been 10 years since my book came out.  
Jo Anne