Would Preserve The
Historic Indian Rock

Henry Lorberg is going to communicate with the City Council department in York, a view to having the large boulder on the island, the idea of Mr. Lorberg, thus preserving the historic feature. The city park, in a position overlying the river, with an iron railing around it and a history of the rock, has been placed by the government, has pulled the rock out of its place long ago and crushed it with dynamite, as it is an "undoubtedly subject to navigation with the river between fire and fifty feet." The bottom of many a boat, a large cistern, in old days when steamboats were plenty, would doubtless not be difficult to have the dragboat pull out the boulder, but the matter of placing it in the park would have to be attended to by the city and private subscriptions. Mr. Lorberg is sounding the sentiments of officials and citizens on the subject. Portsmouth is the city of the Ohio river, and to preserve the boulder would be highly appropriate. That the rock rolled off the hill at some remote period seems assured, as it is of the same formation as the summit of the rock hills. It is now smooth as a bowling ball, made so by the motion of the river for generations. History of a date as 1511 mentions its presence. Formerly, the features of man's face were chiseled into the face of the rock fronting the Ohio shore, and this gave it the name of "Indian Head." The name "Indian Rock" is of much later origin. The human face, a ring some two feet in diameter, has eyes, nose, mouth, and mustache and has been worn away by the action of the water and has not been visible for many years. The man or boy who did the carving is reputed to have been John Book, another half-brother of W.T. Book, of East Eighth Street. Book was a very adventurous boy and grew to be one of the best steamboat pilots and at an early state was a captain in the Civil War and killed in battle. He carved the face some time in the 18th Century. It was very seldom the river became so low that all of the Indian face was visible, it was chiseled off at extreme low water. If the face is still intact it is doubtful more than two-thirds of the image would be visible at the present stage of the river as it is.

NIGHT CLERK PULLS WRONG FIRE ALARM

GILGEN & BALMERT HAVE NO PLANS

Owing to the rather careless action of Night Clerk Godby, the guests of the Washington hotel were given the scare of their lives, Wednesday night.

Godby, it seems, happened to see a motion of burning match and, mistaking it for signs of being a hero, by turning in the fire alarm. He pulled a lever, and in less than 10 seconds every bell about the hotel was pealing out the alarm. The guests, some of them gathered rather scantily for an October night, swarmed in the lobby of the hotel, and the clerk was held out of his wits. He had turned in the hotel alarm, thinking it was the city alarm. Some of the guests were so frightened that they slept no more than a night, and the clerk had a tall time explaining his action to the proprietors.

Sick And Homeless

Taken sick in Columbus where he had been working, Joe Mincham, returned here on an N. & W. train Wednesday evening only to find his old home broken up. Mincham's aged mother, who had been admitted to the country, has returned to State Run during the week. City Physician Dr. Smith accordingly ordered his removal to Hempeola hospital. Mincham had been sent to Portsmouth by the Capital City authorities.

Dredgeboat Sinks in Ohio

Gallop, Ohio, Oct. 8.—The dredgeboat owned by Gates & Headman, of Charleston, W. Va., contractors, sunk five miles abovethere in the Kanawha River. The loss is $11,000. The boat is in nine feet of water.

The Royal Neighbor's will give a social at their hall over Flood & Blake's drug store, Tuesday night, October 6, 1908.

Capt. Charles Hewitt and wife of Quincy, Ky., were in the city shopping Wednesday.

Finds a Pocketbook

A. L. Humes, a popular traveling representative of F. Cherry & Co., a New York cigar house, found a pocketbook at Pounth and Chillicothe streets Wednesday afternoon. It left it at the W. & B. drug store, where the owner may recover it.

Barman Gets a Job

Pick Hendrix, who has been employed as barman at the Jacob Elam & Co., 9th and Market streets. Thursday went to work at the Portsmouth Yachting and Yachting company's plant.