

GAS FRANCHISE GRANTED

Council Extends Privilege to Logansport and Wabash Company

FOR TEN YEARS

Petition to Brick North Sixth Street Filed.

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS

Meibers Addition to Have Electric Lights—Objections to Roop Sewer.

The common council met last evening in regular session for the first time in the new year, Mayor Coffey presiding, and every councilman being present with the exception of Chronister, who had his eye injured a few days ago and was unable to attend. After the reading of the minutes the council got down to business and disposed of matters in lightning rapidity. The proof of publication giving notice to property owners for hearing objections upon the assessments on the newly constructed Roop and Lehart sewers were filed and the mayor then asked if any one present desired to object to the Roop sewer, and in response Charles Miller, a property owner, James Hurst a property owner and Fred Fruchte representing the northern real estate company, objected in person to their respective assessments, alleging that they were too high for the benefits derived. Upon motion by Martin the assessment roll was referred to the street and sewer committee and the city civil engineer for adjustment. This motion carried. The Lehart sewer was next and no objections were filed against the same, although the school board appeared and asked to be assessed in the same as they were partially benefited. Upon motion by Van Camp the assessment roll was referred to the street and sewer committee for adjustment. Judge D. D. Heller representing the Logansport and Wabash Valley Gas company presented an ordinance amending an ordinance passed in the year 1890 entitled an ordinance granting the above named company the right and privilege to lay, maintain and operate gas pipes in the city of Decatur for illuminating, heating and power purposes and limiting the price to be charged consumers therefor. Judge Heller explained his object in a clear and concise manner and asked that the Logansport and Wabash Valley Gas company be extended the right to furnish natural gas at a new schedule, which was to hold good for ten years, commencing January 1, 1908, the charge to be one dollar per month for the first 4,000 cubic feet of gas or any fractional part thereof furnished to any consumer as a minimum rate, and the consumer to pay the sum of twenty-five cents per 1,000 cubic feet for all gas consumed in any month over 4,000 cubic feet, said sum to be paid on the first day of each succeeding month and if not paid in ten days after the first of the month, then said company to have the right to charge one dollar and twenty cents for the first 4,000 cubic or fractional part thereof and thirty cents per 1,000 cubic feet for all gas used by the consumer in excess of said 4,000 cubic feet. The company is to furnish all meters, but the consumer is to pay for putting them into place, and the company shall charge no rent for the use of the same. From what Judge Heller stated the gas company have been able to get into a new field where there is plenty of gas and they will after the next two weeks be able to furnish their consumers with plenty of fuel, which will no doubt be welcomed by the citizens of Decatur. The new schedule asked by the company is cheaper than the old and as in the past all gas must pass through a meter. After due consideration the council passed the ordinance by a unanimous vote, thus granting the Logansport and Wabash Valley gas company the privilege they asked. A resolution ordering the city clerk to certify the assessment roll on Seventh street improvement to the

city treasurer for collection was passed and adopted and those who have been assessed in that improvement may now either appear before the treasurer, sign the waiver availing themselves of the ten year plan or pay the amount due in cash. The maintenance bond of Julius Haugk given for the purpose of keeping Seventh street in repair for three years was read and upon motion by Burns was adopted and ordered spread of record. The work of beautifying Decatur in the way of new brick streets seems to continue and from all appearances much improvement in this line will be done in our city during the coming summer. A petition signed by seven of the property owners residing on short Sixth street, commencing at Monroe street and running north to Nuttman avenue, asking for a brick street, was read and upon motion by Christen was referred to the street and sewer committee, who will no doubt report favorable at the next regular meeting of the council. A petition for electric lights in the Meibers addition was filed and read and upon motion by Christen the same was referred to the electric light committee for consideration. The finance committee to whom had been referred the reports of the city treasurer and city clerk for the months of October and November filed their report in which they found the same correct in every respect and upon motion by Christen the report was adopted. The following bills were then read and allowed by the council.

Wm. Geary	\$10.00
W. J. Archbold	1.97
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National Mill Supply Co.	7.86
Bass Foundry	6.04
Latta Martin Pump Co.	5.00
Sullivan Oil Co.	32.85
Ft. Wayne Machine Wks.	57.80
Sunday Creek Coal Co.	434.39
G. R. & I.	325.03

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THE TARIFF BILL

Senator Beveridge Asks for the Creation of a Tariff Commission.

OF FIVE MEMBERS

Their Duties and Salaries—Some Other News of Interest from Washington.

Washington, January 7.—Senator Beveridge's bill for the creation of a tariff commission, introduced today, was referred to the committee on finance. The senator will urge that its consideration in committee be taken up as soon as possible. It is well understood that there is much opposition to the proposed legislation from the "standpaters" on the ground that the creation of a commission might be interpreted as an opening wedge against the tariff, but the Indiana senator means to fight for the bill and force action on it, if possible. The purpose of the bill is to create a commission, to be appointed by the president, the object of which is stated in the bill as follows:

"It shall be the duty of said commission to proceed immediately to investigate the cost of production of all articles covered by our tariff, the prices paid American labor in comparison with prices paid foreign labor, the cost of raw material entering into our manufactured articles, whether domestic or imported, and all other facts necessary to the fixing of duties on any article."

The commission will consist of five members and be attached to the department of commerce and labor, the secretary of that department being made ex officio chairman of the commission. The members are to be appointed for terms of five years each, vacancies, which may occur from time to time, being filled only for the unexpired term, and the compensation

THE PURDUE FRUIT SHOW.

Will Be Held Next Monday and Tuesday.

The enterprise of the Indiana Horticultural Society in holding a fruit show at Purdue university at the time of the farmer's short course, Jan. 13-18 is attracting considerable attention among the up to date and progressive fruit growers of the state. This show, which it is intended to make an annual affair, is held at the invitation of the horticultural department of Purdue university. The premium list contains about 300 items and the cash prizes amount to over \$300. The committee in charge of the show consists of W. C. Reed, the president of the State Horticultural society, W. B. Flick, secretary, and C. G. Woodbury of the experiment station. This exhibition comes at an opportune time for the horticulturists, since the short course in fruit growing offered by the university will enable them to get many valuable hints in regard to the care of orchards and control of insects by spraying. Premium lists containing full information, can be obtained by writing to C. G. Woodbury, Experiment Station, Lafayette, Ind.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Jury Commissioners Select Names for the Year 1908.

SOME OTHER ITEMS

Haviland Divorce Case Set for Trial—Suit on Note Dismissed.

H. A. Fristoe and S. B. Fordyce jury commissioners and Clerk James P. Haefling, were in session today and will meet again Thursday morning to select the names of 120 citizens of the county, eight from each township and twenty-four from Decatur, Geneva, Berne, and Monroe, which names are placed in the jury box and from these are drawn the names of forty-eight petit jurors and twelve grand jurors each year. These names are the only ones used unless the court orders a called jury, such as in a murder case when a special venire is summoned.

The case of Samuel E. Hurless et al vs. Theodore A. Hendricks suit on note dismissed at cost of the plaintiff.

Old Adams County Bank vs. John H. Yager et al. suit on lien, demurer and answer filed by defendant. Eight interrogatories filed by defendant and plaintiff ordered to answer same within ten days.

Clayton Williams vs. Reuben Clark, suit on note, \$140, demurer filed to answer, overruled; reply filed by plaintiff.

State ex rel Sarah Gleason, admx., vs. Edward E. Young et al, answer filed in general denial.

Harriet E. Haviland vs. Grant Haviland, a sensational divorce suit, set for trial for Friday, January 17th.

The LeMay rape case, brought here on change of venue from Wells county, begins Thursday noon. H. B. Heller will assist in the prosecution and Peterson & Moran in the defense. The case will likely require the balance of the week.

In the matter of Edwin Mansfield, guardian for William Cummins, a foreign guardianship, a second paragraph of answer was filed by the City National Bank, of Tiffin, Ohio, rule to reply and rule to answer cross complaint.

Tazwell Fritz, guardian for George A. Fritz et al, filed a petition for the sale of real estate which was refused by the court.

Mrs. Alice Smith of Second street, who has been on the sick list for the past two weeks with lung trouble is steadily improving.

Clyde Nichols, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols, is very low suffering from an attack of lung trouble. The boy is in a serious condition.

Tom Gallogly has returned from a brief sojourn to Hoagland

GRAVES EXCUSES

Warsaw Lawyer Visits Bluffton—Tells His Side of the Story.

HAS A CASE THERE

Don't Want to Appear in Too Bad a Light—Says Jury Were Woodsmen.

J. C. Graves, head of the Graves Auditing company, of Warsaw, who was convicted of embezzlement at that place Saturday morning, was in the city Monday, consulting with his attorneys, who will defend him in the suit brought against him by Lancaster township to recover the costs in the case he lost against Joel Fry, whom he charged with misappropriating township moneys, said the Bluffton Banner.

In speaking of his conviction on the embezzlement charge, Mr. Graves made out the jury who had found him guilty as twelve of the most benighted men, backwoodsmen, imaginable, and himself as a spotless cherub. The sentence has not yet been passed upon him and he claims that it never will be for the judge will probably throw the "preposterous" case out of court.

According to Mr. Graves his accusation and conviction is a great injustice. As attorney for the Arbuckle-Ryan Harvester company of Toledo, O., he was ordered by them to buy up a quantity of real estate that was to be sold at sheriff's sale. For this purpose they sent him money which was not sufficient to make the purchases and the balance he added from his own funds. Afterward he disposed of the real estate at the orders of his employers, took out what he had originally placed in the deal and without extracting what profit his money had earned in the transaction he forwarded the remainder to the company.

He alleges that the company saw an opportunity to ensnare him on a statute covering the mingling of funds and did so, bringing suit against him on the above charge. A mere technicality convicted him but the point, he says, is too fragile to be held against him long.

The case against him here will be tried next term but if the "technicality" holds good Mr. Graves will not be present. Instead he will be languishing in a cell in the Kosciusko county jail for the penalty attached by the jury is sixty days confinement and a fine of \$100.

SOME I. O. LEAGUE DOPE.

Decatur is Still Being Considered a Factor.

Base ball dope from Richmond is as follows:

Conditions in Indiana and Ohio towns desiring berths in the reorganized Indiana-Ohio base ball league will be investigated this week. This will be in anticipation of a meeting for reorganization to be held in this city on January 20. At the most recent meeting held there was much enthusiasm shown by all the promoters attending, and there is confidence in every city relative to the national game next summer. Manager Clarence Jessup, of Richmond, will visit Hamilton, Lima, and Van Wert in Ohio, while A. R. Kling, president of the league, will make a tour that will include Muncie, Bluffton, Anderson, Kokomo, Marion, Frankfort, Decatur and Huntington. These cities and Richmond will have representatives at the meeting to be held here. It is the intention to make the salary of the president of the league such that he can devote all his time to its affairs.

Mrs. Peter Neidhart, of Spencer, Ohio, passed through the city today enroute to Portland, Indiana, where she will visit her father, who is very ill. She took dinner with T. W. Watts and family.

The Rev. Samuel Cramer will preach this evening at the United Brethren church in the place of Rev. Stalter. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Jacob Graber, superintendent at the county farm, informs us that he has a boy at the farm that he would like to find a good home for. He says the young fellow is thirteen years old and is possessed of excellent habits and any one desiring a boy would do well to address Mr. Graber.

PURCHASE BOYERS PROPERTY.

Newton Anderson Now Owns a Handsome Home.

A deal was consummated yesterday whereby Newton C. Anderson, one of the proprietors of the Anderson and Baker restaurant, became the owner of the Dr. Boyers property on Third street. Dr. Boyers has been contemplating the sale of this property for some time for the reason that not enough room was available on the lot to erect an office. In securing this property, Mr. Anderson has one of the best locations in the city and the house is modern and well built in every respect. He will take possession within a few months. Dr. Boyers is planning to build a two story frame building on the Tyrell corner and he will also erect a modern office on the same lot. As planned, the construction of this new home and office will begin in the near future and when completed, it will not only add to the convenience of the doctor to have his home and office on the same lot, but will also greatly improve the appearance of that corner.

MR. SHELTON HOME

Served as Mechanical and Electrical Engineer for a New Road.

IN OLD ARKANSAS

Prepared Specifications for Line Between Pine Bluff and Little Rock.

Mr. B. W. Shelton, general superintendent of the Fort Wayne and Springfield railway company, who left the second day of last November for Little Rock, Ark., where he acted in the capacity of mechanical and electrical engineer for the Pine Bluff traction company, returned to the city yesterday and has resumed his duties here. Mr. Shelton reported that he enjoyed the trip and learned many things about the state of Arkansas that were new and interesting. A new traction line is under construction between Pine Bluff and Little Rock, a distance of fifty miles and Mr. Shelton made the specifications covering the material, machinery and cars. His work was appreciated by the people for whom he worked and a lucrative salary was at his command should he have decided to stay. During his short stay in Arkansas, Mr. Shelton learned many things about the state and its people which are of much interest.

The state of Arkansas, said Mr. Shelton, is fast becoming an attractive state. Mineral products of all kinds are found in this region and even diamonds are considered common among the people of some localities, where they sell from fifty cents to \$5.00. Mr. Shelton states that Arkansas is becoming quite thickly populated, especially the rice growing section, known as the Grand Prairie, which is located between the Arkansas and White rivers. This valley which has only been under cultivation for rice for two years, has proven to be well adapted to the production of same and many people are taking advantage of the fertility of the soil. The trip was much enjoyed by Mr. Shelton, who did not permit an opportunity of ascertaining facts pass without notice.

MISS KALTWASSER IS DEAD.

Bluffton Lady Well Known Here Dies at Cleveland.

Miss Rosa Kleinhenz received word this morning to the effect that Miss Anna Kaltwasser of Bluffton, who underwent an operation at a Cleveland hospital a short time ago, died Monday night at that place. Miss Kaltwasser is the daughter of a prominent business man of Bluffton, and has visited in this city on many different occasions. The deceased has been a close friend of Miss Kleinhenz for several years and the news of her death does not only cause sorrow among her friends in Bluffton, but also among her many acquaintances and friends which she has made in Decatur. She was a girl of many talents and was possessed of the qualities that make a girl ideal in every respect.

JUDGE GAULT IS AT WORK

Grading Poultry at the Big Show Here Continued Throughout Day

CROWDS ATTEND

The Big Room Packed With Visitors at all Hours.

PRAISES MANAGERS

Visitors All Say the Poultry Show is One of the Best Ever Given.

That the Adams county poultry show is a success was demonstrated today by the enormous attendance and at all hours it was a hard matter for one to work his or her way through the dense throng to get a view of the exhibits that are on hand. Without doubt there is something fascinating about a poultry and pet stock show that is never demonstrated until one is in our midst and then the cackle of the hens and the crow of the roosters, the quack of the ducks and the peep of the turkey seems to be music to the ear that draws the public, wherever they may be. Eight hundred of these feathered fowls are on hand and from all appearances it would be a hard matter for the association to handle any more were they to come in as every available nook and corner of the room is now occupied by a coop or a cage. The association in arranging the exhibits have used good judgment as every fowl can be readily seen and admired by the spectators without again going back over the same territory, thus saving much time and avoiding the big jam that always follows a show of this description. The show this year far exceeds that of last year not only in the number of exhibits, but in the different varieties of chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys. In fact it would be a hard matter for one to name a species of this feathered tribe that is not represented at this show and this is one of the features that makes every coop attractive. Of course to those who are not familiar with the different breed of chickens like the writer would say "Well they all look alike to me," but to the poultry man there is a vast difference, which he can readily define to a spectator if they but stand a moment and listen. Judge Gault, upon whom falls the hard task of examining every fowl on display arrived last evening and this morning started in upon the big task ahead of him. He was most agreeably surprised at the magnitude of the show and he bestowed many compliments upon the officers of the poultry association, who have striven and worked so hard to make the show the success it is. Judge Gault is no green hand at the business of scoring, this being demonstrated by the manner in which he handles the fowl he is judging and the rapid manner in which he disposes of them. If a chicken is found faulty and not competent to be shown he says so in so many words, and argument to the contrary is unavailing. However, for the benefit of the exhibitors, we must admit that but a very few of these fowls now on exhibit have been disqualified, which again shows that every poultry man represented knows just exactly what is required of his or her breed to enter and compete for the various special prizes offered. The scoring started this morning at eight o'clock and up until noon Judge Gault had disposed of several hundred fowls, and at this rate should finish his task about Friday noon. The ribbons denoting what prize each coop capture will be tacked thereon as soon after scoring as possible so that the public may know just what each and every exhibitor did. As said in Tuesday's issue, the blue ribbon represents first, red second, yellow third and white fourth. The scoring up to noon was as follows:

Barred Plymouth Rocks.

E. A. Schroeder—Cockerel 85% cockerel 86.

Mike Miller—Pullet 88½, pullet 90, pullet 88, pullet 86½, cockerel 86½.
S. A. Roop—Cockerel 86, pullet 91, cock 88½, hen 88½, pullet 83½, cockerel 87, cockerel 83½, cockerel 84½, hen 92½, cock 88½, hen 92½, pullet 86½, hen 90½, hen 89½, cock 88½.
C. D. F. Belberick—Cockerel 88½, hen 86½.
D. M. Rice & Son—Hen 86½, cockerel 89½.
F. H. Witte—Cockerel 86, pullet 88½.
Alfred Debot—Hen 90, hen 90½, cockerel 87½, cockerel 86½, hen 89½, cockerel 85½, hen 88½, pullet 89½, pullet 87½.
Charles Hoeppner—Hen 91½, hen 90, cockerel 89½, pullet 91, cockerel 89, pullet 90½, cockerel 86½, pullet 90½.
F. J. Hunter—Pullet 86½, cockerel 88, pullet 85½, cockerel 85½.
Buff Rocks.
J. S. Buchanan—Pullet 91½, cock 89½, cockerel 90½.
White Plymouth Rocks.
Will Johnson—Cockerel 90½.
Walter Thornhill—Hen 85½, hen 89, cock 89, pullet 91, cockerel 87½, pullet 89, cockerel 91.
Charles Jetter—Cock 87½, cockerel 91½, hen 94½, hen 91, hen 92½, pullet 92½, hen 90½.
White Wyandottes.
A. E. Stapeford—Hen 90½, cockerel 91½, pullet 93½.
H. O. Grove—Hen 89, cockerel 87½, cockerel 89½, hen 91½, cockerel 84½, pullet 91½, cockerel 86½, pullet 90, cockerel 86, pullet 89½, cockerel 88, pullet 89½.

ERWIN IN THE RACE

Decatur Jurist Making a Game Fight for State Chairmanship.

RECEIVES SIX VOTES

Recess Taken Until Three O'Clock in Effort to Break the Deadlock.

Indianapolis, Ind., January 8.—The Democratic state committee met here today, the principal event on the program being the selection of a state chairman to succeed W. H. O'Brien, of Lawrenceburg. Among the candidates mentioned were Jackson, Barnhart, Heinburger, Judge Erwin, of Decatur, and Ed Huffman, of Fort Wayne. The meeting convened at eleven o'clock this morning and the first ballot resulted: Jackson six votes, Barnhart six and Heinburger one. At noon an adjournment was taken until one o'clock. The first ballot after dinner looked like the deadlock was on for keeps, as the vote remained practically unchanged, an honorary vote being cast now and then.

Three o'clock Special.

Eighteen ballots have been taken. The last one taken at 2.30 resulted: Jackson 6.
Erwin 6.
Barnhart 1.
At the hour mentioned a recess was taken until three o'clock. Erwin has received six votes on at least half the ballots.