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TAKE OUT METERS

Water Works Committee Will Propose this Action Tomorrow Night

THEY DON'T WORK Have Corroded and Don't Register, Thus Making Receipts Too Small

The members of the city council committee, who are so capably managing the affairs at the city plant, have assured themselves of the fact that the water works department is not playing even by quite a margin, and being business men who realize the result of operating any part of the city at a loss, are now preparing to change matters so that it will pay at least its own way. At the regular meeting of the council tomorrow evening they will propose that all meters used by patrons of the water line be ordered out, and that every one be placed upon a flat rate. About a year ago the meter system was installed to make every one pay for just what they used, and this would be the only method if it was not for the fact that the city water is so hard that after a few months usage the best meter on the market will become so corroded that they will not register and as a consequence during the past few months many people have been using the water for almost nothing. For instance at one of the drug stores where a soda fountain is operated, and necessarily a large amount of water used, only nine gallons was registered last month when of course many times that amount was used. By this it will be readily seen that something must be done and at once and the committee will recommend that they go back to the flat system. About seventy-five people in the city own their own meters, and the city will probably arrange to rebate them for these just what they paid. While the change will cause some complaints probably the men in charge are to be commended for their efforts to put the plant on a paying basis and we are confident that they will do it before they close their term of service with the city.

NINE SOLID HOURS

Albert Numbers, Former Decatur Man Breaks Record on Playing Piano

AT BLUFFTON FAIR He Began Saturday Noon and Played Until 9-12 O'Clock in the Evening

Albert Numbers, of Ossian, for many years a resident of Decatur, cleverly executed a difficult task at Bluffton Saturday in playing a piano against time. The King Piano company for which Mr. Numbers is a representative, offered prizes amounting to \$5,000 in all to be given away to the persons who guessed the nearest to the time Mr. Numbers would cease playing. Thousands of guesses were made and the musicians started playing Saturday noon. It was but a very few who surmised that the man of small stature would play more than three or four hours, but he remained on the stool for nine hours and twelve minutes, never for a moment ceasing to play. Hundreds of people surrounded the booth as Numbers played, and in fact it proved one of the best attractions. It is said that Numbers has played twenty-two consecutive hours and this is indeed remarkable.

Miss Ruth Ernst and Beatie Baum returned to their home in Decatur last evening after spending a few days in the city the guests of the Bluffton Banner.

LOOKING FOR A PARDON.

Dr. Landfair, of Bluffton, Hopes Soon to Be Free.

Mrs. Landfair, wife of Dr. Landfair, received a letter from her husband, who is confined in the Michigan City prison, a few days ago, in which he appeared very optimistic that the board of pardons would act favorably on his petition for pardon at its next meeting. Dr. Landfair has been ill for several weeks, but is feeling better now, according to the letter which he sent to his wife. The warden of the prison has sent the board a good recommendation in regard to the conduct of the doctor since his confinement there and it is thought that this with the recommendations sent by local professional and business men will have a good effect upon the board. Mrs. Landfair said that if the doctor was pardoned he will return to this city and will live in the same residence, again taking up his practice.

HAD BAD TROUBLE

Mission Workers After Calling for Testimonies Change Suddenly to Singing

INTERRUPTS MEMBER

And She Promptly Grabbed the Lamps and Bible and Scooted for Home

The mission workers, an organization quartered on Madison street, banded together for the salvation of souls, experienced no end of trouble yesterday afternoon at their regular services and as a result of the disturbance they are minus several lights, and a book of the holy writ, which had been kindly donated by one of the members. Mrs. Abe Whitright for several years identified with the organization, was present at yesterday's meeting, and when testimonials were asked for she promptly arose to her feet to contribute her experience to the tried and true. She had fairly gotten started when, because she aimed a few stinging darts at a member of the mission, the chorister announced a song and for fully thirty minutes the congregation joined in singing sweet strains of the sacred hymns, leaving Mrs. Whitright standing in suspense, awaiting a lull when she could continue her address. No such opportunity presenting itself she jumped upon a chair and grabbed the lamps, carrying them straight way to her home. She soon returned and proceeded to the pulpit she gathered the Bible under her arm and sauntered quietly to her home, leaving the awe-stricken members to ponder over their rash act. However, the absence of the above mentioned lamp and Bible did not greatly inconvenience the remaining members, and in the evening services were opened with more light and more lamps on hand than ever before. Three sons of Mrs. Whitright appeared at the hall when the services were in full progress, asserting, it is said, that they would "clean up" the congregation. The leaders of the mission promptly notified the officers, whose timely arrival appeared an emphatic conversation which in all probability would have culminated in a "pinch me" affair. It is now hinted that the mission workers are contemplating moving quarters to the south part of the city.

W. A. BOWMAN HAS RECORD Hulled 52½ Bushels Clover Seed in One Day.

W. A. Bowman, residing west of the city exceeded all records in clover hulling ever recorded in Adams county Saturday when, in a single day he hulled fifty-two and one-half bushels. With the famous Birdsell huller, he worked at this and the S. D. Bevers farm, moving twice and setting the machinery twice, and in view of this, hulled the above stated amount. In fact nine bushels were hulled in a single hour, which is a record not attained in Adams county before.

THEY SAY HE WILL

President May Take the Stump for His Candidate

THAT'S THE NEWS

Bryan to Campaign Again in Iowa and Other Western States

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 5.—That President Roosevelt fully intends to take the stump in favor of the candidacy of Mr. Taft, was the information received at Fairview yesterday. It was said that the advices from persons upon whom reliance could be placed were to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt is planning to make at least six speeches in the course of a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the concluding speech to be delivered at San Francisco, with numerous short speeches enroute. Mr. Bryan, however, absolutely refused to make any comment upon the subject. In order to devote still further attention to the state of Iowa, the Democratic candidate tonight announced a change in his plans in connection with his trip to Chicago, where on the night of the seventh instant he is to meet Mr. Taft at a banquet. Instead of leaving here Tuesday afternoon and going direct to Chicago, as had been arranged, Mr. Bryan will start tomorrow night for Des Moines, from which point he will on Tuesday proceed to Tama and Cedar Rapids and deliver set speeches, while from the rear platform of the train enroute he probably will make several short talks. The journey to Chicago will be made Tuesday night. Although it has not been settled, it is planned that Mr. Bryan shall speak in St. Louis Friday evening and then re-enter Kansas on Saturday for a full day in that state, returning to Lincoln Sunday. It is likely that he will spend a day or two in campaigning in his home state. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bryan drove to the homes of several sick friends, and later the Democratic candidate called at the Hotel Lincoln and had a brief conference with Senator Gore, who was about to leave for St. Joseph, Mo.

TO CLAIM REWARD

George Braun Went to Fort Wayne to See George DeWald

HICKOX IS GUILTY

Also Confessed to Having Stolen a Diamond Pin from Traveling Man

George Braun went to Fort Wayne this afternoon to claim his reward of \$100 offered for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the men who stole the DeWald touring car. A talk over the phone with Mr. DeWald convinced George that he would have no trouble in securing the money and he went down to get it. George worked this game like a regular Nick Carter, and there is no doubt that he ferreted out the details. He knew that Harvey Hickox was an expert autoist, heard that he was here at midnight of the date in question and when he missed the hotel gasoline can and read that the one found in the car was a strange one, he put the clues together and sent word to DeWald that he had the necessary information. The latter gave the story to the police, who worked it out. Hickox was scheduled to plead guilty this morning and will be sent up. His pal, Campbell, is also known here, having worked a few weeks in this city. About two months ago a traveling man named Starr, from Richmond, was sick at the hotel here for several days and when able to be out he missed his diamond pin. When Hickox was arrested a diamond ring was found and he confessed to having stolen it. It will be returned to Mr. Starr.

ONLY A MONTH TO PAY TAXES

Not Many Have Paid and a Rule is Expected.

Tax paying time has again slipped around, apparently without people knowing it, and less than one month now remains in which to pay the fall installment and save the delinquent penalty that must be added. So far there has been but a small per cent of the total paid in and yet less than one month remains in which to square the docket and save the delinquency. The total collections thus far are below the average and there must necessarily be a month of busy days if the list is to be squared up. In addition to the county taxes the state treasurer each month sends out a statement to County Treasurer J. F. Lachot insisting on the funds due the state being sent in post haste as the state is in dire need of all funds due it to keep above the surface of increased expenses in the way of new officers and increased salaries.

TEXAS COLONISTS

Met at the Office of Fort Wayne & Springfield Traction Company Saturday

DISCUSSED QUESTION

Plan to Build Church—Several Leave Tomorrow—Others in November

The farmers of Allen and Adams counties who have formed a Texas colony, and purchased farms in the southern state, met at the office of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company Saturday afternoon, pursuant to a call from the president, William Hockemeyer. About thirty of the members, all but two or three were present, as were also a number of prospective buyers of land in Texas and most of whom will go there Tuesday to look at the lands. A number of important questions were discussed at the meeting Saturday, one of the most important being plans for the building of a church. It was decided to not take any definite action on this improvement, however, until the next meeting. Quite a number of the colonists and their friends and others who want to join them will form an excursion which will leave here in November. The members of the colony are among the best farmers in this locality and the only part of the organization that we regret to chronicle is the fact that at least a part of them will one of these days be going to the Lone Star state as citizens, and we don't like the idea of losing them.

REPORT OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS Is Important to Many for Various Reasons.

Every few days secretaries of the county boards of health have requests for transcripts of births and deaths to be used to prove right of property, right of pensions and right of insurance. This, you will see, is important to the family. It is important to the state, as well as important to the science of medicine. The state requires the prompt reporting of births and deaths so as to keep a complete county record. After recording them here they are sent to the state secretary and a record is made of them, thereby giving a double record. In Massachusetts the supreme court has decided that the physician is not entitled to his fee for services until he has made a full and accurate record of births and deaths. This decision will certainly appear in this state some day, for it is right and just. Too much value cannot be placed upon a complete county record but an incomplete one is a waste of time. In Indiana the recording of births did not begin until 1881, and not until 1907 did the work really commence in earnest under the practical plan authorized by law. No one can say he will not be called by the courts to prove his rights to an estate, pension or insurance and probably not until this time will he know the value of a complete record.

WAS SPLENDID DAY

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the St. Paul German Lutheran Church

OBSERVED SUNDAY

At Beautiful Church Near Preble—Three Services Were Held

The silver anniversary of the St. Paul's German Lutheran church near Preble was celebrated yesterday, making the twenty-fifth year of the existence of that house of worship, and the occasion was a beautiful and interesting one. The attendance was large at the three services, held morning, afternoon and night, and beside a full attendance of the members, there were present large numbers of friends from a distance. Rev. G. Speigel, of Jackson, Michigan, preached in German language at the morning hour, a sermon full of good thoughts and advice and commendation. Rev. Speigel is the president of the Michigan synod district comprising the states of Michigan, Ohio and Missouri, and is an able minister. The afternoon service was a dedication of the new \$1,200 pipe organ, recently purchased from Kilgen & Son, of St. Louis. Rev. C. B. Preuss, of Friedheim delivered a sermon in German, and there was also a splendid program on the organ by Prof. Hahn, of Fort Wayne, Briel of Preble, and Fischbach, of Friedheim. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. H. Klausung, preached in English, a delightfully interesting sermon, and a fitting close to the day long to be remembered.

Rev. Guy McBride, of Bluffton, has been secured by Superintendent B. S. Hollopeter of the local district of the Methodist church, to succeed Rev. Lesh on the Mt. Etna circuit. Rev. Lesh has gone to Philadelphia for further study. Rev. McBride is a young man, a graduate of DePauw, and of the Boston school of theology, and the new charge is his first pastorate. He will begin his work Sunday at the Greenwood and Pilcher's chapel churches, going on the following Sunday to Pleasant Plain and Mt. Etna. Huntington Times.

ADAIR TO BE HERE

To Speak at Court Room Thursday Evening of Next Week

IS GETTING LIVELY

Many Speakers in the County—Clark to Be Here

Congressman John A. M. Adair will speak in the court room in this city on Thursday evening of next week, October 14. At this time he will discuss the issues of his campaign, evading no charge that has been brought against him, and giving in a clear and concise way his record during the last session of congress. He evades nothing, and at the time he speaks here, is generous or meeting and speaking to many of the old soldiers. It is safe to predict that he will be given a great ovation on October 14.

Democratic meetings have been arranged for Monroe, Saturday evening, October 10, and Election school house French township, Wednesday evening October 13.

Hon. George E. Clark, of South Bend, opens the campaign for the Republicans with a speech at the court room here on Thursday evening of this week.

Dr. J. M. McOscar arrived from Fort Wayne this afternoon, and will give a lecture for the Knight of Columbus at their hall this evening.

PROSPERITY NOT HURTING THEM

Many School Children in Chicago Are Hungry.

Chicago, October 5.—(Special)—Five thousand Chicago children frequently are sent to school breakfastless. Ten thousand other school children habitually are hungry as the result of receiving insufficient nourishing food. Lack of "a square deal and a square meal" is the principal reason why so many boys become truant and delinquents. Such is the story of suffering and wretchedness presented before the school management committee of the board of education yesterday in an exhaustive report by a subcommittee consisting of W. L. Bodine, superintendent of the compulsory education department; Dr. D. P. MacMillan, director of the child study department and Attorney Frank Hamlin. The report is the result of an extensive investigation brought about through a resolution introduced before the board of education last May by Trustee Modie J. Spiegel, calling for the working out of remedies for the relief of school children who are hampered by indigence.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

The Beeler Replevin Case Was Tried for Fifth Time Today

GOES TO THE JURY

A Quiet Title Case Dismissed—Many Real Estate Transfers

The case of James C. and Emily C. Moses vs. Henry Thomas et al, to quiet title and filed Saturday, was dismissed today and the costs paid.

Nina A. Beeler vs. Samuel E. Beeler to replevin \$90 worth of household property, was again on trial before a jury and the court today. This is about the fifth time that the suit has been heard, and our readers are perhaps acquainted with the facts by this time. The parties are man and wife. Shortly after their wedding they went to Portland, where they purchased household goods valued at \$90.00. Shortly afterward they separated and Mrs. Beeler wants the furniture which she claims her husband gave her. The evidence was concluded by 11:15 and the arguments began. The case went to the jury at about 3:30 this afternoon, forty minutes being allowed each side for argument. The plaintiff is represented by S. A. M. Butcher and C. J. Lutz and the defendant by D. E. Smith.

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening to Frank E. Pelham, 26, a pharmacist, of Shelbyville, Indiana, and Effie May Reichelsoffer, 22, of Geneva. They were married by Rev. C. B. Wilcox at the M. E. parsonage here.

Real estate transfers: Ferdinand Schoppman et al to Louis Reiter et al, guardian and quiet title deeds to lots 25, 26, 27, 46, 47, 48, 53, 54 Williams, \$150. John Keller to Nannie Keller pt. lot 76, Decatur, \$200. John Andrews to J. B. Miller lot 53 Monroe \$550. Ida Bollinger to Jane Andrews, lot 17, Monroe \$640. John Meyer to Catherine Meyer, tract of land in Union township, quiet title deed, \$1,000. C. W. Davis to Matilda Martz, tract in Blue Creek, \$2,000. Matilda Martz to C. W. F. Davis, tract in Blue Creek, \$2,500. Lot in Salem to L. C. Shinn, \$300.

CONTER PLANT NOT CLOSED.

Will Operate During the Winter Months.

A number of Decatur people have gained the impression from a newspaper article recently published that the Conter Ice Cream plant had closed for the winter. How such a report was circulated the management is at a loss to know and he authorizes us to announce that at no time will business be discontinued as they will furnish ice cream to Fort Wayne dealers all winter and that the machinery will be in operation a goodly portion of the winter in order to supply the demands of the dealers. For that reason he wishes to inform his patrons that business will be done at the old stand, other reports notwithstanding.

COMING MARRIAGE

Miss Carrie Thomas Will Wed Prominent Chicago Man

IN NEAR FUTURE

She Will Announce Her Engagement at Party Wednesday

At a party to be given Wednesday afternoon for twenty-four of her girl friends, Miss Carrie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Thomas will announce her engagement to Mr. Otto H. Haulbold, of Chicago. Miss Thomas is one of Decatur's most prominent girls. Several years ago she attended the Northwestern university at Evanston, graduating in music with high honors. After her return she taught music in the Decatur public schools, establishing a record as an instructor which reflects much credit upon her. In fact she has but few peers in this section as a musician. Miss Carrie has moved in the very best society and is held in the highest esteem of all who know her. The groom-to-be is employed as advertising manager for the Phelps Publishing company, of Springfield, Mass., and controls the field in the western territory. His is a lucrative position and is indicative of his rare ability in this line of work. The wedding will take place at the Thomas home in the near future, immediately after which the bride and groom will leave for Evanston, where a beautifully furnished home awaits their arrival. Miss Thomas will be the guest of honor at several parties.

A very large number of the friends of Miss Flora, daughter of Mrs. Sophia Berning, of Root township, whose death occurred Thursday, attended the funeral services which were held Sunday morning. Services were held at the house at 10 o'clock and from the church at 11 o'clock. The Rev. H. C. Jaus officiated.

LODGED IN JAIL

Former Decatur Young Man Pays Improper Attention to Girl

WAS ARRESTED

Last Night at the Erie Target—Fine of \$5 and Costs Was Imposed

Miss Mary Deane, almost breathless and frightened to an extent which caused her to border on nervous prostration, appeared at the Clever Leaf station last night at 8:30 o'clock, where she told of how a strange young man had attempted to criminally assault her, during which he struck her violently and tore the dress which she wore almost into atoms. Marshal Bohne was at once notified and he hastened to the depot where, after apprising himself of the situation, he notified Policeman Fisher, and the two immediately set out to capture the man. Arriving at the Erie target they perceived two men attempting to board the evening passenger train westward bound. The officers commanded them to halt and took into custody the guilty man, lodging him in jail. It developed that the prisoner was Clayton Tucker, formerly a resident of Decatur. He was given a hearing before Mayor France this morning and plead guilty to the charge of assault and battery, a fine of \$5 and costs being imposed. The docket was stayed and he was released. The young man seems to have been lucky to have escaped answering a more serious charge.