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## NO ACTION TAKEN

TRENTON GIRL HANGS SELF.  
Grief-Stricken Over Death of Aunt and Suicide of Uncle.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 6.—Myra E. Mooney, 19 years old, hanged herself at the home of her father, Frank Mooney, a merchant, who recently came from here to Boston. The girl ended her life with the chain of a pet dog, after releasing the animal in order to accomplish her purpose. The act was due to the girl's grief over the death of an aunt, who was killed by a train in New York a week ago, followed three days later by the suicide of the woman's husband and the girl's uncle, who hanged himself because of his sorrow. Myra's little sister found her hanging while she was still alive, but she was dead before she could be cut down.

## WATER QUESTION

Causes Much Discussion—Minimum Meter Charge

May Result

## MUST PLAY EVEN

Council Committee Will Report Plan at Next Meeting

The discussion of a change in the system for charging for the use of the water from the city plant, is causing a great amount of discussion and several citizens who have recently invested in meters become very indignant when the subject is mentioned. There is no reason for this. The council will do nothing that is not absolutely fair to everyone. The proposition seems to be a fair and square and simple one. Decatur owns the water plant; this means that every tax payer in the city has an interest therein and must support same and if a deficit is shown must make it up. It seems but right that the consumers of water pay for the operation of the plant. This is what the council will try to figure out, the best and most equitable plan to do that. The old flat rate did not work, because the people used more water than they paid for. The meter system don't work because the people don't use enough water to make the plant self sustaining. The result will probably be a new rate whereby a minimum meter rate is established, sufficient to cover the expense of operating the plant. This must be done or the plant closed down or disposed of. The matter has been referred to a committee who will report at the next meeting of the council. It looks as though some plan should be devised that will be satisfactory and whereby the consumer can secure his water at cost. More than this they certainly should not ask. However, the citizens of Decatur need no alarm for they will be treated fairly and the council are simply working for your good and the welfare of the city. It's easy to give advice, but let's do it in a friendly manner and everyone will be healthier and wealthier.

## AUSTRIA GREETS BULGARIA.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 6.—Austria-Hungary has lost no time in getting on a friendly footing with the new kingdom of Bulgaria, for already she has intimated her desire to initiate negotiations for a new commercial treaty. The draft of Russia's circular note to the powers convoking an international congress to discuss revision of the Berlin treaty has been completed and approved by Emperor Nicholas. It is intended to communicate this note to the Berlin signatories through the Russian ambassadors on Oct. 8. The Turkish ambassador to Russia, Turkam Pasha, called at the foreign office this evening and had a long conference with acting Minister Tscharykoff regarding the congress. It is understood that Turkey is favorably inclined to this meeting. The Austro-Hungarian ambassador also was a visitor at the foreign office, but he declined to be quoted concerning the possibility of his government accepting the Russian invitation. Prince Ferdinand assumed sovereignty over northern and southern Bulgaria under the title of Czar. This title was borne by the Bulgarian monarchs previous to the conquest of Bulgaria by the Turks.

P. L. ANDREWS, H. P.

Council Referred Water Meter Question to the Committee

## A. REGULAR SESSION

G. R. & I. Wants to Build Switch to City Plant—Bills Were Allowed

The council met last evening in regular session, Mayor France presiding, and every councilman being present and answering to roll call. The minutes of the former meetings were read, after which the council got down to their regular routine of work and transacted a considerable amount of business. Several residents were present at this meeting, thinking that in all probability the council would take some action in relation to the water question, but they were doomed to disappointment, as the matter was referred to the water works committee, whom in the meantime will devise some means of putting that portion of the city's property on a paying basis. The committee is expected to report back to the council at their next regular meeting. The street and sewer committee reported several bad sidewalks and action was taken on these by ordering the various property owners to place the walks in repair. Mr. Chronister then addressed the council in relation to the negligence of the Grand Rapids railroad in not putting in their cement sidewalk on the west side of Seventh street, and urged that the council order the same done at once and instruct the city attorney to draw a resolution ordering the same sold. There was no second to Mr. Chronister's motion and the same was lost. The matter of putting in a switch track from the G. R. & I. railroad to the city plant was taken up again last evening. Mr. Wagner of the Grand Rapids being present and informing the council just what the company would do in this matter. This is the same project that was broached some months ago, but which failed to pass the council. The matter of handling the coal for the city has been one of the largest items of expense on the city's pay roll, this item alone last year reaching the sum of \$1,722.50, which the dads think is entirely too much money going to that source, and with a switch the same could be handled at a much less figure to the city. The matter was referred to the finance committee and the city attorney, who will meet with Mr. Wagner on next Monday and enter into a contract which they will report back to the council and ask to have the same approved. The matter of entering into a contract for transformers for the coming year was referred to the electric committee. The following bills were then allowed:

G. Reynolds ..... \$ 26.00  
Anna Yahne ..... 10.00  
Chas. Vogelwedde ..... 8.03  
F. Foor ..... 29.31  
J. Swift ..... 17.15  
Robt. Steele ..... 12.25  
John Spuller ..... 26.25  
Fred Spuller ..... 29.75  
J. D. Wieschaup ..... 52.50  
H. Emerine ..... 3.50  
Dan Ballor ..... 13.38  
F. Cloud ..... 2.25  
Ingersoll-Rand Co. ..... 164.60  
M. J. Mylott ..... 197.00  
Sunday Creek Coal Co. ..... 150.54  
John Sprague ..... 100.65  
W. Geary ..... 10.00  
W. W. Dorwin ..... 233.80  
G. Ellingham ..... 27.40  
R. & I. ..... 52.60  
F. Teeple ..... 74.71  
Amos Fisher ..... 50.00  
J. Archbold ..... 85.16  
Vogt ..... 76.16  
Wayne Elect. Works ..... 150.44  
Julius Haugk ..... 512.35  
Wm. Kitson ..... 32.00  
Hoffman ..... 44.60  
C. Helm ..... 77.00  
Wm. Oil Co. ..... 32.66  
Mayers & Lenhart ..... 2.01  
D. Stults ..... 45.83  
Wayne Foundry Co. ..... 242.80  
R. & I. ..... 260.29

No further business coming before the council, they adjourned, to meet their next regular meeting.

The members of Decatur Chapter of the Knights of Columbus are requested to meet at Masonic Hall this evening at 8 P. M.

## HERE'S A NEW ONE

Huntington is to Have Automobile Traction Service

## FIVE TOURING CARS

Will Be Operated Along Same Plans as on Street Car Lines

While information as to exact and detailed plans of the project are lacking, it has been quietly understood in commercial circles of Huntington several weeks that certain gentlemen have been canvassing the sentiment of the city with a view of launching an enterprise in Huntington—an automobile traction system for the city. According to the rumor current a corporation is to be formed with the list of stockholders including the names of at least five present and ex-Erie roadmen, also several prominent business men of the city. The names are known, but have been withheld pending materialization of the reported project. As the story goes it is planned to begin operation of this auto traction service with about five cars, each designed to carry about twenty passengers, and of the five-seated, side entrance carry-all type. A regular schedule is to be arranged with a general transfer depot. Transfers are to be issued the same as in the operation of a street electric railway system. All railroad depots, hotels and principal street intersections will be touched as well as regular schedules to outlying suburban points. It is projected in the current rumor that College Park will have hourly service at least and Englewood, the shoe factory addition, the Erie and perhaps further east will be included in the routing. With five cars it is argued all points can be touched and a well regulated schedule can be maintained, affording short time traction service between the various parts of the city.—Huntington Herald.

**A SUDDEN DEATH**

Mrs. Edison Sheets Died Suddenly this Morning from Heart Trouble

## FIVE WEEKS OLD BABY

And Husband and Ten-Year-Old Son Survive Besides Many Friends

A husband, son of ten years and a five weeks' old babe survive to share in the untold grief attendant to the untimely demise of Mrs. Edison Sheets whose late home was one mile west of Wren, death occurring this morning, at 2:15 o'clock. The deceased, 34 years of age, gave birth to a bright baby boy five weeks ago and seemingly was recovering nicely. In fact the family and friends were elated over the noted improvement in her condition until this morning at 12:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Sheets informed the attendants that she was growing very ill. At first not much alarm was caused, but as minutes passed by she grew worse and everything known to medical science was done without avail, the spark of life expiring at the above stated time. Heart trouble is responsible for the death of the most estimable woman, and her many friends and relatives are caused most poignant sorrow as a consequence thereof. Word has been sent to her brothers, one of whom resides at Washington, D. C., and the other in California, and not until communication has been received from them will the funeral arrangements be made. The parents of the deceased who live in Jackson county, Ohio, have arrived at the Sheets home.

Attorney Amos E. Houk, of Fort Wayne, has returned home after transacting legal business.

Miss Lollie Melchers is spending the week in the country with her cousin Miss Louise Wertzberger east of the town.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH ON WHEELS

Will Be in Fort Wayne Friday of this Week.

Announcement is made that the chapel car, St. Anthony, the only Catholic church on wheels in the world, will be brought to Fort Wayne at 11 o'clock on Friday of this week and be on exhibition at the Pennsylvania station. As a result of the demand from various sections of the country for an opportunity to see the car, it has been released from active service on the missionary field for a few weeks, during which time it will visit this city. The car has just finished a trip through Wisconsin and Minnesota, where it has visited Milwaukee, Burlington, Waukesha, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Neenah, Waupaca, Stevens Point, Marshfield, Stanley, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, St. Paul and Minneapolis. At each of these places large crowds visited the church on wheels. The chapel car is creating a sensation wherever it goes. The car cost about \$15,000. While the majority of visitors to the chapel car are Catholics, thousands of people of various denominations have likewise taken a great interest in the church on wheels. The car is on its way to Chicago from Boston, where it has been during the national convention of the Federation of Catholic Societies. The chapel car is used principally in the west, where it stops and is used at places along the lines of railroad where there is no church or mission. It has also been the frequent means of starting a mission house and instituting a parish.—Fort Wayne News.

## ARE INTERESTING

Revival Services at Evangelical Church Are of Unusual Interest

## MINISTERS PRESENT

First Day Meeting Was Held Yesterday—W. S. Tracy in Charge

Ministers are still coming to assist in the revival at the Evangelical church. An unusual interest is being manifested in the revival now in progress, at the Evangelical church this city. Still more ministers are coming and the members of the congregation are hopeful and assisting nobly. The first day meeting was held yesterday at 2:30 p. m. W. S. Tracy, of Bippus, conducted the services. In his address he dwelt upon the value of a human soul; the possibility of its being lost; and the responsibility of the Christian worker. Last evening Rev. A. D. Kraft, of Scott, Ohio, preached a very helpful and appropriate sermon, taking for his text Heb. 9:12. He emphasized the facts that sin had separated man from God; that sin requires an atonement; Jesus Christ made an atonement; and that all could avail themselves of its benefits and be saved. The audience last evening was much larger than the previous evening, and at the rate of increase the church will soon be filled with people. The various committees are now thoroughly organized and good work is expected from them. You are most cordially invited to attend.

## SERVICES AT MISSION HALL.

There will be our regular mid-week services at the Mission Hall on Thursday evening. Mr. Cooper, of Fort Wayne, will be in the services on that evening and will preach for us. He extends a hearty and welcome invitation to all of the citizens of the city to attend this meeting and especially the pastors of the different churches of the city to meet him there. Come and hear the man who has been in this work for a long time. He will do you good. Let all Christian people who can come out on that evening.

Chancy Stetson, Leader.

James Foncannon, of Bluffton, narrowly escaped bleeding to death this morning, when he was seized with a violent nose bleed as a result of an extra hard blast. One of the large veins burst and it was necessary to plug the nostril with cotton to stop the bleeding. Mr. Foncannon had a similar attack several years ago.

## WAS A GREAT FIGHT

American and National League Ball Clubs Make Petty Race

## DETROIT A WINNER

In the American—New York and Chicago Fight for National Rag

The season of base ball, the national and most popular sport in existence, is nearing its close with more enthusiasm manifest than has ever been before in the history of the game characterized the fans. A day or two ago, three National league clubs were in the race for the rag as were three of the American clubs. However, Chicago placed three games in the lead and disconcerted the chances of Pittsburgh in the national. New York had three games scheduled with Boston, and has won two and in the event that the Giants take another from the bean eaters today, the Cubs and Giants will close the season with honor even, necessitating a series of three games to decide the championship. In the American, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland have made a great fight, Cleveland looking good for the pennant a few days ago, but St. Louis butted in for a game or two, leaving Chicago and Detroit to fight it out. Detroit used their whitewash brush freely yesterday, defeating Chicago Sox on their own grounds by the score of seven to nothing. This gives Detroit the American pennant. The tie game played by the Cubs and Giants is to be played off in the near future and this may decide the pennant winner without the above mentioned series. Average crowds of 25,000 people have witnessed the closing games and each of the clubs had an unswerving following who would fight for their favorites.

## HORSES ARRIVED

Frisinger & Co. Import

Twenty-Nine Head of

Handsome Drafts

## COME TO THIS CITY

Mr. Frisinger Will Reach

Decatur After Several

Months Abroad

## FRUIT SHOW AT PURDUE

Arrangements have been completed

for the Second annual fruit show, to be held at Purdue university, during the week of the Farmers' Short Course Jan. 11-16, 1909. Great interest was shown by the fruit growers of the state in the First Annual Show held last year. The exhibition this winter will be held under the joint auspices of the Indiana Horticultural department of the university. It is planned to make the fruit show bigger and better than ever. The society is providing a generous premium list—over \$300 in cash prizes being already assured.

Everybody interested in the growing of fruit is urged to enter this contest, practically the only condition being that all fruit shown must be grown by the exhibitor. For premium list and further information apply to C. G. Woodbury, Experiment Station, LaFayette, Ind.

## PRAEACHES WITH BROKEN RIB.

Wabash, Ind., Oct. 6.—The Rev. L. L. Carpenter, dean of Christian church ministers, president of Bethany assembly, and who is said to have dedicated more churches than any other living man, returned from Delphi last night. He delivered a sermon Sunday, but not until today did he learn he had preached with a broken rib.

While at work about his home he was struck by a piece of timber. He conducted his usual services Sunday. Although 76 years old, Dr. Carpenter recently crossed the continent to dedicate a church. He has a number of dedications assigned and will try to fill these engagements.

## PRETENDS TO BE A YOUTH.

Old Man's "Makeup" Won a Girl and She Rebels.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 6.—Another December and May marriage has found its way into the divorce court. In this case the child wife alleges that her husband Richard Heffous, deceived her as to his age, claiming to be only 35, when in reality he is 65. The wife is 18. The wedding took place last June, and it was an apparently young man who led the then Miss Jennie Wharton to the altar. His mustache was dark and glossy. His hair was ebony and his skin clear. The divorce petition says that in a few days the mustache turned gray. The complexion proved store, made, and the hair developed into a wig.

## IS SHE INSANE?

Evelyn Eckert Gets in the Limelight at Elkhart and is Declared Insane

## WORKS SMOOTH GAME

She Has Been Blackmailing for Many Years—Is in Hospital

After successfully working her game for many years, during which time she has fraudulently obtained much money, Miss Evelyn Eckert is penniless and friendless in a hospital at Elkhart, and adjudged an insane woman. Beginning when but a girl, she has blackmailed many respectable men. Her game consisted of forming the acquaintance of men of finance and standing after which she would write letters asking for stipulated amount of "hush money" threatening to accuse publicly her victims of intimacy with her. Many men rather than to be falsely accused, publicly, have given her large sums of money and she has worked the game excessively. The woman a few weeks ago became acquainted with a Mr. Woods, of Ligonier, and afterward demanded from him \$1,000 alleging that he had kept pictures and letters belonging to her. She then went to Elkhart and engaged board and lodging at a hotel. She was without funds, which fact became known to the landlord, and he called the township trustee. This official, believing the woman to be ill, engaged the services of a physician who, after a careful examination, declared her to be of unsound mind, and admission has been asked to the Longcliff asylum for her. Such is the fate of a life of corruption nad but few Decatur people have sympathy for the woman, whose virtues have been few and unnoticeable.

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## DECIDES A MONROEVILLE CASE

Judge Heaton Sets Aside an Ordinance Affecting Poultry Business.

Judge O. N. Heaton of the superior court, Fort Wayne, handed down a decision Tuesday in the injunction suit of John W. Edwards, a poultry dealer and others against the town of Monroeville, finding for the plaintiff. The suit was brought to enjoin the town from enforcing an ordinance which prohibits collecting fowls to be slaughtered for commercial purposes or to maintain a building for that purpose within 200 feet of the corporate limits of the town of Monroeville. In rendering his decision Judge Heaton declared a part of the ordinance in question void. He said: "The ordinance passed by the town of Monroeville treats as a nuisance and prohibits the slaughter of fowls for commercial purposes within the town limits. In the opinion of the court the trustees of a town may by ordinance establish reasonable regulations or limitations applicable alike to all citizens of such town for collecting, handling or slaughtering fowls within or near the corporate limits of such town. But it cannot be claimed by the parties that the purpose for which fowls are collected or slaughtered constitutes the nuisance. That clause in the ordinance which limits the prohibition to the collecting or slaughtering of fowls within the town limits is unlawful discrimination and restraint of commerce. I will therefore hold that the ordinance is void."

## MET AT LAFAYETTE

Governor Hanly and Tom Marshall Shake Hands

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