

A DAMAGE SUIT

Citizens' Telephone Company Asks Damages from Interurban Company

IN SUM OF \$8,000

Case Was Filed this Afternoon—Had to Move Toll Line

Late this afternoon Attorneys A. P. Beatty and David E. Smith, filed a new case at the clerk's office, entitled The Citizens Telephone Company vs. The Fort Wayne & Springfield Interurban Railway company, damages, demand \$8,000. The complaint covers four typewritten pages, and sets out the following facts: That the defendant company operates a street and interurban railway in Decatur and between this city and Fort Wayne, the cars being propelled by electricity, and by means of an overhead trolley wire, heavily charged; that the plaintiffs own and operate a telephone and toll system in Decatur and in various other cities and towns in Indiana and to do so hold a franchise from this city and from Adams and Allen counties allowing them to build their lines along the highways; that a long time after they had built said lines at an expenditure of a large amount of money, the defendants were granted a franchise to construct their interurban line along the same route and did so, building so close to said telephone lines that by reason of the fact that a current of electricity of great force is used the current was thrown from the trolley wire to the telephone lines, causing the latter to become entirely worthless and that they were consequently damaged to the extent of \$5,000, and as a result the telephone company was compelled to move and did move a part of their toll lines and poles a distance of about eight miles. Wherefore the telephone company believes they have been damaged to the extent of \$8,000 and demand that amount in judgment. The case will no doubt be stubbornly fought as the interurban company claim they were not to blame and the progress of the case will be watched with interest.

WEDDING TO OCCUR SOON.

Jim Arnold and Miss Ford Will Plight Their Vows

Jim Arnold and his bride-to-be, Miss Alta Ford, went to Decatur Wednesday morning to procure a license for their marriage to occur Nov. 17th. The nuptial knot will be tied by Rev. Father Cramer at the Catholic church east of town. The couple was accompanied by Mr. Joe Farbaugh, who will act as the officiating minister at the wedding. The reporter approached the happy couple at the depot, and the bride gave her name as Letta and then we were made acquainted with Mr. Arnold's "younger brother," whose name we give above. We do not believe that the parties wanted to misinform but two hearts beating as one and as this crucial moment, accounts for their getting mixed on names, and matters of relationship.—Geneva Herald.

WILL BUY OLD NEWSPAPERS

State Library Offers \$200 for Logansport Files.

Logansport, Ind., Nov. 11.—The Indiana state library has offered the administrator of the estate of Judge Charles B. Lascelle \$200 for the files of old Logansport and Cass county papers, which the old pioneer had in his possession when he died. Lascelle was born in Vincennes in the early thirties, and the writer of "Alice of Old Vincennes" obtained much of his material for that story from him. In his early days he was a newspaper man in Logansport and when a young man started files of the papers published in Logansport and Cass county. He kept up these files until a few years before he died, and they are nearly complete from the forties to the new century.

J. L. Love, of Geneva, transacted business in our city today. He returned to his home this afternoon.

Miss Alta Ford, of Geneva, made a short stay with friends in the city this morning and has returned to her home.

CORN SHOW AT LAFAYETTE

To Be Held January 11-16 in Year 1909.

The seventh annual Farmers' Short Course (formerly called corn school and stockmen's convention) will be held January 11th to 16th, 1909, by the school of agriculture of Purdue university at LaFayette. This course of one week is especially designed for and adopted to the needs of corn growers, stockman, dairymen, horticulturists and home makers. That the work is popular and has proven to be of particular value is borne out by the fact that more than 3,500 people have taken the course during the past three years. The instruction consists of lectures and demonstrations which include a discussion of the various important phases of the subjects together with practical scoring and judging. The schedule for the week is arranged so that the time is about equally divided between the lectures and the judging work. On Wednesday of short course week, the State Corn Growers will hold their annual meeting. Men with national reputations will be secured for the day. Corn growers should plan to attend. During the week the state corn and fruit shows will be held by the Corn Growers Association and the Horticultural Society. More than \$1,000 will be offered in premiums which is sure to bring out a large number of entries. All corn and fruit men are eligible to membership, no entry fees being charged. For program and other information apply to Purdue university.

SALE WAS SUCCESS

Big Crowd at Bell View

Yesterday to Attend

Auction

STOCK SOLD HIGH

Thoroughbred Shorthorn

Cattle Brought Fancy

Prices

The sale at Bell-View farm, east of the city yesterday was one of the best of the season, in this locality. The owners of the property were A. R. Bell and his son, Fred, and was held because of the fact that Fred is moving to this city, having purchased the old Bain meat market on Monroe street. A large crowd attended, the sale and the bidding was spirited, the total amounting to nearly three thousand dollars. The goods all sold well especially the stock. The Shorthorn cattle brought fancy prices, being full blooded stock and in excellent condition. One calf, six months old, sold for forty dollars and the rest of the stock all brought a good figure. The auctioneers were John Spuhler of this city and Noah Frauhiger, of Preble, and both proved equal to the occasion, securing the high dollar for every article. There have been a number of sales this year and quite a number are still on the books. If you are interested you will find a list of them each day on page four of the Daily Democrat.

MISSIONARY LADIES IN SESSION

Fort Wayne District Meeting Convened Today.

The thirty-first annual conference of the Woman's Foreign Missionary societies of the Fort Wayne district of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held beginning this afternoon at 1:30 at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Fort Wayne. The sessions will be held today and Friday. Many delegates from out of the city are in attendance, and many important subjects will be discussed during the business sessions. This afternoon will be devoted to a love feast led by Mrs. C. B. Jones, of Garrett. Brief addresses of welcome will be delivered by a number of Fort Wayne ministers, followed by the roll call of the officers. Mrs. G. H. Meyers, of Montpelier, and Mrs. J. K. Cecil, of Bluffton, will also deliver addresses. One of the features of the evening service will be the singing of Rev. and Mrs. Byers, returned missionaries from India, who will sing in the Hindustani language.

GO TO THE FRONT

A Former Adams County Resident is Nominated for Judge of Supreme Court

IN COLORADO

George W. Musser, Formerly Lived Near Linn Grove—His Very Rapid Rise

The native sons of Indiana go to the front wherever they choose to locate. George W. Musser, an Adams county boy, who was reared at Linn Grove, Indiana, removed from that place to Colorado Springs, Colo., about twenty years ago, and after locating at that place engaged in the practice of law. He immediately showed superior ability in the pursuit of his chosen profession and his rise was very rapid, at once taking his place in the front rank of that profession. So profoundly did he impress the people of Colorado with his superior ability as a lawyer, that the democratic convention of that state last summer nominated him for judge of the supreme court. On the 3rd day of this month at the election he was successful, and was elected to a seat upon the supreme bench by a plurality of over 10,000. While the honor, which the election conferred upon Judge Musser is very great, yet the people of Colorado should be congratulated upon their wisdom in choosing a man of such peculiar fitness to that high and exalted position. Surely no man in the state of Colorado will more become the judicial robe than will he, and his friends from his boyhood, feel sure that the judicial ermine will never be stained on account of his administration. Abram Simmons of this city, and Judge Musser were boys together, and have been close personal friends ever since. Mr. E. C. Sheldon, who is a nephew of Mr. Eugene Morrow, of this city, was elected county clerk and recorder for El Paso county, Colorado, at the same election, Colorado Springs being its county seat.—Bluffton Banner.

A UNION SERVICE

All Churches of the City

Will Assemble at M. E.

Church Thanksgiving

CELEBRATE JOINTLY

One of the Most Memorable

Holidays of the Year—

Rev. Spetnagel to Preach

At a called meeting of the Ministerial association held recently it was decided that a union thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday morning, November 26 at ten-thirty o'clock. The special occasion will be appropriately observed and Rev. Richard Spetnagel of the Presbyterian church will deliver the sermon, which will fittingly characterize the service. During the course of the union service the M. E. choir will render a special musical program which will be delightful to all who attend. Thanksgiving is one of the most welcome holidays of the year and the fact that the memorable occasion will be celebrated by the various churches at one meeting place makes it all the more pleasant. Let everybody attend and enjoy the most excellent services which are assured.

The Grand theater, Decatur's new five cent show house, continues to please and a large crowd is present at each performance. The managers, Miller & Frisbee, are hustlers, and their efforts to please are appreciated. The music is one of the features much talked about. Tonight they will present "A Gypsy Girl's Love," and "The Salome Dancers." Both are good and you get a big nickel's worth if you go. Try it.

IS FULL FLEDGED EMBALMER

Gus Reinking Home from School and Examination.

Gus Reinking, of the firm of Yager Bros. & Reinking, is at home from Cincinnati, where he has been attending the College of Embalming, and where he has completed his work, this being his second trip to that place. On his way home Gus went to Indianapolis, where he appeared before the Indiana state board and passed the examination as required and was granted the necessary papers making him a full fledged embalmer. He had no trouble in securing a splendid grade in his examination as Gus has been devoting himself diligently to this work since his connection with the firm.

BRYAN ON PARTY

The Democratic Party Accomplished More

Reforms

OUT OF OFFICE

Than the Republicans Accomplished in

Office

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 12.—Declaring the Democratic party cannot die and has accomplished more out of office in the last twelve years than the Republican party has in office, W. J. Bryan bids his supporters not despair. In the coming issue of his Commoner he speaks of the election results and discusses the future. He says: "The election of 1908 is over and the returns disclose a signal victory for our opponents, but the principles for which our party stands, the policies for which our party contends, these are not dead. Does any one believe the American people will permanently permit secrecy as to campaign contributions? Does any one believe the American people will permanently permit the will of the voters to be thwarted, as it is now, by the election of senators through legislatures? Does any one believe the trusts will be permitted permanently to exploit the masses? Does any one believe the consumer will permanently permit the tariff to be written by the beneficiaries of that tariff? Does any one believe the consumer will permanently permit the tariff to be written by the beneficiaries of that tariff? Does any one believe the public will permanently tolerate an estrangement between labor and capital? Does any one believe 15,000,000 of depositors will forever permit their savings to be jeopardized as at present? Does any one believe the extravagance of government will go on forever unchecked? Does any one believe our republic will permanently consent to a colonial policy with its humiliations and its financial burdens? During the last twelve years the Democratic party has accomplished more out of office than the Republican party has accomplished in office, and this is a sufficient reward for those who fight for the righteous cause. It would have been pleasant to have been able to reward worthy Democrats with official positions. They are looking for good government, and they labor unselfishly for the promotion of good government. As for myself, let no one worry about my future. The holding of office is a mere incident in the life of those who are devoted to reforms. The reform is the essential thing. If one can advance reforms by holding office, then holding office is justifiable; if one can best advance reforms as a private citizen, then holding of office is undesirable. The world owes me nothing. I have been abundantly compensated for what I have been able to do. My life will not be long enough to repay the people for their support and for the confidence they have expressed. With an abiding faith in the triumph of truth and an unflinching confidence in the righteousness of our cause, I speak this word of encouragement to those who call themselves friends. I shall keep step with them and march on. If we are right, as I believe we are, it will vindicate us; if we contribute, as I believe we are contributing, to a cause that is founded on justice our efforts will weigh in final victory."

MEN'S CONVENTION

Rev. Imler of Decatur Attends Convention of St. Joe Conference

AT COLUMBIA CITY

Very Interesting Sessions Were Enjoyed—Addresses by Able Men

Columbia City, Ind., Nov. 11.—The first of the three days' sessions of the men's convention of the St. Joe conference of the United Brethren church was held in this city this afternoon at 2 o'clock. An evening session will be held tonight, two sessions Thursday and a Thursday evening session—the convention adjourning Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. An excellent program has been prepared and the attendance promises to be large throughout the meetings. The Arion quartet furnishes special music. Among the ministers present today were the Reverends S. H. Yager, Plymouth; G. E. Lake, Albion; F. P. Overmeyer, Waterloo; W. H. Fetter, Bourbon; J. W. Lake, Bremen; J. E. Grimes, Warsaw; J. P. Byrer, Fort Wayne; E. H. Penitius, Knox; J. D. Coverstone, Grass Creek; J. W. Eby, Gobleville; J. W. Borket, Rich Valley, O.; W. F. Pelett, Warsaw; I. Imler, Decatur; O. O. Wells, Butler; L. O. Oyler, Huntington; J. W. DeLong, Syracuse; H. G. Pence, Tynes; L. W. Love, Pleasant; J. E. Kek, Collins, besides many lay delegates. Today's session was presided over by the Rev. J. E. Grimes, presiding elder of this district. W. S. Nickey, layman, president of the Whitley County Sunday School association, delivered an address on the subject, "What Men Owe to the Church," followed by W. H. McEwen, editor of the Albion Democrat, on "What the Church Owe to Men." H. H. Barsh, of Huntington, spoke on the subject, "What Both Owe the Boys." The addresses were thoughtful and able and contained many valuable suggestions. This evening the Rev. S. H. Yager, formerly of South Whitley, and now located at Plymouth, gave an address on "Discovering and Developing Christian Workers." The Arion quartet presented special music.

GETTING READY

Anti-Saloon Workers Held

Business Session Yesterday

WILL BEGIN SOON

Meetings Were Secret and

First Counties Have Not

Been Announced

Indianapolis, Nov. 11.—Superintendents of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league met here today to discuss campaigns which are to be conducted in certain counties against the liquor traffic. While the proceedings of the conference were kept secret, it was understood on good authority that attempts would be made to have local option elections in several counties as soon as possible. The district superintendents who attended the conference were George Hicks, of South Bend; N. C. Shirey, Fort Wayne; O. O. Whitenack, Terre Haute; W. C. Heit, Evansville, and E. M. Barney, superintendent of the Indianapolis district. E. S. Shumaker, state superintendent, and Carl Minton, attorney for the league, took part in the deliberations. The anti-saloon men, it is understood, propose to use care in selecting the counties in which the law is to be tried out, but the effort will be extensive enough to prove to the people, it is said, that the option law is a good thing and that it should not be repealed.

Mrs. Frank Bell and daughter Elizabeth left this morning for Marion, where she will make a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Comre.

BANKERS ARE WELL PLEASED

Officers Chosen at the State Convention.

Indianapolis, Nov. 11.—Pleased with the growth of their organization, both in the bank and trust departments; well contented with the way their institutions have weathered the financial disturbances of the last year, and very hopeful for better conditions in the immediate future, the bankers of Indiana met in annual convention at the Claypool hotel today. There were two business sessions today and a smoker at the German house this evening. The women attending the convention went to see "The Servant in the House," at English's tonight. Henry Clews, the noted New York financier, addressed the convention, and the chief address before the trust section was delivered by John H. Holliday, of Indianapolis. A number of others spoke. The trust section elected officers before adjournment tonight and the bankers will elect in the morning. The officers elected by the trust section were: President, James D. Johnson, Kokomo Trust company, Kokomo; first vice president, J. L. Randall, Central Trust company, Greencastle; second vice president, George C. Bingham, St. Joseph Trust company, South Bend; treasurer, Frank Martin, Indiana Trust company, Indianapolis; secretary, Ross H. Wallace, Union Trust company, Indianapolis; executive committee, Joseph E. Kelley, Peoples Bank and Trust company, Mt. Vernon; W. C. Osborne, Danville Trust company, Danville, and E. L. Miller, Peru Trust company, Peru.

A BIG MEETING

A Great Time for the Wood-

men is Planned for Dec.

21 at Fort Wayne

NATIONAL LECTURER

Will Be There—Invitations

Have Been Sent to

Fifty Camps

The Decatur camp of the Modern Woodmen of America is to be well represented at the big district meeting to be held at Fort Wayne on the afternoon and evening of December 21. The afternoon session is to be one of oratory on Woodcraft by very able speakers. The program for this session is as follows: Address of Welcome....Ray McAdams Response.....C. L. Walters Roll Call Camps Represented..... Object of Meeting....Jas. A. Corsaut Address.....Hon. Geo. W. Reilly Address.....Hon. John D. Volz Address.....Hon. James M. Robinson Address.....Hon. D. V. Whiteleather Question Box.....Hon. John D. Volz Ten delegates were selected from the local camp to attend this meeting who are as follows: Messrs. C. L. Walters, W. P. Biggs, Eli Meyer, S. Shamp, J. P. Haefling, Dr. W. E. Smith, Colonel Foreman and William Richards. A special car will be chartered to convey a class of candidates to Fort Wayne in the evening where initiatory work will be a feature. Hon. George Reilly, the national lecturer, will be present to deliver an address on woodcraft. The Auburn degree team will confer the work on the candidates. Decatur will compete for the ten dollar prize to be given to the camp furnishing the most candidates. It will be a great time and every Woodman should plan to go.

GOTTSCALK ASSIGNED TO SEAT

Will Be Number Eighty-Four on Majority Side.

Thurman Gottschalk, newly elected representative from this district to the Indiana legislature, has been notified that he will occupy the third seat from the rear in the second row, No. 84, on the majority side of the house during the session which will convene at Indianapolis early in January. Mr. Gottschalk has not fully made up his mind as to his choice for the senatorship, but is looking over the field carefully and will no doubt vote in a manner satisfactory to the greater part of his constituency.

THE LEGISLATURE

Democratic Majority of Fourteen on Joint Ballot

ARE MANY ERRORS

Democrats May Find Enough Errors in Tally Sheets

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 12.—The final and complete returns from the legislative districts show that the democrats will have a majority of fourteen on joint ballot in the coming general assembly. The republicans elected ten members of the senate and the democrats elected sixteen. The republicans had seventeen hold-over senators and the democrats seven. The senate therefore stands twenty-seven republicans and twenty-three democrats, or, in other words, the republicans have a majority of four in the senate. The republicans elected forty-one members of the house of representatives and the democrats fifty-nine. This gives the democrats a majority of eighteen in the house. Deducting the republican majority of four in the senate from the democratic majority of eighteen in the house leaves the democrats a majority on joint ballot of fourteen.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 12.—Experts sent out by the democratic state committee to examine the vote and the tally sheets in many of the counties of the state for the purpose of discovering errors in the returns of the election last week, are making their reports. Several came in yesterday. Congressman Lincoln Dixon, who has represented the democrats at the canvass of the vote by the secretary of state, said that errors were found in many counties and that they were of sufficient size to change the results as to some of the state offices. He declined to give out the figures or to tell in which counties the errors were found, but he said that they would be filed with the secretary of state and the governor. "We shall ask the governor to delay the official canvass of the vote by him until a later date, in order that we may have an opportunity to finish our investigations," said Mr. Dixon. "We believe we will be able to show that in some counties at least mistakes were made that will upset some of the small pluralities by which republicans win some of the state offices on the face of the returns." This is the day on which the vote is canvassed by the governor. Whether he will grant the request or a delay is not known, as the request had not been made up to yesterday afternoon. Fred A. Sims, secretary of state, said, however, that he felt that it was time to close the matter up and issue the commissions to the candidates who, on the face of the returns, won the offices. It is understood that corrected returns from Hendricks county show that some of the republican candidates for state offices were credited on the original returns with from 100 to 200 more votes than they were entitled to. An error of five votes was found in Cass county, so it is said. An error of forty votes is also said to have been found in Clark county. Shelby county, Newton county, and several others, it is said, have been heard from and show errors that will increase the vote of some of the democratic candidates. The republicans say they also will be able to show where mistakes were made which, when corrected, will reduce the democratic vote. Preparations for the contest, which the democrats will make before the legislature, are going ahead. The democrats are gathering all the information they can get from over the state and filing it away for use in the contest.

THREE TO TAKE FIRST DEGREE

At a special meeting of the Masonic lodge to be held next Tuesday evening, three candidates will be given the entered apprentice or first degree. They are young men from the oil station at Preble and the Master of the lodge, David E. Smith, requests that a good attendance greet them. The lodge is growing steadily, three new members having been taken in recently and seven more have been vited in and are ready for the work, besides several applications to act upon.