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ROUTINE AFFAIRS

Were Disposed of at the Regular Session of City Council

A REPORT ON SEWER

Filed and Approved—New Street Lights Were Ordered

The council met in regular session last evening at the council chambers, Mayor France presiding, and every councilman being present and answering to roll call. The minutes of the former meeting were read by Clerk Ehinger, which were approved, after which the council proceeded to their regular routine of work. The first matter of importance taken up was the report of the city engineer on the Christen sewer, which was recently finished by Contractor Stevens, said report having attached to it the assessment roll showing the cost of construction, which amounted to \$1,050. The report was approved by the council and a resolution was adopted ordering the clerk to give notice by publication that the council would hear objections to the assessment roll on Tuesday, December 15. Clark Kelley representing the Kelley Shaking Grate Co., was present, and addressed the council in relation to his grates and their merits, and at the same time presenting to the council a proposition as to what he could install the same for. This matter was referred to the water works committee, who have power to purchase and contract for the same. Upon motion by Martin the electric superintendent was ordered to place in several street lights, one on Fourth street and one in the north part of the city. Several other minor matters were talked over and discussed, but no definite action was taken. The following bills were then read and allowed:

Walter Johnson	\$35.00
H. Hartruff	20.00
Thos. Ehinger	3.65
Sunday Creek Coal Co.	194.40
C. Bremekamp	2.00
Wm. Geary	10.00
A. Fisher	50.00
D. F. Teeple	64.00
M. J. Mylott	207.25
J. Dougherty	2.30
Lagunda Mfg. Co.	1.85
C. & E.	279.95
C. U. Dorwin	230.65
Ft. Wayne Elect. Wks.	129.62
J. D. Stults	45.83
Smith, Yager & Falk	72.16
P. Spuller	15.25
J. Spuller	1.98
J. Swift	11.05
C. Vogt	75.25
J. Sprague	85.35
Joe Smith	6.95

No further business coming before the council they adjourned, to meet on December 15th.

IT SHOULD BE REPEALED

Hunter's Licenses Are a Good Source of Revenue for the State.

A check for \$393 was sent by County Clerk Gillespie to Oscar Hadley, treasurer of state, Tuesday morning to cover the amount of money collected by the former for the issuance of hunting license to residents of this county during the month of November. While the month just closed is the most productive of any in the year in receipts for hunters' license fees the business in this department usually amounts to about \$1,000 annually in Jay county. It is the clerk's duty to forward to Z. T. Sweeney, state commissioner of game and fisheries, the name of every licensed hunter. No extra compensation is allowed the clerk for his time and trouble in handling the business in this department and as every cent of the money collected goes out of the county never to return, except by the sending out of small game and fish to supply the forests and ponds, the law can easily be declared open for censure and should be repealed by the next general assembly.—Portland Sun.

Christmas windows are already shown in Decatur, and the boy and girl who are counting the days and nights until that greatest of all evenings, when they hang up their stockings, can tell you right now just what is in each window and how much it costs.

HOME WAS COMPLETELY RUINED

Bert Lynch's Residence Was Heavily Damaged.

Mrs. Bert Lynch has written to friends here that the fire which recently occurred at their home at Jonesboro, Arkansas, was even more serious than has been announced. Their beautiful new home was almost completely ruined, only the walls remaining, and it will be necessary to entirely rebuild, which they will do at once. The contents of the house were a total loss, practically, nearly every article being ruined. The Lynch family will spend the winter with the Holthouse family and in the meantime their home will be rebuilt.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Wolfe Released on a One Thousand Dollar Bond—Arrested Today

SEVERAL TRANSFERS

Petition Filed to Sell Real Portion of the Schroll Estate

Charles Wolfe was arrested at his home early this morning by Deputy Sheriff Ed Green, charged as stated with assault and battery, with intent to kill. He gave bond for his appearance in the sum of \$1,000 and was released.

Acme Food Company vs. Noah A. Loch, note \$600, demurrer to complaint overruled, answer filed, rule to reply to second and third paragraphs.

Robert S. Peterson, as special judge assumed jurisdiction in the Joseph Schroll estate, George Schroll administrator. A petition was filed to sell real estate, and was consented to by various parties interested. An inventory and appraisal was filed by J. D. Winterger and Henry Michaud as appraisers.

Real estate transfers: F. M. Gilpen et al to Charles H. Lammiman, 20 acres in Monroe township, \$1,700; Marie Smith to Henry C. Stetler, lot 638 Decatur, \$1,100; Phillip W. Smith to Daniel Huser, 120 acres in French township, \$5,000.

Hunters' licenses were issued to A. C. Bailey and Joseph R. Brown.

The court house is just a little quiet at present, in the news line. The rush at the treasurer's office will not start for several weeks.

The business issuing hunters' licenses has become quite an item at the county clerk's office. The only disappointing thing about the matter is the fact that the entire fee of one dollar goes to the state and the clerk nor the county either gets a cent. During November one hundred and thirty-three were issued here.

The final report in the estate of Henry L. Buuck was filed this afternoon and showed a little over \$1,700 cash on hand. William M. Meyer was the administrator and J. C. Sutton the attorney. The report was in regular form, but neat enough to attract more than passing attention, and Mr. Sutton made a record by settling the estate for less than three per cent, including the court costs and two sales of real estate.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF GAS

Portland, Ind., Dec. 1.—The Citizens' Gas company, otherwise known as the Fulton Gas company, practically the only one still in the local field, has announced another increase in rates to consumers. A month ago the rate per thousand feet, after the minimum, was raised from 25 to 50 cents per thousand. The raise announced this month affects this minimum price. Heretofore this rate has been \$1 for the first 2,000 feet. This makes the third raise in the local gas rate within the past few months. The company has admitted its inability to serve with satisfaction all the consumers who have been attached to their lines, and are frank with the statement that the raise has been made with a view to decreasing the list of partons as to realizing revenue. The new rate is now effective.

WEDS AT MEMPHIS

Announcement of Marriage of Miss Minnie Holthouse Causes Surprise

TO MANY FRIENDS

Groom is Mr. Puryear, a Young Business Man of Jonesboro

The announcement that Miss Minnie Holthouse, formerly of this city, but who has lived at Jonesboro, Arkansas, for several years, was married at Memphis last Wednesday to Mr. Fred Puryear, of Jonesboro, has just been received here, and has caused quite a surprise among her numerous acquaintances. The wedding occurred at the St. Peters rectory in Memphis, Father Heffernan officiating. The following story of the event occurred in a recent issue of a Jonesboro paper:

A marriage which was not totally unexpected, but which rather as a surprise just at this time, occurred in Memphis at noon Wednesday, uniting Miss Minnie Holthouse and Fred Puryear, both popular young people of this city. The bride's sister, Miss Bertha Holthouse, and Ellis McKee accompanied them to Memphis and attended the during the ceremony. They returned home Wednesday night and have been receiving the hearty congratulations of their friends. They will begin housekeeping today in the Donald Hawthorne residence, at the corner of Main street and Elm avenue. The bride is a daughter of the late A. Holthouse and Mrs. Holthouse, of this city, and has resided here for several years. She is a very pretty and attractive girl, and is quite popular in Jonesboro social circles where she is admired for her lovable disposition. The groom is a young man of splendid character and unusual business ability, and is associated in business with his father. He is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Puryear, his family being one of the oldest and most prominent in the state.

TWO INDICTMENTS

Martin Lehman Arrested for Forging Father's Name

TO TWO NOTES

Unable to Furnish \$1,000 Bond and Went to Jail

Martin Lehman was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon on two grand jury indictments, each charging forgery. He was placed in jail, being unable to furnish bond, which was fixed at \$500 in each case. The first indictment charges that on September 14, 1907, Lehman forged a note for \$50.00 signing his father's name thereto, and cashed same at the Bank of Berne. When the note was due the bank demanded payment of Martin's father, William Lehman, who proclaimed them forgeries. The second indictment says that on June 19, 1907, Martin executed another forged note for \$26.10 and signed his father's name, this paper likewise being cashed at the Berne bank. The notes are in regular form, due six months after date, and bear eight per cent interest. The second indictment is in four counts and the first in one count. The Lehmans live in Wabash township.

EAGLES TO ELECT OFFICERS.

The Eagles lodge will hold an important session tomorrow evening at eight o'clock, when the annual election of officers occurs. After this important event, a smoker will be given and an old fashioned good time is anticipated. It is desired that every member be present who can possibly be there.

DRANK BEER WHILE ON DUTY

Two Policemen Are Suspended Without Pay for Fifteen Days.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 1.—An investigation of charges filed against police officers was taken up by the board of commissioners last night and two members of the force suspended without pay for fifteen days for drinking beer while on duty. The charges of graft on the part of the policemen published by some restaurant keepers have not yet been taken up by the board and until affidavits are procured there is nothing on which to base an investigation. The order suspending the two officers was made at their own request following an admission on their part that they had taken a glass of beer while on duty.

HAND ONE TO KEEFE

President Roosevelt Pays a Taft Political Debt

BEATEN TO A FRAZZLE

Cannon is a Sure Winner in the Speakership Contest

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Roosevelt today appointed Daniel J. Keefe of Detroit, commissioner general of immigration to fill the place made vacant by the death of Frank P. Sargent, and made known his intention to reappoint to their respective positions W. D. Crum, collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., and Martin Knapp, chairman of the interstate commerce commission. Mr. Keefe is president of the International Association of Longshoremen and sixth vice president of the American Federation of Labor. During the recent campaign Mr. Keefe announced his support of W. H. Taft in defiance of the policy of President Gompers of the Federation of Labor. He was one of the most loyal Taft workers in labor circles. The president signed his commission today and he received it from the hands of Secretary Straus with whom he conferred during the day.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Friends of Speaker Cannon profess to be highly pleased with the responses to letters which Representative James R. Mann of Chicago, has been sending to the members announcing that the Illinois delegation will present the name of Joseph G. Cannon for speaker of the Sixty-first congress. They say these answers assure the re-election of the speaker. Representative Mann today admitted he had received unequivocal answers from more than a majority of the Republicans of the house, saying they would support Mr. Cannon. This number has not yet reached a majority of the house. Mr. Mann explained that a number, principally new members, had written that they desired to look over the situation and investigate the subject more thoroughly before replying in a way that might be considered as a pledge. It is said that only one member of the house has replied that he will oppose the re-election of Mr. Cannon as speaker.

FLEET LEAVES MANILA BAY

United States Battleships Sail for Colombo, Ceylon.

Manila, Dec. 1.—With no ceremony other than the cheering thousands of people thronging the water front marking the departure and accompanied by several coast guard cutters and a few launches from Manila to exchange final farewell salutes, the Atlantic battleship fleet, under Rear Admiral Sperry, promptly at 8 o'clock this morning sailed for Colombo, Ceylon, the first port at which the fleet will stop on the second half of the world encircling voyage. The fleet will arrive at Colombo in two weeks where it will stay for six days and then proceed to Suez without stopping.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Neptune entertained last evening in a most delightful manner, their guests being Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walters and son, Kenneth and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Suttles. Refreshments were included in the events of the evening which proved a happy one.

WERE BEAUTIFUL

Ernsberger and Moses Sent 500 Chrysanthemums to St. Louis Yesterday

A COMMISSION MAN

Handles Them for the Firm Thirty-Six Tons of Lettuce Sold in One Season

The firm of Ernsberger & Moses yesterday shipped 500 chrysanthemums to G. H. Angermuller, a commission merchant at St. Louis, to be placed on the market for the holiday trade and the flowers were beauties. They will ship another thousand in a week to the same merchant. There are but few Decatur people who realize to what extent this firm has engaged in the wholesale business. During the course of the winter season they dispose of about thirty-six tons of lettuce or 72,000 pounds to dealers in Fort Wayne, Marion, Warsaw, Columbia City, Portland, Van Wert, Dayton, Toledo and other places. This is no little amount in consideration of the fact that the green goods weighs but little. The green house has 35,000 square feet of glass. At the close of the lettuce season cucumbers are planted in the beds and 12,000 barrels of these are sold each season and besides many flowers are sold simultaneously. This is a great record in a city the size of Decatur and the promoters of the enterprise are deserving of the hearty co-operation of the people. Preparing the flowers for shipment is no little task as it requires the utmost care in packing that the flowers do not get pressed out of shape enroute. First the stems are placed in water and left there until they have absorbed all the moisture they can hold, then they are placed between pillow layers in a case and are thus preserved until the destination is reached. When the commission merchant receives them he cuts off the ends of the stems and places them in water again which makes them as beautiful as when they were plucked from the garden.

CANNOT RE-MARRY

Illinois and Wisconsin Courts Hold So Under Interdictive Decree

ANNUL MARRIAGE

If Parties Go to Some Other State, Marry and Return—A Good Law

The courts of Wisconsin, also Illinois, have held marriage void wherein the principals have been previously married and divorced under an interdictive decree. A woman in Wisconsin was divorced and prohibited by the court from marrying for one year. She went to Michigan and was married and upon her return to her native state she was brought into court to answer for disregarding the court's order and her marriage was declared illegal. There is no penalty for violation of such an interdiction placed on divorced parties but it seems as though the court has power to annul such marriages, as was the case in Wisconsin. There are numerous cases in this county where divorced parties have remarried against the court's order. One of them went to Fort Wayne and was tied after the court had especially ordered that she stay single for two years. Not only this one instance but many more have happened. The question is whether or not the violation of the decree renders the marriage illegal and whether the court has the power to annul the new union.—Bluffton News.

It seems that court should have the power to annul marriages if it has the power to order a prolonged separation, and would not go amiss in many a case if the power was exercised.

TOWNSHIP FINANCE BOARDS.

Must Again Advertise for Public Depositories.

Some of the township trustees are making arrangements to advertise for bids on the funds of the township for the coming year. This is caused by the new depository law, and the meeting of the township advisory boards, which in this instance organize as a township finance board, must by law, meet the first Monday in January, the funds to remain in the depositories they are now deposited in until that time. It is necessary to advertise the time and place in two leading newspapers twenty days before the date—the first Monday in January. After this year it will only be necessary to meet and accept bids each two years.

GOT EIGHT DEER

Dr. Neptune and Party Home from Northern Michigan

HAD A BIG HUNT

Brought Home Handsome Buck to Prove the Stories

Dr. J. Q. Neptune of this city and George Knettle, of Union township, arrived home last night from a four weeks' trip to the northern peninsula of Michigan, and report one of the most delightful hunting trips in their experience, and the boys have been going for years. With them were also the Gideon brothers, of Paulding, Ohio, Dr. Leslie and son of Convoys, Dr. Reed of Van Wert, Martin Munma, of Missouri, but formerly of this county, and one or two from Fort Wayne, making a party of ten who formed the camp. The party secured eight deer during the month and plenty of smaller game, including rabbits, etc. Dr. Neptune rather acted selfish and secured more than his share of the deer, bringing down three of the eight. He brought home a big buck, one of the finest specimens ever shown here, and it can be seen at Simeon Haines meat shop on Madison street, where it is being properly cared for. The boys are all feeling fine, though Dr. Neptune is thin and says it was mighty hard work, but then look at the fun they had.

STATE VETERINARY GETS BUSY

Seeks Aid from Governor to Make Tuberculin Test.

Indianapolis, Dec. 1.—Dr. A. W. Biting, of Lafayette, state veterinarian, was in the city today to appeal to Governor Hanly for aid in subjecting the cattle in Lake, Porter and Laporte counties to the tuberculin test. The Chicago board of health recently made a ruling that no milk should be shipped into Chicago which was the product of cows not tried for tuberculosis by the tuberculin test. The three counties in question supply a large proportion of Chicago's milk, and the dairymen to meet the requirement were submitting their cattle for the test to all the veterinary experts in the neighborhood. The price being charged varied from \$3 to \$5 per head. Dr. Biting said the state would make the test for 25 cents a head. The dairymen were not slow in hearing of the bargain, and as a result Dr. Biting had something like 11,000 cattle offered for the test. During the month of November 1,700 cattle were subjected to the test and now Dr. Biting faces a depleted fund, and is in the city to see the governor and procure aid. He hopes to get authority to draw upon some other fund until the work is completed. The people of Indiana are equally dependent upon the cows for a pure milk supply, and Dr. Biting insists that the work should not stop. Governor Hanly is in Newton, Kan., and is not expected to be back before Saturday. Dr. Biting left when he heard this, promising to return when the governor got back.

The school board, while visiting the South Ward schools yesterday afternoon sounded the fire alarm and the drill worked to perfection. Every scholar was out in one minute and a half.

MADE THEM HAPPY

Indiana Fourth-Class Postmasters Given Long Lease on Life

UNDER CIVIL SERVICE

If They are Good Indians They Can Hold Office for Life

Washington, Dec. 2.—At one stroke President Roosevelt blanketed 1,084 Indiana postoffices under the civil service and removed them perpetually from the dominion of the representatives, who, no doubt, will be greatly astonished to learn of the wiping out of so much of their time-honored patronage by executive order. The postoffices affected are of the fourth-class. Every postoffice in Indiana of that class was put under the civil service blanket, which means that 1,084 Indiana postmasters were made postmasters for life today, provided their behavior continues up to the standard and they care to hold on. The salaries paid to these officials range from almost nothing up to \$1,000 a year. The president also stretched the civil service blanket over the fourth-class postmasters of thirteen other states, and altogether he brought 15,475 fourth-class postmasters under the civil service regulations. The states blanketed are Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. In his last regular message to congress the president recommended fourth-class postmasters be brought within the civil service. He finally concluded it could be done without legislation. Congress is never swift to let go of its hold on patronage, so the president and the civil service commission, acting together, prepared the astonishing executive order, which the president promulgated. It is announced if the plan works satisfactorily in Indiana and the thirteen other states it will be extended over the entire country. The prospect that the south ultimately will be brought under the blanket will arouse a storm of protest in that section, for, if fourth-class postmasters are to be chosen by competitive examination, there will be no way of preventing colored men who make the best grades from getting the post-offices. Nor is it likely that people who are southern born and bred will ever consent to receive their mail from colored postmasters. This is one of the reasons why no southern state is included in the president's executive order. There were other reasons also which governed the selection of states in which the experiment is to be tried first. The northern states named are chiefly represented in congress by Republican congressmen. The fourth-class postmasters now holding office in those states are the creatures and friends of these congressmen.

STOLE FERRET AT CLOVER LEAF

Animal Had Been Transferred by Express Company.

Oliver Craven, driver of the American Express wagon, is mourning the loss of a ferret, although the animal did not belong to him. The slippery little rabbit hunter arrived in the city Monday evening to be transferred to the Clover Leaf. With the other packages it was taken to the railroad, but the train was late and Craven crossed to the Lake Erie station, leaving his express in the wagon at the Clover Leaf. When he returned the top was torn from the box that contained the ferret and the animal was gone. The thief left no clue of any kind, but the theory that it was stolen is true, as the animal could not have lifted the lid from the box. It was thought by Craven that some employee around the station had taken the ferret from the box to play a joke on him, after many questions he found that he would have to pay the owner, whoever he is for the loss. It is supposed that some rabbit hunter of the west that some rabbit hunter of the west part of the city thought he could use the little animal today and having a good chance to make away with the booty he removed the lid and put the ferret in his pocket.