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IN CIRCUIT COURT

New Trial Refused in Mrs. Gleason's \$5,000 Damage Suit

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Judgment Given in a Suit on Note—Real Estate Transfers

State ex rel Sarah Gleason vs. Edward E. Young et al, damages \$5,000, motion for new trial overruled. Judgment that plaintiff take nothing by her complaint and that defendant recover costs.

A marriage license has been issued to Matthew Blocher, 57 years old, a merchant at Ceylon to Mary McManus 33, a dressmaker at Ceylon. Each has been married once before.

Peter Hoffman et al vs. George Schroll, note \$125, default of defendant, cause submitted, finding and judgment for plaintiffs in sum of \$101.80 and costs.

James W. Drummond et al vs. William Drummond et al, partition, final report filed by C. L. Walters, attorney for commissioner.

Real estate transfers: B. W. Sholly to James M. Ault, lot 967, Decatur, \$125; Sarah Elele et al to Blanch Elzey lot 833 Decatur \$1,000.

Nancy A. Miller, executrix for the Lewis C. Miller estate filed her final report and was discharged.

A hunter's license has been issued to Thomas Drew, of Geneva.

Attorney D. E. Smith filed a new case in which Henry T. Scherry is the plaintiff and Albert and Charles Lehrman are defendants. The sum of \$275 is demanded in payment of a promissory note given April 6th last, for \$200, and interest and costs of collection.

MRS. GUNNESS YET ALIVE?

Sheriff Receives Letter to That Effect From Illinois.

Laporte, Ind., Dec. 3.—Ira Marsh, of Oglesby, Ill., in a letter to Sheriff Smutzer, declares that he has found Mrs. Belle Gunness and Jennie Ison, foster daughter, and one of the alleged victims of Mrs. Gunness, and will produce her as soon as he is assured that certain reward money will be paid him. Mrs. Gunness, he says, arrived in Oglesby last May, and joined a man who, Marsh thinks, is the one that accompanied the supposed Mrs. Gunness to the Gunness farm on July 9, as testified to by witnesses at the Lamphere trial. The young woman whom Marsh believes to be Jennie Ison is said to be now the wife of the alleged Mrs. Gunness's companion on that visit.

EDITORS PLAN WINONA MEET

Publishers of Weekly Papers to Be Guests at Michigan City.

Warsaw, Ind., Dec. 3.—Editors from all over Indiana, members of the Indiana associated weeklies, will meet at Winona Lake Friday, Dec. 11. President H. P. Harris of Pierceton, has sent out 300 invitations. The editors will be guests of the Winona Interurban Railway company, the Northern Indiana Railway company and the South Shore Traction company on a trolley trip from Winona Lake to Michigan City, and will be shown through the state penitentiary at Michigan City.

MAYOR IGNORES GOV. HANLY

Terre Haute Official Refuses to Recognize Commission.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 3.—R. T. Gleason, recently appointed judge of the city court, made a demand on Mayor Lyons today to have him recognize his commission. Mr. Lyons refused to recognize the right of Governor Hanly to appoint Mr. Gleason. Mr. Gerdink, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Charles M. Fortune, declared tonight he would not turn over the books to Mr. Gleason until the first Monday of January, 1910.

THINK IT WILL HELP BEVERIDGE

His Friends Glad of Change in Stars Ownership.

Friends of Senator Beveridge are very exultant over the news that J. C. Shafer the millionaire street railway magnate, has obtained control of the Star newspapers. Shafer is a close friend of Beveridge and the conclusion is naturally reached that the Star newspapers will hereafter champion the political ambition of Beveridge. Dan G. Reid, the tinplate millionaire, has dumped a pile of money into the Star, expecting two years hence to succeed Beveridge in the senate. But Reid has concluded that he cannot stem the tide and is willing that another millionaire may shoulder the load that he has been carrying for the past two or three years. There has been a movement on foot to bump Beveridge, but the result of the election in this state has made Beveridge the master of the republican situation and with the Star in control of a millionaire friend, he has a great opportunity to build up a machine that will overshadow the old Fairbanks machine.—Hartford City News.

LET'S TRY 'EM BOYS

Home Cigars Are Certainly the Best to Be Found on the Market

BUY A BOX

To Give to a Friend Christmas—It Would Be a Welcome Gift

The cigar manufacturers of the city have prepared to meet the holiday demand. They have worked diligently to manufacture a large number of cigars with the belief that Decatur people will buy them. Many, many boxes of cigars are given away each Christmas to friends as a token of friendship. Heretofore, however, the increase in the sale of home cigars was scarcely noticeable during the holidays. Not discouraged by the past the local dealers have again prepared for a demand, hoping that the people will give them the support they deserve. Now who is the man who will ignore home industry and present to his friend other than Decatur cigars? It is true that the friend may be smoking foreign brands. But that would be a flimsy reason. If he appreciates a good cigar, he will appreciate Decatur cigars. If he is a crank, he does not deserve better than cheroots. If you can buy any better than the Standard, 252, Royal Ribbon, N. H. C. or the Lone Star on the market you will pay more than five cents for it. Let's try the home brands, boys.

TROOPS SOON TO LEAVE CUBA

Secretary Wright Believes Evacuation Should Take Place as Arranged.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary Wright of the war department today said he knew of no reason to change the plan for the complete evacuation of Cuba by American troops. This statement was made after a conference with Governor Magoon, who arrived here today. The secretary today spent much time in considering the proposed purchase of the steamers shawmut and Tremont, now at Seattle, Wash., for use as transports by the Panama Railroad company. The only obstacle to this purchase is the price asked for the vessels, which is \$1,500,000, the exact amount appropriated by congress.

STAMPS CAUSE HIS ARREST

Man is Held as Suspect in South Bend Postoffice Robbery.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 3.—Milo Zolmer, 21 years old, of Rochester, Ind., was arrested today on suspicion of being implicated in the robbery of the South Bend postoffice of postage stamps to the amount of \$18,653. When taken into custody he was attempting to dispose of stamps of the one and two-cent denominations. When informed he was wanted for the South Bend robbery he denied his guilt, but explained he had assisted in the robbery of a store at Rensselaer, Ind., with three men. He said he broke into the store and while leaving it he found the stamps on the floor.

FIRE AT MAGLEY

The Robert Case General Store Destroyed this Morning

AT ONE O'CLOCK

Five Buildings and Contents Burn—Loss is \$10,000

The big general store of Robert Case at Magley was totally destroyed by fire early this morning, the blaze being first discovered at about one o'clock. The fire started on the outside of the building and next to the railway and was caused by a spark either from an engine or by an incendiary, probably the former, thinks Mr. Case. The main building was soon a mass of flames and though the town turned out and fought with all their power, the blaze could not be checked and soon spread to the smaller adjacent buildings also owned by Mr. Case and used for various purposes such as a warehouse, ice house, grain room and wood and coal house, and before the fire burned itself out these buildings were also a complete loss with everything in them. Mr. Case was called over the phone this morning and seemed very much discouraged by the loss which is a very severe one. He estimates that his loss will very probably aggregate in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars with insurance for about twenty-five hundred, making his net dead loss about \$7,500. Of course these figures are only as estimated and Mr. Case said he could not state exactly what the loss will be until he has had time to look up his affairs. When asked whether or not he will rebuild he replied that he did not think he would. His was the only store in the busy little trading place and the people of that community will deeply regret the loss of the place where they have purchased their goods for many years. Mr. Case has been proprietor of the store for a long time. The postoffice was located in the building and was destroyed, the furniture and a small amount of mail being lost. The telephone pay station was also in the building and this company will suffer a small loss. The Case dwelling, a beautiful residence is located just across the street from the scene, but owing to the fact that the wind was in the opposite direction the home was not damaged to any extent. The Case store was one of the largest country stores in this section of the state and many people will hear of its destruction with regret.

KILLED ON ERIE

Charles Rice, Young Son of Ferd Rice, Meets Sudden Death

WAS CALL BOY

Message Received by Relatives—Accident Occurred at Hammond

Charles Rice, a son of Ferd Rice, formerly of this city, was killed yesterday afternoon, on the Chicago & Erie railroad at Hammond. The news came in a telegram to James Rice, freight agent of the G. R. & I. and an uncle of the boy, the message only stating that Charles had been killed on the Erie, and giving no particulars. The word came at about 6:30 and the accident probably occurred late in the afternoon. The boy was about fourteen or fifteen years old and for some time had served as call boy for the Erie, and it is presumed was at work when the sad affair happened. He moved from here to Hammond with his parents about four years ago. He has many relatives and friends here who were shocked at the report of his sudden death. A story of the accident giving the details is expected.

REVOLUTIONISTS WELCOMED.

Were Invited to Enter the City of Port au Prince.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A statement in a dispatch sent to the navy department today by Commander Shipley, of the cruiser Des Moines, that the Haitian revolutionists had been invited to enter Port au Prince, is taken to mean that the people of the city are in entire sympathy with General Simon, the head of the revolutionists. This being the case it is regarded that the immediate trouble is over. Whether General Simon will be content with the continuance in office of General Legitime, until a new president is elected, officials say, is another question. To him, they state, will be left the naming of the president. There are said to be half a dozen well-known persons in Haiti who are eligible for the office and who would fill it very acceptably. The contest may engender further trouble. Under ordinary conditions the election for president would be held in May.

WOODEN SCHEDULE

The Tariff Likely to Be Carved and Reduced

A SOFT PLACE

Overstreet's Friends Looking After the Defeated Candidate

Washington, Dec. 4.—That the woolen schedule of the Dingley act will be carved and reduced until its best friends will not know it is almost certain to be the result of the charges brought by Frederick B. Bennett, a Boston publisher, that the woolen manufacturers and wool growers had S. N. D. North as their personal representative in the senate committee on finance when the schedule was being framed and while he served nominally as clerk of the committee, he drew no salary from the government and was paid \$5,000 for his services by the woolen manufacturers. It was admitted today by those who are framing the new tariff bill that, in view of the disclosures, if the schedule is left unchanged, congress will be accused of being manipulated by the same woolen manufacturers who are said to have been successful in shaping the Dingley rate. The prospect of having to face such accusations is not relished by congressmen, and the ways and means committee probably will ask the house for permission to conduct a sweeping investigation of the charges affecting Mr. North, with privilege to compel the attendance of witnesses and put them under oath.

Washington, December 4.—In spite of Representative Overstreet's declaration that he is not an applicant for any appointive office, his friends propose to do what they can to have him made director of posts if that office shall be created at the coming session.

AWARDS CONCRETE CONTRACT

Toledo & Chicago Interurban Road to Build Water Course Near Garrett.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 3.—Following the ruling of Judge Heaton Wednesday that the Toledo & Chicago interurban road had the right to construct a concrete water course along its tracks under the B. & O. road near Garrett, bids for the work were submitted to the court by Receiver Mortimer. Proposals were received from five different concerns and Judge Heaton directed Receiver Mortimer to award the contract to the National Concrete company for \$7,150. Farmers tried to prevent the construction of the course, asserting it would damage their property. Expert engineers declared this would not result.

The Decatur bowling team, all gowning in their new suits, went to Huntington last evening, where they met the team from that city and were defeated by a total of 203 pins. Returning home the boys missed the car at Fort Wayne, and were held up until this morning.

CANNON NOT SURE

Congressional Insurgents Breaking Out in Illinois

MANY OPPOSED

Twenty-Six Now Numbered Among the Fighters

Washington, Dec. 4.—There are indications of a break in the Illinois delegation which will prevent Joseph G. Cannon from getting the solid vote of his Republican colleagues from Illinois in the race for the speakership. George W. Prince, congressman from the Fifteenth district, has blossomed out in the role of a full-fledged insurgent and it is said he will not vote for Mr. Cannon if the house "rebels" bring out a candidate against him. Prince long has been opposed to the house "system," but he never has fought Cannon. If he decides to vote against the candidate from Illinois it is believed one or two other members of the delegation from that state will follow him. The list of "insurgents," which formerly comprised not more than could be enumerated on the fingers of both hands, with a few fingers to spare, has increased until now twenty-six members of the incoming congress are known to be in sympathy with the movement to dethrone the speaker and to overthrow the "system" of the house, or both. How many more there are who are secretly in sympathy with the movement, but who have not yet become active, can only be conjectured. The list of twenty-six men who compose the flower of the "army of insurrection," is as follows: Representatives Hayes of California, Norris of Nebraska, Murdock of Kansas, Cooper of Wisconsin, Nelson of Wisconsin, Fowler of New Jersey, Hubbard of Iowa, Esch of Wisconsin, Townsend of Michigan, Prince of Illinois, Davis of Minnesota, Hinshaw of Nebraska, Kincaid of Nebraska, Madison of Kansas, Lenroot of Wisconsin, Lindberg of Minnesota, Creger of Oklahoma, Burton of Ohio, Stevens of Minnesota, Smith of Iowa, McCall of Massachusetts, Lawrence of Massachusetts, Foster of Vermont, Washburn of Massachusetts, Plumly of Vermont and Gardner of Massachusetts.

The Decatur public library is becoming more popular each day. Many new periodicals have within the past few weeks been added and the number of readers has greatly increased.

AN ANNUAL EVENT

Woman's Home Missionary Society of M. E. Church to Hold Rummage Sale

DURING EACH FALL

This Was Decided at Their Meeting Yesterday—Interesting Session

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Myers yesterday, the session proving most interesting. During the course of the business session a resolution was adopted to the effect that a rummage sale, similar to the one held by the ladies recently, would be conducted annually, late in the fall of the year. The meeting was one of intense interest, the reading of papers by Mesdames D. D. Heller, D. Sprang, and F. V. Mills with the following respective subjects: "Our Literature," "Literature of Our Society," and "Revolt of the Hall Closet," being of unusual interest to the ladies. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Gladys McMillen and an instrumental duet by Misses Ruth Gay and Nellie Nichols, both of which were inspiring. The next meeting will be held the first Thursday in January at the home of Mrs. Daniel Erwin.

WERE OLD TIME FRIENDS.

Squire Smith Performs Wedding Ceremony.

Squire James H. Smith had the pleasure of uniting in the holy bonds of wedlock yesterday afternoon two old friends whom he has known for many years. The principals in the ceremony were Matthew Blacker, storekeeper at Ceylon and Mrs. Anna McMannus of the same place. The couple secured their license late yesterday afternoon and were married at the office of Mr. Smith at four o'clock. Both Squire Smith was in attendance at the wedding of the bride's parents, which occurred many years ago. The groom is fifty-eight, and the bride thirty-four years of age. In his usual clever manner the squire spoke the words which bound the ties of husband and wife and the happy couple went on their way rejoicing. Squire Smith bestowed congratulations, of course.

IN DEATH SHADOW

Operation Upon Mrs. Carrie Reinking Reveals Serious Complications

WILL NOT RECOVER

More Than Two Hundred Gall Stones Removed From the Woman

Surviving the ravages of an excruciating case of typhoid fever, Mrs. Carrie Reinking, of Union township, is now confronted by an almost even more alarming, the work of the surgical knife failing to relieve the seriousness attendant to gall stones which have formed during the course of several years. It will be remembered that Mrs. Reinking and three children were taken ill some time ago from typhoid fever. The critical stages in each of the cases had been safely passed and the day previous to Thanksgiving the family physician had told the afflicted woman she could sit up Thanksgiving day. As joyful as this news may have been to her, she was equally as discouraged when that evening she was caused intense pain by the gall stones. She has gradually grown worse since that time. An operation was advised and Drs. J. M. Miller and Clark, of Decatur, and Dr. McOscar, of Fort Wayne, went to the home today, where more than two hundred stones were removed from the woman. The operation revealed a most complicated case, which, without a doubt, culminated in the untimely demise of this most estimable woman, who for eight years has been a widow. The children of Mrs. Reinking are getting along nicely from their attacks of typhoid fever.

DEATH POISON SENT BY MAIL

"Indigestion Remedy" Received in Letter Kills San Francisco Man.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 3.—Poison conveyed in a letter mailed in this city yesterday is believed to have caused the death of Henry Boas, a salesman for an electric company, who was discovered in a dying condition in his apartments here early today. A communication purporting to be from a physician, but which displayed ignorance of the primary principles of medicine, was sent to Boas yesterday by special delivery and the evidence in possession of the police indicates that the letter, penned by a woman, contained two powders, which the recipient was urged to take as a remedy for indigestion, but which were in fact of a poisonous character.

EXONERATED OF KILLING.

Woman Who Shot Picture Agent Will Not Be Prosecuted.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Miss Estelle Sout, who yesterday shot and killed Henry H. Hornberger, a picture agent, was exonerated by a coroner's jury today. The jury found that Miss Stout fired upon Hornberger had killed her sister with a blow and while she believed the latter was in danger of being killed.

WANTS A NEW ONE

Indiana Needs a New Constitution Says Hogate

MANY CHANGES

A More Rigid Naturalization Laws and Four Years Tenure in Office

Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—A new constitution for Indiana, to embrace a revision of many important parts in the present constitution upon which the state's government is based was advocated by Enoch G. Hogate, dean of the law school of Indiana university, in an address before the Indianapolis Bar Association in the federal court library Wednesday night. Reform in elections by a more rigid system of naturalization, the placing of state, county and township offices on a four-year basis, the creation of a 100-day minimum session of the legislature and the establishment of but one court of last resort are among the changes advocated. For many years Prof. Hogate said he has been impressed with the idea that Indiana needs a new constitution whereby a better system of government could be established. The present constitution, he said, covered the ground thoroughly, when it was framed, but since that time the population has grown to such an extent, and the need of reforms along many lines has since become manifest. With the needed change in the system of naturalization Mr. Hogate was particularly impressed. "Hundreds of Italians, Greeks, Hungarians, Poles, Swedes and Norwegians have come to our large centers of population and into railroad construction camps," said he. "Nevertheless, the qualifications for suffrage remain the same as in 1850. Every male citizen of 21 years or over and all aliens who have been in the United States for one year and have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States may vote. I do not desire to approach the question from a sentimental side, and I do not say that the foreigner should be a citizen of the United States for twenty-one years before he should be allowed to vote, but it does seem reasonable that some qualifications other than a mere year's residence should be required of the alien. Think of the man who has spent much of his life developing a high civilization and genuine civic righteousness and studied the problems of the Republic, who, in the fear of God goes into the election booth and votes from the highest dictates of conscience, to be immediately followed by a 'Hunyak' who has escaped from oppression at home, who, perhaps because of the wrongs of government has become an anarchist and who has no conception of the constitutional government and who has not been eligible long enough for the ink to dry on his intention papers, voting, and counteracting the effect of the good citizen's ballot." The establishment of only one court of last resort, with from nine to thirteen justices, also was advocated. Mr. Hogate said that he is of the opinion that one higher court would be a sufficiency, and that the appellate court is the one that should be eliminated. "I have a very high regard for the appellate court and the eminent lawyers who sit on its benches, but I am, nevertheless, persuaded that there should be only one court of last resort." As to the methods by which the laws are now enacted Mr. Hogate said: "The system is not so very objectionable. It is an good, perhaps, as in most of the states." He said that the manner of placing the laws on the statute books is not bad, as they are enacted on the basis which the constitution provides, but the constitution itself is in need of a change. One system at present in vogue, he said, should be changed, and that is the length of the legislative session, the payment of senators and representatives and the time of the enforcement of the laws after they are passed by the lawmakers.

Hooray! said the boy and girl when his eyes fell on the outside world this morning and they beheld a mantle of snow, that does credit to the Christmas stories of old. About the next sport now being anticipated is the bob-sled hopping, and it may come so if rain doesn't interfere.