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COUNTY WILL PAY

Amount of Tax Levy for School Purposes in a Few Weeks

THE BOARD MET

Borrowed Money to the Amount of \$2,700 Will Be Paid First

At the meeting of the school board a few nights ago, business of initial importance to the taxpayers was transacted and the report of Secretary F. V. Mills reveals the financial condition of our educational institutions. The teachers' salaries, aggregating \$1,669.09 and janitors' salaries amounting to \$170, were allowed and orders drawn for same after which the following bills were allowed: Peter Gaffer, painting blackboard at central school, \$7.50; W. M. Burkhead, drayage, \$25; Enterprise Foundry and Fence company of Indianapolis, fire escape for West Ward, \$200; Moses and Myers, framing picture, \$2; Holt-house Drug Co., miscellaneous, \$18; Mann & Christen, repairing at North Ward, \$21. The treasurer was ordered to borrow from the Old Adams County bank, \$560 until January 20 at six per cent interest for the special fund. The money appropriated by a levy on the taxable property for school purposes will be paid to the board by the county before January 20, 1909, and this money will be used to defray the expenses of the remainder of the school term. However, the first thing to be done after receiving the levy will be the payment of borrowed money from the local banks which amounts to \$2,700. The next money from the county will be paid to the board in August, 1909. In consideration of the noted improvements made during the past year in the various schools, the schools are in an excellent financial condition and the members of the board are deserving of much credit for the able manner in which they are discharging their duties. The public schools will re-convene next Monday after a vacation of ten days.

WARM IN WABASH

Local Option Election Campaign Causes a Big Stir

PARADES PUT ON

W. C. T. U. Takes a Hand and School Children Busy

Wabash, Ind., Dec. 28.—The election to be held in this county under the county local option law is the all absorbing topic of conversation at this time. Before the special session of the legislature was called this county would have gone "dry" by a safe majority. Now it is conceded doubtful by both sides. In every church in Wabash county yesterday addresses were delivered by officers of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league and by ministers of Wabash county against saloons. Tomorrow the county votes on the proposition of "wet" or "dry." Yesterday at North Manchester all the school children, with few exceptions, marched through all the business sections of the city and to every polling place. They carried flags and banners with the motto, "Vote 'Yes' for 'dry'." They also wore badges with the same words upon them. The parade was arranged by the temperance forces of that town. Tuesday the W. C. T. U. promises effective work throughout the day. The campaign has been a hard-fought one, and both sides expect a big vote.

Mrs. Jessie Laugh returned to her home in Decatur this morning after spending a few days in the city, the latest of friends and relatives.—Bluffton Banner.

HIS FIRST VISIT HOME.

George Coppersmith Comes from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. John Ritter was the victim of a most pleasant surprise this morning when her brother George Coppersmith, of Leavenworth, Kansas, walked in upon her unawares. It was the first meeting of the brother and sister for thirty-two years, so it is needless to say that joy was unconfined around the Ritter home for a time this morning. A family reunion is now being planned, the same to take place at the home of another brother, James Coppersmith, of Rockford, Ohio, on New Year's day. George Coppersmith lived near Rockford and left here over thirty years ago, and this is his first visit home. He will stay three weeks, and it is safe to say that the time will be pleasantly spent.

ANOTHER JUDGE

Appointed in the Terrell Case—Judge Leffler of Muncie

IS NUMBER FIVE

Judge Erwin Declined to Serve Further in the Case

Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 28.—Judge C. E. Sturgis, of the Wells circuit court has appointed Judge Joseph G. Leffler, of the Delaware circuit court, to assume jurisdiction as special judge in the celebrated John W. Terrell murder case. In naming the new judge in the case Judge Sturgis did not name any time for a new trial in the case and all future action in the case is left entirely to Judge Leffler. The case cannot come to trial here now however, before the February term of court at the earliest, and it is a question whether a new trial will even then be the course pursued, as one special judge in the past, Judge R. K. Erwin, refused to call the case for trial because he held that Terrell was undoubtedly insane and that a trial under the circumstances was unnecessary. At that time, however, Terrell was in the Easthaven asylum at Richmond, while at present he is in the Wells county jail, having been returned here several weeks ago. Judge Leffler makes the fifth judge who has had a part in the Terrell case. It first came before Judge Vaughn, who in turn appointed Judge John H. Smith, of Portland, who presided at the first trial, which resulted in conviction and a life sentence but met with reversal in the supreme court. When the case came back again for re-trial Judge Smith was no longer judge of the Jay circuit court and Judge R. K. Erwin, of Decatur, was appointed. An effort was made to get the case to trial before him, but after he visited Terrell at Richmond he gave it as his opinion that Terrell was undoubtedly insane and he refused to take up the case for a new trial. When Terrell was finally released from Easthaven asylum and sent back here Judge Erwin had retired from the bench as judge of Adams circuit court, and he declined to act further in the Terrell case, and this led to the appointment of Judge Leffler. Judge Sturgis was disqualified to sit as trial judge because he was an attorney for Terrell in the first trial of the case.

U. B. CHURCH SPECIAL SERVICES

Preaching each evening this week. Children's service each day at 3:00 p. m. Each member of the church is expected to be present at the service. This is your opportunity to help do something for the bettering of the moral condition in the city. Can we count on you? All the services in charge of the pastor. Every body cordially invited. Members of the other churches of the city will come and feel perfectly at home and help all they can.

County Clerk James P. Haefling has figured it out that all the people of Adams county, if necessary, is he correct?

MUSICAL TONIGHT

Thirty-Seven Will Receive Diplomas From the Academy

A GOOD PROGRAM

An Hour and a Half of Delightful and Interesting Entertainment

The Bosse opera house will no doubt be crowded this evening at 8:30 o'clock when occurs the second annual musicale to be given by the Sisters of St. Agnes. At this time thirty-seven pupils will receive diplomas and the entertainment to be rendered will be a very interesting one. Three quartettes will be interestingly given by Miss Clara Terveer, Mrs. J. Q. Neptune, Dr. J. Q. Neptune and Messrs. H. J. Yager and L. A. Holt-house. The program as it will be rendered follows:

1. Christmas Bells March..... Piano Solo
2. Evening Chimes.....Duet
3. Military March.....Trio
4. Friendship, Love and Song..... Vocal Quartette
5. Congenial Hearts.....Duet
6. The Dying Poet.....Duet
7. Shooting Stars.....Trio
8. Silver Trumpets.....Quartette
9. Charge of The Hussars.....Duet and Trio
10. Jolly Brothers.....Duet
11. Come and Join the MerryDance..... Vocal Quartette
12. Ventre Terre Speed Galop..... Quartette
13. Race for Life Galop.....Duet
14. Midnight Fire Alarm..... Vocal Quartette

DIPLOMA PARTS.
4th and 2d Grades.

1. Morning Prayer, by J. Wiegand..... Piano Solo
2. Music on the Water.....Piano Solo
3. Little Postillon.....Piano Solo
4. Light Cavalry March.....Quartette

Distribution of Diplomas by Rev. Father Wilken.

HAVE CALLED IT OFF

County Local Option Election in Jay County Postponed

A HARD TASK

Sentiment Not Enthusiastic There at This Time

A county option election may never be called in Jay county. This is especially true if the coming session of the state legislature should repeal the law enacted at Governor Hanly's special session held last September. This decision was reached at a joint meeting of the Ministerial association of Portland and the temperance workers of the city held Sunday afternoon to discuss the furtherance of the plans formulated at a meeting held last week when it was unanimously decided to prepare and circulate petitions at once in order that the 1,400 names might be secured in time to file the petition at the January session of the board of commissioners. These petitions were drawn and were ready for circulation on Thursday of last week. The time was decidedly short and failing to find persons anxious to circulate the petition and the still harder task of securing signers was responsible for the meeting Sunday and the final postponement of the filing of the petition until the February session of commissioners' court.—Portland Sun.

Mrs. Ellen Dalley went to Decatur this morning, where she will visit relatives and friends for a few days. Her son, Gerald, is also visiting in Decatur.—Bluffton Banner.

ALFRED ELZEY HAD EXPERIENCE

Fellow Traveler Fell Dead on the Train Near Trinidad.

Alfred Elzey, a well known farmer from south of this city, who is visiting his daughter at Trinidad, Col., writes us that he had an unusual experience while enroute to that place last week. A man named E. M. Ryther, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who was traveling on the same train, and with whom he had become quite well acquainted, while walking past him in the aisle, suddenly reeled and fell. Mr. Elzey and others did all they could for him, but he never regained consciousness and died within a few minutes. Mr. Elzey says he enjoyed Christmas dinner with his daughter and her family and afterward went up to Simpson's Rest, a spot 600 feet higher than the city. They are planning a trip to Fisher's Peak, 6,000 feet above the sea level. He states that he has not decided just when he will start home.

AGAINST THE BILL

Hoosiers Bombarding the Postal Savings Bill

ARE AFTER WILEY

His Enemies Want President Roosevelt to Remove Him

Washington, Dec. 29.—There never has been another measure before congress within the memory of the oldest members of the Hoosier delegation which called forth such vigorous opposition from the bankers of Indiana as the bill of Senator Carter for the establishment of a system of postal savings banks in this country. Telegrams and letters and messages over the long distance telephone from Indiana are urging members of the senate to stand firm in opposition to this measure, which, in the opinion of nearly all the Indiana bankers and financiers, does not have a single redeeming feature. Big bankers and little bankers, as well as bankers of medium resources, are joining in the movement against the bill. Not content with voicing their opposition through resolutions adopted by their associations, the Indiana bankers are writing in their individual capacity and expressing their personal protests. The Indiana Bankers' association heads the list of a long collection of Indiana memorials that have been filed in the senate on the subject within the last two weeks.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The enemies of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the Indiana chief of the government bureau of chemistry, whom he has made by his championship of pure food regulations, are making an effort to get his official scalp before President Roosevelt's term expires. They are bombarding the white house with letters and formal complaints charging him with about all the crimes in the category, but they do not seem to have made much of an impression, and the learned man goes serenely on his way. When informed today of a fresh batch of reports that he is slated for dismissal he hurled defiance at the men who are after him. "My neck is ready," was his comment. "I have not been asked to resign, but I have been fought at every turn of the road by adulterators of food, and I am ready to go if the government wants to take their side. I will not resign unless I am asked, however, because my heart is in this work, and I will stay until I am asked to get out, no matter how thick the bullets fly. I think that I could support myself if I were to lose my official head. If they get my scalp they will find they are in a worse pickle than before, for I will make it hotter for them than ever."

Clyde Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, of near Markle, was accidentally shot in the leg Friday while in company with some other boys hunting. A small target rifle in the hands of another lad was discharged, the bullet lodging in the fleshy part of the Smith boy's leg. The wound was not serious and on the advice of physicians no effort was made to remove the bullet.

SOME DISCUSSION

The Legislature Will Convene on the Seventh of January

THE NEW GOVERNOR

He Will Assume the Place of Chief Executive January 11th

Indianapolis, December 28.—There has been considerable discussion recently as to how long after the legislature convenes Governor Hanly will serve as governor and Hugh T. Miller as lieutenant-governor. It has been announced that the legislature will convene January 7, and that Thomas R. Marshall will be inaugurated as governor and Frank J. Hall as lieutenant-governor on January 11. Thus, during four days of the session Hugh T. Miller will preside in the senate as lieutenant-governor. Some have looked on this as an innovation and have characterized it as a trick of the Republicans to allow Mr. Miller to appoint the committees in the senate. As a matter of fact, the constitution of the state specifically provides when the legislature shall convene and when the official terms of the governor and the lieutenant-governor shall begin. The constitution provides that the legislature shall convene on the first Thursday after the first Monday in January every two years, and that the official terms of the governor and lieutenant-governor shall begin on the second Monday in January every four years. This rule has been followed ever since the present constitution was adopted. Four years ago Governor Durbin was the executive of the state for four days after the session of the legislature was convened. It has never been customary, though, for the legislature to take up any work of consequence until after the governor and lieutenant-governor had been inaugurated. Usually the committees are not appointed in either branch until after the inauguration, and, as a rule, no bills or resolutions are introduced before the inauguration.

WHOSE HORSE BEST

That Question Was Decided in Rather Stringent Manner Last Eve

BY WEBBER & SMITH

Dr. Smith, of Hoagland and Leo Webber Have Altercation

The protracted silence in police court was at last broken last night when Dr. W. O. Smith, of Hoagland, and Leo Webber of this city were called upon to pay a fine of \$9.30 each to Squire Smith, the former on the charge of provoke, the latter for assault and battery. Dr. Smith had come to Decatur during the day on a business mission and quartered his rig at the Fashion stables. When he went to call for the outfit, Webber was at the barn and the question as to the speed of Smith's race horse arose. Webber stated that he had an animal that could outstep Smith's. This statement evoked a proposition for a bet of \$10 from Smith and when Webber produced his money, Smith drew a check for the stipulated amount, which, however, did not suit the fancy of Webber, who said he must cast his lamps on the hard cold. A word came back ensued in which remarks not complimentary in the extreme, were passed back and forth and which so enraged Webber that he struck the doctor and administered severe punishment to him. Smith filed an affidavit against the aggressor charging assault and battery and Squire Smith promptly fined him. Webber retaliated by filing a charge of provoke against Smith and he was fined after which the participants went on their way, shaking hands with themselves that the fines were not \$15.

THINKS ASSESSMENT TOO HIGH

Alex Woods, of Ridgeville, is Here on Business.

Alex Woods, of Ridgeville, Indiana, is here for a day or two attending to business affairs. Mr. Woods has lived in Ridgeville for over seventy years and owns a large farm just north of that town. His wife who died some twenty years ago, was a daughter of the old Dr. Jeleff who practiced here a third of a century ago, and she was a sister of Dr. Charles Jeleff. Mr. Woods through her death became the owner of one-third of the Jeleff property which lies just east of the old protestant cemetery and this land was assessed \$112.50 on the Elm street sewer. Mr. Woods believes his assessment was exorbitant and is objecting strenuously to the payment of same, claiming that he drains his land in another direction. He has employed an attorney and will try to effect some kind of a settlement before leaving the city.

FROM FORT WAYNE

Prof. W. H. Kruse Wants Tariff Removed from Scientific Works

WRITES COMMITTEE

Says the Best Foreign Publications Kept Out by a Tariff Duty

Washington, December 29.—Generally speaking, Indiana has remained silent during the tariff hearings by the ways and means committee. A few manufacturing concerns and one or two individuals only have communicated with the committee. Prof. W. H. Kruse, of Concordia college, Ft. Wayne, has sent on a plea for duty free scientific works. He says in part, in his letter to the committee: "No doubt thousands of men engaged in intellectual pursuits feel exactly as I do in this matter, but they are likely to let this thing go by default and to come with their protests when it is too late. Whether we like it or not, the most minutely specialized work and research is still done in Europe, and it is the sheerest folly to try to change this by a duty on such books. Whenever, in our reading and study, we reach a point that puzzles us we glance over the catalogues of European publishers, and usually find a few pamphlets and monographs restricted absolutely to this one point. This places at our disposal the very latest and best information that the world possesses. No encyclopedia can go so thoroughly into details and treat a subject so fully in all its bearings, to say nothing of the fact that they are, necessarily, from five to fifteen and more years behind the advance guard of the scientists. Just to give you an illustration: A physician of my acquaintance wished to get the very latest information on bleeding of the lungs (pulmonary hemorrhages) in four weeks he had a pamphlet of about two hundred pages that absolutely covered the subject and gave him all that the foremost men of Europe know. This same condition obtains in all branches of knowledge, particularly natural science and mathematics. It seems to me a very shortsighted policy to obstruct even to the smallest extent the importation of ideas."

BOWLERS TO OPEN ELKS HOME

Local Team Will Go to Fort Wayne Tomorrow Evening.

The Decatur Elks bowling team will go to Fort Wayne tomorrow evening where they will open the new alleys in the Elks home, with a contest against the Fort Wayne Elks who claim to be the champions of the state. The local lads have a strong team and are going to win. They have secured handsome new shirts for the occasion, bearing the lodge emblem and will be otherwise fitted up appropriately for the occasion. The team includes Mayor Bones France, Postmaster Dyke Frisinger, Dr. Earl G. Coverdale, Manager Tom Peterson of the Palace bowling alleys, Fred Vaughn and David E. Studabaker. Guess this bunch should make the Fort Wayne bowlers hop along some.

THE SESSION ENDS

County Commissioners Complete Their Labors and Adjourn

WILL MEET FRIDAY

They Will Organize and Make Annual Invoice

The commissioners completed the business of the special session and have adjourned. The affairs of the county for the year of 1908 are now adjusted so far as the board is concerned. All that is necessary is for the proper executive officers to carry out and execute the orders of the board. There is many things to do in closing the business of a county like Adams but by the time the old year ends this will all be attended to in the proper way.

The commissioners will meet again Friday the first day of the new year. Their first business will be the organization which is made by electing a president of the board who serves during the year. Following the organization the first duty involving upon them is the taking of an invoice of the personal property at the county farm, and this will be done as usual this year. This is no small matter and means the listing of several thousand dollars worth of property. This also means a New Year's dinner with Supt. and Mrs. Graber and this is a privilege all like to enjoy. Those dinners have become famous and we know of several thousand other Adams county people with a good appetite that wish they were a county commissioner for this one day at least.

Auditor-elect Michaud who has been diligent in his application at the auditor's office for the last month will assume charge on Friday the first day of the year. Mr. Michaud already gives evidence of properly filling the place. It will not be long until he is onto all the curves and will serve the people of Adams county faithfully and well as auditor of Adams county.

ELECT OFFICERS

National Union Held a Reorganization Meeting Last Night

INSURANCE ORDER

And One of the Best—Effort Will Be Made to Increase Membership

The National Union, an insurance order which has perhaps paid more policies in Decatur than any other fraternal order, and which is considered one of the best that does business today, held a meeting at the office of D. B. Erwin last evening, when the officers were chosen for the ensuing year. A representative from headquarters will soon be here and an effort will be made to increase the membership of the local lodge, which now numbers about fifty. The new officers are elected as: W. J. Myers, president; Henry Krick, vice president; John H. Heller, speaker; James P. Haefling, secretary; Fred W. Mills, financial secretary; R. K. Allison, treasurer; D. B. Erwin, usher; A. C. Sellemeyer, chaplain; J. A. Smith, sergeant-at-arms; D. M. Hensley, door-keeper; Dr. W. W. P. McMillen, L. G. Ellingham and J. T. Merryman trustees; auditing committee who will go over the books of the officers for the past year and report at the next meeting, J. H. Heller, W. J. Myers and Dr. McMillen. They will meet next Tuesday evening at Erwin's office to install.

As a result of several Decatur young men giving whiskey to a youth, who resides in the south part of the city, it is not unlikely that several affidavits will be filed. The officers expect to stop this practice.