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BUSINESS AFFAIRS

OF THE CITY AND COUNTY

Adams county is going some. Her tax rate for county purposes is the lowest in the last quarter of a century, and among the lowest in the state, improvements considered. She is also out of debt. While this is stretching the truth just a little, yet she has the money available for the payment of every cent of her bonded indebtedness, and after January first this money will be set aside and will draw interest until paid out in the settlement of the last of our bonded debt. We are all proud of such a record, and we congratulate those at the head of our county government for hastening the day when Adams county would clean the slate and free herself from the tangling alliances in paying bonds and interest. It is a clean slate. There has been no robbing of Peter to pay Paul. All the expenses of the county has been met, and there is not an outstanding unpaid order against the county. Nine years ago there were twenty thousand dollars of these orders, and the bonded debt was forty-five thousand dollars, but it is all paid, and while the county tax levy has never been excessive, still it has been further reduced. It is due solely to an economical administration of the affairs of the county, to the good financial and business management of the business end of our county government, and we congratulate

ulate the officials in charge for their efficiency, and we congratulate the people and taxpayers in having them.

Congratulations are also due the Decatur city council, as they too, are proving their business ability in more ways than one. Notwithstanding the great inroads made upon the city debt, notwithstanding the payment of scores of accounts against the city, they challenge the admiration of their friends by a thirty cent reduction in the city rate of taxation. For the coming year the rate will stand at one dollar and fifty-seven cents, as against one dollar and eighty-seven cents which helped comprise the famous four-forty. With this thirty cents reduction the affairs of the city were never better or cleaner than they are at this day and date. Whatever else may be said about the present members of the city council, they have a clean bill of sale when it comes to taking care of the finances of the city, and of transacting its business in a business way. There is no secret about the present city debt, or of the men who made it, or of the men who fostered it and permitted it to grow in size and volume, of the men who spent the most of the money paying interest at the local banks and permitted city orders to float and city bonds to go unpaid, of the men who permitted the city credit to be entirely withdrawn and the city disgraced. This is all a matter of city history, and the present council are entitled to the credit of redeeming it and making it possible to pay its debts.

For the fiscal year ending Jun 30th last the postoffice department had a deficit of \$20,000,000. The deficit the previous year was \$16,000,000. Large numbers of experts have been employed to find out what the trouble is. It is altogether probable that the deficit for the next year will show an increase, at least to the extent of the money paid out to the experts.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

A List of Bargains

Carefully read this list. It contains many good locations at reasonable prices. We can offer you a large number of other properties, many of which have just recently been put upon the market. By making investigations, at once, you may save money on your purchase.

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IN ACRE LOTS, SMALL FARMS, ETC., ETC.

- No. 777—An acre and a quarter tract with good four room house, cellar, fruit trees, stable, etc., on good public road\$850.00
- No. 798—Is a one acre tract near the corporation, plenty of fruit, good story and a half house on traction line\$1,325.00
- No. 787—Is a well improved five acre tract within a half mile of Decatur, good water, story and half house.....\$1,250.00
- No. 793—Is an eight and three quarter acre tract on public road, joins Decatur corporation has fair improvements\$2,250.00
- No. 799—Is a well located 15 1/2 acre tract near the city, ordinary house, good barn, and some other buildings (would accept good small property as part payment).\$3,000.00
- No. 743—Is a fifteen acre tract well improved on traction line, good barn, comfortable house, good poultry farm\$2,500.00
- No. 808—Is a well located twenty-two acre tract near Decatur corporation. Is on main stone road, nice building sites, well fenced, tiled.....\$2,100.00
- No. 789—Is a well improved twenty-two acre tract about a mile and a half from Decatur, all new, and good buildings\$2,550.00
- No. 794—Is a well located 67 acre tract near Decatur on stoned road. Good land, well drained, and some good buildings.....\$110.00 an acre
- No. 806—Is a good eighty acre tract close to market, on stoned road, new large buildings, good water, etc.at \$90.00 an acre
- No. 791—Is a well located eighty acre tract near traction line, on stoned road, has at least \$1,500.00 worth of good buildings at \$62.50 an acre.

We have also a large number of other tracts at from \$90.00 to \$125.00 an acre. And vacant city lots some on brick streets in good locations at reasonable prices.

- No. 792—Is a single story residence of six rooms on Market street, city and cistern water, brick sidewalks, alley lot\$800.00
- No. 775—Is a comfortable cottage on south Ninth street, good location, alley lot\$850.00
- No. 805—Is a comfortable cottage on north Third street, city and cistern water, electric lights, good sewerage, fifty feet frontage, good stable, etc.\$925.00
- No. 755—A large convenient cottage on Tenth street, near Madison street, brick sidewalk, city and cistern water, good sewerage.\$1,000.00
- No. 776—Is a new five room cottage on Line street, two porches, drove well, cistern, full lot, near traction line\$1,150.00
- No. 736—Is a modern seven room story and a half residence on brick foundation in southeast Decatur, electric lights, etc.\$1,600.00
- No. 807—Is a well arranged story and a half residence on water and gas lines, on traction line south, stable, two full lots\$1,550.00
- No. 778—A comfortable large cottage, on good sewer, on south Tenth street, good barn, drove well, fruit maple shade, etc.\$1,750.00
- No. 785—A well built seven room residence on stone foundation in south Decatur, on water and gas lines, electric lights, etc.\$2,200.00
- No. 752—A new well built story and a half residence on north Third street, cellar, electric lights, city water good sewerage, etc.\$2,300.00
- No. 786—Is a new seven room story and a half residence, on traction line, brick street, good cellar, stable, etc.\$2,750.00
- No. 807—Is an up-to-date ten room residence on the brick street, about three squares from the court house, two cellars, hot and cold bath complete, furnace, electric lights, good stable, plenty of fruit, weathered oak and natural wood finish, is well located and a desirable property\$5,000.00

COUNCIL MEETING

They Held Their Second Session Early this Morning

SOME SPECIALS

They Fixed the County Levy at Twenty-Eight Cents

The Adams county council held their second session at an early hour this morning, approving their work of yesterday, and this placed the final seal upon their labors, and an immediate adjournment was taken. The special appropriations asked for and granted were for a bridge over the Mathias Miller ditch in Blue Creek township \$700, Shoemaker abutments in Hartford and Wabash townships \$1,250, Beery abutments in Kirkland and Washington townships \$450, repair of the lob ditch bridge east of Geneva \$500, repair of the Johnson bridge in Blue Creek township \$75, railing for the Linn Grove bridge \$250, repair of the Porum bridge in east Washington township \$225, repair of the Friedhelm bridge \$375, J. W. Shifferly bridge in Union and St. Marys townships, public advertising \$300, blacksmithing \$25, repair at jail \$75, winding clock \$75, bridge and road repair \$550, attorney for the poor \$75, Elm street sewer \$17.50, inspectors at the local option election \$54, refund of liquor licenses \$495.34, insane \$228.25, miscellaneous \$293.99, road grader \$20, change of venue costs \$1,000, water meter for the court house and jail \$100, book type writer for the auditor \$275, safe for the auditor's office \$300.

The finishing touches to the labors of the county council came in adopting the tax levy, which was done by making the county levy twenty-eight cents, and gravel road repair ten cents. The sinking fund levy was abolished entirely.

SICK A LONG TIME

Fred Conrad of Magey, Died at Nine O'Clock this Morning

WAS WELL KNOWN

A Wife, Four Daughters and One Son Survive the Husband and Father

After a chronic ailment covering a period of many years the death of Fred Conrad of Magey, occurred at nine o'clock this morning. The deceased has lived in Magey for a long time and is well known by the population thereabouts, and during all this residence was a model man and stood well with every one. During much of this time his health has been ailing, but he stood it bravely and seldom complained of the fates that afflicted him. He leaves a wife, four daughters and one son, and besides them there are friends without number who mourn his death and the loss of a fearless and well tempered man. The funeral will occur from the Reformed church north of Magey, and the Rev. Snyder will officiate and speak work of encouragement and

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good cheer to those who survive and mourn his death.

Frederick Conrad was born in Germany, September 1, 1846, and at the time of death was sixty-one years and seven days old. The funeral services will be held from the Reformed church, north of Magey, at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon.

BABE DIED THIS MORNING

Twin Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Bowers Dead—The Funeral.

Naomi Florence, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Bowers, of Kirkland township, died this morning at five o'clock after an illness of about a week. The babe was one of a pair of twin girls, the pride of the home, and to add to the grief of the parents, the other babe is quite ill. Both children have suffered for a few days with summer ailment. Little Naomi breathed her last today. The other babe is some better today, and there are hopes for her recovery. The funeral services will be held from the Beery church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

ONE MORE CHANCE

Curtis Johnson Sentenced to Prison, but Sentence Was Suspended

COURT HOUSE NEWS

A New Divorce Case—Two Marriage Licenses—Suit on Note Was Filed

A new case filed by Hooper & Lenhart was Ruth Garlock vs. Harry E. Garlock, suit for divorce. They were married December 19, 1902, at Keystone, Indiana, and lived together until June, 1906, when the defendant abandoned his family. Cruel and inhuman treatment and drunkenness are also alleged. A divorce and the custody of the five year old son are asked by Mrs. Garlock.

A marriage license was issued to Benjamin Rice, aged 21, son of David Rice of near Monmouth, to Bertha Bischoff, aged 17.

Curtis Johnson, who has been in trouble so frequently during the past ten years, and who served a term at the reformatory has one more chance to evade prison. He was arrested several months ago for burglarizing the west end saloon and spent the summer in jail. Late Tuesday afternoon, he appeared before Judge Merriam and plead guilty. He was fined five dollars and costs and committed to the state prison at Michigan City for a term of from one to eight years. Sentence, however, was suspended, so long as the young man refrains from the use of intoxicating liquors and otherwise behaves himself. He will have to report to the prison officials regularly and on his first offense will be sent to prison. If this punishment held over his head for eight years don't reform him, nothing probably will.

The petition of Frederick and Elizabeth Affolder to adopt Luella A. older, a babe, was presented and granted, the child being ordered adopted as prayed.

Anna Holder vs. Edwin C. Holder et al, set for Tuesday, September 14, on motion for allowance.

Joseph D. Beery vs. Stephen Wilken et al, deed reported and approved and commissioner discharged.

Agnettie Aspy vs. Andrew J. Pyle et al, quiet title, deed reported and approved, and commissioner discharged.

John F. Lawson vs. Catherine Miller et al, partition, appearance by A. P. Beatty for Catherine Miller on final report.

A marriage license was issued to Edward L. Engelking aged 30, a traveling salesman from Fort Wayne, to Margaret Zeser, aged 26, of this city.

Hooper & Lenhart filed a new case, W. W. P. McMillen vs. John Jacob Myer, suit on note, demand \$100.

William F. Fyle, administrator of the estate of Jemina A. Blair, filed a report of the sale of personal property and a petition for an order to sell real estate.

Before Special Judge R. S. Peterson George Shroll, administrator of estate of Joseph Shroll, filed a re-appraisal and a report of the sale of real estate. L. C. DeVoss appeared for John Shroll.

A JOINT SESSION

The Commissioners Attended a Meeting with the Bluffton Board Today

THEY OPENED BIDS

L. O. Bears & Co. Will Build the J. A. Engle Macadam Road

Commissioners Laughlin, Miller and Zwick, accompanied by County Attorney Lutz, went to Bluffton on the morning train, they going to attend a joint session of the two boards. Bids were opened for the construction of the J. A. Engle macadam road, which will traverse the highway between Hartford township, in this county, and Nottingham township in Wells county. L. O. Bears & Co., the contractors of Geneva, and who also are building the eastern part of the interurban grade between Geneva and Linn Grove, were the lucky bidders. Following is the bids:

L. O. Bears & Co.\$5,699.00
James Crosbie6,224.00
Abe Heshel5,926.80
Wilson Heller5,845.00
Daniel Huntcut6,000.00
Rufus Meshberger5,828.00

The members of the board returned from Bluffton on the noon train and have been busy all the afternoon attending to the many important things in closing the affairs of the September session. They have succeeded in wading through considerable business during the time they have been together.

The members of the board will go to the county farm this evening and will stay over night and also a part of the day tomorrow, when they will see the threshing of the grain at the county farm. This event is one that usually finds the board at the county farm.

The commissioners set a date for a special session at which time they will receive and open bids for the construction of the bridges and abutments, which were made a special appropriation by the county council. The object of the special session is because the board wants to get all the concrete work done before the cold weather interferes. The date is set for Monday, September 27.

Bids for the safe and book type writer for the auditor's office and the water meters for the court house and jail will be received the first day of the regular session, Monday, October 4th.

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| One Pair Portiers | \$2.50 |
| One Pair Chenille Curtains | \$3.50 |

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| One Pair of Pants | 75c |
| One Heavy Overcoat | \$2.50 |
| One Light Overcoat | \$2.00 |
| One Dress Skirt | \$1.00 |
| One Full Dress | \$2.00 |
| One Pair Portiers | \$2.50 |
| One Pair Chenille | \$3.50 |

Bring in your goods in time so I can send them on every Monday at noon.

CHRIST MEYER THE TAILOR DECATUR INDIANA

A HEARING TODAY

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home of Mrs. Geo. B. McConnelly, one of the big hearted women of Vermillion who has helped give the town the name of the "underground railroad" for fugitive children from the home. Humane Agent Lawrence had Sprunger arrested and placed the girls in the custody of Mrs. McConnelly.

Then, on behalf of Glatz, who wanted to adopt his grandchildren, the suit was started to investigate conditions at the orphanage. He charged sanitary abuses and that children were cruelly treated. Pa Sprunger, as the children are taught to call him, is an elderly thick set man. His speech is slow and careful.

REDUCED THE PRICE

For buggy tire \$3.50 and good wret done at the Buhler Bros. shop on First street. 214-120

CANE AND MOLASSES MILL OPEN

I am ready to operate my cane and molasses mill, located on the fueling road north of town. Will run every day. Price sixteen cents per gallon. Jacob Weidner. 214-4

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