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TRAFFIC ABOUT NORMAL TODAY

Outlaw Strike is Broken and Majority of Men Return to Posts

REFUSED A HEARING Strikers Who Walked Out Without Consulting Employer Were Ignored

SCHOOL CLOSES

(United Press Service) Chicago, Apr. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A statement issued by the general manager's association today claimed the railway outlaw strike is broken. Men have returned to work in Buffalo, Cleveland, New Orleans and other points, the statement said.

According to a statement by Geo. Worrall, an official of the freight handler's union, its membership of 30,000 will vote tonight on joining the striking switchmen. They are seeking wage increases and will confer during the day with railroad managers.

Washington, Apr. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Jersey City outlaw railroad strikers today were denied hearing by the railroad labor board. This was under a rule adopted by the board which requires workers with a grievance to first try to settle it in conference with their employers. This ruling states that the board will refuse to hear grievances where this provision has not been complied with.

Under the situation the established railroad brotherhood are given practically a closed shot on the railroad system of the United States.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Apr. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Hundreds of striking railroad workers today were deserting the strikers ranks and returning to their jobs. All roads reported greatly improved freight traffic and passenger service into Pittsburgh was approximately normal.

Trainmen on the Baltimore & Ohio voted to return today in a body.

Cleveland, Apr. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Freight movement in the Cleveland district was reported 70 per cent normal today. All strikers were reported back at the New York Central and Erie yards. The Nickel Plate said that 50 per cent of the yardmen were back. The other lines reported a considerable number working.

NEGRO UNDER GUARD

(United Press Service) Danville, Ky., April 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Lucien Jenkins, 25, negro, was under heavy guard in the Lexington county jail today, following his escape last night from a mob which stormed the Danville court house in an attempt to lynch him.

Jenkins is accused of complicity in the abduction and attack upon Wm. Trimble, 7, Friday night.

Officials heard that a mob was forming and rushed the negro from the back door of the court house and into a fast automobile. Five minutes later the mob was searching the court house.

Keith Phillips, 16, is also held in connection with the attack.

The child still is in a critical condition from a hammer blow on the head, but will recover, doctors said.

RENT PROFITEER FINED

(United Press Service) Winnipeg, Man., April 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Canadian courts to a daily Democrat)—Canadian courts are holding out the helping hand to the poor.

Charles Smith, apartment building janitor, was fined \$10 and costs for "profiteering." He advertised an apartment for rent to the one offering the "highest bonus."

LEGION BACKS MOVEMENT

(United Press Service) Detroit, Mich., April 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The fourteen county American Legion posts will back the overall club.

The Wayne county council of the legion at its meeting yesterday endorsed the movement. It was decided to ask each post to urge members to support the movement with active participation wherever possible.

THE BALL TEAM

D. H. Campbell, of Bluffton, district manager for the Standard Oil company, who is planning to move his family to this city, is an enthusiastic baseball fan, and for several years was a league player. He wants to see a good team in this city, and promises to secure a catcher, an outfielder and an infielder, all first-class players. He plays at third himself, and with the assistance of Decatur men it is more than likely that a real baseball team will furnish entertainment for Decatur fans during the summer months.

DINNER AT NOON

Mt. Pleasant School in Root Township Closed With a Big Program

More Than Seventy Guests Were Present—Talks by the Patrons

The Mt. Pleasant grade school in Root township closed a most successful year last Friday, a program and entertainment being given in the afternoon, while at noon a big dinner was served in the school dinner, over seventy of the parents of the school children attending.

Miss Naomi Christen and Miss Gladys Suman, the teachers, assisted the children in rendering a program and during the afternoon a number of patrons made short talks and the afternoon was thoroughly an enjoyable one.

The patrons brought the dinner with them and a long table was arranged in the school building where it was served at noon.

The Mt. Pleasant school had a most successful year and much credit is due the trustee, Martin Gerke, and the teachers, the Misses Christen and Suman.

Unmarried Korean men are not allowed to wear hats.

A GOOD LECTURE

Dr. Don D. Tullis of Indianapolis Entertained Large Audience

ON SUNDAY EVENING

At Presbyterian Church in Interest of the Inter-church Movement

W.C.T.U. MEETING

Will be Held at Mrs. Harry Butler Home on Tuesday Afternoon

A GOOD PROGRAM

President and Vice President Ill—Mrs. Mary Eley Will Preside

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city will be entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Butler on North Fifth street.

Mrs. Butler will be assisted by Mrs. Walter Johnson and Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner. On account of the illness of the president and vice president of the union, Mrs. Mary Eley will preside.

The following program will be given commencing at 2:30 o'clock.

Music—Union.

Devotions—Mrs. Rex.

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Minutes.

W. C. T. U. Principles and Activities—Mrs. Mary Eley.

Child Welfare—Mrs. D. D. Heller.

Vocal Solo.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Noble.

Americanization—Mrs. Stolte.

Mrs. C. E. Bell and Mrs. Eugene Bunyon are in charge of the musical program.

A cordial welcome awaits all who desire to attend the meeting.

INDIANAPOLIS MARKET

(United Press Service) Indianapolis, Apr. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Hog receipts, \$6,000; market 75 higher; best heavies, \$15.25@16; medium mixed, \$17.25@16; common choice, \$17.25@17.50; bulk sales, \$17.50; cattle receipts, \$15.00; steers \$9.50@15; cows and heifers, \$8@14; sheep receipts, 50; market steady; tops, \$8.50@10.

MOTHER IS DEAD

Mrs. Jonathan Masure, Mother of County Auditor Masure Died at Home

OF SON IN BLUFFTON

Well Known Lady—Funeral Wednesday Afternoon from Six Mile Church

After an extended illness and suffering from kidney trouble and infirmities of old age, Mrs. Jonathan Masure, well known lady of Wells and Adams counties and the mother of County Auditor John Masure of this city, died last night at twelve o'clock at the home of her son, Ed Masure of Bluffton.

Mrs. Masure who had been a resident of Vera Cruz for many years went to the home of her son in Bluffton about two weeks ago and since that time has been bedfast. Her condition became serious last week and County Auditor John Masure visited her several times during the week. She gradually grew worse and Saturday it was seen that death was but a few hours away. She passed peacefully away at about twelve o'clock Sunday night.

Mrs. Masure would have been eighty years old on her next birthday. She was born in Pennsylvania and came to Wells county with her parents when a young girl. For a while the family lived at Magley, later moving to Vera Cruz, living there practically all her life.

The children who survive are, Frank Masure of Vera Cruz, County Recorder John Masure of this city, Ed Masure of Bluffton, Mrs. William Spade, of near Vera Cruz, Mrs. Will Selpy of Vera Cruz and Mrs. Otis Riley of Sturgis, Michigan.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon, the relatives and funeral party meeting at the Ed. Masure home at one o'clock, from where they will drive to the Six-mile church in Wells county and the funeral exercises held at 1:30. Burial will be made in the church cemetery.

TO FORT WAYNE

Several members of the local lodge Knights of Pythias will go to Fort Wayne this evening to be present at the banquet and initiation ceremonies to be given by Phoenixion lodge of that city.

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ERWIN & MICHAUD SECURE SERVICES OF FORMER SURVEYOR L. BAUMGARTNER

BUSINESS IS GROWING

Have Had Some of the Largest Deals in Real Estate Recorded in County

EMPLOY FIELD MEN Hu...sel L. L. Baumgartner, former county surveyor, and well known school teacher, has entered a new field of the business.

This morning he started to work for the real estate firm of Erwin & Michaud. He will work in the capacity of field man, and that he will make a success of the real estate business, and increase the popularity of the well known firm of realty dealers goes without saying.

For some time the business of Erwin & Michaud has been so large that it was impossible for the two men to give it the attention it should have, and they decided several weeks ago to secure, if possible, a good field man. Their proposition was put up to Mr. Baumgartner and he accepted.

Mr. Erwin and Mr. Michaud have handled some of the biggest deals in real estate this spring that have been taken care of in the county, and there are many others on their list that will soon be disposed of, and with the assistance of Mr. Baumgartner their already large business will grow in leaps and bounds.

RIVER OUT OF BANKS

The St. Mary's river has been rising steadily since the rains of last week, and is out of its banks. If it should rise three more feet it will be over the road east of the Monroe street bridge. It is now stretched over the Ahn field and over the bottom lands along the stream between here and Pleasant Mills, and also north of the city.

LOCATED AT MONROE

Dr. Somers is now located at Monroe. The doctor takes over the practice of Dr. Rayl, who is opening an office in this city over the Teeple, Brandyberry & Peterson clothing store. After a two weeks' rest Dr. Rayl, who specializes in surgery and abdominal pelvic diagnosis, will be ready for the practice here. Drs. Rayl and Somers will continue to operate the Hendricks hospital at Monroe.

ON MAY ELEVENTH

Kirkland Township Commencement Will be Held in School Auditorium

DECATUR ORCHESTRA

Will Furnish Music — Dr. Lawther, of Chicago, to Give the Address

The annual commencement exercises of the Kirkland township high school will be held Tuesday evening, May 11, in the auditorium in the township high school building.

Dr. Wirt Lawther, of Chicago, will deliver the commencement address, and County Superintendent Ed. S. Christen will have a place on the program. The Decatur high school orchestra under the direction of Prof. Minch of the high school faculty, will furnish the music for the occasion.

There are five graduates this year: three young ladies and two young men. They are: Misses Emma Dettinger, Ebie Arnold and Leona Henschen; and Messrs. Noah Arnold and Milton Werling. W. H. Dettinger is the trustee of the township.

YOUNG MAN DIES

Double Pneumonia Following Operation Caused the Death of Ernest Coffelt

EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD

Funeral Wednesday Afternoon at 2:30 O'clock at Evangelical Church

Double pneumonia following an operation for appendicitis caused the death Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Decatur hospital of Ernest Coffelt, well known Decatur young man.

Mr. Coffelt had been ill during the week and Friday evening was removed from the Aaron DeVinney home to the hospital for the operation, which was performed at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Ernest Coffelt was born in Washington township, October 31, 1901, the son of Henry and Margaret Coffelt, and at death was eighteen years, five months and eighteen days old. He was a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron DeVinney and had made his home with them practically all his life. The father and one sister preceded him in death. He was a fine young man, well liked by all who knew him and his death causes sadness among a wide circle of acquaintances. He was a member of the Evangelical Sunday school.

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ARRANGE PROGRAM

The dramatic and literature departments of the Woman's club met Saturday evening and arranged their departments and programs for the year. The closing of this club will be next Monday night at the Masonic hall, Mesdames, Knapp and Weaver and Misses Eva Acker and Elizabeth Peterson having charge of the program. Club members are privileged to bring their husbands and gentlemen friends.

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Death relieved the sufferings of Godfrey Kurt, well known resident of this city and Monmouth, at 12:30 o'clock this morning at the home on Ninth street in this city.

Mr. Kurt was born in Root township, May 13, 1861, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Kurt, who came to this country from Switzerland. His age at death was 58 years, 11 months and 6 days. He resided in this county all his life and was married to Miss Annette Lord, who survives him. The following children also survive: Lizzie Ballard, Maude Johnson, Jennie Hill and Edward Kurt. One sister, Mrs. Mary Magley, is the only surviving member of the parental family.

The deceased was a member of the United Brethren church in this city, from which place the funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. Miner officiating. Burial will be in the Monmouth cemetery.</p