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ADAMS CNTY'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

Most of the City Officers Will Succeed themselves in New Terms

BEGIN NEW DUTIES

January 1—J. Boch, Dr. Mattax and Min Jaberg Are the New Faces

Most of the officers Adams county will succeed themselves with the beginning of the new year, having been re-elected at the election. Three of the officers, however, will be filled by new appointees, surveyor and coroner.

Martin Jaberg, becomes county auditor, needs no introduction to the people of Adams county. He will succeed John Mosure in the work which will not be new to him as he has served as deputy during Mosure's term, and is familiar with every phase of the work. He is a staid and accomplished man, and public knows this fact so well they gave him the largest majority of any man on the ticket at the election. Mrs. Jaberg will act as county auditor just as soon as she is sufficiently recovered from her recent illness.

Dick Boch will be the new county surveyor, succeeding Orval Harruff. Mr. Boch has served as city engineer three years, resigning to become county surveyor. He is a fine young man, and will endeavor to give the county the best of service during his term of office. We predict for him a most successful official career. He has not named a deputy.

Dr. L. L. Mattax will become coroner for a two-year term. Although located in the south of the county, Dr. Mattax is not well known, but he will prove a faithful servant of the people.

Hugh D. Hite, only republican elected last fall, will succeed himself as treasurer. He has been a good official, and he will continue to give the service in that position for the next two years that he has given the past. Miss Goldie Gay will continue as his deputy.

Joe McConneil succeeds himself as county recorder. He was appointed to fill the time being the death of Recorder-elect Asa J. Case, until his successor could be elected and qualified. Joe is the race himself, and was nominated and elected. He is one of the young men of the official family, and made good in the year he has served. He will be one of the faithful servants of the county. Miss Rose Vogles, who has served as deputy recorder several years, has resigned, and will perform the duties herself for a month, until he can secure a successor.

Seamus Melchins his second term as sheriff, will continue the record he has made in the past two years in that office. Roy Baker will be retained as deputy.

E. Bert Lenth will continue another two years prosecuting attorney. He has also been a good official. Ernst Conrad will be the new commissioner from third district, succeeding David Lig.

Thurman Galk will become the new representative from this county in the legislature. He succeeds Joseph Walker.

Frank Brinckerhoff commissioner from the second district, will not take the office next January, 1922. He will succeed Grant Owens.

BUHLER GROCERY SOLD

Ross Hays and Gilpen today became the owners of the Buhler grocery, located at the corner of Adams and Seventh streets. The store will be closed next Monday to greet the old and new customers of the store. The proprietors will carry a good line of fancy and staple groceries, and solicit the patronage of the public. The new grocery was known as the Hays and Gilpen grocery.

CHICAGO MARKET CLOSE

(United Press Service)
Chicago, Dec. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Wheat, Dec. \$1.73; Mar. \$1.68; May \$1.54. Corn, Dec. 67½; May 74½. Oats, May 49½.

MACCABEES ELECT

The following officers were elected at the meeting of the Maccabee lodge this week, and they will serve for the ensuing year:

Past Commander—G. A. Myers.
Commander—Clennie Smiley.
Lieutenant-Commander—Charles Hakes.
Record Keeper—J. W. Logan.
Chaplain—Melvin Smiley.
Sergeant—Adrian West.
Master-at-Arms—James Sullivan.
First M. of G.—Carl Hower.
Second M. of G.—Jaby West.
Sentinel—Joe Hower.
Picket—George Smiley.
Member Auditing Committee (three years)—W. J. Schumacher.

COUNTY OFFICERS RETIRE TODAY

Auditor John Mosure, Surveyor Orval Harruff and Coroner D. D. Clark

TURN OVER THE KEYS

To Their Successors—David Dilling Retires as County Commissioner

With the closing of the doors of their offices this evening four county officials step back into private lives, after serving Adams county most faithfully for the past few years.

Coroner D. D. Clark retires from the office of coroner after eight years service. He has been most accommodating and prompt in his official service, and no matter how long the drive or how bad the weather, whenever the call came for his services he was soon on his way to do his official duties. He gives up the office to Dr. L. L. Mattax of Geneva. Dr. Clark refused to be a candidate at the last primary.

Auditor John Mosure turns over the duties of the auditor's office to his deputy, Martin Jaberg, after four years' service. He has also been a very good official, and the auditor's office during his term was one of the places where visitors were always welcome, and Mr. Mosure was always willing to impart any information he had on any matter pertaining to the county's business that could only be secured through his books. The business of the county has been thoroughly taken care of, and he leaves the office with hundreds of friends in addition to those he had when he entered the office. He is undecided as to what he will do in the future, but will take a vacation for a time.

Orval Harruff, for the past four years surveyor of the county, turns over the instruments, books, etc., in his office to Dick Boch. Mr. Harruff is one of the best engineers in northern Indiana, and his four years' service to the county will stand out in years to come as a credit to himself and the county he served. He still has a number of roads and ditches to complete, and this work will probably require several months. He has been offered the position as city engineer by the city administration, but has not yet accepted. He held this place before being elected county surveyor.

David Dilling, who retires as commissioner, from the first district, has been a very good commissioner. He succeeded the late Henry Zwick, and was elected twice to the official position, serving the county seven years. He will look after the duties of his farm in Preble township.

Joseph W. Walker, who has served the county two terms in the Indiana legislature, has been one of the best of the county has ever had. He made every effort to please his constituents, and on every question that concerned the public his vote was right. Joe Walker more than made good.

These officials have been most accommodating to reporters of this paper, in our search for news, and valuable to the public in general, and we thank them all for the courtesies extended, wishing them a happy and prosperous New Year, and continued success in any venture they may undertake.

DELIVERED CHECK

Mrs. William Biggs, recorder of the Royal Neighbors, has delivered to Mr. Harvey Steele a check for \$1,000.00 which amount of insurance was carried by his wife, Neighbor Linnie Steele, in the Royal Neighbors.

REIGN OF TERROR IN FLAME SWEEP CORK AS MACHINE GUNS IN THE STREETS SPIT DEATH.



London.—A view of St. Patrick's street, the principal thoroughfare of Cork. As the result of a freak fire which swept the business section of Cork it is estimated that \$15,000,000 damages have followed in the wake of the flames. The flames are said to have been set by the British forces in reprisal for the ambushing of two lorries loaded with special constables and auxiliaries. It is believed that many bodies are in the charred ruins of the building.

FORD RECOVERED

Murray Sutton Drove His Grandfather's Ford to Ft. Wayne—It Was Stolen

FROM PARKING PLACE

Police Found It Last Night at Rear of Store—Was Returned Here Today

Members of the J. C. Sutton family and especially the son, Murray, are happy today over the recovery of their grandfather's Ford car, which disappeared from its parking place in Fort Wayne Wednesday night, where it had been left while Murray and three companions were attending a theater.

The car belong to Alex White has been used by the Sutton family in driving back and forth to Ossian that they might visit Mr. Sutton during his illness, and the boys had taken it to Fort Wayne following a dinner party given for them by Mrs. S. D. Beavers. The disappearance of the car was reported to the Fort Wayne police that night, but they did not know the license number, motor number, or could not give any description to the police, until during yesterday afternoon, and a nice little reward was offered for the recovery of the flier.

Early this morning a telephone message to Attorney J. C. Sutton informed him that the car had been found during the night at the rear of a store building, and Murray left on an interurban car to bring back the prized Ford.

AUTO TURNS OVER

While enroute from Bryant to Geneva last Friday evening, Paul Striker and Harold Pontius had an automobile accident which tore up their machine considerably and bruised both boys up pretty badly. They were driving rapidly when they passed a rig about a mile this side of Bryant and in turning back into the road struck some loose stone. The machine skidded, the back end swung round and they turned completely over. Pontius crawled out of the machine and dragged Striker out. The latter, who had been driving, was huddled under the back seat of the car. He was unconscious at the time, but aroused partly and was able to drive the car to town, but his wife were a bit added for two or three hours afterward. Pontius suffered a bump on the head and a cut lip, and Striker received a hard blow on the head and bruised one leg. The top of the Ford and the windshield were completely ruined, but the rest of the machine was not seriously damaged.—Geneva Herald.

BANDITS KILL TWO MEN TO GET THE PAYROLL

(United Press Service)
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—W. C. Sly, president and George Fanner, vice-president of the W. W. Sly Manufacturing company were shot and killed by five bandits on the street here at noon today. The bandits escaped with the company payroll of \$4,500.

The bandits used two automobiles for the holdup. As Sly and Fanner were driving at fair speed toward their plant another machine rushed to them.

When Sly and Fanner clambered from their wrecked car another machine drove up. The occupants of the car which caused the crash demanded the names and addresses of the two officials, blaming them for the wreck. Witnesses told police that the bandits drew revolvers after a momentary parley and without warning deliberately shot down Sly and Fanner. They then seized the money bag and sped away.

MANHATTAN SHIRTS DROP

(United Press Service)
Chicago, Dec. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—It will cost less in 1921 to give your best friend the shirt off your back. The Manhattan Shirt Co. today announced a 50 per cent. reduction in prices.

WANT ADS PAY

As further evidence that want ads pay, one inserted in this paper recently brought to the owner a valued bunch of keys. These keys were lost in Ohio City, and the owner "took a chance" on getting them back through a Democrat Ad. The finder brought them in a day or two ago, and last evening the party to whom they belonged recovered his property and was happy.

WILL ENFORCE IT

Armed Guards Patrol East Chicago to Enforce the Smallpox Quarantine

(United Press Service)
Chicago, Dec. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—One hundred armed guards today were patrolling the south side of East Chicago to enforce quarantine established following the outbreak of 74 cases of smallpox.

The stricken portion of the city is inhabited by about 12,000 foreign born who work in the great steel mills. Five cases of the disease have been discovered in Hammond, Indiana, another steel center.

Dr. J. A. Teegarden, health commissioner of East Chicago, and authorities of Hammond are to confer today on the advisability of shutting down the steel mills until the epidemic is checked.

Dr. Teegarden following discovery of the disease, called nurses and doctors from Hammond, Gary and Indiana Harbor who are now swathing the epidemic.

East Chicago is seventeen miles from the city limits of Chicago and near the Indiana line. It has a population of 45,000.

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MOTHER IS DEAD

Mrs. M. L. Smith, Mother of Mrs. N. A. Bixler, Died at Berne Home

FROM COMPLICATIONS

Funeral Will be Held Sunday Afternoon at 2:00—Born in Decatur

Mrs. Martin L. Smith, a resident of this county all her life, died Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at her home in Berne, following an illness from complications. She had been bedfast for the past month, but had not been well for several months previous.

Mrs. Smith was born in this city about sixty years ago, but has lived in Berne and vicinity many years. Surviving beside the husband are two daughters, Mrs. N. A. Bixler, of this city and Mrs. Elmer Stuckey, of Berne; four sons, Philip, Clayton and Orva, of Berne, and Lester, of Washington, D. C.; the mother, Mrs. Mary Kern, of this city; three brothers, John Kern, of Pittsburgh; George Kern, of Fort Wayne, and Frank Kern, of Flint, Mich. Four sisters are deceased.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Evangelical church, Rev. Kaley, of Wabash officiating. Burial will be at the M. R. E. cemetery.

WILL INSTALL OFFICERS

The officers recently elected by the Knights of Pythias lodge for the next six months, will be installed next Thursday evening at the K. of P. home, W. A. Lower, lodge deputy, being the installing officer. An effort will be made to have every member living in the city of Decatur present at the meeting, and it is expected that a most interesting session will be held. F. V. Mills, W. Guy Brown and Charles Heinke were appointed members of the audit committee, and they will complete their work the first of the week.

BONDS RECOVERED; BANDIT WAS KILLED

Springfield, Tenn., Dec. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—After a lone-handed daylight robbery of the Peoples bank here today which netted \$50,000 in liberty bonds, a man was killed by Sheriff Jett in a gun duel. The bonds were recovered.

The robber entered the bank from the rear for all officials were in the front and rifled the vault before his presence was detected.

Bank officials and police pursued him. In the running battle following, a deputy sheriff was shot through the leg. The bandit took refuge in a storage warehouse. Sheriff Jett went in after him and killed him in a gun duel inside the building.

Mrs. D. E. Smith of Fort Wayne arrived in this city this afternoon for a visit with relatives and friends.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL TODAY

Miss Agnes Kohne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Kohne of Jefferson street, was taken to St. Joseph hospital, Fort Wayne, early this morning in the Black & Oetting ambulance and accompanied by her local physician. She has been ill for three weeks and became bedfast Christmas day. Her trouble seems to be rather complicated and it was deemed advisable to take her to the hospital. Her fever has ranged from 103½ to 104½ since a week ago. She will be placed under the care of one of the best Fort Wayne physicians and it is hoped her recovery will be rapid. She has been employed at the Callow & Kohne drug store for some time and has hundreds of friends who will be anxious to hear of her improvement.

MISS BERLING HAS ENCEPHALITIS

Dr. Porter Diagnoses Decatur Lady's Illness as That of Sleeping Sickness

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

First of Week—Her Condition is Improved Today—Popular Young Lady

Miss Genevieve Berling, who was taken to the St. Joseph hospital at Fort Wayne a few days ago, has encephalitis, or sleeping sickness, according to the diagnosis of Dr. Porter, physician and surgeon at that institution, and given out today.

Miss Berling, who is a daughter of Mrs. Helen Berling, Fourth and Jefferson streets, and employed at the office of Graham & Walters as bookkeeper and stenographer, had been ailing about a week before she was first taken to her bed on Christmas day. A physician was called and her case seemed a baffling one. Dr. Porter, of Fort Wayne, was called, and he advised that she be taken to the St. Joseph hospital where he might personally watch her case.

Fluid was taken from the spine, and an examination made, which proved to Dr. Porter that her illness was encephalitis, known in the army as the sleeping sickness. Miss Berling's temperature is not as high as is usual in cases like hers, and when she is aroused converses with her relatives, nurse and physicians in her usual manner, but when they quit talking to her, she becomes flighty talks to herself in a rambling way, and insists on getting up. Dr. Porter says she is improved today and believes she will get along all right. The many friends of the family regret to learn of her serious illness, but are pleased with the report from her bedside at 2:30 this afternoon.

Has Kidney Trouble

Miss Agnes Kohne, who was taken to the hospital this morning, has kidney trouble, according to a statement from Dr. Porter this afternoon. It was at first feared her ailment might be the same as Miss Berling's, but this is not the case.

MRS. MEIBERS INJURED

Mrs. Mike Meibers is a patient at the St. Joseph hospital, Fort Wayne, suffering from injuries received to her hip in a fall on the pavement at Creighton avenue and Calhoun streets last Sunday evening. After the fall Mrs. Meibers stated she was not seriously hurt, but after several hours was removed to the hospital. Whether she fell in getting off the Fort Wayne-Decatur interurban car, or whether she slipped on the pavement after alighting from the car is not definitely known here, there seemingly being a conflict in the statement of witnesses of the accident.

BLUFFTON LADY ILL

Mrs. Harold Ivans, twenty-two years old, a former Craigville girl, but now a resident of Bluffton, after building a fire in the stove at her home this morning sat down in a chair and went to sleep, and all efforts to arouse her during the day were without results. It was believed she was a sufferer from sleeping sickness.

The auditor's office was closed this afternoon as provided by law, it being the last day of the quarter and the year. The force was working on their reports but no business was transacted otherwise.

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WATER RATES ARE GRANTED

Increased Water Rates in Decatur Will Become Effective January 1st

PETITION IS ALLOWED

Word Received by Mayor Yager—Carl Mote Heard Petition Monday

As stated in Monday's Daily Democrat, the petition of the city of Decatur to increase the water rates were recommended to the Public Service Commission by Carl Mote, secretary of the commission, following the hearing of the petition at a meeting in the city on Monday morning and this afternoon Mayor Charles W. Yager was advised by telegram that the increased rates had been granted, the new rates becoming effective, January 1, 1921.

After Engineers David and James McNaughton completed their survey of the Decatur light and power plant, their report showing that the water department had suffered a loss of \$16,853.38 in 1920 and would lose approximately \$20,000 this year, on the basis of having suffered a loss of over \$11,000 from January 1st, to June 1st, 1920, the petition was made to the Public Service commission to increase the water rates. On November 22nd the petition was sent to the commission, and last Monday, Carl Mote, secretary of the commission held a public hearing in this city. Not a single objection or remonstrance was filed against the proposed rates, practically everyone realizing that the city was entitled to increase in the water rates, due to the increased cost of operating, coal, labor and cost of pumping. Mr. Mote stated when here last Monday that he would recommend the granting of the new rates, stating that he believed they were just and reasonable. With the granting of the petition the rates are increased practically a hundred per cent. The old rate was forty cents per month for a five-eighths meter while the new rates for the same size meter, registering 40,000 gallons of water per year will be ten dollars. The new rates as granted are:

First 10,000 gallons, per month, 45c per 1,000 gallons.
Next 20,000 gallons, per month, 40c per 1,000 gallons.
Next 20,000 gallons, per month, 35c per 1,000 gallons.
Next 50,000 gallons, per month, 30c per 1,000 gallons.
Next 400,000 gallons, per month, 25c per 1,000 gallons.
Next 500,000 gallons, per month, 22c per 1,000 gallons.
All over 1,000,000 gallons, 20c per 1,000 gallons.

A minimum annual charge paid quarterly shall be made on the following meters whose consumption does not exceed the minimum amount specified above. Where the consumption exceeds the minimum amount the regular water rates apply and no minimum. Following is the table of minimum rates:

½ inch meter, registering 40,000 gallons or less in year, \$10.00.
¾ inch meter, registering 44,000 gallons or less in year, \$12.00.
1 inch meter, registering 48,000 gallons or less in year, \$14.00.
1¼ inch meter, registering 72,000 gallons or less in year, \$20.00.
1½ inch meter, registering 96,000 gallons or less in year, \$28.00.
2 inch meter, registering 120,000 gallons or less in year, \$36.00.
3 inch meter, registering 192,000 gallons or less in year, \$48.00.
4 inch meter, registering 240,000 gallons or less in year, \$60.00.

The engineer's report showed that the city plant was worth \$581,429 on October 1, 1920, the water department being worth \$323,293.00, electric department \$158,132.00, water bills are due and payable, April 1, 1921 by month that the new

GAME STARTS

The basketball night game between the "stargers" and the "home team" will be played at the gymnasium.

JAY!
Gay