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BRICK OR CRUSHED STONE.

Property Owners Along Second Street Appear Before The City Council to Adjust Their Differences.

The Council Chamber last Tuesday evening was more than ordinarily filled with our citizens. Their presence there was caused by it being the time set by our City Council to hear the Pros. and Cons. of the property-holders along Second Street regard to the improving of that street with Vitrified street brick.

For several days previous hereto a petition has been in circulation, headed by John Meibers, Sr., soliciting names of the property-owners along Second Street where this proposed improvement was to be made, remonstrating against the putting down of vitrified brick; but instead to have the same "improved" with crushed stone.

This petition received quite a number of signers by the property-owners, who no doubt felt that the same would go straight through the hands of the City Council without any opposition. To this expectation, however, they were disappointed; as another petition of equal weight and signers confronted them. This petition was for an extension of the proposed improvement of Second Street, which called for the commencement thereof at the alley north of Monroe Street and running south as far as Jefferson Street, taking in a distance of one and one-half squares more than the original or first petition had called for.

As Mayor Reed took his seat and the gavel announced the time for opening of the meeting, all hands present became silent and listened to the opening order of business, which was roll-call and the reading of minutes of a previous meeting. Councilmen Ernst and Stettler were absent at roll-call, but Ernst shortly afterward put in an appearance and was present for the transaction of all business of this meeting.

Judge Studabaker was the first property-holder to give in his experience of the best and most economic method of improving Second Street. He favored crushed stone inasmuch as the expense was very small in comparison to brick. Besides by putting down brick they would be torn up again in the near future when water-works mains were to be laid.

Sylvester Spangler was next and acquiesced in Mr. Studabaker's idea of improving Second street.

J. H. Stone was next in line and he too believed that Judge Studabaker's idea was right, and so it went from one to another until John Brock was heard to say that "we had better not put down brick as it would deplete the pockets of every citizen interested in this street and the money would go into the pockets of an outside people. He favored crushed stone as the money thus expended would remain in our midst."

Tone Holthouse was the first of the property-holders to oppose the above gentlemen in their idea of improving Second Street. He had been doing business on Second Street these many years, and had been a contributor in building and re-building several of the main streets in our city. That the condition of Second Street for the past three years was not only disgusting to everyone, but that it had become a public nuisance, and he therefore favored doing business in a manner that would not require re-doing every now and again.

Mellen Burns was next to give in his experience. His knowledge of the construction of brick streets was somewhat of the hearsay kind, but nevertheless he was convinced that it was the most proper street material for the people along Second Street to invest in, and favored it. He was in favor of extending the improvement as far as Jefferson street.

John Meibers, Sr., was next called to the front. His remarks were brief and against vitrified brick on Second Street.

At the conclusion of the "talk" by the property-owners, the Council took up a few minutes of their time discussing the "business in chancery." A call meeting was ordered to convene next Wednesday evening, when they will decide which kind of material will be used for the improvement of Second street—Brick or Crushed stone.

A man from a neighboring town saw an advertisement in a dime novel which read: "A sewing machine for fifty cents." He forwarded the fifty cents and received two needles and an awl. He could have bought the same outfit at home for a good deal less money. If you will take your home newspaper and patronize its advertisers, you will get at your money's worth.

Purely Personal.

Hon. Dick Erwin was at Indianapolis yesterday on professional business.

An infant child of Mr. Black, who resides on Court street, died Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Martha Chilcoat is visiting relatives and friends at near Ossian this week.

Ed Ehinger, of the firm of Ehinger & Meyers, clothiers, was at Huntington last Tuesday on business.

John Henry Bremercamp is now at home in the Stuart residence, north of the M. E. church.

John Vogelwede will plant three acres of onions in his twenty-acre farm just west of the city this spring.

Mrs. Fred Schafer entertained a number of her lady friends last Monday afternoon. It was strictly a "Hen social."

John King, Jr. has our thanks for a jar of nice maple molasses which was made on his Wells county farm this season.

Mrs. Date Studabaker and babe, after several days visit with her mother and friends at Goshen, returned home Tuesday.

Dick Neptune who is a student at one of the dental colleges, Chicago, has been awarded a gold medal for superior workmanship.

Ex-Sheriff Dailey, of Wells county, was seen on our streets last Monday morning bright and early. Just why our reporter sayeth not.

The Rev. Father Wilkins was at Ft. Wayne yesterday in company with all the other Catholic clergymen of the Ft. Wayne diocese. They met at the Cathedral.

Prof. Dugan, of Carlinville, Illinois, arrived in the city yesterday morning. His wife and baby have been at Dr. Dorwin's during his absence of several months.

Attorney A. P. Beatty took the 2:48 train west on the C. & E. last Sunday for Cando, North Dakota. He will remain there for several weeks on legal business.

Tom Sharp, of the Clover Leaf road, was in the city Tuesday last. Tom is now Assistant Traveling Passenger Agent, and is always ready to accommodate those who will favor the road.

Mrs. Frett Schafir, corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets, entertained a number of her ladies and gentlemen friends for high tea last Saturday evening. All report a good time.

Mrs. George Doctors, who has been on the sick list for some time is now quite ill. She is now at Fort Wayne in one of the hospitals where she is under the care of the best medical aid Fort Wayne can furnish.

Mr. C. W. Archbold, who has been visiting in and about Decatur for some time past, returned to Pullman, Ill., yesterday evening where he will be employed by the Pullman Palace Car Company.

Fred Linn has about completed the first residence in A. T. Lynch addition to the city of Decatur. We imagine that one of Root township's fairest maidens will be made familiar with the above improvement in the near future.

Our city officers should keep their eagle-eyes open a little more and catch onto the great number of peddlers that go from house to house in our city every day, selling all kinds of wares without the necessary license from the Mayor.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer W. Cross left for Yorktown, Ind., last Monday. Mr. Cross purchased a restaurant at that place and with his brother will engage in the business. The best wishes of the DEMOCRAT follows the young proprietors in their undertaking.

A. Z. Smith, teacher in District No. 3, Root township, closed his term of school last Friday. The parents of the children of that school and others speak in exalted terms and praise of Mr. Smith as a teacher, and would be pleased to have him next year.

Peter Coffee and wife started west on the Clover Leaf Tuesday evening. Mr. Coffee's health is sought to be improved by this tour of the Western States, which no doubt it will, if once this climate can be made endurable. The best wishes of the DEMOCRAT go with Mr. and Mrs. Coffee on their long journey.

Hamilton Wise and wife, of Van Wert, Ohio, have been the guests of Wm. R. Dorwin and family. Mr. Wise being a brother of Mrs. Dorwin, the family being among the first settlers of this county. Mr. Wise cut the first tree on the farm now owned by Ernest Heckman, of Root township. His father afterwards built a house and opened a tavern which he called the Oakland.

A daughter, two years old, of Thomas and Lucy Fisher, of west Madison street, died Wednesday night. Funeral to-day at 10 o'clock.

The cold wave that surrounded one of our young society bloods last Saturday night in a game of freeze-out, would have intimated to Prof. Hicks that the elements didn't harmonize.

The M. E. Sunday School will hold interesting Easter exercises next Sunday morning in place of the regular services, and in the evening Rev. Gregg will deliver an Easter sermon.

The Saint Mary's (Ohio) Graphic has barred all traveling concerns that come to that town to do business, the use of its columns for the purpose of advertising their schemes. A grand move in the right direction.

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent, so called from the custom of blessing the branches of the Palm tree or other tree when palms cannot be procured, and of carrying the blessed branches in procession in commemoration of the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem.

The room where Col. Welfley does business as postmaster, has been made to appear very elegant and fresh by the application of wall-paper and paint. There is no need of Republicans knocking about hard times when such "push" as the above was never thought of during Republican regime.

SUPREME COURT CLERK.

C. W. Weiman, Editor of the Sullivan Times and County Superintendent, a Candidate.

C. W. Weiman, of Sullivan, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Clerk of the Supreme Court, and will be a strong candidate. He has a large acquaintance over the State, and is in every way fitted for the position. He is editor of the Sullivan Times, and is prominent and popular in newspaper circles. He is President of the Indiana Democratic Editorial



Association, and a member of the Southern Indiana Press Association; was a delegate to the National Editorial Association at Detroit in 1889, Boston 1890, and Chicago 1893; and is also County Superintendent of Sullivan County and is a member of the County Superintendents Association. He is a brilliant writer, a forcible, eloquent speaker and has done good service for his party.

Mr. Weiman was born in Crawford county, Indiana, Sept. 18, 1858; removed with his parents to Gibson county, where the latter still reside, in 1860. His grandfather was a pioneer of Indiana, and his father was born in Orange county in 1826. He attended the High school at Fort Branch and the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso, and taught school in Gibson and Vanderburgh counties from 1878 to 1885; engaged in the newspaper business, editing various local papers, and took charge of the Sullivan Times in 1888, which he continues to ably edit. He was elected County Superintendent of schools in 1891 and re-elected in 1893.

At the first meeting of the County Superintendents after his election, he electrified the association by a brilliant defense of the Superintendents against an attack by a speaker. He is held in esteem by school officers and other educators of the State, with whom he enjoys a large acquaintance. He is prominent, locally, in secret society work, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and Improved Order of Red Men. The nomination of Mr. Weiman will add strength to the ticket, especially in this district where Sullivan county must furnish the majority to elect a congressman. The Gazette wishes him success.

—Terre Haute Gazette.

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to the firm of Donovan & Coffee are asked to call and settle their account at once. All accounts not settled in thirty days from March 10, 1894, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

DANIEL DONOVAN,
PETER J. COFFEE.

The latest triumph of genius is the invention of an India-rubber fish worm. It is said to be a remarkably good imitation of the common earth worm, is indestructible and in actual use proves as alluring to the fishes as the genuine article. The old fisherman will be quick to perceive its advantages. One can equip himself for a day's sport without digging over a whole garden in his search for bait. Ezra Lister, Frank Boyers, Horace Porter and others will be greatly benefited by this invention.

It may be worth knowing that a Michigan fruit grower stored some apples in barrels lined with newspapers. He opened barrels that had been packed for a long time, and found that in those unlined more or less of the fruit was decayed, while in the paper lined barrels every apple was sound and in fine condition. Our farmers who grow a considerable quantity of fruit, should give this idea a trial.

Elegant World's Fair Views given away by the St. Louis Republic, ten portfolios of World's Fair Views each portfolio containing 16 views and each view accurately described. Views of the Main Buildings, State Buildings, the Midway, Views of Statuary, etc.

These ten portfolios will be given without cost to anyone who will send five new subscribers to THE TWICE-A-WEEK REPUBLIC, with \$5.00, the regular subscription price. Address THE REPUBLIC CO., St. Louis, Mo.

There is a law prohibiting any one from giving or selling cigarettes to minors under sixteen years old. The law is ignored by druggists and tobacconists who would be insulted if they were told they were not law abiding citizens. Yet in defiance of law they sell to children the pernicious, almost deadly, cigarette. Its evil effects can hardly be overestimated. It is time there should be some quickening of the public conscience. An example or two made of men who ignore this law might be a help toward this end. The habit of smoking is spreading with fearful rapidity among children by means of the insidious cigarette and because dealers in the article no more respect the law than gamblers respect the law against gambling.

STATE MILITIA.

Their Encampment to be Held Near Indianapolis.

The next Encampment of the State Militia this year will be held within ten miles of Indianapolis. The location has not been decided upon. The Adjutant-General will visit several places next week. The Street Car Company has offered the use of Fairview Park and the proposition is under consideration. The encampment will be held about the same time that it was last year and will continue six or seven days. It will bring over 2,000 militiamen together. Indianapolis has been chosen as the place for holding it, as the State can save about \$4,000 in railroad fare by gathering the troops at the center of the State.

Easter and Its Customs.

In reply to several questions concerning Easter and its customs the following facts are given: The festival of the resurrection of Christ probably derives its name from the festival of the goddess Ostara—in Anglo-Saxon. Easter—which the Saxons of old were wont to celebrate about the same time at which the Christian festival of Easter occurs. The time of celebrating the festival was a subject which gave rise to heated and acrimonious discussions in the early church, and the question was fully considered and finally settled by the Council of Nice, in 325, for the whole church, by adopting the rule which makes Easter day to be always the first Sunday after the full moon which happens upon or next after March 21, and if the full moon happens on Sunday, Easter day is the Sunday after. By this arrangement Easter may come as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

One of the most widely defused Easter rites is the use of eggs; colored and otherwise. There can be but little doubt that the use of eggs at this season was originally symbolic of the revival of nature, the springing forth of life in spring. From the Christian point of view this feast of eggs has been usually considered emblematic of the resurrection and of a future life. The custom is not confined to Christians, as the Jews used eggs in the feast of the Passover, and we are told that the Persians, when they keep the festival of the solar new year, in March, mutually present each other with colored eggs.

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Here's Where Marriage Was a Failure.

The robbery which the DEMOCRAT mentioned last week at Pleasant Mills in which \$32 in money was taken from the bureau drawer of Mr. Wm. Thompson during his absence, has been solved. The hired hand, Wilbur Hutchinson, who reported the robbery to the denizens of that village, has been arrested and lies in jail charged with the crime. The money taken and the money spent by Hutchinson for furniture and other goods, has been identified by Mr. Thompson as being one and the same, and which will go a long way in sending "Hutch" over the road. Hutchinson married one of Pleasant Mills' most lovely maidens since the above occurrence, and their honeymoon on account of his arrest and incarceration will be very brief, to say nothing of the other unhappy outlook.

Our Views of the Situation.

The city council at their called session next Wednesday evening will decide which of the two petitions presented by the property holders along Second street will be recognized and acted upon by them—brick or crushed stone.

That the time for action in this matter of improving Second street was never more necessary than now, none will dispute. The only obstacle in the way is the kind of material most suitable.

The DEMOCRAT has all along advocated brick or some other suitable material—not crushed stone—for the improvement of Second street. In order that we keep abreast with other cities of our enterprise and proportion; if we would expect to be recognized and quoted by our neighbors and the public generally as a city of progressive habits, we must cease entertaining the "old fogey habit" of forty years ago.

There is but one duty for our city council to perform in this matter of improving Second street. That duty is to treat all parties—property owners and the public—in a fair and unbiased manner, and by so doing the good will and respect of our citizens will go with them uncomplainingly.

Northern Indiana Conference.

TOLEDO, OHIO, March 21, 1894.
N. BLACKBURN, Decatur, Ind.

DEAR SIR—To the Bluffton conference we will arrange as follows:

On Friday, April 6th and Saturday, April 7th a special train will leave Decatur at 8 a.m., arriving at Bluffton at 8:45 a.m., returning will leave Bluffton at 10:45 a.m., arriving at Decatur 10 p.m. The regular train will leave Decatur as usual at 12:05 p.m., arriving at Bluffton 12:45 p.m. Returning leave Bluffton 11:22 a.m., arriving at Decatur 12:08 p.m.

On Sunday, April 7th a special train will leave Decatur at 9 a.m., arriving at Bluffton 9:45 a.m. Returning leave Bluffton 9:30 p.m., arrive at Decatur 10 p.m.

If your people wish to attend Rev. McCabe's lecture either on Tuesday or Wednesday they can go on the 12:05 p.m. train, and for a guarantee of 100 round trip passengers, or rather 50 return passengers for special or 25 evening will return them.

Special leaving Bluffton 9:30 p.m.

The rate for the round trip during the entire week from Decatur 50 cents, the same rate will also apply from Bluffton to Decatur and return on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Please notify Rev. Gregg, Mr. Hale and others interested of the above arrangements and if possible to do so, I hope you will induce some of the delegates and visitors to make Decatur their headquarters as the hotels are filled at Bluffton. Please advise if the guarantee will be made for the Tuesday or Wednesday special and which day wanted. Trusting the above arrangements will be satisfactory.

Yours truly,

C. C. JENKINS.

Rocks and Minerals Magnified.

Members of the Buffalo Microscopic Club listened to a very instructive address on "The Microscopic Structure of Rocks and Minerals" by J. O. Mallonee, a member of the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Sciences, in the Natural science rooms at the Liberty building last night. Mr. Mallonee, with the aid of a powerful Stereopticon, showed 100 slides. Each contained a thin slice of rock or mineral and so greatly was it magnified that every particle of the interior structure could be plainly studied.

He showed the finest species and spoke briefly on the characteristics of each. To the geologist it was equal to a visit to the quarry or mines.—Buffalo (N. Y.) Courier.

March 20.

The above gentleman is a son of Mr.