

## COUNCIL MEETING

Proceedings of the Regular Session Last Night

## AMENDED ORDINANCE

Gas Company Were Granted Privilege of Amendment

The council met in regular session Tuesday night, Mayor Coffee presiding, and every councilman being present except Van Camp, who is out of the city. The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved, after which the council proceeded in their regular routine of work. A. P. Beatty representing the three railroads in relation to the street arc lights addressed the council for a few moments asking them to explain a letter purporting to have been written by Superintendent Mylott in which he threatened to sue if the various roads did not pay their accounts. Each road is in debt to the city for the use of electricity and up to the present time have paid nothing. Upon motion by Christen, City Attorney DeVoss was instructed to notify the companies in legal form and unless payment was forthcoming to commence action immediately. The city upon several occasions has had considerable experience in the way of effecting settlements with these roads and from this time on like any other individual they must settle promptly or suffer the consequences. The gas company represented by Attorney D. D. Heller, appeared before the council again last evening with another ordinance asking to amend the ordinance passed by the council two weeks ago in relation to granting them a franchise for gas for ten years. The new ordinance is just like the one formerly passed with the exception as to the rate charged for the use of the gas, this being amended to read that the company has the right to charge one dollar per month for the first two thousand cubic feet of gas or any fractional part thereof furnished to any consumer as a minimum rate and the consumer to pay twenty-five cents per one thousand cubic feet for all gas consumed in any month over two thousand cubic feet. This amount to be paid on the first day of each succeeding month and if not paid within that time the company shall have the right to charge a dollar and ten cents for the first two thousand cubic feet or fractional part thereof and thirty cents per one thousand cubic feet for all gas used in excess of two thousand cubic feet. A further restriction is that the company shall at no time charge as a maximum rate any sum higher than thirty cents per thousand cubic feet with like penalties for non-payments of rentals by the consumer. This ordinance as amended was adopted by the council and for the next ten years the gas company is granted the free use of the streets, alleys and public grounds. The agent representing the Kelley Shaking Grates then addressed the council for a short time in relation to installing a new set of shaking grates under each of the boilers at the plant, stating that he would place the grates in free of charge and grant the city the right to test the same for sixty days or longer and then if they did not meet every requirement he would remove the same and put back the old grates free of charge. However, if the grates were as represented by him as being a fuel saver and a labor saver he would ask the council to install them at a cost of two hundred and ten dollars. This proposition looked fair enough and Martin moved that the matter be referred to the water works committee with power to enter into a contract. The matter was referred to the committee and the assessment roll on the Roop sewer, filed their report, which shows that many changes have been made in the same, some assessments being reduced, some being raised and other property heretofore not assessed taken in. The report was approved by the council and the assessment roll will be certified

to the treasurer for collection in a short time. The mayor, clerk and treasurer filed their reports which, upon motion, were referred to the finance committee for examination. The following bills were then read and allowed.

Schafer Hdw. Co.	\$ 31.81
J. D. Wischaupt	12.20
J. Shellebarger	395.00
Decatur Lumber Co.	.60
W. E. Fulk	12.94
Bourbon Copper Works	23.80
Wells Fargo Co.	.65
C. O. France	20.00
Hill Machine Co.	479.20
M. J. Mylott	16.95
Sunday Creek Coal Co.	206.14
G. R. and I.	321.24
B. Middleton	4.50
Ft. Wayne Foundry	53.50
D. F. Teeple	93.02
H. Haruff	20.00
H. F. Bohnke	1.10

Christen moved that the city clerk be given the use of electricity free of charge for his office; this motion carried. No further business coming before the council they adjourned until their next regular meeting.

## DEMOCRAT'S CONTEST

Novel Advertising Proposition Will Be Published in this Paper Soon

It's a go. The gentlemen who are making the preliminary canvass for the Democrat's missing work contest are meeting with great success. The merchants of Decatur are just beginning to realize what a valuable advertising feature this will be and are buying the space very readily. The solicitors are endeavoring to visit every merchant in the city and if you have not been called upon, just call at once. The page will appear in The Democrat for thirty evenings and will start some time the first of next week. The plan is to run a page of small advertisements. There will probably be over fifty of them. These are to appear daily for thirty days and each day a word is omitted from two, three or four of the ads. The first person who discovers the ads containing the missing words and so reports at this office will receive \$1. There will be a one dollar bill each day for the first one to come in with the missing words and a large number will try for the daily prize. It is the intention to start the page about Monday and everybody will be on the lookout for it. The idea is a novel one and will appeal to the advertiser, since a prize can only be won after each ad has been thoroughly read. The name of the winner each day will be published the next evening. All lines of business will be represented on this page and those who do not take space will find that they are missing one of the best means of publicity that has been let loose in these parts for many a day. Watch for the page and see what you can do towards supplying the words left out.

## BY FEDERAL COURT

Mr. Bolds Filed Schedule Showing Less Than \$600 Worth of Property

Daniel N. Erwin, who was appointed trustee to investigate the amount of property owned by Daniel P. Bolds, who entered bankruptcy proceedings in the United States district court at Indianapolis, has made a report and was discharged from duty today. Mr. Erwin made a thorough investigation as to the belongings of Mr. Bolds and finds that his property does not exceed \$600 in value, hence he is declared a bankrupt in the eyes of the law. Mr. Bolds was for many years a resident of this county during which time he served as county treasurer for a term of four years. He was at one time a wealthy man, but through heavy oil investments that proved fruitless, he lost his fortune. Several years of tedious trials followed Mr. Bolds' term of office, but he repaid his bondsmen. About a year ago R. K. Erwin filed suit against him to recover \$300 attorney fees and the bankruptcy proceedings followed. Mr. Bolds now resides at Indianapolis.

## GETTING ALARMED

Many Factional Fights in the Republican Ranks

## INSPECTION RULES

Meat Inspection Discussed by Government—Clark on Bryan

Washington, January 22.—Many old-time Republicans are becoming alarmed over the factional fights that are breaking out in the party in many states as a result of the attempt of the federal administration to control the election of delegates to the party's national convention. The friction is now acute in Ohio, New York, New Hampshire and West Virginia, and serious trouble is threatened in Massachusetts, Kentucky and several other states. Seasoned party men say that if this warfare is to go on the party will certainly be in danger of losing the presidency next fall. The edict of the administration is to eliminate Foraker in Ohio, crush Governor Hughes in New York, discredit the two veteran senators in New Hampshire and do whatever is necessary to be done in other states to put and keep the administration forces in the saddle. The United States senate has been drawn into the fight unwillingly, but it is in, and proposes to do its share of fighting.

Washington, January 22.—The department of agriculture has finally completed the preparation of the new rules and regulations to govern the system of meat inspection, and it is expected that they will be made public about the first of next month. A committee of twelve veterinary authorities was appointed by the government for the purpose of suggesting changes in the regulations, and it is understood that this committee took the view that the rules as drafted were too stringent and could with advantage be modified.

Washington, January 22.—The intention of the Democratic party to nominate William J. Bryan for president at the convention to be held in Denver in July next, was declared on the floor of the house of representatives by Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, and evoked continued applause, mingled with cheers. Some of the Republicans joined with the Democratic members in the hand-clapping.

## BULLET IN BRAIN

Operation Not Advisable at This Time Says Dr. Rosenthal

Geneva, Ind., January 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—3 o'clock—Mrs. William B. Hale, who shot herself yesterday morning, is still alive and is slightly improved, though there is practically no chance for her recovery. The bullet lodged in the brain just back of the right eye and it is almost impossible to remove same. She regained consciousness this morning and realizes her act though she does not speak of the reason. Dr. Graham went to Fort Wayne this morning and consulted with Dr. Rosenthal concerning an operation, but was decided that this could not be done at this time. Mrs. Hale has a very high fever, but otherwise her condition does not show any change from yesterday. While she may live several days, perhaps weeks, her complete recovery seems impossible at this time. The deepest sorrow is felt here over the sad occurrence.

An entire change of program will be put on again this evening at the Pictorium, the title of the films we are unable to give at this time. However, Mr. Stoneburner guarantees a new production in every respect and the public should be royally entertained. The past shows have all given excellent satisfaction and if you are looking for a place to enjoy yourself stop at the Pictorium.

## JAY COUNTY CASES

Have Been Venued Here—Suits to Recover Money Lost at Gambling

F. M. Schirmeyer has been appointed a notary public and filed bond for \$1,000 as required.

Mary W. Snyder filed a petition to have a guardian appointed for George Snyder, a person of unsound mind, now a patient at the Richmond asylum, and who has property valued at \$4,000, which needs immediate attention.

Clerk Haefling is in receipt of a letter from Guy Colerick, city attorney of Fort Wayne, which said that arrangements were being completed for the payment of the judgment of \$5,000 obtained some time ago here, in the case of Geisler vs the city of Fort Wayne.

The three cases filed several weeks ago, against George Black, Martin Bantz and Robert Hinshaw, the proprietors of the alleged gambling resorts, of Dunkirk, by the prosecuting attorney for the benefit of Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, wife of Robert Anderson, of that city, to recover money alleged to have been lost by her husband in their places, have been, by motion of the three defendants, sent on a change of venue from Jay circuit court to Adams county. The usual time to perfect the change has been granted in each case. The suits were set for trial here this week, but this assignment will now be vacated. —Portland Commercial-Review.

Eight remonstrances were filed this afternoon to the report of the drainage commissioners in the Mathias Miller et al ditch. The remonstrators are Finley Striker, Rolla Calderwood, James Kelley, Amanda Vorhees, John J. Burke, Andrew J. Porter, James O. Mallory and George B. Jones.

## SOLD LIQUORS TO A BOY.

H. T. Scherry Paid Fine for His Carelessness.

H. T. Scherry, the proprietor of the west end saloon against whom a charge of selling liquor to a minor, namely Clarence Bremerkamp, was filed yesterday afternoon in Squire Smith's court by Anselm Bremerkamp, a brother of the above named minor, appeared last evening before Squire Smith and plead guilty to the charge being assessed a fine of five dollars and costs amounting in all to fourteen dollars and thirty cents. The fine was the least that could be inflicted under the law and at that proved a very costly drink for Mr. Scherry to sell. The affidavit was very strong and was supported by six witnesses, who were present at the time the drink was sold and saw the boy drink it. Scherry paid his fine and was discharged from custody.

Miss Hattie Studabaker is moving her household goods and effects into her property on north Fourth street where she will make her future home. The house has been completely overhauled and every convenience has been added to make it an ideal home.

W. H. Fiedlerjohann and A. G. Kelley, left this morning for Dayton, O., where they will attend to business pertaining to the Inerurban.

H. A. Breckweg, of Lafayette, traveling auditor for the Wabash Valley Gas company, was a caller in our city today. He left on the afternoon train for Geneva, where he will investigate the gas situation.

Mrs. John Venis, of Craigville, returned to her home this morning, after making a visit with her daughter Mrs. Herman Hart.

Mrs. Nancy Rice returned to her home at Willshire, Ohio, after visiting with her daughters for some time.

Mrs. P. J. McGill passed through here today enroute to Charleston, Ill., where she will make her future home.

W. H. Forman left for Fort Wayne this morning to take several fine turkeys to enter them at the poultry show.

E. L. Runkel, traveling salesman from Toledo, Ohio, passed through the city enroute to Delphos, Ohio, at noon.

Mrs. H. E. Meyers and baby arrived home from Craigville and Peterson, Ind., where she was visiting relatives.

## A MAIDEN SPEECH

Congressman Adair to Soon Make His First Address

## AFTER FINANCIERS

Some Things of Interest Written by Louis Ludlow

Washington, January 22.—The entertaining spectacle of an Indiana banker probing the speculative financiers of Wall street with a red-hot poker will be witnessed when Congressman Adair delivers his maiden speech in the house—an event that is scheduled to take place in the near future.

For a banker, who makes his bread and butter, and one might say, his dessert, out of the banking business, Mr. Adair proposes to advance ideas in his forthcoming speech that are quite unusual and that may get him into trouble with the bankers' union.

Mr. Adair will trace the history of the recent panic and will charge it up to the speculator who over-capitalized their concerns and over-issued stock, all of the while storing up potential possibilities of financial disturbance against a day of judgment. The day of judgment has come and past and Mr. Adair will try to point out the lessons of the late panic. He will advocate a law to penalize over-capitalization and to prevent the issuance of stock beyond the actual, tangible worth of the properties represented by the stock.

Then he will propose two laws that will cause the bankers' union, if there is such an organization, to utter loud cries of anguish:

1. A law making national banks pay interest on government deposits.
2. A law taxing national banks to create a fund to be handled by the government, out of which the depositors of insolvent national banks shall be paid dollar for dollar and cent for cent.

"I am aware," said Mr. Adair, "that my program will not appeal favorably to the selfish banker, but I believe that all persons, whatever their calling, who study the question critically will find much merit in it. By allowing banks the use of public money without interest the government is favoring a class of men who are already rich. If the government were to exact only 2 per cent interest on deposits the revenue from this source would be enough to increase the pension of all soldiers' widows from \$8 to \$12 a month. I would favor using the interest from deposits for that purpose. I think it is equally important that the national banks be taxed to insure depositors knew that under no circumstances it would be possible for them to lose they would not board money and in my judgment there would be no need of additional financial legislation."

## WOULDN'T STAND REDUCTION.

Dispatch Gives Details of "Schemer" Rinehart's Suit.

Further particulars as to the allegations in the suit filed by Fred Rinehart against the Crawfordsville Review are told in a dispatch from that city as follows:

"The complaint represents that the plaintiff was employed as managing editor at \$21 a week, the employment to continue for five years, the plaintiff to invest \$3 a week in the purchase of twelve shares of stock at \$100 each. It is alleged that the contract was broken because the complainant was unwilling to accept \$12 a week for services."

## GAS IS PROMISED THURSDAY.

Some extra labor necessary to complete the new pipe line from the wells to Geneva has caused a slight delay in the turning on of the gas. It is promised that everything will be complete and the gas turned on some time Thursday.

A large crowd of men from the country will go to Fort Wayne to take in the poultry show of that place tomorrow.

## WONDERFUL RECORD

The Family Has Served More Years in Asylum than Any in United States

Dr. H. M. Aspy, of Geneva, appeared at the county clerk's office yesterday and filed the necessary affidavit for the return of Lucy Fields, of Hartford township to the Eastern Insane asylum at Richmond. Mrs. Fields is forty-four years old and was an inmate of the Richmond asylum from July 1, 1899, to August 18, 1900 having been sent from Wells county. Prior to that time she spent some time at the Logansport asylum. She has threatened to kill herself and children and at times is violent. Her maiden name is Snyder, she being a member of the family which has become famed for its number of insane people. A sister has served thirty-five years in a Cleveland asylum. It is said that the Snyder family has the largest number of insane from one family and they have spent more years in asylums than any family in the United States. Clerk Haefling approved the application and Mrs. Fields will be returned to the asylum as soon as room can be made for her.

## SMALL FACTORIES DON'T PAY.

Effort to Compete With Waring Company Shows Slight Progress.

Indications are that already established glove factories in this part of Indiana are to have some competition, says the Huntington Herald. From various sources it has been learned that persons are starting up factories in a small way. Efforts have been made at the Waring glove factory by two or three persons recently to get hold of some dies used for cutting gloves which had been cast aside. In the basement of one store in Huntington one of these amateur shops has been started. A man is doing the cutting with dies and mallet and the sewing is sent out to a seamstress at her home. The owner of the store pays for the gloves by the dozen. By the slow method of cutting, not much progress can be made.

Last week a man from South Whitley was making inquiries for dies for cutting purposes. When told that the local factory can cut with one cutter 1,100 dozen a day his eyes stood out in wonder. This man said he had been paying ten cents a dozen to have the work done. As yet there has been no falling off in the jobbing market for the goods, as shown in the sales listed by the Waring company. The amusing feature is that people would consider such slow hand methods when power cutters are in such general use in competition.

## WALTERS' SCHOOL STARTS GOOD

New Law School Promises to be a Winner.

C. L. Walters, who recently organized a law school held his initial meeting last Monday night and it was an interesting one. Mr. Walters has several students to begin with and he will undoubtedly have a large class within a short time. At Monday night's meeting the work was planned for the course and a list of questions covering contracts was given to each student and these questions are to be answered orally at the next session. The method that has been adopted in teaching the law is the very best and ere the course is finished, the students will be acquainted with the latest decisions and lectures on points in law that play a prominent part in actions of common occurrence as well as rare cases that come into the courts.

## PLAINTIFF SECURES A VERDICT

Jury in Gardner Case Agreed this Afternoon.

Portland, Ind., January 22.—(Special)—The jury in the case of Stonewall J. Gardner vs. Thomas A. King, returned a verdict at 2:30 this afternoon after being out twenty-six hours. The verdict was for the plaintiff in the sum asked for \$408.50. This amount was demanded for work and repairs on a locomotive, the "T. A. King No. 9."