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COUNCIL MEETING

Proceedings of the Regular
Session Last
Night

AMENDED ORDINANCE

Gas Company Were Granted
Privilege of Amend-
mentThe 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 ad-
dressed 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 ex-
perience in the way of effecting settle-
ments 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 com-
pany 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 fur-
ther 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 repre-
sented 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 propos-
al looked fair enough and Martin
moved that the matter be referred
to the water works committee with
power to enter into a contract. The
street and sewer committee to whom
had been referred the assessment
on the Roop sewer, filed their re-
port, which shows that many changes
had been made in the same, some
being raised and other property hereto-
fore not assessed taken in. The re-
port was approved by the council and
the assessment roll will be certifiedto the treasurer for collection in a
short time. The mayor, clerk and
treasurer filed their reports which,
upon motion, were referred to the fin-
ance committee for examination. The
following bills were then read and
allowed.

Schafer Hdw. Co.	\$ 31.81
J. D. Wisehaupt	12.20
J. Shellebarger	395.00
Decatur Lumber Co.	.60
W. E. Full	12.94
Bourbon Copper Works	28.80
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. Harruff	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 Proposi-
tion Will Be Published
in this Paper Soon

It's a go.

The gentlemen who are making
the preliminary canvass for The Dem-
ocrat's missing work contest are
meeting with great success. The mer-
chants of Decatur are just begin-
ning to realize what a valuable ad-
vertising feature this will be and are
buying the space very readily. The
solicitors are endeavoring to visit ev-
ery 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 re-
ceive \$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 thor-
oughly read. The name of the win-
ner each day will be published the
next evening.All lines of business will be repre-
sented 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 PropertyDaniel 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 investiga-
tion as to the belongings of Mr. Bolds
and finds that his property does not
exceed \$600 in value, hence he is de-
clared 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.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. How-
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new production in every respect and
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GETTING ALARMED

Many Factional Fights in
the Republican
Ranks

INSPECTION RULES

Meat Inspection Discussed
by Government—Clark
on BryanWashington, 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
edit of the administration is to elim-
inate Foraker in Ohio, crush Governor
Hughes in New York, discredit the
two veteran senators in New
Hampshire and do whatever is neces-
sary 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 de-
partment 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 com-
mittee of twelve veterinary authorities
was appointed by the government for
the purpose of suggesting changes
in the regulations, and it is under-
stood that this committee took the
view that the rules as drafted were
too stringent and could with advan-
tage be modified.Washington, January 22.—The in-
tention of the Democratic party to
nominate William J. Bryan for presi-
dent at the convention to be held in
Denver in July next, was declared
on the floor of the house of repre-
sentatives by Representative Champ
Clark, of Missouri, and evoked contin-
ued 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.
RosenthalGeneva, Ind., January 22.—(Special
to Daily Democrat)—3 o'clock—Mrs.
William B. Hale, who shot herself yes-
terday morning, is still alive and is
slightly improved, though there is
practically no chance for her recov-
ery. The bullet lodged in the brain
just back of the right eye and it is
almost impossible to remove same.
She regained consciousness this morn-
ing and realized her act though she does
not speak of the reason. Dr. Graham
went to Fort Wayne this morning and
consulted with Dr. Rosenthal con-
cerning an operation, but was decided that this
could not be done at this time. Mrs.
Hale has a very high fever, but other-
wise her condition does not show any
change from yesterday. While she
may live several days, perhaps weeks,
her complete recovery seems impos-
sible at this time. The deepest sor-
row is felt here over the sad occur-
rence.Daniel N. Erwin, who was appointed
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JAY COUNTY CASES

Have Been Venued Here—
Suits to Recover Money
Lost at GamblingF. M. Schirmeyer has been appoint-
ed 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 asy-
lum, and who has property valued at
\$4,000, which needs immediate attention.Clerk Haepling is in receipt of a letter
from Guy Colerick, city attorney of
Fort Wayne, which said that ar-
rangements 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 pro-
prietors of the alleged gambling re-
sorts, of Dunkirk, by the prosecuting
attorney for the benefit of Mrs. Re-
becca Anderson, wife of Robert An-
derson, of that city, to recover money
alleged to have been lost by her hus-
band 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 charge 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 Mil-
ler et al ditch. The remonstrators
are Finley Striker, Rolla Calderwood,
James Kelley, Amanda Vorhees, John
J. Burke, Andrew J. Porter, James O.
Mallony 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 yes-
terday afternoon in Squire Smith's
court by Anslem 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 in-
flicted 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 Forty street
where she will make her future home.
The house has been completely over-
hauled and every convenience has
been added to make it an ideal home.W. H. Fleiderjohann and A. G. Kel-
ley, left this morning for Dayton, O.,
where they will attend to business
pertaining to the interior.H. A. Breckweg, of Lafayette, trav-
eling 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, re-
turned to her home this morning, af-
ter 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 tur-
keys 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 ar-
rived home from Craigville and Per-
son, 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
LudlowWashington, January 22.—The en-
tertaining spectacle of an Indiana
banker probing the speculative finan-
ciers of Wall street with a red-hot
poker will be witnessed when Con-
gressman 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 poten-
tial disturbances against a day of judgment.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 de-
positors 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 alle-
gations in the suit filed by Fred Rine-
hart against the Crawfordsville Re-
view 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 plain-
tiff to invest \$3 a week in the pur-
chase of twelve shares of stock at
\$100 each. It is alleged that the com-
plaint was broken because the com-
plainant was unwilling to accept \$12
a week for services."

GAS IS PROMISED THURSDAY.

Some extra labor necessary to com-
plete 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 com-
plete and the gas turned on some time
Thursday.

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