

## ROUTINE BUSINESS

Was Disposed of By the  
City Council at Last  
Night's Session

NEW SIDEWALKS  
Ordered on South Side of  
Water Works—Also on  
Sixth Street

The council met in regular session Mayor France presiding, and every councilman being present with the exception of Christen, who was absent from the city. The minutes of the last meeting were read after which the council got down to the regular routine of business which they cleaned up in just one hour's time. The first matter taken up was in relation to a number of sidewalks which had been heretofore ordered, constructed and are still in the same condition, no noticeable work having been done and the city attorney was ordered to draw resolutions ordering the same sold and the expense of the same to be charged to the property owners. A resolution ordering the clerk to certify the assessment roll on the brick alleys to the treasurer for collection was read and adopted and those benefited by the improvement must pay their assessments in the next thirty days. A resolution ordering the clerk to give notice to contractors for the building of the cement sidewalk on the south side of the water works was read and adopted and the 15th day of September was fixed as the day when bids would be received and the contract let. A resolution ordering the clerk to give notice to property owners along Sixth street who were benefited by the recent improvement as to the matter of making objections to their assessments was read and adopted and the 15th day of September was fixed as the time. Upon motion by Burns the water works and electric superintendents were ordered and instructed to hereafter cut off all delinquents without notice and not to turn on the water or lights again until the property owner paid the penalty of one dollar. For some time past patrons of the plant have been slow in meeting their payments which is a detriment to the city, and this matter in the future will be attended to as above stated. The following bills were then read and allowed:

J. D. Stults	45.83
Standard Oil Co.	26.50
F. Spuler	9.78
H. F. Bohnke	43.50
D. F. Teeple	93.02
M. J. Mylott	237.25
Wm. Geary	10.00
G. R. & I.	263.35
Ft. Wayne Elect. Works	29.80
Geo. W. Jones Co.	40.50
Clover Leaf	54.86
C. D. Murray	12.00
Jno. Sprague	109.80
A. Fisher	50.00
Ross Supply Co.	32.00
H. Harruff	20.00
Kuebler & Moltz	4.38
W. G. Nagel Co.	209.98
Sunday Creek Coal Co.	143.50
C. W. Dorwin	4.50
Monarch Elect. Co.	47.25
C. Vogt	77.00
Paul Mfg. Co.	9.24
H. H. Bremerkamp	14.00
F. Hoffman	15.50
J. D. Wieschaupt	17.35
C. W. Dorwin	208.58
T. A. Leonard	199.92

No further business coming before the council they adjourned to meet at their next regular meeting September 15.

Petty thieves were busy again Monday night and the lock on a car loaded with water melons, consigned to the Ault wholesale house of this city was broken and the unknown intruder helped himself to the melons. The car was on the G. R. & I. railroad siding near the depot on west Main street. Just how many melons were taken could not be ascertained, however, from the appearance of the ground surrounding the car it is thought that they only took what they felt able to eat at that time and after satisfying their hunger departed without doing further damage.—Portland Sun.

THE MAJORITIES ARE REDUCED  
Vermont Election Shows a Gain for the Democrats.

White River Junction, Vt., Sept. 2, 1 a.m.—The republicans won the election in Vermont today by carrying the state for Lieutenant Governor George H. Prouty, of Newport, for governor by about 28,000 votes over Jas. E. Burke, of Burlington, his democratic opponent. The plurality was the smallest in a presidential year since 1892, when it was only 17,956 and was followed by a democratic national victory, but it was larger than in 1888 and only slightly less than in 1900. There was a falling off in four years of about 8 per cent. in the republican vote, while the democratic vote fell off about 2 per cent. The independent league appeared for the first time and polled about 1,000 votes, while the prohibition and socialistic vote remained about the same.

## TO FIGHT BRYAN

Republican Leader Says It Won't Do to Talk on the Issues

## WOULD MEAN DEFEAT

Bryan is Pleased and Says this is Just What He Hoped For

Chicago, September 1.—It is becoming more and more evident that the Republican program for the campaign is to have the speakers who will start out in large numbers about September 15 lay emphasis on the allegation that the election of Bryan would disturb the progress which business is slowly making toward normal conditions.

A man who is high in the councils of the party said today: "If we had to fight out the campaign on the issues Bryan has raised—tariff reform, publicity of campaign contributions, regulations of the trusts, guaranty of bank deposits, etc.—we would, I believe, stand to lose. But we intend to put those issues in the background by making Bryan himself the real issue. We think we can convince the people that the election of Mr. Bryan would prolong the present financial situation. We shall make our appeal to every man, whether he be at the head of a corporation or be working for a corporation that if he wants to see prosperity return he must vote the republican ticket."

Speakers who are now coming here to consult the republican national chairman and his assistants are getting this as their cue—keep before the voters the proposition that the election of Bryan will mean that the present financial stringency will be indefinitely prolonged. In some respects the campaign before it is many weeks older will resemble the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, when the "unsafe" Bryan was the issue.

The Democratic national management has expected all along that this would turn out to be the plan of campaign of the opposition. Bryan said privately when he was here ten days ago that he would welcome such tactics on the part of the opposition because they would show the inability of the party in power to meet the issues he has raised. One week from today, when all the members of the Democratic national committee, and the members of the various campaign committees will meet the Democratic candidate here the republican plan of campaign will, it is understood be carefully considered and plans will be made for meeting it.

GUESTS OF DECATUR RELATIVES  
Eli Peterson and family of Jeffersonville, Indiana, are the guests of their many relatives and friends here. Mr. Peterson has served as a guard at the Southern Indiana Reformatory for five years, and prior to that did similar work at the Michigan City prison. He reports that the three prisoners from here, Woodruff, Steele and Schumacher are behaving themselves and making good grades. Steele and Schumacher are in the shirt department and have become experts in the manufacture of those garments.

## TAX LEVY RAISED

School Board Ask the Increase of School Fund Fifteen Cents

## IT WAS THIRTY-TWO

Cents and is Now 47—Building Fund Was Decreased—Tuition Unchanged

The members of the Decatur school board met in special session Tuesday night and aside from increasing the levy on the special school fund and lowering the levy on the special building fund, they stationed the major portion of the teachers to the respective grades and rooms. As predicted in a previous issue of the Democrat, the tax levy on the school fund was raised from 32 cents to 47 cents. This, however, will meet the expense accrued from the improvements of the schools that have already been made, and will be adequate to defray the expense of installing sanitary closets at the Central building, the same to be accomplished next summer. The building fund levy was decreased from ten cents to eight cents and no alteration was made in the tuition fund levy. It was expected that the salaries of the various teachers would be fixed last night, but owing to the fact that Professor Beachler was not present, he being out of the city, this matter was deferred until next Friday night, when a continued meeting from last evening will be held. With but few exceptions the teachers will be assigned to the same grades they had charge of last year. A material increase will be made in the salaries of all teachers responsive to a state law which authorizes the payment in keeping with their grades.

## A COSTLY CHANGE

Would Be to Curve the Interurban Around the City of Decatur

## SAY THE OFFICIALS

The Labors of Several More Grade Workers Have Been Discontinued

The officials of the Fort Wayne and Springfield interurban company took occasion Tuesday night to lay off four more men who have been employed at the grade south of the city, and it is hinted that it is probable that work will be entirely suspended as a consequence of their inability to operate their high tension trolley wire through the city. Realizing that it would be a great expense to curve the track around the city and that this would also greatly inconvenience their facilities, they will not go much farther in the construction of the grade southward until a definite conclusion has been arrived at by all concerned. No little comment has been caused as to the intentions of the interurban officials and people in the vicinity of Monroe and Berne are alarmed over the affair, thinking that alterations in the plans may be affected. The matter will be decided within a short time, in all probability.

"Colonel" Bill Huffman of Anderson, once custodian of the state house, once indicted and fined \$100 in the United States court for collecting campaign funds in violation of law, once notorious because of his alleged connection with the interest of the republican state ticket, but in the especial interest of Watson and the republican legislative candidates. He is telling the liquor dealers and saloon keepers that "Jim is all right," and if he accidentally runs up against a temperance man he tells him "Jim is all right." The "Colonel" seems to have a very clear conception of the republican plan of campaign.—Bluffton Banner.

SAYS IT MUST BE HUGHES.  
But of Course Roosevelt Wouldn't Dictate.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Sagamore Hill today was the scene of another political conference, the subject of which was the gubernatorial nomination of the republican party in New York state, and President Roosevelt again made known in words that could not be mistaken, his attitude on the nomination of Charles E. Hughes for governor. The president told those who came to confer with him on the New York situation that it was absolutely necessary that the republican party should renominate Governor Hughes at the coming state convention, but at the same time said he had no intention to dictate what action the convention shall take in the matter.

## ARE UP AGAINST IT

Hearst's Party Having Trouble to Find Candidates in Indiana

## MANY HAVE REFUSED

A Republican May Take Congressional Place in Marion County

Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—The independence party, the political organization financed by William Randolph Hearst, is experiencing difficulty in inducing prominent men to accept its nominations for office. The managers of the party desire to put up a full slate ticket if they can only get the consent of candidates desired by them. Some time ago it was announced with considerable boasting that Chas. G. Conn, of Elkhart, would be the party's nominee for governor. This was regarded as important if true, inasmuch as Mr. Conn is well and favorably known. As a former congressman from the thirteenth district and a millionaire manufacturer, his name is prominent throughout the state. Democrats heard the announcement with regret, as Mr. Conn had been a candidate before their convention for the gubernatorial nomination and his affiliation with the Hearstites indicated that he was disgruntled.

But the announcement proved to be premature, inasmuch as Mr. Conn himself had not been consulted. When he heard of the announcement, he promptly dictated a denial. The announcement went undenied, however, for several days, as Mr. Conn was at the Cataline islands and the announcement reached him late.

Then it was announced that J. M. Zion, of Clark's Hill, would be the gubernatorial candidate, but Mr. Zion is now out with a statement saying he does not wish the honor and cannot accept it. Mr. Zion is a well known and prosperous farmer and is known as the "apple king" of Indiana. It is announced that William Francis Keates, of Cannelton, will be the party's candidate for lieutenant governor, and this announcement as yet has not met with denial.

Here in Marion county the Hearstites are having a hard time to get a candidate for congress. They sought several well known labor leaders, but all put the honor by them. Among these were Edgar A. Perkins, president of the State Federation of Labor; Henry Friedman, former chairman of the democratic county committee, and Everett W. McGinnis, secretary of the Central Labor Union. All declined because of their loyalty to the democratic party. It is now announced that Warner A. Ross, a young attorney, will make the race and Ross authorizes the use of his name. Two and four years ago he was connected with the speakers' bureau of the republican state committee.—Mark Thistlewaite, in Fort Wayne News.

D. M. Rice and Charles Harkless left today for Paulding, Ohio, where they will attend the county fair this week. While there they will be the guests of James Harkless and family.

## READY FOR SCHOOL

Superintendent Beachler Issues a Call for Monday Morning

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD  
For a Prosperous Year—Assignments Will Be Made Saturday

Our city public schools open with next Monday, Sept. 7. Every pupil should make an effort to be present the first day of school. It is much easier to start when school opens than a week or two later. The school authorities are anticipating a successful year. The board of trustees have repaired the buildings, made them sanitary and have supplied them with the necessary exits and fixtures to insure safety in case of fire. Several of our teachers have attended school during the summer and have acquired modern ideas, improved methods and a new inspiration for school work. Our libraries and laboratories are well supplied with all that is necessary to do efficient work in the different courses offered. In consideration of the foregoing facts, it is to be hoped that the pupils of our city and community will enter school next Monday morning with an appreciation of rare opportunities and with a determination to get the most of these opportunities so gratuitously offered. The superintendent may be found at the Central school building all day Saturday. Non-resident pupils and others who moved to the city during the summer may get their assignment Saturday by calling at the Central building.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Petition for a Guardian for Washington Wolfe Filed Today

## REPORT ON DITCH

Estimated Cost of Tinkham Drain is \$1,574.55—Cases on Docket Number 391

Attorneys Peterson & Moran filed one of the shortest complaints ever put on record here, but it may result in a good sized law suit before finished if a fight is put up. This case is entitled Joseph Wolfe vs. Washington Wolfe, and the complaint simply alleges that one Washington Wolfe is an inhabitant of Adams county, that he owns considerable property and real estate and that he is incapable of managing his own estate. The court is therefore asked to appoint a guardian for him.

County Clerk Haefling has summed up the business now ready for court which convenes Monday. On the various dockets are a total of 391 cases, divided as follows: 132 civil cases, 46 state cases, 58 estates and 155 guardianships.

L. L. Baumgartner, Charles Morrison and Robert P. Davies, commissioners on the Sylvester Tinkham ditch, have filed their report, estimating the total cost for construction of the work at \$1,574.55.

It is expected that the Western railroads will take more than 100,000 homeseekers to South Dakota this fall, when 838,000 acres of the Rosebud Indiana reservation will be opened to settlers. The department of the Interior has given notice that registration may be made between Oct. 5 and Oct. 17. The drawing is to be on Oct. 19.

## HAS RESIGNED HIS POSITION.

Marion B. Payton, of Dunkirk, is No Longer Policeman.

Marion B. Payton, of Dunkirk, for the past seventeen years a night policeman in the Crown City, tendered his resignation to the city council at that place Monday night. It is understood that in the future he will devote his time to the interest of an acetylene light manufacturing company for which he has taken the agency. During his services as an officer of the law Payton has proven himself a capable and efficient policeman. His salary has been paid jointly by the city council and the merchants of his home city. The only reason assigned by Payton for his resignation is summed up in a brief sentence in which he says "that because of existing conditions he can no longer be of service to the city."

## LEAVES SUDDENLY

Fred Nail, Young Logan, Ohio Attorney, Has Disappeared from Decatur

## WAS HERE ON VISIT

And Arose Early Yesterday Morning—Long Illness Given as Cause

Fred Nail, a young man and prosperous attorney residing at Logan, Ohio, who for more than one year has been closely affiliated in a social way with Miss Pearl Burd of this city, and who since last January has been a constant sufferer from the attendant ravages of pneumonia, violent hemorrhages and other ailments, suddenly disappeared from Decatur early yesterday morning after remaining over night at the Burd home and those who know of the intense and prolonged suffering he has undergone, have expressed their belief that his disappearance is due to the fact that the long journey he had just completed was too much for him to withstand and in a state of melancholy he boarded a train for some other place. Mr. Nail arrived Monday evening expecting to remain for several weeks. As on many occasions before he wore the rings belonging to Miss Burd, but this fact is in no way responsible for his departure, as it is known to be a gentleman, reports from Logan verifying same. A telegram to the young man's mother enlisted the following reply: "I have heard from Fred and he is all right." The sister of the man telephoned to the same effect. The rumors afloat contending that Nail skipped with the jewelry are said to be absurd, by interested parties, and they fully expect to hear from him in the very near future.

LENA RIVERS NEXT WEEK.  
The play, "Lena Rivers," which comes to the Bosse opera house next Tuesday evening, is a dramatization by Beulah Poynter, of the novel by that name, written in eighteen hundred and fifty by Mrs. Mary J. Holmes. This famous writer was still alive until last winter and doing active literary work, though mostly in the line of short stories for the popular magazines. One of the large commentaries, in speaking of Mrs. Holmes says: "Mrs. Holmes is probably the greatest moral writer that we have." And this very fact of her moral writings is largely accountable for her large following. She has never sought to increase the sale of her books by writing vulgar nothings and calling them "problem" books, nor has she catered to the sensational-loving class, though her books never lack plot nor interest. Over ten million copies of her books have been sold, "Lena Rivers" leading the list in point of popularity, and when you stop to consider how many persons in the family usually read a book purchased by one of them, it is impossible to estimate how many readers she has. "Lena Rivers" is a beautiful story of the south, its life and manners, and interspersed with exceedingly funny comedy and witty epigrams that relieve the tamer emotional scenes. The play has embodied all the salient points of the book.