

## A REGULAR SESSION

### The City Council Met Last Evening.

#### BUSINESS TRANSACTED

#### Final Reports of Streets and Sewers Accepted.

#### No Action Taken on Elm Street Sewer.—Bills Allowed and Other Items.

The regular session of the city council was held last evening, Mayor Coffee presiding and all members present. Clerk Hower read the minutes of the meeting of September 15 and 22 and same were approved. A petition signed by Will Harting and others, asking for an alley sewer was filed and referred to the sewer committee upon motion. George E. McKean filed his final report on the Monroe street sewer extension and same was approved by the adoption of a resolution. Surveyor McKean also filed his report on the Marshall street sewer, same being accepted, all council members voting aye but Teeple. A resolution was then adopted referring the same and its branches to the city commissioners who will make the assessments. The final reports on the Meyers, Erwin and Miller

branch sewers were filed, accepted and referred to the city commissioners for assessments against the various property owners benefitted. The final report on the Fornax and Rugg street improvements was filed accepted and a resolution adopted referring this to the city commissioners. Fire Chief Helm filed a complaint made to him by property owners against the Neuenschwander building on Monroe street west of Burt House asking that it be condemned and ordered removed. The complaint was upon motion referred to the fire committee. Electrician M. J. Mylott filed a petition asking for ten dollars increase in salary and same referred to the electric light committee. No action was taken toward the Elm street sewer settlement. Bills were allowed as follows: Abe Stonebruner, police \$6; A. J. Teeple, police \$6; John Green, police \$7.50; Thos. Buckmaster, police \$4.50; Wm. Baker, police \$6; John Coffee, salary, \$45.83; Postal Tel. Co., expense \$1.92; John Rex, police \$6; John W. Robinson, rent \$6; Tel Selby, police \$6; John Thomas labor \$16.62; Henry Coffelt labor \$1.20; Geo. Thomas labor \$1.35; W. J. Archbold interest \$294.01; John Coffee pay roll \$192.95; Frank Burns labor \$1.60; L. C. Helm pay roll \$14; H. Botthoff labor \$20; S. Spangler rent \$8; Jacob Eady salary \$45; Thos. Haefling salary \$50; M. J. Mylott salary \$65; Thos. Baker salary \$50; Clate Dorwin salary \$50; H. D. Rice salary \$50; Jacob Mangold salary \$50; Amos Fisher salary \$40; Jerry Russell salary \$12; Wm. Jackson \$21; Geo. Steele pay roll \$75; Geo. McKean salary \$40; M. J. Mylott pay roll \$194.75.

## PENSION LAW.

### A New One May be Passed by Congress.

#### Would Give Every Veteran Over Sixty-Two Years Old a Pension.

It seems probable that congress at the coming session will give serious consideration to the request of the Grand Army of the Republic that a service pension law be enacted. Representative Hemenway of Indiana, introduced a service pension bill toward the close of last session not with any expectation that it would be considered, but with the hope that his action would tend to bring the subject before the public for discussion during the congressional recess. His friends understand that he intends to reintroduce the bill at the coming session. In the meantime the national encampment of the G. A. R. has declared for such a law, and Commander in chief John C. Black, of Illinois, has asked veterans in every part of the country to request their representatives in congress to favor the proposed legislation. Within recent years the pension business in congress has grown to such enormous proportions that senators and

representatives are ready to take most any action that will take the pension question out of congress permanently. The appeal to the coming congress is to pass a bill pensioning every veteran of the civil war over sixty two years old who saw sixty days or more of active service, and to extend this pension to soldiers' widows.

## ANOTHER CRANK

### Man Arrested in White House.

#### Appeared Early This Morning and Acted Strangely.—Was Not Armed.

Special to The Daily Democrat. Washington, D. C. Oct. 7.—John Decker of Norwich, Connecticut, who is evidently a machinist by trade entered the White House soon after the doors opened this morning. The officers thought from his actions that the man was a crank and arrested him. He made no resistance and was turned over to the police. He was not armed.

## FAKE INSURANCE

### Chicago Company Tries to Get in Work.

#### Writes Church Insurance and Are Not Authorized to Do Business in the State.

Ministers in this county have recently been receiving letters from a concern known as the National Mutual church Insurance company of Chicago asking that they be allowed to write the insurance on their buildings, when writing to the Methodists they talk that religion and likewise to other sects. They have no capital stock and seem to be doing business on the "Dear Brother" plan. They claim to have insurance in force to the amount of \$20,000,000 but so far as we can ascertain from their pamphlets have no way of protecting the assured other than the fact that they belong to the same church. It appears to us as simply a fake and our advice would be to the trustees of Adams county churches to insure their property in companies known to be substantial. Recently a letter from the company fell into the hands of T. M. Gallogly an old insurance man who immediately wrote to D. E. Sherrick, auditor of the State and this morning he received the following letter which apparently brands the National Church Company as grafters:

Indianapolis, Oct. 6, '03.  
T. M. Gallogly,  
Decatur, Ind.,  
Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of the 1st will say that the National Mutual Church Insurance Company of Chicago, Illinois is not authorized to do business in this State, not having complied with the insurance laws of Indiana. I return herewith the literature received from you.  
Very respectfully,  
D. E. Sherrick,  
Auditor of State.

## NEW PIPE ORGAN

### A \$3000 Musical Instrument.

#### Expert Workmen Are Putting in the Presbyterian Pipe Organ.

The beautiful new pipe organ is being erected at the Presbyterian church this week and when finished will be one of the most magnificent in Indiana. It is made by the Vothler & Hetchee Company of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the biggest and best concerns of the kind in the United States. It is a massive and complicated affair, being about fifteen feet high. Three experts are at work putting it together and the foreman informed us this morning that it would require about ten days time to complete the job. The organ is an expensive one, the usual cost being \$3,000, though the church purchased this one, it is said for a little less money. Be that as it may it is one of the most perfect organs constructed and the Presbyterian church, a model of modern architecture will certainly be a complete and attractive place of worship.

## IS VERY LOW.

### Colonel Miller's Condition is Serious.

Colonel M. B. Miller who has been suffering with paralysis for nearly two years became suddenly worse this morning and his condition is very serious. His illness was brought on by a fall received in Washington where he formerly held a position. Dr. McMillen says the condition of his patient is worse than at any time yet. Colonel Miller is well known in this part of the state, and was for years a resident of Winchester prior to accepting a government position.

## THEY WERE BOLD

### Man and Woman Attempt Burglary.

#### Were Chased Away From John Trim's House Twice Last Evening.

Twice within a half an hour last evening John Trim chased a burglar away from his home and the fellow is either crazy or has plenty of nerve. A peculiar circumstance of this affair is that the would be burglar had a woman with him. John lives in the south part of town near the Clover Leaf railway and last evening about seven o'clock he noticed a fellow prowling about the yard, stopping to look in the bedroom window. He started towards the man who fled and John took after him, chasing him quite a distance. Once the fellow stopped in his flight and looked in a window but then hurried on. John returned home thinking himself safe but a few minutes afterward he heard someone tampering with the same window. He went out and yelled at the fellow asking him what he wanted to which the man answered "nothin', just lookin' around." He was informed as he hurried away that he was in dangerous business and that if he returned he very probably would get a load of buck shot. About that time John noticed some one sitting on the railroad and going to the place was surprised to find a woman who asked what had become of her man. She was ordered to move and did so, soon joining her partner. The police were notified but could find no trace of them. The man was tall, slim and of dark complexion and wore a dark soft hat, while his woman pal was small and rather young. She wore a mackintosh and black cap. Neither was masked.

## IN MEMORIAM.

It is with profound sorrow that we record the death of Mrs. Annen, daughter of Comrad J. R. Parrish and wife, and to the husband whose home has been made desolate, yet her memory is a shrine of pleasant thoughts, soft as the scent of flowers and sweet as the song of birds. Farewell sweet life, its memory will remain like a benediction over every one within the circle of her acquaintance. Resolved,  
That as a Corps, we tender our sympathy to the bereaved family let us say to them the Lord bless thee and keep thee. Resolved,  
That a copy of these resolutions be inserted in each of the city papers and a copy given to the family.  
In loving sympathy,  
Lou Kennedy, Eliza Peterson,  
Committee.

## MINISTERIAL LYCEUM

### Splendid Sessions in Progress at Monroe.

## FULL OF INTEREST

### Rev. White Delivers an Address.

#### District Camp Meeting Will Be Held Hereafter.—The Organization.

The Ministerial Lyceum in session at Monroe is one of the most successful and interesting meetings ever held in the district and a large number is in attendance. The program has been carried out quite complete and the ministers are enthusiastic. The organization was completed as follows: Rev. W. H. Daniel Presiding Elder, Pres; Rev. W. E. McCarty, vice pres; Rev. David Wells, Secy.; Rev. Geo. Cocking, Treas.; Committee on resolution, A. G. Neal, A. D. Wagner, Lewis Rehl. Critic of the session, Rev. Jay C. Dorwin. Committee on Fort Wayne district campmeet-

ing, W. H. Daniel, A. G. Neal, Jno C. White, L. A. Beck, L. M. Krieger, Jas. A. Sprague Jno. C. White and Jas. A. Sprague were later appointed a committee to buy a suitable tent. The Women's Home missionary interests were given due and interesting representation by Mrs. W. H. Daniel and also the Woman's Foreign Missionary society by Mrs. Carrie Schrader Gessaman. The subject, shall we have a district conference brought forth some earnest discussion and soon told who the advocates and opponents were. But it was finally decided by a large vote favoring it to request the Presiding Elder to present the matter to the fourth quarterly conference of each charge for approval according to the discipline. The Lyceum is favored with two male quartetts composed of ministers. The one from this section composed of Revs. Sprague, Wagner, Rehl, and White brought forth many rejoicings for their splendid singing. Among the good things of yesterday's meeting was a talk by Rev. White of this city, his subject being "Our district to the front in all benevolence." It was a rare treat and the preachers certainly appreciated the splendid offer of Rev. White who by the way is considered one of the brightest and hardest working ministers of the district. The convention is proving a wonderful one and much of the revival spirit is manifest.

## IT WAS GOOD.

### Funny Comedy at Opera House Last Night.

One of the best comedies ever seen in Decatur was "The Hoosier Girl" presented last evening. Gus Cohan, as Henrich Wetzel, a real dutchman and Miss Kate Watson as Roxanna Peabody, the Hoosier Girl were funny all the time, never growing tiresome. They are a show by themselves and we unhesitatingly recommend them to surrounding cities as deserving of a packed house. Other characters of the show were good and the specialties fine. Between acts two and three Mr. Jesse Sellemeyer treated the audience with a cornet solo and surprised his friends with his talent. He did nicely and the fact that he will be a great cornetist in the future is assured. During the play Mr. Wilkes a member of the company announced that on October 14, Robert Downing, one of the greatest actors in the country will appear here in his new play "The Hon. John North."

## STOLE CHICKENS.

### Two Boys Caught in the Act Last Night.

Last evening about nine o'clock two parties were caught red handed in the act of stealing chickens from Mrs. William Frontfield at her home just across the river. When caught the parties had their arms full of chickens and one even went so far as to put two or three in a hunting jacket he wore. Mrs. Frontfield does not desire to prosecute or to disclose the names as she thinks that the parties certainly learned a good lesson last night without publishing them, so beware boys and do not attempt the same offense again or you may not be able to get out of it so easy as this time.

## GOOD PROGRAM.

### C. W. B. M. to Meet Thursday Evening.

The C. W. B. M. will meet with Mrs. Jacob Buhler on Jefferson Street Thursday evening and a pleasant enjoyable and profitable time is expected. The following program has been arranged for the occasion: Invocation; Song; Scripture lesson, Some Bible heroines; story of each character told by the following ladies: Deborah, Mrs. French Quinn; Ruth, Mrs. A. Artman; Hannah, Mrs. S. Magley, Vashti, Mrs. Arthur Fisher; Esther, Mrs. Noah Mangold. Story of the "Two Marys and Saome", Mrs. A. Gillig. Reading, Present conditions in Hawaia, Mrs. J. Eady. Reading Our Missions, Mrs. H. Bowsman. Duett, Miss Margaret Daniels and Vera Segur.

## RETAIL STORE.

### Dan P. Bolds and Sons Will Open a Hardware Store at Van Buren.

Dan P. Bolds and his sons Forrest and Ernest will open a hardware store in Van Buren and have already purchased their stock which will perhaps be opened up for sale there next week. Van Buren is a good little town with only one hardware store and that of an inferior kind. The oil development there has made money for every farmer, and this fact should make business good for such a mercantile store. As Mr. Bolds is familiar with every phase of the retail business we predict that his venture at Van Buren will be all and even more than he expects it to be.