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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 \$9.2; John Rex, police \$6; John W. Robinson, rent \$6; Tel Selby, police \$6; John Thom as 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. Haefing 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.

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.

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.

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 Conrad 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.

IT WAS GOOD.

Funny Comedy at Opera House Last Night.

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. Gilleg. Reading, Present conditions in Hawaii, Mrs. J. Eady. Reading Our Missions, Mrs. H. Bowsman. Duet, Miss Margaret Daniels and Vera Segur.

RETAIL STORE.

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 Fronfield 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. Fronfield 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.

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.