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## CEDAR CHESTS

We are showing fifteen patterns of Cedar Chests in all sizes. Cedar Chests have been very hard to get this year, in fact we have been practically sold out the entire year.

## FLOOR LAMPS

We have ten new patterns of Floor Lamps that will be in the window for the next week. We also have a number of new patterns in metal Table or Library Lamps.

## PEDESTALS

We also have received a small shipment of pedestals. See our line in the window.

W. J. WRIGHT

## HOTEL PROJECT MEETS FAVOR

MUCH ENTHUSIASM MANIFESTED AT MEETING HELD TUESDAY EVENING.

At a meeting held Tuesday evening by representative citizens at the office of E. P. Honan to discuss plans for the organization of a hotel company and the building of a new modern hotel a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested and it is felt that the city's long felt want is near at hand, and that spring will bring a realization of a hope fulfilled to the community in general.

Approximately forty of the city's leading business men were in attendance at the meeting and the interest and enthusiasm shown was an assurance in itself that the movement has struck a popular chord of favor and that it will not meet with failure. Those inaugurating the movement were so well pleased with the results obtained at the meeting that they at once decided to call another meeting for Friday of this week to be held in the west court room of the court house, where the seating capacity will be larger and more of the citizenry permitted to attend, at which time an organization will be perfected and directors elected.

At the Tuesday meeting plans of a definite nature were not adopted, the idea simply having been to feel out those present on the subject. However, it was decided to incorporate for \$40,000 under the name of the Iroquois Hotel company. The stock will sell at \$100 a share, making a total of 400 shares in all to be disposed of. It is felt that there will be no difficulty in disposing of this amount of stock, and of those present each agreed to take one or more share. C. P. Moody,

who is at the head of the movement, guaranteed the stock to pay six per cent and pledged himself as willing to purchase stock to whatever extent desired by the stockholders.

Providing nothing develops Friday evening to prevent the continuance of the movement, the selling of the stock will commence at once and ground will be broken for the erection of the building on the site recently purchased by Mr. Moody of B. S. Fendig at the corner of Washington and Front streets. It is thought the building can be ready for occupancy by spring.

The tentative plans call for a structure containing forty-eight rooms and, of course, it will be modern in every respect.

It is to be hoped that the present enthusiasm will continue and that our citizens attend the meeting Friday evening and join heartily in the movement to give the city an up-to-date hotel.

### WAS THREE SCORE AND TEN.

Thomas Brien died this Thursday morning at 7:00 o'clock at his late home on South Culver street.

Mr. Brien had moved to Rensselaer about a year ago. Previous to this time he had spent his life upon the farm.

The deceased was born in Preston, England, April 5, 1849, and was therefore at the time of his death seventy years of age. Dec. 5, 1878 Mr. Brien married Mary Pruitt and they are the parents of the following children: Clarmon Brien, Daisy G. Bingham, of Lake Cincinnatti; Cora M. Brien, Ray Brien, Cora Brien and Mrs. Bertha Irwin, of Powell, Wyo.

The five children and mother survive to mourn the loss of the beloved husband and father.

The deceased had been ill during the entire summer, but three weeks ago he had a paralytic stroke. The funeral services will be held some time Saturday.

Judge Charles W. Hanley went to Hammond this morning.

## PRINCESS THEATRE

### TONIGHT

THURSDAY, AUG. 28.

Baby Marie Osborne

—in—

**"A Daughter of the West"**

One of her latest pictures.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29,

Adolph Zukor presents

Elsie Ferguson

—in—

**"The Marriage Price"**

Weekly and Comedy

SATURDAY, AUG. 30,

Marguerite Clark

—in—

**"Three Men and a Girl"**

Smiling Bill Parson's Comedy

**"Matching Billy"**

MONDAY  
Wallace Reid

—in—  
"You're Fired"

TUESDAY  
Elsie Ferguson

—in—  
"The Avalanche"

WEDNESDAY  
Douglas Fairbanks

—in—  
"Knickerbocker Buckaroo"

THURSDAY  
Vivian Martin

—in—  
"The Home Town Girl"

## EVERY COUNTY IS AFFECTED

VALUATIONS INCREASED FROM FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED PER CENT.

Orders increasing the tax assessments in Indiana millions of dollars above the figures of the local taxing officials were issued Tuesday by the state board of tax commissioners.

The action of the state board is taken under the new law which provides for the assessment of property for taxation at its full cash value. The law also provides that the levies shall be reduced so that the taxpayer may not be overburdened. The report of the state board has been awaited anxiously by local officials who desired to get their figures on valuation and their corresponding new levies.

### Every County Affected.

The state board directed every county in the state to increase some part or all of its assessments from 5 to 100 per cent above the figures made by the local officials. In two instances it ordered reductions in certain classes of property.

The board ordered a 50 per cent increase above the valuation made by county officials on all personal property assessments in Marion county. It ordered a 20 per cent increase on all lots and lands in Indianapolis, and a 30 per cent increase in their improvements.

It has yet under consideration the question of ordering increased assessments for approximately 750 corporations in Indianapolis assessed by the county board of review. Many other assessments and changes were ordered for parts of Marion county.

### Greatest Increase.

The greatest increase was ordered for Gibson county. The increases as high as 100 per cent. Five per cent increases were ordered for a number of taxing units. Slight reductions were ordered for Noble and Carroll counties on some classes of property. All increases and decreases have to do only with personal property, lots, lands and their improvements.

An increase of 100 per cent on one class of taxables in one taxing unit in Lake county was ordered. Good-sized increases were ordered also for Vigo county, St. Joseph county, Allen, Cass and especially Vandalia counties came in also for increases of good proportions.

The state board has under consideration the equalizing of approximately 2,000 corporation assessments fixed originally by county boards of review. These will be disposed of this week.

### The Theory of Law.

The board already has fixed assessments for all property under its original jurisdiction. It has adhered closely to the theory of the new state tax law that property should be assessed at 100 per cent or at its true value.

In the hope of applying thoroughly the new law to a situation that had become deplorable in Indiana the state board assessed such property under its original jurisdiction with the new standard in mind hoping to arrive at a low tax rate by making true valuations.

County officials in many localities did not apply the new law as thoroughly as did the state board and it became a case of raising the low assessments in the counties by direct order.

### How Our Neighbors Are Affected.

An increase of 100 per cent on all acreage property in Calumet township; an increase of 10 per cent on all lots and lands and 10 per cent on all improvements in Winfield township; an increase of 50 per cent on all personal property in the corporations of Crown Point and Dyer; an increase of 40 per cent on all personal property in Center, Cedar Creek, Eagle Creek, Hobart, Hanover, Winfield and St. John townships.

### Porter.

An increase of 10 per cent on all lands and lots and 25 per cent on all improvements in all the townships, excepting cities and towns; an increase of 10 per cent on all lots and lands and 10 per cent on all improvements in the cities and towns of Chesterton and Valparaiso; an increase of 25 per cent on all personal property in Pleasant township, not including the cities and towns; an increase of 40 per cent on all other taxing units on personal property.

### Starke.

An increase of 10 per cent on all lands and lots and 10 per cent on improvements in all townships, not including towns and cities; an increase of 40 per cent on all personal property in all townships, 30 per cent on all personal property in the corporation of North Judson, 50 per cent on all other towns and cities.

### Pulaski.

An increase of 40 per cent on all lands and lots and 10 per cent on improvements in all townships, not including towns and cities; an increase of 40 per cent on all personal property in all townships, 30 per cent on all personal property in the corporation of North Judson, 50 per cent on all other towns and cities.

## ARRESTED FOR YEAR-OLD THEFT

W. C. VEILE ARRESTED IN LAPORTE FOR THEFT OF WILL MACKEY AUTOMOBILE.

William C. Veile, 40, was arrested in LaPorte Wednesday by Sheriff True Woodworth and was brought to this city to answer to charges of having stolen a Ford automobile from William Mackey, of this city, in July, 1918. The apprehension of Veile was brought about by G. B. Trautman, a representative of the Farmers' Guide, who knew the theft of the Mackey car and recognized Veile as the man whom Mr. Mackey charged with having taken it.

At the time of his arrest Veile was with a carnival company showing in LaPorte in which he claims to have a half interest. Veile made no denial of his guilt and asserted that he expected to be arrested sooner or later. He stated that he has been in Indiana all summer showing with the carnival company.

Veile came to Rensselaer in June, 1918, and secured employment with Mr. Mackey as a stone cutter. On July 1 of that year he was sent to Wolcott to do some work for Mr. Mackey, taking the latter's car with him. Upon the completion of his work in that city he collected the money due Mr. Mackey for the work, which totalled approximately \$100. According to his story, he decided to go to Beaverville, at which place, states, he became intoxicated and spent the money. The following five days were spent in Illinois and Iowa. Upon reaching Marshalltown, Ia., Veile asserts that he abandoned the car.

The prisoner was taken before Justice Irwin this morning and plead guilty to the charges lodged against him. He was bound over to the September term of court and his bond placed at \$500. Veile states that he expects to get a term in the penitentiary and work at his trade as a stone cutter while there. He has assured Mr. Mackey that when he has served his term that he will follow his trade as a stone cutter and reimburse him for his losses. But little credence is given his story.

Mrs. A. D. Haig and children returned to their home at Bloomfield today after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. George Kennedy.

all personal property in Cass and Tippecanoe townships and in the city of Winamac; an increase of 30 per cent on all personal property in all other townships and cities and towns.

### White.

An increase of 15 per cent on all lands and lots and 15 per cent on all improvements in Jackson, Princeton and West Point townships, not including cities and towns; an increase of 25 per cent on all lands and 25 per cent on all improvements in Prairie, Big Creek, Union and Round Grove townships, not including cities and towns; no increase on land and improvements in the other townships; an increase of 30 per cent on all lots and lands and 30 per cent on all improvements in all cities and towns except the corporation of Burnettsville in which no change is made on lots, lands and improvements; an increase of 10 per cent on all personal property in Monon, Liberty, Cass and Honey Creek townships; an increase of 20 per cent on all personal property in Princeton township; an increase of 30 per cent on all personal property in all other townships; an increase of 10 per cent on all personal property in the city of Monticello; an increase of 20 per cent on all personal property in Brookston; an increase of 30 per cent on all personal property in all other cities and towns.

### Benton.

An increase of 15 per cent on all lands and lots and 15 per cent on all improvements in all townships not including incorporated cities and towns.

An increase of 50 per cent on all personal property in all townships and an increase of 60 per cent on all personal property in the cities and towns.

### Newton.

An increase of 20 per cent on all lots and lands and 20 per cent on all improvements in all townships not including cities and towns; an increase of 25 per cent on all lots and lands and 25 per cent on all improvements in the corporations of Brook and Kentland; an increase of 40 per cent on all personal property in Jefferson and Grant townships; an increase of 10 per cent on all personal property in Iroquois and McClellan townships and an increase of 30 per cent on all other townships; an increase of 40 per cent on all personal property in all cities and towns except Mount Ayr, in which corporation an increase of 20 per cent on all personal property is ordered.

## Sweaters



BANKRUPTED RAILROADS HAVE MANY LEECHES SUCKING THEIR LIFE-BLOOD.

## MANY RIDE ON PASSES

The following editorial taken from the Indianapolis Star reveals the iniquity of government administration of a public utility, especially when that administration is democratic:

A resolution, introduced by Senator Newberry, elicited from the railway administration the fact that thousands of passes have been issued to people who, in the ordinary course of events, are contributing nothing to the management or operation of the railways. The senator's interest was aroused when he noticed that a man who happened to be traveling on the same train with him had a pass numbered more than 10,000. It was good for transportation on any railroad in the United States. The holder of that pass also had a pass good for the privileges for which the public is required to pay the Pullman company.

The inquiry launched by the Michigan senator brought out the fact that 4,200 passes good on all lines have been issued by the railway administration, and up to July 1 of this year 119 had been canceled, leaving the total outstanding at 4,081. Those figures do not include the passes that are issued by the various roads to their employees nor do they include trip passes. It was shown that all-line passes have been issued to wives, daughters, sons and other relatives of those in the railway administration. There was similar prodigality of Pullman annuals good on all lines.

The report made to the senate shows that William G. McAdoo, who is now attorney for Charlie Chaplin and some other movie stars, still has a pass good on every road in the country. Mrs. McAdoo, the president's daughter; Robert H. McAdoo and Miss S. McAdoo, son and daughter of William G. McAdoo, also have all-line annuals. They also are able to ride for nothing in the Pullman cars. That may seem to many to be an unimportant item, but it is very significant in these times when there is talk of nationalizing the railroads.

The opportunity for abuses in the granting of privileges would be an irresistible temptation in case the government should take over the railways. The burden would fall on those with no "pull," just as it does now. While you are paying 3 cents a mile and a war tax of 8 per cent on that sum every time you go anywhere, William G. McAdoo and more than 4,100 others can go anywhere in the United States without paying a cent toward the high wages they have granted and the increased cost of maintenance for which they are largely responsible. If it has been possible for so much favoritism and waste to develop in the short time the administration has been in charge of the railways, what might not be expected if political control were to become permanent?

### MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED.

August 28. Gabriel Musch, born Holland, September 23, 1870; occupation, farmer; present residence, DeMotte, and Dore Dexter, born Holland, November 5, 1871; occupation, housekeeper; present residence, DeMotte. Third marriage for each, previous marriages having been dissolved by death. Married in the clerk's office by Squire S. C. Irwin.

Dora Baker and Oscar Kilgo went to Reddick, Ill., today.

## Star Theatre

### TODAY

### NAZIMOVA THE INCOMPARABLE

In Her Biggest and Best Production

### "The Red Lantern"

A massive picture of the Orient, in which

### NAZIMOVA

plays a dual role. The characters of which are entirely different. East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, is the thought behind

### "The Red Lantern"

being shown