

GRONINGER FILES MOTION FOR NEW WATER HEARING

Portions of Rate Order Are
Termed Unlawful In
Petition.

Alleging that the valuation of \$15,260,400 placed on the property of the Indianapolis Water Company is "at least \$4,000,000 in excess of fair value," and that the new rates and schedules are "unreasonable and unlawful," Taylor E. Groninger, corporation counsel, filed the city's motion for rehearing of the water rate case with the public service commission today.

Since Commissioner Oscar Ratts will be out of the city probably a week, it was expected some time would elapse before action is taken on the petition. It was predicted that Commissioners McCordle, Ratts and Douglas would vote to deny the petition and that Artman and Wampler would vote for a new hearing.

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That arbitrarily changing the charge for fire protection service without notice to the city is unlawful.

Change Without Hearing

That the annual fire cistern charge of \$12 was fixed without public hearing and without notice to interested parties.

That the block rate for meter service as fixed in the order is at least 20 per cent excessive.

That the commission gave no consideration to the tax value of the petitioners' property as found by the State tax board.

That the commission failed to detect the entire value of the Water company's non-operating property.

"Error in Going Value"

That the commission erred in allowing the water company \$98,000 for going value, water rights and work in capital.

That the commission's estimate of \$80,000 as gross income for 1924 was made with improper deductions.

That \$20,000 was deducted for increased taxes when that sum had already been included in the city's estimate.

That the commission gave no consideration to increased revenue of the company next year due to increase in the number of customers, but did consider increased operating expenses.

FACES PRISON TERM FOR BURNING HOME

Bedford Couple Plead Guilty to Arson
Charge.

By Times Special
BEDFORD, Ind., Dec. 7.—Charles Walter, living near Mitchell, today faced a two to twenty-one-year sentence in the State prison, and his wife a two to fourteen-year sentence, following the conviction of both on charge of arson. Judge James A. Cox fined each \$10. A confession that the two had fired their home was obtained by representatives from the State fire marshal's office. Both pleaded guilty. Mrs. Walter's sentence was suspended.

**TIRE FIRM FIXTURES
TO BE SOLD FOR TAX**

Several Thousand Dollars of Burdick
Rubber Company Property Seized.

By Times Special
NOELVILLE, Ind., Dec. 7.—Several thousand dollars worth of personal property, office equipment of the Burdick Tire and Rubber Company of this place, has been levied on for delinquent taxes. A. G. Flinley, Hamilton County treasurer, had the property hauled away and will sell it after giving ten days' notice as required by law. The company owes delinquent taxes to the amount of \$10,641.47. The plant has not been in operation for some time.

**MANY OFFICIALS PAY
HONOR TO DR. HODGIN**

Funeral of Health Board Head Held
at Residence.

Funeral services for Dr. E. E. Hodgin, president of the board of health, who died Tuesday night were held at the home, 2645 College Ave., at 3:30 p. m. Burial was at Westfield, Dr. Hodgin's former home.

The city hall was closed this afternoon in honor of Dr. Hodgin's memory and many city officials attended the funeral.

Active pallbearers were Dr. R. R. Coble, Goethe Link, W. H. Foreman, Arthur Guel, John Cunningham and T. Victor Keene.

Honorary pallbearers were Mayor Shank, Joseph L. Hogue, W. B. Hardin, Fred Masters, Frank Sadler, Newton McGuire and Cyrus Clark.

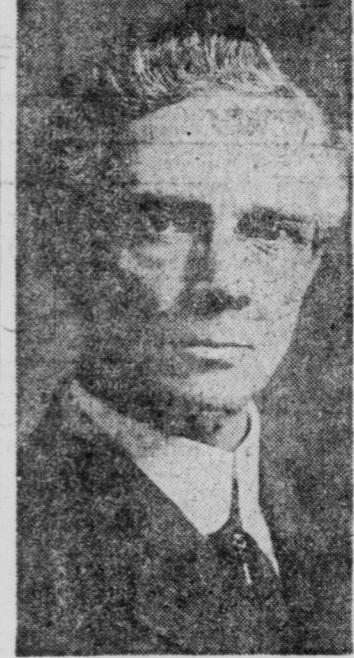
Delta Tau Delta's Robbed
Clothing, jewelry and cash valued at \$26,855 were stolen from members of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, 3342 E. Washington St., early today. Members sleeping in the dormitory did not hear the burglar. Nearly every member was a victim. Two other fraternalities were a victim. Two other fraternalities were a victim.

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Cox New President of Bar Association



AMERICAN FARM IS GENERATIONS BEHIND—PETEET

Farm Bureau Director Says
Agriculture Is Un-
developed.

American agriculture is three generations behind other basic industries and the rural sections are a full generation behind cities and towns, in development, declared Walton Petet, director of cooperative marketing of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in an appeal for cooperative marketing at the convention of the Indiana Farm Bureau Federation at the Claypool today.

"Other industries have advanced, both because of improved machinery and because of incorporation—the instrument by which they cooperate to maintain a profitable difference between the cost of production and the selling price of their commodities," the speaker said.

Peteet attributed the farmers' plight to their practice of dumping their products blindly on the market and taking whatever the buyer wished to give them.

Judge Fred C. Gause of New Castle, of the Indiana Supreme Court, was the principal speaker. Tendencies of attorneys to delay trials were criticized.

Charles E. Cox of the law firm of Cox, Welliver & Walsh, took up his duties as president of the Indianapolis Bar Association today. He was selected Wednesday night at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce.

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RECORD HOLIDAY MAIL PREDICTED

Bryson Reports Big Increase
Over 1922.

Record breaking postoffice business for the holiday season was predicted by Robert H. Bryson, postmaster, today. The first five business days of December showed an increase of \$2,000 in receipts over a similar period of 1922.

Never before has the mailing of Christmas packages started so early, he said.

Indianapolis stood sixth in the cities of the United States in percentage of increased receipts over those of last year for the month of November, according to word received from the postoffice department at Washington by Bryson Friday. The increase was 14 per cent.

**LARGE CHECKS GIVEN
TO ANTI-PLAQUE FUND**

Many Companies and Individuals Contribute to County Work

Large checks for anti-tuberculosis Christmas seals are being received at the headquarters of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association in the Pythian Bldg., Miss Mary A. Myers, executive secretary, said to him.

The Pythian Bldg. was caught in the flood and drowned. Two bodies were located but could not be moved.

The dead are Louis Ambroster, 45; William Leeser, 40, and John Evans, 35.

The mine wall collapsed with a deafening roar, and waters and gas poured into the tunnel.

All of the men except the three seen washed away, reached the main shaft and were hauled the sixty feet to the surface.

Six men overcome by gas were carried to the elevator cage in the main shaft and brought out. Pulmonists resuscitated them. Their recovery was immediate.

Eight feet of water covered every entry except the main shaft, which is on a slightly higher level. Four miles also were drowned.

FIRES AT IMAGINARY FOE

Anderson Farmer Jailed Pending Sanity Inquest.

For VETERANS' SHOW - DANCE

Generous Support of Public Is For-
cast for Benefit.

Cars Are Tested With Decelerometer
From Bureau of Standards.

Four-wheel brakes were the prime subject for discussion at a dinner of the Indiana Section of the Society of Automotive Engineers at the Sevin Thursday night. More than 300 persons attended.

During the afternoon brakes were tested on fourteen cars, four with two-wheel brakes and ten with four-wheel brakes. A decelerometer brought here from the Federal Bureau of Standards at Washington by Dr. W. S. James was used.

Speakers at the dinner were Chester S. Ricker, John Catley, James and Howard Marmon, vice president of Nordyke and Marmon Company.

Coal Production Increases

More than 25,000,000 tons of coal were produced in Indiana coal mines in the fiscal year, ended Sept. 30. This is 10,000,000 tons more than the previous year. Harry Littlejohn, State mine inspector, said today. The 31,189 miners received a total of \$45,220,877 in wages. The average wage was \$1,472 a year.

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Boys Held on Burglar Charge

William Jefferson, 18, colored, giving his address as city, was arrested today charged with the burglary of Dean's Bowling Alley, 17 W. Washington St., two weeks ago.

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PROVERB PICTURE NO. 35—DEC. 7



PROPERTY TAX IS INSUFFICIENT FOR SCHOOLS—BURRIS

Increase Revenues From In-
comes to Support Edu-
cation Is Appeal.

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Dec. 7.—School costs in recent years have advanced to such a point that it is almost impossible to maintain a modern educational system on a property tax basis, declared Benjamin J. Burris, State superintendent of public instruction, in an address here today before the centennial celebration of teachers training.

"Under Indiana's taxation system a man may carry on a successful business on property of small value, accumulate a substantial income, invest it in tax-free securities, and thus escape a burden which only adds to increasing the rate of taxation of the property owner not so favorably situated," Burris said.

Burris indirectly made an appeal for increased income taxes to support the growing costs of public education. "The State is confronted with a problem of vital significance," he said.

Erection of new buildings was cited as one of the important items responsible for the enormous increase in education costs. A secondary cause is the deflated purchasing power of the dollar, Burris pointed out.

"More and more the school is asked

to take over functions originally dis-
charged by the home and the church.
The school cannot escape, for society
demands it," Burris said.

SALESMAN IS SENTENCED

Gets Seven Years for Selling Worth-
less Stock.

By United Press

SULLIVAN, Ind., Dec. 7.—William D. Dooley was taken to the State reformatory at Pendleton to begin serving a sentence of seven years for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Dooley was a salesman for the Magnetic Salvage Company of Texas. His golden promises led Nellie Shepherd to buy \$1,000 worth of the stock.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported stolen be-
longing to:

Bernard Dorfman, 207 W. Wash-
ington St.

C. D. Olin, 4715 E. New York St.

Lulabell Stafford, 328 Puryear St.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Automobiles reported found by po-
lice belong to:

Saunders Heater Company, 330 N.
Delaware St., found in Kansas City,
Mo.

E. S. Williams, 511 N. Dearborn St.,
found at State and Prospect Sta.

TWO FARMERS ALLEGED BANKRUPTCY

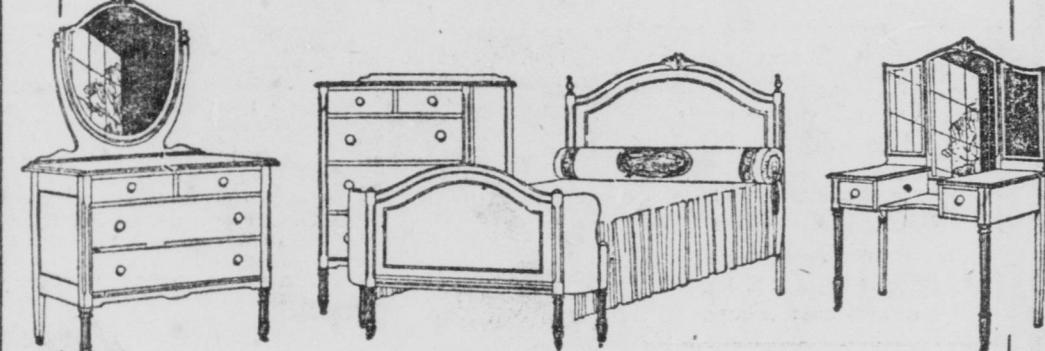
Two Indiana farmers filed bank-
ruptcy petitions in Federal Court to-
day. Omer O. Mason of Kokomo listed liabilities of \$32,211.01 and as-
sets of \$23,252. William E. Harms of Hope listed liabilities of \$7,020 and assets of \$781.

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Bow-End Bed, Dresser and Chiffonette

Beautifully Finished in Walnut or Mahogany

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\$1.50 Weekly

Exactly as pictured.