

APPRAISAL EXPERT SETS WATER VALUE AT \$24,360,358

Injunction Case Hearing Gets
Under Way in Federal
Court.

William J. Hagenah, Chicago, expert appraisal engineer, today declared the present valuation of the Indianapolis Water Company is \$24,360,358. Hagenah is an expert witness in the company's injunction suit in Federal Court to restrain the public service commission from interfering with higher rates than those established by the commission last November on a valuation of \$15,260,400.

Hagenah said he based his figures on the reproduction costs of the company's physical assets at the average price level of labor and material for the past three years.

Taylor E. Groninger, city corporation counsel, representing the city as co-defendant with the public service commission, seeks to have the valuation set at \$12,000,000.

Hagenah was the first witness for the plaintiffs, after Groninger and Albert Baker, attorney for the water company, had presented opening statements.

He also gave figures based on reproduction costs less depreciation for five and ten-year periods preceding Dec. 31, 1923.

The figure based on the five-year average was \$25,387,799 and on the ten-year period it was \$25,359,354.

He also testified the total actual cost of the company's physical assets, plus 15 per cent overhead, plus a \$2,196,548 appreciation in land values, plus a \$235,000 working capital, plus \$4,222,328 deficit suffered between 1870 and 1923, was \$17,194,156.

DEMOCRATS DEFER WEEKLY MEETINGS

No Decision Reached on Convention Sergeant-at-Arms.

Subcommittee of the Democratic State committee arranging for the State convention will not meet this week, Walter Chambers, Democratic State chairman, announced today.

The committee reached no agreement on a sergeant-at-arms after an all-day session last week. It is said whoever is named sergeant-at-arms will not name his own assistants. The State districts will each name two. The subcommittee will name assistants to the ushers, doorkeepers and secretary.

Fred Van Nuyts has been named temporary chairman of the convention and John S. McFadden, Rockville, permanent chairman.

Tom Taggart, State Democratic boss, was to be in Indianapolis today for conferences with State committee members and gubernatorial candidates.

MORE 'SMOKERS' WARNED

Three New First and Thirteen Second Notices Sent Out.

Three additional first notices of smoke violation, and thirteen new second notices have been sent out by H. F. Templeton, assistant chief smoke inspector. Total first notices to date is 153; second, 118.

Firms receiving first notices:

Indianapolis Brewing Co., Pennsylvania railroad shops, Klingar Cooperage plant.

Second notices:

Union Stockyards, E. Raugh & Sons Fertilizer, city hospital, Holt Ice and Cold Storage Company, Riverview Packing Company, United Ice and Coal Company, Robbins Body Corporation, Marita Mfg. Co., Crown Laundry Co., Conne & Taylor Ice Company, Premier Motors Corporation, Indianapolis Stove Company, East End Milk Company.

SEVENTY IN GROTTO CLASS

Initiation Will Be Held at Athenaeum

May 2. Followed by Dinner.

Over seventy candidates will be initiated into Sahara Grotto May 2 at the Athenaeum. A short business session will be held at 5 p.m., followed by a dinner. Uniformed bodies, candidates and prophets will parade at 7. The "past monarchs" ceremonial will start at 8 p.m.

F. M. Kirkpatrick, master of revels, will conduct stunts at 9:30. Just what will happen at 11 p.m. remains secret.

Until the Supreme Council session in June, Sahara Grotto will have two regular business meetings a month on the second and fourth Mondays at the Denison.

M. E. CONFERENCES START

First Group Meeting to Be Held Tonight at Garfield Ave. Church.

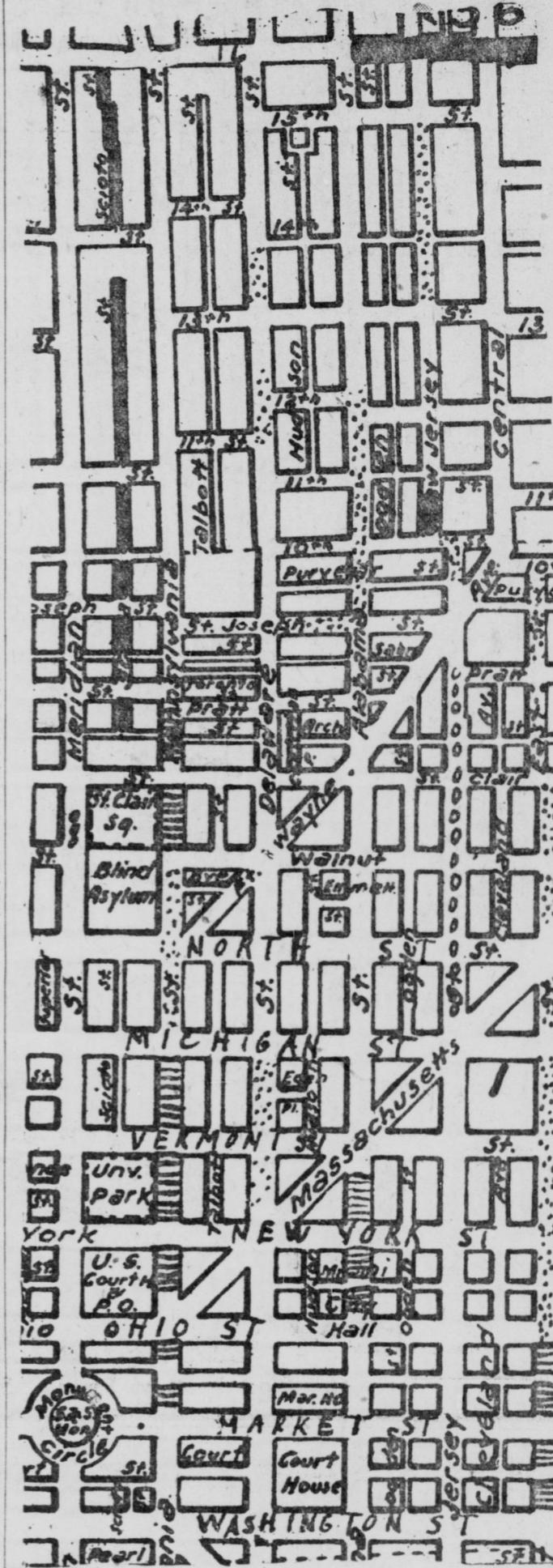
The first group quarterly conference of the Indianapolis district of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held tonight at Garfield Ave. Church. It will be for the east group, including the Garfield Ave., Acorn, Henninger Memorial, Brightwood, East Park, East Tenth, Fountain St., Heath Memorial, Irvington and Old Bethel Churches.

Other group meetings will be held Thursday, at Greenwood; Friday, Broad Ripple; April 29, Trinity Church, and April 30, Barth Place Church.

Diamond Cutting Tools Described

How a diamond cutting tool solved a problem in manufacture of airplane motors at the Nordyke & Marmon plant was described by Frank B. Wade, Shortridge High School teacher, at a luncheon of the Service Club at the Lincoln. He said the cost of manufacturing artificial diamonds makes them impracticable as points on cutting tools.

How Are the Streets?—See Map



STREET MAP OF TERRITORY BETWEEN WASHINGTON, SIXTEENTH, MERIDIAN AND EAST STS. SPACES LEFT WHITE INDICATE GOOD STREETS, BLACK AREAS INDICATE BAD STREETS, PARALLEL LINES SHOW WHERE CAR TRACK PAVING IS ROUGH, AND SMALL CIRCLES SHOW WHERE STREET REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE.

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FIRE ANSWERS PRAYERS

City Hall, Built in 1885, Burns at Alton, Ill.

By United Press ALTON, Ill., April 22.—Public-spirited citizens of Alton are pleased today. The old city hall, built in 1885, burned to the ground this morning.

A half dozen bond issues to erect a modern building have been rejected by the voters, so preparatory to remodeling, all records were removed. Police said they suspected incendiarism.

The city had \$15,000 insurance to start a new building.

SHANK SHOWS CAUTION

Police Appointments Delayed Until After Primary.

Two policemen were dismissed by the safety board today.

The board found no vacancies on the police force, reports being circulated that there would be "nothing doing" until after the primary. So many men are seeking jobs as policemen or firemen that the mayor—candidate for Governor—is taking no chances of incurring enmity by turning down a ticket, it is said.

Patrolman Jack Jolliffe, charged with unbecoming conduct and violating prohibition laws, was discharged. Patrolman Patrick Shea, charged with conduct unbecoming to an officer and insubordination, met with the same fate.

TWO BROTHERS ARE HELD

Albert Pratt, 321 N. Liberty St., is held under \$5,000 bond following his arrest by Patrolman Caldwell in an alley near Delaware and New York Sts. early today with a truck load of clothing, tobacco, cartridges and other merchandise. His brother, Oscar Pratt, also is held.

Police are investigating robbery of a store on the Shelbyville Rd.

RICHMOND PIONEER DEAD

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By Times Special

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FT. WAYNE'S PLEA FOR POSTOFFICE FRETS FAIRFIELD

Only One Way to Write Bill
Giving 144 Other Cities
New Buildings Also.

By C. A. RANDAU
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Usually obtaining a million dollar postoffice appropriation from Congress suffices to insure a Congressman's re-election. Congressman Louis W. Fairfield, of the Twelfth Indiana District has a more difficult problem. Unless he can get Congress to appropriate money for 144 new Federal buildings and postoffices he can't get it to spend a million for a new Federal building at Ft. Wayne.

He has introduced a measure that appropriates from \$50,000 for postoffices at Camden, Ark., and Ottawa, Ill., to \$2,000,000 for massive structures at Albany, N. Y., and Hartford, Conn., every State in the Union would get something out of Fairfield's bill.

Two years ago treasury and post-office officials agreed that 144 cities needed better Federal office facilities. Included in the list was a million dollar building for Ft. Wayne.

Congress turned a deaf ear to the pleas for more buildings, and the representative from the Twelfth Indiana District, who is said to fear the anger of the voters if he doesn't get the million dollar building, sat upon the idea of getting the support of the Congressmen from the 144 cities all united in support of one bill.

Chairman Langley, Republican, Kentucky, chairman of the buildings committee to which the bill has been referred, however, says there is no chance to get favorable committee action on it.

Planning to get 150 Congressmen to sign a petition discharging the committee from further consideration. He is none too optimistic over the proposition.

Indiana cities other than Ft. Wayne affected by the measure are Terre Haute, \$485,000; Hammond, \$200,000; Kokomo, \$95,000; Logansport, \$125,000; Muncie, \$130,000; Vincennes, \$150,000, and South Bend, \$675,000.

BAN OF BONDSEN UPHELD BY COURT

Superior Judge Refuses to Re-instate Ousted Men.

Action of City Judge Delbert O. Wilmeth in barring twenty-two alleged professional bondsmen from signing bonds in city court was upheld today by Superior Judge T. J. Moll.

Judge Moll dissolved a temporary injunction granted Ell Gmili, one of the twenty-two, and refused a permanent injunction to prevent Judge Wilmeth from carrying out his order.

Judge Moll ruled that a bond is a contract and that there is no statute compelling entrance into a contract which would require Judge Wilmeth to recognize bonds of the plaintiffs.

INSPECT INDIANA R. O. T. C.

Army Officers Review Student Corps at Bloomington.

By United Press BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 22.—Officers and men of the Indiana University R. O. T. C. today went through reviews and inspections before regular Army officers in an effort to win the distinguished college gold star honors for the fifth consecutive time.

Lieut. Col. Paul Haney and Alfred A. Maybach watched Maj. N. B. Crea, regular Army officer in charge, and Cadet Colonel Nelson Poynter of Sullivan, Ind., "put the men through the paces." The men are to be awarded the gold star.

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\$5,000 FOR GOOD LOOKS

Muncie Man Asks Damages for "Splendid Personal Appearance."

By Times Special

ANDERSON, Ind., April 22.—Robert Bonshier of Muncie, Ind., admits he formerly was the possessor of a "splendid personal appearance" worth at least \$5,000 to him.

He has asked damages in that amount in a suit filed from Delaware County courts to the Madison Circuit Court, alleging his face was permanently injured in an automobile accident. The New York Poultry Company of Muncie is the defendant.

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AGED RESIDENT SUCCUMBS

Funeral of Mrs. Olive K. Jeffries, 82, Will Be Held Thursday.

Funeral services of Mrs. Olive K. Jeffries, 82, who lived in Indianapolis for forty-nine years, will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at the residence of her son, Dr. K. L. Jeffries, 3027 N. Talbot Ave.

Mrs. Jeffries died Sunday. She was a life member of Fletcher Place M. E. Church and of the Rebekah and Eastern Star lodges. She is survived by three sons, Dr. Jeffries, Guy K., and Bruce H. Jeffries all of Indianapolis.

STOCK PLAYERS ARRIVE

Tarkington Comedy, "Monsieur Beaucaire," to Open Season at Murat.

The Indianapolis Stock Company, with Walter Vonnegut managing director, arrived at noon today from New York to begin rehearsals for the opening Monday, May 5, at the Murat.

"Monsieur Beaucaire," a romantic comedy success in five acts from the pen of Booth Tarkington, will be the opening play.

One A. Talbot, managing director, and Booth Tarkington have been in conference for the past week relative to the production of "Beaucaire."

Award School Contracts

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Thirty-six Eggs Is Starter

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., April 22.—Although a day late with the feast as Easter observance, Frank Bunde, 40, Monday began the day by eating three dozen standard size eggs. Still hungry, he topped off by eating his usual meal of pancakes, meat and cereal. He never regained consciousness.

Poison Draught Not Fatal

By Times Special

BRYAN, Ind., April 22.—Frank W. Smith, retired farmer of Pendleton, died today of injuries received when he fell fifteen feet from a load of hay, striking his head on a concrete floor.

He never regained consciousness.

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Youngsters Plant Tulip Tree

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 22.—William C. Hall, 16, of 322 Mineray St., is improved today at the city hospital from effects of poison taken by his foster-father, Edward Simmons. Credited with shooting him six times when Simmons objected to him announcing his engagement to an East Chicago girl, police charge.

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Tulip Tree Planted

By Times Special

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 22.—Youngsters of the Indiana State Fair planted a tulip tree in the yard of the William Watson School No. 45 Monday.

When the school observed the opening of Tree Planting week, Miss Constance Leah Drysdale and Taylor Drysdale

Victory

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