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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

SALT PROPERTY USED 110 YEARS IN NEW HANDS

Chicago Man, Purchaser of Lodi Springs, May Operate Resort.

By Times Special
SILVERWOOD, Ind., Dec. 20.—The Lodi springs property near here, a source of salt for 110 years, has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. William W. Nye to Samuel Levin, Chicago, a brother of Isaac Levin of Danville.

It is reported the purchaser, on completion of a new state road, will make several improvements at the property to fit it as a resort.

Water Yielded Salt

The first well was drilled on the property in 1820 by Norbourne Thomas, a Fulton township pioneer. Water which flowed from it each day produced 20 bushels of salt daily. The well was deepened to 500 feet with a daily production of fifty bushels, and later drilled to a depth of 700 feet, an unusual depth for that time.

Deep Well Drilled

In 1868 the Wabash Valley Petroleum and Mining Company drilled another well, said in some quarters to be 1,135 feet deep, from which water has flowed ceaselessly for sixty-two years.

The Nye and Safely families on acquiring the property, attempted to convert it into a health resort, but encountered difficulty following destruction of a hotel building by fire. A company leased the property a few years ago and made several improvements along the resort line, but was not successful.

Death Omen

By United Press
SHIDLER, Ind., Dec. 20.—A premonition of death was recalled in a sermon by the Rev. D. F. Hornaday, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Shidler, delivered a few weeks ago. He was killed Thursday when his automobile was struck by a train.

"I believe my time has come.

If I am to die in an accident,

I am ready, and I do not care how it happens," the minister said in the sermon, recalled by his congregation.

This week eleven large loads of construction equipment were brought here by the company from Bonnville, Mo. The trip was made in sixteen days by way of the Missouri, Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Charles Gubbage, superintendent of construction, believes it will be possible to continue work throughout the winter. It is expected seven months will be required to complete the bridge.

TWO BANKS ROBBED

Bandits at Denver Missed \$25,000 in Open Vault.

By United Press
DENVER, Ind., Dec. 20.—Three bandits, who Friday afternoon robbed the Citizens State bank of Denver of approximately \$500, overlooked nearly \$25,000 in an open vault, it was revealed today.

By United Press
DALEVILLE, Ind., Dec. 20.—Two men robbed the Commercial State bank of Daleville of less than \$1,000 shortly before closing time Friday afternoon.

SLAYING TO BE PROBED

Grand Jury to Convene at Noblesville for Crimco Case Inquiry.

By United Press
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 20.—A special session of the Hamilton county grand jury will convene Tuesday to investigate the murder of Owen Crimco, filling station attendant, in a holdup, it was announced after a conference between Judge Fred E. Hines of Hamilton circuit and Emmet Fertig, prosecuting attorney.

Fertig recommended to the court that the special session be held, after the prosecutor had talked with Charles C. McCammon, 19, who said he was with the three bandits at the time of the shooting.

McCammon is said to have implanted Floyd Strange and Robert Ingerson, both serving short sentences for robbery at San Diego, Cal.

RARE REPTILE KILLED

Iguana Native to Central America Found Near Newcastle.

By United Press
NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 20.—A rare iguana was seen in this part of the world has been received at the Earlham college biology department and identified as a central American iguana or lizard.

The iguana was found on a pile by a farmer near Newcastle. It was killed after showing a tendency to fight, and sent to the college by the biology department of Newcastle high school.

Professors of the Earlham department, however, could not explain how the lizard came to be in this section, inasmuch as migration is inconceivable.

Town Official Kills Self

GARRETT, Ind., Dec. 20.—Clarence N. McNulty, 54, member of the Garrett town board, committed suicide by inhaling gas at his home.

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Councilman Fined

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ticket at the time the sign fell.

\$3,500 for Broken Leg

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HAMMOND, Ind., Dec. 20.—A broken leg suffered by 13-year-old Lily Nagy as a result of being struck by a sign which fell at a theater caused a jury in a superior court to award her a verdict for judgment of \$2,500 against the Two City Theater Company, owner of the place. Damages of \$10,000 were asked in the suit filed in the child's behalf by her father, Stephen Nagy, of East Chicago. She was purchasing a ticket at the time the sign fell.

Legal Speed

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MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 20.—Ralph Brees breezed out of police headquarters here and was free for an hour and a half. Brees was arrested for questioning as a suspect in a larceny case. An officer was questioning him, but left a room for a minute. When he came back the man was gone. Brees was found in a filling station.

In-Breeze-Out