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## FIRE AT GOODLAND

Public School Building Is Totally Destroyed.

LOSS PROBABLY ABOUT \$15,000

With Insurance of Two-Thirds That Figure—Was Erected Twenty Years Ago.

The school building at Goodland was totally destroyed by fire between five and six o'clock Tuesday evening, entailing a loss in the building and contents, exclusive of books belonging to pupils, of perhaps \$15,000. The fire is said to have started from unknown causes in the basement, and as the town has no waterworks the people could only stand by and see it burn. It is reported that there was \$10,000 insurance on building and contents. It is fortunate that the fire did not occur during school hours else it might have caused considerable loss of life. Arrangements will be made to open school in various vacant store buildings in the town Monday it is understood, and next spring a new building will be erected.

The building burned was a substantial brick and was erected in the summer of 1888, being built jointly by the town and township. Its original cost was some \$10,000 to \$12,000, and it was the pride of Goodland for many years, being one of the best school buildings in this section of the state at that time. Repairs and alterations have since been made that have added to its cost, and it would probably take \$15,000 to \$18,000 to replace it. The loss is a severe one to Goodland, and especially at this time.

## ABOUT THAT "ITINERANT" ORDINANCE.

Dr. M. D. Gwin, author of the ordinance introduced at the last meeting of the city council to tax "itinerant doctors," mention of which was made in this paper last week, states that the ordinance will not prevent people from calling in a physician from other towns or counties who is a "regular practitioner." The object of the ordinance, he states, is to shut out "quacks," as the "regular" calls the traveling doctor, and that like ordinances have been passed in several cities, and that in urging its passage he was acting under instructions from some state health officer. No "located" practitioner will be harmed by it, he states, and that it is only intended to protect the innocent people from the measly "quacks." The Acts of 1905 give city councils practically unlimited powers, power to do many foolish things if they see fit. Whether or not this ordinance is a wise measure is a mooted question. The power to erect a high fence about Rensselaer and keep everyone out whom the powers that be do not want to enter, practically rests with the city council under this law, but most people would question the wisdom of doing it.

The passage of the ordinance would shut out Dr. Remmek, the optician who has been making regular trips here for several years and who has many regular patrons here and force them to go to some other town to consult with her, as an example, it being practically prohibitive.

## JUDGE SPANGLER DEAD.

Judge William Spangler, a well known jurist of Winamac, dropped dead in his office from heart failure last Saturday morning, aged 77 years. He had been sick with the grip for a couple of weeks and had recovered sufficiently to be at his office a few times before Saturday. Just previous to the visit of the death angel he had seated himself at his desk and picked up some papers to examine. A few moments later he was noticed leaning back in his chair, his eyes turned toward the ceiling, and his son, who hurried to him, found him dead. It is said that often in life he had wished for just such an end, that he might work up to the hour of his departure and then without a hint or sign let go his hold of earthly affairs. The funeral was held from the M. E. church at Winamac Monday and burial made in the cemetery there.

Judge Spangler was a native of Pennsylvania and read law with ex-President Hayes, in Fremont, Ohio. He was appointed the first judge of the 44th judicial circuit by Gov. Porter in 1883 and was twice elected to that office. In 1894 he was a candidate for the republican nomination for congress, being defeated by Dr. Hatch of Kentland. His wife died many years ago and only one child, John M. Spangler, survives him.

## TREAT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. E. Hopkins of Chicago who spent several years as a missionary in India, will occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist church tomorrow, both morning and evening. His morning subject will be "Prayer, Christian and Pagan," with prayer symbols. In the evening an illustrated stereopticon lecture on "The Women and Children of India" will be given. No admission will be charged to this lecture, which will be very entertaining and instructive, but a collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the lecturer.

## KARNIVAL-KIRMESS.

The ladies society of the M. E. church are arranging quite a novel entertainment, the Karnival-Kirmess, to be given at the Opera House Feb. 3d and 4th. About ninety ladies and children will take part in fancy costumes representing the various nations in national costumes with music appropriate to the character, and the many leading business firms of Rensselaer will be represented by ladies in fancy costumes in character and musical sketches, tableaux, fancy drills, etc. The little girls will appear as "Butterflies" and "Fairies" in white and gold costumes and is a very pretty feature of the program.

## NOI NOI THIS CAN'T BE TRUE.

Elwood, Ind., Jan. 20—A charity organization, with the city government at its head, has been formed here to care for 165 families, known to be destitute. Already the churches have distributed something like \$2,000 in food, clothing, etc., but the number of dependent families continues to increase. Under the new arrangement Wayne Leeson, B. Biegel, C. Carson, and J. A. Dehority have been appointed a committee, and the city building will be kept open day and night until the factories start, that the needy may enjoy the warmth. Besides \$3,000 cash was subscribed. Meanwhile, Mr. Leeson gave \$250 cash and a car load of coal. Each church will be represented on the relief by three women. The liquor dealers are preparing to rent a room and furnish free soup, bread and coffee.

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 22—There will be a meeting of the Associated charities tonight to devise ways and means of giving employment to idle people here. There will be a men's mass meeting Sunday night, according to circulars sent out this morning, at which plans will be discussed to bring the matter before Mayor John B. Boehne. There are a good many socialists here, who say they will attend the Sunday night meeting and advocate the marching of an army of the city's unemployed to the city building on Monday morning to demand work.

In Chicago 50,000 of the vast army of unemployed were going to March to the city hall Thursday and demand work. The republican administration wouldn't allow the demonstration and with a force of 700 policemen, many of whom were mounted, succeeded in preventing the parade.

One thing in particular the Republican politicians dread is the appearance of free-soup kitchens for the unemployed. The havoc the soup kitchen played with the Democratic majorities in the hard times of the early nineties was appalling. Republican orators needed only to point to them in order to prove on the spot the responsibility of the party in power. It is therefore, most distressing to observe present tendencies in New York city. The soup kitchen threatens to arrive at an early day. All the charity organizations agree that a grand rush of unemployed into New York has begun, for already these agencies are unable to meet the demands upon them by the hordes of strangers.—Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Read The Democrat for news.

## THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Contrary to expectations Referee Bowers has given out no decision in the Delos Thompson proposed compromise of the old Stock Farm claim of the McCoy bank estate as yet.

Henry Schmidt, a well known old resident of Walker tp., died at his home in Keiman Monday, aged about 70 years. A widow and two grown children, son and daughter, are left. Mrs. John O'Connor and son Joe of Rensselaer, attended the funeral Wednesday, deceased being an old neighbor of the O'Connor family.

The Republican pot is beginning to boil and already several candidates have shied their castor in the ring. Of course all the present county officers who are eligible to re-election want still another term. L. P. Shiner of north of town, Charles Morlan, the court house janitor and Gus Grant of west of town, are reported to be after the nomination for sheriff, and it is likely other candidates will bob up before the convention is held.

The republicans will hold their precinct primaries in Jasper county on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of electing precinct committeemen. The precinct committee will meet in Rensselaer Tuesday, Feb. 4, to reorganize their county committee. It is reported that Abe Halleck, the present county chairman, county attorney and candidate for the nomination for state senator, etc., wants a re-election, and that Mose Leopold, the county secretary, is also a candidate for advancement.

Officers from Illinois came here Tuesday and took the man "Vincent" who was arrested and jailed here last week for creating a disturbance in the central telephone office. He is wanted there for violating his parole, and will now have to complete his sentence at Joliet for horse stealing. His proper name is said to be George Inglesby and he has gone under various aliases. He was sentenced from Chicago in 1902 to a term of one to fourteen years for horse stealing, and was paroled last May for the second or third time.

The Journal would like to know where The Democrat got its information last week about the big tourist printer not having been arrested, as stated by the Journal. Well, we don't mind saying that the information was secured from the county sheriff, the justices of the peace—who would have had to issue the warrant were the prosecution brought outside the circuit court—and by the city marshal who took the printer over to the jail where he was questioned, as stated by The Democrat. This ought to be pretty good authority surely. As a matter of fact no warrant was sworn out at all as stated by the Journal, and therefore it could not have been served. Come again.

Marriage licenses issued: Jan. 20, Otis E. Culp of Gillam township, aged 26, occupation farmer, to Emma Francis Molitor, also of Gillam, aged 21, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each. Jan. 21, William R. Shesler of Rensselaer, aged 40, occupation farmer, to Bessie G. Parker, also of Rensselaer, aged 31, occupation housekeeper. Second marriage for each, wife of male having died in July, 1905, and husband of female (Korah Parker) having died in April, 1905.

Jan. 23, Lewis Henry Theodore Beacher of Newton county, aged 28, occupation farmer, to Sarah Stock-sick of Rensselaer, aged 25, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

New suits filed; No. 7258. Donnelly Bros. vs. George A. Strickfaden et al; suit on account, demand \$75.

No. 7259. James H. Chapman vs. George A. Robinson, et al; suit on note and to foreclose chattel mortgage, demand \$300.

No. 7260. Mary I. Hurley vs. Robert M. Harley; suit for divorce. The complaint alleges that the parties were married March 25, 1906, and separated June 15 of the same year. Both had children by former marriages. Cruel treatment, jealous disposition, bad temper, and vicious and vile habits are charged against defendant. Plaintiff also asks to have her former name of Mary I. Deere restored.

No. 7261. Douglas Clark vs. Wm. D. Howell et al; action to quiet title.

No. 7262. Gustavus J. Tatge vs. Paul Viengset et al; suit to foreclose mortgage. Demand \$3,500.

Florence, the 17-year-old daughter of Len Griggs, was arraigned before Judge Hanley Monday afternoon on complaint of her father, who charged incorrigibility and remaining out late of nights, etc. This was denied by the mother, who stated the girl was "all right," and that she needed her at home to help care for the other children of whom there are eight. The girl claimed her father did not treat her well and wanted her to go out and work for her support when her mother needed her at home. No action was taken except a little good advice given by the court.

We learn that our former townsman, Mr. U. M. Baughman, recently a partner in the law firm of Baughman & Williams of this city, has formed a partnership with A. C. Farmer, who is also formerly of Jasper county and a son of A. G. W. Farmer, who now lives six miles southeast of town. Mr. Farmer has been in the real estate, loan and insurance business in Oklahoma ever since leaving here seven years ago, and he and Mr. Baughman will continue in this business at Oklahoma City under the firm name of A. C. Farmer & Co., and we believe that our readers who are interested in the New State of Oklahoma, or who have money they desire to invest either in first mortgage loans or real estate, would make no mistake in writing these gentlemen for information concerning the much talked of southwest.

The supreme court decided a case last week regarding the concealment of a defect in the soundness of a horse, in a "boss trade" that is of interest to people all over the state, and we herewith give the opinion in abstract:

"(1) Under Acts 1907, Page 100, the concealment of a defect or disease with which a horse is known to be afflicted, when it is sold or traded or offered to be sold or traded to a person ignorant thereof, is criminal, when it is merely passive by failing to inform the purchaser of such disease or defect, as well as when a trick, artifice, drug, etc., is used to conceal the same. (2) It is not essential, in charging an offer to sell or trade a diseased or defective horse without making its disability known, to allege in the affidavit or indictment that the sale or trade was actually consummated. Hadley and Gillett, Judges dissenting, hold that to constitute either offense under said statute, a completed sale or exchange is necessary."

## POULTRY RAISERS WILL MEET.

An invitation is hereby extended to those who are interested in raising poultry to attend the meeting to be held in the east room of the court house, Saturday, Feb. 1, beginning at 2 p. m. A permanent association will be organized, with the view of forwarding the poultry interests in the following ways:

1. By aiding in establishing more up-to-date methods in caring for fowls.
2. By improving the quality.
3. By increasing the quantity.
4. By co-operation in buying supplies.
5. By holding a rousing show at Rensselaer each winter.

You can save \$ \$ at Rowles & Parker's big February Clearance Sale.

Two or three good farms to rent on easy terms. Call quickly on Dr. S. H. Moore, Rensselaer, Ind.

A few lots of men's suits in 34, 35, 36, were \$10 and \$12, now \$6 and \$6.50. DUVALL & LUNDY.

## CHEADLE ELECTED

Trustee of Defunct Bank of Remington.

A BIG MEETING OF THE CREDITORS

And Over Six Hundred of the Eleven Hundred Individual Claims Were On File.

The meeting of the Parker bank creditors at Remington Saturday resulted in W. H. Cheadle of Gilboa tp., Benton county, being chosen for trustee. His only opponent for the place was attorney Jasper Guy of Remington, who received some 23 votes to Cheadle's 195. Quite a number of the votes for Mr. Cheadle were by power-of-attorney, and when it developed to Mr. Guy's friends what was being done in securing the power-of-attorney votes, a number of his chief supporters, on his advice, it is said, did not vote in the meeting at all. Among these were his brother-in-law, Robert W. May, the second heaviest depositor in the bank, and a number of other prominent people.

There were some 600 claims filed before the meeting was held, and of these only about one-third voted. Mr. Cheadle, the successful candidate, is a good man, a farmer and a former township trustee of his township. No one can say aught against him in any way, and he will no doubt give good satisfaction as trustee. With the class of substantial citizens who were for Mr. Guy, such as O. P. Taber, James Clowry, Hugh Treanor, Chas. Bonner, Sr., James Green, E. A. Hunt, John Ketterling, Messrs. May, Elmore, Hand, Washburn, French, Broadie, Hartman, et al, he has reason to feel proud of the support given him, his friends contend, even though his opponent was elected.

The meeting was called for 10 a. m., and of the about 1100 depositors of the defunct bank, probably 400 or 500 were in town to attend the meeting. Referee Bowers came in on the train from the east at about 9:30 and it was soon announced that the election of a trustee had better be postponed until afternoon, in order to give several a chance to file their claims who had not already done so. Accordingly it was postponed to 1 p. m., and the place set for holding it in the Townsend hall, in the old Durand block. This hall probably held 400 to 500 people when the afternoon meeting hour drew nigh, and a number of those present were women who had lost their savings in the bank.

At 1 o'clock it was announced that the election would not be held until 2 o'clock, and when finally the meeting was called to order by Referee Bowers of Hammond it was about 2:30.

Mr. Bowers talked for perhaps twenty minutes, explaining some points of the bankruptcy law, and among other things stated that the election of a trustee was by and for the benefit of the UNSECURED creditors, and that it had been reported that a number of the creditors had been preferred by the banker and been given notes and other securities about the time the bank closed; that some of these preferred creditors were known, and that as it was desired to have the election fair and honest, any creditor who had received a preference should refrain from voting for a trustee, that if they were preferred the fact would later become known, and it was not the intention of the law for such to vote. The law regarding these preferences went back to four months prior to the bank's closing, he stated, and the parties receiving them could not legally vote until the securities were returned. If they were not given at the time the debt of the bank was created they were not legal, he intimated.

The successful candidate must have both a majority of the depositors' votes and a majority of the money represented. Minors—of whom there were nearly 300 in the savings department—were not allowed to vote, and if the name of a party appeared more than once in the list—which frequently occurred—they were entitled to vote but once.

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## PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales: Wednesday, Jan. 29, O. M. & F. M. Cooper's 5 miles northeast of Aix. General sale, horses, cattle, hogs, farm tools, hay, etc.

Thursday, Jan. 30, A. E. McCoy, 6 miles south and 1 1/2 miles west of Wheatfield. General sale of horses, cattle, hogs, chickens, farm tools, household goods, etc.

Friday, Jan. 31, Wm. L. Bringle 8 miles southwest of Rensselaer. General sale of horses, cattle, hogs, farm implements, household goods, etc.

## FREE FOR THIRTY DAYS.

For the next 30 days we are going to present all new subscribers to The Democrat paying \$1.35 for a year's subscription and one of The Democrat's Wall Charts, a year's subscription to the American Farmer. Take advantage of this offer at once and secure the opening chapters of the Democrat's new serial, "The King of Diamonds," one of the best stories you ever read, the opening chapters of which appeared recently. For a short time we shall be able to supply new subscribers with back numbers of The Democrat containing the opening chapters of this excellent story, so that they may miss no part of it.

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## RENSSELAER PUBLIC LIBRARY LECTURE COURSE

Jan. 30, 1908, Hon. George D. Alden.  
Feb. 17, 1908, Opie Reed.  
March 6, 1908, Father Kavanaugh.

## OKLAHOMA.

If you are seeking a change of location, either on account of health, or with a view of bettering your financial condition, or both, or if you have any amount of money you would like to invest in good Real Estate, or in First Mortgage Loans at 7 to 8 per cent. write to A. C. FARMER & CO. 132 1/2 Main Street, Oklahoma City, Okla.

A beautiful souvenir for every \$10.00 worth of coupons. CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Special discount sale on men's heavy pants at Rowles & Parker's clothing store.

Now is the time to buy your suits and overcoats as we are selling any suit or overcoat at just what they cost wholesale for the next 30 days. Call and see them as we can save you \$ \$ on them. DUVALL & LUNDY.

All \$2.50 to \$5.00 men's heavy weight winter pants now \$1.50 to \$2.50 at Rowles & Parker's clothing and shoe store.

The prices on several lots of suits and overcoats cut just half in two. Hurry and get one before they are all gone. DUVALL & LUNDY.

The big one half price sale clothing cloaks will continue two more weeks to Saturday night, Feb. 8th.

## CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Don't fail to attend Rowles & Parker's February clearance sale now in progress—the big discounts they are giving on heavy weight goods will interest you, besides our assortments are always the best and our prices the lowest on gingham, domestics, embroideries and everything you need for your spring sewing.

## BALL.

There will be a dance at Warner's Hall, Thursday evening, Jan. 30. Tickets 50c.