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KETMAN DITCH REPORT FILED.

Ten Days Given by Law for Filing of Remonstrance.

On Tuesday George Douglas, commissioner of the Ketman ditch, filed his final report. The report shows the number of cubic yards in each station in the main ditch and all its branches, and the amount of assessment on each 40 acres of land benefited, and the cost of the proposed work.

Under the law, persons who believe they are assessed too much have ten days in which to file a remonstrance. If a remonstrance is filed, and on the evidence the court does not reduce the assessment, the remonstrator is compelled to pay costs. It is generally conceded that the ditch will be constructed. The matter of fixing assessments has been carefully gone over and an effort made to make each man's assessment fair and proportionate to his benefits. It has been suggested that where a man feels that his assessment is unfairly high, that instead of going to the expense of filing a remonstrance and taking a chance of having court costs to pay, that such persons should see the judge about the matter and if his contention is a good one, that no doubt a small reduction will be allowed on the suggestion of the court, and with the consent of the attorneys for the petitioners.

Judge W. C. Pentecost, the special judge appointed to hear this case, resigned Tuesday, giving as his reason that some of the litigants opposed to the ditch were opposed to him hearing the case. In view of this resignation, the case naturally goes to Judge F. J. Vurpillat, who will proceed to hear it. It is possible for the matter to be settled at this term of court, unless there should be more remonstrators than are expected.

The proposed Ketman ditch is over 28 miles in length and affects lands in four counties, Pulaski, Starke, Jasper and White. All its route, until within four miles of the river, follows the bed of the old Monon ditch, and deepens and widens it. The four mile cut off to the river will be a new ditch. In addition to the main ditch there are seven branches aggregating about 25 miles.

The attorneys for the ditch are John M. Spangler and Caleb W. Barker of Winamac, and Oscar B. Smith of Knox. The estimated cost of the ditch is \$325,000.—Winamac Republican.

JACOB WILDBERG DEAD.

Former Rensselaer Boy Dies of Malarial Fever at Colgate Ok.

Our people were given another shock Saturday morning when a telegram was received here by relatives that Dr. Jacob Wildberg had died at his home in Colgate, Okla., where he was located in the practice of dentistry. Only a little over a month ago he was here to attend the funeral of his father, Louis Wildberg, and his friends here had not learned that he was sick until the sad news of his death came.

The remains were brought here Sunday night, arriving on the 11:04 train, and were taken to Wright's undertaking parlors. Monday morning they were taken to the residence of Mrs. Anna Tuteur on Division street, and the funeral services were held there at 1:30 Monday afternoon, conducted by a Jewish Rabbi from Chicago, and interment made in Weston cemetery.

Deceased was 27 years and 5 months old, and about ten years of his life he had lived with his parents in Rensselaer, locating in Colgate some two or three years ago. He was a promising young man and his sudden death is a great blow to his relatives and friends.

He was married a little more than a year ago, and leaves a wife but no children. His mother, who lately moved to Peoria, Ill., was sick in bed and unable to attend the funeral. She and one sister, Miss Edna Wildberg, with the widow, survive him.

The death certificate stated that he died of malarial fever, but we understand it was really typhoid fever from which he died. It seems that when he went back to Colgate from attending his father's funeral here last month, his wife who accompanied him here, stopped in Chicago to visit her people. Some two weeks ago Jake was found lying in a faint in his office. He was cared for and a telegram sent to his wife, who hurried to his bedside, but he never got up, and today lies buried beside the father whose funeral he had attended only about six weeks before.

Lost:—Solitaire diamond ring, high setting, some place in Rensselaer, probably at Roths' meat market. Return to Democrat office and receive liberal reward.

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THIS WAS A GOOD YEAR FOR BEES.

Philip Paulus of Newton tp., has given "bee culture" considerable attention the past few years, and on a small scale has been very successful in handling them. The past season, from 15 stands, he harvested 1,200 pounds of honey, which he has sold in Rensselaer, Goodland and Brook at 12 1/2 cents per pound, or \$150—\$10 per stand for one season.

This yield is an exception rather than the rule with handlers of bees in this locality, however. The past season has been an exceptionally good summer for the bees to gather honey—a white clover season, as bee growers call it—and it is only about once in four or five years that we get a good growth of white clover with the necessary dry weather to save its honey from being washed off the blossoms.

A wet season is not good for bees, and they will harvest very little honey. During what is called a good honey flow, Mr. Paulus says, a stand of bees will make from 10 to 15 pounds of honey per day, which is certainly "going some."

Mr. Paulus sold a stand of bees last spring to Mrs. Mark Reed, west of town, for \$3.50. Mark didn't think much of bees, and told his wife that she was throwing the \$3.50 away; that the bees would likely die, and that she wouldn't get any honey from them. From this one stand she has got two new swarms or stands this season and 170 pounds of honey! The honey at present prices would bring her \$21.25 and the two new stands are worth \$7, or \$28.25 profit in about eight months on a \$3.50 investment. And Mark loses the satisfaction of telling his wife "I told you so," too.

MAD DOG SCARE AT DELPHI.

Two Strangely Acting Animals Killed and Third Escapes.

Delphi, Ind., Nov. 23.—The mad dog scare in this city continues to increase. The dog which bit Meade Titlow and Harry Maxwell, who are now taking treatment at the Chicago Pasteur Institute, was killed and its head sent to the institute where the physicians pronounced it a case of genuine hydrophobia. Three other dogs in the northern part of the city ran several persons to places of safety Saturday. A party of searchers finally killed two of them, but not until a boy named Kently had been bitten. The third dog got away and has not been found. The dogs killed last night acted much in the same manner as the one that bit Titlow and Maxwell. Much uneasiness is felt because one of the dogs got away, as it is feared that other dogs in the city may become affected. Mayor Cochran has issued orders requiring the muzzling of all dogs, to take effect immediately.

MONEY IN THE "GOOD" KIND.

James Walter Sells Ten Colts, Four Yearlings and Six Springs, for \$1,050.

That there is good money in raising the right kind of horses is shown by the sale of ten colts last week raised by James Walter of north of town. These colts were all the product of one horse, "Marengo," a Percheron Norman Stallion known hereabouts as the Leek & Lane horse.

Mr. Walter has raised 12 colts in the past two seasons from six mares. They are good mares and he got good colts. He had bred to this same horse heretofore but got no results until William Ervin, who is conceded to be the best stable horse manager in this section of the state, was given the management of Marengo, and he attributes much of his success to Mr. Ervin's intelligent management of the sire of these colts.

Marengo was imported from France by C. M. Moots of Normal, Ill., and last week Mr. Moots was over here to buy some of Marengo's colts. He went out to Mr. Walter's and bought six 8-months-old colts and four yearlings and paid him \$1,050 spot cash for the ten.

Mr. Walter still has two yearlings left, which is not doing bad for two seasons from six mares that have done most of his work on the farm during this time, and shows conclusively that it pays to breed to good horses and raise the good kind of colts.

PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Tuesday, Dec. 8, James A. Keiser, 3 1/4 miles southwest of Rensselaer. General sale, horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our sincere heartfelt thanks to our friends for their prayers, sympathy and kind remembrance in this our great and deep sorrow.—Mrs. J. W. Williams and Family.

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THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Attorney Guy of Remington was in the city on business yesterday.

Marriage licenses issued: Nov. 23, James C. Clark of Rensselaer, aged 38, occupation engineer, to Lora Pearl Meyers of Parr, aged 28, occupation milliner. First marriage for each.

The Hellscher ditch in Walker and Wheatfield townships, was ordered constructed by Judge Hanley Saturday. John H. Tilton of Wheatfield was appointed superintendent. W. S. Potter, J. W. Burget and John Knox had filed remonstrances but the court held the remonstrances were filed too late.

The case of Bowers vs. Bowers, or Eppler case, ended Saturday. That is the evidence was all in, but one of the parties asked for a special finding of facts, which we understand now will be withdrawn and the court will be asked to decide the matter in controversy.

The jury came in Monday but was excused until Tuesday, 1 p. m., when the case of Dr. Solt vs. Warren White of Wheatfield, came up. This is a case where Dr. Solt of Medaryville is suing for professional services, and is likely to be closely contested, probably lasting two or three days.

The case of the State vs. August Rosenbaum, the old "blind tiger" case, was dismissed by the deputy prosecutor Monday, who stated that the prosecuting witness was some place in Michigan and that there was no funds provided for getting her here. The whiskey and beer seized when this raid was made last spring will now be returned to Mr. Rosenbaum. There were nearly two barrels and a case or two of bottled beer and a score of quarts of whiskey in the lot which has been in the sheriff's charge since the raid.

In the Peacock vs. Peacock case, while no entry has been made by the court, it is understood an agreement has been entered into whereby Mr. Peacock will pay the \$7 per week to his wife, ordered paid by the court last March, dating from the filing of her suit for support last January, and \$30 has already been paid the clerk on account thereof. In consideration of this we understand Mr. Peacock is to be given possession of the small farm at the west side of town, owned jointly by the husband and wife, and the case of indirect contempt of court filed against him is to be dismissed. He is to pay the \$7 per week dating from last January, less the net amount Mrs. Peacock has received as income from the farm.

DIPHTHERIA CASE HERE.

Nine-Year-Old Son of Ed Kirk Has a Mild Attack.

Kersey, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kirk, is sick at their home on South Van Rensselaer street with a severe sore throat. A culture was taken and sent to Indianapolis Monday to determine if there was anything contagious in the ailment, pending the report on which the house was quarantined.

Later: Just as we are about to go to press Dr. Miller received a telegram from Indianapolis stating that the specimen sent contained diphtheria bacilli. Prompt measures will be taken to prevent a spread of the disease. This case had few of the usual diphtheria symptoms, but the attending physicians was not satisfied that it was not diphtheria and sent specimens from the throat of the patient to Indianapolis for analysis, with the above result.

Hugh Kirk, a brother of the sick boy, has been going to school right along but has slept in another part of the house and kept away from the patient. Mrs. After, the boy's grandmother, has also kept away from him pending a report on the disease. The boy is getting along nicely and has but little fever.

For Sale:—Two fall boar pigs, Poland Chinas. Sired by L. & W. Perfection, good ones. Prices reasonable. D. A. BICKEL, Remington, Ind.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Nov. 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Turner, a son.

We will sell you our best Kansas flour at \$1.35 per sack. THE G. E. MURRAY CO.

We are in right on the flour deal. For the next two weeks we will sell our best known flour for \$1.35, and our Sleepy Eye at \$1.40. THE G. E. MURRAY CO.

ANOTHER SIDE TO THE STORY.

The item in Saturday's Democrat, in the Mt. Ayr items copied from between John Bicknell and Frank Beagley over the ownership of a flock of turkeys, Mr. Bicknell thinks does him an injustice. Mr. Bicknell says he had some full blood Bronze turkey hens and a gobbler which they had bought from from parties, and had marked them. The hens raised young turkeys this season and they roamed about considerably, as turkeys will.

This particular flock had been away a short time and, missing them, they started out to find them. They were found on Mr. Harris' land and they drove them home, they passing, as we understand, through a field of Beagley's.

The latter came to them later and claimed these turkeys were his. The Bicknell's told him that they were not, and to settle the dispute offered to turn the turkeys out, old and young—the old hens they had bought and had marked, and could therefore identify—and those that went with the old hens were to be theirs and any strange ones, if there were such, he was to take.

Mr. Beagley would not consent to this, they say, nor to any other fair way of settling the dispute, but claimed some of the hens which they had bought and marked as before stated. Finally, in order to settle the matter without going to law about so small a matter, they say, he was allowed to take about two-thirds of the flock away with him.

They still feel that the turkeys were theirs, but did not think they worth going to law over, and preferred to lose them rather than do so. The turkeys in the flock in dispute were all Bronze turkeys, while Mr. Beagley had a white tom, they say, and if the turkeys had been his they would have showed their breeding.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The city council met in regular session Monday night with all members present.

Resolutions on the death of Jay W. Williams were adopted.

Resolution passed fixing time of election of successor to J. W. Williams. The time set is Dec. 7.

The sewer committee was instructed to act in the matter of extending sewers to the river.

In the matter of South Van Rensselaer street improvement, resolution adopted.

In the matter of Division and Scott street improvement, resolution adopted.

In the matter of the North Van Rensselaer street improvement, resolution adopted.

The following claims were allowed:

CORPORATION FUND.
W S Parks, salary marshal... \$30.00
E M Thomas, same nightwatch... 30.00
Chas. Morlan, clerk... 25.00
Geo. A. Williams, city attorney... 50.00
J C Gwin & Co., lumber... 20.59

ROAD FUND.
Chester Zea, labor with team... 30.00
W S Day, supt. on streets... 18.50
J L S Gray, same... 27.00
L Sanders, work on sewer... 3.00
John Hordeman, same... 13.12
Cecil Clouse, work on streets and hauling coal... 10.10

ELECTRIC LIGHT FUND.
Moses Leopold, freight... 146.85
C S Chamberlain, sal. and tele... 50.35
Mell Abbott, salary... 30.00
Dave Haste, same... 30.00
Tom Hayes, work on line... 23.25
Illinois Electric Co., supplies... 94.52
General Electric Co., same... 3.38
Smith, Yieter & Co., labor and cement... 16.50
Ehrmaum Coal Co., coal... 68.92

WATER FUND.
Moses Leopold, freight and water pipe... 123.71
Cor. fund, water hose sold... 25.00
Ed Hopkins, salary... 30.00
Jas. B. Clow & Sons, sup... 66.71
John Hordeman, wk. main ex... 14.00
Geo. Platt, same... 2.70
John Platt, same... 8.85
Lem Huston, same... 9.45
Ed Randle, same... 11.50
Roy Thomas, same... 7.50
Ernest Cochrel, same... 8.40
W. Richmond, same... 7.20
Jim Russell, same... 5.40
Stoney Smith, same... 4.80
Albert Timmons, same... 2.70
W T McLone, same... 4.35
Fred Kilgore, same... 1.60

NO. CULLEN ST. FUND.
Moses Leopold, bond paid... 50.60
CULLEN AND FORE... ST. FUND.
Moses Leopold, bond and int... 385.50

ESTRAYED OR STOLEN.

Strayed, or taken from my place near Surrey, Nov. 12, one roan mare pony, one sorrel colt wearing halter. Both are white-faced. A reward for any information as to their whereabouts. C. L. PARKS, R-R-3, Rensselaer, Ind.

Buy Sleepy Eye flour, made from pure northern wheat, at \$1.40 per sack. MURRAY'S GROCERY.

Wanted To Rent:—Up-to-date cottage of four to six rooms, convenient to school preferred. Enquire at Democrat office.

LAIID AGAIN

Ghost of Mrs. Gunness Walks No More

AT TRIAL OF RAY LAMPHERE.

Evidence Nearly All In and How the Case for the Defense Stands.—Hoosier State Items.

La Porte, Ind., Nov. 24.—The trial of Ray Lamphere, for the murder of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her three children is drawing to a close. The defense has most of its testimony before the jury, but one important witness will be heard this afternoon—Dr. Walter S. Haines, who found strychnine in the stomach of the bodies supposed to be those of Mrs. Gunness and her three children. When the defense resumed its testimony Mrs. Robert Gaekle, the first witness, said that a big, covered automobile passed her house at 3:30 o'clock the morning of the fire, which started about that time. Mrs. Rachel Lyons testified to having seen the Gunness fire at 3 o'clock, corroborating the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Letters Are of No Value.

After finding that no person of the name signed to the letter received by Mayor Darrow from Chicago, with reference to the writer having accompanied Mrs. Gunness to La Porte on July 9th, was registered at the hotel named in the letter, the attorneys for the defense gave up that clew. Investigation of a letter received from Michigan City saying Mrs. Gunness would be found at 327 Walker street, if Attorney Worden would call for Mrs. McConnell failed to find her.

As the Case Now Stands.

As the case now stands the defense has introduced evidence to show that Mrs. Gunness was alive on July 9th, more than two months after the fire in which the state contends she perished. The defense has also offered evidence to show that the fire was seen before the hour alleged by the state that Lamphere left Mrs. Smith's residence, thereby laying ground for an alibi.

Lamphere Will Not Testify.

Lamphere, according to the statements of the defendants' attorneys, will not go on the stand. Neither will Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the colored woman at whose house Lamphere spent the night, be used as a witness, according to present intentions. The state has offered evidence to show that Lamphere left the Smith house about 3:30 a. m. and that the fire occurred about 4 a. m. Mrs. Smith alleges that Lamphere did not leave her place until after 4 o'clock, and several entirely credible witnesses have sworn that the fire was coming through the roof a few minutes after 3.

TWO MEAN THIEVES CAUGHT

They Rob a "Rummage Sale" Held for the Benefit of a Delphi Church.

Delphi, Ind., Nov. 24.—At a rummage sale in this city conducted by the women of the Christian church two strangers called and asked to see some men's clothes. One asked for a coat and the other a pair of trousers. While the one looking at the trousers kept the two women busy in conversation, the one with the coat asked permission to take it to the front door where the light was better. When he reached the door he started down the street as fast as he could go. The women started after him when the one looking at the trousers took advantage of the opportunity and made good his escape.

The women called for help when E. W. Embree and J. C. Helland started after the thieves. City Marshal Hubbard and Professor Agnew, of the city schools, joined in the chase. The thief was captured by Marshal Hubbard after a long run. The other one was captured later in another part of the city. Both were placed in jail, but the women refuse to prosecute them.

Bonding Company Guilty, All Right.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 24.—A fight waged for several months by Vanderburg county to recover the shortage of money of ex-County Treasurer John P. Walker from two bonding companies came to an end in the Gibson county circuit court at Princeton, Ind., when Special Judge Frank Hatfield awarded the county \$68,912.66 on Walker's first term shortage of \$54,152, and decided that the shortage for the second term was \$9,648. Walker was acquitted of embezzlement.

He Paid an Old Grudge.

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 24.—Sheriff Meredith went to Greensfork and placed Robert Gambler, age thirty-five years, under arrest on the charge of assault and battery on William Baldwin, of Webster, seventy-five years old, a former well-known educator of Wayne county. Baldwin punished Gambler when the latter was a school

boy and Gambler threatened then to "get even." Baldwin's injuries are serious.

Quits Athletics for Law.

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 24.—James M. Sheldon, who has coached the Indiana team for the past three years, announces that he has resigned his position and will retire from the department of athletics at Indiana university next spring. He will practice law in Chicago.

CUMMINS ELECTED SENATOR

His Ambition Satisfied Fifteen Years from the Time He First Became a Candidate.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 24.—Today, just fifteen years to a day since, his first candidacy for the United States senate was announced, Governor Al-



ALBERT B. CUMMINS.

bert B. Cummins was elected to that position to succeed the late William B. Allison, who defeated Governor Cummins only last June in the Republican primaries. Governor Cummins' first candidacy was to succeed James F. Wilson.

When the legislature met in extra session today Governor Cummins was opposed for the senatorship by Claude R. Porter, who won the Democratic nomination at the June primary, and he received the full Democratic vote. Governor Cummins resigned the governorship immediately after his election as senator, and Lieutenant Governor Garst was sworn in to serve a seven weeks' term, when Governor-elect Carroll will be sworn in.

MORSE AND CURTIS TALK

They Hold Converse Through the Bars of the Cell in Which Morse Is Confined.

New York, Nov. 24.—Through the bars of his cell in the Tombs, where he has been confined since his conviction on charges of violation of the national banking laws while vice president of the National Bank of North America, Charles W. Morse held a long conversation with Alfred H. Curtis, ex-president of the bank, who was convicted with Morse but who escaped on a suspended sentence.

It was the first time the two men had met since the conclusion of their joint trial. Seated on a little stool outside of Morse's cell, Curtis chatted with the prisoner for an hour. The pair seemed entirely friendly, and before he left Curtis extended his hand through the bars and shook Morse's hand heartily.

Latest Southern Lynching.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 24.—Jim Gilmore, a negro, was taken from the guard house in Luray, a small town in Hampton county, this state, and lynched. Gilmore had attempted to rape one of the daughters of his employer.

South Carolina's Vote.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 24.—The official vote in the recent presidential election as cast in South Carolina was: Bryan, 62,289; Taft, 3,847; Debs, 101; Hisgen, 43.

Ohio Counties Go Dry.

Columbus, Nov. 24.—By majorities respectively of 1,700, 600 and 975 Jefferson, Sandusky and Clermont counties have voted dry, knocking out 210 saloons.

We still have a few of those fine Toulouse geese for sale. Phone 521-F. JAMES WALTER, Rensselaer, Ind.

BOX SOCIAL.

There will be a box social at the Coeey Palace school house in Barkley tp., Saturday evening, Nov. 28. Everybody come.

FLODY WILLIAMS, Teacher.

RATES TO THE STOCK SHOW.

The Monon will sell round trip tickets to Chicago Nov. 29 to Dec. 4, final limit Dec. 12, account of International Live Stock Exposition, at \$2.25. W. H. BEAM, Agt.

Sale Bills at The Democrat office.