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SEEKING OPTIONS

New Commercial Club Is Getting Busy

WANT SUITABLE PLATTING LAND

For the "Factory Addition"—Sale of Lots Will Begin As Soon As Options Are Secured.

The Rensselaer Commercial Club is now organized ready for business, with Warren Robinson, Pres.; J. H. S. Ellis, Vice-Pres.; E. L. Hollingsworth, Sec.; Delos Thompson, Treas. The Directors are nine in number, as follows: Warren Robinson, J. H. S. Ellis, E. L. Hollingsworth, Delos Thompson, J. H. Chapman, Geo. F. Meyers, G. E. Murray, Jas. N. Leatherman and C. G. Spitler.

A committee composed of J. H. Chapman, J. J. Hunt and C. G. Spitler was appointed to obtain options on real estate to be platted into lots to be sold to raise the bonus fund to secure manufacturers. The tract owned by Conrad Kellner along the Pleasant Ridge road and the tract of Monnett land lying on the Remington road are favorably talked of, though all other propositions submitted will be duly considered.

A contract has been entered into with the Chicago promoter and he agrees to sell the lots at 5 percent commission, the first payment of \$10 on each lot at \$200 to go to him. The proposition is to secure an option on certain lands and plat it and sell the lots. If the lots are not sold the land does not have to be taken, of course.

This Chicago promoting company keeps in touch with manufacturers seeking locations, and now claim to have one on tap that will employ 300 men and put up a factory on ten acres of ground with 50,000 feet of floor space. They have been in business in Chicago for ten years and have net assets of \$105,000. They expect to employ 500 hands in a short time.

The Industrial Co. thinks it can close a contract with this company to locate here, conditioned on our being able to raise the necessary bonus, the amount of which is not stated.

A committee will likely go to Chicago in a day or two to investigate this proposition, and a meeting was held last evening at 7:30, in the east court room to take such action toward sending a committee as deemed proper.

The football game here Wednesday between Lowell and Rensselaer resulted in a score of 40 to 0 in favor of Rensselaer.

Regarding the success of these lot sales by this company in other towns, we copy the reply of the cashier of an Attica bank to a letter of inquiry from the State Bank of Rensselaer:

State Bank of Rensselaer, Rensselaer, Ind.

Dear Sirs: In reply to yours of Nov. 17, 1908. We had a lot sale in this city in Jan. 1906, and the sale was conducted by L. D. Price of the Chicago Industrial Co. We found Mr. Price and expert in this line of work, a man of character, good judgment and one on whom you may rely as well worthy your confidence and esteem.

For the purpose of this sale we organized the "Attica Land and Improvement Co." incorporated under the provisions of an act entitled, "An Act for the Incorporation of Manufacturing and Mining Companies, Companies for Mechanical, Chemical and Building purposes, approved May 20, 1852, and acts amendatory thereof." While this company is composed of a number of the merchants association, yet, it is a separate and distinct body from that organization, composed of 64 purchasers of stock, at \$50 per share.

You understand this corporation is for the common good and welfare of the city, without reference to any private gain and all funds derived to be used for the advancement and good of "Greater Attica."

Two tracts of land, one of which 359 lots were platted and forty-six acres donated to the city, known as Ravine Park, a beautiful natural park of which our citizens are justly proud.

A date for the sale was fixed and well advertised; \$200 the lot was the price, \$10 down, \$5 per month on the balance. During the sale, (not in one night, understand) about 270 lots were sold, the balance available for purchase at any time.

The banks and Building and Loan association advance money for payments on factories located but not on lot contracts. The security was a mortgage on all the land purchased and personal guarantee of individuals interested in the enterprise. Quite a number of lots were paid in full by the able ones, which provided funds for immediate use.

We consider our lot sale of great benefit to the city. Mr. Price

located the National Car Coupler Co., for us and we have since obtained the Poston Brick Plant. Both plants have a good business and did not close during the panic. More than one hundred dwellings have been erected and we have not a vacant house.

The Industrial Co. within themselves cannot make a success of a lot sale without the co-operation of every loyal citizen who is interested in the advancement of your town.

Command us for further information if you wish and pardon this dilatory reply.

30th Nov. 1908.

At Champaign, Ill., a similar sale was conducted by this Chicago Industrial Company, a \$108,000 sale, and the Champaign Daily Gazette of December 2, says regarding the matter:

Tuesday the Champaign Chamber of Commerce closed its contract with J. G. Clark for the tract of land which was divided into lots for the Chamber of Commerce addition and made the first payment on the land.

The organization finds the payments on lot contracts coming in readily and steadily and the balance in the factory fund on Dec. 1 was better than was expected when the plan of creating the fund was taken up.

The number of contracts forfeited will not exceed ten, & showing which speaks well for the loyalty of the people who made purchases and their judgment of what will prove paying investments.

Reports from the piano factory, one industry secured by the use of a part of the fund, are encouraging and show that the company is busy day and night to fill its orders.

Other industries are being investigated and as soon as any are found which are satisfactory in every way they will be secured for Champaign.

FINE ASSESSED IN HOLLINGSWORTH CASE.

The long-pending case of the State vs. E. L. Hollingsworth for failure to send his little son to school, was heard by Squire Irwin Tuesday evening and a verdict rendered assessing a fine of \$5 and costs. Mr. Hollingsworth made a statement regarding the boy's condition; said that he had recently had a specialist examine him in Chicago for his nervous ailment, and while the latter did not recommend that he be taken from school, he said that the boy should have all the out-door exercise possible.

He stated that the boy was being instructed at home by himself and wife, and was attending school each day during the morning exercises, 8:45 to 9:30.

Superintendent Warren of the city schools also testified to the boy's attending school as above stated, and to his being demoted, etc.

Truant Officer Sands testified to complaint having been made to him and of his calling on Mr. Hollingsworth and on Superintendent Warren in regard to the boy's not attending school. As he regarded it his duty and in compliance with the law, he had notified the parent in writing that the boy must be sent to school, and after waiting the required length of time and the boy not being sent he filed the affidavit, as required of him.

The court after hearing all the evidence, rendered a decision as above stated. There is talk of appeal, but nothing has been done thus far toward doing so.

TAKE NOTICE.

A series of meetings will be held at the Church of God by Elder S. J. Lindsey of Oregon, Ill., commencing Monday night, December 14th. The public is earnestly invited to attend, young and old. You will be well repaid thereby, not in the sensational, dramatic or mirthful anecdotes, interesting only for the moment, but in that which is far more interesting and of enduring enjoyment; in having the Word of life presented in such plain, simple manner, as to be easy of comprehension, inciting to self-appropriation, producing "hungering and thirsting after Righteousness," thereby not only giving the greatest amount of pleasure now, but also enduring its nature.

Such is the universal reputation given to Mr. Lindsey's ministration of the Word wherever he goes. His calls are many and pressing. Come at the commencement. Don't miss the opportunity of hearing him—a teacher in every deed. xx

REV. BRADY TO BE MARRIED.

Mrs. James Braden of Irvington, a suburb of Indianapolis, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Stella Braden, to Jesse L. Brady of Rensselaer, the wedding to take place on the evening of December 16, at the home of the bride's mother, 66 Downey avenue.

The best high grade fur overcoat in town.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

The G. B. Murray Co. are selling flour at \$1.35 per sack. Your money back if it is not the best in town.

We consider our lot sale of great benefit to the city. Mr. Price

THE CARR DITCH

Matter Comes Up Before Judge Hanley To-day.

REMONSTRANTS TO BE HEARD

And Final Disposition of the Proposed Iroquois River Extension Improvement Matter.

The Iroquois River ditch improvement extension, known officially as the Carr Ditch, comes up before Judge Hanley today for final disposition, and the result of this hearing will determine the fate of the proposed improvement.

While the regular, term of court ends today, the taking up of this ditch matter may run it well over into next week, and possibly all week. But the parties are anxious to have the matter decided, and it is to be taken up today so it can be finally disposed of at this term of court.

There is no court in Newton county until January, therefore there is plenty of time to dispose of this important ditch case before the term opens there.

This proposed ditch is an extension of the present Iroquois River improvement, known as the Iroquois Ditch, and takes up the work where left off under the latter improvement some two miles west of Rensselaer, and carries it on into Newton county, to a point south of the town of Brook.

In matter of cost it will be perhaps about as great as any ditch ever attempted in Jasper county, the estimated expense being about the same as that of the original Iroquois improvement. The petitioners, however, feel that the work must be carried on west to save them from almost total crop destruction from the waters that will be poured down upon them by the increased flow from the ditch already constructed.

A large number of land owners assessed for its construction have filed remonstrance against the improvement and these will now be heard and an official "count of noses" made. The hearing may last ten days or two weeks, although it is hoped to finish it next week.

THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Commissioners' court and the county board of education will each meet Monday.

S. D. Clark and Henry Misch, trustee and assessor-elect of Wheatfield tp., were in the city Thursday on business.

In the case of Perpetual B. L. & S. Association of Remington, where a new trial was asked for by plaintiff, motion for new trial overruled; plaintiff asks for and is granted an appeal to the Supreme court.

The Democrat contains a number of notices this week. Twenty days notice must be given of the meeting to receive bids for the public funds deposited in banks or trust companies under this law.

The Hallagan vs. Brosnan case was settled out of court Wednesday, by the term of which the Hallagans are given possession of the real estate on March 1, 1909, pay Brosnan \$1,200, and the latter is to have the 1908 crop.

Marriage licenses issued: December 1, Kara Eliza Potts, of Union tp., son of Samuel Potts, aged 24, occupation farmer, to Crissie Wilcox, also of Union, daughter of William Wilcox, aged 18, occupation housekeeper, first marriage for each.

NOTICE.

Rensselaer, Ind., Dec. 2, '08. Notice to land owners in the city and adjacent: Anyone who desires to sell a tract of land suitable for plating and laying out in town lots, will at once submit their best prices and terms to either of the undersigned in writing.

JAMES H. CHAPMAN,
CHAS. G. SPITLER,
J. J. HUNT.

Committee of Rensselaer Commercial Club.

Merry widow elbow length golf gloves, marked 75 cents, special sale price only 50 cents per pair.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

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

Headquarters for the best standard makes patent leather dress shoes.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Wanted To Rent:—Two good heavy work horses, cheap. Enquire at this office for name of owner.

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For Sale:—Two good heavy work horses, cheap. Enquire at this office for name of owner.

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PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Tuesday, Dec. 8, James A. Kelsler, 8 1/2 miles southwest of Rensselaer. General sale, horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, John W. Mauck, 5 1/2 miles west and 2 1/2 miles north of Rensselaer, on the Mauck farm in Newton tp. General sale, horses, cattle, farm tools, etc.

Wednesday Dec. 16, James Lefler, on the W. E. Moore farm in Hanging Grove tp., 1 1/4 miles west and 3 miles north of McCoyburg. General sale of horses, cattle, hogs, farm tools, household goods, etc.

THE CHICAGO JOURNAL.

The Democrat has made arrangements whereby it can furnish the Chicago Daily Journal to new or old subscribers, in connection with The Democrat, for \$1.50 per year, \$3.00 for the two papers.

We have secured an especially low clubbing rate with the Chicago Daily Journal, and as we want to increase our own subscription list a few hundred before January 1, 1909, we make this astonishing low price for the two papers for a short time.

The Journal's special mail edition reaches Rensselaer on the early morning train the same date of issue in time to go out on the rural routes. It also reaches Remington, Goodland and other points having a morning mail in time to go out on the rural routes.

The market quotations of the Journal are unsurpassed by any Chicago daily, making it especially valuable to farmers and stockmen who want to keep posted on the markets.

Call in and subscribe for The Daily Journal and The Democrat at once, mail us a check, draft or postoffice order for \$3 and we will do the rest.

This offer applies to any person in the United States, be they new or old subscribers to The Democrat.

A sweater sale. The newest coat style at lowest prices.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Lost—Leather pocketbook, containing a \$5, a \$2 and one or two \$1 bills, also a K. of P. receipt. Liberal reward paid for its return.

W. S. PARKS.

A great room making sale to make room for a mammoth holiday stock.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

FOR SALE.

Three lots near Monon depot in Rensselaer, with brick store buildings thereon, each 20x60, all shelled and with counters. Will sell cheap and on easy terms, or will rent for a period of years.

DAVID NOWELS.

One lot men's suits, 50 cents on the \$ while they last.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Mr. Hayner, expert piano tuner and repairer from Chicago, will be in town Monday, Dec. 7, or as near that date as possible. Patronage respectfully solicited. Leave orders at Clarke's jewelry store.

Ladies' cloaks and suits at reduced prices to close.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS.

From the 8th to the 17th of December is the time to market your Christmas turkeys. B. S. Fenning is going to want a great many of them as well as some geese and ducks. You had better call on him before selling.

A car load of holiday goods, including candles, now due.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

For Sale:—Full set of postoffice fixtures, consisting of 360 call and Yale lock boxes, General delivery and many order windows. Will sell any or all of this outfit very low.

POSTMASTER.

Rensselaer, Ind.

One lot men's and boy's overcoats carried over, one-third off while they last.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

NEW HARNESS SHOP.

I wish to inform my old customers and friends that I have once more engaged in the harness-making business in Rensselaer and will be found in the room first door south of Knapp's livery barn