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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. Spittler.

A committee composed of J. H. Chapman, J. J. Hunt and C. G. Spittler was appointed to obtain options on real estate to be platted into lots to be sold to raise the bonus fund to secure manufacturing. 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 per cent 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 359 lots were purchased, one of 400 lots were 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, a 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, 3:45 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.

Traut 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 mythical 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 ministrations 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 very deed.

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

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 over-ruled; plaintiff asks for and is granted an appeal to the Supreme court.

The Democrat contains a number of depository 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 Elza Potts, of Union tp., son of Samuel Potts, aged 24, occupation farmer, to Gladie 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 platting 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.

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

PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Tuesday, Dec. 8, James A. Keister, 8 1/4 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 McCosburg. 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 shelved 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. Fendig 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 money 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 HARNES 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, on Van Rensselaer street, with a line of horse furnishings, etc. Repair work done promptly. Give me a call.

J. C. CARMICHAEL.

Headquarters for the best standard makes patent leather dress shoes

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

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

LAMPHERE SAYS THAT HE'S LUCKY

Writes Letter Protesting His Innocence.

THANKS FOR KINDNESS

"I Have Thought Many Times Since I Have Been Here in Jail That It is a Wonder I Did Not Find a Resting Place in Her Private Burying Ground," is One of the Sentiments He Expresses—Thinks He'll Be Free in Two Years.

La Porto, Ind., Dec. 4.—Attorney H. W. Worden has made public the letter which Ray Lamphere wrote to his mother immediately following his return to the county jail after he had been sentenced to state's prison for burning the Gunness house, following which fire the bodies of Mrs. Belle Gunness and her three children were found in the ruins. The letter reads:

"I will try and write you a few lines to let you know how I am. I am not feeling very well just now. I just got back from the court house, where I went to get my sentence, which you have heard of by this time. I was somewhat disappointed, although the circumstances were against me; but, ma, I am not guilty, and before God I am no criminal. Don't worry about me, ma, for it might have been worse.

"I have thought many times since I have been here in jail that it is a wonder I did not find a resting place in her private burying ground; so, ma, do not worry for I am among the living with a clear conscience and know I never did any very great wrong to anybody.

"There is a chance for me to get out after two years, and that is not very long. I don't know whether I will be permitted to write to you or not, but will write if I can. Give my love and best wishes to all and thank Cora and Izzie and Pearl for what they have done for me."

FRIENDS HELP ELOPER

Practically Abduct Girl and Their Horse Beats Farmer's.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 4.—Fred D. Clute, a clerk in a general store at Perkinsville, and Stella Hosier, eighteen years old, daughter of a farmer near Perkinsville, were married in this city.

Clute had asked the father of Miss Hosier for his consent and was refused. Clute then came here and applied for a license, forgetting that the presence of the young woman was necessary to obtain it. He then telephoned to George Abger and Cord Sanner to help him. They were asked to assist Miss Hosier to get away from home. They hired the best horse and buggy in town and drove up to Miss Hosier's home and practically abducted her, but with her consent.

Her father saddled his best horse and started in pursuit. He was unable to overtake the trio and turned back home.

CLEARS INDIANAPOLIS MEN

Indictments Against Fauvre, Gates and Elliott Dismissed.

Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—The indictments charging embezzlement against Frank Fauvre, Harry B. Gates and C. Edgar Elliott, all of Indianapolis, directors of the Marion Contract and Construction Co., returned against them in Louisville, Ky., were dismissed in the Kentucky court on the grounds that the men were not guilty of anything criminal and that the indictments would not stand the test in court.

In the indictments as returned, the three defendants were accused of using \$47,000 of the construction company's money to purchase stock in the Louisville and Eastern railroad for their own use and benefit.

FARMERS AFTER NEGRO

Attacked Woman Who Was Walking on Road Near Home.

Seymour, Ind., Dec. 4.—A negro attacked Mrs. Harold Daumetell in the road near her home, two miles south of this city, and left her unconscious. He choked her and struck her a hard blow on the forehead.

A posse of farmers started in pursuit. The negro was seen at Chestnut Ridge, later near Crothersville and was going south toward Jeffersonville when last seen.

The feeling against him is intense and if caught it will be difficult to prevent violence.

Brainard Has Talk with Taft. Indianapolis, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from Hot Springs, Va., says: "Representative William O. Brainard, who will succeed Representative Watson of Indiana in the Sixty-first congress, had a talk with Judge Taft over Indiana political affairs."

PRAISE FOR HITCHCOCK

Taft Quotes Aeneas in Letter Read at New York Banquet.

New York, Dec. 4.—Frank H. Hitchcock, manager of the Republican campaign; Treasurer George R. Sheldon, who found a million and a half dollars to defray expenses, and William L. Ward, who promised Greater New York to Mr. Taft, were dined by the Republican club.

Mr. Taft, from Hot Springs, wrote: "Not the least of the burden the gentlemen in their positions have always to bear is the criticism of the jealous, of the nervous, and of the ignorant in respect to the conduct of a campaign upon which so much of importance hangs. The greater these crises the more interesting is the recollection of them. As Aeneas said to his followers in the storm, 'haec enim forsan meminisse juvabit.'"

It was remarked that if the letter could be regarded as a sample of what Mr. Taft intends to produce, the people would be on good terms with the classics before he would leave the presidential chair.

"Nothing short or ugly about that 'meminisse juvabit' business," said one guest. Another translated the words as meaning "beaten to a frazzle."

KLAPP ADMITS ARREST

Says He Knows Nothing of Rudeness Toward Gertrude Esau.

Milwaukee, Dec. 4.—James O. Klapp, millionaire clubman, admitted that he was the man arrested in Chicago for insulting Gertrude Esau on a street car.

"This whole business seems like a dream to me," he stated, "but I will go to Chicago as soon as my wife gets better and straighten out the matter."

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Chief of Police Shippy is investigating the conduct of the patrolman who arrested James O. Klapp and then neglected to have the man tried in court.

Gertrude Esau, the complainant, stated she had been asked by two men who called at her home to fix a sum she thought would compensate her for the shock she suffered when annoyed by Mr. Klapp.

TELLS OF HER PACT TO KILL DR. RUSTIN

Mrs. Rice Will Conclude Her Dramatic Story Today.

Omaha, Dec. 4.—In the trial of Charles E. Davis for the murder of Dr. Frederick Rustin a ruling was made by which the bars were let down for the hearing of the entire story of Mrs. Abbie B. Rice.

The woman again will occupy the stand today. It is expected she will relate a conversation in which, it is alleged, the physician told her that he had arranged with Davis to act as his executioner. Mrs. Rice told of her failure to keep her promise to shoot the doctor, who wanted to die.

Mrs. Rice stated that Rustin had become despondent and that he began drinking more than usual, generally drinking two flasks of whisky daily. "At that time," she stated, "he introduced the subject of his death. He said he wished to provide for his family and suggested that I shoot him, saying he did not wish to commit suicide as in that event Mrs. Rustin could not collect his insurance."

SEVENTEEN PERISH

Storm Lashes Newfoundland Coast for Forty-eight Hours.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 4.—Seventeen persons have perished in a storm which has lashed the Newfoundland coast for forty-eight hours. In all, ten fishing vessels have gone ashore. The victims of the gale were members of the crews of three of these craft.

A northerly gale caught many small vessels off the coast and in scudding for harbor before the blast, many of them lost their bearings.

BRIDGE INVITATIONS BARRED

Mail Matter Relating to Prize Card Parties Is Illegal.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 4.—According to a decision received from the post-office department at Washington, it is illegal to send invitations through the mail to bridge parties or to any card parties where prizes are given.

Card parties are regarded as lotteries when prizes are given, and in that event matter relating to them is unavailable.

TIMOTHY PALMER A SUICIDE

Former Minnesota Life Insurance President Shoots Himself.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 4.—Timothy R. Palmer, who resigned as president of the Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance company, committed suicide by shooting.

He had been in ill health for the past year and at times he had been unable to attend to the duties of his position.