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MONDAY, MAYBE,

A Decision Will Be Rendered

IN THE CARR DITCH MATTER.

Judge Hanley Hopes to Get Case Figured Out So He Can Render Decision by That Time.

Judge Hanley and Court stenographer Sigler were still wrestling with the names on the Carr ditch remonstrance Thursday, but hoped to get the thing figured out in time to render a decision Monday. There is a huge list of names to go over, and they are going over the full list of those affected by the ditch as shown by the report and the evidence, and also the list of remonstrators.

There are some cases, it is said, where the report shows only one landowner affected, this report being compiled from the public records. But suppose this party is deceased and left a number of heirs? They are each one affected by the assessments and will go to swell the list of non-remonstrators.

Those who are not legally entitled to remonstrate are being cut out and the whole list on each side is being carefully gone over. If there are a two-thirds of the number affected, as shown by the revised figures, to be on the remonstrance, then the present petition is defeated. Otherwise not.

Should it be defeated, it is reported a new petition will be immediately gotten up and filed, for the petitioners feel that they must have relief from the floods of water that the dredging of the Ironquols has already thrown down upon them.

GAULT DITCH COMPLETED.

D. H. Yeoman completed his contract on the Gault ditch in Cass county last week Thursday, and the dredge has now gone into winter quarters.

Commenting on the completion of the work the Royal Centre Record says:

Well, that celebrated Gault ditch has been completed and the waters from that shed are now pouring into the Tippecanoe river.

"That is a great ditch," remarked Mr. Yeoman, the contractor that constructed the section from the Louderback farm to the Tippecanoe river. "When we opened it out into the old Tip the current was so strong that stumps and logs were carried directly across the river to the other bank. It has a fine fall and the current is plenty strong to keep the Gault clean."

"Has the work been taken off your hands?" asked the reporter.

"Oh yes. The commissioner came down as soon as we had the work finished last Friday. He found that we had gone below the specifications and that the work was well done. That being the case, he at once accepted the work."

"How about the railroad—under the bridge?"

"Everything done right up to the handle. Went down the channel about half a mile. Didn't have to, but did it just the same."

The dredge is still in the ditch, but the cabins have been placed on the banks. In due time they will be torn down and shipped to other work. Mr. Yeoman was around with a valise full of money Tuesday settling up all debts.

STILL HOLDING OUT HOPES.

Henry Griggs went to Logansport Thursday and made a desperate effort to raise enough money to finish paying the fourth dividend that was promised the depositors before Christmas, but he found things at a standstill and was informed that the Daniel P. Baldwin will would be probated in about a week or ten days. Mr. Randall, a nephew of Mr. Baldwin's, made the remark that the administrator of the Baldwin estate would be a prominent Logansport man and that he was well thought of in Goodland. Mr. Griggs was also informed that the depositors were in line for a very pleasing surprise as the Baldwin estate was in a much better condition than has ever been given out before. The above remarks are made from hearsay and it is the sincere hopes of the writer that they may be true, however, that remains to be seen.—Goodland Herald.

ANOTHER FIRE AT GOODLAND.

Rufus Ross' Fine Large Residence Burned Thursday Morning.

F. P. Morton and son of Goodland were in the city on business Thursday. The fine and practically new residence formerly owned by J. A. Patton, a former poultry dealer of Goodland, situated on the Remington road, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday morning at about 6:30. It was owned by Rufus Ross, former-

ly of near Monticello, who some months ago traded his farm for the Peter Brook harness and implement business at Goodland and moved to that place. He put in about \$1,200 worth of new furniture on moving into this house, it is said. The fire started in the roof, and Mr. Morton, who was the first to discover it, thinks it must have been caused from the electric light wires. He gave the alarm at once and the chemical fire engine, the only means Goodland has for fighting fire, was got on the scene after some delay, owing to the early hour, but nothing could be done to save the house and it was soon burned to the ground together with practically all the contents.

Mr. Ross is certainly having his share of bad luck, as his harness and implement store was totally destroyed by fire only a few weeks ago.

GOES TO CALIFORNIA TO WED A. L. BRANCH.

Mrs. Aetna Lebo, one of the First Grade teachers in the City schools, left Thursday afternoon for Sacramento, Cal., where she will be united in marriage to A. L. Branch, formerly of Rensselaer. Mrs. Lebo had kept the matter very quiet and none of the other teachers knew about her intended marriage until she was about to take the train. She had kept company with Mr. Branch a part of the time while he was here, and many expected when Mr. Branch came back here recently that the marriage would take place then.

Mrs. Lebo has been a very efficient teacher, having taught here some three or four terms, and made a host of friends, whose best wishes for happiness go with her. Miss Lucy Beasley of Remington, who has been teaching at Wingate, Ind., has been secured to take Mrs. Lebo's place in the Rensselaer school.

JOE'S SMILES AND GOOD CHEER.

Huntington Morning Times, Dec. 22.—Huntington now has a new merchant and he is one of those fellows who has a smile and a pleasant greeting for every one he meets. It is Joe Jeffries, the new proprietor of the Truth grocery recently purchased of Mrs. Alida Tuttle. He took possession yesterday morning and with the same force of clerks, the new proprietor is handing out the goods to the many customers and shaking hands with every one that comes in as if he knows them and their ancestors for generations back. Mr. Jeffries has been the cashier in a bank at Rensselaer. He knows every detail of the operation of a business place and as he has secured one of the best business houses in the city, he is destined to enjoy success from the start. His family will be here about January 1 and they will become permanent residents of Huntington.

PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Thursday, Dec. 31, Harvey Davison, 9 miles north of Rensselaer on the gravel road. General sale of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements.

Monday, January 4, Harvey Maxwell, 6 1/2 miles south and 1/2 mile west of Rensselaer. General sale of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farm implements.

Thursday, Jan. 7, H. N. Moulds, 9 miles east and 2 miles north of Rensselaer, in Hanging Grove tp. General sale, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farm tools, household goods, etc.

That Farmer's and Working Man's Friend Store at Remington, Indiana, is the talk of the county, for good goods and extremely low prices.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The Jasper Savings and Trust Company, of Rensselaer, Ind., will be held at the office of said company in Rensselaer, Ind., on Wednesday, January 6, 1909, at 7 o'clock p. m.

CHARLES G. SPITLER, Pres. JUDSON J. HUNT, Secy.-Treas.

Largest stock of watches in the county, and at reasonable prices, at Clarke's.

Only \$1.40 per sack for the Gem of the Valley flour that won the highest test ever made in Jasper county.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

Buy your overcoat or cloak at Murray's at 20 per cent discount. Now is the time to get in on them.

We are very busy these days. We want to serve you the best possible and therefore ask that you telephone us your order as early as possible. HOLE'S GROCERY.

94.7 per cent test, the best ever made in a bread contest in Jasper county, December 8th. Bread made from the Gem flour.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

The county officers celebrated yesterday, by closing their offices.

The Christmas rush for marriage licenses was conspicuous only by its absence.

Joe Thomas of Newton township, was pulled over to Morocco last Saturday and fined to the amount of \$22.50 for violation of the game laws. From the meager reports of the matter we have been able to get, the prosecution appears to have been more in the nature of spite work than any laudable desire to have the game laws observed. The people in that neighborhood with whom we have talked regard the prosecution unjust, as Joe is said to have asked for and received permission to hunt on the lands of the very farmer who caused his arrest.

The county commissioners were in special session Wednesday to let the county stationery contracts and to allow claims.

In stationery classes 1, 2, 3, the Burt-Terry Co., of Lafayette was the only bidder, and was awarded contract for same. In class 4 Healey & Clark and F. E. Babcock were the bidders. On the face of the bids there was but \$1.66 difference. All letter heads and envelopes are required this year to be of Strathmore Parchment paper. The bid of the latter specified the weight at 20 lbs to the ream, and submitted samples, while the former bid did neither. The matter was continued to the January term.

Sheriff O'Connor reported fees earned to the amount of \$589.26 since last report.

New Suits Filed: Patrick Hallagan vs. Charles Pattee and John Pattee; suit on note and chattel mortgage. Demand \$200.

No. 7884: Frank E. Babcock, a taxpayer of Jasper county, Indiana, vs. The Board of Commissioners of Jasper county, Indiana; appeal from the Commissioners' court.

The complaint alleges that the plaintiff is the editor and publisher of The Jasper County Democrat a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Jasper county, Indiana, that said Jasper County Democrat is the only leading Democratic newspaper printed and published in said Jasper county, Indiana, and as such leading Democratic newspaper published the rate of taxation for the year 1908 of the State, County, and Township taxes for Jasper county, Indiana.

It also states that one James W. McEwan without authority from the treasurer of said Jasper county, Indiana, printed an alleged notice of the rate of taxation for the year 1908 in the Democratic Sentinel which is not a leading newspaper of general circulation in said Jasper county, Indiana, that said Democratic Sentinel is not recognized by the Democracy of Jasper county, Indiana, as a representative newspaper of its party; that the Democratic officials past and present of the Township and county in said Jasper county, Indiana, do not recognize said Sentinel as its representative, in this, they refuse to publish legal notices in said Sentinel, but on the contrary publish all legal notices in said Jasper county, Indiana; do not recognize said Sentinel as its representative, in this, they refuse to publish legal notices in said Sentinel, but on the contrary publish all legal notices in the Jasper County Democrat; that the Democratic County and Township Central Committees recognize the Jasper County Democrat as the official newspaper of the Democratic party in said county, in this: by publishing all the calls for Township and County meetings and conventions in said Jasper County Democrat, and further by resolutions at said conventions officially declaring the Jasper County Democrat to be the official newspaper of the party, in Jasper county, Indiana; that said James W. McEwan filed an illegal claim with the Auditor of Jasper county in the sum of \$65.00 for printing and publishing said rate of taxation for the year 1908 in said Democratic Sentinel which illegal claim was allowed by said Board of Commissioners of Jasper county, Indiana, at the December session 1908 of said Board in the sum of \$65.00, which said allowance was illegal and unwarranted; that this affiant is entitled to receive the allowance made by the Board of Commissioners and now demands the sum of \$65.00 the amount due this affiant for printing and publishing the rate of taxation for the year 1908, State, County, and Township Taxes for Jasper county, Indiana.

The Democrat for job work.

WARNER ESTATE DIVIDED

Pension Commissioner Gets \$250,000 and Stepmother \$500,000.

Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 25.—The formal order dividing the Warner estate, in conformity with the recent decision of the Illinois supreme court, in favor of the widow, Mrs. Isabelle Warner, was entered by Master in Chancery Fred Booth in the DeWitt county court.

Her stepson, United States Pension Commissioner Vespasian Warner, opposed the demand of the widow for her third, alleging that she had negro blood in her veins. The widow, however won her case at every point, and by the order of division will be given \$500,000, instead of \$10,000, as left by the will.

Colonel Warner and his three sisters will each receive \$250,000.

ARRESTED AS TRAIN ROBBER

Police Positive They Have Man Who Held Up Oriental Limited.

St. Paul, Dec. 25.—George T. Frankhauser, alias Ed Smith, has been arrested at Moorhead, Minn.

The police assert that they are positive in their identification of the man as the robber who held up the Oriental Limited on the Great Northern railroad, near Rondo, Mont., Sept. 12, 1907, and secured nearly \$50,000 in booty.

JANUARY MELON IS A LARGE ONE

Dividend and Interest Payment Sets New Mark.

New York, Dec. 25.—Dividend and interest disbursement for January, 1909, will exceed \$210,000,000. Up to the present time the dividends declared upon the stock of the New York city banks and trust companies, the various railroads, industrial, miscellaneous and street railway corporations in the United States aggregate \$75,218,000, which compares with \$76,936,000 declared in January, 1908, and \$71,347,000 in January, 1907.

The interest payable upon the bonds of the railroads, industrial, miscellaneous and street railway corporations and upon the bonds of all the cities, counties, and states of the United States, and the government bonds totals \$133,492,000, which compares with \$115,327,000 in January, 1908, and \$110,948,000 in January, 1907.

The large increase in the disbursement in January, 1909, over the same month of 1908 can be attributed to the large amount of securities issued during the past twelve months, which totaled about \$800,000,000 bonds and \$300,000,000 notes for the railroad and industrial companies.

FLAW IN BIG SOLAR GLASS

Authorities at Mount Wilson Observatory Have Unpleasant Surprise.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 25.—An unpleasant surprise greeted the authorities of the Mount Wilson solar observatory when the 100-inch glass, the largest ever cast, was unwrapped from its packings.

After the first grinding began a large flaw was found, so that the casting will have to be thrown away and a new one made. This will delay for many months the construction of the great eight-foot reflecting mirror.

The casting of the glass disk was made in Goblain, France, and the cost was \$50,000.

M'ANUS TAKES A BRIDE

Artist Who Created Famous Newlynweds and Baby Is a Benedict.

New York, Dec. 25.—George McManus, the newspaper artist who created the famous Newlynweds and their baby, was married to Miss Florence Bergere, of St. Louis, at the Hotel Belvedere.

Mr. McManus gave his age as twenty-seven. His bride is twenty-two. The bridegroom formerly lived in St. Louis.

HEAVY LOSS OF FURS

Hudson Bay Company Steamer Goes Down with Valuable Cargo.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 25.—Word was received here by the Hudson Bay company that its steamer Stork, which plies between London and Hudson Bay, was wrecked on Lisbon Shoals in Hudson Bay.

The crew were rescued and are now at Moose Factory. The cargo consisted of \$1,500,000 worth of furs.

BANK OFFICIAL ENDS LIFE

Left Note Saying That His Accounts Were All in Order.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 25.—Frank W. Cutting, fifty-seven years old, for the last forty years connected with the Worcester Mechanics' Savings bank, and for seven years its treasurer, was found dead by suicide at his home.

He left a note saying that the accounts were all right.

LABOR APPEALS TO ROOSEVELT

President Asked to Intercede for Convicted Chiefs.

WILL DO NOTHING AT PRESENT

Desires Time to Study the Decision Before Taking Any Action in the Matter—Letters to President Say Judgment of Court is Dangerous Invasion of Private Rights and Unwarranted Attack on Constitutional Guarantees of Free Speech.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Appeals by wire and mail are swamping President Roosevelt, begging him to intercede for Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, who were adjudged guilty of contempt for the violation of a federal injunction.

The appeals, many being in the nature of protest, are coming not only from heads of labor organizations in all parts of the country, but from prominent business men.

But the president announces officially that no reply will be made for the present. Mr. Roosevelt, however, intimated he would give early attention to the case, but desires time to read the decision before taking action in the matter.

Nearly every telegram and letter received by the president contains a declaration to the effect that the judgment of the court is a dangerous invasion of private rights and an unwarranted attack on the constitutional guarantees of free speech and a free press.

The action of the district supreme court will be discussed at a meeting of the executive council of the federation in this city Jan. 11. Resolutions sustaining the attitude of the leaders of the organization with its 30,000-odd councils and 2,000,000 members will be submitted, and the policy of the federation in view of the court's action will be outlined.

WILL NEVER SERVE TIME

Views of Newly Appointed Commissioner of Immigration.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—"They will never serve their sentence; they will find a way out. There's always a way out of such things."

This was the declaration of Daniel J. Keefe, retiring head of the International Longshoremen's union, whom President Roosevelt named a few days ago as United States Commissioner of Immigration, when he heard of the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison sentence.

W. D. Mahon, president of the International Street Railway Men, said: "That decision is a direct blow at the rights of free thought, free speech and free press. It is a curtailment of the personal liberties guaranteed by the constitution."

AWAKENING FOR PEOPLE

Decision Will Show Them True Sense of Danger, Says Tole.

New York, Dec. 25.—James Tole, president of "Big Six" Typographical union, had the following to say regarding the conviction of the labor chiefs:

"I believe that it has come to a serious pass when officers of a labor organization can be sent to jail for expressing an opinion or telling the truth, or doing for his organization what is perfectly legal, in spite of the decision of any judge."

"I believe further that this conviction and imprisonment will do more to awaken the people of the country to a true sense of their danger than anything that has happened in years."

CHICAGO LABOR PLANS PROTEST.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Labor leaders in Chicago are planning a protest against the ruling of Judge Wright of the federal court of the District of Columbia, imposing a jail sentence on the three heads of the American Federation of Labor.

FIVE KILLED IN A WRECK

Express and Passenger Train on Reading Road in Collision.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 25.—Two engineers and three firemen were killed in a collision between an express and local passenger train on the Reading railroad near Pennington, N. J.

The accident was due to the failure of an interlocking switch to work on account of its being clogged with snow, throwing both trains onto one track, causing a head-on collision.

AFTER DERELICT POLICEMEN.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Chief of Police Shippy has started a crusade against old members of the department and those who shirk their duty.

RYAN QUILTS 31 DIRECTORSHIPS.

New York, Dec. 25.—Thomas F. Ryan has resigned as a director in thirty-one corporations at his physicians' advice.

WELL KNOWN ATTORNEY DEAD

W. F. Thomas Stricken in Office with Hemorrhage of Brain.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—W. F. Thomas, a well known Chicago attorney, was stricken suddenly with hemorrhage of the brain while at work in his office in the Wilson building, 119 LaSalle street, and died at his home, 1343 Jackson boulevard.

Mr. Thomas was a prominent Mason and also belonged to the Order of Foresters.

600-POUND WOMAN DEAD.

Kittanning, Pa., Dec. 25.—Miss Dora Yockey, 30 years old, who died here, was so large that a specially constructed coffin had to be ordered for her. She weighed 600 pounds.

FOR SIMPLE CEREMONIES

Governor Deneen Would Be Inaugurated Without Display.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 25.—Simple ceremonies will mark the inauguration of state officers at Springfield in January, according to present plans. Governor Deneen is known to favor a tame affair, and Secretary of State James A. Rose has also expressed a desire for "the simple life" ceremony.

Roy O. West, chairman of the Republican state central committee, announced the appointment of a committee of three to confer with the officers-elect on the inaugural program. The men are Dr. John A. Wheeler, Auburn; Perry C. Ellis, Quincy, and Garret De F. Kinney, Peoria.

DURAY HURT IN CRASH

Racing Car Driver in Collision in Paris—His Chauffeur Dying.

Paris, Dec. 25.—An automobile containing three persons, including Duray, the racing car driver, was in collision in the Avenue Madrid.

The chauffeur is dying from the effects of his injuries. Duray sustained a compound fracture of the left knee pan and suffered serious injury to his right eye.

STATE DEFEATS THE RAILROADS

Law Increasing Gross Earnings Tax Is Upheld.

St. Paul, Dec. 25.—The state won a double victory in the supreme court when Justice C. L. Brown filed opinions in its favor in both the Chicago Great Western and Great Northern railway tax cases.

The court upholds the law increasing the railroad gross earnings tax from 3 to 4 per cent, which the roads attacked as unconstitutional.

Attorney General E. T. Young fought the contention that the companies could not be made to pay more than the 3 per cent provided in their territorial charters.

The Great Northern case nominally involves \$120,737.33 for 1905 taxes. The Great Western case involves about \$25,000.

The amount at stake, however, is really more than \$150,000 a year.

HUNT FOR AN ASSASSIN

Helen Gould Puts Detectives on Track of Man Who Sought Her.

New York, Dec. 25.—Miss Helen Gould has engaged a corps of private detectives who are hunting the man who assassinated Van Dwight Sheldon, a student protegee of Miss Gould, at the home of Dean Charles H. Snow of the College of Applied Sciences.

Sheldon gave up his life in an effort to guard Miss Gould when he refused to reveal her whereabouts to the assassin.

Miss Gould is a cousin of Mrs. Snow, and frequently spent the night in the Snow home when on her way to and from Irvington.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNED

Twenty-Five Sacks of Charred Letters and Packages Taken from Wreck.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Seventy-five sacks of charred letters and Christmas packages and ten registered mail pouches were recovered from the mail cars of Chicago and Alton train No. 5, which was wrecked at Brighton Park. More than half the burned mail could not be recognized for delivery.

Aged Couple Attacked by Burglar. Natchez, Miss., Dec. 25.—Robert F. Reed, seventy years old, and his wife, aged sixty, were murderously assaulted during the night by a burglar. Mr. Reed died. His wife is not expected to recover.

WILL PROBE PAPER BOYCOTT.

New Orleans, Dec. 25.—Boycotting of New Orleans papers that oppose horse racing by saloons, hotels and other interests is to be investigated by a federal grand jury.

Pull the bell rope in front of the grocery and a clerk will pop out like a jumping jack from a box.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.