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THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

New suits filed: No. 7476. Oscar H. Brown vs. Elizur Sage and Chas. G. Spitzer; appeal from Squire Irvin's court.

Marriage licenses issued: July 31. John William Critser, son of Eli Critser of Rensselaer, aged 20, occupation farmer, to Anna Ola McGee, daughter of Harry McGee, aged 18, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Ex-Sheriff O'Connor and daughter Ella of Kniman were Rensselaer visitors Saturday. Miss Ella has fully recovered from the effects of her involuntary ducking in a dredge ditch west of Kniman one evening last week, when she fell off the bridge as the result of a sudden nervous shock.

Miss Alice Bates, deputy in the auditor's office, returned Monday afternoon from a few weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. Albert Bouk, near Norwich, N. D. She also visited the Porter's near Mitchell, S. D. Miss Bates is much pleased with what she saw of North Dakota.

C. L. Bader, superintendent and general manager of the Winamac Bridge Co., was here Monday and yesterday and went with the commissioners up to the north end of the county Monday afternoon to inspect some bridges that his company have built there and which the commissioners accepted after inspecting same.

J. B. Workman, who conducted the tax-ferret "investigation" here some years ago, was here Monday with a couple of Indianapolis men to put in a bid on examining the county records.

John W. Coons, bid..... \$1,700 Higgs & Workman..... 2,000 Wm. E. Heal..... 1,900

Heal offers to do the work by the day at \$10 per day for himself and \$8 for assistant.

Coons was chief deputy auditor of state for six years treasurer of Indianapolis for six years. He filed some good letters of recommendation.

At this writing the board has not awarded the contract.

The county commissioners did nothing Monday except allow a few claims, they going to the north end of the county Monday afternoon to look at some new bridges that have been put in there. They were still in session as we go to press, and a complete report of their proceedings will be given in the next issue of The Democrat.

Coal bids per ton delivered at Rensselaer were as follows: Shirley Hill Coal Co— Linton No. 5, Domestic Lump \$2.40 Linton, No. 3, Nut..... 2.10 Linton, Mine Run..... 1.90

Winamac Bridge Co., bid \$497 on a 30x16 foot bridge in Keener tp. Bid of Attica Bridge Co., was \$527.

PROSECUTOR INVESTIGATING.

Fred Longwell went over to Rensselaer Monday morning to investigate the alleged bridge graft practiced in Jasper county. He says that if as represented when the grand jury convenes there will be things doing. A bridge firm looks no better to Fred than the little fellows and if he can get his hooks on them for grafting they will not bother this section of the state when he is through.—Brook Reporter.

GOT MARRIED, ANYWAY.

John William Critser and Anna Ola Magee Are Wed.

The romance of John William Critser, the 20-year-old son of Eli Critser, and Anna Ola Magee, the 18-year-old daughter of Harry Magee, which got into the courts last week by the girl's mother having John William arrested for kidnapping Anna Ola, reached a happy termination Saturday evening, when Rev. G. H. Clarke performed the marriage service which united the two hearts as one.

The girl's mother had notified the clerk not to issue a license, but as she was of legal age he paid no heed to the notice. The trial of the kidnapping charge brought out the girl's age, and cleared her lover from all blame.

The marriage took place at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Guss, the boy's aunt, in the east part of town, and they are now basking in the happiness of an August honeymoon.

The Big Store under the new management sells goods cheaper now than ever before.

ROWLES & PARKER.

THE SERVICE WILL BE SO GOOD.

Brook Reporter: Over in Jasper county they will build a mutual telephone exchange and lines to take the place of the bum outfit that they are now compelled to put up with. The only thing the master in the change will be, that the farmers will want to stay up all night to hear the neighboring news while he should be earning well needed rest.

NOT LARGE ATTENDED.

The "telephone meeting" here Saturday was attended by precisely two people, J. F. Bruner and Lewis S. Alter. After the "meeting" Mr. Bruner and the president of the Jasper County Telephone Co., were in consultation for a long time. Sunday word was phoned out to all country subscribers that they could have phones for \$1 per month, instead of the \$1.50 that had heretofore been asked. Not many are taking them back at this price, at least they are not tying themselves up with any long-time contracts.

"SEEIN' THE WORLD FROM A BOX CAR."

"Bill" Eglesbach, "Cheep" Chaffin, Roy Kupkey and Beech Peterson were attacked Friday evening with itching feet, and left on the south bound local for a trip 'round the world. They got as far as Monon and decided that they had seen it all, and got on the stock train to come home. It didn't stop till it reached Fair Oaks, so the boys were carried by.

The report gained circulation that they were in jail in Monon, and Mrs. J. J. Eglesbach went to their rescue, but the boys were home on the afternoon freight looking for something to eat.

TIPTON BANK WRECKER RETURNS

But Refuses to Make Any Statement Whatever About the Bank Affairs.

Noah R. Marker, the Tipton bank wrecker, returned quietly to Tipton last Friday morning and was arrested ed. some hours later. He had only been down in Missouri on a little fishing trip, he said, taking a little rest.

He refused to make any statement whatever about the bank affair, on the advice of his attorneys, and what has become of the \$60,000 in currency that disappeared when Marker left Tipton the Saturday night previous—is still a mystery.

Dozens of the wealthiest citizens of the county tumbled over themselves to get their names on his bond, they still expressing the utmost confidence in Marker, notwithstanding the cold fact that the bank's vaults are minus of all its cash.

OXFORD GOT WRENS WISHBONE.

Long String of Victories Broke in Heart-Rending Game.

A deep gloom has settled over the foster parents, the fans, of our bedraggled Wrens. Oxford's would-be champs are responsible for our undoing, and on our own lot, too.

Trouble started in the first, and their half of the storm lasted until the third, and five big scores had been piled up.

It began to look like a rarebit dream for us till Kepner, Parks, McLain, et al. started trouble, and when the curtain dropped in the ninth inning we had secured only a tiny three spot.

We trim them a week from Sunday on their own pastures.

The feature of the game was the throw Oxford's right fielder made from a sitting position after he had fallen and dislocated his knee, in an effort to reach a ball batted by Carroll.

DRY SUNDAY AT CEDAR LAKE.

Lake county just now is considerably in the limelight by reason of a crusade being made by the goody-goodys against law violations in that county that has gone on unchecked for more than a score of years.

At Gary, the new steel city, our former citizen, W. F. Hodges, is now deputy prosecutor, and if newspaper reports are reliable he is going after lawlessness there in a way that is causing the cold shivers to go down the spines of the law-breakers.

Appeals have been made to Governor Marshall to assist in clamping on the law, and he has notified the officers to do their duty or get off the nest, and if necessary he would send the state militia there to back them up.

As a result Cedar Lake was drier than the proverbial bone from 11 o'clock Saturday night till 5 a. m. Monday, and a few cases of beer, which some of the excursionists brought down with them from Chicago to sort of fill in with, were seized by the sheriff and the bottles broken. It was the thirstiest day ever known in Cedar Lake, and the crusade is kept up the Sunday excursion business to that resort is as good as ended for this season.

TO ORGANIZE NEXT SATURDAY

A meeting will be held at the Court House next SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1909, at 2 p. m., to formally organize a Mutual Telephone Co., in Jasper county.

Mr. J. W. Sage, president of the Brook Mutual company, has been invited to be present--and has promised to be--at this meeting and will give us the benefit of the experience of his company and will assist us in forming our organization. Mr. Sage will tell us what his company has accomplished in the way of better telephone service and what success they have had in a financial way.

As many as possibly can who have agreed to take stock in the new mutual are requested to be present at this meeting and help to organize the company, which will belong to the stockholders themselves, and they have the electing of the officers to conduct its business. Every stockholder is entitled to a voice in the organization and conduct of the business affairs and should therefore feel a deep personal interest in its management and success.

All others interested in the organization of a mutual telephone system in Jasper county are also invited to attend this meeting as well as those who have already subscribed for one or more shares of stock in the same.

Remember the hour, 2 o'clock sharp, as Mr. Sage has quite a distance to drive home after the meeting.

JOHN BISLOSKY, SR. DEAD.

Oldest Man In Jasper County Dies at His Home West of Town.

John Bislosky, Sr., died at his home just west of Rensselaer at 9 p. m., Saturday of neuralgia of the heart, aged 98 years. He had been sick but two days. He was born in Vienna, Austria, and came to America about 60 years ago. He had lived near Rensselaer about 50 years.

His wife died about three years ago. There are five children now living, one, Mrs. Anna Shindler, being dead. The surviving children are Mrs. Mary Snyder of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. John Swan of Washington; Mrs. Josie Middleton, who lived at home and kept house for the old gentleman; John, Jr., of east of town; and Mrs. Emma Shafer of west of town.

It is expected at this writing that the funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 9 o'clock from St. Augustine's Catholic church, if the children get here in time, and interment will be made in Mt. Calvary cemetery south of town.

Mrs. Shafer and husband left last week for Washington to visit her sister, Mrs. Swan, and take in the Seattle exposition. They had barely reached there when they received the telegram of their father's death. They started back Sunday night, we understand, and if they get home as soon as expected the funeral will be held as above stated.

FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

Mrs. George McElfresh of Barkley tp., was called to Chicago Saturday where her father, George Schreiner, died Friday evening. She was joined here by her brother, Lester Schreiner, and they accompanied the remains to their old home at Sheridan, Ill., for burial. Mr. Schreiner formerly resided in Barkley tp., and still owned a farm there at the time of his death. He moved to Sheridan, Ill., some two years ago.

HAD LITTLE FINANCIAL INTEREST IN COMPANY.

Dr. Harvey Kannal returned Saturday from Lima, O., where he has been since the disappearance of Noah R. Marker, cashier of the Tipton National Bank, whose theft of \$110,000 caused the Farmers and Citizens' Insurance company, of which Dr. Kannal is the president, to ask for a receiver. The Cuyahoga county bonds for \$40,000 which was used as a reserve fund by the insurance company, are now in litigation for proprietorship, and should the court decide for the bank the company will fall for the \$40,000.

Dr. Kannal has not, financially, much interest in the company but acts as a live stock expert, passing on the fitness of any animal for insurance.

The attorneys for the insurance people, are confident that the bonds will be recovered.

WATER FAMINE FROM QUAKE

In Mexico City Precious Drops Have Been at a Premium.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—After four days of water famine, owing to the buckling of the mains due to earthquakes, Guillermo Beltran y Puga, director of public works, has issued a statement that by today the scarcity would be relieved and the mains repaired.

In every part of the city water is at a premium and the few faucets still dripping are surrounded by crowds carrying the water in buckets to their homes.

Mexican Quakes Recorded In Sydney. Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 3.—The recent earth shocks in Mexico were recorded on the vertical and horizontal seismographs here.

80,000 ON STRIKE IN SWEDEN

About 80,000 Foundry Hands Latest to Be Locked Out.

Stockholm, Sweden, Aug. 3.—The labor conflict in Sweden, which originated in a dispute over wages in the woolen and cotton industries, is assuming large proportions.

The Employers' federation declared a lockout of the iron foundry hands, about 30,000 men. This brings the number of men locked out up to \$80,000.

The government has forbidden the sale of all alcoholic liquors in shops and restaurants. The army has been mobilized and will be distributed in the chief industrial centers.

TWO CHILDREN ARE KIDNAPED

Pair Held by Captors and Ransom of \$25,000 Demanded.

St. Louis, Aug. 3.—Two children were abducted here and are being held for \$25,000 ransom.

The missing youngsters are Grace Viviano, five years old, and Thomas Viviano, two and one-half years old. The fathers of the children, Pietro Viviano in each case, are cousins and their families occupy the same apartments.

The men are manufacturers of spaghetti. Both have half a dozen factories in various parts of St. Louis. Five suspects are in jail.

RACES CLOSE TO A CLASH

Trouble Follows the Ordering of Negro From Georgia Store.

Rome, Ga., Aug. 3.—Galveston Perkins, a negro, enraged because ordered from the store of A. R. Wright, assembled a mob of fifteen of his kinsmen and assaulted Harper Wright a short distance from his father's establishment.

An armed posse captured Garvin Perkins, a cousin of the mob leader. There were threats of lynching which caused talk of a general clash of races.

Negro women, as well as the men, quit work, but finally were driven to their homes.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEET

Mobile is Entertaining the Delegates to National Convention.

Mobile, Aug. 3.—This city today is entertaining the delegates to the national convention of the Knights of Columbus.

The sessions began with a grand parade from the Knights of Columbus hall to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where a high mass was celebrated by Bishop Allen.

Addresses of welcome were delivered at Lyric hall by Mayor Lyons and others, with responses by Supreme Knight Hearn and Archbishop John J. Glennon.

EASY TO TELL WHO'S CRAZY

Make Suspect Put Right Index Finger to Tip of His Nose.

New York, Aug. 3.—A test as an index to one's sanity was introduced by a police magistrate when Mrs. Harriet R. Berry, a trained nurse, was brought to court on an application that inquiry be made into her mental condition.

"Close your eyes, madam, and touch the end of your nose with the index finger of your right hand," commanded the magistrate.

It was only after several attempts that Mrs. Berry succeeded. The woman was sent to Bellevue for observation.

JEFF'S FORFEIT IS COVERED

Johnson Posts \$5,000 For Fight With the Big Boilermaker.

New York, Aug. 3.—Sam Berger, manager for James J. Jeffries, said, "Well, I guess there'll be a fight," when informed that Jack Johnson had posted \$5,000 in Chicago to bind a match with the boilermaker.

As to a report that Johnson wants Jeff to agree to the time and place before going abroad, Berger said, "How can Jeffries name any time or place for the fight—particularly a place—before a bid has been received from a promoter."

Buy your bill of groceries for threshing at Rowles & Parker's.

Cheap enough to cook for threshers—fancy Jap rice—4 pounds for a quarter at the Home Grocery.

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The Big Corner Dept. Store.

Good quality prunes, 5c lb; evaporated peaches, 8c lb; Japan rice, 5c lb.

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COAL. COAL.

Don't wait, but come and get a ton of Big Jack lump coal—the cleanest and best prepared. The cheapest coal on the market; the great seller. Only \$3.25 per ton, at JAMES' COAL YARD, Goodland, Ind.

There will be no raising prices at The Big Corner Dept. Store. Get our prices on your bill of groceries and you will find we can save you money. ROWLES & PARKER.

THE INDIAN MOTORCYCLE

Holds all the world's records, 1 mile to 100 miles; holds all long distance records, San Francisco-New York, New York-Chicago; won New York-Chicago touring contest, has led every hill-climbing contest for 7 years. It's closest competitors have never equalled it. Ride an