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COURT HOUSE NEWS IN BRIEF

At Rensselaer

Saturday, October 17

JUDGE THOS. A. DUNCAN
Chairman Indiana Public Service
Commission

At Gayety Airdome, 1:30 P. M.

STREET LIGHTS P. D. Q. NOW.

Council At Its Meeting Monday Night

Orders Light Committee to
Install Same.

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday night, all members were present and the following business was transacted:

Light committee authorized to purchase material for installing ornamental lights on Washington street.

Supt. Chamberlain informs us that he expects to have the material here in about two weeks, and it will probably not take more than a week or ten days to install the lights after the material arrives. These lights will start at the Makeever House corner and extend to the Washington street bridge, two of the thirty-two lights to be installed to be placed on the east end of the bridge.

The lights will be about 70 feet apart in the block between Cullen and Van Rensselaer street, and 60 feet apart between Van Rensselaer street and the bridge. The lights will be of the latest, single globe design and should make this thoroughfare almost as light as day.

The preliminary assessments for street oiling were adopted and notice ordered given. The total cost to

property owners and city for this work is about \$2,900, of which the city falls for over \$400 for crossings, or street intersections.

Preliminary assessments also adopted and notice ordered on the Main street sewer and the sewer in alley of block 12, original plat, and block 2 Benjamin's addition, and notice ordered given.

City engineer files estimate and specifications for sewer on Angelica street, which is approved and notice ordered given for bids, letting to be on Oct. 26.

In matter of sidewalk on west side of Main street and east side of Yeoman avenue, Smith & Kellner file bid of 12c per square foot, and Harvey Davission bid of 5c per square foot. Bid of latter accepted. The walk is along Mr. Davission's property.

The usual number of bills were allowed.

Why Not "Buy a Bushel of Onions?"

Because of the low price of raw cotton, occasioned by the European war and the consequent decrease in exports, efforts are being made over the country, having its origin in the cotton growing sections of the south, to help out the situation by everybody who can do so, buying a bale of cotton. Society women are also urging the wearing of cotton gowns, while some of the "sissy" society dudes are wearing cotton suits to popularize the movement. Now in view of the extremely low price of onions this year and the fact that certain sections of Jasper county and northwestern Indiana depend largely upon onion growing for their prosperity, why not start the slogan, "Buy a Bushel of Onions," in this section. Society women also might place a few of the larger and more odorous specimens on their sideboards and dressers, besides serving them on the table three times a day.

Former Carpenter Tp. Farmer Dies at Bloomington, Ill.

John Zimmer of Newton tp., received word Sunday of the death of his father, Nicholas Zimmer, formerly of Carpenter tp., which occurred in Bloomington, Ill., on that day. He had been in poor health for some time. He was 63 years old and resided for a number of years upon a farm in Carpenter tp. He leaves eight children, as follows: Mrs. Kate Miller of Crosby, Ill.; John of near Rensselaer; Mrs. Anna Johnson of Normal, Ill.; Mrs. Maggie Engleton and Mrs. Maggie Neagard of Bloomington, Ill.; Jake Zimmer and Mrs. Mary Crosney of Nevada, and Mrs. Emma Toombs of Los Angeles, Cal. The funeral will be held this morning from the Catholic church in Remington, and burial made in the cemetery west of Remington.

The shoes you want at the prices you want to pay at B. N. FENDIG'S EXCLUSIVE SHOE STORE.

Interesting Paragraphs From the Various Departments

OF JASPER COUNTY CAPITOL

The Legal News Epitomized—Together With Other Notes Gathered From The Several County Offices.

New suits filed: No. 8291, Ella Norris vs. Marshall L. Warren et al; action to quiet title.

No. 8292, John V. Lesh vs. Phineas Thorington et al; action to quiet title.

No. 8293, First National Bank of Aldeo, Ill., vs. Thomas W. Ward; suit on note. Demand \$550.

No. 8294, Charles E. Linton vs. Joseph Eichelberger; suit on account. Demand \$51.75.

Notwithstanding the fact that Grant tp., had filed a remonstrance against the traffic of intoxicating liquors within its borders with Newton county commissioners last week, which remonstrance was held sufficient by the board, Silas Sheldon has published notice of his intention to ask for a license to operate a saloon in Goodland at the November meeting of the county commissioners in that county.

The board of election commissioners of Jasper county held a preliminary meeting last Friday and elected J. J. Hunt as president and Clerk J. H. Perkins, secretary, and awarded the printing of the election ballots for the coming election to The Jasper County Democrat. The board is composed of the county clerk and two commissioners appointed, one each from the two political parties casting the highest number of votes in the last general election. Judson J. Hunt was appointed by Democratic County Chairman Erwin and John W. Tilton by Progressive Chairman Harris. The county board of election commissioners exercise the same powers for the county and townships as does the state board for the state election—make up the ballot from the certificates of nomination filed, order the ballots printed and distribute them to the various election inspectors, and canvas the vote on election night.

FIVE BALLOTS THIS YEAR.

State, County, Township, Centennial Celebration and Constitutional Convention.

The Indiana voter this year will have five separate ballots presented to him when he enters the voting place in his respective precinct on November 3 and an explanation of the different ballots is proper at this time.

The state ballot is printed on PINK paper and contains the names of all the candidates on the different state tickets, the party device at the head of each ticket appearing at the top. Underneath the emblem appears the name of the party, and then follows the name of the candidates for United States Senator, instead of Secretary of State, as heretofore. We vote direct for United States Senator this fall for the first time. Heretofore United States Senators have been elected by the state legislature. The names of all the democratic candidates will appear in the first column under the democratic emblem of the rooster and the words "Democratic Ticket," followed in order by the Republican, Progressive, and other tickets, each in a column underneath their respective party emblem.

This order of tickets is followed in the county and township ballots.

The county ballot is printed on WHITE paper and is headed, after the device or party emblem and name of party, with the candidate for congress, followed by the representative or judicial candidates and then by the candidates for county office proper.

The township ballot is printed on YELLOW paper and is headed by the candidate for trustee.

The two extra ballots are non-political, and each are but four inches square. The constitutional convention ballot is printed on WHITE paper and contains the words: "Are you in favor of a con-

stitutional convention in the year 1915," followed by blank squares opposite which are the words, "Yes." "No." The voter marks his ballot in whichever square he wishes to vote. The second proposition to be voted on is whether or not the state of Indiana will appropriate \$2,000,000 for a centennial celebration in 1916, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the state's admission to the Union. This ballot will be printed on BLUE paper and will contain the words, "For the appropriation of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for a centennial memorial" with the words "yes" and "no" each preceded by a square, printed thereunder.

On the constitutional amendment proposition The Democrat scarcely knows what advise to give its readers. The law providing for the holding of such a convention, as it stands today, is void, but it can be corrected by the next legislature, it is said.

The title to the act says that the convention shall convene in the city of Indianapolis on the "first Monday of November, 1915," while in the body of the act itself, it provides that the convention shall convene on the "first Monday in May, 1915."

In the event a favorable vote is had, that is, a majority of the votes cast be in favor of such convention, then the law provides that a special election be held in March, 1915, to select delegates to such convention.

Delegates to such convention are to be non-partisan, that is, no political party shall be permitted to nominate candidates for delegates. The same number of delegates are elected as we have members of the general assembly, and they receive the same pay and would, no doubt, have the same number of unnecessary doorkeepers, clerks, pages, and other "employees" as does each session of our legislature. These delegates so elected revise the constitution of the state, and remain in session not exceeding 180 days, Sundays excepted, or three times as long as a session of the legislature. The constitution agreed upon by this "assembly" is submitted to the voters of the state at the next general election as the delegates may provide. The holding of a special election next March and of the six months' session of the convention will cost the taxpayers of Indiana in the neighborhood of \$750,000. Perhaps more. It is argued by many of the advocates of a new constitution that this amount can be saved to the state in one or two years by the adoption of an up-to-date constitution. Whether this be true or not The Democrat is unable to say, but the very fact that the machine politicians of the state are against it—because, it is said, that they will be out of a job when we get a new constitution—rather convinces us that it might be a good thing, although we have little confidence in any reduction in public expenditures under any constitution that may be adopted.

As to the blowing in of \$2,000,000 for centennial celebration—and the Act of 1913 provide that the common council of certain cities of the state may also appropriate funds not exceeding \$2,500 each, for the purpose of aiding in such celebration—it seems to us, there should be little division in sentiment, but everyone opposed to the useless and extravagant expenditure of public money and the providing of a lot of political jobs for a bunch of "patriots" who are too lazy to go out and earn a living by the sweat of their brow, should vote NO on this proposition. This "worlds fair" business, "centennial celebrations" and like events, has certainly gone to seed, and it is time to call a halt.

Indiana voters should sit down hard on the proposition to take \$2,000,000 out of the state treasury and countless thousands from their city treasuries to promote a proposition that is of little benefit to any one except the job holders and the citizens of Indianapolis. We may reasonably expect that every mother's son of 'em down at Indianapolis will vote "yes" on this proposition, and unless the voters "up state" vote "no" it will carry.

Mr. Farmer:

We give 8 lbs. of our best flour in exchange for one bushel of wheat. If you haven't the wheat, buy it from your neighbor and save 25c on every bushel by exchanging it for flour. We guarantee all of our flour.

IROQUOIS ROLLER MILLS, phone 456.

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Sale bills printed while you wait at The Democrat office.

GENERAL AND STATE NEWS

Telegraphic Reports From Many Parts of the Country.

SHORT BITS OF THE UNUSUAL

Occurrences in Distant and Near by Cities and Towns—Matters of Minor Mention From Many Places.

Frank A. Nave Makes Assignment.

Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 9.—Frank A. Nave, the wealthiest land owner in Fountain county, has made an assignment of all his land and property to his creditors. While a complete

inventory has not been made, it is said his liabilities are \$400,000, with assets amounting to \$500,000.

He is indebted \$115,000 to an eastern life insurance company. Banks in Attica, Covington and Lafayette have notes for large amounts. His assets are the Fairview farm of 1,700 acres in Fountain county, and the Nave ranch in Jasper county, which contains 1,500 acres. William S. Baugle, president of the American National Bank, of this city, was appointed assignee.

Auto Skids in Sand; Four Hurt.

Lowell, Ind., Oct. 10.—An automobile accident near Thayer, on the road between Crown Point and Rensselaer, might have resulted in more of a disaster than it did but for the presence of mind of G. G. Schmidt, the driver. In the car he was sides Mr. Schmidt were his wife, Dr. Glen Bookwalter and Miss Cora Hartman, all of Chicago. The machine skidded in the sand at a sharp turn and would have turned over but for the fact that Schmidt headed it straight for the ditch. All the occupants suffered more or less painful injuries to their limbs.

The party was on its way from Chicago to Indianapolis.

Onion Market Is Bad.

Starke county onion growers are in the dumps because of the low

prices they are offered for their

onions. The price ranges from 18

cents per bushel. John W. Good

sold a carload to the Fair store, Chi-

cago, at 45c per bush.

This is the best price anyone has obtained lately, but the concern would buy only

one carload. It is difficult to predict

the outcome on the onion situation.

Some look for an advance in price

soon, while others feel the worst

has not yet come.—Knox Republi-

can.

Sam English Says the Duvall's Report of Canada Was Correct.

Sam English, of up in the Moose

jaw region of Canada, came Friday

for a short visit with his father, John

English, and sister, Mrs. Albert

Brand. He will return home the lat-

ter part of the present week.

The Democrat has been unable to

interview Mr. English, but is in-

formed by parties who have talked

with him that his story of that sec-

tion of Canada confirms in prac-

tically every detail the story told by

the Duvalls on their recent return

from a prospecting trip up through

there, which story displeased the

publishers of the Rensselaer Repub-

lican so much, because, it is reported,

that the Republican was "in ca-

hoots" with the pseudo local agent

for these lands and was to receive a

roll-off on all sales made through

its advertising.

The Democrat is also informed that

Mr. English stated that the Repub-

lican had written him and tried to get

him to deny the story told by the

Duvalls of the conditions there, but

that he refused to do so, saying that

their story was substantially correct

in all essential particulars. Those

who have talked with Mr. English

personally have, of course, this story

at first hand, and it only confirms

what he Democrat has already said

in the matter in its reply to the per-

sonal attacks made by both the al-

leged local agent and the Republican

on the editor of The Democrat be-

cause he gave space to the Duvalls

to warn their friends against being

taken in on this Canadian land

scheme of the Republican's.

Obituary of Mrs. William P. Baker.

Maria Rees, daughter of Major

John Rees and Eliza G. Rees, was

born May 29, 1844, and married to

William P. Baker May 2, 1866, and