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## New Light Posts Here for Additional Boulevard Lights.

The iron posts for the new boulevard lights around the court house square and also on Van Rensselaer street one block north and one block south from Washington street, have arrived and been distributed along the curb ready to install. This will give us 19 more of these lights when the above number are installed, or 51 in all, and Rensselaer will present a more metropolitan appearance than ever when we get them all in operation.

Now if it could only be arranged to extend these lights on east to Division street and west to College avenue, it would be much finer still, and perhaps this can be done if the property owners will donate for the expense of the posts and cable. The Democrat believes that most of those who own property along this thoroughfare would be glad to have the system extended and would contribute funds for the necessary expense. Let some one take the matter up and see what can be done.

## Saved the Auto But Ruined Their Overcoats.

Charles Kessinger of Jordan tp., bought a new Ford touring car of ex-sheriff Hoover Saturday, and Mr. Hoover's son, Victor Hoover, started out with Kessinger to teach him to drive the car. Both were smoking, Kessinger a cigar and young Hoover a pipe. They had got out south of town a few miles when they detected the odor of something burning, and on looking back found that the auto top was a mass of flames. They stopped the car and beat out the fire with their overcoats, ruining their coats but saving the car from complete destruction. As it was the top and upholstery on the rear seat was ruined and the body scorched so that it will have to be repainted. Mr. Hoover drove the car to Earl Park yesterday afternoon to have it repaired, and will stand half the expense of the \$50 to \$60 which it will cost to have it put in as good shape as new. It is probable that a spark was blown from the pipe or cigar into the cloth of the top and was soon fanned into a blaze by the breeze created from the speed the car was running.

## Another Victim of Tuberculosis Passes Away.

John W. Smith, the painter and paper hanger, who had been a sufferer from that dread disease consumption for the past few years, died at his home in the northeast part of town at 1:15 Friday night. He had been in a critical condition for several days and his friends knew that the end was near.

The funeral was held Monday at 2:30 p. m., from Trinity M. E. church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Curnick, and burial made in Weston cemetery. Deceased was a member of both the I. O. O. F. and Red Men orders, and a large number of members of these orders attended the funeral. The latter order had charge of the burial services. Mr. Smith leaves an aged mother, a wife and one son, Floyd, and two brothers and one sister, and many friends to mourn his death. A daughter died from the same disease only last June. His age was 40 years, 4 months and 19 days.

## Very Good Attendance at Agricultural Meeting at Newland.

The agricultural meeting at Newland Saturday was quite largely attended, although only a dozen or fifteen people went from Rensselaer. There were a bunch of fertilizer agents there and practically all of the people from the immediate surrounding country. Prof. Bell's talk was listened to with careful attention, and is said to have been very instructive. He stated that the soil there was excellent for celery, onions, cabbage, asparagus and sweet corn, while the sandy knolls or ridges were adapted to the raising of pickles, and the black and loam land was fine for sugar beets.

There are many new comers locating in the Gifford district about Newland and Gifford this year, and with suitable weather it is probable that a much greater acreage of onions will be put in this season than ever before. It is possible that a canning factory may be started there this year or the preliminary steps taken toward securing one.

The work of preparing the ground for planting is now going on and two oil-pull tractors are turning over the soil at a lively rate. Ed Oliver, who is doing so much to settle up that section of the country, announces that he expects to build three more large storage warehouses at Newland this season.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS IN BRIEF

## Interesting Paragraphs From the Various Departments

## OF JASPER COUNTY CAPITOL

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

Commissioners' court will convene next Monday.

Attorney Jasper Guy of Remington was looking after abstract work here yesterday.

This is the last week of the Newton circuit court, and after a week's vacation the April term of the Jasper circuit court will convene here, on April 12.

County Recorder and Mrs. George W. Scott left yesterday for Rochester, Minn., where the latter will undergo an operation for the removal of her tonsils.

After a few days respite from any regular boarders, Sheriff McColl received two parties from Remington Saturday night, about midnight, who were brought over by the marshal to lay out a fine and costs for plain drunks. The new boarders are James Neff and Henry Conn.

Marriage licenses issued: March 29, John Obed Hurley of Walker tp., aged 30, occupation farmer, to Elsie Wave Stevens of Rensselaer, aged 16 July 10 last, occupation housekeeper. Second marriage for male, first marriage having been dissolved by divorce Feb. 20, 1915; first marriage for female, Manda Ellen Buch, of Rensselaer, mother of female, gives consent to issuance of license. Married by Squire Spitzer in the clerk's office.

It is reported that several of the local sportsmen are taking out hunters' licenses and expect to hunt ducks and geese regardless of the federal migratory bird law. If so, they are taking chances that it would seem no reasonable person would care to take, for the federal government doesn't generally make and distinction when it comes to getting after violators of the law, and it is a violation of the law to hunt and kill migratory birds. Better play on the safe side, boys.

Newton circuit court items of interest to Jasper county readers, taken from the Kentland Democrat: The criminal suits against Henry and Roy Granger were set for trial last week, but the defendants filed affidavit for change of venue, on which the court ruled favorably and the cases were sent to Jasper county for trial.

In case of James H. Gilbert vs. J. Luce Bartoo, attachment proceedings, venued from Jasper county and tried by jury Friday; jury returned verdict for plaintiff and assessed amount of his recovery at \$1,664.61, and costs.

In case of Kinder Kennedy et al vs. Sarah Ann Kennedy, executrix, motion for change of venue from county filed Tuesday; motion granted and cause venued to Jasper circuit court, conditioned that change is completed in three days.

New suits filed: No. 8392. Kinder Kennedy et al vs. Sarah Ann Kennedy, executrix, et al; transcript from Newton county.

No. 8393. Ed Oliver vs. Herby Garriott; action to enjoin defendant from excluding plaintiff from possession of parts of land occupied by defendant as tenant under lease alleged to have terminated Feb. 28, 1915, previously made with one Okey Cole, who then owned said land but has since sold a part of same to plaintiff, it is alleged.

No. 8394. Ed Oliver vs. Ellison Cambe; same kind of case as above, defendant occupying lands under same kind of lease from same party.

No. 8395. Dr. Achilles Davis vs. John Roorda; suit on account. Demand \$149, alleged to be balance due plaintiff for medical and surgical services performed on defendant's daughter, Ella Roorda, in 1909,

the full amount having been \$249, but defendant is credited with having paid \$100 Feb. 4, 1911.

No. 8396. Alfred B. Lowman, supt. of construction, vs. Barkley Civil Township; action to collect \$750 assessed against said township for the construction of the S. C. Irwin's stone road, and which it is understood, Trustee Davisson refuses to pay because the township could not legally be assessed for said road.

## Verdict in Favor of Gault Ditch Bondsmen.

A verdict in favor of the bondsmen on the Gault ditch was returned Tuesday morning by the jury at Kokomo which heard the case, in which efforts were made to hold the bondsmen for failure of the contractors to complete their work. The jury took the case Monday night, the trial having lasted over two weeks.

The defense was based on the claims that the original specifications were erroneous, and that it was impossible to dig a ditch according to these specifications. A new survey and new specifications were at one time made by former Surveyor Vernon of Cass county, upon whose plans the ditch was completed. The jury held that, with these new plans as the basis of reckoning, the original contractors were not overpaid for the work they did—indeed, it was held that they were underpaid to the amount of about \$10,000.

The suit on the bond, brought by Construction Commissioner Davisson, asked for a reimbursement to the amount of about \$35,000, including \$8,000 increased cost at the second letting, \$5,000 attorney fees, \$3,000 penalty, about \$11,000 alleged to have been overpaid the original contractors, and interest on these sums. The court ruled out the attorney fees and penalty, leaving the question of overpayment to be settled by the jury.

According to the verdict it is held that Hillis and Smith, the original contractors, did \$52,000 worth of work (based on the later estimate) but that they received only \$42,000. It is figured, apparently, that the difference of \$10,000 about offsets the \$8,000 increased cost occasioned by the second letting. The verdict means, we are informed, that the second assessment on the ditch is to stand, and that any unpaid assessments are collectible.

The defending bondsmen were Logansport men, including R. M. Carney and Dr. M. A. Jordan, both of whom are now dead, Thomas Flinn, M. W. Collett, Silas Storer and G. A. Gamble. Every move in the case was hotly contested on both sides. —Pulaski County Democrat.

## N. Y. C. to Construct Largest Rail Yards in World Near Gary.

Gary, Ind., March 29.—Trustees of the town of Miller, just east of Gary, today in the Valparaiso circuit court, withdrew their plan to open a street to the lake front through the New York Central Railroad's land when officials of that company announced that they would build their huge Chicago-Gary clearing yards there. As recompense to the town the railroad company will build a \$100,000 boulevard to the Lake Michigan beach.

Although it has been known for some time that the New York Central lines had purchased a large tract of land east of Gary for gigantic railroads yards, it was not known just what the plans were until today, when the company engineers showed blue prints of the entire yard system, which will have a capacity of 35,000 cars, the largest in the world.

The engineers told the Miller trustees that work would be started on the yards this summer.

## Notice of Special Meeting of County Council.

Notice is hereby given that the County Council of Jasper County, Indiana, will meet in special session, Monday, April 5, 1915, at 1 o'clock p. m., in the Commissioners' court room to transact such business as may be properly brought before them for consideration.

JOSEPH P. HAMMOND, Auditor Jasper County.

## Notice to Modern Woodmen.

A full attendance of members of Rensselaer Camp No. 4412 is desired for tonight, Wednesday, March 31, as there is degree work to do.—JOHN MERRITT, Clerk.

## A Car Just Received.

If you want to see a fine lot of quality wagons, call on C. A. ROBERTS, Front street, Rensselaer.

## GOODLAND BOY WINS OUT

## In the Newton County Spelling Contest Held at Morocco.

We clip from the Goodland Herald the following report of the Newton county spelling contest, recently held at Morocco:

Floyd Keene brought home the bacon last Saturday from Morocco as the best speller in Newton county. Floyd is a deserving lad and the Goodland people are well proud of him, for he has worked hard for the honors he has won. Co. Supt. Schanlaub informed us that a large number attended the contest which began at 11:45 and continued until 4:45, inclusive of the noon hour. Each of the fourteen schools corporations in the county was fully represented; that is, three representatives were entered from each one. Only two alternates were used: Marguerite Bernissen of McClellan tp., and John Eckstrom of Iroquois.

During the progress of the contest it could be readily seen that it would require a long period of time to retire all of the contestants. It has been exemplified in these affairs that "practice makes perfect." After all of the contestants but two were "spelled down," leaving Floyd Keene of the Goodland school, and Jane Hebard of the Roselawn school, it required over one hour to determine which would be the winner but Miss Hebard finally forgot to capitalize the word, Acropolis, and Floyd Keene was declared the winner. Floyd is the first boy to win the contest and he was immediately placed upon a table and all passed around and shook hands with him, and hailed him as the winner. He is very deserving of the honor which has been conferred on him. His ability to spell will nevermore be questioned.

Miss Jane Hebard is also to be congratulated for being the second best speller in the county. She has acquired a habit of correct spelling that will always be a source of pride to her.

The other winners were as follows: Ralph Willis, Conrad school, Lake tp., third; Elizabeth Lowe, Brook school, fourth; Charles Bassett, Decker school, Beaver tp., fifth; Harry Martin, Oak Grove school, McClellan tp., sixth; Gladys Cyphers, Thayer school, Lincoln tp., seventh; Ada Lambert, Mt. Ayr school, Jackson tp., eighth; Verna Dirst, Brook school, ninth; Kathryn Bassett, Goodland school, tenth. Books were awarded as prizes to all of the above.

Bernard Baker of the West Union school in Beaver tp., was awarded a prize of \$2.50 in gold for being the youngest contestant to enter; Harry Martin of the Oak Grove school, McClellan tp., received \$1.50 for being the second youngest, and Sydney Carlson of the Norway school, Beaver tp., was given \$1 for being the third youngest.

The stumbling blocks were found in the following words: Duty, lady, speech, naught, diligently, writing, Massachusetts, sympathetic, foreigners, indemnify, indentify, siege, accommodate, similiar, auxiliary, sylvan, judicious, miscellaneous, debt, tariff, statistics, liniment, annexation, desirable, benefiting, amicable, aggregate, Detroit, Britain, unfamiliarly, Acropolis, maize, advice, warrant, existence, disastrous, trancient, mature, bear and guarantee. It must be borne in mind that not all of the above words were misspelled. Repeating a letter with a change, omission of capitals, etc., are counted missed.

The judges were Revs. Gardner and Kendall and Editor L. P. Buita, all of Morocco. The pronouncer was Rev. Elvin Daniels of Kentland. This was the fifth annual county spelling contest and it is said to have been the best, from most every view point, that has been held.

## Livery Stock and Residence Property at Public Auction.

As I am to move to New York state about April 10, I will offer at public auction to the highest bidder, at the Knapp livery barn in Rensselaer, at 1 p. m., on

## Saturday, April 3, 1915.

My entire livery stock, consisting of horses, buggies, carriages, harness, robes, blankets, barn tools, etc., 1 110-gallon enclosed gasoline tank, gasoline drums, a quantity of household goods, 1 organ, and numerous other articles. Also lot 6, block 14 Rensselaer, upon which is a good barn, cement sidewalk in front, across street from C. A. Roberts' residence; also my residence on River street in Rensselaer, which has basement, bath, city water, cistern, electric lights, located on large lot, with garage, and fruit and berries in abundance.

Usual terms will be given on livery stock; 1, 2 and 3 years on deferred payments on real estate.

JOHN M. KNAPP, Fred Phillips, auctioneer; C. G. Spitzer, clerk.

## Notice of Election of Officers.

Notice is hereby given to the members and supporters of the First Presbyterian church of Rensselaer, Indiana, that the annual election of trustees and other officers of said church will be held at the church at the annual business meeting, on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p. m. A full attendance is desired.

J. H. S. ELLIS, Secretary Board Trustees.

Calling cars, the correct size, both plain and linen finish, constantly in stock in The Democrat's fancy stationery department.

## GENERAL AND STATE NEWS

## Telegraphic Reports From Many Parts of the Country.

## SHORT BITS OF THE UNUSUAL

Happenings in the Nearby Cities and Towns—Matters of Minor Mention From Many Places.

## WHITE COUNTY PROSECUTOR

## Marries Girl Who Made Paternity Charges Against Him.

Logansport, Ind., March 28.—Truman Brockway, prosecutor of White and Carroll counties, to whom was handed a 2-weeks-old baby here last Thursday by the mother of the child, Miss Mae Shigley of Lafayette, today was married to Miss Shigley at the home of Judge Joseph M. Rabb in this city by the Rev. Dr. Frank R. Hayes, pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian church.

Present at the ceremony were the mothers of both Mr. Brockway and his bride. The wedding was the result of diplomatic overtures by Judge Rabb, who took Miss Shigley to his home after the sensational developments of last week, and thereafter brought all his persuasive powers to bear upon Brockway to consent to the marriage. Judge Rabb was a former member of the appellate court and is now senior member of the Logansport law firm of Rabb, Mahoney & Fansler.

## MEET AT BLOOMINGTON.

## Delphi Woman to Respond to Address of Welcome at State Newspaper Meeting.

Bloomington, Ind., March 29.—Mrs. Mindwell Crampton Wilson of Delphi, has been chosen by the committee of the different editorial associations of the state to respond to President William Lowe Bryan's address of welcome at the coming newspaper conference to be held at Indiana University, April 29 and 30. She is a most capable newspaper woman, being an able speaker as well as writer. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of A. B. Crampton, editor of the Carroll County Citizen-Times. She is actively associated with the paper, contributing a valuable and interesting department.

The object of the coming conference is to form a state-wide organization of the newspaper owners and publishers of Indiana. It will deal with news, editorial, circulation, advertising and cost problems. It is intended to establish a better cooperation between the newspapers and retail merchants to the betterment of business conditions. The organization is in no sense to take the place of other associations which have their own particular functions.

## Assessment Roll Filed to Remove Rock Ledge at Mommence.

The assessment roll for Mommence and Yellowhead townships, Drainage District No. 1, was filed yesterday with County Judge Merrill by W. H. Savary, attorney. The total amount is \$38,714.80. Thursday, April 8, at 10 a. m., is the hour set for the hearing of objections.

Should the assessment roll be approved by the court, one of the greatest benefits to the flooded and swamp land of eastern Illinois and western Indiana will be accomplished. For a long time it has been the desire of owners of this lowland to have what is known as the Mommence Rock Ridge removed from the Kankakee river. This ridge, located east of Mommence and right in the channel of the river, is 300 feet wide, 200 feet long and 3 feet in depth. It has shut off the current of the river and caused water to stand upon some of the lowlands even in the dry season of the year. With the ledge removed, which would have to be done by the plans for the above mentioned drainage district, the water level of the river east of the obstruction would be lowered 3 feet.

It will be remembered that some time last year the Indiana legislature was petitioned by property owners near the state line to furnish money for the removal of the ledge, but that body refused to come over into the state of Illinois

## EUROPEAN WAR IN BRIEF

All the Alpine troops of the first category have been called to the colors by the Italian war department for 45 days.

The forces of the Triple Entente are still arrayed at various places in heavy battles against the troops of the Teutonic allies. The latest official reports show that severe engagements are waging in northern France, northern Poland, in the Carpathian region and in the vicinity of the Black Sea in the Caucasus.

German submarines again are operating in the Irish Sea, and it is believed that at least one more steamer has been sunk by them.

Upward of 137 lives were lost in the sinking by German submarines of the African liner Falaba and the British steamer Agulla bound from Liverpool for Lisbon. The Falaba was torpedoed in St. George's Channel Sunday afternoon.

An official list supplied at the offices of the Elder Dempster Steamship Company shows that so far as is known at present fifty-two first class passengers, thirty-four second-class passengers and forty-nine of the crew of the Falaba, were saved.

Four of the passengers and four of the crew are reported killed and sixty-one passengers and forty-three of the crew are missing.

The Agulla had a crew of forty-two and three passengers, and of these twenty-three of the crew and all the passengers were lost.

A measure of vast importance is virtually forecast by the conference which British ship owners have had with David Lloyd George. The Shipbuilding Employers' Federation unanimously urge the total prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors during the period of the war. The chancellor, in describing drink as the greatest of "three deadly foes," declared he was convinced that nothing but "root and branch methods" would be of the slightest avail in dealing with the evil.

The Russians continue their drive toward the plains of Hungary, with the Austrians apparently being forced back on the western mountain front, but, with the aid of the Germans, holding their positions on the eastern line.

In northern Poland the Germans have taken the town of Taurögen, which has changed hands several times, while on the front west of the Niemen river the Russians report that the German counter offensive has been stopped.

with an appropriation for work that should be done here.

That there will be little objection to the assessment is the prediction of Atty. Savary and the much needed deepening of the river channel will come to pass.—Kankakee (Ill.) Democrat.

## Many Amendments in Acts.

It was announced Saturday at the office of the secretary of state that out of the 191 laws that will appear in the Acts of the 1915 legislature about the middle of April, sixty-two amendments to existing laws will be evident. Almost one-third of all the work of the last legislature, therefore, was devoted to amending laws already on the statute books. Among the more prominent amendments to Indiana laws passed at this session of the legislature were those relating to the corrupt practices act, the registration of voters act, the tax laws and the law relating to the teachers' pension fund in Indianapolis.

## Work for a Year.

Laporte, Ind., March 28.—The Dodge Manufacturing Co., Mishawaka, will tomorrow put 1,000 men at work on full time. The company has a big order for transmission machinery for the Dupont Powder mills, the order calling for the making of machinery valued at \$1,000,000. The company has other orders which will keep the plant in steady operation for more than a year, with every indication pointing to the increasing of the force to 1,500 men.

## Dental Notice.

During my absence in Florida my office will be closed. Expect to return about April 1st.

H. L. BROWN, Dentist.