

PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

Preliminary Assessment Roll on Street Improvements Adopted.

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

A petition filed by the Main garage for a drinking fountain on Cullen street was referred to the water committee.

In the matter of the improvement of Home avenue, Grove street, Austin avenue and West Washington street, preliminary assessment roll was filed and Aug. 25 fixed as last date for filing remonstrances.

The city attorney was ordered to collect rent from James Milady, who is alleged to have moved into the old Ralph Fendig property on the corner of Van Rensselaer and Harrison streets without leave or license some time last spring, and on failure of said Milady to pay, to proceed by suit in ejectment. This property belongs to the city and Milady is alleged to have taken possession without any authority whatever and to have paid no rent during the several months he has occupied same. It would seem that the court ought to appoint a guardian for the city to look after its interests, when such things as this can be pulled off.

The usual number of claims were allowed.

H. B. TUTEUR CAR BURNED UP

Completely Destroyed by Fire of Unknown Origin Sunday.

H. B. Tuteur had the misfortune to have his Chevrolet roadster destroyed by fire about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Tuteur, with a couple of other young men, had driven out south of town to the grove just east of Mt. Calvary cemetery and the car was left at the roadside while the boys went over to the grove.

They had been there for some little time when one of them noticed that the car was on fire. A hurried trip was made to St. Joseph college and a fire extinguisher secured, but the extinguisher failed to Rensselaer and secured an extinguisher. But when they got back with it the car was practically destroyed, the entire body and three wheels being burned up.

Had it not been for the fact that the boys were afraid the gasoline tank would explode they might possibly have put out the fire when first discovered. But they did not care to take any chances and kept at a safe distance. The tank did finally blow out at the end and the escaping gasoline added to the ferocity of the flames.

While the car had seen several years service, it was still in good running order and the tires were nearly all practically new, therefore the loss was a few hundred dollars at least. There was no insurance on the car.

It is not known how the fire originated, but Mr. Tuteur thinks that possibly some one passing along the road had thrown a cigarette stub in the dry grass near the car or a cigarette stub may have been dropped in the car when the boys left it, although the latter theory is hardly probable.

CHICKEN THIEVES ARE BUSY

Chicken thieves are reported to be getting in their work in this vicinity, especially over about Mt. Ayr and Brook, where hundreds have been stolen. Mrs. Marsh Warner of Rensselaer has had about 50 stolen. Unfortunately the courts have been too lenient with chicken thieves, when caught, and have not given them the punishment in the past that this most despicable crime deserves. The full limit of the law might have a good effect next time one is caught. In the meantime unchain the bulldog and run a few extra slugs in the shotgun.

MT. AYR FARMS CHANGE HANDS

Oscar Schanlaub and Charles W. Fleming were over from near Mt. Ayr yesterday. The former has just sold his 40-acre farm 1 1/2 miles west of Mt. Ayr to Ernest Schanlaub at \$275 per acre and has partly bargained for a 160-acre farm in Jasper county, north of Logansport. Mr. Fleming has purchased the old 40-acre farm of Ernest Schanlaub, 3 1/4 miles southwest of Mt. Ayr, which sold his 160 on the north, paying \$260 per acre therefor.

COURT HOUSE NEWS IN BRIEF

Interesting Paragraphs From the Various Departments

OF JASPER COUNTY CAPITOL

Legal News Epitomized—Together With Other Notes Gathered by Us From the Various County Offices.

D. J. Pettit of Wolcott was a visitor in the city a short time Saturday.

Trustee John F. Pettit and son Jay of Walker township were visitors in the city Saturday. Mr. Pettit has let the contract for the new school building at Oak Grove to C. P. Clager of Wheatfield for \$2,460.

Trustee B. F. LeFevre, Theodore Phillips and Jerry Shea were down from Gilliam Monday. The latter, who suffered a bad fall from a load of hay when a rope he was pulling on broke with him a month ago, letting him fall over backward to the ground nine feet below on his head and shoulders, was getting along nicely until Saturday, when at work tightening some taps on his car he wrenched his neck again and he was suffering almost as badly as ever Monday.

Trustee Postill received but one bid Saturday for the new consolidated school building, which he proposes to build about a half mile west of the Alf Donnelly corner, on the north side of the road just west of the old Donnelly farmhouse. This bid was about \$18,000 and is in excess of the bond issue. The bid was from Hodshire & Young of Monticello. The matter has not been disposed of as yet, but it is hoped that a few changes may be made so that the contract can be entered into.

NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Lee Dirst of Mt. Ayr underwent an operation for appendicitis Saturday and is doing as well as could be expected.

Glen Baker, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently, was able to return to his home in Barkley township Monday.

Mrs. Pearl Ellis of Morocco entered the hospital Friday for medical attention.

Sylvester Amsler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Amsler of southeast of town, underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday.

Arnold Ade, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ade of Mt. Ayr, had his tonsils and adenoids removed yesterday.

Harry Martin of Morocco was brought over yesterday noon and underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Ruth Maxwell and Elizabeth Hebbard had their tonsils removed yesterday.

AEROPLANE EXPRESS TODAY Will Bring Shipment to the Traub Clothing House.

The world's first aeroplane express will land in Rensselaer on Wednesday, August 13, at 2:15 p. m., when Lieut. David L. Behncke brings a shipment of Society Brand clothes from the factory at Chicago to William Traub.

Behncke flies a Curtiss bi-plane and will land on the Amsler field at 2:15 p. m. He will be met by a special committee of welcome headed by Mayor Charles G. Spitzer.

An auto truck will rush the merchandise from the field to the store. Ample time will be given to inspect the plane and meet the aviator.

The world's first aeroplane express service is a culmination of an idea that originated with Alfred Decker, president of Alfred Decker & Cohn, manufacturers of Society Brand clothes, back in the spring of 1914.

A representative of the concern visited flying fields at Dayton, O., and in the east and on his return it was decided to inaugurate the service. The war came on shortly after which made it necessary to abandon the idea until this spring.

A forty acre flying field equipped with a steel hangar has been established at Maywood, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and two Curtiss J-N-4 bi-planes were purchased. On Tuesday

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THE TWO PAULS ARE HOME

Paul Worland and Paul Healy Discharged From the Service.

Paul Worland returned home Saturday noon from Camp Sherman, O., where he received his discharge from the service. Paul spent about 18 months in France with the ambulance department. He landed in this country about August 1. Paul, in common with all the other Jasper county boys returning from the service, is looking splendid, the picture of good health.

Paul Healy, who had been in the band on the U. S. S. Mt. Vernon for the past year or more, received his discharge at Pittsburg, Pa., Saturday and reached home Sunday. He is also looking fine and has gained some 16 pounds in weight since joining the navy. He says he got very tired of it, however, and was mighty glad to get back home.

AUTOMOBILE TIRE IS STOLEN

Saturday night some one entered A. Leopold's garage and stole a new Miller 36x4 1/2 cord tire, rim and inner tube which had just been bought last week and cost \$60. The thief was evidently acquainted with the premises, as he had gone to the place where the key to the garage was kept, then went back to the garage and after unlocking the door, threw the key on the ground.

MRS. CLINT BROWN IS DEAD

Former Rensselaer Lady Brought Here for Burial Yesterday.

Mrs. Clint Brown of near Huntington, who had been lying at the point of death for some time, passed away at about 6 o'clock Monday morning, and the body was brought to Rensselaer yesterday afternoon and taken direct to the Christian church, where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Cole of Huntington, who accompanied the funeral party here. Burial was made in Weston cemetery.

Mrs. Brown was born and raised in Jasper county, near Rensselaer, and was 43 years of age March 9 last. She was married to Clinton Brown of Barkley township January 17, 1904, and continued to reside after her marriage in this county until a few years ago when she and her husband moved upon a farm near Huntington, where they were still residing at the time of her death.

Mrs. Brown had been in poor health for quite a long time but had only been considered in a serious condition since last March. She underwent an operation and was in a hospital in Huntington for 11 weeks, but had been at home for some time, gradually declining until her death.

She leaves a husband, two brothers and two sisters, Joseph P. Hammond of Rensselaer, Charles Hammond of Michigan, Mrs. Marion I. Adams of southeast of town and Mrs. C. B. Harold of Chicago, to mourn her departure.

FARM FOR SALE

240 acres of land to be sold at public auction on Tuesday, the second day of September, 1919, at 2 o'clock p. m. The place to be sold on account of old age of the owner. Location: 6 1/2 miles north-east of Medaryville; 6 1/2 miles southeast of San Pierre. Good 5-room house, fair stable, new hen-house, new double corn crib and grainary; 40 acres of good timothy hay land; the remainder of the farm is all tillable soil, except several acres of timber pasture. The land belongs to Mrs. Margaret May, Route 3, Medaryville, Ind. a30

LATE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Firman Thompson, at the county hospital, a daughter.

NOTED STEEL MAGNATE DEAD

Andrew Carnegie Dies of Pneumonia at Age of 84.

Lenox, Mass., August 11.—In his great mansion overlooking a lake in the beautiful Berkshire hills, where he sought seclusion when bodily infirmity overtook him, Andrew Carnegie, iron master and philanthropist, died today.

Although he had been in feeble health for more than two years, his final illness was brief—a matter of days. A severe cold developed quickly into bronchial pneumonia, the aged patient lapsed into unconsciousness and the end came as though it were but the beginning of a deeper sleep.

Mr. Carnegie came to America from Scotland a poor boy in 1848, and up to the time of his death he had given away over \$350,000,000.

RECOUNT OF VOTES ORDERED

North Vernon, August 12.—Questioning the legality of the Jennings county courthouse election, in which those opposed to the removal of the county seat from Vernon to North Vernon lost by a majority of 828 votes, the losing side has taken the matter into court, with Judge John Carney presiding. The ballots cast in the election were ordered recounted, and further proceedings in the case are to come up at the October session of the circuit court.

JOHN EGER AGAIN FOOD HEAD

For Jasper County in Fight on High Cost of Living.

John Eger, who so ably filled the position as county food administrator during the war, has again been called upon to assume this duty by State Food Administrator Barnard, who sent Mr. Eger the following communication:

August 10, 1919.

To County Administrators: The industrial crisis our country is facing prompts our earnest consideration of the economic problems which lie back of unrest and social disorder. Attorney General Palmer, remembering the splendid work of the United States food administration, has asked me to recall to service our entire food organization and to place the county administrators in full charge of the situation in their several counties. I am, therefore, asking you to take up again the work of food control and the enforcement of the Lever law, especially as it relates to hoarding, profiteering and waste.

Attorney General Palmer instructs me to ask you to form a fair price committee which will include one retail grocer, one wholesale grocer, one dry goods dealer, your labor representative, your county chairman of food clubs and as well, several representatives of the consumer. May I suggest that you include other trades or businesses, if you desire, as it is our wish to secure data on the price of all commodities which may be unfairly priced, such as coal, ice, shoes, rentals, etc.

Letters are going out today to all the men who worked with us, asking them to report to you both for instructions and as well the results of their work. In this list are the price reporter, labor representative, merchant representative, leaders in the food club work.

As you perfect your plans and organization give the facts to your local press, always heading the suggestion from Washington that cold facts and not wild reports will stabilize public opinion and quiet unrest.

Report to me the results of your price investigations. All cases involving profiteering or violation of any section of the Lever act will be immediately handed over to the department of justice. The United States attorney general has been instructed to cooperate with us in punishing all law violators.

I have wired Washington that our organization stands ready for service, and that without expectation of compensation every man will do his utmost. Yours very truly,

H. E. BARNARD,

Try a want ad in The Democrat.

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 Localities.

E. G. COLLINS IS DISCHARGED

State Fails to Implicate Lafayette Lawyer in Death of Mrs. Long.

Lafayette, August 12.—Edgar G. Collins, Lafayette attorney, charged with the murder of Mrs. Freida Long, whose body was found on the floor of the Lafayette Loan and Trust building last Monday, was discharged from custody at the conclusion of a preliminary hearing held in the city court Saturday evening.

The state failed to show a crime had been committed or that Collins knew the woman.

MONON STRIKERS BACK ON JOB

The Monon shopmen at Lafayette who went on strike last Thursday, returned to work yesterday. Many other railroad shopmen on the different roads have returned to work on assurances by President Wilson that their grievances would be looked into and who also gave them to understand in plain words that no negotiations could be begun so long as they persisted in continuing the strike against the instructions of the heads of their unions, as no strike had been ordered except in the Chicago district. The greatest interruption in traffic by the strike has been on the eastern roads, where many trains were taken off.

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

State Superintendent L. N. Hines requested success grades from the following applicants on the July teachers' examination: Urs Gwin, Oka Pancoast, Minnie Hemphill, Jane Parkison, Mabel Worland, Tillie Malchow, Edith Thompson, Betty Royster, Marguerite Jones and Nina Washburn. A call for a success grade does not always mean that the applicant has been successful. But there are very few cases where the applicant fails after a call has been made for the success grade.

The township trustees are getting their school houses scrubbed and cleaned for school to open September 8. An extraordinary effort is being made to start every school in Jasper county on Monday, September 8. Teachers are either settling down to take their schools or resigning to accept others. This is the month that this occurs most frequently. Mabel McAhren, who was slated to teach for Grant Township of Barkley, resigned last Saturday to take a school nearer home (Indianapolis). We have had no resignations of home teachers, but always teachers who use Jasper county as the last straw and if all others sink then they fulfill their obligations. This is one of the strongest reasons why Jasper county should use its home teacher. It is equally true that home teachers should make themselves equally as efficient by attending good normal schools and keeping abreast with the times. Otherwise they should not be used.

The Demotte school addition is well under way. It is possible that the schools in Keener township will convene a week or two later than others on account of this.

The following corporations have their reports on file in the office of the county superintendent: Barkley, Carpenter, Gilliam, Jordan, Kankakee, Marion, Newton, Union, Walker, Wheatfield, Remington town, and Wheatfield town. The others will likely be in so that the report can be made to the state department by the 15th of this month.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

We will continue the repairing of automobiles under the big tent, just east of our old garage. After the new garage is up our tent will be for rent for public sales, public meetings, etc.—KUBOSKE & WALTER.

An armload of old papers for 5c at The Democrat office.

RETURN FROM EXTENDED TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rowles Visited Many Eastern Points.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rowles and Max Robinson returned home Sunday evening from a five weeks' automobile trip to eastern points, going via Toledo and Cleveland, O., Williamsport, Pa., Buffalo, Niagara Falls and New York city; thence by boat up the Hudson river to Albany and return, then to Philadelphia, Pa., Washington, D. C., Wheeling, W. V., Columbus, O., Richmond, Ind., and home. They report a delightful trip, but except for a week's visit with friends at Williamsport, Pa., they saw no one they knew but Miss Mable Atwood, domestic science teacher in the Rensselaer high school, whom they met in Washington as she was entering the congressional library.

TOURISTS FROM MANY STATES

Lots of tourists passed through the city Monday over the Jackson highway. We noticed one car bearing a Connecticut license number—a state seldom represented in tourist travel through here; one Mississippi, one Tennessee, one Nebraska, one Pennsylvania, one Iowa, one Michigan, one Wisconsin, and several from Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois. Many of these tourists stop here for eats, gasoline and other supplies.

ARRESTED BY LAFAYETTE COPS

Edmond Murray, Late of California, Robs Store at Monon.

Arrested here at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, Edmond Murray, 23 years old, was taken to Monon in the afternoon to answer charges of arson, automobile theft, burglary and passing worthless checks. Murray was taken into custody by Captain Arthur Eversole and Officers Connell, E. C. Smith and Charles Arman. It is said that Murray drove to the electric shop of Archie Lee at Monon at 11:40 o'clock Friday night and told the night policeman, James Wilson, that he was assisting Mr. Lee in doing some electrical work at Reynolds, and had come for some supplies. He unlocked the door and began loading the electrical goods into his Ford touring car. To deceive Mr. Wilson he pretended to list the goods on a pad. After he had placed almost the entire contents of the store in the car, he drove away.

When the policeman made his rounds again he discovered the electric shop on fire, and calling Mr. Lee, he assisted in extinguishing the flames. It was not until then that Mr. Lee discovered that the store had been robbed. Mr. Lee obtained a description of the man from Mr. Wilson, and knowing that Murray's mother lived in Lafayette, notified the authorities here to be on the lookout for him, and came here at once. The officers went to the Alpha Gamma Rho house, 201 Russell street, West Lafayette, where Murray's mother has been staying this summer.

Two of the officers went into the house and the other two, Connell and Smith, remained on the outside. Murray ran to the fire escape on the second floor, leaped out and ran up the street almost a block and then took to the fields. The officers pursued him, and after a lively chase, in which the officers ran into a barbed wire fence and were badly scratched and their clothing torn almost to shreds, they succeeded in capturing Murray when he slipped and fell.

The electrical goods that Murray took from the shop were found still in the car in a barn three doors from the Alpha Gamma Rho house, and it was discovered that the car that he had used belonged to Ray Phillips of Park avenue, and had been taken from the Third street side of the Lafayette Life building on Friday, August 1. It was learned that the officers at Monon were in search of Murray for passing worthless checks at Wolcott and as the charges filed there are graver than those filed here, he was allowed to go with the officers to Monon, where he was given a preliminary hearing and taken to Monticello for trial. It is said that Murray admitted taking the automobile and the electrical goods, but denied having set fire to the shop.

Edmond Murray formerly lived in California, and claims to have

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MUNICIPAL OPEN AIR CONCERT

WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 13, 1919, 9 P. M.

March—"Olevine".....H. A. Vandercook
One Step—"Come On, Papa".....Leslie and Ruby
Overture—"Poet and Peasant".....F. V. Suppe
Waltz—"Beautiful Ohio".....Mary Earl
Fox Trot—"By the Camp Fire".....Percy Wenrick
Overture—"Bohemian Girl".....W. Balfe
One Step—"Me-ow".....Mel B. Kaufman
Fox Trot—"Mammy o' Mine".....Maceo Pinkard
March—"Stars and Stripes Forever".....Souza