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DR. AND MRS. A. G. CATT HOME
Return From Eastern Automobile
Trip Tuesday Night.

Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Catt returned Tuesday evening from a month's visit in New York state, making the drive to and from Rochester in their auto. They visited Mrs. Catt's brother, W. C. Marlow, at Niagara Falls, and accompanied the latter and his family in his car on a trip through the Catskill mountains and Berkshire hills to Bridgeport, Conn., returning via Albany and the Mohawk valley to Niagara Falls. They had a most delightful trip and enjoyed every minute of it.

Dr. Catt attended a big convention of optometrists at Rochester, which was the principal object in their going east, and he and Mrs. Catt spent one night with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Knapp, former well-known residents of Rensselaer but who now reside on a farm near Panama, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are nicely located and have a good farm there, but they think there is no place like Rensselaer and hope some time, if they can sell out there, to again return to the "Garden of Eden," as John calls Jasper county.

Mr. and Mrs. Catt returned by way of Cleveland, Delaware and Columbus, O., and visited the Girls' Industrial school at Delaware, of which Mrs. Catt was formerly superintendent.

SELLING SUGAR TOO HIGH HERE

Only One Store In Rensselaer Selling at 11c Pound.

According to the Indianapolis papers prosecutions will follow the retailing of sugar at more than 11 cents per pound, in the crusade now being made to cut down excessive profits in handling of food products. The wholesale price of sugar—the maximum price a wholesaler can charge a retailer—has been fixed at \$9.80 per 100 pounds, and the maximum price a retailer can charge his customers is 11 cents per pound.

The Indianapolis News Tuesday evening said:

The business operations of P. F. May, of Straughn, Henry county, are to be investigated at once by the agents of the bureau of investigation. This action was decided on by the district attorney, after reading information from Straughn alleging that May, a retail grocer, had been hoarding sugar and selling it for 12 cents a pound, or 1 cent more than the price established by the United States food administration.

Particular attention will be paid to reports of high prices on sugar for the reason that A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney-general, in a general circular to the district attorneys, has called attention to the fact that the United States food administration takes the position that when sugar is retailing for more than 11 cents a pound that fact indicates that either the wholesaler or the retailer is making an unreasonable profit.

The Democrat believed that most of the stores in Rensselaer had been selling sugar at more than 11 cents per pound, and Wednesday morning it made inquiries of the eight downtown grocery stores of their retail price on sugar, potatoes and tomatoes, and the result was astonishing.

Only one of the eight stores was selling sugar at 11 cents. One was selling at 11 1/2 cents, four at 12 cents and one at 12 1/2 cents. One store was out of sugar.

All were the same on potatoes—7 cents per pound—except one, which was selling at 6 1/2 cents.

Home grown tomatoes, which were selling in Indianapolis at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel of 60 pounds were being retailed in Rensselaer all the way from 5 to 12 cents per pound. Two stores had no tomatoes on hand at the time inquiries were made, but of the other six one was retailing at 12 cents a pound; one at 10 cents; two at 8 cents and two at 5 cents, a difference of 7 cents a pound between the highest and the lowest price.

The retail price of produce in Rensselaer, of course, is gauged by what the grocer has to pay the producer and also by his conscience. Some paid an excessive price to the producer for his tomatoes and therefore passed it on to the consumer, but the difference in the retail price here was certainly startling and should convince the frugal consumer that it pays to learn the other fellows' price before buying.

One Rensselaer grocer informed The Democrat yesterday morning

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.

County Assessor Thornton and Auditor Hammond were in Indianapolis Thursday before the state tax board.

There were 8 marriage licenses issued last month against 13 for the preceding month and 5 for the corresponding month of 1918.

Marriage licenses issued: August 12, Silas M. Taylor of Terre Haute, aged 32 November 1 last, electrician, and Elva E. Easter of Remington, aged 21 October 31 last, housekeeper. Second marriage for male, first marriage dissolved by death in 1910, first marriage for female.

Nine divorce cases have been filed in the Jasper circuit court since the adjournment of the April term on May 10. During the same period, including a license issued May 10, an even 30 marriage licenses have been issued, so that the proportion of divorce cases to marriages during this time has been about 1 to 3.

Edmond Murray, late of Rensselaer and Lafayette, who sacked the Archie Lee electrical shop at Monon Friday night or last week and made his getaway in a Ford car stolen in Lafayette, and was later taken into custody in the latter city, was bound over to the White circuit court at a preliminary hearing held at Monon last Saturday on the charge of grand larceny. Bail was fixed at \$1,000, in default of which he was taken to the county jail at Monticello.

Ellis Jones was over from Remington Wednesday on business. Real estate values are climbing in the south part of Jasper county and the Jones Bros. agency has just sold the George Thompson 160-acre farm, one mile south and three miles west of Remington, to John Frary of Pontiac, Ill., at \$305 per acre, the top-notch price for land in that vicinity to date. In the past two weeks Jones Bros. have sold 677 acres at an average price of a little better than \$282 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shauli of Wolcott are visiting here this week with the family of County Treasurer Charles V. May. Mrs. May is a daughter of theirs. Mr. and Mrs. Shauli have but recently returned from a several months' visit with relatives in Pennsylvania and Baltimore, Md. It has been very wet in Pennsylvania and considerable wheat and oats was ruined as a result of the incessant rains. On their way home, in northern Ohio, they found it also very wet and saw numerous fields of oats that had not yet been cut.

New suits filed: No. 9082. Demarcus R. Brown vs. Mary M. Brown; action for divorce.

The complaint alleges that the parties were married in 1886 and separated in March, 1909; that in the year 1909 they were residing in Kankakee township and that defendant, without any cause therefore, wholly abandoned plaintiff and has ever since lived apart from him, against his wishes and without his consent; that they have as the fruits of said marriage seven children, Harley, aged 32; Homer, aged 30; Aubra, aged 29; Wayne, aged 21; Russell, aged 18; Ferne, aged 16, and Clyde, aged 14.

No. 9084. N. H. Warner and D. G. Warner vs. Everett Greenlee; suit on note. Demand \$47.50 in first paragraph, \$55.25 in second paragraph and \$52.50 in third paragraph.

No. 9085. Charles H. Guttrich vs. Charles A. Guttrich; action in foreclosure of mortgage and appointment of receiver.

You can still buy a good rubber-tipped lead pencil for a nickel in The Democrat's fancy stationery and office supply department.

SUDDEN DEATH AT REMINGTON
Mrs. A. H. Dickinson Expires After a Brief Illness.

Mrs. Albert H. Dickinson of Remington died at her home in that city on the Goodland road at 5:30 Tuesday morning, after less than 24 hours' illness from gallstones. Mrs. Dickinson had an attack several years ago of gallstone trouble but was treated then by Remington physicians and had no further recurrence of the trouble until about 7 o'clock Monday morning, when she suffered an acute attack of her old ailment and nothing that medical skill could do was able to save her.

The funeral was held at Remington Thursday afternoon and burial made in the Remington cemetery. Her age was 58 years.

Mrs. Dickinson's maiden name was Sarah Waymire, and she was a sister of Henry Waymire, now of Rensselaer. She was married to Albert H. Dickinson when 18 years of age and to this union nine children were born, six daughters and three sons, all of whom, with the husband, survive her. The children are: Martha and Georgia Dickinson of Chicago; Leonard and Earl of Rockford, Ill.; Mort of Modale, Ia.; Mrs. Delbert Alsor and Mrs. Eunice Bressner of Remington, and Edna and Leona, who are still at home.

BOTTLING WORKS IS COMING

Vern Nowels To Establish Industry In Former Wright Building.

Vern Nowels, who recently purchased the Wright building just west of the Rensselaer Garage, informed The Democrat Wednesday afternoon that it could say officially that he would establish a bottling works therein as soon as the necessary outfit can be secured, which will probably be from four to six weeks.

Mention was made in The Democrat recently that Mr. Nowels was figuring on such a proposition, but the final arrangements were not completed until Wednesday.

Mr. Nowels will manufacture all kinds of soft drinks, it is understood, and will deliver same by auto truck to retailers in neighboring towns. He will probably employ several men during the busy seasons, and it is an industry that may mean considerable to Rensselaer, as the soft drink business promises a great future.

MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPES DEATH

When Big Touring Car Overturned West of Aix Thursday.

A big Westcott touring car overturned about half a mile west of Aix Thursday about 4:30 p. m. and how the driver escaped instant death is a miracle. The car was evidently being driven at a high speed and skidded in the road, which is rounded up quite a bit at this point, and turned over one and a half times before it stopped, landing on its left side in the ditch. The steering wheel was broken completely off, both glasses in the windshield broken out, the dash torn loose, fender mashed and hood jammed up, but the lone occupant of the car escaped with his life, although considerably bruised up, and perhaps much more seriously injured than he thought.

Two cars, one man in each, were traveling in company, both bearing Ohio license numbers, one a Cadillac sedan and the other a Westcott six touring car, with dark green body, wire wheels and bearing Ohio license plate No. D-2241. It was the latter car that turned over. The men had passed through Rensselaer only a few minutes prior to the accident and had said that they found the roads fine from Wolcott here and had no difficulty in hitting along at 50 and 55 miles an hour. If the roads were as good on north, they said, they would be in Chicago in about three hours.

But their plans miscarried, and the Rensselaer Garage was called and went out and pulled in the wrecked car, the other car coming in also, but both men left in the Cadillac after a short time and probably drove at a safer speed the balance of the way to Chicago.

The cars were not new ones, the Westcott having been driven about 5,000 miles, as shown by the speedometer, and the other car perhaps about the same number of miles.

The damaged car was left here.

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

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.

LEN LEFLER SUSTAINS LOSS

When Tecumseh Trail Pleasure Resort Near Lafayette Burns.

Len Lefler, formerly of near Rensselaer, suffered a loss of \$1,000 or more by fire about 10 o'clock Tuesday night when the Tecumseh Trail pavilion and the adjacent buildings were completely destroyed by a fire supposed to have been started from crossed electric light wires in one of the buildings.

There was a dance on at the time and some 40 couples were in the dancing pavilion. There was little or no facilities for fighting the fire and the flames burned over an area about as large as two city blocks in a comparatively short time, destroying many of the trees thereabouts.

Tecumseh Trail is located on the west bank of the Wabash river a short distance north of Lafayette, immediate opposite the east entrance to the Soldiers' home grounds. The plot of ground and the buildings were owned by the Ft. Wayne & Northern Indiana Traction company. Mr. Lefler had operated this resort during the summer season for several years and was again operating it this year under a lease.

The traction company estimates its loss at from \$18,000 to \$20,000 and Mr. Lefler's loss is about \$1,000, both of which are understood to have been covered by insurance.

In mentioning of the fire the Lafayette Journal says:

"Some of the furniture and equipment after being removed from the building was burned on the spot where the fire fighters had placed it, thinking that it was safe. The flames spread in an incredibly large circle, covering an area as large as two city blocks and it is a miracle that the ticket station at the entrance to the Trail was saved either from the spreading fire or from the falling sparks.

The piano was practically the only thing of much value that was saved. Mr. Lefler, when his attention was first called to the fire, attempted to use a small hose to extinguish the flames, but owing to lack of sufficient pressure it was useless effort.

"The huge blaze to the north of the city attracted a great deal of attention and it was not long before some 200 or 300 townpeople had arrived at the scene of the conflagration in taxis, private automobiles and in every other conceivable way. The flames shot up for several hundred feet into the sky, above the tall treetops, scattering blazing faggots and sparks even as far back as the Soldiers' home settlement. It was one of the largest fires, in point of size, which has occurred in the vicinity of Lafayette for years. The heat within a radius of 200 yards was terrific. The fire continued to burn with unabated fury for almost an hour, after which time at about 11 o'clock nothing remained but a smoldering mass of embers."

FOURTH BARN ON SAME SITE

Struck by Lightning Near Oxford Last Wednesday.

Oxford, August 13.—A barn struck by lightning, four miles northeast of Oxford, was burned today. Corn, hay and many farm implements belonging to the tenant, Roy Ellsworth, to the value of \$300, were destroyed. This was covered by insurance. The barn was owned by Mrs. Wall of Lafayette. This is the third barn, built on the same foundation, that has been destroyed by fire from lightning.

Four barns have been erected on the foundation and each one has been struck by lightning, but one failed to catch fire. The creation of the maintenance department, which will entail the employment of several hundred men, has been drafted in a general way by Mr. Wright and J. M. Kimball, superintendent of maintenance.

LATE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clouse of southeast Marion, a son.

Try a want ad in The Democrat.

TOO MUCH RAIN IN KANSAS

When We Were Needing It So Badly in This Section.

C. D. Nowels and daughter, Miss Floy Nowels, of Parsons, Kans., stopped off in Rensselaer Tuesday afternoon for a few days' visit with relatives and old friends. They had been visiting Mr. Nowels' son, A. S. Nowels, and family at Columbia City and also relatives at Flora, Carroll county, before coming here. Mr. Nowels states that crops were very good in his section of the Sunflower state, but they had been having it very wet there and that the farmers had great difficulty in harvesting their wheat and oats on account of it being too wet to get in the fields with the binders.

Too bad that we couldn't have had a little of their surplus rain here in northern Indiana.

REES CLINTON OF BROOK DEAD

Rees T. Clinton, a well-known resident of Brook, was stricken with paralysis on Monday while in Lowell on business and passed away at that place Thursday morning. He was about 60 years of age. Besides his wife he is survived by seven sons and one daughter, Arthur Clinton of Rochester; Earl and Roy Clinton of Roseland; Truman Clinton of South Bend; William, Irvin and Russell Clinton and Mrs. Harvey Waling of Brook.

FORD CAR RUNS OFF GRADE

At Burk Bridge Tuesday Afternoon Occupants Unhurt.

A party of three Chicago people, consisting of a gentleman, his wife and daughter, enroute from Chicago to Lafayette and driving a Ford car, went off the grade at the Burk bridge, 4 miles north of Rensselaer, Tuesday afternoon. They had been putting on some fresh gravel where the grade has sunk down again and the driver of the car got over a little too far at one side and saw that the car was going to slide off the grade, so he turned it straight for the ditch and went down into the water, which was not more than a foot deep at this point. The daughter received a slight cut on the forehead but the other occupants escaped injury. The car was practically undamaged.

James Britt of Barkley township, who came along, brought the women to town while the owner of the car rescued same from the ditch with the assistance of several others who came along.

It would seem that it would be good business policy to haul in a number of good-sized poles or small trees and put at each side of this grade where it has been giving trouble for the past few years, to assist in holding up the grade and prevent the water from lapping it away whenever the river gets high enough to overflow back to this point. There are also hundreds of loads of "niggerheads" within a half to three-fourths of a mile of the grade that could be had for the taking, and they would also help to hold this grade, and it would certainly be less expensive to put them in than continually dumping gravel thereon.

MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS

Several Hundred Men to Be Employed According to Plan.

The state highway commission within the next few weeks will complete in detail its plans for a comprehensive organization that will assume complete control of the maintenance and resurfacing of the state trunk system of approximately 2,500 miles of highway that will be designated before April 1, 1920.

As it will be perhaps eight years before the commission will be able to complete the construction of hard-surface roads over the entire system Hoosier good roads boosters will have to look to the maintenance department for more immediate results. L. H. Wright, director of the commission, estimates that at least \$2,000,000 will be expended for maintenance in 1920. The program laid out for the maintenance department provides that the entire mileage of the state system will be brought up to first-class condition during the spring and summer of next year.

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CALL OFF RAIL SHOP WALKOUT

Threat of Big Traffic Tieup Is Removed After Spirited Meeting at Chicago.

LAY TROUBLE TO THE I. W. W.

Ballot Nearly Unanimous for Sending Men Back to Work in Central District—Leaders Say Action Marks End of Strike.

Chicago, Aug. 15.—The break in the railroad shop crafts' strike came when representatives of 27,000 car men decided by an overwhelming vote to return to work.

The vote to remain in affiliation with the international organization of the union instead of with the Chicago district council of federated shop crafts which has had charge of the strike, came after a spirited session during which it was charged that the I. W. W. has been responsible for the rebellion in the ranks of the shop men.

President Offers Resolution.

The resolution providing that the men resume work was presented by P. A. Halleen, president of the central body of car men, at a mass meeting in Car Men's hall.

Under its provisions, delegates will meet to discuss the details of presenting their case to the government through the international officers and fix the date for their return.

The meeting was addressed by J. M. Patterson, international vice president of the association, who laid the disturbances in the Chicago district to the influence of a "red" element.

The meeting, which had been spirited prior to his appearance, became uproarious when he stepped upon the stage, cheers greeting him from one side of the house and boos and cat calls from the other.