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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.

Judge C. W. Hanley and wife and son Cope and wife are spending the week at Webster lake.

Under a law passed by the last legislature, licenses must be taken out for automobile trailers. This law is not being observed in Rensselaer or in Jasper county, and violators are subject to arrest and fine.

New suits filed: No. 9086, Francis A. Turfier vs. Hyman Parker, suit on account, Demand \$202.75 in first paragraph; \$217.75 in second paragraph; \$179.75 in third paragraph, and \$24 in fourth paragraph.

Marriage licenses issued: August 20, Lorah P. Hess of Gilliam township, aged 22 April 28 last, farmer, and Myrtle Mae Griggs of Rensselaer, aged 17 June 9 last, housekeeper. Second marriage for male, first marriage being dissolved by divorce in June, 1919; first marriage for female. Latter being under age her father, Len Griggs, gives consent to issuance of license.

August 21, Ralph Clayborn Anderson of Rensselaer, aged 22 July 9 last, farmer, and Levanche Olivia Dick, also of Rensselaer, aged 21 February 12 last, housekeeper. First marriage for each. Married by Squire S. C. Irwin in the clerk's office.

John Luptak, one of the two young desperadoes who stole an automobile at Indiana Harbor about a month ago and were rounded up after an exciting chase in northern Newton county by the sheriff of that county and his deputies, aided by a posse of farmers, has been turned loose by the Lake county courts, it is understood, with the admonition "not to do it again." It will be remembered that Luptak and his companion in crime, John Vaisk, were each armed with two automatic revolvers and plenty of ammunition and put up a desperate fight when their capture was first attempted. Luptak was taken to Lake county to answer to the charge of stealing the car, while Vaisk was held by the Newton county officials on the charge of shooting and wounding Deputy Sheriff Daniel Ormsby of Lake Village, when the latter attempted to arrest him. Vaisk has been confined in the Jasper county jail since his capture, Newton county having no jail, and is the only prisoner that has been therein for some time.

LOTS OF GRAPES, BUT ONLY FEW PEACHES

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Muster returned Tuesday evening from a visit with relatives in Valparaiso and friends near Buchanan, Mich., making the trip via auto. They were gone a week, most of which time was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spencer, formerly of Rensselaer, who are now nicely located on a finely improved farm near Buchanan. They also called on Omar Kenton, formerly of near Surrey. They report lots of grapes up in that vicinity but the peach crop in that particular section was almost a failure.

MONEY TO LOAN ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Parties desiring to build new homes, or purchase homes and pay for them in the same manner that rents are paid, should call on me for an interview on the very best and easiest plan for getting a home instead of paying rent, and having nothing to show for it. A great many homes are now being paid for by this installment plan, and now that rents are so high, every one should investigate the opportunity to buy instead of renting. Call on me at my office in the Odd Fellows Building.—ARTHUR H. HOPKINS.

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MILADY DENIES STATEMENT That He Moved Into City Property Unauthorized.

James Milady, of whom mention was made in the last city council proceedings published in The Democrat as having moved into the former Ralph Fendig property, now owned by the city, without any authority whatever, as given to The Democrat in the proceedings of the council, denies the statement in toto. He says that he had been living in one of A. Leopold's houses and that Mr. Leopold came to him and told him that he wanted the house where he was living and had rented the Fendig house for him and paid a month's rent thereon, which he asked Milady to refund to him.

BENTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE DILAPIDATED

According to a report of Deputy State Fire Marshal Harry N. Styner, the Benton county court house at Fowler is in a very dilapidated condition and is a regular fire trap. The investigation was made after a complaint was received at the office of the state fire marshal in Indianapolis and revealed the fact that the court house in general is unsanitary, dirty, and that even much of the electric wiring is loose. Mr. Styner found several wagon loads of rubbish and paper in the basement and discovered loose plastering and exposed ceilings all over the building. The state fire office recommends that the building be put in good condition or that a new court house be constructed and, in the report, concludes with the reflection that it is amazing that public property is so neglected.

EDSON MURRAY IS MARRIED

Rensselaer Young Man Takes Bride From Sullivan.

Gerald Edson Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray of this city, and Miss Nelle Eileen Thompson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Walter N. Thompson of Sullivan, Ind., were married at the bride's home in Sullivan Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. E. Gray, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of only the members of the two immediate families. Following the ceremony a fine wedding breakfast was served, after which the young couple left for Indianapolis for a few days' visit, coming to Rensselaer last evening, where they will soon take up their residence on College avenue.

The bride, who has frequently visited her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. Austin Hopkins and daughter Gertrude, here, is a charming young lady, and is a graduate of the James Millikin university of Illinois and a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. The groom is a fine young man and was born and raised in Rensselaer. He is a graduate of the Rensselaer high school and also of the University of Illinois, and was only a few months ago discharged from the U. S. service in which he served as a lieutenant in the field artillery.

A reception was held for the newlyweds at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Murray, on Park avenue, last evening.

The Democrat joins the many Rensselaer friends of Mr. and Mrs. Murray in extending hearty congratulations.

TROOPS PASS THROUGH CITY

Several companies of state militia passed through Rensselaer Thursday over the Monon, enroute to Hammond to protect the Standard Steel Car, Co. plant and those of its employees who desired to work. The strike, which it was thought would be settled at a conference early in the week, is still on, the strikers refusing the offers of the company, and trouble was feared because a large part of the strikers are ignorant foreigners.

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.

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

He Has Had His Day



WILL PROTEST ACCEPTANCE JASPER CO. GETS \$11,519

Of Home Avenue Street Improvement by City Council.

It is said that the property owners on Home avenue will remonstrate at the meeting of the city council next Monday evening against the acceptance of this street improvement.

The specifications called for the rolling of the grade before the coarse rock was put on, rolling the coarse rock before the fine rock or screenings were put on, and then sprinkling and rolling the latter until a good hard surface was obtained to the satisfaction of the engineer or superintendent.

The property owners contend that very little rolling at all was done on this street, and that it was not sprinkled and rolled as the specifications required, and hence it should not be accepted until it is completed according to contract.

While this street improvement has been completed but a couple of weeks, perhaps, the coarse rock is even now showing through in many places, and to drive over the street is like driving through loose rock, which is really all it is.

NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Jonas Honn of Morocco underwent a major operation yesterday morning.

James Simons of Mt. Ayr entered the hospital Wednesday for medical attention.

Albert Studer of Morocco and Edward Mayhew of west of town had their tonsils removed Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Potts of Morocco, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently, is getting along nicely.

Susie, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Waymire of Barkley township, pneumonia patient, is improving.

Mrs. Trevor Eger and Earl Adams are improving.

NEW EDITOR TAKES CHARGE

H. F. Schricker, who had so ably conducted the Starke County Democrat for the past 11 years, recently sold same to Carroll W. Cannon, former county superintendent of Starke county, who took charge last week, and Mr. Schricker has taken the position of cashier in the Starke County Trust and Savings bank. The Democrat regrets to see Bro. Schricker lay down the editorial pen, but, nevertheless, it extends hearty greetings to the new editor.

WORKING ON NEW LAUNDRY

The foundation has been put in this week and the concrete blocks are on the ground for the new laundry building which Michael Kanne is erecting for James McCallum on Cornelia street. Mr. Kanne only razed a part of the old barn and has moved the other part off to the northeast, for the present, and it is understood will put in a basement on the lot north of his present residence on Weston street and move this building thereon and remodel it into a ten-ant house.

WHAT AND WHERE TO EAT

Not a health lecture, but just to invite you to the cafeteria luncheon at the big lawn festival on St. Augustine's church grounds at 5:30 p. m., on the evenings of Aug. 27 and 28.—Advt.

FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Wants Names of Grocers Charging Over 11 Pound for Sugar.

Indianapolis, August 20.—Dealers in sugar throughout the state came under the scrutiny of the district attorney, L. Ert Slack, today in what he termed as a determined effort to have sugar sold immediately in every part of the state at a uniform price of 11 cents a pound. Mr. Slack is desirous that he be notified concerning any retailer who is selling sugar for more than 11 cents a pound or concerning any retailer who refuses to refund the amount of excess charges made in the last two weeks.

The district attorney is basing his action, in having the price of sugar reduced, on instructions received last week from the attorney-general, which it was pointed out that the United States food administration takes the position that sugar should not be sold for more than 11 cents and that a price in excess of that amount indicates that the wholesaler or retailer is making an unreasonable profit. The attorney-general also instructed district attorneys that in case of the larger dealers holding a license to sell sugar the license should be revoked.

Sugar held by smaller dealers at excessive prices can be taken through process of law by the district attorney.

High prices on sugar in other parts of the state are rapidly being brought down by the district attorney. The Marion Glove company, Marion, has notified the district attorney that its price has been reduced from 14 cents to 11 cents, while Bierhaus Brothers, wholesale grocers at Vincennes, have been instructed that their price must be reduced.

LIKELY AFTER BIGGER SWAG

Men Who Took Pete Merritt's Car Are Still Unheard From.

The Remington Press gives the following details of the hold-up and theft of P. W. Merritt's Ford car near Remington last Friday night, which would indicate that the thieves were in that vicinity for another purpose than the mere theft of a Ford—possibly intended robbing a bank at Goodland, Remington or Wolcott.

Following is the Press' account of the affair:

It seems that on Friday evening a party consisting of Pete, his wife and two others were motoring over to Jim Woods' place on the Goodland road. In passing an 80-acre piece of ground owned by Dudley Tyler the fenders of a new Ford were seen just back of a lone crib that stands on that place. When they got to Woods' they phoned to Tyler that a machine was hidden in his cornfield and he came over and ordered the occupants to dig, which they did. They were two young men, he states, not over 20 years of age. They left, going west on the Goodland road. Soon after it was discovered that there were two more of the party hiding out in the corn, and City Marshal W. R. Geier was notified to come out and help rout them out. Geier and Bahler and several others drove out to the scene and stopped at the Fell corner, on the watch for the wanted men. It was then thought that the new car with the boys in it would drive back for the other two, when they thought it was safe, and they could nab the whole bunch, it now being considered that they were suspicious characters and here for some more serious purpose than camping out in a cornfield.

About this time, it was after dark, Merritt and Woods came down the road in Merritt's Ford, flashing their light in a manner to indicate that they were the strangers and in this manner coax the two men out of the corn. But they didn't coax worth a cent. When they got to Fell's corner they agreed to go back west and watch while Geier and others watched from where they were. They turned about and four others mounted the car, making six in the Ford, all anxious to be in at the "killing."

Tyler, in the meantime, had gone out in the corn and got near enough to hear the men discussing their position and the fact that the boys in the car had deserted them. It is evident that they knew a posse was looking for them and the longer they stayed the less chance they had to get away, and determined to get away right off. Tyler could not get back to the marsh without being discovered, so he stayed where he was.

When the Ford, with Merritt, Woods, Goss, Lewis, Little and one other, had gone a short distance west, two men stepped out of the dark, presented guns, whose caliber looked as big as a sewer pipe to the men in the car, and with the words or words to that effect: "Get out of that car. You have chased

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PUTS PEACE UP TO U. S. SENATE

President Wilson Says Body Must Act on Treaty to End the War.

REPLIES TO FALL'S QUESTIONS

Executive Declares That He Has No Power to Declare Peace by Proclamation—German Colonies Taken in Trust.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The president has not the power to declare peace by proclamation, nor could he consent in any circumstances to take such a course prior to the ratification of a formal treaty of peace by the senate.

President Wilson so wrote Senator Fall in answer to one of the 20 written questions the senator presented at the White House conference Tuesday.

Replying to another question the president said the provision of the treaty that it should come into force after ratification by Germany and three of the principal associated powers operated merely to establish peace between those ratifying powers. It was "questionable," the president added, "whether it can be said that the League of Nations is in any true sense created by the association of only three of the allied and associated governments."

Colonies Taken in Trust.

To Senator Fall's question relating to the disposition of Germany's possessions, the president said the arrangement in the treaty conveyed no title to the allied or associated powers, but merely "trusts" disposition of the territory in question to their decision.

President Wilson's letter to Senator Fall, replying to the senator's twenty questions on the treaty and the league of nations, is as follows:

"My Dear Senator Fall:

"You left yesterday in my hands certain written questions which I promised you I would answer. I am hastening to fulfill that promise.

"I feel constrained to say in reply to your first question not only that in my judgment I have not the power by proclamation to declare that peace exists, but that I could in no circumstances consent to take such a course prior to the ratification of a formal treaty of peace. I feel it due to perfect frankness to say that it would in my opinion put a stain upon our national honor which we never could efface if, after sending our men to the battle field to fight the common cause, we should abandon our associates in the war in the settlement of the terms of peace and dissociate ourselves from all responsibility with regard to those terms.

"I respectfully suggest that, having said this, I have in effect answered also your second, third, fourth and fourth questions so far as I myself am concerned.

Peace When Treaty is Ratified.

"Permit me to answer your fifth question by saying that the provisions of the treaty to which you refer operate merely to establish peace between the powers ratifying, and that it is questionable whether it can be said that the league of nations is in any true sense created by the association of only three of the allied and associated governments.

"In reply to your sixth question, I can only express the confident opinion that the immediate adoption of the treaty, along with the articles of the covenant of the league as written, would certainly within the near future reduce the cost of living in this country as elsewhere, by restoring production and commerce to their normal strength and freedom.

"For your convenience, I will number the remaining paragraphs of this letter as the questions to which they are intended to reply are numbered.

"VII. I have had no official information as to whether Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, or Switzerland will join the league.

"VIII. I answered your eighth question in reply to a question asked me at our conference the other day. (This question referred to licensing of exports to Germany.)

"IX. In February, 1917, Spain was requested to take charge of American interests in Germany through her diplomatic and consular representatives, and no other arrangement has since been made.

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