

PICNICKED AT COLUMBIA PARK

At Lafayette Sunday—Storm There Was Very Severe.

Elmer Phegley and family, Charles Phegley and Mrs. Nettie Hoover of Rensselaer, accompanied by Russell Winters of Chicago, who is visiting the latter, drove to Lafayette Sunday where, with five families from Monticello, they enjoyed a picnic dinner at Columbia park, given in honor of Lieut. Horace K. Heath of Monticello, a brother of Mrs. Elmer Phegley, and who had lately returned from overseas.

They had a very pleasant time until the storm came up in the afternoon, when all skeddaddled to their cars and hastily put up the side-curtains to keep out the rain, which there was very heavy, almost a cloud-burst, and the wind broke down many shade trees in the city.

ST. IMPROVEMENTS REJECTED

By City Council When Property Owners Remonstrated.

At the regular meeting of the city council Monday evening the property owners affected by the new rock streets on Home avenue, Grove street and Austin avenue were out in force and also almost unanimously filed remonstrances against the acceptance of the work, alleging that the specifications were not followed as to rolling nor quality of rock required, that the streets were not of a hard, even surface, and the coarse rock was already showing up in many places.

The council was apparently unanimous in its opinion that the remonstrators were correct in their statements and voted to sustain the remonstrances.

The principal difficulty now with these improvements is said to be the fact that fine screenings were not used for the top dressing, but, instead, a fine rock—about the next size larger than screenings—was used and it will not pack. There has been but little travel over these streets since the rock was put on, but even this has thrown the rock to the sides and there is no crown to the roadways, and that they are very uneven. It is understood that the contractor, A. S. Keene, of Wheatfield, will be required to crown the roadways, put on screenings, sprinkle and wet down same and roll it, as the specifications require it should be done.

All members of the council were present. The city attorney was instructed to confer with the railroad company regarding the leaving of cars on crossings in the city.

Superintendent of water works was instructed to extend the 4-inch water main on Grace street, from south end of Weston street, about 300 feet east and install a hydrant. No objections were on file for that part of the West Washington street improvement of which the city has charge, and the preliminary assessment roll was confirmed and clerk directed to certify same to city treasurer for collection.

The usual grist of claims were allowed.

SURPRISE FOR MRS. ERNEST CLEMANS

About 45 relatives and friends gathered Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clemans and pleasantly reminded Mrs. Clemans of her 22d birthday anniversary. All brought well filled baskets and a bounteous dinner was enjoyed by all.

Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Reeder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Waltman Reeder and family of Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Florence and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sanders and son Wesley, Mr. and Mrs. George Gowan and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clemans. All departed at a late hour wishing Mrs. Clemans many more happy birthdays.

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.—Adv.

CO-OPERATIVE MEAT MARKET

FRESH FISH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—HALIBUT, WHITE, TROUT, HERRING, CAT, PIKE AND PICKEREL. WANTED—COMPETENT MAN FOR SHOP WORK AND DELIVERY. APPLY AT SHOP.

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.

Robert Michal was up from Reynolds on business yesterday.

The regular meeting of the county commissioners will convene Monday.

Attorneys Emory Sellers and Capt. W. A. Guthrie of Monticello were visitors in the city Monday.

J. E. Burton, field director of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce, was in Rensselaer yesterday in the interests of the State Federation of Farmers.

New suits filed: No. 9087, Central Garage of Rensselaer vs. Ray D. Thompson, receiver of the Chas. Guttrich garage. Action to replevin an Oliver tractor plow, valued at \$125, which plaintiff alleges it is the owner of.

Marriage licenses issued: August 23, Earl Raymond Smith of Rensselaer, aged 18 August 22, laborer, and Alry LeNora Myers of Gifford, aged 18 March 25 last, housekeeper. First marriage for each. Male being under age his father, Oscar Smith, gave consent to issuance of license. Married in the clerk's office by Squire S. C. Irwin.

Dr. C. E. Johnson of this city has been appointed by the government as examiner for the bureau of war risk insurance for this district, which comprises Jasper, Newton, White and Putnam counties. This movement on the part of the government is for soldiers discharged from the service, and who may be suffering from injuries or illness of any kind contracted during their period of service and which may prove a handicap to them in civilian life. This examination will be given each applicant, bringing his discharge papers or a certified copy of same with him to prove that his disabilities were incurred in the service, free of any charge. Dr. Johnson receiving pay for his services from the government. Treatment of any kind, hospital expense, teeth disorders of the soldiers, will be taken care of free of charge.

The county council and the advisory boards of the various townships will meet next Tuesday to pass on the estimates of expenditures for the year 1920 and to fix the tax levy for this year. The estimate for county expenditures for the year 1920, published in The Democrat Saturday, totals \$181,967.66, which is precisely \$102,577.46 more than the estimate for 1919—ten years ago—when the total was \$59,390.20.

In the estimates for next year is \$50,000 for repair of gravel roads, and this, too, when the county will be relieved of about 45 miles of road which will be taken over by the state highway commission and much of which is the most expensive mileage to keep up in the county; \$25,000 is asked for new bridges and bridge repair; \$18,070 for payment of court house bonds and interest (for 1910 this item was \$5,747.50); \$6,500 for the county poor farm (in 1910 this item was \$2,875); \$3,470 expense of assessing (in 1910 this amount was \$2,171.80). Above are the principal differences in the estimates of this year and those of ten years ago, but an increase now of practically three times the amount for 1910 is certainly going some.

PLACE FERTILIZER ORDERS NOW

Farmers desiring to use commercial fertilizers this fall should place their orders at once with the Farmers' Grain company. Please give this matter your immediate attention so we may be able to care for your wants in this line.—H. H. POTTER, Manager Farmers' Grain company.

PLACE FERTILIZER ORDERS NOW

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

REPORTS SITUATION IMPROVED

Gen. Smith Talks to Governor Regarding Hammond Strike. Indianapolis, August 25.—Harry B. Smith, adjutant-general of Indiana, in charge of the state militia at Hammond, in a long distance telephone conversation with Governor Goodrich today, notified him that the situation was clearing rapidly and he expected to be able to remove the soldiers by the middle of the week or by Saturday at the latest. General Smith said no difficulties had been encountered. All the skilled mechanics have gone back to work, only the unskilled workers remaining on strike, according to General Smith.

Seven hundred army blankets were prepared for shipment early today to the militiamen. General Smith reports that the nights have been very cool and sent in the call for extra equipment, which was sent from Ft. Benjamin Harrison. The troops are in good condition and there is no sickness, he says.

DEATH CAME FRIDAY P. M.

H. E. Parkison, Old and Highly Respected, Enters Eternal Rest.

Harvey Edward Parkison, who had been lying at the point of death for some time, passed away at the family home on Van Rensselaer street at about 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from cancer of the stomach.

The funeral was held at the late residence at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. E. W. Strecker of the Methodist church, and burial made in Weston cemetery.

Mr. Parkison was born on the old Parkison homestead in Barkley township, October 7, 1851. He was united in marriage to Melvina C. Moore October 7, 1875, to which union was born three children, Dr. Wallace M. Parkison of Idaho; Attorney W. H. Parkison of Lafayette, and Mrs. Howard Mills of this city, who with the wife, four grandchildren, Ardis, Helen and Lynn Parkison and Dorothy Jane Mills, three brothers, George, James and Addison Parkison, survive him.

Mr. Parkison was one of Jasper county's most highly respected citizens and the entire community sympathizes with the family in their bereavement.

RETURN FROM EXTENDED AUTO TRIP IN MICHIGAN

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Myers and party returned Monday evening from their 10-day automobile trip to northern Michigan.

They visited Detroit, Bay City, Mackinac Island, Pellston, Ludington and various other points, covering a distance in all of 1,267 miles. At Ludington they visited a pump station where the water was pumped up from a depth of 2,300 feet from which the Morton shaker salt is made, and at Pellston they visited the Jackson & Pindle lumber camp, one of the largest lumber camps in the United States.

They report a very pleasant trip indeed.

NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Walter Porter, Jr., had his tonsils removed Saturday. James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Potts, underwent a mastoid operation Sunday.

Howard Harris of near Peru, a nephew of Mrs. F. H. Hemphill of this city, and Hazel Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Bruce of southeast of town, had their tonsils removed Monday.

Mrs. Charles Potts was able to return to her home at Morocco Sunday.

Mrs. Harry Spittler of Kentland had her tonsils removed yesterday morning.

Mrs. Trevor Eger is improving and will possibly return to her home in a few days.

DIES FROM CHOLERA INFANTUM

Neva Branson, little 3-year-old daughter of Lee Branson, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hitchings of this city, died at the Hitchings home on north Front street Sunday morning at about 3:25 o'clock after a couple of week's illness from cholera infantum.

The funeral was held at the Hitchings' home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial made in Weston cemetery beside her mother, who died June 17, 1918.

Advertise in the "Want Column."

A FEW MORE FARM SALES

Fred Waymire has sold the former George W. Casey farm in Union township to Adolf Onken of Gillam township, and the latter is understood to have resold the farm to Henry Ameler. We were unable to learn the price paid in either transaction.

Charles Staibum of Walker township has sold his 116-acre farm near Teft to Frank S. Dillon of Delaware county for \$112.50 per acre.

G. F. Meyers sold his 100-acre farm in Union township last Friday to Frank Butterworth of Iroquois, Ill., but price was not stated. Mr. Meyers also reports the sale of the Mrs. Elizabeth C. Johnson farm of 118 acres in Gillam township to Emmet Hopkins of Rensselaer, at \$100 per acre.

LATE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 22, to Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Rensselaer, a daughter.

UNWISE TO RAISE THE RATES

To Provide Higher Pay of R. R. Employees, Says President.

Washington, D. C., August 25.—Postponement of the settlement of wage demands until normal economic conditions are restored was announced today by President Wilson as the policy which the administration will pursue in dealing with such questions, particularly those affecting railroad workers.

The president announced also that it was neither wise nor feasible at this time, when the most important question before the country is a return to a normal price level, to attempt to increase freight rates to provide funds for higher wages.

"We ought to postpone questions of this sort until we have had the opportunity for certain calculation as to the relations between wages and the cost of living," the president declared in a statement to the public explaining his decision as to wage. "It is the duty of every citizen to insist upon a truce in such contests until intelligent settlements can be made, and made by peace and effective common counsel. I appeal to my fellow citizens of every employment to co-operate in insisting upon and maintaining such a truce."

Mr. Wilson's statement was issued in connection with the direction of himself and Director General Hines on demands by railway shopmen for a 25% advance in wages, but the general policy pronounced covers also the wage demands of other hundreds of thousands of railway workers, which are pending before the director general or about to be presented. It is to be expected that other unions trying to obtain more pay will be asked, as the shopmen, to play their part with other citizens in reducing the cost of living by foregoing a temporary advantage which would add to the transportation costs. The decision of the president and the director general was announced to a committee of 100, representing the shopmen. In reply to their demands for a 25% increase, the shopmen were asked to accept an adjustment of their pay to be on basis of 10 hours' pay for 8 hours' work, which they contend was given other employees and denied them when the Adamson law became effective. This means an "advance of the basis pay from 68 cents to 72 cents an hour, whereas an increase of 17 cents to 85 cents an hour was demanded.

In view of the delay of the railway administration board on wages and working conditions in reporting on the demands of the shopmen, Director General Hines recommended that the new rate of pay be made retroactive from May 1 although the board's report was made July 16, the days of report generally being taken as the retroactive date.

Under the new scale of wages, machinists, tool makers, boiler makers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers and electricians, all of whom now receive 68 cents an hour, will receive 72 cents. Helpers will receive 49 cents an hour instead of the present wage of 45 cents.

Acting President Jewell of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor and his advisors said they would communicate the decision to the union locals for acceptance or rejection. A strike vote completed yesterday but not yet tabulated, was on the

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.

MONON TRAFFIC BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

Lafayette, August 23.—Traffic on the Monon railroad is the heaviest in the road's history, according to officials of the company here. Every available locomotive is in use and new freight crews are being pressed into service.

Last Tuesday 31 engines were sent out of the roundhouse here to handle trains leaving this point. The railroad handled on that day 1,793 loaded cars and 585 empties, compared with 1,377 loaded and 960 empties on the corresponding day in 1918.

With two fewer trains than last year more cars were handled. Every station along the line reported increased business. The Monon has practically all its mileage in Indiana, running from Louisville to Chicago, with a branch from Monon to Michigan City.

NAB AUTO THIEVES

Ft. Wayne, August 24.—Detectives from the Ft. Wayne police department and the sheriff of this county tonight arrested six men and three women, whom the officers believe is the gang of automobile thieves who have been operating in northern Indiana recently.

The officers have already recovered five automobiles alleged to have been stolen by the gang and the sheriff announced tonight that he would have several other cars by Monday morning.

question whether the men should quit work to enforce the consideration of their demands by the railway administration instead of by a congressional committee as first suggested. As this plan was abandoned, the vote, which with its result, is non-effective, and the shopmen now have an entirely new question before them.

This question, they were asked by President Wilson, through their committee, to consider "in a new light."

Mr. Hines' recommendation to the president as to the amount of increase to be given, went exhaustively into the reasons advanced by the shopmen as to the necessity for more pay. He showed that the average increase in shopmen's earnings was in excess of the total increase in the cost of living from July 1, 1915, and August 1, 1919, due to the fact that standardization adopted at the request of the employees had given thousands a higher classification and higher pay than they previously enjoyed.

Wages paid for similar work in shipyards, which workers the shopmen have cited as higher paid, Mr. Hines said, were higher because the work was temporary and carried on under great pressure, and also the workmen were forced to live in congested districts where living was extremely high, while railway shopmen generally have the advantage of small or semi-rural communities. Private industry, the director general found, were paying about 3 cents an hour more than the railway administration, which difference will be equalized under the 4 cent advance.

In addition to the 4 cents an hour increase for most of the shopmen, the director general ordered that all freight car repairmen receive 65 cents an hour, instead of 63 cents for steel car repairers and 58 cents for wood car repairers and that car inspectors should receive 67 cents instead of 58 cents, with the exception in both classes that that increase for men employed at outlying points, where the work is not continuous, shall be 4 cents an hour.

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URNS OVER BUSINESS TO HIS THREE SONS

D. M. Worland informs The Democrat that he has turned over his furniture business to his sons, Leo, John and Paul, who will succeed him in the successful business which he established here 12 years ago, and Mr. Worland, besides launching the boys out in the business world, will take life a little easier in the future.

Leo has been engaged in the undertaking business for the past few years and has made good. John and Paul have but recently returned home from overseas service in the world war, and their father wanted to help them along as best he could, hence his decision to turn his business over to the three. The two latter have also assisted in the store some during the time he has been engaged in the business and have a good, general knowledge of this line of trade, and will no doubt add to the large volume of business heretofore enjoyed by Mr. Worland, Sr.

Mr. Worland asks his friends to continue to the new proprietors the same generous patronage extended him in the years gone by and the boys promise to do their part to merit this patronage, and by fair, honest and courteous treatment of their patrons to draw many new customers to their doors.

The boys are of good character, honest and upright and deserve a liberal share of the public's patronage, which they respectfully solicit.

COUNTY EDUCATIONAL NOTES

Gives Opinion of the Law Regarding Transportation of Pupils.

Russell B. Wooden, formerly connected with the schools at Wheatfield, has taken a school under Trustee Charles W. Postill, of Marion township. Mr. Wooden has recently returned from overseas where he saw much service. It will please his many friends in Jasper county to learn that he will be in the schools next year.

Addie Harris, of Mt. Ayr, will teach in the high school at DeMotte. Miss Harris is a daughter of Ed Harris, the well known grain and implement dealer of Mt. Ayr. Miss Harris taught a year in the city schools of Rensselaer, but was located in the west last year.

Miss Millie Hoover, of near Francesville, who taught for Warren Poole at Osborn school in Hanging Grove township last year, will teach for Grant Davison, of Barkley, at Gifford upper room next year. Helen Kissinger will teach the lower room at Gifford. Miss Kissinger returned from Indianapolis last Wednesday where she has been attending Mrs. Blaker's school. Miss Esther Wiseman also returned from Mrs. Blaker's school, where she has completed her 36 weeks of professional training, making her eligible to teach the grades in a commissioned or certified school. Miss Wiseman will teach at Fair Oaks the coming year.

There has been much misunderstanding between patrons and trustees relative to the 1919 statute governing the transportation of pupils. To clarify this statute Jesse E. Eschbach, president of the state board of accounts, has sent the following communication to the county superintendent:

Indianapolis, Ind., August 20, 1919.

My Dear Supt. Sterrett: The attorney general has given the state superintendent of public instruction an opinion on the law, regarding the transportation of school pupils found in the acts of 1919 on pages 66 and 67. In said opinion the attorney general holds that township trustees under said law do not have any right to transport or pay for the transportation of high school pupils. The former law under which high school pupils were transported is not now in force.

It is mandatory upon township trustees to provide and maintain means of transportation for grade pupils in abandoned school districts who live a greater distance than one and one-half miles from the school to which they are assigned. If this school has been abandoned within the last twenty years or may hereafter be abandoned. The law also provides that any township trustee may provide means of transportation for any grade pupils in any school district if the conditions in his township, in the judgment of the township trustee, warrants the same.

It would be pleased to have you notify all of the township trustees of your county regarding this matter.

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