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RENSSELAER, JASPER COUNTY, INDIANA, SATURDAY, AUG. 30, 1919.

YES, "CHICK" FOUND THE LEAK

And Is Now Carrying His Hand Swathed in Bandages.

City Light and Water Supt. C. S. Chamberlain met with a painful accident about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon out at the Chamberlain & Marlatt farms in Barkley township. He had gone out to help the men get started at filling the silos. A new gasoline engine was giving considerable trouble in getting started and "Chick," after working at it awhile without success, lit a match to better see inside the critter to determine the trouble. He had barely reached in with the match in his right hand than an accumulation of gasoline therein exploded, pouring a stream of fire out of the opening in which he had his hand. The flames burned the hand and wrist severely and he suffered great pain from the burns until he was brought to town and had the injuries dressed. The hand will be quite sore for several days, but fortunately the burns were not deep.

NEW HOTEL PROJECT REVIVED

Probability That Active Work Will Be Started Soon.

The proposition of building a modern 50-room hotel in Rensselaer on the old B. S. Fendig poultry house corner has been revived, and an enthusiastic meeting was held Tuesday evening at the office of Attorney E. P. Honan to discuss the proposition of Mr. C. P. Moody, who owns the ground and had called the meeting.

This meeting was attended by perhaps 20 or 25 businessmen of the city and Mr. Moody stated his proposition to them. He wants the moral backing of the people here in his undertaking and proposes to organize a corporation with a capital stock of \$60,000, \$40,000 preferred stock and \$20,000 common. On the preferred stock he guarantees to pay an annual interest of 6% and to retire same within five years from date of issue. The \$20,000 in common stock he will take himself. In other words, he simply asks the people of Rensselaer and vicinity to loan him \$40,000, to put with his \$20,000, for five years at a good rate of interest and on non-taxable stock, the corporation paying the taxes out of the gross earnings. The stock will be issued in shares of \$100 each.

He proposes to build a hotel of three stories and basement, according to the plans stated in The Democrat of several months ago when the proposition was being considered, but it was decided then to postpone the matter until next spring in the hope that building material would be down somewhat in price. This hope was a vain one, apparently, as the price has advanced instead and promises to be even higher next year. Therefore, Mr. Moody has decided to go ahead with the project if the people here are willing to lend him a helping hand.

It was the unanimous sentiment at this meeting that Rensselaer needed another hotel to take care of the transient trade and that Mr. Moody's proposition was one that we could not afford to turn down. It was decided to hold another meeting in the west court room last evening at which time it was expected that many more people would be present and definite action taken on the proposition. Mr. Moody's architect, Mr. Zink, of Lafayette, was present at Tuesday night's meeting and had the tentative plans of the building with him. He stated that he thought the building could be completed and ready for occupancy by the latter part of February if work was started soon.

NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Carl Matfox of Surrey entered the hospital Wednesday for medical attention.

Frank King of near Fair Oaks and Lincoln Jenkins of north of town entered the hospital Thursday for medical attention.

The 7-year-old son of Mrs. Bert Overton of this city and Theodore Amsler, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Amsler of southeast of town, had their tonsils removed Thursday.

Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shriner of McCosburg, underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday.

All other patients are improving. Advertise in the "Want Column."

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.

P. D. Wells of Morocco was a business visitor in the city Wednesday and Thursday.

The White circuit court will convene next Monday and the Jasper circuit court will convene one week from Monday.

Former County Treasurer A. A. Fell of Carpenter township was in Rensselaer Wednesday. He stated that Mrs. Fell, who has been suffering from cancer for several years, was able to be up and about the house most of the time.

Marriage licenses issued: Aug. 28, Gabriel Musch of Demotte, aged 48 Sept. 23 last, farmer, and Dora Dexter, also of Demotte, aged 47 Nov. 5 last, housekeeper. Third marriage for each, previous marriages dissolved by death in December, 1918, and February, 1917, respectively. Married in the clerk's office by Squire S. C. Irwin.

Auditor Hammond has been notified by the state board of tax commissioners that the latter has ordered an increase of 10% on all lands, lots and improvements in Jasper county and in Rensselaer; an increase of 20% on all lots, lands and improvements in the town of Remington; an increase of 40% on all personal property in Milroy and Gillam townships and Rensselaer and Remington, and an increase of 30% on all personal property in all other townships and towns in Jasper county.

As our 1919 assessment, as originally made by the township assessors, was about three times as much as the assessment in 1918, because of the new tax law, the action of the state board in increasing these figures one-third will make the total valuation in the county about \$50,000,000, against \$15,000,000 in 1918.

Oh, no, our taxes won't be any higher under this new Republican tax law—like the old lady kept tavern, they won't. And how about the taxpayer who honestly gave in his property at its full cash value? How does he enjoy having it raised 30% and 40% above the actual cash value? And, also, how do the township assessors, who were on the ground, saw the property, knew its value and assessed it at its true cash value, like this "slam" from the state tax board?

Of course Jasper county is not alone, as the board raised the assessments in every county in the state. But when the taxpayer goes to the treasurer's office to pay his taxes next year there will be a "holler" that may even reach Indianapolis.

RUTH M'KENZIE ENTERTAINS

Miss Ruth McKenzie entertained a number of her young friends at a dance Wednesday evening, given at the Horton dance hall, and which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At 12 o'clock a buffet luncheon was served. The party was chaperoned by Miss McKenzie's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown. Miss Ruth and Miss Helen Kiplinger will soon leave to resume their school work at Sacred Heart academy at Louisville, Ky.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT ON BLINK

Expectation that 110,000 building trades workmen would return to work in Chicago Thursday was dissipated by the announcement of the carpenters' district council that the men had voted to reject the 92 cents an hour offered by the employers, to remain firm for \$1 an hour. Efforts of federal mediators and Mayor Thompson were believed to have brought about a settlement, until announcement of the vote was made.

WILL CLOSE ON LABOR DAY

Next Monday being Labor day and a legal holiday, the First National Bank of Rensselaer will remain closed all day.—Adv.

THOMAS BRIEN PASSED AWAY

At His Home in Rensselaer Thursday After Extended Illness.

Thomas Brien died at his home on south Cullen street Thursday morning at 7 o'clock. Mr. Brien had been in poor health for some time, and a few weeks ago suffered a paralytic stroke which hastened his death.

Deceased was born in Preston, England, on April 5, 1849, and was, therefore, 70 years, 4 months and 23 days of age at the time of his death. On December 5, 1878, he was married to Mary Pruett, who with five children survive him. The children are Mrs. Daisy G. Bingham of Lake Clcott, Ind.; Mrs. Bertha Irwin of Powell, Wyo.; Clarmont Brien of Jordan township, and Ray and Miss Cora Brien, who are still at home.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the late residence, services being in charge of Rev. W. T. Barbre of the Christian church, and burial made in Weston cemetery.

ANOTHER AUTO THIEF IN JAIL

Man Who Stole W. H. Mackey's Ford Arrested in Laporte.

Sheriff Woodworth, accompanied by W. H. Mackey and Lou Robinson, went up to Laporte Wednesday and arrested the man who stole Mr. Mackey's new Ford car on July 1, 1918, and brought him to Rensselaer, where he was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Irwin Thursday, pleading guilty, and was bound over to the circuit court under \$500 bond. Being unable to give bond he was returned to jail.

The man had been working for Mr. Mackey for several weeks in 1918, and while here gave the name of W. C. Vele. Mr. Mackey sent him to Wolcott to put up a job of work and he collected \$100 on the job and skipped out with both the money and the car.

Mr. Mackey offered \$50 reward for the thief's capture and sent cards out all over the country, but the latter made good his escape.

While here he boarded at the White Boarding house, and G. B. Troutman, a representative of the Farmer's Guide at Huntington, also boarded there for a time and of course met Vele.

Last Wednesday Troutman saw and recognized Vele at Laporte, where the latter was a "barker" for a carnival attraction. He at once notified Mr. Mackey to come and bring the sheriff with him to arrest the thief, which was done.

Vele at once admitted his guilt when arrested and claimed to have abandoned the car some four or five days after he had stolen it, at some point in Iowa. He was at present traveling with a carnival company in which he claimed to own a part interest.

Mr. Mackey paid Mr. Troutman the \$50 reward, but except for getting a little satisfaction in sending the fellow to prison for a few years, it will likely prove a still greater loss to him in his arrest, as he will not only be out of the car and the \$100 taken last July, but is now out \$50 more in the reward money.

CULLEN STREET SEWER AGAIN

The city council had a special meeting Tuesday night to consider the problem of the north end of the Cullen street sewer, which is stopped up in places and it is necessary to do something with it again. It is said that machines are made for cleaning sewers, that can be rented, and it was decided to try and rent such a machine rather than go to the great expense of taking the sewer up, cleaning it out and relaying it. This sewer is nine feet deep in places and some of it lays in quicksand, where it would be quite an expensive proposition to take it up and relay it.

FESTIVAL DREW BIG CROWDS

The lawn festival held on the parochial school grounds Wednesday and Thursday evenings was well attended both evenings and afforded much amusement to all present. Band music, tin horns, confetti, paper hats, shows, fortune-telling booths, etc., were in evidence, which reminded one of the old time carnival. A cafeteria lunch was served which was well patronized and in all quite a large sum of money was realized, which will be added to the new church fund. Construction of the new building will not be started until next year.

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.

WOLCOTT TELEPHONE PETITION IS HEARD

Monticello, Aug. 27.—A hearing in the matter of the petition of J. C. Dixon of Wolcott and W. W. Washburn of Goodland for the sale and purchase of the Wolcott telephone exchange, plant and system was held in the court room yesterday morning by the public service commission of Indiana. Mr. Washburn of the Goodland telephone company became the owner of the Wolcott telephone property, and the purchase was approved by the commission.

SOLD \$47,000 WORTH OF HOGS

In One Record-Breaking Shipment for Indianapolis.

Crawfordsville, August 29.—A. Wilbert Breaks of this county last week sold one of the largest consignments of hogs ever recorded at the Indianapolis stock market. Last spring he purchased about 1,000 head of hogs for feeding purposes, intending to properly care for them so that at an early season they would be ready for the market. The time arrived last week, and Mr. Breaks loaded them into 14 stock cars and shipped them over to the stockyards. One buyer bought the lot, 1,000 of them, and paid \$47,000 as the purchase price. When he looked at them he remarked that "to see one hog was to see all."

OLD RESIDENT OF REMINGTON

Died Last Monday at Age of 77 & Years—Funeral Wednesday.

After an illness that had extended for some years of more or less severity, John G. Morris, familiarly known as "Uncle Gus," passed away at his home in Remington Monday, August 25, at the good old age of 77 years, 8 months and 3 days. He had been a constant resident of this immediate vicinity for the past 56 years. Most of this time he had lived south of town, and was a very highly respected citizen and neighbor. His last years had been years of constant suffering, and the end came peacefully. The funeral was held at the M. E. church Wednesday at 10:30 a. m., Rev. Warriner conducting the services. Burial made in Remington cemetery.

John Guthrie Morris, son of John Morris and Mary Chenoweth, was born Dec. 22, 1841, in Dark county, O., and passed to his reward Aug. 25, 1919, aged 77 years, 8 months and 3 days. His early years were spent in Madison county, Ind. He was married Feb. 5, 1863, to Sarah Jane Davis and in September of the same year came to Mt. Gilboa, Benton county, where they resided for 12 years. In 1875 they settled on the home farm, one-half mile south of Remington. Two children, Clara D. and Josephine Elizabeth, and his wife preceded him to their heavenly home. Five children, Mrs. Jennie B. Hollingsworth of Atchison, Kan.; Mrs. Dora A. Hart of Anderson, Ind.; Dr. Wm. J. Morris of Redlands, Calif.; Mrs. Mary M. Chapman and Miss Pearl Morris of Remington, Ind., seven grandchildren and two sisters are left to mourn his loss. At an early age he united with the Methodist church and had lived a consistent Christian life these many years. In the community he had always been known as a good citizen, taking deeply to heart every good interest of public welfare. He was a life-long supporter of the temperance cause and other reforms that make for the best community and national life. In his death the family has lost a loving father, the church a loyal member and the community a substantial and patriotic citizen.—Remington Press.

REVIVAL MEETINGS IN JORDAN

Revival meetings will begin Aug. 31 at Prairie Chapel, one mile west of Union school house in Jordan township. Meetings conducted by W. C. Gray, traveling evangelist. A cordial invitation is extended to all.—Adv.

LATE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cochran of McCosburg, a son.

FORMER UNION TP. MAN WEDS

Maj. Garriott of Chicago Leads Miss Edith Spaar to Altar.

Camp Grant, Rockford, Ill., Aug. 23.—A Chicago army officer and a former Fort Sheridan nurse are the principals in the latest Camp Grant war romance, which culminated here yesterday in the marriage of Major John P. Garriott to Miss Edith Spaar.

Major Garriott, whose home is at 5648 Kenmore avenue, Chicago, has been chief of the dental service at the base hospital for more than a year. Miss Spaar came here from East Troy, Wis., in August, 1918, to enter the first student army nurses' training school.

With other "bluebirds" of the training school she was transferred to Fort Sheridan on July 1. Immediately following her discharge from service Miss Spaar returned to Rockford, where she and Major Garriott were wed yesterday.

BUYS A FARM AND AN AUTO

He Was a Stranger, But He Took 'Em All In.

Early last week a man giving the name of A. B. Dillon and his place of residence as Delaware county, O., was in Rensselaer wanting to buy a farm. He was driven out by G. F. Meyers and "purchased" the Charles Stalbaum 116-acre farm in Walker township at \$112.50 per acre, and made an initial payment of \$1,000 on same, giving a check on the First National bank at Columbus, O., for the amount.

Of course after becoming the "owner" of a Jasper county farm and therefore a man of prominence, it was necessary to have an automobile. So he hied over to the Kuboske & Walter garage and after considerable dickering purchased an almost brand-new Maxwell touring car, which they had traded another car for a few days before. He said that he had bought a farm in Walker township and had paid \$1,000 on same and offered to give a check on "his" bank for the amount agreed upon for the car.

Mr. Kuboske went and saw Mr. Meyers and the latter told him that he thought the man was alright and that he had bought the farm and paid \$1,000 on it. Mike, therefore, accepted the check and the man drove "back home" with the car.

Of course it took a little time for the checks to get around to the bank in Columbus and back again, but they came back alright yesterday with the statement that Dillon was unknown and had no account at their bank. Both checks were given on the same bank, and both came back, also a check for \$5 which he had given another party here.

"Dillon" was probably about 38 or 40 years of age, about 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighed about 140 pounds. He was smooth-shaven and wore a light gray suit.

The Maxwell car was a 1919 model and had only been driven 3,400 miles. Its engine number was 229,157 and its serial number 240,994. The right front fender, just back of the front wheel, was bent somewhat; the body was dark, hood black; paint and upholstery in good shape. A new rough-tread tire was carried on an extra wheel at the rear.

Kuboske & Walter are offering \$50 reward for the return of the car.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS

Of The Farmers' & Merchants' National Bank.

Having received notice of the charter being granted, the board of directors of the above named bank has authorized and directed the collection of subscriptions to the capital stock.

Payments made be made to Jos. P. Hammond, cashier, at the temporary bank quarters in the Hollingsworth building, west side public square.—Adv.

SEED WHEAT CLEANING

We are prepared to clean seed wheat up to Sept. 15, after which date we will need the equipment for other work. Those desiring to have cleaning done must have their wheat in before the above date. Price for cleaning 5 cents per bushel. Good work guaranteed or no charge.—POTTER & SAWYER SEED CO., phone No. 7. s13

No better job work produced in this section of Indiana than that turned out by The Democrat.

OPERATE TRAINS OR THE U. S. WILL

Director General Hines Warns Strikers in the West to Go to Work.

ACCEPT OFFER, SAY CHIEFS

Union Leaders Urge Men to Agree to the Wilson Plan Pending Reduction of High Cost of Living.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Director General Hines served notice on "public officers, railroad officers, and employees and citizens generally in California, Arizona and Nevada, that the railroad administration would undertake to restore full railroad service in those states on and after seven o'clock next Saturday morning.

All striking employees who do not return to work by that time will find their places filled.

Any one who interferes with or impedes the use of railroad property, Mr. Hines said, would be dealt with for having committed an offense against the United States.

This action, coming after the announcement by the four brotherhood chiefs that they would assist the railroad administration in operating the lines, if the illegal strike was not terminated, is the most drastic ever taken by the government in a labor controversy.

Mr. Hines, in addition, sent telegrams to the governors of California, Nevada and Arizona and to the mayors of principal cities in those states asking co-operation in maintaining traffic and in preventing interference with the movement of trains.

Accept Offer, Chiefs Advise.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Acceptance of President Wilson's offer of a small wage increase pending the outcome of the government's efforts to reduce the cost of living was advised by the executive council of the railway shop unions in a letter sent to all union locals.

Officials of the unions conferred with Samuel Gompers, president, and other members of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor. Their letter said if there was to be a strike every class of railway employees should be willing to join in the movement.

Advise United Action.

"If the federated shop trades strike now," the letter said, "they carry the full burden of securing the same general increase for the 78 per cent of the railroad employees who have not yet decided what action they propose to take. We do not believe that we should allow ourselves to be placed in that position."

"In our opinion the next 90 days will bring the entire situation to a head, and if a strike is to take place every class of railroad employees should be willing to join in the movement, share their full measure of responsibility and not leave the issue to be decided by 22 per cent of the railroad employees represented by the federated trades."

"It is our honest judgment that a fatal mistake would be made by our members to assume the responsibility of tying up the railroads at this time when the president is evidently doing all possible to reduce the high cost of living."

"It is but fair to assume that the president will have the loyal support of a majority of the American public in his effort to procure this much-needed relief. We would, no doubt, be charged with obstructing his efforts."

"It should be understood, however, that if the government fails to effect a substantial reduction in the cost of living within a reasonable time we reserve the right to put the strike vote into effect."

Put Limit on Coast Strike.

Saturday morning has been set as the time limit by which all striking railroad employees on the Pacific coast must return to work "or the brotherhoods will support the federal administration in its endeavor to operate trains wherever they have contracts."

This ultimatum was sent from the Cleveland headquarters of the four brotherhoods to the strikers and was communicated also to the railroad administration, which is understood to have completed plans for resuming train service if the unauthorized strike, denounced as illegal by the international officers of the brotherhoods, is not terminated.

It is understood that union men will be employed in moving trains if the strikers do not return to work.

Upon his return here from Europe Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, went into conference with officials of the 15 railroad unions to discuss President Wilson's decision that there should be no general increase in railroad em-

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