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## CLIFFORD SHELLHART INJURED

When Thrown from a Horse Monday Forenoon.

Clifford Shellhart, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shellhart of Milroy township, was seriously injured Monday when he was thrown from a horse. The young lad was badly burned some few months ago about his arm and body while working under an automobile and his clothes, which had become saturated with gasoline, being set on fire when he attempted to open a valve cock by inserting the head of a match into it, the match scratching on the side and igniting. The flesh on his body and under his arm were badly burned and in healing the flesh of the arm grew fast to his body for some little distance.

When thrown from the horse Monday this flesh was torn completely loose and an artery was severed. He lost a great deal of blood before the bleeding was checked. The lad was brought to the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Eli Critser, just east of town, where it is more convenient for him to receive medical attention.

## GIVE \$1,000.00 CASH BOND

Danville (Ill.) Men Brought Here on Grand Jury Indictments.

Sheriff Woodworth and B. D. McColly were down at Danville, Ill., last week and arrested Robert J. Luke, who, with Ransom Lewis, also of Danville, were indicted by the recent grand jury in Jasper county for alleged perjury in testimony given in the Collision divorce case, which was brought here from Porter county and tried at the September term of the Jasper circuit court.

Lewis was out of town when the officers were there and they only got Luke, who gave \$1,000 cash bond and said that he would tell Lewis that he was wanted here and that it would not be necessary for the officers to come after him. Accordingly, the latter came up Friday and also put up a cash bond of \$1,000 and was released.

The officers had taken out requisition papers, but both men stated that this would have been unnecessary had they known that they were wanted here.

Luke is an insurance agent at Danville and Lewis is the proprietor of a ten-chair barber shop. Both are said to be well connected and of good standing there. Lewis is a major in the Illinois national guard and Luke is quartermaster.

They had testified that they were at Urbana, Ill., inspecting the national guard there on a certain night and saw Mrs. Collis and a gentleman whom they thought looked like one of the attorneys she had employed in her divorce case, at a dance in Urbana that night. Mrs. Collis showed by a telegram from a clerk in a hotel at Kansas City that on this particular night she was registered and stayed at the aforesaid hotel.

It is said that Luke and Lewis still maintain that they saw the woman at Urbana on the night they inspected the national guard at that place, but say they may have been in error as to the particular date.

## THE WEATHER CONTINUES MILD

Up to yesterday, when there was a drop of several degrees in the temperature, it had been quite warm for several days. Sunday afternoon was quite pleasant and warm; one could almost dispense with a coat. Monday was dark and gloomy, with rain a portion of the day and quite a good deal of rain fell during the early part of the night. After midnight we got a heavy wind, which, perhaps, did considerable damage at other points, but confined itself here to breaking a few branches from trees, etc. Yesterday was fairly pleasant, but the mercury at 2 p. m. had dropped to 41 degrees, and the prediction was for much cooler weather.

## STOP, LOOK AND READ!

The Rensselaer High School Glee club is giving a minstrel entertainment in the high school auditorium December 14 and 15.

Come and forget "all dull care." There is to be a full minstrel program without a single dull number. Don't forget to reserve one of these evenings. Price only 25 cents. Twenty cents to school children.

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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 G. A. Williams was in Monticello Monday, where he sat as special judge on a case being tried in the White county circuit court.

The county council is called to meet in special session next Saturday to make some additional appropriations to close up the business of the calendar year 1920.

New suits filed: No. 9280. E. J. Randle vs. Frank B. Ham et al.; foreclosure of mortgage. Demand \$2,500.

No. 9281. George B. Crockett vs. Thomas A. Crockett estate; administrator's claim. Demand \$534.35.

George Hamstra of Keener township was brought before Squire Irwin Saturday on a charge of keeping his 13-year-old daughter out of school. He was fined \$1 and costs, amounting to \$12.70 in all. The complaint was filed by Truant Officer Philip Blue.

The case of James Porter et al. vs. Harvey Davison, growing out of a real estate deal and in which Mr. Davison secured a judgment of \$100 in the Jasper circuit court and the defendant (Porter) appealed to the supreme court, has been affirmed by the higher court. The case of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company vs. Conrad Kellner et al., growing out of a carload of fertilizer shipped to Kellner et al. a few years ago, which was unsatisfactory, and was taken to the Newton circuit court on a change of venue and where Kellner won out and the defendant appealed to the higher court, also has been affirmed.

### JESSE BRINGLE PASSES AWAY

Well Known Newton County Man Died at Brook Last Sunday.

Jesse Bringle, a former resident of the east side of Newton county and well known in Rensselaer, died at his home in Brook Sunday morning after having been in failing health for the past couple of years. He had lived in Brook only a few months, having been compelled to leave his farm on account of the condition of his health.

Mr. Bringle was a native of Harrison county, but had resided here since a young lad. His age at the time of his death was about sixty-five years. He was an uncle of W. D. Bringle of Rensselaer and A. M. Bringle of Fair Oaks.

He is survived by his wife and five children, Mrs. Anna Augspurger, Mrs. John Simmon, Jacob and Mearl Bringle, all residing near Brook, and Miss Maude Bringle, who is still at home. He is also survived by one brother, Silas Bringle of Harrison county.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church in Brook yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and the remains brought to this city and burial made in Weston cemetery.

### NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Ira Huntington of near Mt. Ayer had his appendix removed Sunday, and Leona, daughter of Clay Dewees of Jordan township, had her appendix removed Monday.

Miss Eva Hout, who has been employed at the W. J. Wright home for some time, entered the hospital Sunday for medical attention.

William Dunn of Wheatfield was brought down from Chicago Monday, where he had been in a hospital, and taken to the Jasper county hospital for treatment. He is suffering from an abscess on his spine.

Mrs. George Daniels of near Parr, who is suffering from pneumonia and asthma, is in a very critical condition.

L. Lipscomb of near Rensselaer entered the hospital Monday for medical attention.

Mrs. True Culp and baby probably will return to their home in Milroy township today.

All other patients are reported to be doing nicely.

### GLEE CLUB'S MINSTREL SHOW

Rensselaer High School Organization Presents Minstrel Production.

Tuesday night and tonight the Rensselaer High School Glee club is to give a minstrel show in the high school auditorium. This is the first of a series of entertainments to be staged and promises to be a real treat to the fun-loving public.

Under the able direction of Miss Hazel Gray the club members have progressed until they are able to cope with the real article and the line of jokes, songs, etc., to be given is among the best and most popular being put on the stage today.

The jokes are in the hands of six of the best known natural comedians in the high school, while the duets and other musical numbers are put on in an efficient manner by the large club, assisted by the high school orchestra.

The time has been set at 7:30 o'clock and a small admission fee will be charged to cover expenses.

### YOUNG FARMER DIES TUESDAY

Floyd Spain Succumbs at the County Hospital Yesterday Morning.

Floyd Spain, a well-known young farmer of a few miles north of Rensselaer, died at the Jasper county hospital at 2:10 o'clock yesterday morning, following an operation Saturday for the removal of a diseased kidney. The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow at the Methodist church and burial made in Weston cemetery.

Deceased was born September 10, 1891, his parents both dying several years ago and he had lived with and been reared in the family of his aunt, Mrs. Charles F. Stackhouse, of north of Rensselaer, as was his surviving brother, Charles Spain, now of Wabash.

He was married a few years ago to Miss Myrtle Amsler, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Amsler of northeast of town, who, with one son, survives him. He is also survived by one brother, Charles Spain, of Wabash, and one sister, Mrs. William Coffel of Colburn, and a host of friends who are deeply shocked at his untimely death and whose sympathy is extended to the widow, little son and relatives.

Floyd had not been feeling well for several months and recently went to Lafayette for an examination. Returning home from there he entered the county hospital where an operation was performed Saturday and one of his kidneys removed. He had been in a very bad condition following the operation and his death was not unexpected to the doctors, it is understood.

### JOHNSON IMMIGRATION BILL

Passed by House, But Defeat Is Expected in Senate.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Johnson immigration bill, as amended to prohibit all immigration for a period of one year, was passed today by the house. It now goes to the senate, where its defeat is predicted by the senate leaders.

Last minute attempts by house leaders to restore to the bill the clause restricting immigration for two years failed, the house approving, by a vote of 181 to 165, the Mann amendment limiting the barring of aliens to one year.

The vote on the bill was 293 to 41. Six members voted "present."

### CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

A number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jordan in Hanging Grove township Wednesday in honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A bountiful dinner was served at the noon hour, and during the afternoon the older people told stories of their earlier days. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan spent their earlier days in Montgomery county, Indiana, moving to Hanging Grove township about twenty-five years ago, and now are among our oldest and most respected residents.

We hope that they may enjoy many more celebrations of their wedding anniversary.

YOU HAVE ONLY 9 DAYS TO SHOP HURRY

### PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

Home Avenue and Grove Street Assessments Confirmed.

The city council met in regular session Monday night with all members present except Councilman Waymire, and the following business was transacted:

Insurance was ordered written on the new city hall in the R. D. Thompson agency for one year in the sum of \$3,000 and tornado insurance for five years in the amount of \$5,000.

Preliminary assessments confirmed in the Home avenue and Grove street improvement and the clerk was directed to certify same to the city treasurer for collection.

The same order was made in the East Washington and Weston streets sewer.

Under a suspension of the rules, ordinance No. 204, authorizing the mayor to appoint special police when occasion requires, was passed.

The usual number of claims was allowed.

### COMMUNITY NIGHT AT BARKLEY

Decided Upon At a Meeting Held Recently.

A meeting full of interest and enthusiasm was held at the Barkley church last Friday night. A good volunteer program was enjoyed for a half hour, then Rev. Dean presented the plans for making at least one evening each week a "community night." Interesting and helpful discussion followed and a plan was formulated whereby one Friday evening of each month will be a literary evening; one Friday evening of each month will be given to a community social; one Friday evening of each month to be young people's evening, and the fourth and occasional fifth Friday evenings will be reserved for miscellaneous affairs, such as entertainments, suppers and agricultural education. A committee consisting of five persons was elected to supervise and plan the programs for all of the work, excepting the young people's work, which they will take care of themselves. The committee is composed of the following persons: William Folger, John Maxwell, Miss Jennie Eib, Mrs. John Newcome and Mrs. S. L. Jordan. This committee is to serve for three months, when a new one will be selected.

It was decided that it would be best to wait till after the holidays to begin this work and the first meeting will be held the first Friday evening of the new year. It is emphasized that these meetings are open to and for everyone and anyone that wishes to attend, regardless of church relations. A suggestion was offered and carried out to have one person on each telephone line act as a key reporter to notify those on their particular line. They will ring what will be known as the "general ring," which will be six short rings, and will be a signal for everyone on that line to listen while she makes the announcement. There was an individual or a family appointed on each line in the community to act as key reporter, but not all those whose names were suggested were present Friday evening and the list will be announced later.

### AUTO MANUFACTURER IS DEAD

Horace E. Dodge Succumbs After a Year's Illness.

Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 11.—Horace E. Dodge of Detroit, millionaire automobile manufacturer, died here last night at his winter home.

Mr. Dodge had been ill since he suffered an attack of influenza a year ago at the time his older brother, John Dodge, died in New York, but it was said the immediate cause of his death was, cirrhosis of the liver. He was fifty-two years old.

Mr. Dodge recently bought Marina Villa here of Charles B. Dillingham, New York theatrical man, and with Mrs. Dodge and their son, Horace E. Dodge, Jr., came to occupy it ten days ago, accompanied by a Detroit specialist.

After his arrival here Mr. Dodge appeared to be regaining his health and was able to drive in his automobile. The Detroit physician returned home, but a few days later Mr. Dodge grew worse and New York specialists were sent for last night, when his condition became much more serious.

It was announced today that the body would be sent to Detroit, leaving here Saturday night, according to present plans.

Job printing that pleases is our specialty.—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.

### GENERAL MANAGER OF MONON

Railroad Is Evidently in Bad in Family Affairs.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—H. C. May, general manager of the Monon railroad, was called by the coroner today in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding the death of Mrs. Minnie Viola Reynolds, wealthy young widow, whose body was found in her gas-filled apartment Saturday.

Papers, letters and telegrams were found in the flat bearing the names of H. C. May and Mrs. H. C. May and reports to the police by a garage proprietor that he knew Mrs. Reynolds as Mrs. May and that he sent her monthly bills to Mr. May at the Monon office here resulted in the request that Mr. May attend the inquest today.

Mr. May, who is married and has two children, has a home at Lafayette, Ind.

### MAY'S WIFE IS TOLD OF DEATH

Mrs. H. C. May Goes to Chicago to Meet Her Husband.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 13.—Mrs. H. C. May, wife of the general manager of the Monon railroad, who was called before a coroner's inquest in Chicago today to be questioned concerning the death of Mrs. Minnie Viola Reynolds, left today for Chicago to meet her husband there. Before leaving Mrs. May said that Mr. May had told her about the death of Mrs. Reynolds a short time after her body was discovered in her gas-filled apartment at 1340 North Dearborn street.

Mrs. May went to Chicago last Friday afternoon and she and her husband were together at the Congress hotel. They had dinner at the Annex and attended a show that evening. The next morning Mrs. May went shopping and when she returned to the hotel at noon her husband told her about Mrs. Reynolds. According to Mrs. May's statement, it was the first intimation she ever had that her husband had been paying attention to Mrs. Reynolds.

"He told me the whole story," Mrs. May said. She would not discuss her future course.

Mr. May has been general manager of the Monon railroad since the government released the road to its owners following the period of government operation. During the war he was federal manager of the railroad. Mr. May is a graduate of Purdue university, of the class of 1902, and, after leaving college, held several positions on the Louisville & Nashville railroad. Mr. and Mrs. May are members of the Lafayette Country club, and their home in Highland park is one of the finest in that neighborhood.

Mr. May's duties as general manager have kept him in Chicago the most of the time during the last year. He generally goes to Chicago Monday and remains until Saturday, when he comes home for the week-end.

### ONLY HAPPY WHEN RAISING H—

Deported Reds Attempt to Blow Up Russ Rulers.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Members of the party deported nearly a year ago on the "soviet ark" Buford with Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman have attempted to blow up officials of the Russian soviet government, according to information received at the department of justice. The advice said Marcus Orodowsky and Arthur Kates were in jail at Moscow for attempting to plant bombs in a building occupied by the general executive committee of the soviet government there.

Schnabel, formerly head of the Union of Russian Workmen, the reports said, had been killed by the Japanese in Siberia while engaged in railroad work there.

Don't forget, we have practically new household furniture at Arnold's sale, Tuesday, December 14.—Advt.

### FIRE BADLY DAMAGES HOUSE

Of Dr. Frank McCarthy, of Terre Haute, Formerly of Rensselaer.

The following dispatch from Terre Haute to Monday's Indianapolis Star tells of the damage done to the apartment house of Dr. Frank McCarthy, formerly of Rensselaer and a son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. McCarthy, still residents of this city: "James Noles, 76 years old, janitor of the apartment house owned by Dr. Frank McCarthy, 88 Potomac avenue, Edgewood Grove, died from suffocation early today in a fire which badly damaged the building. The body of the janitor, who slept in an apartment in the basement, was found near the back door by Coroner W. F. Willen, Dr. McCarthy and Ewing Miller, who lived in the building.

"Cuts and bruises on the body showed that the man had made a fight to escape from the building. The body was not badly burned, only one spot on the face and scorched clothes showing that he had passed through the blazing corridor in the basement.

"The fire endangered the lives of the four families."

### RENSELAER TRIMS MOROCCO

In Sunday's Football Game by Score of Thre to Six.

In the big football game at Morocco Sunday, the Rensselaer team won by a score of six for Rensselaer to three for Morocco. Devotees of the game say it was a battle for blood and the scores of sports who had an aggregate of several thousand dollars up on the game were in a sweat from start to finish.

The game drew an immense crowd and it is probable that more money changed hands on the result than in all the other games played in this section of the state this season. One Rensselaer man is reported to have won two bets of \$300 and \$200, respectively, besides several smaller wagers. Report has it that Morocco dropped from \$3,000 to \$10,000 to the backers of the Rensselaer eleven.

### COMMISSIONERS NAME TRUSTEES

For the Newton County Hospital and Work Will Be Pushed Ahead.

At the December meeting of the board of commissioners, held Monday at Kentland, the trustees for the Newton county hospital, to be erected at Goodland as the result of Henry T. Griggs' generous offer, were appointed.

The law required that two trustees be named that were not residents of the township in which the hospital is to be erected and two that do reside in the same township where the hospital is to be erected. It was Mr. Griggs' wish that J. T. Hameton and Matt Moran of Goodland be appointed in this township, which was done and that Commissioner George Hillis name one in the north end, and he suggested A. B. Tolin of Colfax township, and he was accepted; then Paul Weishaar of Brook was named as the fourth man to make up the number required.

Therefore Paul Weishaar of Brook and A. B. Tolin of Colfax township were the two trustees named outside the township, and John T. Hameton and Matthew Moran were named as trustees from this township.

The board of commissioners made a liberal levy for maintenance for the next twenty years and bonded the county for \$55,000. The trustees will proceed with the work as rapidly as possible as there will be a whole lot of red tape before building operations can be begun. However, the men now in charge are thoroughly competent and will keep on the job all the time until the Newton county hospital is completed and ready for use.—Goodland Herald.

### CHRISTMAS STATIONERY

As usual, The Democrat has a fine line of correspondence stationery, both in paper, cards, etc., on hand for the holiday demand, and at the most reasonable prices possible. A box of nice stationery or correspondence cards makes a very acceptable Christmas present, and you will find it in The Democrat's Fancy Stationery Department at prices to fit the purse.

Calling cards also make a nice gift, and we have them in both plain and paneled, velvet or linen finish, and the finest line of different styles of type for printing the names thereon. Come in and see what we have in these lines.—THE DEMOCRAT.

Best job work at Democrat office.