

\$2.00 Per Year.

FARMER DIES IN CORNFIELD

M. M. Crowder of Southeast Marion is Victim of Heart Disease.

M. M. Crowder, a well-known farmer residing in the southeast corner of Marion township, died of heart disease Thursday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock. Mr. Crowder had not been feeling extra well of late, but Thursday went to help his neighbor, Oscar Harlow, with his corn husking, and died while out in the field.

Deceased was born in Ohio Sept. 3, 1858, and was, therefore, 62 years, 3 months and 13 days of age at the time of his death, and had resided in Marion township for many years. He is survived by his wife, six sons, Frank, Guy, Herbert and Utica Crowder of Indianapolis, Earl and Floyd Crowder of Lafayette, and one daughter, Mrs. Cora Osborne of Indianapolis.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial made in Weston cemetery, the funeral services being held at the Christian church.

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GROCETERIA IS NOT COMING

Evidently Something Radically Wrong With This Alleged Company.

The "Groceria Stores Co." which recently contracted with C. L. Murphy for the purchase of his lease on the Mrs. E. S. Rhoads building and was to take over the remainder of his grocery stock and fixtures after he had reduced it as much as possible within a given time and to place Mr. Murphy in charge of their store here as manager at a salary of \$35 per week, has abandoned its intention of opening the store, according to the following letter received by one of the purchasers of stock in the local store:

GROCETERIA STORES CO.,
128 No. Wells Street,
Chicago.Dear Sir: Dec. 15, 1920.
Enclosed please find check for \$50, amount paid in by you for membership in our Rensselaer branch.

We have decided for the present not to open this store, therefore herewith return your money.

Thanking you for your kind cooperation we remain,

Very truly yours,
GROCETERIA STORES CO.,
J. H. Sullivan, Pres.

The plan of this company, it appears, was to sell 100 shares of stock here of the face value of \$100, \$50 to be paid down with the subscription and the balance later. The stock salesmen told parties here that they had sold eighty-two of the required hundred shares.

All money received for stock was to be deposited in a local bank and to be used solely on account of the local store, and all earnings of the local store were to go to the local stockholders.

It is understood that some \$400 was deposited in a bank here, received from the sale of stock, but whether all was deposited we are, of course, unable to learn. But from the amount deposited the salesmen had deducted their commission, \$120, it is understood.

The return check above referred to was drawn against this fund, and it would appear from the letter that all who paid money are to get same returned to them in full.

However, in the case of Mr. Murphy, who is greatly damaged by the company not going ahead and opening the store and who was to have received stock to the amount of \$1,000 as payment for his stock taken over after he had reduced it to \$1,200 or thereabouts, it is a different matter, and how he will come out remains to be seen. He had practically closed out his stock almost entirely, at reduced prices, and now that the company is not to open a store here it is plain to be seen that he is greatly damaged.

Mr. Murphy had been a little uneasy over the matter for several days, as he had not heard from the company and the men who had been here selling stock had left town without communicating with him as to their going or when they would return, and he wrote to the Chicago office. He received a reply to the effect that one of the men would be here Wednesday, but no one came, and Thursday morning Mr. Murphy went up to Hammond and found that the chain of stores which the company alleged they owned at Gary and various other points in Lake county were owned by the United Co-operative Stores company of Hammond, with offices at 79 West Monroe street, Chicago, and, therefore, the alleged Groceria Stores company

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 was in Monticello on business Thursday.

Jacob Rich of Washington, Ill., was looking after his real estate interests in Jasper county a few days this week.

Auctioneer McCurfaun reports a fine sale out at Van Arnold's in Barkley township Tuesday, totaling over \$3,900.

Judge Gifford was up from Tipton Wednesday on business connected with the B. J. Gifford estate, of which he is executor.

Judge George A. Williams left last evening to spend Christmas with Mrs. Williams, who has been visiting her people at Carthage, Ill., for the last couple of weeks.

Marriage license issued: December 16, Elias Mars Ott of Barkley township, aged 26 October 9 last, farmer, and Lilly Price, also of Barkley township, aged 20 December 2, clerical worker. First marriage for each.

E. G. Sternberg of Chicago was in Rensselaer on business Wednesday. The big dredge used on the lower Iroquois is to be shipped to Missouri where the Sternbergs have a dredging contract. It has been in "dry dock" near Brook since the completion of the Iroquois contract.

Judge Carr of the Carroll-White circuit court has made a radical change in the custom heretofore employed in assigning cases to trial in his court. It has been the custom on the second day of a term to hold what is called a "call day," at which time the entire docket is gone over and cases set down for trial during that term as agreed upon between the attorneys and the parties thereto. Judge Carr has changed all this, and at the last Monday of his November term in White county assigned pending cases to be tried at the February term, the attorneys being required to state whether or not they desire a jury trial, thus enabling the court to set all such cases in succession so that when the jury is called it will remain until the cases are disposed of. This plan also gives the litigants plenty of time to prepare for trial and is seemingly a very wise innovation.

PUBLIC SALE DATES

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Saturday, Dec. 18—Julius Hanat,

half miles west and 1 1/2 miles north

of Kniman. General sale, including

horses, cattle, chickens, implements,

household goods, etc.

Tuesday, Dec. 22—Thomas E. Reed,

7 miles south and 3 1/2 miles west of

Rensselaer. Big general sale, includ-

ing 12 head of horses and mules, 48

head of cattle, 30 head of hogs and

a large amount of farm tools.

had made false representations here in making the contract with him and in selling stock. Two of the men at the head of the alleged Groceria Stores company were formerly connected with the Co-operative Stores company, which does operate stores at Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago and Gary, but at present have no connection with said company and the representations made here seem to have been wholly false.

Mr. Murphy is "up in the air" at this writing as to what to do, but it is probable that he will re-stock his store and open up again in the near future, and if the "Groceria Stores company" has anything tangible behind it, it is probable that an action will be brought for damages. Mr. Murphy does not believe that anything like the amount of stock was sold here that was represented, for if it was all the money was not deposited in the bank here, and of the amount deposited, after taking out the commission of the stock salesmen, there is not sufficient left to pay the refunding of but very few shares.

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LID ON NEW ROADS IN PULASKI

County Commissioners Will Require Special Elections Before Building.

An order designed to put a check on the building of gravel roads was passed by the commissioners this week in their regular monthly session. The order sets forth that there are now 347 miles of gravel roads in the county and that the revenue for repairs is not sufficient to maintain them. For these reasons it is ordered that all petitions under the three-mile law are to be referred to the people of the respective townships in which the proposed roads are located, special elections to be held for the purpose of voting on the proposition. There are already a large number of petitions in the auditor's office, ready to be filed when the townships in which they would be located are sufficiently out of debt to sell bonds for more roads. It is announced that none of these will be acted upon without an election.—Pulaski County Democrat.

BROUGHT HERE FOR BURIAL

Seth Nichols, Former Resident, Dies in Burdine, Ky.

Jesse Nichols received word Thursday evening of the death of his nephew, Seth Nichols, at Burdine, Ky., on Tuesday night. Deceased was a son of Wallace Nichols, a former resident of this county, but who died in 1897. He is survived by a wife and one son about eight years old, two sisters, Mrs. Grace Blakeman of Indianapolis and one sister in Terre Haute, besides numerous relatives here.

The remains will be brought to Rensselaer and taken direct to the Smith cemetery in Barkley township, where burial will be made. They were expected to arrive here yesterday afternoon or today.

GETTING BACK TO "NORMALCY"

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—A contracting firm advertised for twenty-five men today and such a large crowd responded that a detail of police had to be summoned to maintain order. Applicants for work were requested to call at 7:30 a. m., but they began to gather at 4 o'clock. Those chosen were sent to Lakewood, N. J., where a hangar for the navy is being constructed.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—There are approximately 300 applicants now for every forty-five positions, while a year ago there were twenty-five applicants for every 300 positions, according to Edmund F. Faber of the United States department of labor, regional director of the fourth (St. Louis) district. A survey of unemployment in the district was begun today under Mr. Faber's direction.

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.

Many hardened northerners having satisfied the mounted police authorities of their physique and the adequacy of their grub stake, left Edmonton, Alberta, recently with husky dogs for the end of the railroad at Ft. McMurray to "mush" to Ft. Norman, now internationally famous as the scene of the last big oil strike. All will travel the ice trail of the rivers and lakes, which comprises the only trail, in an effort to beat the anticipated rush for claims with the advent of the spring. The mounted police are exercising a vigilant watch over those who would break for the north without satisfying them of their powers of endurance and means of winter subsistence.

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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.

SUICIDE VERDICT BY CORONER

in Death of Chicago Woman Friend of Monon Manager.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Minnie Villa Reynolds, wealthy widow, whose body was found Saturday in her gas-filled apartment, committed suicide, a coroner's jury decided after hearing testimony of H. C. May, general manager of the Monon railroad.

That Mrs. Reynolds committed suicide because of business difficulties was the testimony of Mr. May. "Nothing in our relations, nothing I have ever done or said, would lead me to believe that I was in any way responsible for her death," May testified.

"I took Mrs. Reynolds to lunch at the Palmer house Friday and left her at 2 o'clock. From her attitude then I believe she committed suicide."

"She was desirous of establishing herself in a small hotel or rooming house, and there was a deal pending. For some reason things weren't going just right. I first knew of her death when a friend telephoned to me Saturday and told me about it."

"Mrs. Reynolds and I were merely very good friends. I helped her in several instances. Our relations were never such as to cause her to commit suicide because of me, I am sure."

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of suicide—that Mrs. Reynolds met her death through "gas turned on in a fit of despondency."

Mr. May was called by the coroner in an effort to clear up the mystery surrounding Mrs. Reynolds' death.

Papers, letters and telegrams found in the flat and 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.

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

MAY QUITS PLACE WITH MONON

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 16.—H. C. May has resigned as general manager of the Monon railroad. While no official announcement has been made, it is known that he has already retired from the position. Mr. May and his family will leave Sunday for California.

Mr. May came to the Monon in 1910 from the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Louisville. He was graduated from Purdue university here in 1902 and his first railroad position was as master mechanic on the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad. From there he went to the Louisville & Nashville. In 1915 he left the Monon and went to the Lehigh Valley as superintendent of motive power.

In 1917 he came back to the Monon as superintendent of motive power, and during the world war was federal manager of the railroad. At the end of the government regime he became general manager. It is announced that no successor will be appointed at this time and the business will be conducted from the office of Harry R. Kurrie, president of the system.

NOTICE!

All of the women and girls of Newland and vicinity are invited by the Red Cross to meet with Mrs. H. J. Kuppers on Tuesday afternoon, December 21, at 2 o'clock to make plans to organize classes in home hygiene and care of the sick. Everybody come.—Advt.

BOX SOCIAL AT BLAKE SCHOOL

District No. 8, December 23, 1920, five miles north and one and one-half miles east of Remington. Come and hear the Christmas program. Girls bring boxes and boys bring pocketbooks. CLARENCE KELLEY, Teacher, d22

MRS. GEORGE DANIELS IS DEAD

Formerly Resided for Many Years in Barkley Township.

Mrs. George Daniels, who had been very sick with pneumonia and asthma at the county hospital for the past ten days, died Tuesday night at about 11:15 o'clock.

Mrs. Daniels was born in Pennsylvania December 13, 1857, and was, therefore, 63 years of age the day preceding her death. She is survived by five sons, Walter and Roy Daniels of near Devils Lake, N. D.; and John, Alonzo and Ira Daniels, residing near Rensselaer. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. William Daniels of this city, and four brothers, John Ott of Remington, George Ott of Barkley township, Frank Ott of Chicago Heights, Ill., and Daniel Ott of Denver, Colo. The Daniels family had resided for many years in Barkley township, but for some time Mrs. Daniels had been living with her son John near Parr.

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AMERICA LOOKS GOOD TO HIM

Says Pulaski County Man After Visit to Old Home in Germany.

Carl Meyne of Beaver township was here yesterday on business, having recently reached home after his trip to Germany. He left this country in July and has been visiting relatives in the old country.

He says the United States looks mighty good to him after a trip over there, as does also American money. Conditions in German cities are critical, he says, although better in the country districts. The national government is weak, and each state is almost a law unto itself. Bread

rations prevail in many of the cities.

The rate of exchange enabled him to get seventy-two German marks for each American dollar. The set price on wheat there is eighty marks per hundred pounds, and on potatoes twenty marks per hundred pounds.

It takes over thirty marks to buy a very ordinary meal. There is very little silver or gold, nearly all of the money being paper or iron. Each city issues its own, and that issued by one city is not much good in another.

Carl will divide his time this winter between his farm in Beaver and the home of his son at Lafayette.—Pulaski County Democrat.

DODGE POLICIES TO STAND

Representatives of Company Told There Would Be No Change.

Detroit, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the Dodge Brothers Motor Car company were informed by Fred J. Haynes, vice-president and general manager, that the death of Horace E. Dodge, president, would bring no change in the policies of the company and that the business would continue as it had been planned by Mr. Dodge. The statement was made, Mr. Haynes said, to still "idle rumors" that had spread since Mr. Dodge's death last Friday.

The funeral services for the manufacturer were held today at Grosse Pointe.

PRICE-OTT NUPTIALS

Mars Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ott of Barkley township, a prominent young farmer, was united in marriage to Miss Lilly Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, also of Barkley township, last Thursday morning, the bride being a graduate of the 1919 class. She was one of Jasper county's successful teachers last winter, but has been employed in Chicago during the past summer and fall.

They will make their future home on a farm belonging to the groom's father in Barkley township.

NOTES FROM COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. E. C. English entered the hospital Tuesday evening suffering from pleurisy pains. She has been very sick.

Mrs. True Culp and baby and Mrs. Ross Reed were able to return to their homes Wednesday.

All other patients are reported as improving nicely.

An armload of old papers