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KENDALLVILLE MEETS BIG SNAG

ALLEN COUNTY JOINS NOBLE IN
PROTEST AGAINST CHANGE IN
ROUTE OF LINCOLN HIGH-
WAY

GOODRICH GETS BLACK EYE

Allen County Commissioners WIN
John Noble County Residents in
Vigorous Protest

That little scheme of Senator Munton, Archie Campbell, U. C. Brouse and other Kendallville worthies who are claimed to be back of Gov. Goodrich's stand to eliminate that portion of the Lincoln, between Ligonier and Fort Wayne will come to grief.

Fortunately the change in route cannot be brought about without an amendment to the state highway law, for the law specifically provides for the inclusion of all the Lincoln Highway from Ligonier to Fort Wayne and divert traffic to the Blazed Trail or Chicago and Toledo Pike has struck a snag. Allen county has joined Noble in favor of a vigorous protest.

Before the state highway law became effective Perry township paved her portion of the Lincoln Highway with brick, at her own expense, and this great expense was incurred with the understanding that there was to be no rerouting of the Lincoln Highway in Noble county.

That Fort Wayne and Allen county are up in arms over the governor's ill-advised and unfair proposition is shown by the action taken by the Chamber of Commerce in Fort Wayne Thursday evening.

In giving an account of the meeting the Journal Gazette says:

"Following are the facts brought out at the highways meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last evening, which indicate that Fort Wayne is in danger of being left off the Lincoln highway if the present plans of the state highway commission are put into effect, the county commissioners and others, who are interested, plan to go to Indianapolis the last of the week to lay the matter before Governor Godrich. The committee planned to visit the capital today but learned that the governor will be absent from the capital for several days.

The commissioners are anxious to have as many Allen county roads as possible included in the state system of highways but they are strongly opposed to any step which would eliminate the Lincoln Highway from the system. According to the recommendations of the governor as they are understood here, he has taken the ground that some roads tentatively included in the system cannot now remain under state control. He has approved the Kendallville-Fort Wayne road and the Fort Wayne-Decatur road with the understanding that the Fort Wayne-Ligonier road, which is the Lincoln Highway, be eliminated.

"Work is already begun on the Chicago-Toledo road which will pass through Goshen, Ligonier, Kendallville and Bryan, O., and would cut Fort Wayne from the transcontinental route if the road is taken from the state system.

"Allen county's portion of the Kendallville-Fort Wayne route is known as the Lima road and is to be improved by the county in the near future. The Lincoln Highway east of Fort Wayne has already been improved and a petition was recently filed for the improvement of the Lincoln Highway northwest of Fort Wayne."

Want Road Paved.

A petition with over 1000 names has been filed with the commissioners of Allen county asking that the Lincoln Highway be paved to the Whitley county line. E. V. Harris is the attorney for the petitioners. If it should be granted Whitley county would then be in line to pave to Noble county. What the highway commission will do relative to the above we are not informed.—Chur-
chus Truth.

May Establish Another Plant.

The Kahn Brothers company, shirt manufacturers, will establish a plant in Goshen if suitable quarters can be secured. The company will soon install a cutting department to their big factory in Ligonier. Heretofore all the goods used in shirt making have been cut at the Chicago plant.

Whole Family Stricken.

Nine members of the Rollin Newells family are ill of smallpox in Albion. Mr. Newells threw a scare into Ligonier residents when he appeared here broken out with the disease.

Every living soul that sees "The Miracle Man" will go home with a feeling of satisfaction that they have seen a master production. Come early. Shows at 7:15 and 9:00.

WENZER IN TROUBLE

Man Who Bounced Groceryman Hollinger, Rome City, Out of Cash Languishes in Jail

Arrested at South Bend on charges of burglary and forgery, arraigned, pleads guilty and in the county jail at Albion failing to give \$2,000 bond is the experience of Charles W. Wenzer, who claims to live in Michigan.

Some time ago the Banner carried a news item from Rome city telling how Groceryman Hollinger had been swindled by cashing a bogus check for a cripple.

Wenzer, was a former employee of O. N. Guildin of Fort Wayne, owner of a cottage at Rome City. On February 18, this year, he was at Rome City and claimed he was one of a party of several men working for Mr. Guildin at his cottage. He telephoned to Mr. Hollinger saying Mr. Guildin was talking and that he would send a cripple over after some groceries and would settle for them later. Wenzer, who was alone, went after the groceries and was given what he wanted. Later Wenzer said Mr. Guildin had returned to Fort Wayne and would send him a check for \$75. He was out of money and borrowed \$150 from Mr. Hollinger and went to Kendallville, where he forged a check for \$75 on Mr. Guildin and sent it to Rome City in a registered letter giving his address and a special delivery stamp. Prior to this time Wenzer had gained the confidence of Postmaster Jennings of Rome City, who was ready to lend a helping hand. Wenzer returned immediately to Rome City and was waiting at the postoffice where the mail was delivered. His letter was waiting for him, and he asked Mr. Jennings to cash the check, who refused only for lack of funds. However, Mr. Jennings told him that Mr. Hollinger might cash it for him, and he went to him and received \$30, which was all the ready cash Hollinger had on hand. A due bill for the remaining \$45 was given Wenzer, but at this stage of the game the forger "flew his kite" and was not heard of until it was learned he was at South Bend where he came to grief when he was taken into custody by South Bend police.

Change in Business.

Schloss Brothers, Simon and Jonas have been engaged with the Straus Brothers Co. and will handle the real estate end of the business in the Ligonier office. The business has grown to such proportions that the Straus Brothers find it advisable to shift some of the responsibility to other shoulders and the new alliance is the result. Simon Schloss has been handling real estate on his own account for some time and he will fit in with the Straus Brothers under the new arrangement.

Big Strike at South Bend.

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No Telephone Hearing.

When a representative of the state utility commission failed to appear here Thursday, April 8, as scheduled, to have a hearing on the petition of the Ligonier Telephone company for a raise in service rates there was much disappointment. A number of Kendallville residents were here to consult the commission. It is understood the matter will be adjusted by the commission in Indianapolis on the basis of investment and net earnings. If this plan is to be followed a public hearing would be a farce anyway. A survey and appraisal of the Ligonier Telephone plant has been made by a representative of the state commission and the service rate will be adjusted according to that showing.

Elanor Holloway Wins.

Miss Elanor Holloway distanced all competitors in her candidacy for popularity as a high school student. The vote was on the most popular young lady in the high school and when the campaign closed Friday night the candidates finished in the order named below:

Elanor Holloway.

Edna Kitson.

Dorothy Slabaugh.

Leah Summers.

The vote was by ballot at a penny a vote and the venture netted about \$65 which will go into the fund to publish a school annual for Ligonier.

Bank in Fine Condition.

A complete examination of Citizen Bank has just been completed by a representative of the state department and the bank is found in most excellent condition. These examinations are made periodically of all state banks of Indiana and the report on Citizens Bank is particularly flattering.

Goods Ready to Ship.

Herbert B. Brown of the Fibre Furniture Company says manufactured goods are now ready to ship in small quantities. The demand for the output of the factory is so great that there is no apprehension as to its future success. If the freight embargo is lifted the furniture will be shipped within a few days.

Sampson Tractor Demonstration.

A demonstration was made on the streets Friday with a Sampson tractor. The tractor was hitched to a wagon and was driven by lines like horses. The machine gets over the ground at a rapid rate and can be made to turn almost square corners.

Jewelry Thieves Busy.

Burglars entered the homes of Haines Egbert and Mrs. Daniel Sanders in Goshen the other night and secured items in the Egbert home valued at \$10,000. Mrs. Sanders lost nothing.

"The Miracle Man" the picture worth 15 cents. Admission children under 15 cents. Adults 40 cents which includes war tax. Shows at 7:15 and 9:00. Come early.

MIER STATE BANK LOSES

Jimmy Cain Floats Bad Check at Institution For \$79 While in City

Another victim of James Cain's fraudulent performance has come to light since the publication of the swindling of James Adams out of \$41.

The Mier State Bank is out \$79 on a bogus check floated by Jimmy Cain while visiting old friends in the city a week or so ago.

The Cain family is well known to Ligonier people. William Cain lived in Ligonier a number of years before taking up a residence in Plymouth and when his son Jimmy came back on a visit he was received with open arms.

It seems the young man's fraudulent practices cost his victims something like \$2,000. The boy was arrested at South Bend and was later taken to Peru where he languishes in the Miami county jail to answer many check forgeries. The checks were drawn on a bank at Rochester and looked good on their face. Cain claimed to be employed by the Erie railway with headquarters in Rochester.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Clawson, of South Bend and George of Mishawaka were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad White in this city.

The rumor that Hoffman Bros., automobile manufacturers of Elkhart had acquired a Ligonier factory proves to be without foundation.

The management of the Banner can personally recommend the screen production "The Miracle Man" to its patrons as being all that is claimed for it.

Repairing Lincoln Highway.

Maintenance of way forces operating under the state highway commission are making repairs and improvements on the Lincoln highway between Wolf Lake and Churubusco. The road needs the attention being given it. Unless Gov. Goodrich has his way and secures the abandonment of the Ligonier-Fort Wayne branch of the road the state is obliged to look after the maintenance.

Pension Bill Passed.

The pension bill only awaits the signature of the president to become a law. All soldiers of the civil war get a big increase, the minimum being \$50 a month and from that amount up according to disability. J. O. Agee received word Saturday of the progress of the disability pension measure.

Mr. Fetters Remembers.

William Fetters says the heavy snow fall of Easter is not unprecedented. On April 4, 1874, he hauled logs on a sled over ten inches of snow. He says wheat was plowed under to give place to oats but the latter named crop was a failure.

Trampled by Cow.

Mrs. Harvey Kessler residing near Rome City was badly injured Thursday when trampled by a cow. She was knocked down and a leg was fractured while internal injuries render Mrs. Kessler's condition serious.

Section Foreman Hurt.

John Schott, 62, section foreman on the N. Y. C. railway at Brimfield was probably fatally injured when struck by an engine Thursday. His ribs were fractured and the bones pierced his lungs.

Farmers Buy Grain Business.

The Farmers Co-Operative company of Whitley county has purchased the Crowell Grain Co. business in Columbia City for a consideration of \$21,000. They take possession June 1st.

Death of Old Residents.

Thomas Johnson 64, a retired farmer who has made his home in Albion for several years, died Thursday morning at the home of a nephew M. W. Johnson, from chronic Bright's disease. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon.

Announcement.

The undersigned will be a candidate for State Representative, subject to decision of Republican voters, Primary May 4, 1920.

NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Allen E. Wysong were Goshen visitors Sunday.

Two Ligonier bowling teams traveled to Goshen Sunday to get a beating.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wagoner spent Sunday in Elkhart guests of his son Dean and wife.

Mrs. W. M. Snider left for Toledo Friday to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Miss W. M. Snider was a guest Monday of her uncles John and Frank Shallenberger.

Will Cavin, of Sturgis, spent Sunday here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cavin.

The G. R. & I. railway section men at Kendallville have gone on strike. The longer hour day is the cause.

Mesdames O. G. Bowen and Charles Wolf paid their Elkhart friends a visit Friday and did a little shopping on the side.

Perry Township—Lawrence L. Owen Donald Todd, Dorchester E. Emmitt, Dorchester Nowels, Mildred May Smith Lawrence Owen's average \$3.2.

Elkhart Township—Helen Caldwell, Robert King, Bernice Gallup, Mercedes Boyd, Albert W. King, Edna Cook, Vinton Wells. Mercedes Boyd's average \$9.5.

The demand for such a law comes largely through the factory workers who desire to plant gardens and enjoy longer evenings.

Mayor Hinch had but one absentee Thursday night when he called the council to order. Councilman Feldheiser, hurt in a fall some time ago still confined to his home.

J. T. Pollock had a water bill the last quarter of \$24 due to a bursted water pipe and the matter of a rebate was discussed, but the council decided to maintain its fixed rule of making no concessions on water rent.

The police are instructed to arrest car drivers who run through the city at a rate prohibited by law.

Officer Fisher will have the care of city parks again this year on the same terms he worked under last year.

Street Commissioner Deeter will commence street scraping and grading as soon as the weather will permit.

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