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ALLEN WOODRUFF, FOR MANY
YEARS A LIGONIER MERCHANT
SUCCUMBS

CO. COMMISSIONERS DECIDE

Spent Thirty-four Years in Merchantile Business, Retiring in Fall of 1917

Monday, April 19, Allen Woodruff for many years a merchant of Ligonier passed peacefully away at his home on McLean street. Death had been expected for several weeks, as the aged man was unable to take nourishment and after lying unconscious for a number of days he sank to sleep.

Allen Woodruff was of a quiet disposition rather retiring by nature and in his long life he came to be esteemed by the community.

The surviving sons have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. The story of Allen Woodruff's life is best told by his biographer in the following language:

Allen Woodruff, second son of Charles and Jane Woodruff, was born August 6th, 1842, at Sunbury, Ohio. Died April 19th, 1920 at his home in Ligonier, Ind. Age 77 years, 8 months, 13 days.

Three brothers, Orson, George and Rollin and two sisters, Albinia and Rosatha had all preceeded him in death.

Emigrating to Indiana in the early 50's with his parents located at Albion, Ind., where the early days of his youth were spent.

At fourteen the apprenticeship to a cabinet maker eventually resulted in his becoming an expert at this vocation, which trade he successfully plied at Albion and Wolcottville for a number of years.

With the outbreak of the Civil War enlistment resulted in his being barred from the service owing to the loss of an eye which he had sustained in early youth.

Marry to Nina A. Gordon, at Elkhart, Ind., in 1874 the couple took up their residence in Wolcottville. To this union two sons were born, Raymond O. and Harry Dale.

From Wolcottville Allen Woodruff moved to Wrights Corners, Ind., where he conducted a general store for a number of years.

Moving to Ligonier in 1886 a partnership was formed with his brother George S. in the pursuit of business, a drug and grocery store. Eventually this partnership was dissolved and succeeded by the firm of Woodruff & Young, and still later entirely taken over and conducted by A. Woodruff till the fall of 1917. A period of 34 years in all.

His wife preceeded him in death March 16th, 1905.

The three declining years of his life were spent in and about his home on McLean street where he quietly dwelt with his son Dale, and where his infirmities of old age gradually wore his life away.

The funeral occurred Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the late home, Rev. Hubbard officiating. Burial in Oak Park.

Sentence is Suspended.
Howard Rex was taken into custody by Marshal Burkhardt Monday evening on warrant charging him with smoking in the B. B. R. hall. He was arraigned before Judge Donald Latta and at the request of his attorney Andrew Adams a jury was empaneled to try the case. Prosecutor Lisle Gilbert read the complaint and contrary to expectations the prisoner pleaded guilty, asking the mercy of the court. As this was the first offense sentence was suspended during good behavior. This is the first arrest and trial since the Boys Brotherhood Republic was organized and the spectators experienced disappointment when the trial was halted.

Gas Shortage Acute.
All gasoline dealers in Ligonier with the exception of Irvin Kaufman discontinued all but emergency sales Tuesday. Physicians mail carriers and truck drivers were supplied, but all non-essentials were barred.

When these hortage came the Indiana company had 38,000 gallons of oil stored at the New Paris station. The company has but one dealer in a city and Mr. Kaufman is the agent here. He received 1,000 gallons Wednesday and is promised that amount until the supply is exhausted.

Mr. Kaufman did not jump the price retalling the liquid at 30 cents the gallon.

Penalty is Severe.
In a recent roundup of smugglers and whisky thieves at Toledo, O. Frank Hall, a former resident of Corunna was caught in the federal net. He was found guilty and sentenced to the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for a term of four years.

HAMS ARE VALUABLE

Two Cost George Gilbert \$20 in Mayor Brouse's Court at Kendallville.

When George Gilbert, a N. Y. C. brakeman whose home is in Elkhart, was arraigned in Mayor Brouse's court at Kendallville charged with stealing two hams from a freight car at Waukeha he pleaded guilty and paid fine and costs of \$20. Gilbert has a wife and two babes and thus has the high cost of living been increased.

Bonus Petition Signed.

Ligonier Post American Legion at its regular meeting Wednesday evening signed a petition favoring the bonus plan for former service men and the document will be forwarded to Congressmen Fairfield.

The meeting was addressed by J. C. Brunk, secretary of the county Y. M. C. A. and the attendance was good.

The Ligonier Post now has about 46 active members and is growing.

A special committee was appointed to take steps to secure a hall. The old Hoosier Club quarters had been considered but they have been leased to the Kahn Shirt Factory and a hall will have to be secured elsewhere.

The April Showers.

These April showers may be doing a lot toward an abundant crop of May flowers, but at the same time they are keeping farmers out of their fields and cutting short the oats crop, and a good oats crop is important just now.

There must be a shortage of the supply for oats is selling at \$1.10 or better per bushel in Toledo, and with a shortage in the wheat crop there will be a bigger demand than ever for rolled oats and oat meal during the coming year. To assure a good crop of oats and of good quality it should be in the ground as early in the season as possible.

Cracked on the Head.

While calling on Rev. Smith, pastor of the U. B. church at Solomon's Creek Tuesday evening, Rev. Grubbs witnessed an accident in which Rev. Smith received a bad scalp wound. The gentleman was in the act of opening a drawer when a heavy glass pitcher fell from the top striking the kneeling man on the head. The pitcher was not broken. The wound bled profusely, but is not considered dangerous.

Had Hard Trip.

The following Ligonier bowlers participated in the tournament at Ft. Wayne Tuesday night with indifferent success: Hugh Hutchinson, Fred Starr, H. S. Hamilton, Ralph Shisler, W. E. Oyler, Lowell Harsh, Fred Myers, Milo Miller, Harry Damey and William McGuinn. On the return trip their automobile mired in the mud and had to be drawn a large portion of the way home by a team. The trip was a hard one and the boys were a sorry sight when they arrived home Wednesday morning.

After Straus Valuables.

A burglar was caught in the act of forcing an entrance to the Woodlawn mansion of S. J. T. Straus in Chicago Tuesday night and in the round up four desperate characters were taken in, two men and two women. Mr. Straus is well known in Ligonier where he was born and where his parents resided before removing to Chicago.

Refuse All Help Ads.

The Banner makes it a rule to refuse all advertisements for help from out of town. Our manufacturers find it difficult enough to procure sufficient help without bidding against outsiders.

The Sligh Furniture Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich., has from time to time sent advertising to the Banner which has been declined as all similar appeals for help from other sources.

Streams Are Swollen.

The heavy rains of the first of the week sent many streams out of their banks. The Elkhart river threatened damage at Goshen when all low lands were covered.

The only washout reported near Ligonier was in the highway near the farm home of Jeff Hile.

Stuck in the Mud.

Fred Starr left Tuesday with two auto trucks for Fort Wayne to move the household goods of Rev. J. F. Lutty to this city. He managed to reach Churubusco when he abandoned the trip. The roads were in such condition he could not negotiate them.

Memorial Day.

At a regular meeting of Stansbury Post, G. A. R., preliminary steps were taken for the proper observance of Memorial Day. Several committees were appointed that will work in connection with similar committees from the W. R. C. and the Loyal Legion.

Eagles Dance.

The Eagles had a fine dance last Saturday, the hall being well filled. The next dance will be one week from next Saturday night.

Pass the Sugar, Please.

The Goshen Milk Condensing company recently received two car loads of sugar for which it paid \$21,000.

Thoughts

I hold it true that thoughts are things Endowed with being, breath and wings And that we send them forth to fill the world, with good results—or ill That which we call our secret thought Speeds to the earth's remotest spot, And leaves its blessing or its woes Like tracks behind it as it goes.

It is God's law remember it In your still chambers, as you sit With thoughts you would not dare have known.

And yet make comrades when alone. These thoughts have life and they will fly

And leave their impress by and by, Like some marsh breeze whose poisoned breath Breathe into homes its fevered death

And after you have quite forgot Or all out grown some vanished thought, Back to your mind to make its home— A dove or raven it will come

Then let your secret thoughts be fair: They have a vital part and share in shaping words and moulding fate— God's system is so intricate.

Mrs. W. W. Wood was a Kendallville visitor Wednesday.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Mr. Harry Inks and daughter visited the Niles eye specialist Tuesday.

Mayor Henoch is in Indianapolis on a business mission. He expects to return today.

Clair Weir has returned to his studies in Michigan university at Ann Arbor, after spending a vacation of a week at home.

Dr. Black reports a new daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cambell near Wolf Lake. The little lady arrived Tuesday.

M. A. Hutchinson came down Wednesday for the first in over a week. The gentleman has been ill of something like the grip.

I. D. Straus after spending about a week at home made a business trip to Chicago, returning home last night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Seagley were over from Topeka Wednesday looking over the thriving business conducted by their son Seagley Bros.

The metropolitan press head lines announce "the strike broken" and then follow with the details of how the rebels are holding out.

F. E. Weir and Dr. C. G. Keehn attended a meeting of the Knife and Fork club at South Bend Tuesday night and listened to a fine lecture.

Will Hieber has closed his blacksmith shop and the room he occupied now serves for a farm machinery warehouse for the Ligonier Auto Sales.

Mrs. Otis Butt will soon undergo an operation for goitre. The lady is now at the home of her parents in Syracuse preparing for the ordeal.

The old brick warehouse facing Cavin street at the plant of the Ligonier Refrigerator Co. has been razed and the brick will be used in enlarging the dry kilns.

Shobe & Shobe shipped a car load of horses to the Buffalo market Thursday morning. This is the first shipment in over two weeks on account of the freight embargo.

One thing is quite noticeable in Ligonier. The gasoline famine has broken the continuous line of new cars which poured through the city east and west.

Mister Austin has moved to the Charles N. Wemple farm and will raise in addition to regular field crops fancy chickens. He advertises eggs for sale at \$2 a setting of 15 eggs.

Otis Jones, an Elkhart barber, has become pastor of a church in the central part of the state. Jones developed oratorical powers while addressing helpless victims under his razor.

Otis D. Nusbaum has changed his address from Chicago to 320 Farwell building, Detroit, Michigan. Mrs. Nusbaum, who is now here, will join her husband in a few days in their new home.

A boiler insurance inspector has condemned the boilers at the Kendallville water and light plant. Insurance inspectors generally do find municipal plants in need of new boilers and machinery.

Billy Barnard of the Millersburg Grit is feeling the effects of the newspaper's derangement. The Millersburg scribe is not alone in his paper troubles. All the newspapers of the country are more or less affected.

The residence of Frank E. Miller is being redecorated and otherwise improved, the interior being repainted. Mr. Miller says under present conditions his home is anything but a home.

Myron Baker yesterday visited Mrs. Baker in an Elkhart hospital. The lady is rapidly recovering from her surgical operation and she will be brought home to this city in a few days.

Were it not for Irvin Kauffman's supply of gasoline there would be few automobiles running in or around Ligonier. Mr. Kauffman will serve all customers as long as his supply lasts and he has about 1,000 gallons a day.

A farwell supper was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. G. F. Hubbard Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hile. The removal of Rev. Hubbard's household effects to LaGrange has been delayed on account of the bad roads.

Hites Have Moved.

Word comes from Mishawaka that Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hite have moved from 241 Lincoln Way West to 201 Alabama street in that city.

Mesdames Cavin and Hoagland were in Niles, Michigan Wednesday consulting the eye doctor.

GREAT SALE OF SHORTHORNS

Top Cow Sells For \$4,100 and 150 Others Average \$350 Each Making World's Record

Fred Spurgeon attended the sale of 178 head of Shorthorn cattle at Huntington the first of the week and he says this was the largest association sale ever held anywhere. The top cow brought \$4,100 and 150 other cows averaged \$350 each. Buyers were present from about every state in the Union and from Canada. At the banquet in Fort Wayne Tuesday night there were 300 guests.

Johnson, Borah & Co.

Hiram Johnson is taking the republican vote of Indiana by storm as he did in Michigan and if surface indications count he will run ahead of the other candidates in the primary May 4 in this state.

Johnson is opposed by all the stand-patters in his party which means all the leaders in Indiana including the party organs.

When the fiery Californian spoke in Fort Wayne Wednesday night room could not be found for the crowd, and this right at the home of Harry Hogan, 12th district chairman and state manager for General Wood.

All the republican leaders and the party press are against Johnson in this district, but there is an element that is for Johnson. This element includes more than the progressives; it comprehends every radical, every red and every opponent of the government.

Senators Johnson and Borah and Raymond Robbins will make the welkin ring in old Hoosierdom for the next week and the influence will be felt.

Of course Johnson will not be nominated in Chicago. The republican leaders will see to that. They will all be there while the great mass of the party will not.

What is going to be the result?

Will Johnson, Borah & Co. bolt the party as the Roosevelt element did in 1912?

It is possible and highly probable.

Gen. Leonard Wood is a dead cock in the political pit this moment and to think that Prof. Fairfield had espoused his cause. The republican old guard politicians do not want Wood and they will see to it that he is shelved. The whirlwind success of Johnson makes it easier to dispense with both these candidates and compromise on some man who is "safe" from a standpat standpoint.

Sells Fine Monument.

The Inks Marble Works in charge of W. B. Inks has just delivered a fine monument at Syracuse, sold to Isaac Hostetter, of Kansas. The Inks Marble Works have had three car loads of fine material from the Vermont quarries for over two months.

The granite has been delayed in shipment by congestion of freight in the east.

School Board Takes Action

The Ligonier School Board has taken action in the matter of daylight saving and passed an order to conform to the city ordinance. After May second the schools of the city will convene one hour earlier and let out an hour earlier.

The Fig Leaf.

"After the overalls, then, what?" inquires an exchange dilating on the new wearing apparel craze adopted to beat the high cost of clothing. The fig leaf may be available.

Georgia For Palmer.

Democrats of Georgia at the presidential preference primary decided in favor of Attorney General Palmer. The other contestants were Senator Hoke Smith and Thomas E. Watson.

Another Paid Mouthpiece.

Montville Flowers, renowned chautauqua platform lecturer and educator, will tour cities