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ALLEN WOODRUFF, FOR MANY
YEARS A LIGONIER MERCHANT
SUCCEUMBS

CO. COMMISSIONERS DECIDE

Spent Thirty-four Years in Mercan-
tile 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 respected 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 Albina and Rosatha had all preceded him in death.

Emigrating to Indiana in the early 50's he 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.

Married 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 preceded 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 the 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 Kauffman discontinued all but emergency sales Tuesday. Physicians' mail carriers and truck drivers were supplied, but all non-essentials were barred.

When this shortage 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. Kauffman is the agent here. He received 1,060 gallons Wednesday and is promised that amount until the supply is exhausted.

Mr. Kauffman did not jump the price retailing 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 Corrunna 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 Wawaka 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 Congressman Fairchild.

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 Hutchison, Fred Starr, H. S. Hamilton, Ralph Shisler, W. E. Oyler, Lowell Harsh, Fred Myers, Milo Miller, Harry Damesy 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 Hire.

Stuck in the Mud.

Fred Starr left Tuesday with two auto trucks for Fort Wayne to move the household goods of Rev. J. F. Luty to this city. He managed to reach Chubbuck 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 blessings 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 Breathes 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.

Death of Lucius McConnell.

Lucius McConnell, aged about 70 years and one of the old residents of Ligonier, died at his boarding house in Elkhart where he had been employed in the Pratt automobile factory for the past two years. Death was due to heart trouble and was sudden. Mr. McConnell spent many years in Ligonier and was one of the early settlers. He made frequent visits here and had many friends. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Frank Scott, of Indianapolis, and a son Howard McConnell, of Los Angeles, Calif. If the son indicates that he is coming the funeral will be delayed. Otherwise it will be to take place Thursday with burial in the McConnell cemetery near Topeka. Louis Kerr had charge of the funeral.

Death of Wilson Billman.

Word reached Ligonier Thursday morning that Wilson Billman, aged about 75 years and an old resident of Noble county, had died suddenly of apoplexy while visiting his daughter at Allegan, Mich. Mr. Billman made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Magnuson on the old farm place near Wawaka where he had resided many years. Mr. and Mrs. Magnuson will have the remains brought to Wawaka for burial. The funeral arrangements had not been made late Thursday. Two daughters mentioned are the only immediate survivors of Mr. Billman.

Adams Will Prosecute.

James Adams will prosecute James M. Cain for loading a bad check upon him for \$41 unless the young man makes settlement. C. E. Denning, of the Mer State Bank also has a claim of \$79 against the young man. Prosecuting Attorney Vanderford has been instructed to secure a warrant for the young offender who is now with relatives at Plymouth. Mr. Adams says Jimmy Cain was severely injured in an auto wreck some time ago and the claim is made that the boy, aged 23, has since been mentally unbalanced. This, however, does not excuse the check forgeries.

Perry Wogoman Missing.

Perry Wogoman, 34, a N. Y. C. section man residing at Goshen suddenly disappeared Tuesday evening during the flood while protecting Rock Run bridge on the Goshen & Michigan branch. It is believed Wogoman fell into the swollen waters of the stream and was drowned as no trace of him can be found. Mrs. Mew, the clairvoyant, when consulted declared his body was lying on the bed of the stream. Wogoman has a wife and five children, the oldest child being 14. He owns two residence properties in Goshen.

Brings Many Customers.

The Sheets special sale and the bargains offered by other Ligonier merchants have filled Ligonier with customers from a distance of many miles in the past few days and the rush will no doubt continue for the next ten days. This is the best evidence that the people are awake to real bargains and that legitimate advertising pays. The Banner has carried the announcement which is winning these customers.

Johnson Wins in Nebraska.

Returns as they come in from the Nebraska primary indicate that Johnson is the choice of republicans by a sweeping plurality, leaving Wood and Pershing far in the rear in the presidential race.

Senator Hitchcock is the choice of the democrats and it looks as though the four national delegates at large would split between the friends of Hitchcock and Bryan.

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.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

W. W. Wood was a Kendallville visitor Wednesday.

Mrs. 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.

Miss Bessie Hardenbrook, of Gary is in the city a guest of her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. A. Yorkey and her young friends.

Dr. Black reports a new daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Campbell 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. Keen 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 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 1,060 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 Hite. The removal of Rev. Hubbard's household effects to LaGrange has been delayed on account of the bad roads.

GREAT SALE OF SHORTHORNS

Top Cow Sells For \$4,100 and 150 Others Average \$950 Each Making World's Record

Fred Spurgeon attended the sale of 175 head of Shorthorn cattle at Hometown 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 \$950 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 votes 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 frey 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 Ramond 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 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 dealing 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.

Attend Shrine Meeting.

Leland Calbeck, Harry Dickinson and Harry Pallard are in Fort Wayne today attending a meeting of the Shrine. Messrs Dickinson and Pallard will take the advanced masonic degree.

Wood in Indiana.

Gen. Leonard Wood will spend several days in Indiana during the coming week. He will make speeches in many places, but none are scheduled for Ligonier as far as known.

Embargo is Lifted.

The embargo on express out of Ligonier has been lifted to all points except Cleveland, Ohio. This will prove a great advantage to shippers.

The Stellar meat market is being treated to a redecoration inside and the whole interior is being painted a uniform color under the master hand of Artist Chiddister.

Seed Potatoes.

I now have a limited quantity of seed Irish Cobler and Early Rose seed potatoes. Seed potatoes are very scarce.

Shrubbery and Rose Bushes are now in stock. Big-stem complete colors kalsomine at 50 cents the package. Home Sweet Home chicken coops \$2.50 each.

Phone 134 Weavers Hardware

TRAVELING OVERLAND

Taylor Family Early in July Will Make Trip to California in an Automobile

Early in July Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Taylor and their two sons Robert and Donald will leave in an automobile for California, traveling by easy stages.

They will go by what is known as the southern route their destination being Oakland, California, where the family will locate permanently.

The drive will be from Ligonier to Indianapolis, thence to St. Louis and on through Oklahoma and Colorado. "We will be in no hurry," said Mr. Taylor in discussing the trip of two thousand miles. "It will not matter if two months are spent on the road. There is scenery along the way to charm and educate."

A camping outfit will be carried and the family will live out of doors, camping on the trails. Photographs will be taken of all objects of unusual interest and a complete history written.

Munton Has a Platform.

C. J. Munton, who desires to succeed himself in the state senate as the representative of Noble, LaGrange and Steuben counties has promulgated a platform. He pledges himself to the repeal of his obnoxious drainage law, to work for the system of state highways as laid out by the commission, to increase the pay of school teachers, woman suffrage, a square deal for labor and legislation to bring down high prices.

Here is the elusive plank on the Indiana tax law in full:

"The new tax law has been felt most heavily by corporations—those with which I am associated included."

worked for the enactment of this law and pledge myself to assist in such amendment thereto as will strengthen it and safeguard the tax payers' money."

The senator does not pledge modification of the law in the interest of the farmer and small taxpayers, but in the interest of corporations, including those in which he has an interest. The senator must be given credit for candor, at least.

High Water Mark.

Potatoes have reached the high water mark in price in Ligonier. They now retail at \$6 a bushel or \$1.50 a peck. The price indicates that the local stock of potatoes is not over abundant, and yet there are spuds to be had. Pete Beckner has quite a supply of fine tuber, but he declines to sell them for table use. They go to his neighbors for seed. "A bushel of good seed potatoes will go further in providing a crop this year than a bushel of dollars," said Mr. Beckner.

Was An Oversight.

Owing to an oversight on the part of Clerk Kitt the publication of the primary candidates failed to get into the Albion New Era in time and they had to be published in the Ligonier Leader. This error will be charged up against Kitt as it is the aim of the court house clerk to place all the legal advertising in the Albion paper. Clerk Kitt had to make a special trip to Ligonier at his own expense which must have been distressing.

What Can He Do?

The price of coffee in Indianapolis has been raised to 7 cents the cup and potatoes sell at 7 cents a bushel. Some statisticians have figured out that coffee at 5 cents a cup yields a satisfactory profit and that the potatoes being sold cost \$1.15 per bushel before they went into cold storage. He also stamps with his disapproval the sale of eggs over the restaurant counters at 10 cents apiece which cost 3 1/2 cents. But what is he going to do about it?

Another Paid Mouthpiece.

Montaville Flowers, renowned chauteau platform lecturer and educator, will tour cities in the Twelfth congressional district next week, campaigning for Leonard Wood, who inaugurates his Indiana tour next Monday. In 1908 Flowers was a stump speaker for the republican party. He has appeared several times in Ligonier as a chauteau lecturer and was probably then in the pay of the republican National committee.

Strike Still On.

Just when the trainmen's brotherhood officers thought they had the strike settled at a meeting in Chicago the "out law" switchman raised a disturbance and left the hall and now a settlement seems far away. In the meantime the further paralysis of business increases daily. Coal and gasoline are exhausted to a large extent and stocks of provisions are running low.

C. T. Hart Dead.

C. T. Hart, aged 73, died in the Garret hospital after a leg had been amputated to relieve the patient of gangrene. The deceased was for twenty-five years a merchant at Brimfield, retiring from trade about five years ago on account of ill health. He is survived by his widow and a brother in Kansas.

Mesdames A. J. and W. B. Inks paid Goshen friends a visit this week.

OLD RESIDENT DIES MONDAY

WELL KNOWN RESIDENT WILL
SUPERINTEND CONSTRUCTION
OF COCHRAN HIGHWAY

AGED MAN SANK TO SLEEP

Work On New Highway Improvement
to Begin Following Closely On
Corn Planting

What is known as the Cochran road north out of Ligonier for a distance of four miles will be improved with gravel at the expense of the county.

Former Councilman Hostetter will superintend the improvement under County Surveyor Knox.

Work on the highway will begin right after corn planting when help will be more available and the road improvement is expected to be completed within a few weeks.

It is not necessary to sell bonds and award the contract as the necessary funds are now in the county treasury and the necessary labor will be employed by the road superintendent.

This improvement is given Perry township in deference to her brick roads built at the expense of the township.

When completed Ligonier will have improved highways to the LaGrange county line on the north, the Elkhart county line on the west, the Sparta township line south and the Elkhart township line east.

Later the Loy road will be improved and the highway running out into the Buchtel settlement.

These will all be adopted in the county unit system and will be maintained by the county.

The by-roads will be built by the township as fast as they can be reached and in a few years Ligonier will be linked up with more improved roads than any city of her size in the state.

She already has more miles of state highways than any other town as this is the junction point of the Lincoln Highway and the Blazed Trail.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads the meeting in city hall Tuesday evening was called an hour earlier to permit two of the commissioners to make the 8:30 train, but the business was soon transacted.

Attorney Wigton was called to the chair and County Commissioner Eschelman explained the proposition as outlined above. Commissioners Adair and Hill acquiesced.

"Pledges of work on the highway with teams were made and the commissioners left much pleased with the meeting."

The Cochran road is the first highway to be improved by the county. It is to be made a fine gravel road 16 feet wide with ditch drains on either side.

Farmers Profit, Maybe!

The Chicago Motor Club is up in arms and threatens to divert traffic from the Chicago-Toledo pike or Blazed Trail because two farmers between Butler and Waterloo boasted that they made \$40 in one morning selling motorists out of a mud hole.

The president of the Chicago Motor Club writes to a state highway inspector located at Kendallville as follows:

"A lady at Waterloo who gave one of our members water for his radiator, stated that her husband and another man took a wagon load gravel and sand out to this hole in the road, but were prevented from filling it by the two farmers who are holding up motor lists."