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ANOTHER FAKE STORY PUBLISHED

JUST FOR A "SCOOP" IN REGARD TO THE OPENING OF

CEDAR SPRINGS HOTEL

Parties Supposed to be Interested Denied the Story in Toto.

The New Paris Mirror of today publishes the following in regard to the opening of Cedar Springs hotel:

"A story which was first printed in the Anderson News last week has been going the rounds of the Cincinnati, Dayton and Richmond papers, to the effect that a deal was being negotiated for the Cedar Springs property, and that C. W. Hooven, of Anderson; Crawford Fairbanks, of Terre Haute, and Chas. L. Henry were about to acquire it and greatly improve it, making it a sanitarium and summer resort second to none in the country. Much was said about the lavish outlay of money to be made and the wonderful work to be done. John Freeman, of the Hotel Dooley, of Anderson, was said to be interested in the enterprise and in the event of its culmination he would become landlord of the hotel.

"The announcement created much interest in New Paris, and it was hoped that it was true, but it is greatly to be feared that it has no foundation in fact, though just how the story got started is not explained. An inquiry addressed to the News, where the story first appeared, elicited the following reply:

"Dear Sir: In reply to yours of February 5th, will say that the article which appeared on recent date in the Daily News, concerning the proposed sanitarium deal, seems to have been without any foundation in fact.

"The article appeared while I was out of the city, but upon my return, investigation proved that there was nothing in it at all. Mr. Hooven, of this city, denies all knowledge of the matter. My own judgment is that the story is a fake.

"Respectfully yours,
John C. Williams,

"Thus another bright prospect is blighted, at least for the present. It can hardly be doubted, however, that something will eventually be done with the Springs. The natural situation is so grand, so well suited for making a delightful and attractive resort, the water so excellent and healthful, and with the interurban line passing through the grounds and at the very door of the hotel, it seems incredible that it should not be improved and developed.

"Having thus given the statements of interested parties, it is proper to say that since the above was written some things have been learned which render it possible, if not somewhat probable, that the denial is not genuine, and that there may be more in the original story than the parties interested wish to have known at the present time. It is difficult to understand how the story could have gotten afloat without some foundation, and, in fact, it is known that the Cedar Springs company has positively stated that a deal was on with some prominent gentlemen, who would invest largely in the improvement of the place. It is possible that it has leaked out and that they are seeking to conceal the matter for a few weeks yet. It is probable that a few weeks will develop the truth or falsity of the story."

PYTHIANS IN INDIANAPOLIS

Jubilee Exercises Began in Indianapolis Today.

The jubilee exercises which are being held this afternoon in Tomlin-

son Hall, in Indianapolis, promise to outshine anything along similar lines in the history of Indiana Pythianism. They are indeed, much larger than was at first anticipated. A number of local knights left this morning and Richmond will be prominent in all of the events. Charles E. Shiveley, S. V. C., addressed the meeting this afternoon. The Indianapolis Pythians have been very busy the past week and the committee of arrangements has been meeting daily, and, owing to the large crowd expected, all of the K. of P. lodges in the city have been thrown open to the visitors. Supreme Chancellor Tracy R. Bangs, of Grand Forks, N. D., arrived yesterday and Senator Albert J. Beveridge will also be present. This afternoon at 1 p. m., a grand street parade of Uniform Rank and subordinate lodges took place.

At 2 p. m. the afternoon session opened in Tomlinson hall. After the distinguished visitors were introduced, Mayor Holtzman gave an address of welcome, after which the roll call and reports of the different lodges took place, followed in turn by addresses and solos.

At 7 p. m. this evening the evening session will occur. Hon. T. R. Bangs and Hon. A. J. Beveridge will both speak, besides which other speeches will be heard.

Large prizes have been offered for the lodge which brings the largest class, the next largest class and prizes for the largest classes from towns of certain sizes of population.

EATON, OHIO, IS SCARED

LEST HER COURT HOUSE BE MOVED

TO WEST ALEXANDRIA

Shall the Story of Centerville and Richmond be Repeated, Asks the Eaton Register.

(Eaton Register.) The situation of the People's Rapid traction railroad is about as follows, as near as obtainable:

The company has applied for a new incorporation, to be known as the Cincinnati, Toledo & Detroit electric railroad, capital \$6,000,000, and to take over all the rights and franchises of the former company.

The citizens at Eaton, West Manchester, Camden, Gratz and West Elkton are securing rights of way, and have already obtained some that were thought to be the most difficult to get. A Mr. Wiedick, of Toledo, is here assisting in the matter and the prospects now are that all difficulties between West Manchester and Eaton will soon be overcome and right of way practically secured.

Meetings have been held at Gratz, West Elkton and Camden by the citizens interested in the respective routes and good progress made.

Mr. J. Morgan, the president of the road, has sent notice that T. R. Smith, chief engineer of the construction company, would soon be over the line to look over and examine the proposed route, or routes, with a view to a survey of it from Van Wert south.

There has been talk by those who claim they know, and that they are interested in it, that the citizens of Lewisburg, West Alexandria and along the route through these places, are raising a purse of \$35,000 to buy the location of the line from West Manchester to Lewisburg and thence down Twin creek valley on the way to Hamilton.

If this be so, and it seems to have some foundation, then it behooves the citizens of Eaton to be moving, or the lesson of the Mackinaw railroad will be repeated. A few more such sleepy errors as that and the joke of moving the court house will be no joke. And if our wide awake neighbors of West Alexandria are able to walk away with Eaton in all such matters we think she deserves the

THIRTY RUSSIANS KILLED

In the War Between Japan and Russia and a Russian Steamer Destroyed.

KING EDWARD'S PROCLAMATION

Report From American Minister Allen Says Varig was Sunk

Thirty Russians Killed.

London, Feb. 11.—A Tien Tsin special confirms the report that the Manchurian railroad was blocked by blowing up bridges and thirty Russians killed by an explosion. It is reported that two Russian steamers, Nome and Mukden, were captured by the Japanese.

Russian Steamer Destroyed.

London, Feb. 11.—Lloyd's agent at Shanghai cabled the 10th that it was reported and generally believed that a Japanese warship had destroyed the Russian mail steamer Mongolia, bound from Shanghai for Dalny.

King Edward's Proclamation.

London, Feb. 11.—Great Britain's neutrality during the war between Russia and Japan was declared by King Edward's proclamation today.

Imperial Proclamation.

Tokio, Feb. 11.—The existence of a state of war with Russia was formally announced today by an imperial proclamation.

Cutting the Cable.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Advices to the foreign office indicate that the Russian battleship Cesarevitch can be put under service soon. Cutting the cable delays the Corean news twelve

hours. No official confirmation of the report that the Emperor of Korea had taken refuge in the French legation.

Varig was Sunk.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Two cables from Minister Allen at Seoul report engagements on the 8th and 9th off Chemulpo. He says 21 Japanese vessels arrived on the 9th. He confirms the previous accounts and says Varig was sunk. Twenty-five Japanese troops are in Seoul.

Fifteen War Ships.

Berlin, Feb. 11.—The Anzeiger says notification has been received of the proposed passage of the Russian Baltic fleet, consisting of fifteen warships, through Kaiser Wilhelm canal on its way to the far east.

Japs Failed to Land Troops.

London, Feb. 11.—A Port Arthur special says the Japanese failed yesterday in their attempt to land troops in the rear of the fortification.

One Paper Suppressed.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—A rigid censorship prevents the receipt of war news. Nothing is known except Admiral Alexieff's official report of the Port Arthur engagement. The government suppressed one paper for printing rumors of Russian victory.

BOARD MEETING

Held at the Eastern Insane Hospital Yesterday.

The trustees of the Eastern Indiana Hospital for the Insane held a meeting at the hospital yesterday for the purpose of conducting routine business. The meeting was honored by the presence of Governor Durbin and engaged in the lumber business. His brothers and sisters living are David Wagner, of Springport; Andrew Wagner, of Greenfield; Mrs. John Ingerman and Mrs. Silas Kauffman, of Cambridge City; Mrs. Geo. Nugent, of Lewisville; Mrs. Harry Lontz, of Hagerstown, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, of Jay county.

The improvement of the water works supply and the building of a bridge over the Pennsylvania right of way were the principal matters discussed. Nothing definite was determined upon.

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MICHAEL WAGNER

Old Time Resident of Wayne County Dies in Tennessee.

Michael H. Wagner, of Trimble, Tenn., died on Tuesday, the 2d inst. of heart trouble. He was long a resident of this county, and operated several mills in this state. He went to Tennessee a number of years ago and engaged in the lumber business. His brothers and sisters living are David Wagner, of Springport; Andrew Wagner, of Greenfield; Mrs. John Ingerman and Mrs. Silas Kauffman, of Cambridge City; Mrs. Geo. Nugent, of Lewisville; Mrs. Harry Lontz, of Hagerstown, and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, of Jay county.

COURT HOUSE

What Occurred in the Past Twenty Four Hours.

Letters testamentary were issued to Mary L. Hittle and the court appointed her as executrix of the estate of Omar L. Hittle, deceased, without bond, according to provisions of the will.

Last will and testament of Omar L. Hittle was admitted to probate and record. Will is printed under separate head elsewhere.

George F. Kepler filed partial settlement in the estate of Malinda Baker.

Shiveley & Shiveley have filed the suit of Frank M. Price vs. John A. Tingle and Carey R. Tingle, on note and to foreclose mortgage.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—The house in committee of the whole, today, voted in favor of a \$4,600,000 loan to the St. Louis fair. The vote resulted 161 to 95. The senate will vote on

the Panama canal treaty between February 15 and 25.

Secretary Hay's movement to neutralize China meets with favor. Replies were received from many powers, but it is not regarded as proper to give them out until the matter is completed.

court house.

Can the people of Eaton afford to keep still? Shall the story of Centerville and Richmond, Ind., be repeated in Preble county?

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 11.—The naval appropriation bill was presented in the house today. It contemplates building five battleships at a total cost, with the completion of those now building to be nearly \$83,000,000. The bill appropriates \$19,826,820.

THE ORIGIN OF BASKET BALL

Basket ball as a recreative game is unique in its origin, for two reasons: Firstly, it is our one, positively sure,

home American production; secondly, the name, date and place of its authorship is exactly known. Of no other game in all the category can this be said; the birth of the bulk of them is buried in an obscurity which reaches beyond the cuneiform-covered, baked-clay tablets of Babylon, and the hieroglyphics of the remotest Egyptian records.

Basket ball, on the other hand, was born in the year 1901, at Springfield Mass., and its author was James Naismith.

The story is short enough to be interesting. In that town is a training school connected with the Young Men's Christian Association and, of course, professors, among them a professor of psychology, who is paid to teach the young ideas how to think, effectively. In one of his lectures he called attention to certain conditions upon which the brain could with advantage be exercised and challenged his class to supply the requirements to meet them. The conditions were the invention of a new game which could be played indoors, in a limited area, by a defined and unalterable number of contestants, and adaptable to both sexes, evolved "basket ball." It was put up, James Naismith, the same night, evolved "basket ball." It was put into practice the next day, experimentally, and found to meet the conditions and limitations laid down by the professor admirably. But it had more than an academic value, as it rapidly spread as one of our most appreciated pastimes attests—Illustrated Sporting News.

It has only been a few years since the "country manager" (as local managers outside New York and Chicago are termed) was emancipated from the insinuating wiles of the foxy "advance man."

Before the reform managers and audiences were practically in the same boat so far as being victims was concerned and both suffered unmercifully at the hands of "bad actors" whose only claim to public consideration and patronage lay in the fact that they were being "backed" by some "show print" concern or an "easy angel."

But with the development of other business enterprises, the managers of attractions touring the country have kept in line and today it is a difficult matter for a "poor show" to book into a first-class theater, and a really poor show is almost a curiosity.

The public demand the best that can be produced, and traveling and local managers are "delivering the goods."

The larger number of attractions that have appeared in Richmond this season and others that are to come were selected after weeks of investigation on the part of Mr. Murray. Instead of waiting until his mail should bring him offers from second-class shows Mr. Murray went direct to the booking offices in New York and Chicago and secured a list of attractions such as seldom come to cities the size of Richmond. In doing this Mr. Murray not only protected his patrons, but himself as well, and, when an attraction has been announced as being specially good the people have given evidence of their confidence by giving such shows "full houses."

Everybody in the city knows full well that Richmond has enjoyed a better line of attractions this season than ever before, and the best are yet to come.

The next "attraction," and it is one in all that the word implies, will be "The Fortune Teller," the original Alice Nielsen production, upon which \$40,000 was expended before the "first night's" presentation. This company comes with sixty people, all of whom are artists in their line, many of them head liners in their profession, and the Gennett theater will be "filled" tomorrow night to witness the greatest comic opera success of years. "The Fortune Teller" is the property of Abom Bros., and this statement is alone a guarantee of excellence; for all of their attractions, like those of Klaw and Erlanger, Nixon & Zimmerman, The Whittings and others are made as near perfect in their way as possible before being placed on the road. Patrons of the Gennett can depend upon a delightful evening's entertainment tomorrow night.

RAILWAY WRECK

Two Engineers and Two Firemen Killed.

(By Associated Press.)

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 11.—Two engineers and two firemen were reported killed in a collision of passenger trains today on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, near Glover's Gap. The names were not given. The passengers escaped unharmed.

EXCHANGE BANK CLOSED.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The American National Exchange bank was closed today by the national bank examiner.

GOSSIP OF THE THEATRES

THE POSITION OF THE COUNTRY MANAGER CHANGED.

MURRAY'S ENTERPRISE

In Securing Good Shows Appreciated by the Public—Coming Attractions."

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