

TOWN COUNCIL TO ACT IN THE CASE

Fountain City Incensed at a Richmond Firm Which Is Distributing Bills.

PUT STOP TO THE ACTION.

LICENSE MAY BE PLACED ON BILL ADVERTISING METHODS TO PUT STOP TO PRACTICE OF OUTSIDE MERCHANTS.

Fountain City, Ind., Jan. 4.—An advertising outfit distributing bills for a Richmond firm drove into town Tuesday and proceeded to throw bills broadcast on all the streets there to scare horses, litter up people's front premises (who do not have fences) and in other ways belittle the appearance of the town. The Richmond merchants doing the advertising were probably not aware of the manner in which it was being done, but such as this will no doubt call forth action on the part of the town council, regulating such things, possibly imposing a license on bill distributing within the corporation as do some of our neighboring towns. Marshal Price saw the outfit after it had traversed about half the town and put a stop to the promiscuous scattering of the bills.

INJURED HIS NOSE.

Man Now Wants Big Damages of Traction Company.

New Castle, Ind., Jan. 4.—Jasper Blankenbeker, residing on Circle street, wants \$5,000 damages from the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern railway for an injury to his nose on November 11. According to the complaint Mr. Blankenbeker was thrown violently from a car at Circle and 14th street, falling upon his face, fracturing the bones of his nose, cutting and lacerating it and bruising and crushing his chest.

The complaint further alleges that Mr. Blankenbeker fell through no fault of his own and the accident is attributed to the unskillful handling of the car by the motorman and conductor.

The complaint sets up the fact that the victim's nose has been permanently disfigured and rendered unsightly.

DEED ISSUED IN 1813.

Clarkson Thomas Holds an Ancient Relic.

Fountain City, Ind., Jan. 4.—Clarkson Thomas, south of town has the original deed to his farm. The document is a decided curiosity. It was made to his father, Francis Thomas, in the year 1813 and is signed by the then president of the United States, James Madison. The document is on parchment and is well preserved despite its 95 years of age. This is the farm on which Mr. Thomas has made his home during his entire life.

JAMES FOUTS FUNERAL.

Was Held This Morning at Sugar Grove.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 4.—Funeral services of James Mahlon Fouts, whose sudden death occurred at Greensfork Thursday morning, was held at Sugar Grove at 10 o'clock this morning. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining. A widow, Mrs. Alice Fouts and sons, Allen, Clarence and Lennie Fouts and daughter, Miss Cora Fouts, survives.

A DREAMY SESSION.

"Dreams" Was Subject for Cary Club's Discussion.

Milton, Ind., Jan. 4.—Misses Florence Newman, Nellie Jones and Alice Beeson entertained the Cary Club at the home of Mrs. Oliver Ferguson, Thursday afternoon. The subject was "Dreams." Miss Newman read an excellent article and several of the ladies told dreams. The afternoon was pleasantly spent, fancy work being given some time. At an appointed hour dainty refreshments were served.

PASTOR FAILS TO ARRIVE.

The Rev. F. A. Scott Will Assume Duties Next Week.

Rinton, Ind., Jan. 4.—On account of numerous hindrances, the new pastor of Milton Christian church, the Rev. F. A. Scott, will not get here this week, consequently there will be no preaching service at the Christian church. The Rev. Scott and family will arrive here next week and he will preach for the first time at Bentonville on second Sunday in February.

Rank Foolishness.

"When attacked by a cough or cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. "I have used New Discovery seven years and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies. Sold under guarantee at A. G. Lukens & Co., drug store, 50¢ and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

For the sake of the stranger in London who has no map with him the Mcborn town council has had a number of out door charts constructed at the places of interest marked. The charts are posted throughout the town, where they may be easily identified.

WOMAN OF MANY ADDRESSES, CLOSES HER SUMMER HOME AT NEWPORT AND GOES WEST.



THE LINER'S PURSER.

His Difficult Role on a Transatlantic Steamship.

DIPLOMAT AND SAILOR TOO

This Officer Must Absolutely Possess Tact and Be All Things to All Men. A Purser's Skillful Play With Two Antagonistic Opera Queens.

In the smoking room of a great transatlantic liner which arrived in New York recently, after a trip made in not far from record time, conversation among those who were not at cards turned to the purser of the vessel, who by his courteous bearing, his well ordered energy and air of savoir faire generally had attracted from the passengers an unusual degree of attention. The talk began about half an hour before it was time for the lights to go out. The man with the pipe had observed that the officer's activity was simulated. The man sitting next, the head of a brokerage firm, smoking the most expensive portage to be had in the case near the door, held differently. It shortly came to a "showdown," to fall into smoking room vernacular.

"Well, if you say so. What does he do, so much?" asked the man with the pipe.

The smoker started to tell him. He began perhaps twenty minutes before closing time, and when one after another the electric lights faded and died he was not half through. This should indicate that the purser is a man of some importance aboard ship, and those who so read it will not drift far from a true course. He is an important man—in his way the most important in the employ of the steamship company.

Even ashore and in some other vocation the purser would be a striking personality. No doubt in a way his office makes him what he is, but at the same time he had to be of the stuff of which purasers are made before he ever saw a steamship. This may be read to mean that instinctively he must be a good fellow. Oh, assuredly he must be every inch of that. He must have a handshake and smile as magnetic as were President McKinley's. He must tell a good story well and listen to a bad one with laughter. At the same time in his mental and physical equipment he must be endowed with a not insignificant alloy of iron, and he must stand firm in emergency and frown and swear with facility equal to that which he evinces in slapping a man upon the back or in touching the springs of mirth.

He should be and is all things to all men. He is sympathetic as well as hale and hearty and well met. He has a head for figures which could not be otherwise, since he is the company's financial man afloat. He pays all salaries; he cares for the money and valuables of passengers, which, of course, necessitates honesty of a sterling sort; he pays for all supplies; he knows all about the cargo and all about the passengers. A purser who forgets the face of a man who has sailed on his craft once before is of little value to his employers. When Congressman Jones goes abroad for his summer vacation, he proceeds forthwith to the purser's office, a smile illuminating his face and seasoned hand outstretched. "Why, how do you do, Congressman Jones?" This is what he gets.

Do you suppose that this representative of the people will ever afterward sail for Europe with any other purser, on any other vessel or line? Not so long as pride lurks within the bosom of mankind.

The purser in this respect must be the equal of hotel clerk, and every one knows how utterly inept the man who stands at the gateway of a gilded hostelry would be without his memory for faces and names. Not alone that, but besides being a man of resources and ability and a genial wit the purser must possess in eminent degree that God given qualification, that subtle yet luminous estate of moral and mental equipoise, if which men call tact—curiosa felicitas. If an old patron of the line finds fault because the stateroom in which he usually travels has been taken by some one else a month before, it is the purser who must apply soothing verbal emollient and make clear the fact that the former stateroom compares in no way with the present apartment.

Complaints as to food come to the purser through the chief steward for final adjudication, and if in the galley there are signs of dissatisfaction or unrest he must enter the realms of pots and pans and argue with the two assistant cooks, it may be, until they shake hands or at least promise not to allow their personal jealousies to interfere with their culinary duties until they reach port.

They do tell a story of a purser who, in arranging for the usual Wednesday night entertainment, offended two prima donnas—one a queen of Wagner and the other an empress of light opera—by assigning the principal place on the programme to the pride of English burlesques. It may have been that the purser, being a Britisher, was swayed by patriotic emotion to such a degree as to feel the necessity of handling a problem manifestly delicate with the usual Machiavellian adroitness of his craft. At all events, the mistake soon became apparent.

The exponent of Wagner sulked in her cabin, coining delicious Teutonic swear words. Some one, taking her side, said something in the presence of the English beauty, and there was a bimbo in that entertainment or in the plans for that entertainment which made plenty of small talk and no small amount of large talk, for the matter of that. The captain sent for the purser, who already knew more about the situation than the master did, explained the situation and then proceeded to the bridge, a tacit suggestion that he was paid to run the ship and not to settle food controversies between foul women.

H. C. Knodle of Indianapolis made a business trip to this place Thursday.

John Werking attended the funeral of Daniel Miller at Muncie Friday.

Wm. Waltz was at Richmond Thursday.

Installation of officers was held Thursday night by the Pythian sisters.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will meet at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon to reorganize.

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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Coniff, entertained Thursday at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hoover, north of town.

Mrs. Robert Peed of Muncie has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elford this week.

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