

IDEAL OFFICER WAS JOHN DYNES

Veteran County Commissioner Gives Up Office After Serving Six Years.

WAS ALWAYS PAINSTAKING

NEW BOARD WILL HOLD ITS FIRST SESSION TOMORROW AND WILEY WILL BE ELECTED PRESIDENT.

When the board of county commissioners meets in its first session of the year tomorrow it will be a new board. The one absent member will be John Dynes, representative of the middle district. He will succeed by Barney Linderman of Clay township. Dynes will be missed greatly by all persons who have had any dealings with the board. He has served two terms of three years each and during that time had gained a large local acquaintance. For the past two years he had been president of the board.

Quiet But Efficient.

Never making any display or claim of baste, Dynes' most apparent characteristic as a commissioner has been his carefulness. Never during his presidency has the business of the board been so pressing, but he could take time to examine minutely each item on the bills presented for a share of the county's money. Dynes is without ostentation and makes no pretensions at being anything but a farmer and stock dealer. His shrewdness in his own business made him an efficient officer and there is none who have become acquainted with him as a commissioner but regret his future absence from the board.

Wiley for President.

The new board will be composed of C. E. Wiley, who by virtue of the fact he is the oldest member in point of service will be president, Robert Beeson and Barney Linderman. Beeson has been a member of the board for about one year. He was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Elwood Clark, resigned. He was elected at the last general election and tomorrow begins his service as a regularly elected commissioner. All three members of the board are republicans. Wiley represents the eastern, Linderman the middle and Beeson the western districts.

FOOD FOR THE SEINE.

An incident of Whistler's Student Days in Paris.

The early scenes in "Trifly" have shown us the hilarious squalor of the student life in Paris when Whistler joined the studio that Gleyre carried on in succession to Delaroche. It was the Bohemia, barely modernized, of Mürger's novel, and the shifts to which these raw recruits in art descended furnished Whistler for life with some of his raciest stories. Once when an American friend unearthed him Whistler was living on the proceeds of a wardrobe. One hot day he pawned his coat for an acid drink. Invited once to the American embassy, he had to borrow Poynter's dress suit. But the best story of these frolicsome days arises from the eternal copying in the Louvre, either on commission or on "spec," which kept them alive between remittances. Whistler's chum, Ernest Delannoy, had done a gorgeous replica of Veronese's "Marriage Feast at Cane" that took when framed the pair of them to carry it. They tried it on every dealer up and down both sides of the Seine until the first price of 500 francs had dropped with several tugs to 100, then 20, then 10, then 5. Suddenly the dignity of art asserted itself.

On the Pont des Arts they lifted the huge canvas. "Un," they said, with a great swing, "deux, trois-vlan!" and over it went into the water with a splash. Sergents de ville came running, omnibuses stopped, and boats pushed out on the river. Altogether it was an immense success, and they went home enchanted.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

THE WRONG NOTE.

Mozart's Outbreak at an Opera Performance at Marseilles.

Mozart, being once on a visit at Marseilles, went incognito to hear the performance of his "Villanelle Rapita." He had reason to be tolerably well satisfied till in the midst of the principal aria the orchestra, through some error in the copying of the score, sounded a D natural where the composer had written D sharp. This substitution did not injure the harmony, but gave a commonplace character to the phrase and obscured the sentiment of the composer.

Mozart no sooner heard it than he started up vehemently and from the middle of the pit cried out in a voice of thunder, "Will you play D sharp, you wretches?"

The sensation produced in the theater may be imagined. The actors were astounded, the lady who was singing stopped short, the orchestra followed her example, and the audience, with loud exclamations, demanded the expulsion of the offender. He was accordingly seized and required to name himself. He did so, and at the name of Mozart the clamor subsided and was succeeded by shouts of applause from all sides.

It was insisted that the opera should be recommenced. Mozart was installed in the orchestra and directed the whole performance. This time the D sharp was played in its proper place, and the musicians themselves were surprised at the superior effect produced. After the opera Mozart was conducted in triumph to his hotel.

MYSTERY IN CASE

Rich Berlin Farmer and Young Woman Found Dead In Room.

THE GAS WAS TURNED ON.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 2.—Deep mystery surrounded the death of Patrick Henry Prendergast, a rich Berlin farmer, and Alice May MacQuillen, formerly a school teacher in the West Side high school, but now a clerk in a local department store, whose bodies were found in a room in the Clarendon hotel late yesterday afternoon.

Gas was flowing from a jet in the room and the woman's face was badly burned by acid of some kind. The body of Prendergast was stiff and cold when found, while that of the woman was still warm when found and it is the opinion of the coroner that she had been dead only about thirty minutes.

Prendergast is said to have come from Berlin last Thursday on which day he met Miss MacQuillen. He is said to have been drinking heavily.

Coroner Hilliker is investigating the case.

PROPOSALS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITS

Seven Banking Institutions Have Filed Their Bids With the Auditor.

DEPOSITORY LAW GOOD ONE

BENEFITS OF THIS STATUTE HAVE BEEN VERY EVIDENT LOCALLY—TEN DEPOSITORY ARE PROBABLE.

Sealed proposals for county deposits have been filed with the county auditor by seven of the banking institutions of the county. At the present time the funds are cared for by five depositories but this year, it is probable, double that number will be entrusted with the custody of the county's money bags upon the payment of the interest specified by law. The proposals filed are from the Second and Union National banks of this city and the banks at Greensboro, Williamsburg, Dublin, Hagerstown and the Dickinson Trust company. It is expected a proposal will be received from the First National bank of this city tomorrow and probably one from the First National bank of Cambridge City at the same time.

Ten Depositories.

It is expected that each of the present depositories will ask for more money than was placed in their custody during 1908. It is known that more money will be sought in the aggregate than the county will have to place on deposit. It is out of the question for the banks in the smaller and less remote towns of the county to expect any share of the deposits that demand a daily settlement. It would not be possible for the county treasurer to make an accounting with these institutions each evening at closing time.

Favor Depository Law.

The depositories more remote will be favored with the funds requiring a less frequent accounting. These include the Sarah Phillips and the South End bridge funds. The latter has about \$40,000 in it. It is a permanent fund and will not be touched until it has accrued in sufficient amount to pay for the construction of the proposed bridge. The value of the depository law to the county has been very evident locally. During the eleven months it has been in operation, more than \$4,000 has been paid to the county in interest on funds that formerly drew interest for the treasurer only.

THE CLERMONT.

First Passage by Steamboat From New York to Albany.

In August, 1808—the exact day is a matter of dispute—the steamboat Clermont made the first passage by steam from New York to Albany. The distance, somewhat less than 150 miles, was covered in thirty-two hours, a record hailed as triumph in speed, for previously the passage between the two cities averaged four days.

Robert Fulton had experimented with steam several years, but the Clermont was the first boat he constructed on a large scale. As he could not get the engine he wanted in this country he ordered one from England. The Clermont was so reconstructed in the following winter that it gave more commodious accommodations to travelers, and the year 1808, which was the first year of regular travel by steamboat, Fulton made it a point to start his boat precisely on a scheduled time. Curiously enough, a portion of the public complained of this. It was not until well along in the summer that travelers got accustomed to it. Previously boats had been held for two hours at the request of passengers who weren't ready. Fulton's perseverance won public approval before the season closed.—*Anacoda Standard*.

Miss Blanche O'Laughlin of Terre Haute has returned home after spending the holidays with Miss Ethel West of this city.

DRUNKENESS IS TO BE EXPECTED

Secretary Thompson Says Organization Suffers No Delusion.

DECREASE GRADUALLY

OPTION COMMITTEE OFFICIAL SAYS INTOXICATION CASES WILL BE REDUCED AFTER THE SALOON IS BANISHED.

Secretary E. R. Thompson of the county local option organization stated yesterday that the present temperance campaign result in the elimination of the saloons from Wayne county it would not mean that intoxicated people would be unusual sights on the streets of this city. In fact, he stated, for a few months after the saloons had closed more drunken men would be seen in the city than for years past.

Intoxication Expected.

Secretary Thompson stated that the county temperance organization was not laboring under the impression that the closing of the saloons would mean the elimination of drunkenness, but he said the organization was confident that the passing of the saloons would result in a large decrease in intoxication and that the temptation of drink would be removed from the coming generations.

Many drinking men, Mr. Thompson stated, would purchase large quantities of liquor at cost prices when the saloons of this county were closed and, he said, there would be more or less intoxication until these supplies of liquor had been disposed of. This subject will be touched upon by Judge Blair of Portsmith, O., next Sunday when he opens the temperance campaign in this city.

Favor Blind Tiger Law.

It would not be surprising if the members of the temperance organization would lobby at the present legislature against any amendment to the blind tiger act. The leaders are opposed to any such action and believe that the present law does not impose any too severe sentence. In fact if the law is repealed, they feel that the county local option law will be weakened by lack of adequate legislation against blind tigers. Mr. Thompson said that the temptation to make a little money by violation of the law would appeal to many more strongly if the only punishment was a fine. The jail sentence will prevent many blind tigers in dry territory is the belief of those who will probably lobby for the present law.

COMMERCE COUNCIL TO OPEN OFFICES

Will Establish Headquarters of New Organization at New York.

CORWINE IS IN CHARGE

COUNCIL WILL WORK IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH ALL DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR TRADE PROMOTION.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The national council of commerce will open offices here Monday. William R. Corwine of New York will be in charge of the headquarters. The council will work in an unofficial capacity with all the departments of the government looking to the promotion of trade and commerce of the United States, foreign and domestic. The movement for the organization of the council was instituted by Secretary Strauss of the department of commerce and labor October 14, 1907. Permanent organization was effected at a meeting held December 10, 1908. Permanent organization was effected at a meeting held December 10, 1908, at the department of commerce and labor.

The executive committee consists of many prominent business men of the country.

Animals That Do Not Drink.

Darwin states in his "Voyage of a Naturalist" that unless the guanaco, or wild llama, of Patagonia drink salt water in many localities they must drink none at all. The large and interesting group of sloths are alike in never drinking. A parrot is said to have lived in the zoological gardens, Regent park, London, for fifty-two years without drinking in all that time a drop of water.

Miss Lizzie Kaine of Chicago who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Wessel has returned to her home.

About ten rare minerals have been found in meteorites which have never been recognized in the rock materials of the world.

SAY, WHAT IS FISH?

Is It Interstate Commerce If It Swims Along a Government Stream?

STRAUSS SAYS OUGHT TO BE

Washington, Jan. 2.—When a fish is swimming along a government stream is he interstate commerce? Secretary of Commerce Strauss thinks he ought to be, if he isn't and opines that he ought to be subject to some of the regulatory power of the government. He accordingly raised that question and recommends that provision be made for federal control affecting at least the migratory fish in interstate waters.

The secretary finds that there is utmost need for the protection of the fish in American rivers if they are to be saved from entire extinction.

CONVICTED, BUT IS LIVING EASY

Pennsylvania Grafters, on Bail, Has Apartments at Sherry's.

UNDER PHYSICIAN'S CARE

WHEN ASKED WHAT HIS ailMENT WAS, SANDERSON SAID "YOU CAN STATE IT'S NOT YET LOW DOGISM."

New York, Jan. 2.—John H. Sanderson, a contractor of Philadelphia, who with James H. Shumaker, Wm. P. Snyder and Wm. L. Mathews, was sentenced to two years imprisonment each for defrauding the state of Pennsylvania out of thousands of dollars in connection with the decorating and furnishing of the new \$13,000,000 capitol building at Harrisburg, but who was released on bail pending their application for a new trial, is occupying apartments at Sherry's where he has been under the care of a physician for several days. Immediately after being granted bail pending their appeal Sanderson came to this city and engaged apartments at Sherry's.

Over the telephone Sanderson denied that he was seriously ill, saying that he had been laid up for several days with a slight cold.

"I feel much better today," replied Sanderson in answer to a question. When asked as to the nature of his reported illness, Sanderson replied:

"Well, if you care to do so, you can state most emphatically that I am not suffering from 'yellow dogism.' He said he did not know when he would leave the city.

THEY CLIMBED BUT DESCENDED

Water Wagon Crew in Chicago Soon Deserts.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Revised figures show that 14,973 Chicagoans climbed on the water wagon promptly at midnight on Thursday when that vehicle started with a rush. People fought for seats. There were not accommodations for all and thousands were forced to postpone their trip until some future time, when the crowd had dwindled and the nerves feel less like a Sicilian city. The water wagon census taken at midnight Friday night showed that 11,022 of the above "Never-again," after cajoling themselves into partaking of something hot and nourishing had made room for some one else on the aqua pura cart and once more sought a place with mirrored back ground.

TRIP THROUGH TEXAS.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bulla of this city will leave Tuesday for a four weeks trip through Texas and other points in the southwest.

ON BUSINESS TRIP.

C. C. Allen of the Allen Furniture Company leaves tomorrow morning for the Chicago and Grand Rapids Furniture Exhibit to purchase his spring stock of home furnishings. Mrs. Allen will accompany him as far as Lima.

About ten rare minerals have been found in meteorites which have never been recognized in the rock materials of the world.

Harold—What did she say when you turned out the gas and kissed her?

Rupert—Said she felt as if she never wanted to see my face again.

"RAT ROW" HAS A FIRE SCARE

Rattletrap Buildings on South Sixth Street Nearly Destroyed Last Night.

CROWD UNSYMPATHETIC

ONLOOKERS URGED FIREMEN TO CUT HOLES IN THE ROOFS AND GIVE BLAZE A FAIR OPPORTUNITY.

"Rat Row" had another visitation by the fire demon last night about 11 o'clock and escaped with its customary good fortune, owing to its proximity to the fire department headquarters. For fear there may be some who do not recognize the location of "Rat Row," for it does not appear under its euphonious name on the map in the city engineer's office, it might be well to state it is located on the east side of Sixth street, first square south of Main. The Charles Nichols' second hand store, A. F. Brown's Sandusky fish market and W. B. Owen wagon and shoeing shop were damaged by the impartial flames. The origin is attributed to an overheated stove in the fish market. An old colored woman named Davis resided above the blacksmith shop. She was led to a place of safety by Patrolman Vogel. The loss to the Nichols establishment was due solely to smoke. The occupants of the places were unable last night to estimate their losses. It will require an expenditure of about \$100 to put the building back into an improved condition. It is owned by John Weller.

Insults to Civic Beauty.

The buildings bears the numbers 13, 15 and 17. The walls are brick-mason trade is to be found some place in the construction. It was very much of a tumble down contraption and one of the kind that makes civic beauty excursion parties take another route than South Sixth street, first square. It was a large and cruel crowd that witnessed the listless work of the firemen. One heartless spectator without a qualm, declared: "I'll bet they're having a hot time in Bugville." Firemen were advised to cut a hole in the roof and "let 'er go," but of course that would not be protecting the property interests of all citizens without respect to race, color or previous conditions, so nothing like that was done.

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