

A LIQUOR FIGHT AND GRAVEL ROAD LAW QUESTION UP

When County Commissioners Meet Monday They Will Have Two Hard Propositions to Make Rulings On.

WASHINGTON TWP. IS INTERESTED IN BOTH

Shall Last Installment Be Paid On a Road and Will Milton Be Dry or Wet for the Next Two Years?

At the Monday meeting of the county commissioners two important questions will be considered. Both deal with conditions in Washington township, the most important being the reaching of a decision in allowing the last installment of the contract price for the construction of the three mile gravel road in that township, and the second question will be to decide whether or not to grant a license to William Null, to sell liquor in Milton.

Just after the completion of the gravel road in Washington township, the law, under which terms it was constructed, was declared to be unconstitutional by the Indiana supreme court. The road had not been accepted and so final settlement with contractor Burke was not made.

Since then the reports of the surveyors representing the county have been made and they recommend the acceptance of the road by the county commissioners. One of the commissioners stated that inasmuch as no remonstrance had been filed against the acceptance of the road, they would undoubtedly follow the surveyors recommendations.

Will Make His Claim.

In event this is done contractor Burke will make a claim for his last installment, which amounts to approximately \$3,000. C. E. Wiley, president of the board, stated this morning that it was probable this allowance would be authorized by the commissioners. He understands that since the original decision of the supreme court, there have been decisions whereby the contractors could collect the contract prices for finished work.

If the commissioners allow the claim, this will place the matter up to the county auditor. He will follow the advice of the county attorney as to whether he should grant a voucher for the claim.

The question of granting a liquor license to William Null will be vigorously fought by the "drys," who have 267 signatures to a blanket remonstrance petition. This is a good sized majority over the required number and it is probable that Null will be ruled against by the commissioners.

Milton and Washington township will be free from the legalized saloon for two years providing the commissioners favor the "drys."

It Came Naturally.

The joke editor was puzzled. The editor of the woman's page was away on her holidays, and he had been placed in charge of her department temporarily. Finally he made a stab at the thing thus:

"Debutante.—No, we would not advise you to serve 5 o'clock tea in mousseline de soie. Couldn't you borrow a few cups and saucers?"

JACK THE FAVORITE

Advance Dope on the Big Mill Favors Present Champion, Johnson.

HIS CONDITION IS BETTER

(By W. W. Naughton.)

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—Well, the next thing to decide is who will be the favorite.

A straw vote was taken on the point at a certain sporting headquarters the other day and it was made to appear that Johnson will be the first choice. That is as it should be at this stage of the proceedings. A little later when more is known in regard to the Jeffries condition there may be justification for placing Jeffries on the long end, but the day is not yet.

Johnson is in the thick of the fighting game now and is carrying everything before him. His showings during the past year or two prove that he can leave the ring without bungling up his hands or other injuries that request mending. Jeffries on the other hand has been nearly a half dozen years in retirement and now he can approach to his old form is purely problematical.

Jim's friends are wondering if he will devise any tests for himself before the grand tussle takes place. To begin with a suspicion exists that Jeffries' "wind" is not equal to the strain and excitement of a blistering fight. Does he purpose trying out his breathing apparatus and has he any scheme in view for determining his present punching powers and his ability to bear his share of punches?

She Only Receives Two Million



Mrs. Charles T. Yorkes, wife of the late Chicago and London street railway magnate who of the \$11,000,000 estate is to receive a little more than \$2,000,000. This is a little more than her friends expected and less than she hoped for. Some of the estimates show that practically all of the estate would be consumed by the liabilities and the three years litigation.

VERY ODD ACCIDENT TO HOLD A BANQUET

Street Car Conductor Knocked Senseless by Falling Trolley Wheel.

INJURY IS NOT SERIOUS

While Edward Jenkins, a conductor on one of the city street cars was adjusting the trolley wheel of the wire, from which it had been jerked, at Third and North D streets, the wheel became unfastened from its socket, and falling, struck Jenkins forcibly on the forehead, rendering him unconscious for about half an hour.

The accident occurred about 11:30 o'clock last night. In crossing the C. & L. railroad tracks near the Dorn bridge the trolley came off. The trolley wheel, which weighs about two pounds, cut an ugly gash in Jenkins' temple and bled profusely for a time. The city ambulance was called and the man was removed to his home, 402 Southwest Third street, where medical attention was immediately given him. While the injury is painful it is not regarded as necessarily serious, however, and the man is reported today as resting easy.

ELKS GREAT HOSTS

Give Glad Hand to Members Of K. of P., Eagles, Owls Lodges.

A LARGE CROWD ATTENDS

The Elks lodge entertained about 500 visitors at its new home on North Eighth street, last evening. The guests were members of the Wayne Aerie of Eagles, Knights of Pythias lodges, and the order of Owls. The reception was tendered in honor of these orders for the courtesies shown the Elks lodge when their lodge was without quarters of its own.

The visitors were very much pleased with the reception tendered in their honor. The club rooms of the Elks were inspected and it was agreed that they were the most beautiful in the city. Punch, cigars and cider were served.

CALLED BY ILLNESS

Dr. C. U. Wade, presiding elder of the Ft. Wayne district, of the North Indiana M. E. conference, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Zook of Nappanee, are stopping at the Westcott hotel, having been called here owing to the illness of Rev. R. J. Wade, pastor of the First M. E. church, who has scarlet fever. Rev. Wade is not in a serious condition.

Pink Pearls. One of the most important industries of the Bahama Islands is the gathering of pink pearls. It is the only place in the world where these pearls are found. They are not taken from the oyster shell, but from a shell resembling a large snail shell, called a "conch." These pearls when perfect bring very high prices, it is said, ranging from \$50 to \$5,000.

An East Orange teacher contributes some bright things by her pupils.

Marcus, about seven years old, was reported as saying a bad word. His teacher asked him about it. He said, "I didn't mean to; my mouth slipped."

One child wrote, "Niagara runs with the force of 16,000 horse powders."

Another reported, "There was a fierce crowd on the Mayflower."

In a sewing class of little girls the talk got around to marriage. One of the children said, "I am not going to get married; taxes are too high." Newark News.

Few, indeed.

Teacher—How many make a million, Johnny?

Johnny—Not many, Judge.

SECOND MARRIAGE CAUSES TROUBLE

Relatives of Deceased Wife of Capitalist Are Very Wrathful Now.

DEMAND AN INHERITANCE

AMOUNT INVOLVED IS \$300,000—
IT IS ALLEGED THAT THERE
HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OF AN
AGREEMENT.

(American News Service) Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—When the engagement of Mrs. Margaret Hobbs, one of Los Angeles society leaders, was announced recently to J. M. Cockins, a capitalist, the latter brought down the wrath of his deceased wife's relatives.

In a letter of congratulation sent by Mrs. Adelaide Blick of Baltimore, Md., she made a demand that her brother-in-law turn over his inheritance from his dead wife to her and her brother, alleging that there was an agreement to that effect between them. Suit was filed by Mrs. Blick when she received in reply to this letter, one from Mr. Cockins, in which he stated that immediately after his marriage he intended making a new will very different from the one which was then in existence in which he had made his wife's relatives his heirs. He further denied that there had been an agreement between them.

Up to the Court.

The merits of the case will be heard by Judge Munro when the matter is up for hearing. The amount involved is \$300,000.

The claim is made by Mrs. Adelaide Blick and her brother, Horace Miller, of Pittsburgh, Pa., that Mr. Cockins is attempting to deprive them of their share in his half-sister's estate. Mrs. Mariana M. Cockins, who died in Pittsburgh in March, 1907, left her entire fortune to her husband, the defendant in the present case. The will was probated in Pittsburgh and at the time it is alleged by Mrs. Blick and her brother they intended to contest the instrument by Cockins promised that upon his death he should will everything to them using only the income during his life.

SECRET SESSION WAS HELD TODAY

Representatives of 23 Railroads Discuss Strike Situation.

INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN

TO THE GENERAL MANAGERS AS TO HOW TO COPE WITH THE UNIONS—THE ACCEPTANCE OF FREIGHT ORDERED.

(American News Service)

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Representatives of twenty-three railroads entering Chicago, met in a secret session today to discuss the railroad situation. After the entire situation is canvassed, instructions of vital importance will be given to General Managers by the committee, as to how to treat with Unions and Brotherhoods. Not only the local switchmen affiliated with the strikers at St. Paul and the Northwest have demanded a readjustment in the wage scale, but all the organizations of Trainmen and Enginemen, it is said, have asked a raise of ten per cent. The Northwestern railroad managers' committee announced today that the situation at St. Paul and the Northwest was clearing, and that agents had been notified to accept freight of even a perishable class.

ALL EFFORTS FAIL.

(American News Service)

Minneapolis, Dec. 4.—All efforts at mediation of the Switchmen's strike have failed. Railroad companies will grant no concessions. A prolonged struggle will probably follow. Three of the railroads have declared themselves ready for all traffic.

IS WORKING OVERTIME.

The city ambulance is working overtime now. Within the past twenty-four hours ambulance driver Oler has responded to five calls. However, four of the calls were to remove sick persons to the hospital.

A Low Standard.

"Women put up with too much in matrimony. Their standard of matrimonial felicity is too low."

The speaker was a well known suffragist. She resumed:

"Why, once in the days of my slum work a woman said to me:

"Mrs. Blank likes her second husband far better than her first, ma'am."

"Why?" I asked.

"She says," was the reply, "that her second does so much time that practically all she earns she has for herself."

His Only Love.

McJigger—What's the book you're reading?

Thingumbob—It's the story of the only man the author ever loved.

McJigger—Ah! By a woman, eh?

Thingumbob—No; by a man. It's his autobiography.

Few, indeed.

Teacher—How many make a million, Johnny?

Johnny—Not many, Judge.

HE LOVED INDIANA FIERCE BATTLE IN PHILIPPINES

Smith Craft, Who Died at Indianapolis, Had Never Been Out of State.

FORMERLY OF RICHMOND

Although he lived to be eighty years of age, Smith Craft, formerly of Richmond, who died at his home in Indianapolis Thursday night, had never been outside the borders of this state.

Mr. Craft was a blacksmith by trade. He was born in Richmond and lived in this city until he was 21 years of age, when he moved to Indianapolis. For over fifty years the deceased had resided at 726 Indiana avenue in the Capital City. Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Craft lived in this city for 21 years, five miles from Ohio, he had never crossed the state line and had been fond of travel had never extended his journeys outside of Indiana. His case is probably without parallel in the state. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Craft is well remembered by the older residents of the city who held him in the highest esteem.

WHAT UNCLE SAM PROPOSES TO DO

Will Seize Nicaragua and Assume Control of Old Canal Site.

ILL THWART HIS RIVALS

PLANS OF GERMANY AND JAPAN
TO BE RUINED, HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICER SAYS—PRAIRIE
STILL IN THE MUD.

(American News Service)

Washington, Dec. 4.—The seizure of Nicaragua, and the control of the once selected canal site through that country and the thwarting of the plans of Germany and Japan are the aims of the state department in the present Nicaraguan situation, according to a statement made by a high government official to the American News Service, today. The preparations being made are of too great a magnitude to be justified by the Cannon and Gross affair, it was pointed out.

STILL STUCK FAST.

Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—For two days, trying all efforts to float her, the military cruiser Prairie, carrying 700 marines and stores destined for Nicaragua, was still fast on the mud bank of Fort Delaware today. The work of ten days failed to budge her an inch.

At the League Island navy yard it was learned today that, unless the Prairie is freed by the next high tide, the auxiliary cruiser Dixie will be sent to take off her cargo and men and proceed to the South.

The crucial struggle came at first high tide today, when every ounce of steam was set to work in the boilers of the tugs that have been fighting to free the cruiser. The ebb was well under way before hope was abandoned.

Fears that the constant tugging will injure the hull of the fast vessel were greater.

The lighters dispatched yesterday continued to take the Prairie's cargo off today.

RELIEVED HER MIND.

Mr. Terry Upheld His Better Half In The Umbrella Matter.

"Mercy me!" said Mrs. Terry. "Your father's left his umbrella!" Here, Willie, run quick and catch him before his car comes!" She thrust an elegant gold handled umbrella into Willie's hands, and he raced out after his father, arriving at the car track barely in time to see his ponderous figure swing itself up the steps. And the car moved on.

As Willie stood there a man approached.

"What's the matter, son?" he inquired. Willie elucidated.

"Well," said the man, "that's easy. I'm going downtown on the next car, and I'll take it to him."

When Willie returned without the umbrella his mother rejoiced.

"You caught him, did you?" she smiled. Willie shook his head.

"But I did the next best thing, mother," he said. "I gave it to a man who was going downtown to give it to him." Mrs. Terry stared at him.

"Who was the man?" she asked. Willie looked foolish.

"I don't know," he said at last. "But he looked honest."

"That umbrella cost \$12," said Mrs. Terry sternly. "Come here to me."

And shortly thereafter people passing wondered who was being slain.

That evening Mr. Terry returned bearing the umbrella. Mrs. Terry gazed at it, fascinated.

"Where did you get it?" she asked.

"Why," said Mr. Terry, "our neighbor Mr. Wilkins brought it to me."

"And to think," said Mrs. Terry, "I whipped Willie for giving it to a strange man."

"Well, what have I to do with that?"

"Why—er—I was thinking if you could spare me a quarter to get a shave and a hair cut I could get a job in the role of Virginia."

She eyed him disdainfully.

"Oh, that's a poor excuse," she said, with a curl of her thin lip. "Go up to the town without a shave and a hair cut and get a job in the role of Rip Van Winkle."