

IMPROVEMENT FUND ALMOST EXHAUSTED

Mayor Informs Council to This Effect at the Meeting Last Night.

Councilmen last night declared themselves in favor of the substitution of brick cross walks for cement, as have been put in during the last few years. The city engineer claims that brick in small sections is a more satisfactory material than cement, although in big block the cement wears better. The board of works favors brick, and it is likely in the future this material will be used for cross walks.

The mayor reported that the limit has been almost reached in the appropriations for improvements. A great many contracts have already been let. Last night a petition was presented from property owners on North C street, from Nineteenth to Twenty-second street, for cement sidewalks on both sides. It was referred to the board of works. A report of the mayor showed that probably the West First street improvement, as desired by the West Side Improvement association, cannot be made until next year on account of lack of funds.

Want Electric Light.

Residents in the vicinity of South Twenty-first and A streets, petitioned through Councilman Williams for an electric light at that corner. Williams also asked for a light at Twelfth and South H streets. These matters were referred to the committee on gas and electricity. President Hammond of the board of works asked councilmen to draw up their complaints in writing in the future.

Councilman Bartel asked the city attorney to investigate the ordinance licensing auctioneers, and see if it is not possible to make a lower rate for permanent auction houses. Bartel said he had been approached on the subject by a man who wanted to establish such a house, as are now maintained in Cincinnati. It is believed the public would favor an auction house, but that the merchants would fight it.

Street Commissioner Genn asked for permission to clean the streets and the matter was referred to the streets and alleys committee.

The traction service in the east end came in for its usual knocks from Councilman King. He said while most of the car crews were observing council's order to stop on the east side of Fifteenth street at North E, instead of the west side, one crew refused to do this. By stopping on the west side of the street, passengers are forced to walk in the mud. The mayor will look into the matter personally.

SPORTING GOSSIP

BASEBALL NOTES.

Pitcher "King" Brockett will be given another trial with the Highlanders. Of the Cleveland squad of 36 men at least 20 are more than six feet tall. Jimmy Austin is playing third base for the St. Louis Browns and getting away with it.

It is said that Hugh Duffy has chosen Tex Jones to play first base for the White Sox.

Manager McGraw will not allow Christy Mathewson to pitch any of the exhibition games this spring.

Cecil Ferguson says that the Boston Nationals gave him a raw deal and that he has quit the game for good.

Major Gaynor, of New York will toss out the first ball when the Giants open the season at the Polo grounds on April 12.

If Eddie Zimmerman can keep up the good work he is doing in practice games, he will be a spangled beauty in Brooklyn this season.

Connie Mack has secured three of the St. Mary's (Calif.) college boys. They are Lynch, left fielder; Wallace, third baseman; and Fitzsimmons, shortstop.

George Van Holtren, the former Giant, is seeking a job as umpire in one of the Western leagues. "Rip" was an indicator man in the Coast league last season.

"Kid" Elberfield, the Washington infielder, says that he intends to raise carnations when his ball playing days are over. It wasn't carnations that he used to raise with the umpires.

The Baltimore Orioles are likely to have their name changed to "Giants." The average weight of Jack Dunn's team is 187 pounds per man, and twelve men are more than six feet tall.

The Pirates were working in the ball park at Hot Springs like horses when Honus Wagner came up to the gate. Honus took one slant at his comrades, said "Good Night," and then went fishing.

When "Lefty" Craig, the Tri-State League pitcher, was sold to Indianapolis, he almost cried. He said he knew a trip on the ocean would make him sick and that he did not care to mingle with Indians.

WITH THE BOXERS

Frankie Burns, the Oakland, Calif., lightweight, is the latest sensation on the Pacific Coast.

In a little more than a year "One Round" Hogan has had 39 battles in 21 of which he earned knockouts.

"When Langford meets McVey he is going right in to knock out the California-Parisian, and then for the champion, Jack Johnson," writes Manager Joe Woodman.

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YOUNGSTER IS HURT

Tries to Climb on Machine, Is Run Over.

In an attempt to climb onto an electric automobile, driven by two women, as it proceeded down North Tenth street below B street about 5 o'clock last evening, Robert Coleman, the six-year-old son of E. R. Coleman, 212 North Twelfth street, was thrown under the machine, the wheels passing over his limbs. He was rendered unconscious and badly bruised, but no bones were broken. The child is confined to his bed at his home, and it is expected it will be some time before he will be able to be about again.

The youngster was playing with some little friends near his home just before the accident. Evidently seized with a sudden desire to ride in the machine as it was passing, the lad rushed to the middle of the street without any warning of his intentions being given and made an effort to climb onto the car. In some manner he was thrown to the ground and the wheels of the car passed over his limbs. The machine was immediately stopped by the women when the prostrate form of the child was seen on the street. They picked up the youngster and carried him to his home, also summoning a doctor. An examination disclosed the fact that his injuries were severe but not serious.

A GREAT OIL DEAL

Is Now Pending in State of California.

(American News Service)

San Francisco, March 21.—The controlling interest in the Associated Oil company, owned by the Southern Pacific company, is to be sold to a syndicate of New York and London bankers.

Negotiations for the purchase of this interest have been carried on with the Harriman syndicate for some time and it was authoritatively stated last night that within a few days the colossal bargain would be successfully consummated.

The sale will be the largest and most important transaction in oil properties in the history of California. The purchase price, it is expected, will not be less than \$10,000,000 and possibly much more.

President Robert S. Lovett, of the banking interests controlling the railroad system, has set the figure at which they will sell. The negotiations have reached a point with sufficient prospect of final consummation which warrant the statement that the sale will be made.

The Harriman interests own 220,000 shares of Associated Oil stock. The market quotation is \$7. On that basis these shares are worth \$10,340,000.

The Southern Pacific, or Harriman people, are said to have bought them at an average of 30. If that is so, they could net today at the prevailing price a profit of \$3,740,000. One authority has it that the Harriman people paid an average of 27 a share. In that case, the present quotation they can not a profit of \$2,000,000.

Associated Oil has \$10,000,000 capital stock, or 400,000 shares par value of \$100 per share.

City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals.

WHITE—James White, formerly proprietor of the Brunswick hotel, died at Indianapolis, Monday. The body will be brought to Richmond, Wednesday for burial in Earlham cemetery.

Short services will be conducted at the grave by the Rev. T. J. Graham of First Presbyterian church.

JACKSON—Zue Jackson, 65 years old, died at the Reid Memorial hospital early this morning. His residence was 2124 North F street. Jackson was well known among shop men and a prominent member of Sol Mereith Post, G. A. R. The deceased is survived by three children, Charles Jackson of Shelbyville, Hazel Partell, and Hattie Wilkinson of Richmond. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the home, and burial will be at Earlham cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday afternoon and evening.

NEGLECTS A BOND; CASE THROWN OUT

Because Dr. William L. Ballinger, a specialist of Chicago, neglected to file in the circuit court for the costs of the proceedings instituted by his counsel in the court to recover \$175 on a claim from Bryant Pierce of Economy, the case was dismissed from the court on Tuesday. Pierce had a serious operation performed by the specialist, but refused to pay in full the amount demanded, alleging that the physician had injured him. He took treatment from the physician in October, 1909.

BOY WAS INJURED; COMPANY SETTLES

For the sum of \$235, out of which a physician and hospital bill amounting to \$139 will be paid, Wallace L. Durham, guardian of Elmer Durham, who had the palms of both hands ground into shreds in a "sander" machine at the Starri Piano works on August 26, 1910, compromised his claim with the company. The company held that it was not liable, but rather than litigate, compromised with the boy's father. The boy was not sixteen years old when injured. While at the hospital skin was grafted on the boy's palms in order that the wounds might more quickly heal.

WELL KNOWN NEGRO, BUDDY WOODS, DIES

"Buddy" Woods, or William S., as he was christened by his parents, died Monday night at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Woods, 503 South Sixth street. He was 26 years old. "Willie" was well known around all the cigar stores and pool rooms of the city. He was an ardent follower of local boxing. Besides his mother, a sister, Julia Woods, survives. The funeral will take place from the home, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and burial will be in Earlham cemetery. He died of tuberculosis.

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For the Children

A Little Musician and a Big, Big Bass.



WASHINGTON SAYS HE DID NOT PEEP

Makes Complete Denial of Charges Brought by Man Who Attacked Him.

(American News Service)

New York, March 21.—Booker T. Washington today made his first complete denial of allegations made against him by Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich of 11½ west 63rd street. He denied that he followed or spoke to a white woman. He said nobody passed him in the hallway of the apartment house. He said he was looking for a family whose name he did not distinctly remember after having destroyed the letter which suggested he might find Auditor Smith at their home. He did not peep through the keyhole, he said, but merely scrutinized the names on the mailboxes. Ulrich's trial is scheduled for this afternoon. Washington denied the report that he would not prosecute.

JAMES I. MOORE, attorney for Ulrich, announced today that when the charge of assault which had been lodged against his client was called this afternoon, he would have a new and important witness.

"This man is a chauffeur," said Mr. Moore. "It will be remembered that after Ulrich's wife had told him that Washington had addressed her, saying 'Hello, Sweetheart,' Ulrich went outside, stood across the street and watched the negro in the vestibule of the apartment house.

"Well, the chauffeur who is employed in a garage at 63rd street and Broadway, had noticed a negro acting suspiciously in front of No. 11½ and he stood watching him, without knowing Ulrich was also on guard.

"The chauffeur will corroborate a large part of Ulrich's testimony. When the trouble took place the chauffeur ran over and witnessed it. He is an important witness for my client."

Mr. Moore also intimated he had a number of witnesses who would swear that the negro in the vestibule of the building was playing the part of a "peeping Tom." The racial question is being brought to the fore as a result of Dr. Washington's case and the police are keeping close watch to prevent any outbreak. Thus far no disorder has been reported, but patrolmen in districts where both whites and negroes mingle have been ordered to be on the alert.

Capt. James Thompson of the West 6th street station received the following letter:

"To the captain: It is a fine state

of affairs when a respectable man cannot defend his wife against a negro. We will see that Policeman Tierney is dismissed."

(Signed) "Tenants of No. 11½ West 63rd street."

Capt. Thompson said he believed the letter was written by a crank.

FOR THE CRIMINALS

Texas Probation Plan Has Proved a Success.

(American News Service)

San Antonio, Tex., March 21.—No movement for the betterment of the criminal classes in Texas has grown so rapidly as that of the probation plan for youths. Heretofore it has been the custom when a boy or girl was arrested charged with some crime to throw them into jail along with hardened criminals. Since the investigation of penitentiaries two years ago showing the deplorable condition in the various penal institutions, Senator Weinert of Seguin, who was chairman of the senatorial section of the committee making investigations has been untiring in his efforts for a parole and probation law. He stood for this with determination of the man who believes in everything that will tend toward an uplift for humanity, and a law recently passed by the late legislature was due in a great measure to his efforts.

This enactment is a long step toward reformation of criminal classes and many of the cities of this state are preparing to make the most of it by providing a probation system for youthful criminals. El Paso has taken a step to provide an uplift for young offenders in that city. County Judge, E. S. J. Elyar, of El Paso, has appointed three probation officers for the juvenile court. Adjutant John Howard, of the Salvation Army will care for the white youths; Rev. C. R. Womeldorf, a Presbyterian missionary will look after the Mexican boys, and Rev. H. R. Wilson, pastor of the negro Baptist church, will attend to the offenders of his race. Hereafter when a boy is charged with crime he will be placed in the charge of the probation officer instead of being locked in jail with hardened criminals. Many of the cities of this state will soon have a similar system in operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Petro entered Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ross Vernon and child of Losansville and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Reynolds and son Morton of Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mustin and son of Cambridge City have been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rummel and family. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mercer and daughter, Verna Bena of New Lisbon were also their guests over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herberger were at Richmond Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams entered Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiatt, Mrs. Grace Hunt and son Irvin, Leslie Fenimore, Edna and Mrs. George Cramer.

Charles Williams of Muncie Saturday night was here looking after the horses that are for sale.

Miss Nina Jackson a popular southern lady arrived here the first of the week from Alabama to be the spring guest of the Haxton girls and other relatives. Miss Jackson is the niece of Dick Haxton, her mother is the twin sister of "Dick."

Albert Chammess made 172 gallons of maple syrup this season and has sold 24 gallons to California parties who had tasted Hoosier syrup and buckwheat cakes before they became citizens of the state bringing the Pacific ocean and wanted to recall sweet remembrance of other days by the maple syrup route.

The Friends have held their monthly meeting.

Byram Beard who is here from Denver visiting relatives ate dinner with the Woolleys in Williamsburg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiatt, Mrs. Grace Hunt and son Irvin, Leslie Fenimore, Edna and Mrs. George Cramer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fleming were at Richmond Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Williams entered Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hiatt, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Clark and children and Mrs. Unice Clark.

Dr. Ed Clark of Indianapolis was the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark Sunday.

Tot Cranor made his weekly trip to Richmond Saturday.

Era Fraiser returned from New Castle Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ora Edwards and daughter, Thelma, arrived from Richmond, on Sunday morning where they had visited relatives since Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myra Pierce and children were visiting Greensboro relatives Sunday.

W. L. Fenimore and son Harold, were in Hagerstown Sunday.

Rev. G. W. Martin preached an able sermon to a large audience Sunday morning.

Several from here attended the Friends meeting at Morgan's chapel Sunday.

Mr. C. D. Fleming's sugar camp broke loose Sunday and by so doing many of the citizens of this state will soon have a similar system in operation.

The revival meetings at Doddridge Chapel conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. H. Pinnick, closed Sunday morning. The series was attended by increasing interest to the close. On Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Pinnick received into the church fourteen applicants. Of these twelve were baptized. In all there were fifteen admissions.

Edwin Kellam, of Centerville, who is working in Ohio, visited his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Kellam, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Malec, of Richmond, visited his sisters, Mrs. Nancy Baldwin, Mrs. Jacob Fliby and Mrs. James Kellam and family, over Sunday.

Miss Abby Hunt who was raised and moved to Chicago several years ago, is dead. The body will be brought here for burial this week.

Freeman Nelson, 80, died Sunday morning near Williamsburg. The funeral and interment will be at