

## DISCUSSION OVER VOTING MACHINES

Was Heard Today and the Commissioners Will Take It Up Saturday.

The board of county commissioners will on Saturday take up the question of whether or not the board shall recommend an appropriation of \$21,000 of the county funds for the purchase of twenty-eight voting machines for Wayne county. The purchase of machines, if they should prove satisfactory, and in some counties in the state they have not been found so, would do away with the Australian ballot system and according to the claims of voting machine houses, would reduce the cost of primary and general elections and the registration of voters.

Commissioners Linderman and Beeson believe the county should purchase machines, while commissioner Farlow is opposed. There has been considerable pressure brought on the board by partisans of the voting machine, and those who claim that the expenditure for machines would be a useless waste of the county funds.

By the system of purchase proposed by J. M. Davis, a representative of a voting machine company, the county would not have to make immediate payment. He told the board if the machines were purchased and used, that the first payment would be the difference between the cost of the election with the machines and what the election would have cost if it had been under the Australian system. The remaining installments would be made on the deferred payment system, the county paying five per cent. interest per annum on the unpaid balance.

The claims of the machine company representatives that the number of voting precincts of the county could be reduced from sixty-five, the present number, to twenty-eight by the use of the machines. This he said would result in a large saving, and sufficient in time to meet the expense of the machines. The registration law, which the voting machine houses seem to consider a boon to their business, was shown up in all its expensive features in the discussion.

The Commercial club and the Young Men's business club will be invited to investigate the utility of voting machines. It is probable the Young Men's Business club directors will consider the matter on Friday evening.

Another matter of importance before the board on Saturday will be a decision on the National road controversy. The commissioners have been asked to compromise differences between the board and the T. H. I. & E. traction company over the location of the company's tracks on the highway. Attorneys for the county advocate carrying to the supreme court the action by the county to force the company off of the forty-six foot improvement. It will be up to the commissioners to determine which course to adopt.

## MARITAL VENTURES

Of Mrs. Moore, Held at Anderson, Numerous.

Mrs. Artie Enoch-Moore, who is held at Chesterfield, on the charge of stealing jewelry from James and Rosa Graves, the victims of a double tragedy at the spiritualists' camp near Anderson last week, is the former wife of three Richmond men. Her first husband was Fred Enoch, who died a short time after their marriage. Shortly afterward she married Granville Williams, who is now at the soldiers' home at Marion. Williams secured a divorce from her and she married Ed Moore, of 22 South Ninth street.

Moore declared that his wife left him while they were still living here and went to Anderson. Three years ago she secured a divorce at Anderson. Moore says that her reason in deserting him was because he could not become interested in spiritualism.

## A VESPER SERVICE HELD LAST NIGHT

Yesterday evening a vesper service was held at St. Andrew's church on South Sixth street for the double purpose of commemorating the eleventh anniversary of the destruction of the church by fire, and to dedicate the new chandelier that has just been given to the institution. Quite a number were present to witness the initial appearance of the art chandelier. The church has been remodeled recently and electric lights have been installed.

## City Statistics

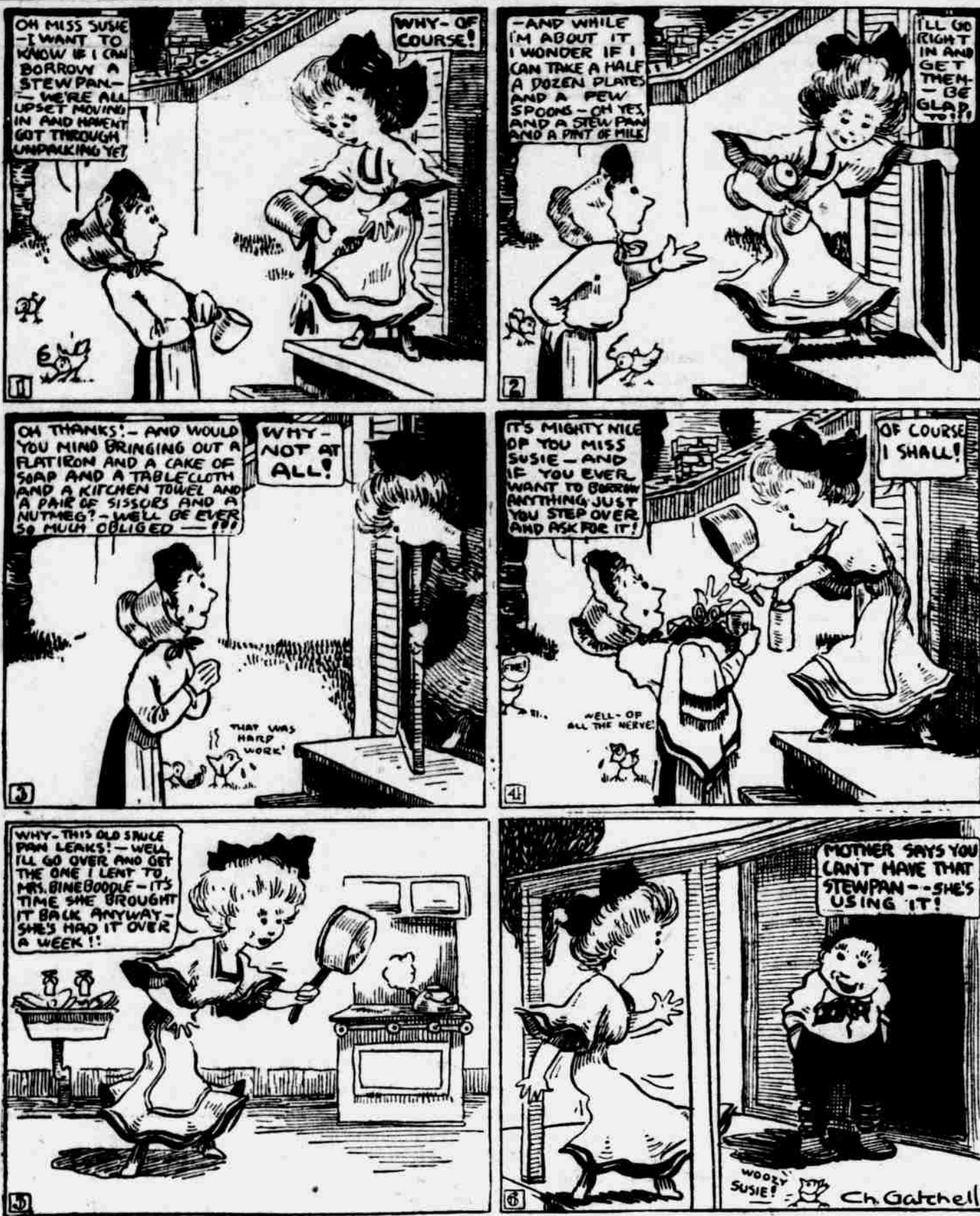
A rather remarkable situation has just arisen in the city's health reports. According to the records, not a single birth, death or case of contagious disease has occurred during the last forty-eight hours.

## ROAD VIEWERS

John Manning, Arthur T. Ballenger and Alonzo Cain are named road viewers to determine on the utility of the proposed modification of the Jacksonburg road in Jefferson and Harrison townships. Petitioners have asked that the road be shortened by cutting through farms belonging to Philip Miller, Elias Maude and Alonzo Worl, William M. Gildewell and Perlie Worl.

## Susie Lends Some Things

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## PROSPECTS OF OIL AROUSING FARMERS

Great Excitement in Southern Wayne — Drillers Start to Work.

Property owners possessing farms in the Short Creek hills about three or four miles south-east of the city are all afluster in anticipation of the prospects of oil being discovered in their neighborhood, for so favorable are the natural conditions of the land in this vicinity that a Pittsburg company has commenced to drill for oil and it is also hopeful of finding gas in paying quantities.

Farms in the immediate vicinity of the drilling could not be purchased for love nor money just now, for the landowners wish to know what will happen on the John F. Niewoehner farm, on which a well is being sunk. The drilling apparatus was erected on Saturday and the news was quickly flashed to the adjoining farms. Since nearly every real estate owner in the neighborhood has been sufficiently interested to visit the scene of operations on the Niewoehner place and every day to keep in close touch with the situation.

In the two days the drillers have been here at actual work they have gone down about fifty or sixty feet. Gravel was struck after the surface loam was passed and it was necessary to encase the drill in order to prevent the gravel caving in and filling up the small holes as often as the drill was lifted.

Farmers have long been of the opinion that oil was in their district and gas also, because of a very noticeable surface seep during the rainy seasons. Several years ago efforts were made to find gas and it was discovered but hardly in paying quantities. About two years ago several hundred acres of land were leased by a Pittsburg company known as the Shortcreek Oil and Gas company, but not until recently were actual operations commenced.

David Roberts, who as a boy lived in that part of the county but who had long been forgotten by the majority of the residents is responsible for the activities of the Pittsburg capitalists. He chanced to overhear a conversation between two oil men in Pittsburg, where he has been living for several years, and when one described the natural character of oil lands, he introduced himself and said he knew of land of exactly that character in Indiana and spoke of the surface seep. They became interested immediately. A visit or two was made by their representatives, and a close inspection was made. Roberts' statements were borne out and a company was organized which began to lease the farms for the oil and gas privileges.

Some of the farmers at that time and since have refused to lease their places until the ascertain what the oil prospects are. They will demand a higher rate for oil and gas privileges on their land than their neighbors received, and probably will get it, if oil in large quantities is found.

## MEET CONTINUES DESPITE DEATHS

Managers of Aviation Contest Make This Decision After Long Meeting.

(National News Association) CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—The deaths of William R. Badger and St. Croix Johnson, both of whom fell with their machines, will not affect the running of the great international aviation meet in Chicago. This was announced by the contest committee today after a session which lasted far into the night.

Officials declared that while the deaths would put more or less of a damper on the meet, it must be continued in the interests of science.

James E. Plew, president of the meet association, said: "To call off the meet would serve no good end. These are sacrifices that are bound to mark the advance of aviation upon a practical basis."

Instead of driving crowds away from the aviation field at Grant Park, the tragedies seemed to draw more thousands to the scene. Morbidly curious persons crowded around the spot where Badger's machine, lying in a crumpled heap, fell. The aviator's neck was broken and he died in St. Lukes hospital.

Johnstone fell into Lake Michigan and was drowned as his young wife looked on. Only a moment before, she declared that she felt he was the one aviator who would not be injured. He was so careful. The body was recovered.

As a result of the accidents the rules have been tightened up and there will be no more dare-devil stunts permitted. Two of the most sensational events of the meet are on today, however. They are the race for monoplanes and the free-for-all race. Both events carry big prizes and it is feared the aviators will make dare-devil attempts to break speed records. Big fields are entered in both races.

The faces of the thousands of men and women who early today began to throng to the field bore traces of sadness and horror. Yet their fears did not deter them from witnessing other events. A new turn in the meet was a report today that the Wrights contemplate filing a threatened suit against the managers of the meet. This suit, over alleged patent rights, was threatened before the meet began, but the arrival of Orville Wright, with his team of flyers for the while dispelled fears of the committee. The inventors, it is said, demand a percentage of the gate money.

Aviators today were unanimous in their praise of the dead flyers. They were declared to be two of the greatest men who ever went up. Badger was remarked because of his daring, while Johnson was said to have been a heady, conservative driver. The consensus of opinion was that Johnson became suddenly ill and lost control of his machine.

## CLERGY'S ATTACKS CAUSE OF ILLNESS

Col. Astor's Fiancee Confined at Home—Colonel Is Upbraided.

(National News Association) NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Miss Madeline Force, the fiancée of Col. John Jacob Astor, is ill at her home because of recent attacks made on her approaching marriage.

Col. Astor was an early caller there today and a strange scene followed. He was met at the door by Mrs. Force, mother of the bride-to-be, who led him at once into the parlor. Mrs. Force was apparently angry about something for which she held the Colonel responsible.

"You must do it, Colonel, I tell you you must. That is all there is to it," the reporter standing on the sidewalk in front of the house heard her exclaim.

Col. Astor listened meekly to what she had to say. Mrs. Force with angry gestures talked in a loud tone of voice, but no other part of the conversation could be distinguished. When they saw the reporters were watching them they left the room. A few minutes later Mrs. Force left the house. She seemed to be greatly agitated, waved away reporters who attempted to interview her. "I have nothing to say, not a word," she declared angrily. She walked rapidly for a short distance, then suddenly turned and went back to the house. "Is it true that Miss Force is very ill," the reporters asked Col. Astor.

"Oh, I believe she is ill," he replied. "Is her illness serious?" was asked. The Colonel hesitated for a moment then answered. "Well I don't know. I think it is just nervousness."

"Will her illness hasten your marriage?" he was asked.

"I don't think so," he answered. "We have not yet decided when it is going to be."

ASKS A DIVORCE Melissa A. Beeson who is matron in an educational institution, has brought suit against Cyrus M. Beeson, alleging habitual drunkenness. She avers he has been on a spree for ten years, although it is not stated in the complaint it was one continual jag. They were married in 1889.

## POVERTY DISCUSSED AT FRIENDS' SCHOOL

Scientific Way to Treat Destitution Is to Remove Its Cause.

The meeting of the Friends' Summer school this morning furnished another instructive and entertaining program for the students who have come from all parts of the middle west to attend the session. The gathering today was easily as large as any attending any of the meetings, about sixty persons being present. The main feature of the morning was the third lecture by R. Barclay Spicer on the subject of "Studied in Acts." Mr. Spicer gave some interesting statements regarding the progress of the Christian church during the Apostolic period. He talked quite a little about the establishment of the church at Antioch, and of the religious work done there by Paul and Barnabas.

The next part of the program was a meeting for religious worship. LaVern Gardner, Isaiah Lightner, Matilda Updeword, and L. C. Lawall addressed this meeting. Jane P. Rushmore concluded the morning service with a lecture on the "Fundamental Principles of Philanthropy." She divided her talk into two parts, the first dealing with what she termed "the religious basis."

In the second part her principal theme was that the scientific way to do away with poverty was to remove the causes of it. She did not believe that this could be done in any reasonable length of time, however, as there is such an infinite number of causes to remove. She said that, although undoubtedly some people will always be in a higher social class than the rest, much could be done in the line of lifting everyone to the highest level. The thirty thousand tramps that are plying their trade within the limits of this country came in for a good share of the discussion. She asserted that this evil was certainly one that can be stopped at the pleasure of the country, by having everyone refuse to give so generously to tramps.

This afternoon the whole crowd of students met in front of the North A Street meeting house, and started on an excursion to the Reid Memorial church. They were shown through the entire building, and all were impressed by the completeness of the equipment of the institution. The organist had kindly consented to help the entertainment by giving an impromptu recital. After their visit to the church, they all went down to the high school building to see the art exhibit.

The meeting this evening at eight o'clock promises to be one of the best of the whole time. Mr. Henry W. Wilbur will give an illustrated lecture on "Some Experiences in England." At 2:15 Thursday afternoon, about thirty people will go on the excursion to Easthaven. On their return, they will go directly to Glen Miller Park, where supper will be served at half past five.

## LIVES ARE LOST IN AMMONIA EXPLOSION

(National News Association) PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 16.—One man is dead, two are missing, fifteen injured, three seriously, and property loss to the extent of \$100,000 was the result of an explosion of ammonia and resulting fire at the Charters big grocery on Grant street. Mayor Magee had two close shaves from death. When the explosion occurred he was on a passing car and with two other passengers was blown to the sidewalk, later while watching the fire, he just got out from under a falling wall by a hair's breadth.

## SUIT ON DEMAND

Demand for \$210 is made by Augustus Weldman from Byron A. Whitely of Washington township in a suit filed in the Wayne circuit court.

Palladium Want Ads Pay.

## PROMOTERS VISIT FOUR TOWNS NORTH

Chester, Fountain City, Lynn and Winchester People Are Met.

One more important step toward the realization of the proposed north and south traction line which the local Commercial club is promoting, will be taken this afternoon when the members of the committee visit some of the small towns north of Richmond. The towns on the trip this time will be Chester, Fountain City, Lynn and Winchester. The members of the committee are looking for large enthusiastic crowds at each of these places, because of the announcement of their coming has already traveled up to that district.

All the people along this line are especially anxious to make a good impression on the Richmond promoters this afternoon, because there is still some doubt whether the new car line will run through the towns visited today, or will go through Whitewater, Bethel, Sparta, and Union City. The promoters have already taken a trip to the last named places, and everywhere enthusiastically received. Therefore, the treatment they met this afternoon will have quite a little to do with their decision as to the route to be selected. The committee expects to give much attention today in finding out whether the right of way is clear, and whether any trouble will be encountered in this district.

Next Friday evening the same men will take a run down to Liberty to see how the situation in the southern part of the proposed route is progressing. Those who will make the trip this afternoon are: Wm. F. Starr, Sharon E. Jones, Lewis Bliff, W. H. Quigg, Dr. H. C. Burcham, A. W. Gregg, D. W. Comstock, Chas. W. Jordan.

## MRS. SMELSER LEFT QUITE BIG ESTATE

The late Mrs. Mary F. Smelser, who died on August 7th, left an estate of considerable proportions, according to the will which was filed for probate in the Wayne probate court on Wednesday. The personal property of the estate is of the probable value of \$2,000. The Dickinson Trust company is named executor.

Her daughters, Eliza Catherine Smelser, Mrs. Sarah Stoner and Mrs. May Annie Sanborn inherit the greater portion of the estate according to the will and codicil. Her two sons, Charles and Frank Smelser, each received \$50, it being the decedent's wish that as they had received a generous inheritance from their father's estate that the daughters receive the larger portion of her property.

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F. F. Haisley Disposes of His Interests Here.

F. F. Haisley, one of Richmond's oldest shoe dealers, sold out his business to a company composed of local business men on the third day of August, according to a statement made by Mr. Haisley this afternoon. He has been employed by this company to carry on the business in their interest temporarily, and expects to be in this position at least until the first of September. Mr. Haisley declined to make any further statements and refused to publish the names of those interested in the company which bought his stock.

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