

NO CITY PROPERTY CARRIED INSURANCE UNDER OLD REGIME

False Economy of Zimmerman Discovered By New Works Board.

COST OF PREMIUMS ESTIMATED AT \$1,200

Problem of Fire Protection to Come Before Board Thursday.

Mayor Robbins and three members of his board of public works, Alfred Davis, John McMinn and Charles Maltz were astounded and amused today to discover that one of the methods employed by the former administration to carry out its "economy" program was not to take out fire insurance on any of the public buildings, including the city hall and the municipal plant.

There has been no insurance on any public building for the last four years, although for an outlay of not more than \$1,200 a year, it is believed, all the buildings including the fire department houses could be well protected from loss by fire.

"No time will be lost in protecting the city from possible fire losses at its public buildings," remarked Mayor Robbins.

Score False Economy.

That the Zimmerman administration's no insurance policy was penny wise, pound foolish was the emphatic declaration of President Davis, and his sentiments were concurred in by the other board members.

"The city government is the administrator of the people's estate," said Mr. Davis, "and as such it is reprehensible for the city government not fully to protect the citizens from all possible losses. If the administrator of the estate of some individual failed to protect the heirs by insuring the buildings belonging to the estate, he would be held strictly accountable for his negligence by the court in the event of a fire. The city government, as the administrator of the public's estate should be held equally responsible in similar cases."

The last four years, insurance agents have repeatedly urged the board of public works to take out insurance policies on public buildings, but in vain. The answer always was that fire companies were located in the city hall and the fire department houses and that the city light plant was amply equipped with fire fighting devices.

It is quite probable the question of taking out insurance on public buildings will be taken up at the board meeting Thursday. Probably the insurance will be apportioned among the various fire insurance companies having agencies in this city. The board keenly realizes that in the event any public building should be destroyed or badly damaged by fire the ensuing four years and the loss not met with insurance there would be a most emphatic protest.

Dangers of a Cold.

Do you know that of all the minor ailments colds are by far the most dangerous? It is not the colds themselves that you need to fear, but the serious diseases they often lead to. For that reason everyone should be gotten rid of with the least possible delay. To accomplish this you will find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy of great help to you. It relieves a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers.

(Advertisement)

BASKETBALL SQUAD IN STIFF PRACTICE

Coaches Roman and Brown of the Earlham College basketball squad will attempt to whip the Quaker squad into shape for its initial contest with the Winona Aggies at the Coliseum Friday night. The squad has been scattered through the Christmas vacation and nothing short of steady hard work will bring the boys in shape for the season's opening round.

The Reds and Blues teams of the American Seeding Machine Company's league will bowl at the city alley's tonight.

NOLTE HEADS SOCIETY

Henry Nolte was elected president of the Benevolent society of St. John's Lutheran church at the annual election last night. Reports for the year showed that the society had received \$192,228, with expenditures amounting to \$158,34. The benefits were distributed as follows: Sisk benefits, \$64; widows' pensions, \$24; and death benefits, \$47.

Other officers chosen were George Kanke, vice president; Henry Blomley, secretary; Edward Stein, treasurer; Fred Stauber, sick committee first district; Richard Atzinger, second district; William Duning, Sr., third district; Howard Thomas, fourth district; William Schneider, fifth district.

CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses.

Thornton Leander, 28, tailor, St. Joseph, Mo., and Toye Osborne, 34, milliner, city.

Joseph Kahle, 21, action finisher, city, and Muriel Bonsman, 20, city.

Births.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bear, 103 Chestnut street, boy.

ELECT VAN NUYS COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Frederick Van Nuy's of Anderson, formerly a student at Earlham College, was chosen chairman of the Madison County Democratic central committee. Mr. Van Nuy's is a young man and is well known here. He served as a member of the state legislature and was prominent in the 1913 session.

\$10.00 Coat and Suit Sale, Wednesday, 8 a. m. Knollenberg's.

GORMON PRAISES WORK OF POLICE

Says Obedience to Superiors Has Been Shown During Last 4 Years.

Praising the patrolmen for their efficiency for their loyalty to him as their chief and recommending them as faithful officers deserving retention in service under the Robbins administration, retiring Police Chief Gormon addressed the police department at roll call last night. He introduced the new chief, Harry Goodwin, turning over the badge to him.

Reviewing the work of the department he congratulated the patrolmen on the capture of eight murderers during Gormon's administration. One only escaped. A large measure of credit for the high standard of the department, he said, was due alone to the patrolmen.

Mr. Gormon said: "This my last night, as your chief, officers and brothers. I want to thank you, one and all, for the part you have taken and your loyalty to me in helping me to give the service that has been given in the city of Richmond and its citizens. With pride I mention this, for each of you is entitled to his share of credit and you should be retained in your present positions.

Recommends Everyone.

"The thanks of you have served, the service should be sufficient evidence to an unbiased board to appreciate your past service as a policeman. You were citizens five years before you could serve the city in your present capacity. I recommend each of you to the new administration as policemen, not as politicians. The Metropolitan police law prohibits you from taking part in politics, and politicians should not let politics interfere with you."

As a member of the police board I helped to appoint the majority of you and I fail to see that I made a mistake in your appointment. Your mistakes I never took into consideration or questioned.

Keep in mind that while you are a policeman you do not own the office, but you are the people's servant. Serve them under the new administration as you have served them the four years past. Remember your new chief will be entitled to your respect; from him you will receive your orders, and it will be he, who will be responsible to the police board. Praise is due this department, during my administration.

One Murderer Escapes.

"With your assistance eight of the nine murderers have been apprehended, one escaped. He is still being sought. You are entitled to credit for efficient work and good order during the Fall Festival when not a pocket was reported picked, and only two arrests for assault and battery and fifteen for intoxication. I have seen the time when more than this were made on a Saturday night.

Officers of the police force, I present to you Harry Goodwin, who will act as your chief. I take pleasure in recommending to him all of you as faithful and obedient officers. I speak of you as I know you. I hope Chief Goodwin will find his association with you as I have found you.

You must respect him as your superior officer. To be successful you must work in harmony. I hope you will keep the department up to its present standard.

Chief Goodwin, I present to you this badge, which is significant of your office and my best wishes to you as superintendent of police in the best city on earth."

ROCKWOOD BOWLS 1914 HIGH SCORE

As a starter for the 1914 bowling season Edward Rockwood bring up the high score bowling record with 259 pins, last evening. The score is the highest of the season at either the City or Y. M. C. A. alleys. The score sheet of Rockwood shows that he had seven consecutive strikes. The eighth frame was the point where he "blew" for he only demolished eight pins in that frame. Rockwood "came back" in the ninth and struck out making ten strikes and a total score of 259 pins.

Rockwood's score is believed to be 30, 59, 90, 120, 150, 174, 192, 200, 230, 259. The perfect score was marred by a slight accident when bowling for the eighth frame as Rockwood struck his foot glancing blow as the ball left his hand. The result was that only 4 pins were knocked down and the same number on the second ball. Rockwood's record is considered by Rockwood bowlers to be far above the average and he has placed the score so high that it will be difficult to overcome it.

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REVIVAL AT SHOP DRAWS EMPLOYEES

Practically every employee of the Reliance Foundry attended the shop meeting at noon today. Rev. McCombs, of the Honeywell party, explained the work of the evangelistic party was to make the lives of men grand, upright and square. He said they did not come to the city to enter into a controversy, but to enlist men in the army of God after which they could choose their own regiment.

Since Rev. Honeywell will not return from Oak Park until late this afternoon, Rev. McCombs talked at the afternoon service in the tabernacle with "The History of a Great Religious Awakening," as his subject.

ART NOTES

Mr. Frank J. Girardin has returned from Cincinnati where he has been exhibiting several pictures. The Cincinnati Enquirer says: "Among the pictures at the recent exhibit of the Cincinnati Art club were four canvases by Frank J. Girardin, of Richmond, Ind. Like his fellow Hoosiers, his pictures in getting his material from home, his subjects being 'Red Bud—Early Spring,' 'The Woodland Pool in Autumn,' 'In the Glooming,' and 'Cloud Shadows in October.' Mr. Girardin's work was much admired."

FIREBOXES CAVE IN

Intense heat in the furnaces at the crematory have caused the walls and fireboxes to cave in. A force of men is now busy making repairs which will not be completed until Friday, according to Superintendent Hesselman. The cave-in had been expected for almost two months, it having been a year since extensive repairs were made.

HOELSCHER NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY

Says Obedience to Superiors Has Been Shown During Last 4 Years.

Mrs. Aurelia Thomas, who has been matron of the Home for Friendless for years, was reappointed and given an increase of \$5 a month in salary. The commissioners met at the home at noon and after lunch, discussed a plan of having two matrons. The board of trustees of the institution were in session and decided that the home could be better managed under the control of one person.

The full list of appointments made by the commissioners follows:

County attorney, Gustave Hoelscher, \$500 annually.

County health officer, Dr. F. W. Krueger, \$685.00 annually.

Superintendent of poor farm, Frank Petro, \$1,100 annually.

Guard at county jail, Rice Miller, \$60 monthly.

Matron Home for Friendless, Aurelia Thomas, \$35 monthly.

Poor farm physician, W. F. Fisher, salary \$240 annually.

Jail physician, S. C. Markley, re-appointed. Salary \$75 annually.

Bertsch is Engineer.

Court house engineer, Bert Bertsch, \$800 annually.

Court house janitor, A. E. Brown, first floor, re-appointed, salary \$52 monthly; Lindley Swain, second floor, re-appointed, salary \$65 monthly; John A. Madsen, third floor, re-appointed, salary \$80 monthly.

Guard for inmates at poor farm, Israel Sonnberg, \$1 a day.

Appraisers of school fund loans—Western district, J. M. Hartley, C. T. Knapp and Clinton Martindale; middle district, John Dynes, Thomas Dunbar and Lincoln Jones; Eastern district, J. F. Davenport and Benjamin Duke; appraisers receive fifty cents for each loan appraised.

Why not invest in a Real Bargain, Suit or Coat, Wednesday, 8 a. m., Knollenberg's.

APPROPRIATES \$300 TO COUNTY SOCIETY

Reappropriations for the coming year were made today by the county council. The list submitted by the county commissioners was accepted in full except an appropriation of \$300 for the Wayne County Historical society for the purchase of additional historical articles and furniture.

The amount of the reappropriations as fixed by the county commissioners was \$34,156.63, but was cut to \$33,856.02. The various amounts were assigned to the following funds:

Pauper attorney salary for October term, \$50; Home for Friendless building, \$4,139.93; light plant for poor farm, \$1,400; making plant books, \$1,000; refund to depositors; Horace Miller fund, \$350; Rummell bridge and fill, \$4,350; E. Burroughs bridge and fill, \$2,250; Veal bridge, \$1,500; Davis bridge, \$2,350; new concrete abutment, \$950; flood fund balance, \$10,789.24; general bridge fund, \$670.65; Dodridge bridge and fill, \$600; Cambridge City repairs, \$3,000; Home of Friendless, \$400.

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Woman Reports Threats on Lives of Three Citizens

WANT BRIDGE RAISED

A committee of the West Richmond Improvement association appeared before the county commissioners this afternoon and presented a petition asking for a plan for raising the Main street bridge and making Main street on the same grade from the west end of the bridge to Fourth street. County Bridge Engineer Mueller, City Engineer Charles and the members of the city board of public works attended the meeting. Dr. Grossenbacher, president of the West Richmond association headed the delegation representing that body.

WANT TUBERCULIN TEST ORDINANCE

Gas men were making connections in the kitchen of the house for natural gas and evidently the work was not well done because when the gas was lighted an explosion resulted, setting fire to the kitchen. Mrs. Dowell was not injured. The loss is estimated at about \$75.

Edgar Ogborn, a fireman of the No. 1 hose company, fell through the roof of the kitchen but was not injured.

WANTS TUBERCULIN TEST ORDINANCE

Lon Hutchins, one of the field agents for the state pure food and drug department, was in the city today and consulted with Mayor Robbins on the tuberculin test ordinance which will soon be presented to council. Mr. Hutchins advocated the passage of this ordinance. While he is here he will inspect a few dairies with Dairy Inspector Flook.

PAUPER ATTORNEY SALARY

The police were in demand this afternoon when a well known man or several disappointed applicants for the position of sanitary officer was laboring under the hallucination that he had been grievously wronged and had threatened to kill Mayor Robbins. Sanitary Officer Oscar Malmeyer and a prominent local physician whose assistance he had asked to secure his appointment.

This physician stated today that he did not think the disappointed office seeker was normally mentally, but added that he had never heard that he had threatened his life or the lives of the two public officials.

A woman, greatly agitated, called up the Palladium office this afternoon and said that there an who had been reported to the police had made threats to several people that he would kill the three men referred to. She refused to give her name.

An investigation of the report was being made by the police this afternoon.

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