

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 Bavis, John McMinn and Charles Marlett 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 Bavis, and his sentiments were concurred in by the other board members.

"The city government is the administrator of the people's estate," said Mr. Bavis, "and as such it is reprehensible for the city government not to fully 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 loss of the estate. As the administrator of the public 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 procured among the various fire insurance companies having agencies in the 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 that they so often lead to. For that reason every cold 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 loosens a cold, relieves the lungs, aids expectoration and enables the system to throw off the cold. For sale by all dealers.

BASKETBALL SQUAD IN STIFF PRACTICE

Coaches Bogan and Brown of the Earlham College basketball squad will attempt to whip the Quaker squad in 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 contest.

The Yellow and White squad this year is expected to make a good showing for the schedule gives them games with the strongest secondary schools in the state. Capt. Rowe, one of the best basketball men in the state, is of the opinion that his squad will be able to take into camp all delegations which appear on the Earlham schedule.

The remaining days in the week will be devoted to stiff practice between the varsity squad and the remaining tryouts. The Earlham boys are being instructed in new methods of throwing goals and the success of the first game will largely determine whether or not the system will be adopted.

CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses. Thornton Lander, 38, tailor, St. Joseph, Mo., and Toyo Osborne, 24, milliner, city.
Joseph Kahle, 21, action finisher, city, and Muriel Boneman, 20, city.
Births.
Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bear, 193 Chestnut street, boy.

ELECT VAN NUYS COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Frederick Van Nuy of Anderson, formerly a student at Earlham College, was chosen chairman of the Madison county Democratic central committee. Mr. Van Nuy is a young man and is well known here. He served as a member of the state legislature and was prominent in the 1912 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 Gorman 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 Gorman'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. Gorman 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 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 men some of you have served the city 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. You, as policemen, 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 political views were taken 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 the 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 hung 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 as follows—20, 30, 50, 120, 150, 174, 192, 200, 230, 259. The perfect score was marked by a switch accident when bowling for the eighth frame as Rockwood struck his foot a 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 Richmond bowlers to be far above the average and he has played the score so high that it will be difficult to overcome it.

The Reds and Blues teams of the American Street Machine Company's league will bowl at the city alleys 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 \$1,922.28, with expenditures amounting to \$1,588.34. The benefits were distributed as follows: Sick benefits, \$654; widows' pensions, \$244; and death benefits, \$471.

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

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 Besselman. The cave-in had been expected for almost two months, it having been a year since extensive repairs were made.

HOELSCHER NEW COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mrs. Aurelia Thomas, who has been matron of the Home for Friendless 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, \$685.06 annually.
Superintendent of poor farm, Frank Petro, \$1,100 annually.
Guard for insane 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, reappointed, salary \$75 annually.
Bertsch is Engineer.

Court house janitor, A. E. Brown, first floor, re-appointed, salary \$52 monthly; Lindsey Swain, second floor, re-appointed, salary \$65 monthly; John A. Markley, third floor, re-appointed, salary \$36 monthly.
Guard for insane at poor farm, Irene Souther, \$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. P. 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 was \$34,156.03, but was cut to \$33,556.03. The various amounts were assigned to the following funds:
Pauper attorney salary for October term, \$50; Home for Friendless building, \$4,139.69; light plant for poor farm, \$1,400; making plat books, \$1,000; refund to depositors; Horace Miller fill, \$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, \$10,759.24; general bridge fund, \$670.65; Doddridge bridge and fill, \$600; Cambridge City repairs, \$2,000; Home of Friendless, \$400.

NEW HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS

Special instructions for enforcing that part of the garbage ordinance, which provides for the draining of all liquids from garbage, will be given men driving the city wagons by City Health Officer Smelser today. Dr. Smelser said the necessity for drainage of the garbage before it could be placed in the furnaces caused the waste of several hours each day. Ordinarily each wagon load requires half an hour, which when four wagons are hauling, wastes much time, according to the new health officer. He will instruct garbage haulers not to take garbage which has not been drained. Dr. Smelser said that liquid from the garbage should be drained into the sewers.

One garbage wagon was dispensed with by Dr. Smelser yesterday. Two drivers, McAdams and Brown, were released, and John Carpenter placed on the emergency wagon.
Dr. Smelser announced that William Shinn will remain in charge of the pest house, Charles Floork will continue to act as dairy inspector for some time, and Dudley Uley will be the assistant at the crematory.

REVIVAL AT SHOP DRAWS EMPLOYEES

Practically every employee of the Alliance Laundry attended the shop meeting at noon today. Rev. McCombs, of the Honeywell revival, explained the work of the evangelist and the meaning of the campaign in the city.

Like the manufacturer of pianos who makes different styles, the grand, the upright and the square, Rev. McCombs said the purpose 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 of Frank J. Girardin, of Richmond, Ind. Like his fellow Hoosiers, he believes in getting his material from home, his subjects being 'Red Bud—Early Spring,' 'The Woodland Pool in Autumn,' 'In the Gloaming,' and 'Cloud Shadows in October.' Mr. Girardin's work was much admired."

COMMITTEE PLANS TO PAY BILLS FIRST

At the request of the Palladium, S. Edgar Nicholson, chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, handling the Honeywell revival campaign, today issued the following statement relative to the finances of the movement:

"For the benefit of those who appear to be disturbed over the financial arrangements for the revival meetings at the Tabernacle, some of whom are reported to be making false statements relative thereto, I desire to say that all the money now being collected at the meetings from day to day and from night to night is deposited with the Treasurer of the Committee of One Hundred, to be applied in its entirety to the payment of bills incurred by the Committee of One Hundred in preparation for the meetings, in accordance with the contract with Evangelist Honeywell, as he has accurately set forth at various times publicly in the meetings since they began."

"When enough money has been collected to pay all these bills, the collections will be discontinued. Mr. Honeywell does not receive a cent from these nightly offerings. Under the contract with him, he is to receive simply the offerings which will be given on the last day of the meetings, Sunday, February 1."

"Certain tongues have been set to wagging in a ridiculous manner that ought to be controlled by those who have assumed the responsibility of setting themselves against the united action of seventeen of our city churches."

"S. E. NICHOLSON,"
Chairman, Committee of One Hundred."

WANT BRIDGE RAISED

A committee of the West Richmond Improvement association appeared before the county commissioners this afternoon and urged the adoption of 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 Engineer Emmett Miller, City Engineer Charles and the members of the city board of public works attended the meeting. Dr. Grosvenor, president of the West Richmond association, headed the delegation representing that body.

WOMAN REPORTS THREATS ON LIVES OF THREE CITIZENS

The police were in demand this afternoon when a well known man of the 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 Mashner 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 normal 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 them 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.

ILIFF TO ANSWER

Says He Will Make Letter Public Tomorrow.

"I have no statement to make to-day regarding Mayor Robbins' letter dismissing me from the police board 'for cause,'" said Edgar Iliff today.

Then with a laugh, he remarked that he was busily engaged in writing a reply to the mayor's sarcastic communication and that he would make it public tomorrow.

"I think I will tell in this letter I am preparing of an interesting little telephone conversation I had with the mayor Saturday night," Iliff remarked.

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BOARD IS UNABLE TO DECIDE ON MAN

No agreement on an appointee for the highway superintendency was reached by the county commissioners today to a late hour this afternoon, although the men entered session with the remark that "We'll decide on a man if it takes until midnight."

Seventeen candidates are being considered as to their qualifications, at the office is new and requires knowledge of road building. It pays \$4 a day.

Cassius C. Beall, Progressive candidate in the mayoralty primaries last fall suddenly withdrew from the list of aspirants to the road position. He did not give his reasons.

The commissioners decided to pay Frank Petro, the new poor farm superintendent \$1,100, the limit as fixed by law, instead of \$800, the present salary.

Petro was known to be a high priced man, the commissioners said, and they had anticipated paying him more than \$800. Commissioners said they expect to save money for the farm by paying the increase and securing an efficient manager.

EXPLOSION CAUSE OF SMALL BLAZE

Considerable damage by fire and a natural gas explosion was caused at the home of Mrs. Warner Dowell, 807 1/2 North P street, this afternoon. Most of the damage was done to the rear of the house. The flames were extinguished before they spread to the front of the house.

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 Osborn, 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 drugs department, was in the city today and consulted with Mayor Robbins on the tuberculosis 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 Floork.

BAYER ISSUES CALL TO ORGANIZE CLUB

As acting Democratic chairman George Bayer today issued a call for a Democratic meeting at the council chambers on Friday evening, January 9, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Wayne county Democratic club. All party members throughout the county are urged to attend this meeting.

DETECTIVE HERE.

W. B. Ritchie, representative of the Pinkerton Detective agency to watch pawn shops, fences and other places where stolen articles are disposed of, is employed by a large jewelry firm in the East.

L. H. & P. COMPANY CHARGES IN EXCESS OF SPECIFIED RATE

Complaint was made today to the board of public works that the Light, Heat and Power company is charging in excess of the rates specified in the contract, to consumers using under 2,000 cubic feet.

It was stated to the board that the company carried over to the following month amounts which did not equal 1,000 cubic feet, which make a rate to the small consumer in excess of 40 cents a thousand net.

Manager Wharton of the company in explanation of the criticism stated that with all natural gas companies it was customary to bill the consumer only for gas by the thousand cubic feet, and where the amount did not reach 1,000 cubic feet the amount was carried over until the following month, and where the amount did not equal 2,000 cubic feet the consumer was only billed for the 1,000 and the balance entered on the following bill.

Mr. Wharton said that the contract rates that the company shall not charge in excess of 40 cents per 1,000 feet, but the contract also allows the company to charge a minimum rate of service charge of 50 cents per month for all consumers who do not burn over 1,000 feet of gas, which would permit the company to make the charge of 50 cents per month.

COUNTY JAIL NOT PLEASURE RESORT

With the composure of a judge who has been on the bench of a city court for years Mayor Robbins heard his first case in police court today. Thomas Pettibone pleaded guilty to the charge of public intoxication and was promptly given \$1 and costs by the new mayor. Pettibone, who will serve his sentence in the county jail has the "unique distinction" of being the first man sent down by Robbins.

Two more followed shortly. When Pat Costello and James Hickey were given similar fines with the admonition that their life in the county jail would not be a vacation, and that the county jail was not a pleasure resort. Costello and Hickey, who have been laboring in the city, were out of work and asked to be sent to jail until work started again. They said they would rather stay there than any place else since they had no homes.

Pettibone was arrested late last night by Patrolman Menke who found him lurking in the rear of the grocery store at Twelfth and Main streets.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES TO MAKE REPORTS

The board of trustees of the Reid Memorial hospital will receive the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer at the first meeting of the new year, next Tuesday evening. The reports of the treasurer will include the report of Hospital Tag day, private donations and subscriptions and public aid. The secretary's report will include interesting statistics concerning the work accomplished the last twelve months. A tabulation showing the death rate in relation to the number of cases handled will prove one of the most interesting parts of the report.

CHURCH MUST GROW

In a sermon on "Progressive Christianity" at the First Christian church, the Rev. L. E. Murray, of Indianapolis, who is acting as pastor of the First Christian congregation during the Honeywell meetings, urged the congregation to realize the necessity of activity and progress, and to arouse themselves to the opportunities of the present.

"Review the past," he said, "and gather from its experience the lessons that will be helpful. We are to forget everything in the past that hinders. We cannot escape the consequences of our deeds, and a healthy memory may be either our hell or heaven."

"But our chief concern is the present and the use of its opportunities. We are to press on to new conquests. First as individuals, we press on to the perfection of character. Man is by nature progressive. The restless spirit is ever reaching out toward ideals. When progress ceases retrogression begins."

THE THEATRES

"Moths," a dramatization of Ouida's popular novel of the same title, was presented at the Murray theatre last evening to a packed house. By the Francis Sayles Players. Before the curtain was rung up for the first act the "S. R. O." sign was hung out. This is one of the best plays the company has presented during their long engagement here. Pauline Lewis, as Lady Julia, was very good. She was greeted with applause upon her first appearance. Olga Worth as Vera Herbert was not disappointing. Miss Meta Eberth took the part of the Duchess de Sonaze. She wore some handsome gowns. J. J. Flinn, one of the popular actors, had the part of Lord Larr. Ernest G. Kest as Prince Zouroff, was up to his eyebrows in Sayles had the part of Raphael de Cereze, a noted singer. Miss Mary Moberg was seen to good advantage as Fuschin Leach. The play is in two acts.

The Country Store, which was inaugurated last night, considered much amusement. "Moths" will be the offering at the theatre for the remainder of the week. The regular matinee will be given. "The Tolders" will be presented next week.

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