

## INSURANCE AGENTS SWARM CITY HALL

**Others Make Effort to Convince Robbins Insurance Not Needed.**

### JOHNSON IN DEFENSE

**Former Superintendent Says City Needs No Insurance.**

While fire insurance agents flocked to the city hall this morning to discuss the question of a revival of the policy to place insurance on all city buildings, abandoned during the Zimmerman administration, there were indications that an effort would be made to convince Mayor Robbins and the board of public works that insurance for the municipal light plant was unnecessary.

During the last year of the Schlinger administration the city plant was insured for \$54,000, the annual premium amounting to \$540. The city building was insured for only \$4,000.

Under the Zimmerman administration, Superintendent N. H. Johnson, of the light plant installed a system of fire protection for the plant and it was not deemed necessary to insure it.

**Johnson Gives Opinion.**

"There are six connections at the plant for fire hose and water can be instantly pumped from the river to give a 500 pounds pressure for each of the six streams," Mr. Johnson said.

"There are also a number of chemical fire extinguishing devices at the plant and it is a sufficient force of men employed at the plant at all times to combat successfully any blaze. The old building is the only place where a fire might originate, but it could instantly be subdued. The new building is absolutely fire proof. It is built of steel and concrete, even having a concrete roof.

President Davis is of the opinion that a moderate insurance should be carried on the plant, not desiring to take any chances no matter how perfect the system for fighting fires is.

"I would not want to be a holder of any municipal plant bonds, if the building was not insured," he stated today.

#### New Addition Fire Proof.

Two years ago the Indiana Inspection Bureau established a rate of \$1.10 for insurance on the Richmond municipal light plant. It also submitted plans for improvements by which this rate could be reduced. Since that time the addition to the plant has been built and it is said to be absolutely fire proof. Also several changes suggested by the inspection bureau have been made in the old building and it is quite probable that a much lower rate could be secured.

The old rate on the city building was 92 cents on each \$100 of valuation. Probably a better rate than this can now be obtained. An insurance of only \$4,000 on this structure is regarded as too small.

One insurance agent argued with the board of works that the fact that the companies are located in the city buildings and the four engine houses cut but little figure in estimating a fire risk on such buildings. He said that if a fire should break out in buildings adjoining any of these structures there danger of destruction is the same as any other surrounding buildings for the fire companies could not devote all their attention to protecting the city's property.

## RELIEVES FINANCES

**Huerta Makes Mexican State Bank Notes Legal Tender.**

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 7.—(By U. S. Army Telephone to Marfa)—General Francisco Villa, commander-in-chief of the constitutional forces in northern Mexico, and dictator of Chihuahua, at a council of war today ordered a fierce assault upon Ojinaga, the last stronghold of the federales in the north.

This announcement was made by the minister of finance today. While it relieved the anxiety in some quarters this relief was short lived as it was afterwards said that President Huerta would probably extend the national bank holiday "two weeks longer" thus giving the banks more time to refuse to meet obligations.

"That is the funniest thing I have heard in months," cried Huerta with a roar of laughter when shown a London cable saying he had resigned.

The coldest weather in the mountains of Morelos has driven many rebels to robbing trains and wantonly killing passengers.

A dispatch says the bodies of 200 people who were killed in the dynamiting of a troop train are being burned.

### FRIENDS' MEETINGS START JANUARY 18

Richmond Friends churches have received notices from the Evangelistic Committee of the Indiana Yearly Meeting that the week of January 18, will be devoted to simultaneous meetings in every church throughout the entire state. The committee also mailed topics with their scripture references which are to be discussed at each meeting during the week. It is believed the week's campaign will be the starter for a series of revival meetings in the churches.

### MANY PATROLMEN NOW IN SUSPENSE

Patrolmen do not know how much longer they will hold their places on the force, and are waiting with some suspense until the new board of police commissioners holds its session at 6 o'clock tonight. Although all the members of the force were asked for their resignations, it is understood that only one or two will not be reinstated.

Who these will be Police Chief Goodwin said he did not know, and would abide by the decision of the board at its meeting tonight.

## CITY MUST SPEND TO BRING RESULTS

**City Clerk Bescher Says "Economy Is Bogus Policy."**

City Clerk Baltz Bescher, being a native of Indiana, is naturally an author and recently, following the adjournment of the last session of the Zimmerman board of public works, announced that he had a little statement he would like to read. This is it, and it met with the hearty approval of all the city officials who heard it:

In the newspapers we preach to the legislatures and to the councils and commissioners: "You must be economical; you must save the people's money; you must cut down the taxes." Now in my humble judgment, after four years experience in city affairs, I think this is a bogus policy. Economy is all right if not lead to stinginess. Every city ought to spend all the money that can be wisely spent to get good results that will pay the people on their investments.

You may talk until the hot place freezes over for a skating rink, but you will never change the fact that you can not have improvements and the best kind of government without spending money, anymore than a business man can have a growing business and carry it on successfully, unless he hires more men and spends money and extends the scope of his energies.

**Improvements Necessary.**

You cannot do it any longer more than you can in a private business, if we are going to get anywhere. As our city grows we must spend money. It is true, that it is not necessary to spend it foolishly, or in other words to wantonly waste it, but money wisely spent is well spent.

And another thing we must have a new growth of faith in the general honesty of men and the citizens should not presume that every man is crooked. They ought to act on the proposition that there is in the general of men very much more honesty than dishonesty. Now when we get down to this fact, and find out where we are, then we are going to begin to get action on our city government.

Some of us may have to get a new education and get back to the idea that men who are running for office are not necessarily crooked—those are honest men, just average Americans and that they are willing to give the city a fair deal, just as they would give their neighbor a fair deal, the same as a business partner.

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## "FIGHT LIKE MEN" THUNDERS VILLA

**Rebels Ready For Final Assault on Defenses of Ojinaga.**

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You have been fighting like children," thundered Villa. "It is time now for you to fight like men."

The arrival of the former bandit with his thousand well-armed reinforcements greatly inspired the constitutionalists who are investing Ojinaga, and it is confidently predicted that the town would be in rebel hands before the end of the week.

In addition to the 3,000 men under Rosalio Hernandez, the "schoolmaster general" and Monclova Herrera, former cattle rustler, Villa brought three field pieces.

### INVITES OFFICIALS TO MURRAY TONIGHT

The Francis Sayles company has invited Mayor Robbins and other city officials to a box party at the Murray theatre tonight.

#### INSIGNIFICANT SPIDER IS CAUSE OF BLAZE

HAGERSTOWN, Ind., Jan. 7.—The scene of Jesse C. Ghant, near here, was the scene of a small fire caused by a low hanging cobweb catching fire from a lighted lamp. The web blazed up and the paper on the ceiling caught fire. The blaze was extinguished after a few minutes but the damage was confined to one room. The body of the spider was found charred in the bottom of the lamp chimney.

### TESTIMONY FAVORS THAW'S RELEASE

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 7.—Testimony distinctly favorable to Harry K. Thaw, marked the public hearing today before the special sanity commission on Thaw's petition for freedom on bail. Sheriff Drew and Policeman Stevens, Harry's constant companions since his arrest after his flight from Matteawan asylum, testified that they did not consider his dangerous for a minute if he were released on bond.

## TALKS BEFORE 300 MACHINE EMPLOYEES

**Evangelist Contrasts Work of the Devil With That of the Lord.**

### MEN MEET SUNDAY

**Wants Laborers to Attend Afternoon Meeting in a Body.**

"Here are two bosses wanting you to work for them. Which will you choose the devil or the Lord?" Rev. I. E. Honeywell asked the three hundred employees of the American Seeding Machine company who heard his talk at the noon shop meeting.

Contrasting the work of the devil with that of the Lord, Rev. Honeywell said: "I do not want to do the devil's work, who will make the promises and give you hell in the end or work for the Lord who will give you a pleasant life and home and heaven in the end."

Professor and Mrs. Clace sang and gave some readings.

At the noon hour meeting today was at the Robinson company, where Rev. McCombs, the evangelist's assistant talked.

Rev. Honeywell announced that his first meeting for men would be held at the tabernacle Sunday afternoon. He also asked the employees to meet and come to the services in a body some night as the special guests of the meeting.

#### SELF MASTERY IMPORTANT.

**Honeywell Talks Before High School Students.**

"Self mastery is one of the most important things in the preparation for life," said Rev. I. E. Honeywell, speaking to the high school students at chapel today. The age of preparation is between the years of fourteen and twenty-eight. It is then that the foundation is laid which determines the success or failure of the boy's or girl's life. That the foundation may be a good one the student should choose his companions carefully, also the books he reads, stop the smoking of cigarettes and be honest with himself and the faculty in his school work, he advised.

Of the forty-nine large banks in Chicago seven, he said had ruled not to employ cigaret smokers. He said it would not be long until cigaret smokers could not get responsible positions.

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### TO ISSUE CALL SOON

**Paul Constock, county chairman of the G. O. P., has announced that the call for election of delegates and precinct committeemen will be made public in a few days. The call will come as the result of a similar action by State Chairman Fred Sims. The delegates will be chosen for the district convention at Cambridge City, February 19.**

It is the intentions of the county committee to hold the election of delegates and precinct committeemen in Richmond, February 6, and in the remaining townships of the county, twenty-six delegates to the convention.

The remaining townships are to be represented by Fayette, Fayette, 11; Franklin, 7; Hancock, 10; Henry, 18; Rush, 14; Shelby, 15; and Union, 5.

Mrs. Freeman provides that her estate shall be equally divided among her children.

#### ENGINEERS BUSY INSPECTING BRIDGE

Engineers John Mueller of New castle and Fred Charles of Richmond, were appointed by the county commissioners to investigate and estimate costs of improving conditions at the foot of the Main street bridge.

The commissioners asked that the two engineers figure if possible a means by which the dangerous condition can be removed without changing the level of the Main street bridge.

Members of the board said they believe paving will entirely eliminate the danger element which the improvement association says exists.

However, if it is found that the paving will not have the desired result,

the engineers have been instructed to investigate further.

The cost of elevating the present bridge, the cost of a new bridge and the advisability of elevating the bridge and changing the grade of the C. and O. railroad will be reported on.

#### VARY WORK, SAYS FRIENDS' TEACHER

Work among the boys and girls is only made interesting by its degree of variation from the usual programs, so thinks Principal W. E. Moore, leader of the Friends Christian Endeavor Society at Everett, Wash., and he writes an interesting article to the American Friend describing his ideas. According to his method the following list of questions are brought up for discussion at the meetings and their answers furnish the basis for informal discussions:

Retail Merchants—Grocerymen.

1. Qualifications:

a. Preparation; schooling; experience.

b. Personal qualities.

2. Opportunities for Right Kind of Living:

a. Honor and integrity.

b. Chances for happiness and health.

c. Helpful member of society.

3. Opportunity for Independent Life:

a. Social.

b. Political.

c. Religious.

4. Chances for Financial Success:

a. Competition.

b. Credit system.

c. Profit on goods.

5. Everett Grocerymen:

a. Money necessary to begin business.

b. Cost of equipment.

c. Losses in business.

d. Number of groceries in Everett.

e. Salaries and qualifications of clerks.

#### ASKS DIVORCE

The county commissioners have announced the appointment of George Seidel of the Seidel Buggy company and the Pilot Motor Car company, this city, as a member of the county council. He will fill out the unexpired term of the late W. H. Cook.

## GRAND JURY OPENS JANUARY SESSION

**Gets Instructions to Investigate Violations of Hunting Laws.**

An investigation of the hunting of rabbits with ferrets is the only thing recommended by Judge Fox in his instructions to the grand jury except the usual rules regarding the investigation of homicides and the duties and privileges of a grand jury. It is rumored, however, that an investigation of conduct in pool rooms will be made by the jury, with the probing of the death of Richard Cook, for whose murderer Donald Nestor is held in the county jail.

There was little difficulty in seating the jury. D. R. Funk, a real estate agent, was the only juror called who was not seated. In his place, Henry Siekman of Richmond was called. Siekman was appointed foreman by Judge Fox.

Other members of the jury are Benjamin A. Peele, Center township, farmer; Edward Centry, Greensfork, retired; John W. Harter, Hagerstown, business man; William E. Faucteau, Williamsburg, farmer; and John T. Davis, Webster township, farmer.

Ellijah Lawton was appointed bailiff.

**Violations Reported.**

Judge Fox read his instructions to the jury, closing with the new statute making the use of hunting rabbits or any other species of game, with ferrets, unlawful and punishable by fine and imprisonment.

"The court has information that this statute has, by a number of persons in this county, been persistently violated and many rabbits have been taken by hunting with ferrets, notwithstanding the statute," the instructions read.

"This practice should be broken up. I suggest that you make an investigation and ascertain the names of persons who have violated the law, and indict them without regard to who they are, in order that they may be properly punished."

**WANTED—One copy of each of the following papers:** Oct. 3, 14, 18, Nov. 7, 15, 17. Leave at Palladium Office.

### LEAVES AN ESTATE VALUED AT \$75,000

**Will of Late W. H. Cook, Filed Today in Circuit Court.**

Wills of William H. Cook, formerly county councilman and Sarah A. Freeman of New Garden township were filed in circuit court today.