

# POWER USERS TO FRAME UP NEW SCHEDULE

Manufacturers Appoint Committee to Revise Rates for Submission to Public Utilities Body.

The manufacturers' committee, headed by John M. Lontz, again inquired into the electric current power rates in Richmond at a meeting yesterday afternoon and decided to submit to the public utilities commission of Indiana an entirely new schedule. The existing schedule was declared to be wholly inadequate.

The committee work, which was begun about three weeks ago with a conference with city officials, probably will develop shortly into some real action which will be of benefit to the power users of the city.

A committee consisting of Fred Bartel, E. M. Campfield, Pettis Reid, W. M. Penny, George E. Seidel and C. W. Jordan, was appointed to visit the light plants and make a thorough inspection of the current making machinery and other equipment, and to consult with the city officials.

To Form Schedule.

After the next meeting of the committee, a smaller committee will be appointed to make out a new schedule of power rates without regard to existing rates. The purpose is to secure a more equitable schedule which will give small and large consumers alike no cause for complaint.

The hardest work of the committee is the framing of the new schedule.

After this is completed the public utilities commission will be called upon to pass on the Richmond situation.

"The Light, Heat and Power company, I understand, contends that because of its petition to the commission for an appraisement of the two local plants for rate making purposes, no rate revision can be made until this appraisement has been made by the commission," said J. M. Lontz, chairman of the committee.

"Possibly the company is right in this contention, but if such appraisements are made and a joint power rate schedule drafted on such basis, which will provide protection for the Light, Heat and Power company at the expense of the city plant and the local consumers, we will enter a most vigorous protest. The commission would have no right to uphold a plant which has an antiquated equipment and is not prepared to handle its business satisfactorily. If our modernly equipped city plant can give a rate which its competitor could not meet, then let it withdraw from the field. We will insist that our power rates be not based on what the Light, Heat and Power company can afford to offer."

## SNAP NATIONAL ROAD

Boosters Visit Cambridge City for Views.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Oct. 17.—Frank A. Davis, secretary of the National Old Trails Road association; Max Johnson of Kansas City, and Mr. Fadley of the National Picture Show association, were in Cambridge City yesterday agitating the opening of a highway museum. They are taking photographic views illustrative of the places of historic interest along the highway, and in this way presenting to the people the condition of the road and the necessity of its preservation. They will return later, when the views taken along the highway, together with a number of school children of this city, will be shown in moving pictures at local theatre.

## WELCOME FALL RAIN

Cambridge Farmers Suffer From Drouth.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Oct. 17.—Farmers in this locality are rejoicing over the rains of this week. While perhaps not a sufficient amount of water has fallen to materially on cisterns and wells, it is at least a breaking of the drought. Wells in the vicinity to the west and south are dry, and people have been hauling water for both domestic purposes and for stock.

## BRIDGE ENGINEER MOVES TO CITY

Wayne county will be benefited in its bridge maintenance and inspection when John Mueller, county bridge engineer, makes Richmond his residence. He announced to the board of county commissioners today that he has purchased a home here and will move from New Castle. Richmond will now be the center of his business, as he has extended into Ohio, having taken on Butler county, of which Hamilton is the county seat. He is already engineer for counties surrounding Wayne in Indiana and will sign contracts with other Ohio counties the first of next year.

## NEGLECTS POLITICS FOR OFFICE WORK

Between the tax rush and campaigning, County Treasurer Chamness has announced that he will remain in his office during office hours and confine the work for his re-election to the hours before and after the performance of his county duties. The office is so regulated that the tax rush closes on the day before election, giving the official no opportunity to make the canvass that other candidates make.

### TRAIN HITS HORSE.

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## NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT BIRTHDAYS

Timothy Nicholson Says Anniversaries Just Like Other Days of Year.

Birthdays represent too frequently recurring markers of time for an annual celebration, according to Timothy Nicholson.

Mr. Nicholson will be eighty-six years old on November 2. He was asked if he would celebrate the occasion.

"No, no. Birthdays come too often to celebrate. Besides, I am a common man and I do not care for the display. It will be my eighty-seventh birthday. I will be eighty-six years old in five years. After eighty-six birthdays, an anniversary does not feel markedly different when another comes around," was Mr. Nicholson's reply.

Mr. Nicholson said last year was the only time he celebrated. His daughter from California was present and prepared a family dinner to which members of the immediate family were invited.

## WOMEN REMOVED FROM GERMAN FORTS

### [BY LEASED WIRE.]

PEKIN, Oct. 17.—Word has been received from Chefoo on the Shantung peninsula to the effect that all non-combatants, including the United States consul, are leaving Thing-Tao, the port of the German leasehold of Kao Chau, which is under attack by Japanese and British.

Envoy representing the Japan commander and the German governor general of Kao Chau have arranged for the departure of German women and children who are already on their way to places of safety.

### FORTS HOLD OUT.

TOKIO, Oct. 17.—It is officially announced that both Japanese and British warships are bombarding the German forts at Iltis and Hui Chan in German leasehold of Kao Chau.

Bombs from aeroplanes have destroyed part of the batteries of the forts. At the time the official announcement was made, one British seaman had been killed by the German fire, and two others were wounded.

## MAKE CITY SURVEY

Sunday Schools Plan Membership Campaign.

To stimulate interest in all Sunday schools of the city the city association will conduct a house to house campaign. A committee was appointed to arrange the details of the canvass and decide whether to make the survey through its own efforts or employ outside workers. Details will be worked out at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The following are on the committee: Edward Hasemeier, J. H. McAfee, Clarence Kramer, Charles Roland and Rev. Murray Kenworthy.

The Sunday school association, which is composed of the pastor, superintendent and one lay member from each Sunday school, will meet again soon to hear reports by the committee.

## FOR NEW STATE LAW

Teachers' Club Supports New Constitution.

By a unanimous vote the members of the Women's Teachers club decided in favor of a revised constitution for Indiana at the business session which followed the luncheon at the North A Street Friends Meeting house today. Miss Elizabeth Morris instructed each teacher to use her influence in behalf of the new constitution by personal work among the voters.

Secretary Learner of the Y. M. C. A. invited the club to hold the next business meeting and luncheon in the "Y" building next month. A number of the Richmond and Wayne county teachers will attend the state meeting which will be held at Indianapolis at the call of Miss Belle O'Hara Thursday afternoon.

### STRINGENCY FAILS TO AFFECT TAXES

The fact that many men in Richmond have not been working, will not have a material effect on the collection of taxes this year, although the number of delinquents probably will be increased.

County officials who have to do with collection of taxes say that the factory men who have not been working, pay taxes on such small amounts of personal property that the entire sum will not make a big difference. Many would not pay their taxes even though working. Most of the delinquency on the books of the county treasurer is represented by failures to pay small taxes on personal property, such as household furniture.

## YOUTHFUL FORGER GETS PRISON TERM

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## WILL STUDY DRAMA

League Starts Branch of National Body Here.

Work and plans of the Drama League of America will be outlined by Mrs. A. Starr Best of Evanston, national chairman of the publicity and organization department, at the organization meeting of the local branch Monday night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The purpose of the league is to endeavor to bring good plays to the city, to encourage the study of masterpieces of dramatic literature and to foster the production of good plays by amateur performers in clubs and societies.

## WHO TAKES PRINTS? COUNTY BOARD ASKS

Are contractors who are unable to estimate on bridge sub structures carrying away plans with them from the commissioners' office?

The commissioners are conducting an investigation into the matter. It has been found that one or two contractors who do not understand the figuring of sub-structure costs, formerly carried away the portion of the plans and specifications dealing with that portion of the bridge but it was believed this practice was broken up.

The matter came up again today when the Indiana Bridge Co. represented by F. E. Osborne furnished a bid for the superstructure of the bridge southeast of Richmond for several hundred dollars less than any of the other bidders.

The commissioners were about to give the bid to Mr. Osborne when it was discovered that he had bid only on the superstructure. Therefore his bid cannot be considered. The commissioners are trying to find out the reason the Indiana Bridge company did not see the plans for the sub-structure to ascertain if it is their duty to readvertise for bids and give that company a chance with the others.

The bids on the seventy-five foot span bridge complete are:

John Duke, \$2,380; Isaac E. Smith, \$2,275; Pan American Bridge Construction company, \$2,632; Indiana Bridge company on superstructure only, \$1,940. The estimate of the engineer was \$2,600.

## DR. O'SHEA SPEAKS TO TEACHING CORPS

"The Silent Architect of Character" was the subject of an address before the Wayne County Teachers' Association this morning by Dr. M. V. O'Shea of the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. O'Shea spoke of the possibilities for character building that the teacher possesses, and laid particular emphasis on the importance of relations between teacher and pupil.

The morning session was opened at 10:15 o'clock by Joseph H. Blose, Superintendent of the Centerville schools and president of the county association. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. W. R. Motley, pastor of the Central Christian Church, and the address of Dr. O'Shea followed.

The afternoon session was called to order at 1:15 o'clock and included a lecture by Dr. O'Shea on "The Trend of the Teens."

## YALE SCORES FIRST

### [BY LEASED WIRE.]

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 17.—In the second period of play Yale scored a touchdown and kicked goal in the game with Notre Dame this afternoon. The play was close throughout, both teams putting up fine open field games.

### IN DIVORCE MILL

The winter divorce mill opened to day with the granting of four divorces. Among them was that of Adeline Mergler, who secured a decree from Walter Mergler on grounds of non-support. Three were dissatisfied colored couples, they are George Bennett from Mary E. Bennett; Sie Comas Grant from Florence S. Grant, and Everett Davis from Martha Davis. Divorces will occupy the Saturday morning sessions of circuit court henceforth.

### MOVIE FLASHES

"I thought your hair was black." This involuntary exclamation is one which Bessie Eytion hears frequently from women visitors to the Selig Jungle-Zoo. While Miss Eytion's hair photographs dark, it is of the most fashionable and beautiful auburn shade and falls in glistening ropes, almost to her knees. She is justly proud of it for it is all her own.

### RUBBERBALL ACTOR.

Tom Mix, the human rubber ball, is going to bounce a hundred thrills into audiences all over the world very soon in "The Moving Picture Cowboy." If there remains a fear that the hospital will snatch the unconscious form of this popular cowboy-actor of the Selig western company, it will be removed by this, the most daring and amusing of all Mix screen explosions. The farce with thrills was released Oct. 5.

### COWBOY ACTOR.

The long-lived Tom Mix, hero of all screendom, has prepared the most spectacular outburst of his long and tremendous career. The cowboy-actor, whose film pictures have thrilled audiences throughout the world during the past years, has done something extraordinary, even for himself, in the story he can tell. "The Moving Picture Cowboy," released Oct. 5. The dare-devil actor, it produced it and played the lead. The multiple is crowded with sensational stunts while comedy runs riot throughout the peculiar production. The extraordinary release will occur Oct. 5.

At a Polish wedding in New Jersey the guests enjoyed a forty-four hour feast, at which a ton of oysters, seven calves and 144 chickens and a "small mountain of sandwiches" were consumed.

## MERCHANTS SECTION MAKES CREDIT BOOK

Business Houses Submit Record of Accounts for Rating of Customers.

The Commercial Club merchants' section is ready to start the big undertaking of making a new credit rating book for Richmond and surrounding territory.

There are more than one hundred merchants allied in the organization. There will be 10,000 or more names in the new book when it is printed.

Under the credit rating system no one passes on the credit of a consumer or purchaser. Each of the merchants turns in a card system of his accounts with his trade. These accounts are then tabulated and an index file is kept which contains opposite the name of each customer, every account for the past year and when it was paid.

This information is placed opposite his name in the book by code. The merchant reading it must judge for himself whether or not a new customer should be given credit. For instance, if a citizen purchases a suit of clothing and pays for it after six months, but pays for his groceries promptly every week, he is not judged in the book as "good pay" or "slow pay" or a "dead beat" but only the facts are listed.

## W. R. I. A. BACKS E STREET BRIDGE

The West Richmond Improvement association stands for a bridge at South E street and a public park and playground where the West Side dump is.

The action taking positive stands on these improvements was taken at the regular October meeting last night.

The Southwest Richmond Improvement association was represented on the floor by Charles Hunnimeier, Will Hockett, Charles Roman and other members who spoke of the work of their association and recounted the action of the mass meeting Wednesday night.

The association was endorsed in its action by vote of the members of the West Side Improvement association who will not only stand for the improvement, but will be ready to join the other organization in its fight for the E street location.

John Rethmeyer was made chairman of the committee on public buildings and grounds. He has taken a most active interest in the removal of the west side dump and his committee will have the matter in charge.

Replacing him as third vice president, Clayton Clawson was elected.

## ROAD WORK SPREADS

Seeing an account of Wayne county's road operations and intended improvements outlined by Superintendent W. O. Jones in the Contractors' Journal, M. M. Oxley of Indianapolis, state agent for the Good Roads Machinery company, appeared before the commissioners and Mr. Jones today offering to submit bids on the crusher, oiler and other road machinery.

While engaged with that body, Mr. Oxley said that Wayne county would become known throughout the country as a progressive roads center through articles carried in road magazines. The agent was informed, however, that the new rock crusher and oiler will not be purchased until the first of next year.

### GETS SEWER LEASE

An agreement between the C. & O. railroad and the county was entered into today giving the county a lease across C. & O. land to build a sewer. This is in Greene township where the railroad crosses the Scantland road. Under present conditions the water is drained on the property of Dr. Sanford. He has given a right of way for the sewer across his property to a creek.

Railways are opening the interior of Nigeria to trade.

## WANTS ALL ALIENS GUARDED CLOSELY



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