

## COMMISSIONER'S CASE AGAINST GAS COMPANY DISMISSED AT EATON

EATON, O., Dec. 20.—Holding that the facts stated in their petitions were not sufficient to entitle them to the relief sought, Judge A. C. Risinger, of common pleas court, dismissed a suit filed by the board of county commissioners against the Ohio Gas & Electric company, with main offices at 333 South Main street, Middletown, O., and dissolved a temporary injunction granted the board some time ago.

The commissioners sought a perpetual injunction against the gas and electric company digging holes, placing poles and stringing wires on the West Elkton and Winchester road from the south county line to the village of West Elkton for the purpose of supplying electric current in the village. The commissioners claimed the company had no franchise from Preble county for building and maintaining the line. They also claimed the company was digging holes and placing poles in such manner as would obstruct the highway. Costs of the suit were taxed against the commissioners.

**Reserves Decision.**  
After hearing Saturday in common pleas court a divorce suit brought by Cora Helen Shaffer against Jesse Shaffer, Judge A. C. Risinger reserved his decision.

**Eaton High Victor.**  
Eaton high school easily defeated Germantown high school at basketball here Saturday night on the armory floor by a score of 33 to 9. Weaver starred for Eaton, shooting seven baskets from the field. Cole scored most of Germantown's points. He formerly played with Eaton.

The locals play Fountain City, Ind., high school here Friday night at the armory.

**Meetings Close.**  
Closing services of a four weeks' season of evangelistic meetings were held Sunday evening in the Christian church, which with the Presbyterian, Methodist and United Brethren churches united in the season of meetings and each church had the meetings one week. Pastors of the churches believe much good was accomplished by the meetings.

**Grid Game Canceled.**  
For some unstated reason the football game to have been staged Sunday afternoon by the Eaton Cadets, independent team and the Dayton Cardinals was called off. The game was to have been played at West Alexandria.

**Solid For Red Cross.**  
Weight and height of pupils of the tralized schools of Dixon and Monroe township and the West Elkton schools are members of the Junior Red Cross, according to reports made to County Superintendent W. S. Fogarty, by the heads of the schools. Buttons and membership rolls have been sent the schools.

**Take School Records.**  
Weight and height of pupils of the county district schools will be taken throughout the year and comparison made with the standard weight and height at that age. Weight records have been provided teachers by the government. The object of the innovation is to enable the teachers and county health nurse to correct bad health habits.

### News of the Counties

**GETTYSBURG, O.**—Maurice Petersime, the 14-year-old son of W. F. Petersime, merchant of Gettysburg, met with a serious accident Tuesday afternoon, in which the victim had both legs broken and sustained a gash over his right eye.

After the close of school Tuesday afternoon young Petersime climbed to the top of the new school building which is under the course of construction in that village, and attempted to push a wheelbarrow. In some manner he became unbalanced and fell from the roof to the ground, a distance of about fifty feet. Both of his legs were broken about the knee, the left leg being fractured in two places. In addition to the broken limbs, the boy sustained a gash over his right eye and was badly shocked from the fall.

**GREENVILLE, O.**—J. D. King has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary C. Coblenz. He gave bond for \$2,400. Adam C. Stocker was appointed administrator of the estate of Lester C. Stocker. He gave bond for \$5,000.

Sale of real estate was confirmed and a deed was ordered made out to the purchaser of the John H. Medford estate.

Inventory and appraisement were filed for the estates of William J. Hittle and John P. McKoon by Joseph Hittle and Alice McKoon, executors.

First and final accountings in the estates of Prosper Watrin and T. J. Shelley were filed by Lilly Moore and Sebastian Marchal, executors.

Real estate sales reported recently were: 61 acres of the Henry Mullenix estate to Perry A. McGuff, price, \$7,305. Sheriff of Darke county to W. A. Browne, Jr., lot 1,277 in Greenville, \$3,334. T. A. Townsend to Charles Bayman, lots in Greenville, \$11,000.

**TWENTY-NINE OVERCOME IN ORPHANS' HOME FIRE**  
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The two army airplanes which are to be used in searching the Adirondack region for the naval balloon, A-598, missing for a week, did not continue to Glen Falls as had been expected. In landing here Saturday upon their arrival from New York, both machines crashed, due to the soft condition of the field. Spare parts had not arrived tonight from Rockaway. The aviators plan to leave here sometime tomorrow to take up the search from the point where it was last reported, near Wells, Hamilton county.

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## County Offices Prepare to Make Annual Reports

With the approach of the end of the year, a number of offices in the county building are finding it the busiest period of the year. Reports of the year's work must be turned in for several places and in preparation for these reports, members of the office staff are spending many extra hours.

At the county clerk's office routine business is heavier than usual at present, and in addition, reports of the work done by the October term of court must be turned in at the end of the month.

The recorder's office and the sheriff's office also will turn in reports. Figures for the annual report of the recorder's office already are being compiled.

A number of reports regarding the schools of the township will come in after Jan. 1, at the township trustee's office, it was said Friday.

## Clergy May Become Practicing Physicians

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—A controversy is on among the poorly paid section of clergymen who find themselves hard hit by the high cost of living over a novel suggestion put forward by Dr. Robert Rentoul, a prominent Liverpool practitioner, that the clergymen could augment their incomes by acting as doctors as well as parsons.

Dr. Rentoul advises young clergymen to study medicine, take their degree and combine body-curing with soul-saving work.

Many clergymen do not look with favor on the idea. They argue that they have plenty to do already and that local practitioners would bitterly resent competition from them. One wants to know where a poor curate is to raise the £250 necessary to qualify for a medical degree and others hold that "within a month the clerico-medico's sermons would be thin, and that the soul would suffer at the expense of the body."

## Launch Second Barge for Service on Mississippi

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—The Tuscaloosa, the second of a fleet of four self-propelled tunnel type barges for service on the Mississippi and Warrior rivers, has been launched here, and is expected to make its maiden voyage in January.

The Birmingham, the first of the barges completed was launched in August. The third, the Mobile, is under construction here and is to be delivered to the government in the Spring.

The Tuscaloosa will carry a shipment of machinery consigned to Cuba on its first trip, the cargo being transferred at New Orleans.

The craft is 280 feet long, of 50 foot beam, and seven-foot draft under load. It is of all steel construction and cost more than \$300,000. The capacity is 1,600 tons.

## JAPAN POSTPONES RECALL OF EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—The withdrawal of the Japanese expedition to the Chosai district on the Korean-Manchurian border, which had been contemplated by the government, has been indefinitely postponed, according to the Jiji Shimbun today. The newspaper, which says its information is obtained from the most reliable sources, adds that the postponement was because of the increasing gravity of the situation in the district, where Korean insurgents and bandits have been active.

## WANT WOMAN ON BOARD.

DECATUR, Ind., Dec. 20.—Women of Decatur expect to take an active part in politics in this city, and a committee has been appointed by the president of the Woman's Club to urge the city council to appoint a woman on the city school board when the term of one of the members expires next summer.

## INTRAMURAL LEAGUE FORMED

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 20.—An all-university basketball league is being organized at Indiana University in which rooming houses, clubs and other organizations will be represented by teams. The league is part of the plan to have the majority of students participate in some form of athletics.

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## XMAS TREES ARRIVE TO DELIGHT KIDDIES

Stacks of Christmas trees have arrived in the city and are being placed in position for the buying public by merchants. From all indications the supply will be up to standard and dealers state that they expect a larger sale than during the past few years.

The United States uses annually between four and five million Christmas trees, according to estimates of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. This equals approximately the combined consumption of England, Scotland and Wales, and is about 25 per cent greater than that of Germany.

Christmas trees bear practically the same fruit the country over, but the variety of the tree itself varies according to the locality. The fir is undoubtedly the Christmas tree par excellence, especially in the northeastern and lake states on account of its long, horizontal spreading, springy branches, and deep green, fragrant foliage which persists longer than that of any evergreen.

Many Varieties Arrive.  
On the Great Lakes "the Christmas tree ship" bringing green stuff from

the upper peninsula of Michigan to Chicago or Detroit, is usually one of the latest entries in navigation each winter. In the northeastern and lake states, Balsam fir furnishes the bulk of the Christmas tree trade. In the south the Fraser fir is the favorite. In Colorado and other Rocky Mountain states, fir, though abundant, is difficult of access, and the Lodge Pole pine and occasionally the Douglas fir and Englemann spruce are used. On the Pacific coast the Christmas tree is often the white fir. Spruce vies with fir in popularity as Christmas trees.

## Harry Ray Legion Post to Nominate Officers

Officers for next year will be nominated by the Harry Ray post, 65, at the next meeting, Wednesday night, Dec. 22. Election of officers will take place Jan. 12, 1921.

Every member is expected to be present. "Eats" will be served and a general good time enjoyed. Dues are now being received, and the boys are asked not to forget the weekly pay-up.

The women pearl fishers of Japan commence their work at the age of 14, and are in the water almost all the year round, except in the coldest season from the end of December to the beginning of February.

## 'Y' MEN AND KIDDIES TO ENJOY XMAS PARTY

Santa Claus, a magnificently decorated Christmas tree, candy, presents and a good time are waiting on the 60 poor children of the city who will be entertained by the dormitory men of the Y. M. C. A. in the lobby and gymnasium of the building Monday night.

All the young men residents of the building are planning on having a good time with the large number of youngsters who will be on hand. They will try to make this as near an ideal Christmas social as possible.

Useful gifts and sweets will be distributed for each one. Automobiles have been obtained to take all the children home after the party, which will end by about 7:30 p. m.

## State Endeavor Secretary to Speak Monday Night

Christian Endeavorers from every society in Richmond are wanted at a meeting to be held at the East Main street Friends church, Monday night, Evan Williams, of Fort Wayne, field

secretary of the Christian Endeavor for Indiana, will speak.  
Mr. Williams was formerly treasurer of the state organization, but was

elected field secretary at the last annual convention, held in Marion. He is to visit societies in Wayne county during the week.

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