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## W. J. WRIGHT BUYS WILLIAMS STORE

### Ambition of Years is Realized When He Concludes Terms for Purchase of Furniture Store.

Willis J. Wright, furniture dealer and undertaker.

That is a familiar name and business combination to old residents of Rensselaer and Jasper county, and it is to be rejuvenated after an absence of 21 years. It was in 1887 that Willis J. Wright went out of the furniture business, and his son Park succeeded him as an undertaker. Some eight years ago he was succeeded by his son, Jennings Wright, whose correct name is Willis J. Wright, and who has since that time been engaged in the undertaking business, most of the time being the exclusive undertaker in this city.

Monday Jennings concluded the arrangements for the purchase of the Jay W. Williams furniture store, and after Wednesday, when it is expected to have the invoice completed, he will take charge of it, again instituting the name of Willis J. Wright, furniture dealer and undertaker, under which his grandfather did a successful and honorable business for so many years.

### Many Passengers Tuesday Morning.

Agent W. H. Peam, of the Monon, had an unusual amount of business in the passenger ticket sale line this Tuesday morning. The passengers were bound for a great many different places, and when the short and long distance passengers got on board the 9:55 train they occupied a considerable part of a coach.

Mrs. Hazel Carr and two children and her sister, Miss Marie Stringer, started to Walla Walla, Wash., where for the next month or more they will visit their sister, Mrs. Tufts. Hazel accompanied them as far as Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliard English left for their home in Corning, Iowa, after a visit with his sisters, Mrs. M. L. Hemphill, Mrs. Wm. Bull and Mrs. A. O. Moore, in and near Rensselaer, and with the family of John English, in this city, and Joe English, at Brook. Mr. and Mrs. English have lived in Iowa for the past 23 years.

S. E. Huber, Gridley Comer, Jas. Blankenship and Chas. Cline went to Chicago, en route to the Pan Handle district of Texas, on a prospecting trip.

M. O. Sayler left for Mitchell, S. Dak., to visit his brother, Jesse, and take a look at the country where so many former Jasperites are making it win.

Mrs. G. H. Gelb, of Francesville, took the train here for Columbus, Mont., where her husband has established their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, Miss Leatha Wright, Delos Thompson and others went to Chicago.

The 10:55 train also had a good business, though not carrying so many long distance passengers, but persons headed for Ohio and Illinois and various Indiana points took passage on it.

Jennings decided some years ago that he would like to engage in the furniture business and he often thought that if Mr. Williams ever got ready to sell out he would try to succeed him. When the sad tragedy brought Mr. Williams' life to such an untimely end Jennings was one of the first to confer with Chas. H. Porter, who is managing the business affairs of his late father-in-law, about the purchase of the store, and although there were several others who figured on the purchase Jennings was successful in closing a deal for the business.

He has hired George Colvert and his son Clinton O. Colvert, and will continue the business at its present location, and for the present, at least, will maintain his undertaking business at the location near the river bridge.

Mr. Wright is one of the city's most successful and highly esteemed young business men and his success in his new business seems assured.

### Commercial Club Signs Contract.

Quite a number of citizens attended a meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night at the court house, passed upon articles of association proposed by the committee, and elected a board of nine directors, who in turn elected the officers for the ensuing year.

The directors are, Warren Robinson, J. H. S. Ellis, E. L. Hollingsworth, Delos Thompson, J. H. Chapman, George F. Meyers, G. E. Murray, C. G. Spitzer and J. N. Leatherman. Mr. Robinson was elected president, Mr. Ellis, vice-president; Mr. Hollingsworth, secretary, and Mr. Thompson, treasurer. Several committees were appointed, the most important at this time being, one to secure options on available tracts for subdivisions. This committee consists of Jas. H. Chapman, C. G. Spitzer and J. J. Hunt. It met this Tuesday morning with the president and secretary and Mr. Dean, at the First National Bank, and after some discussion arrived at terms with Mr. Dean and a contract with him was later signed. While the options on land have not yet been taken, it is probable that the Kellner tract will be accepted. Mr. Dean and his firm will take charge of the sale. The provisions of the articles of association and the by-laws will be given in a later issue.

### To Review "Big Fine."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—That the Standard Oil company is not yet "out of the woods," in the matter of payment of the famous \$29,000,000 fine assessed by Judge Landis, was made evident when the United States supreme court reconvened today.

Legal lights of the department of justice were on hand to ask for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals in Chicago, which refused the government a rehearing of the oil trust case. This action was decided upon at a conference between Attorney-General Bonaparte and his associates, who are apparently determined to leave no stone unturned to secure a rehearing.

### Engagement of J. L. Brady Announced

The following item appeared in the society items of the Indianapolis News of Friday:

Mrs. James Braden, of Irvington, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Stella Braden, and Jesse Lincoln Brady, of Rensselaer.

The wedding will take place Wednesday evening, December 16th, at the home of Mrs. Braden, 66 Downey avenue.

Merry widow elbow length golf gloves, marked 75 cents, special sale price only 50 cents per pair.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

You can save money by buying your groceries at Murray's.

### Orabelle Duvall Married.

Some mystery seems to surround the marriage of Miss Orabelle Duvall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Duvall, who some two weeks ago left her home here for Butte, Mont., to accept a position in an independent library. Miss Duvall and her parents made extensive arrangements for her taking the place and it seems that soon after she reached there she met Mr. L. L. Lloyd, with whom she was acquainted in Indianapolis where she attended school, and who had induced her to come to Butte to accept a position. It seems that they were married after she reached there, and soon after came back to Chicago, where she was seen last Friday by George Lundy, to whom she introduced her husband. The next day they went to Cincinnati, from which place she sent a postal card to her parents telling them of her marriage. A day or two later a postal card was received from her seat from Atlanta, Georgia. Her parents were very much surprised at her action, as she did not intimate when she left here that she contemplated matrimony, although she wrote to them after leaving that she might be married.

It is not improbable that she felt some remorse at getting married after having been assisted to such an extent by her parents in preparing for a position, and it is probable that within a few days her parents will receive a long letter explaining the full particulars of her marriage and telling them where her home will be. Her husband is understood to be a traveling real estate agent.

Miss Duvall was one of the most popular young ladies in Rensselaer and a long list of friends are anxiously awaiting to learn the particulars of her romantic marriage.

### Remembered the Monnett Home.

The Monnett Home for Girls was not forgotten on Thanksgiving day. The churches remembered them in their distribution and the young ladies Sew Club also contributed liberally toward helping the little ones and the matron to a day of rejoicing.

There were several donations also from individuals. There are now eleven little girls at the home and for some time after the departure of Mrs. Wilson who was called away to take care of an invalid sister, the work was all on the hands of Miss Messner. It was no small matter to care for a big house like the one they occupy, build fires, prepare meals, dress girls for school and perform all the household duties single handed but Miss Messner got along with it very nicely, but it requires the most careful management and rigid economy to make ends meet, and any assistance given them is the very best kind of charity. Among the things contributed in the way of clothing were many that could not be used at all and others that could not be remade into suitable dresses, but it was not a waste, for when the Methodist ladies held their annual rummage sale the articles were placed on sale and about \$25 realized for the home. The Christmas season is drawing near and many happy homes can spare a little for the children at this home and contribute to a worthy cause right here at home.

### Some Early Zero Weather.

Zero weather scored a touch down some time Tuesday night, and although every one in these parts realized that it was quite cold not very many thought that the mercury had been pushed down below the zero mark.

Such, however, was the case, and the government weather station at St. Joseph's College, showed that the mercury some time during the night had registered 3 degrees below zero, which makes 35 degrees of freezing and means some real hard freezing.

The sun shone brightly this Wednesday morning, but it has not warmed up very much, and the ground has not thawed out very much even where the sun shone on it all day long. The forecast is for rising temperature.

### Was 89 Years Old Tuesday.

"Uncle" John Makeever was 89 years of age Tuesday, Dec. 1st, and is now headed toward the 90 mark. He is feeling some better lately and will evidently come out from the bruises he sustained in his accident a few weeks ago without a permanent injury.

Merry widow elbow length golf gloves, marked 75 cents, special sale price only 50 cents per pair.

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### Let's Revive the Horse Sale.

Some years ago Rensselaer held a monthly horse sale, invited buyers here from Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and other cities and extensively advertised the fact that they would be here in all the surrounding towns. The result was that horses were brought here not only from the country round about but from other towns. They were driven in here from long distances, on occasions the owners coming here the day before in order to have their animals rested and looking their best on the day of the sale. The result was that there was one big day a month in Rensselaer. Horse buyers and horse sellers were here over night and for two or three meals the next day and they spent other money in the town. It was not much, perhaps, but it helped, and the revival of the sale would mean a great deal to Rensselaer. Monticello never abandoned its sale days, and Tuesday of this week was the regular monthly sale day. B. S. Fendig was over there and he reports that they had a big crowd in town and lots of business in consequence.

A committee was appointed by the Commercial Club, whose duty it will be to look after things of this kind and it would be a good idea for them to take this matter up at once and hold a sale in February or before, notifying the buyers at the next Lafayette and Monticello sales.

### Revival Meetings at M. P. Church.



REV. ELLA SEBERT.

Rev. Ella Sebert, of Dunkirk, Ind., will begin a revival meeting at the M. P. church Monday evening, Dec. 7th. Rev. Wooton will fill the pulpit Sunday, Dec. 6th, morning and evening. The public are invited to these meetings.

### M. P. CHURCH SERVICES.

Rev. Wooton will preach Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours at the Methodist Protestant church. Mrs. Sebert, who conducted a revival meeting here last year, will also be here Sunday and will begin another meeting, which will continue for two weeks. The public is invited to all of these services.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Morning worship, 10:45. The pastor will begin a series of sermons on the "Wanderings of the Children of Israel."

B. Y. P. N., 6:00. Anna McGee, leader.

Evening service, 7:00. Subject of sermon, "Lost Things."

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH SERVICES.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Christian church is "Christ's Winnowing Fan" in the evening "Has Every one His Price?" All are welcome.

### Marriage License.

Dec. 1. Karah Ezra Potts, born Jasper county, Aug. 11, 1884, present residence Union township, occupation farmer. To Jessie Wilcox, born Jasper county, Sept. 7, 1897, present residence Union township, occupation housekeeper, father's name William Wilcox, 1st marriage for each.

### Buy Bread at Rosenbaum's

We have secured the service of an experienced baker from Chicago, and having the fine equipment of the Little Gem bakery we are turning out as fine bread as was ever baked in Rensselaer. The patronage of the public is solicited.

Mrs. A. ROSENBAUM, Prop.

The best high grade flour overcoat in town.

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## COMMERCIAL CLUB

### IS GETTING BUSY

Looking for Suburban Property for Lot Sale and at the Same Time Corresponding About Factory.

President Warren Robinson has

taken hold of the duties of his office in connection with the Commercial Club in earnest and it is up to the rest of the population to turn in and assist him. He is having lots of help in getting the matter started from the other officers and members and every citizen of Rensselaer should do his best to assist him. He is having lots of help in getting the matter started from the other officers and members and every citizen of Rensselaer should do his best to assist him.

After Mr. Deam left Rensselaer he

returned to Chicago and at once took up with the company he represents the matter of securing an industry for Rensselaer. He finds that they have an especially good proposition at this time from a company that would employ 300 men, erect a factory with 50,000 feet of floor space and require 10 acres of ground. This company expects to employ 500 men

within three years. It is suggested that the Commercial Club send a committee to Chicago to go through this plant, which is an old established concern and anxious to get out of Chicago.

To this end, Mr. Robinson calls a meeting for Friday evening of this week at the east court room at 7:30 o'clock. The attendance is urged not only of the members of the Club but of all business men and citizens. Lay aside the little things for a time to turn out and lend this enterprising movement the added enthusiasm of your approval.

It is probable that the subject of a monthly horse sale will be brought up at this meeting also.

Now is the time to get busy. Lay down on prejudice and jealousies and unite for the welfare of the future Rensselaer.

### E. L. Hollingsworth Fined \$5.

The case filed some time ago against Emmet L. Hollingsworth, cashier of the First National Bank, alleging a violation of the truancy law, in keeping his son Emmet, 10 years of age, out of school, was brought to trial Tuesday. Mr. Hollingsworth explained that his son was taking arithmetic in school and other training at home, going to school a half hour each day, but the court, Squire S. C. Irwin being the justice, decided that he was guilty of a technical violation of the truancy law, and assessed the minimum fine of \$5 and costs, amounting to \$16.95. It is possible that Mr. Hollingsworth will appeal the case.

There can be no question that the law was framed especially to get at cases where parents are either indifferent about their children or are willing to sacrifice their education for the money they can earn during the tender years when the compulsory educational law wishes to compel them to attend school. Certainly the law nor the officers enforcing it can not distinguish between people, but there are innumerable instances of law violation in Rensselaer where the officers seem to have gotten over the thing without causing arrests and we can not help but think that in the case of Mr. Hollingsworth there was an evidence of persecution.

Last year Mrs. Hollingsworth was in very poor health and the Hollingsworth home was closed here in order that she might seek health in Michigan. Emmet accompanied her there and attended school there, and was promoted from the 5th to the 6th grade. When he re-entered the school here this fall he was placed in the 6th grade, and after a month's trial was demoted. Five days elapsed before the teacher was notified that he was being kept out of school on account of his nervous condition, and then Mr. Hollingsworth was notified that the boy must be reinstated. The parents had been and have since then been giving the boy school work at home and his education is in no manner being neglected. But Truant Officer Sands brought the action and secured the conviction.

Mr. Hollingsworth will probably not appeal the case. He did not even employ council. He believes the matter to be persecution and he rather expects to simply pay the fine and let it drop.

Candidly, the Republican thinks that there should be evidence of a parent's intentional violation of the law or criminal neglect of a child's education before an arrest is made, although a conviction on a technical point might be secured without proving the intent.

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