

## COMPLETE PLANS FOR CONVENTION

Indiana Association of Park Departments to Meet Here Two Days.

Final preparation for the fourth annual convention of the Indiana association of park departments which is to be held in this city Aug. 21 and Sept. 1 was made at a special meeting of the members of the local park board Tuesday night. According to local members of the board, the program that has been outlined is the most attractive the association has ever worked out.

Delegates from all the leading cities of Indiana have sent notifications to the local board that they are planning to attend the entire session. Some of the principal cities including Indianapolis, Ft. Wayne, Terre Haute, Gary and Evansville are planning on sending the members of their park board, the superintendents of parks, foresters, city engineers, city attorneys, as well as mayors and city controllers.

### Exchange Ideas.

According to Richard Elbel, state president of the association and president of the local board, the purpose of the annual conventions of this association is to fraternize for exchange of ideas and for cooperation in passing laws on subjects pertaining to city parks and also for gaining greater results generally in park improvements.

Mr. Elbel also said that Indiana was the first state in the union to have such an organization and that speakers at the American Association of Park Superintendents which is now in convention at Boston, and speakers at a recent Chicago meeting, referred to the Hoosier association as a most admirable one and recommended that other states form such an organization.

The park board wished it understood that the coming convention is not to be a private one and that the general public is invited and urged to attend the sessions.

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS LETS CONTRACTS

Edgewater drive and Arch av. will be opened to Harper court, if resolutions adopted by the board of works Tuesday morning pass favorably at the next meeting.

River av. will be closed with the opening of the two new highways to Arch av. and Harper ct.

The contract for the trunk sewer on Diamond av. was awarded Tuesday morning to L. H. Webster, a South Bend contractor. The contract price was \$27,890.

The assessment roll was filed for water connections on Olive st. from Lincoln way W. to Sample st.

### MARY STEINER FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Suit for divorce was filed Tuesday by Mary Steiner against Mike Steiner in which she claims the defendant had treated her cruelly and inhumanly.

Mrs. Steiner asks the court to order the defendant to pay her a reasonable amount to prosecute her case and support herself during that time. Affidavit of the plaintiff states she was struck and beaten several times since their marriage, Feb. 14, until the time they separated, Aug. 25.

### MAY OFFER HOME RULE WITH COUNTY OPTION TO IRISH DISTURBERS

DUBLIN, Aug. 27.—Appears in various London papers of the announcement that Premier Lloyd George is considering an offer to Ireland of dominion home rule with county option has created much discussion in political circles in Dublin.

Sir Horace Plunkett's new dominion league, while willing to arrange special terms for Ulster within an Irish dominion, is very strongly opposed to any arrangement by which any part of Ireland would be altogether outside the new Irish parliament, and Sir Horace believes any such plan would be unworkable.

Ulster unionists on the other hand are violently opposed to county option or indeed to any option. The furtherest they have gone is to agree to the total exclusion from an Irish parliament of the six northeastern counties without the preliminary of a plebiscite.

Many Sinn Feiners declare that, if county option were extended to all Ireland a plebiscite taken on home rule, many of the counties would adhere to the demand for a republic or nothing and vote against it.

### DECRIES BIBLES USED IN AMERICAN MOVIES

PARIS, Aug. 27.—French anticlericals appear to be taking alarm at the frequent appearance of Bibles and pastors in American moving pictures. M. Aulard, the historian, in an article decrying the far west films, says enough has been seen of the sentimental bandits, and appeals to Americans to keep them for themselves along with their pastors and their Bibles. He adds that they give a false idea of the American people.

### INCREASE ESTIMATE.

The Donovan road was ordered readverised with an increase in estimate of over \$4,000 by the county commissioners. The former estimate of \$27,000 failed to bring any bids.

## Patrolman's Resignation Follows Alleged Joy Ride

Once upon a time the city owned a car. Ostensibly this automobile was used by the police department for police business.

One day this city-owned and city-manipulated car got out of kilter. The condition of the automobile was kept a dark secret for weeks and weeks, but Tuesday it filtered out just as they say liquor sometimes filters out of a municipally operated bull-pen. The reports concerning the way the automobile got out of kilter are said to be these:

It was not on duty the day it met with its mishap. That is to say, it was not on official duty.

Of course the mishap took place a long time ago, but still there are said to be very few persons who really know that a mishap took place.

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## WAR VETERANS ORGANIZE POST

### Plan to Circulate Petition Requesting Bonus of Six Months' Pay.

farmer who had just come to town. The driver of the city machine is said to have been a poor mariner, for he is said to have deserted the ship, as it were.

It is all said to have happened in the south part of the city, and residents of that part of town, seeing the accident, are said to have called police headquarters, thinking that this was the proper place to make a complaint or give notice of unusual occurrences.

The report has it that these residents were right this time, for the police patrol is said to have arrived on the scene shortly afterward to find the city car somewhat of a wreck, one of the wheels having been torn off and a fender badly smashed.

At any rate Patrolman Vandusen has tendered his resignation to the board of safety and the board has accepted the resignation. Vandusen was the driver of the car at the time of the accident.

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## A. E. F. Salvage Officer Mute When Arraigned

DETROIT, Aug. 27.—Maj. Leslie Waterbury, formerly salvage officer in the American expeditionary forces and indicted by a federal grand jury here on the charge of complicity in an alleged conspiracy to defraud the government in the sale of \$20,000,000 worth of ordnance supplies, was arraigned in federal court Tuesday and stood mute. Judge Tuttle ordered a plea of not guilty entered.

Rumors afloat that posts of the World War Veterans organization are being organized throughout the country solely for the purpose of encouraging re-enlistment in the army, navy and marine corps, and that C. P. Seastrum, the national organizer is on a recruiting tour, were vehemently denied Tuesday evening following an organization meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce assembly rooms.

It was asserted at Tuesday's meeting that the chief purpose of having branches of this organization in the state is to lend assistance to discharged men in the service in procuring due back pay, family allotments, medical attention and general protection from unscrupulous agents.

Elect Post Commander.

H. M. Harper, discharged soldier was elected Post Commander of the first organized post in St. Joseph county with Charles P. Wattles as adjutant and C. H. Steffe as the quartermaster. Following the installation of officers announcement was made that a petition will be filed with Gov. James P. Goodrich, requesting a bonus of six months' pay.

An application will be made in a short time to the headquarters of the organization seeking a charter for the local post.

### Plan Mass Meeting.

Wednesday evening a mass meeting is to be held at Magyar hall, 215 S. Chapin st., for the purpose giving former soldiers, sailors and marines living in the western section an opportunity to organize a post similar to one installed into office Tuesday evening.

National organizer, C. P. Seastrum predicted that with the formation of the second post on Wednesday evening, the membership of the two branches will be the largest in northern Indiana.

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### JANITORS OF COUNTY BUILDING GET INCREASE

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