

The Latest in Table Linen

Fifteen choice new patterns of Scotch and Irish double Damask, full 72 inches wide, at \$1.50 a yard. Matched napkins \$1.25 and \$1.00 a dozen.

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Nine different patterns of a 12 1/2 inch Damask specially priced \$1.05 a yard. Matched napkins \$2.50 and \$1.35 a dozen.

Contrary to the policy of most stores we carry Table Damask and Napkins to match in our popular dollar-a-yard grade. Twenty-five choice new patterns, 68 and 72 inches wide; matched napkins at \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$5.75 a dozen, according to size.

Another special for the week is an excellent 50c Damask, which will be sold at 75c.

L. S. AYRES & CO. Distributors of Dr. Goods

Badger's Christmas Suggestions

Any article purchased now will be laid aside until wanted.

Tabourettes \$1.25 to \$15.00

Tea Tables \$7.50 to \$25.00

Umbrella Racks \$1.25 to \$4.00

Sewing Tables \$2.00 to \$4.00

Flower Stands \$1.50 to \$4.00

Iron Lanterns \$1.25 to \$15.00

Pieces of Armor \$2.00 to \$15.00

Tabletop Hangings \$2.50 to \$15.00

Wall Mirrors \$2.50 to \$5.75

Shoe Boxes \$1.50 to \$5.00

Book Racks \$1.50 to \$3.00

India Seats \$1.25 to \$3.00

Ladies' Desks \$5.00 to \$50.00

Pipe Racks \$2.00 to \$3.50

Turkish Pipes \$10.00 to \$12.00

Old Pistols \$1.50 to \$7.00

Muslin Pillows \$5.00 to \$6.00

Goods selected now will be laid aside until wanted.

Badger Furniture Company

INDIANAPOLIS.

"Go to a Glove Store for Gloves"

LADIES' KID GLOVES—6c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.00.

MEN'S KID and up-to-date STREET GLOVES for \$1.00.

Others \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 a pair.

Tucker's GLOVE STORE

10 EAST WASHINGTON STREET.

THIS IS Cloak

Weather

and here you'll find Cloaks that will please every taste and every pocket.

While we are able to satisfy the most extravagant ideas, we have not overlooked the medium priced garments of which we offer the largest assortment in the West. All tailored and finished in that superior manner so noticeable in all of Besten & Langen's garments.

Swell Long Coats

We've hundreds of new arrivals to show you, also many nobby effects in

New Velour Coats

New Opera Wraps

New Children's Wraps

New Fur Coats

New Three-Quarter Coats

New 27-inch Coats

New Walking Skirts

New Fur Neckwear

Besten & Langen

"THE KILTIES" TO-DAY.

Scotch Band to Give Street Parade and Two Concerts.

The Forty-eighth Highlanders' Band, of Toronto, Can., "The Kilties," arrive this morning and will give a street parade at noon and a concert this afternoon and to-night at Tomlinson Hall. The Letter Carriers' Association will share in the profits. Seats may be bought at Carlin and Lennox's. Following is the programme for the entertainment to-night:

Overture, "Der Koenigsleutnant," Emil Titi

Solo Dance, "Bonnie Blue," Nell McEwen

Flute Solo, "Soleil d'Automne," Clinton

Musical D. Dineen

Excerpts from the Works of Rossini including Prayer and Final Overture, "William Tell," Eugene Lockhart

Highland Fling, "Champion Boy," Duncan

Male Chorus, "Afton, Flow Gently," Duncan

Regimental Marches of Famous Scotch Dances, "Shean Treas," Eugene Lockhart

Tenor Solo, "The Bonnie Broom," Braes O'Mear

a "Patrol of the Gnomes," Ellenberg

Humorous Serenade, Hartmann

Solo, "The Bonnie Broom," Braes O'Mear

Excerpts from the works of Gounod, concluding with Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust."

"Auld Lang Syne."

The Indianapolis Fire Insurance Company is a safe, sound, progressive institution, with cash capital and surplus and is doing a profitable business.

Call at the corner of No. 18 East Market street, and leave a list of your insurance policies to be written after expiration of present contracts.

JOHN M. SPANN, Secretary.

JOHN H. HOLLIDAY, President.

SUGGESTION OF MAYOR

HE WILL RECOMMEND NEW PLAN IN FURNISHING BONDS.

Surety Companies, He Thinks, Afford the Best Protection—Other Municipal Affairs.

Mayor Bookwalter has under consideration a recommendation for presentation to the Council. He will suggest that in future all bonds filed with the city for the honorable performance of contracts or the duties of any city officer, or position of responsibility on the fire or police force, shall bear the signatures of responsible surety companies. Heretofore contractors, city officers and others who bound themselves to the city by bonds have carried out certain stipulations have furnished for the most part personal security; their bonds have been signed by private individuals. The mayor does not believe in that method of doing business. He thinks the city is always taking a chance when it accepts a bond bearing the signature of a private individual. He said yesterday:

"Every year there is filed with the city bonds of contractors who have in charge important construction work calling for the aggregate an immense sum of money. In each case the amount is not a vast sum, but taken altogether it is. These bonds are secured by signatures of individuals. These individuals may be perfectly responsible, so far as any one knows; but something may happen that will compel them to stand good for the amounts they are security for and they will bring suit to avoid payments of the bonds. Such a course involves the city in unnecessary and costly litigation and should be avoided. If all bonds secured by surety companies such suits could be done away with, because when these companies have to make good the bond of a dishonest contractor they pay up without suing. I am of opinion, also, that all city officers should obtain their bonds from a surety company instead of going to private parties. It does away with bringing sentiment into city transactions and is a safer course for the city."

The Mayor will probably include the recommendation in his next message to Council.

DUTIES HAVE INCREASED.

Former Inspector Bedell Talks of the Many Difficulties.

George V. Bedell, building inspector under the previous administration, was a caller at the office of the Board of Works yesterday for the purpose of impressing the board with the merits of the smoke consumer manufactured by the company which Mr. Bedell represents. He wants the board to have his consumer put in Tomlinson Hall, the police station and a number of other public buildings.

Mr. Bedell thinks the present building inspector, Mr. Bartel, is doing all in his power to mitigate the smoke nuisance. He remarked that in other cities it took time to perfect the usefulness of such a department, and the same will be true here. People criticize a seeming lack of energy on the part of the inspector from ignorance of the conditions which confront him. While he must endeavor to fulfill his duty in enforcing the ordinance against smoke, said Mr. Bedell, he must at the same time be just to business men who are working, in his opinion, sincere but ineffectual efforts to obey the law.

Mr. Bedell stated that the duties of the building inspector are too laborious for one man. Ten or twelve years ago, he said, when the city had no smoke question to deal with and the building boom had not begun, the position was comparatively easy. At the present time an inspector must keep up with the details of the office in regard to building operations, which extend over what is now a vast territory, and at the same time must try to do his duty in looking after smoke violators. There are too many violators for one man, Mr. Bedell believes, and the city will eventually be compelled to delegate the duties of the office and appoint two men to look after them.

REQUESTS FOR SWITCHES.

The Mayor, City Engineer and Board of Works Investigate.

The first applications for switches that have been made during the new administration were investigated yesterday afternoon by Mayor Bookwalter, City Engineer Nelson and the Board of Works. The Nelson & Mammey company is preparing to build a large foundry as an addition to the present plant, and the switch now used by the company will be inadequate to the company's needs, besides being in an undesirable position. The Board of Works is asked to permit relocation of the switch so that it will touch the plant in a different locality. To grant the request the board would have to allow the switch to be built along Kentucky avenue. The hominy mills, in the southern part of the city, want the right to build a new switch from the Bell, along Harrison street, to the factory, and the party investigated its request also. Decision in regard to the request is deferred for a time.

BOARD OF WORKS ROUTINE.

ASSESSMENT ROLLS APPROVED.

Primary roll for asphalt roadway on Louisiana street, from Illinois street to Capitol avenue.

Primary roll for asphalt surface and brick gutters on Massachusetts avenue from Pennsylvania to Delaware street.

Primary roll for gravel roadway and cement walk on Oriental street, from Ohio street to Vermont street.

Asphalt roadway on New York street, from Blake to Urbane street.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

For local sewer on first alley west of Blackford street, from first alley south of New York street to York street.

For local sewer on Kenwood avenue, from Twenty-ninth street to Kenwood Park addition.

PAPERS ORDERED.

For brick roadway on Cora street, from Illinois street to Capitol avenue.

For cement walks on Twenty-first street, from Illinois street to Capitol avenue.

For local sewer in first alley north of Highland street, from Oriental street to Vermont street.

For cement walks on Missouri street, from McCarty to Ray street.

For cement walks on Illinois known as Nineteenth street, from Meridian street to a point in the alley between Union and Vermont streets.

For cement walks on Union street, from north line of Frank's subdivision to south line of Union street.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN.

For gravel roadway, gutters, walk and curb on Minnesota street, from Meridian to Illinois.

For gravel roadway and walks on Adler street, from Bluff avenue to Senate avenue.

APPLICATION RECEIVED.

For conference of an agreement concerning franchise for interurban lines into Indianapolis.

W. B. BURFORD GETS CONTRACT.

While Not the Lowest Bid, It Was Considered the Best.

The State Printing Board yesterday awarded the contract for the general printing and the printing of the Supreme and Appellate Court records to William B. Burford, president, Auditor Hart, Secretary of State Hunt, Thomas Carter, clerk of the board, and the representatives of the companies that submitted bids, met yesterday at 11 o'clock in the Governor's office and Governor Durbin announced that the bid of Baker & Thornton, although the lowest, was rejected because of the quality of the paper submitted by the company. He said it would not be to the best interest of the State to have its printing done on the quality of paper offered by that company. Governor Durbin then announced that both

contracts for two years were awarded to Mr. Burford.

Mr. Thornton, of Baker & Thornton, protested against the board's action, saying the question of samples had never before entered into the letting of the contract and that the board was not dealing with the specifications. Members of the board declare they have made the best contract for printing the State records ever had. The new contract took effect at noon and Mr. Burford furnished a \$50,000 bond for faithful performance of the work.

The bids for the general printing were as follows: Baker & Thornton, \$72,660.25; W. B. Burford, \$212,112. Sentinels Printing Company, \$96,262.50; Levy Brothers, \$90,942.31. The bids for printing the Supreme and Appellate Court records were as follows: Baker & Thornton, \$3,881.30; W. B. Burford, \$9,284; Levy Brothers, \$12,165.92; Sentinel Printing Company, \$12,073.55; Wilson & Humphreys, Logansport, \$9,579.73.

THE ORDINANCE KILLED

DEMOCRATS VOTE SOLIDLY AGAINST PAYING THE CITY'S DEBT.

The Action a Disappointment to Mayor Bookwalter and Others Present—New Ordinances.

For the second time the temporary loan appropriation ordinance has been brought before the Council. Contrary to expectation, James D. Moriarty instead of being a leader in Council last night was "led." The new bonds discovered that his adherents of the minority were of stubborn mold and failed to sway them to a course which it is known he favored a few days ago. The vote by which the ordinance was defeated was again a strictly party ballot. Twelve Republicans voted for the measure and eight Democrats against it. Harry Haldeman, president of the body, is in New York, he being the only member of Council absent last night. Mayor Bookwalter was present with the hope of seeing the ordinance go through, and with him was Controller Breuninger, Charles Maguire, who has advised his Democratic associates against opposition to the ordinance; Major McGraw, Conrad Keller, of the Board of Safety, and several ex-councilmen were among the visitors at the meeting.

When the introduction of general ordinances for second reading was called, Thomas A. Wynne presented the majority report of the committee on finance, recommending the passing of the measure. Moriarty arose with the minority report against the measure. Preliminary sparring as to adoption of reports cast a chill over members of the administration who were present, for the votes of the Democrats against all motions of Republican initiation fell with dull thud.

AN ANXIOUS MOMENT.

Anxious looks were cast at the Democratic side of the house when the final motion indicating the fate of the ordinance arrived. Mr. Maguire directed a few appealing glances that way, the mayor smiled more hopefully than he probably felt, and the controller twisted his mustache, but there was no change, and the ordinance was again buried. The only possible chance of its resurrection before the temporary loan bill due for the mayor to call at least two more special meetings of Council. So many special meetings have been held lately, and the conduct of the minority has been so uniformly unbusinesslike, that it is reported the mayor is disinclined to furnish any more amusement for the gentlemen who are of opinion that the city does not need to pay its debts when the Council now are of opinion that the appropriation measure the Council took for minor appropriation ordinances prepared at the request of the controller and the Board of Works to meet expenses in the works department and other incidents. The controller was authorized to transfer \$500 from the fund for sprinkling unimproved streets to the fund for maintaining vapor defects in the streets.

Wiped out by the passing of an ordinance appropriating \$15, Mr. Negley's bill, which was to do work to do in Greenbriar avenue to Blvd avenue went through without Democratic opposition.

The ordinance which will authorize the controller to defray the expenses of several branches of the works department for the remainder of the year was introduced and referred to the finance committee. The amount involved is \$7,000. Another ordinance introduced at the request of the Board of Works, providing for the transfer of \$2,000 from the sprinkling fund to the fund for cleaning and sweeping improved streets, was referred to the finance committee.

FEW NEW ORDINANCES.

Few new ordinances were introduced at last night's meeting. The body has not settled down yet to the winter's work, but in a few weeks a flood of measures of all kinds is expected to pour in. An ordinance for the regulation of the public markets and prescribing the duties of the market master was among the number. It was introduced by the controller and referred to the finance committee.

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SIGH FOR A RAILROAD

CASE OF HOPE DEFERRED WITH SWITZERLAND COUNTY PEOPLE.

H. M. Rabb Says the Inhabitants Are Thoroughly Up to Date—Hotel Visitors.

Among the members of the order of Odd Fellows in the city this week is H. M. Rabb, a citizen of Patriot, Switzerland county. Mr. Rabb is staying at the Denison. Patriot is twelve miles below Rising Sun, a town made famous a few years ago by Joseph Arthur, the playwright. Switzerland and Ohio counties enjoy the distinction of being two of the few counties in the State that have no railroad. Time and again the people of Rising Sun have had their hopes revived by "railroad talk," but they are still without a road and the people are wondering how long it will be until the shriek of the iron horse is heard in the hills of Ohio and Switzerland.

Mr. Rabb says the people of Rising Sun have had a fresh disappointment and are just now trying to forget their troubles. For some time the Big Four Railway company has been talking of extending a line down the river from Cincinnati to Louisville. Should this be done Rising Sun would have a railroad. There has also been talk of an extension of a trolley line from Aurora, Rising Sun, but the people have despaired of getting either of these lines, and in fact, it is the understanding down here that all negotiations are off. The people of Rising Sun went so far as to vote a subsidy for both lines should they be built. Mr. Rabb is at a loss to know just why Switzerland county cannot have a railroad. He says the people in his locality are prosperous and up to date and some of the land in the locality has reached a market value of \$100 an acre. The people of Rising Sun, Mr. Rabb says, were intensely interested in Joseph Arthur's play, "Blue Jeans," and he thinks that every man, woman and child in the town who could raise the money went to Cincinnati to see the play.

Mr. Rabb is staunch Republican, but has lived all his life among the rock-ribbed Democracy of southeastern Indiana. He is not a Republican in the Fourth district are not dead politically by any means and they are going to make another attempt to elect a congressman. They have hopes that Nathan Powell, of Madison, will consent to make the race again.

STORIES OF FABULOUS WEALTH.

B. A. Seitz, of Dawson City, Is at the Grand Hotel.

B. A. Seitz, of Dawson City, is a guest at the Grand Hotel and will probably be here for several days. He comes from the Klondike with fabulous stories of gold-mining.

Mr. Seitz is largely interested in Gold Hill mining property. He has twenty claims on Gold Hill, but in five of these claims he has interested with him some men who went to the gold fields from Texas. These claims are in the neighborhood of the mines owned by the Indiana syndicate of which Col. H. B. Smith is the head.

Mr. Seitz says he has heard that his Texas partners are about to dispose of some of their interests and as he is unable to be some negotiations on here in Indianapolis he is here to see what it is all about.

Mr. Seitz relates a story of a man who took out \$500 on Gold Hill in four hours and fifty minutes. This gold was taken from ground now owned by Mr. Seitz. He says the output of gold has been greater this year than in any year since the Klondike fields were discovered. He declares that the amount taken out reaches \$12,000,000. Mr. Seitz says he knows of one man who took out \$20,000 in three months.

VINCENNES OFFICIALS.

They Came to Indianapolis to Inspect New Telephone Plant.

At the Grand Hotel yesterday evening a party of Vincennes citizens including five members of the Vincennes City Council, the party spent yesterday in the city inspecting the new telephone plant. The councilmen were P. J. Ryan, A. J. Taylor, S. Kimmiller, Anton Heltz and J. S. Spiker. The party also included Jerry Hershey, city engineer; Charles Laugel, city clerk; J. W. Emmerson, an attorney of Vincennes; and E. P. Weems and Joseph L. Muench, newspaper representatives.

The Vincennes men came here to inspect the new telephone plant at the request of A. J. Rousseau, of Chicago, and John P. Slinkard, of Bloomfield, who have applied for a franchise for a telephone plant at Vincennes. These men are about putting in a plant at Washington, this state, and they are desirous of constructing both at the same time should they be successful in Vincennes. The visitors expressed themselves as well pleased with the plant here.

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commence in the appointment of committees on credentials and nominations by State President J. C. McClurkin. Other preliminary work will then be discussed. E. L. Shuey, an Ohio member of the national committee, will read a paper on "The True Significance of this Convention." At 3 o'clock Charles Cullen Smith, the evangelist, will conduct a short talk on Bible work, his subject being "Christ Is All." Closing the afternoon session a review of the year's work will be read, led by the State secretary and each delegation in its turn participating.

Thursday evening the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held. The reports of the different State officers will be read. Charles B. Denby, former minister to China, will give an address on "The Progress of Christianity in the Far East."

Throughout the remainder of the session much time will be given to the reading of papers touching on association work and many song services will be held. It is known that a large number of members of the State association will attend the convention and also a number from the central association of this city.

HIGH PRICE FOR GROUND.

Washington-Street Property Brings \$4,000 a Front Foot.

George A. Dickson has purchased the property at 42 West Washington street of Samuel E. Rauh. A trade figures in the transaction but it is understood the consideration for the property is \$4,000, the price per front foot would be \$4,000, the highest ever paid for Washington street property, although \$5,000 a foot has been offered for corner lots and refused. The lot has a frontage of fifteen feet and is 110 feet deep. Mr. Dickson was the adjoining property and when the leases expire on the two properties, he says he will erect a business block to cover both.

The Lenox addition in Brightwood is being rapidly sold out, principally