

QUEER.

Affidavits Signed

By Three City Commissioners

To Help the Local Telephone Monopoly

Win the Injunction Suit Brought by the City.

Chairman Alexander Satirizes the Board.

Commissioner McGarry Says Affidavits Cut no Figure.

The unusual spectacle of three city officials trying to prevent the city from winning a law suit begun to protect the rights of the citizens is presented in the suit brought by the city to enjoin the Central Union Telephone company from laying conduits in the streets without permission.

This suit was brought by the city several weeks ago, just after the City Commissioners had rescinded their action naming the conditions on which permission to conduit wires would be granted. Its purpose was to test the legality of the 25-year telephone franchise reroad through the council by the local telephone monopoly last November.

City Commissioners Crisp, McMillen and Paige have signed affidavits which are intended to be used by the telephone monopoly in winning its suit with the city. The affidavits state that the Commissioners, on or about the third day of May, took such action as in effect amounted to an approval of the conduit plat presented by the telephone monopoly. This claim proven in court would leave the city powerless to prevent the telephone company from conducting its wires. And since the decision of the Richmond court a few weeks ago denying telephone companies the right of way privileges through public streets and private property, permission to conduit has become a very valuable consideration to the local monopoly, inasmuch as such permission would entrench it in a position far more secure than that acquired under the franchise—of doubtful legality at best.

Members of the Citizens' Committee of Fifty are denouncing the action of the Commissioners quite freely. They claim that while the city's officials should be straining every point to win the law suit for the city, it is a shame that three men, well paid to protect the city's interests, should permit themselves to be used by a corporation that has repeatedly tried to defraud Akron's citizens of their legal rights.

One of Akron's Councilmen remarked today that the action of the

Commissioners, in thus offering "aid and encouragement" to a corporation with which the city is having important litigation, ought to be grounds for impeachment.

Commissioner McGarry says that the action of his colleagues amounts to nothing except to show their apparent favoritism to the telephone monopoly.

"The records of the Board of City Commissioners show that the Central Union Telephone company's conduit plat has never been approved," said Commissioner McGarry. "And what is more, not one of the present members of the Board can ever consistently approve that plat while the 25-year franchise, stolen upon the city last November, remains upon the ordinance books. Each of the Commissioners has publicly gone on record as declaring that franchise to be null and void until that franchise is repealed, and another, meeting the approval of the citizens, granted. It will require something more than affidavits to confer upon the company the rights intended to be conveyed by the franchise. The Board of Commissioners goes according to its records; not according to the private affidavits of its members."

Mr. Alexander's Statement.

A DEMOCRAT reporter informed Senator J. Park Alexander of the action of the three Commissioners. It was a surprise to the chairman of the Citizens' Committee. He looked intensely disgusted and then said:

"Did you ever see such wabbling?" A moment later he continued: "I scarcely know how to characterize such actions. Is it due to imbecility or incompetency? Perhaps the latter would be the kinder expression to use."

"When this matter of conducting was referred to the Citizens' Committee of Fifty we were led to believe by the Commissioners that the plat of the Central Union Telephone company had not been approved. No meeting of the committee has been called, as we supposed the courts were to decide the issues.

"You would suppose that men who were paid \$1,800 per year would do their duty by the citizens. Just at this time I do not care to say much on the matter. The news that the Board had approved the plat comes as a complete surprise to me."

MISSIONARY

Tells of Life in the Island of Japan.

The Interesting Address of Miss Mary Comfort Hollowell.

Trinity, North Hill, First German Reformed and Grace Reformed Missionary societies were at a union meeting held Sunday evening at the Grace Reformed church addressed by Miss Mary Comfort Hollowell, a returned missionary from Japan. Opening services of the meeting were conducted by Mrs. Hallie Andrews.

Miss Hollowell has spent seven years in Japan, during which time she taught in the girls' school at Sendai, in the province of Miyagi. Sendai is 253 miles north of Tokio, the capital of Japan, and has a population of 80,000. During her stay in the city, Miss Hollowell will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Dahmann, 205 East Center st. Her home is at Lancaster, Pa., to which place she returned from Japan in October.

In her address Miss Hollowell spoke of the journeys to and from Japan, of the conditions and climate of the country, the people, their customs, superstitions, and religious beliefs. At the mission school 52 Japanese girls are now in attendance and quite a number of others have graduated from the institution and are now engaged in teaching in other schools. Much progress is being made in the missionary work in that country, and the speaker said that the missionaries were much encouraged with the result of their teaching.

The greater part of the Japanese population are Buddhists, or worshippers of the Grand Lama. They believe in a deity who holds communion with mankind through many inferior divinities, some good and some bad. Of these they have images and idols, which they worship in temples called pagodas. Among other Japanese articles displayed the speaker exhibited several specimens of the Japanese gods.

"Woman's position is very low in this land of the setting sun," said Miss Hollowell. "As a result of the treatment and persuasion of the men the women believe themselves so intensely wicked that horns are liable to grow on their heads, so when they pray to their gods they wear caps to hide these imaginary horns. One woman, who was converted by the missionaries, had for 35 years worn a cap during prayers."

When educated, the Japanese girls give evidence of considerable development in character, and have quite an aptitude for doing mission work.

The address was interesting and beneficial to all present, and many remained after the audience was dismissed to meet Miss Hollowell and congratulate her upon the good work she has done in the cause of missions.

HIS CLAIM

For \$1,000 Reward.

The County Commissioners Will Contest It.

Given Leave to Answer Detective Doran's

Petition Asking For the Stone Murder Reward.

New Divorce Cases—Martin on Trial—Courts.

The County Commissioners have been granted leave to file an answer in the case brought by Detective James Doran of Cleveland.

It will be remembered that he obtained an alleged confession from Romulus Cotell, who is now a life prisoner in the Ohio Penitentiary as a result of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stone and Ira Stillson. Doran sues to collect a reward that is alleged to have been offered by the county for the arrest and conviction of the murderer. The board claims that Doran is not entitled to the reward as he was regularly employed to work on the case.

Three New Divorce Cases.

William L. Klein has filed a petition in Common Pleas court asking for a divorce from Harriet B. Klein. He alleges that she is guilty of adultery. They were married Sept. 13, 1885.

Dagman Madsen seeks a divorce from her husband on the ground of gross neglect and abandonment. They were married Oct. 8, 1892.

Emily F. McGuire charges that her husband, Thomas McGuire, is guilty of habitual drunkenness and gross neglect. They have been married five years.

On His Cross Petition.

In the divorce case of Mary A. Anderson vs. Alfred J. Anderson, the defendant was granted a divorce. He filed a cross petition alleging that his wife was guilty of gross neglect of duty and adultery.

Alleged Contempt.

An attachment has been issued by Judge Kohler for James Baughman, the defendant in a divorce case, commenced by his wife, Catherine Baughman. It is alleged that he has failed to pay her alimony as ordered by the court. The defendant will be given an opportunity Tuesday to show why he should not be held for contempt.

The Martin Case.

The case of the State vs. W. A. Martin, charged with embezzlement, was taken up in Common Pleas court Monday. The prisoner is defended by Rowley & Bradley and E. F. Voris.

Admitted to Probate.

The will and codicil of the late Alexander Brewster have been admitted to probate. Two daughters, Mrs. R. H. Kent and Mrs. Louisa Meacham, objected. It is said that they will contest the provisions of both documents.

Default Judgments.

Default judgments were taken Monday as follows: Elizabeth A. Dodge et al. vs. Nellie McVey et al. for plaintiff \$1,161; for Aultman & Taylor Co. \$665.48. Margaret W. Newman vs. Bertha W. Green et al. \$555.83.

Affidavit of Insanity.

Eva Grady has filed an affidavit in Probate court alleging that John Grady is insane. He lives on North Hill.

Marriage Licenses.

Ernie A. Miller, Barberton 22
Nora Kemmerer, Barberton 19
George R. Davis, Barberton 19
Emma Mong, Barberton 29
D. Theodore Speck, Barberton 24
Caroline Riley, Barberton 28

ORIGINAL PENSION—An original pension of \$6 per month has been granted to Charles W. Cheney of Macedonia.

CERTAINLY

Col. Charles Dick Will Manage the Ohio Campaign.

Colonel Charles W. F. Dick arrived here Saturday, says a Washington special. In reply to a direct question he said that he would certainly manage Judge Nash's gubernatorial campaign. Beyond this statement the Akron Congressman had little to say having been, as he expressed it, interviewed as to everything he knew since the convention which left him high and dry with nothing new on tap. Colonel Dick was in consultation with First Assistant Postmaster General Heath, Saturday afternoon, and they will meet Sunday morning to further discuss matters political. On Sunday he will go to New York, where he will meet Mr. Heath and Senator Hanna on Monday to discuss matters of a national political character prior to Mr. Hanna's departure for Europe on Wednesday.

CONDUCTOR HURT.

Right Shoulder Dislocated—Gash Cut In His Head.

W. H. Mitchell of Kent, conductor of train No. 37, local freight on the Erie, was injured Monday morning by being knocked off his car by a signal post.

The accident occurred just west of Market st. bridge, this city. Mitchell was standing on a ladder on the side of a box car when he was struck by the post. In the fall his right shoulder was dislocated and a gash cut in his head. He was taken to the office of Dr. T. C. Parks, company surgeon, who attended his injuries. Mitchell was sent to his home on train 12.

LAST LINKS.

Steamer for L. L. park 8 and 1 daily. WANTED—Fireman; apply to Geo. J. Renner, 313 N. Forge st.

VISITED THE ISLAND—The Natural History club paid a visit to Kelley's Island, Saturday. The students were in charge of Prof. Orth and Olin.

FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION—At the St. Vincent de Paul church Forty Hours' Devotion service began this morning at 7:30.

TOUR OF INSPECTION—Messrs. Fitzgerald, Cowan, Murray, Graham and Wood, B. & O. officials, passed through the city this morning on a tour of inspection. They found everything in good shape at Akron.

HAT THIEF—The newest thing in thievery is at the dancing halls. At Silver lake Saturday night, Ernest Harry's hat was stolen and a bicycle cap left instead. Ladies gloves, hat pins and even pocket-books, have been missing at this place of late.

WILL SAW OFF LIMBS—The City Commissioners started a man on Monday morning with instructions to cut all the limbs of trees which are not eight feet above the sidewalk. The cost of the work will be charged up to property owners.

A. H. S. PICNIC—The annual picnic of the Akron High school was held at Silver lake Saturday. The attendance was not up to expectations. The occasion was much enjoyed.

ANNUAL OUTING—The Akron Camera club enjoyed its annual outing Saturday at Peninsula. The beautiful scenery in that vicinity will form the views for a future lantern exhibition, many photographs being taken.

POCKETBOOK FOUND—W. R. Eichenlaub found a pocketbook Saturday evening. The owner can receive the same by calling at 230 South Main st. and describing the purse.

PRECINCT MEETING—A meeting of Democrats of Precinct D, Fifth ward, will be held next Friday evening at the corner of Bell and Bartses streets.

DEPUTY APPOINTED—John Ramsden has been appointed a deputy sheriff. He will do duty at the Government proving grounds north of Cuyahoga Falls.

LECTURE AT BUCHTEL—Lieutenant Arthur L. Conger, lately returned from Manila, will deliver a brief lecture to students in the chapel at Buchtel college, Tuesday morning at 8:30. Everybody welcome to attend.

TAKEN ILL—Saturday afternoon Harry Myers, 503 Bell st., was taken sick at the corner of Bartses and Main streets. He was removed to his home in Parks' ambulance. E. J. Gervey of the Old Forge was taken to the hospital Sunday. He is quite ill.

BARBER SHOP SOLD—Frank O'Brien and Pete Miller have purchased the Central barber shop from Chas. W. Morris and Fred L. Culver. Messrs. Culver and Morris will open a shop at the Howard st. billboard hall, 148 S. Howard st.

RIGHT EASY

Was Pitcher Wright.

Sharon Team Straightened Out His Twisters.

The India Rubber Men Were Defeated.

There Is the Foundation For a Good Club.

Bankers and Reporters Will Play Sports.

An interesting game of ball was played on the Buchtel college grounds Saturday afternoon by the Akrons and Sharons.

The visitors won the game by their superior hitting. Wright, who pitched for the Akrons was effective for two innings. Sharon then fell upon his outs and ins and drove the ball all over the lot. Singles and doubles came with a rapidity that tired out the Akron fielders.

The work of Barnes, who was in the box for Sharon, was good after the first. He was touched up for four singles and three runs during Akron's part of the initial inning. He then settled down and allowed the home players but five hits during the balance of the game. There are several good players on the local team, but it is not well balanced. With two or three changes it could be made into a fast club.

The scores: Akron, A. B. B. H. P. O. A. E. Phelps, lf., 5 1 2 0 0 1 Stephens, 3b., 5 1 2 1 2 1 Morgan, rf., 4 1 1 1 1 0 Wright, p., 4 0 1 1 0 0 McShaffery, cf., 4 0 1 0 0 0 Mills, c., 5 1 1 8 1 2 Lodwick, 2b., 2 0 0 3 3 0 Gillett, ss., 4 0 0 0 5 2 Smith, lb., 4 0 2 12 0 0

Totals, 37 4 9 26 15 6

Sharon, A. B. B. H. P. O. A. E. Chatfield, cf., 5 4 2 2 2 1 Stotler, 2b., 5 2 3 6 0 1 Brown, c., 5 0 1 7 3 0 Case, lb., 5 0 2 8 0 0 Dunn, ss., 5 1 3 1 4 0 Hatch, 3b., 5 1 2 1 3 2 Barnes, p., 5 0 1 0 1 0 McNamara, lf., 5 0 1 1 2 0 Johnson, rf., 5 1 2 1 0 0

Totals, 45 9 17 27 15 4

*Hit by batted ball.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Sharon 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 4

Akron 0 0 2 0 1 0 3 1 2 9

Earned runs—Akron 2, Sharon 4;

left on bases—Akron 2, Sharon 7;

first on balls—off Wright 1, off Barnes 1; struck out—by Wright 6;

by Barnes 7; two base hits—McShaffery, Mills, Smith Johnson; sacrifice hits—Wright 2, Lodwick 1;

Brown 2; Stolen bases—Chatfield 3, Stotler 2, Brown, Hatch, McNamara, Johnson; hit by pitcher—Lodwick;

passed balls—Brown 1, Mills 1; un-
put—Grimley.

Captain Dyson Accepts.

The bankers of the city, through their representative, Captain Thomas Dyson, have signified their willingness to meet the invincible reporters on the Buchtel college grounds next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Gen. M. W. Hoye has been selected as the referee. He promises to put himself on the rules of the game (base ball). It has been decided by both teams that in case of doubt over a decision the umpire is to be mobbed. Small boys will be barred from the grounds unless they promise to root for the newspaper hustlers.

Golf Club Championship.

Eight men have qualified for the spring championship series of the Portage Golf club. Those who will play are Messrs. Hardy, Ed Miller, George A. Barnes, L. C. Miles, Herman Barnes, A. H. Marks, C. C. Goodrich, J. H. McCrum. During this week and next Saturday these will play off to decide the championship.

K. A. C.'s Challenge.

The K. A. C.'s challenge any team made up of players under 15 years of age for a game of base ball.

GOOD WELL—J. R. Nutt, of this city, is interested in an oil well at Scio which is producing 90 barrels per day.

PERSONAL.

Miss Maude Porter of Wayne county is the guest of Miss Leola M. Immler of South College st.

A farewell social will be given to the missionary, Miss Mary C. Hollowell, on Tuesday evening by the young people of the First German Reformed church in the basement of the church to which all friends of the mission are kindly invited.

C. Fred Pickton, who is attending college at Cleveland, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pickton of North Union st.

Miss Katie Mornin of Doylestown is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ross Cline of West Market st.

Rev. W. H. Brightmire will leave for Morrisport, Pa., Wednesday to attend the Pittsburg conference of the Evangelical church. He will be gone 10 days. While absent Rev. Brightmire will lecture every evening and preach on Sunday.

J. A. Considine and sister Mrs. P. H. Garrard, left for Fredonia, Pa., Sunday morning, called there by the death of their aunt, Mrs. G. W. Considine.

E. H. De la Court, the DEMOCRAT'S advertising manager, is visiting his father at Cincinnati.

H. B. Tilton and family of Helena, Montana, are guests of Mr. Tilton's brother, W. A. Tilton, manager of the Buchtel hotel.

Mrs. C. L. Benjamin and children of Denison, Texas, are visiting at the home of her sister, Miss Miranda Baldwin of 300 Bowery st.

Mrs. A. Philion leaves tomorrow for Columbus, Springfield and Dayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott and Miss Bertha Brenizer of Cincinnati, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jacob I. Brenizer, of East Buchtel ave.

West C. West and wife, formerly with West & Hale's book store, now of Xenia, are visiting their numerous friends here.

Louis Morris, of Chicago, visited his father-in-law, H. W. Moss, over Sunday.

The Akron Hebrew Congregation Sabbath school, will picnic tomorrow at Silver lake.

Officer Sherman France, now at Mt. Clemens, Mich., being treated for rheumatism, writes Chief of Police, H. H. Harrison that he is recovering rapidly.

Rabbi S. E. Philo will leave Tuesday, for Philadelphia, Atlantic City and New York, to spend his summer vacation. He will not return until September.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Toby of Cleveland, are the guests of Mrs. Toby's parents, Justice and Mrs. J. R. Campbell.

Bert Polsky of Culver Military academy at Culver, Ind., is home for his summer vacation.

Mrs. Oliver Harter of Loyal Oak, and Mrs. John Harter of Johnson's Corners, spent Sunday with Akron relatives.

The members of the German Independent Order of the Red Cross held a very pleasant outing at Voris farm Sunday.

W. E. King, who, during the absence of K. L. Russell, was operator at the Erie passenger depot, has returned to his post at Hill's Tower, near Kent. The regular operator, Mr. Russell, accompanied by his wife, returned home Friday evening from visiting relatives in this State, Indiana and Illinois. They were absent about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, at their home on West Exchange st., very pleasantly entertained about 30 of their friends Sunday afternoon. Strawberries and other light refreshments were served.

Gilbride-Kearns.

At the St. Vincent de Paul's church Bernard Gilbride and Miss Bessie Kearns, both of this city, were united in marriage this morning by Rev. Father T. F. Mahar.

Breiner-Berrodin.

Miss Jennie Berrodin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Berrodin of South High st., was united in marriage to Wm. J. Breiner, a mail carrier, by Rev. Father J. B. Brown, at St. Bernard's church Monday morning at 8 o'clock at high mass. Will Fogarty and Miss Louisa Berrodin acted as groomsmen and bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Breiner left at 9:45 over the Erie for Cincinnati on a wedding trip. They will return in a week and make their home on Sumner st.

Tuesday morning Henry J. Berrodin, a brother of the bride, and Miss Frances M. Loser will be married by Father Brown.

THROWN OUT

School Teacher's Serious Injury In a Runaway.

A horse driven by E. E. Adair superintendent of the Doylestown schools, became frightened Saturday at a traction engine. In trying to control it Mr. Adair was thrown to the ground, breaking his right arm above the elbow.

DEWEY'S COUSINS.

Many Relatives of the Admiral In This County.

A special to the Enquirer contains a list of the Ohio relatives of Admiral Dewey. From this it is learned that Summit county has the honor of being the home of some of the Dewey family.

The special says: "All through the counties of Ash-tabula, Geauga, Lake and Summit are Deweys galore.

"Aaron Dewey settled at Cherry Valley, Ash-tabula county, early in the century, and a daughter, Lydia Dewey Horr, is still living in Cleveland at the age of 87. Rev. Nathan Lyons Dewey, who died recently in Rochester, Ind., was from the Western Reserve, and Oliver Dewey, once postmaster at Cuyahoga Falls, was a near cousin of the hero. In Akron lives Harrison Dewey Farnham and sister Fanny Farnham, their mother being born Dewey.

"Wm. Harrison Dewey was treasurer of Summit county, and his descendants are scattered in the West."

TWO BROTHERS

Will in the Near Future Marry Two Sisters.

At the St. Vincent de Paul's church Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. T. F. Mahar, gave first publication of the bans for the marriage of Charles Collene of Cleveland to Miss Alice O'Donnell of this city. First publication of the bans for the marriage of Wm. Collene and Miss Mary O'Donnell both of this city, was given at St. Mary's church Sunday morning by Rev. Francis T. Moran. The prospective grooms are brothers and the brides-to-be are sisters.

Father Mahar on Sunday morning also gave first publication of the bans for the marriage of Wm. H. McGreevy and Miss Annie Kennedy, both of this city.

WOMAN ARRAIGNED

On Charge of Secreting Mortgaged Property—Police Court.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oberlin, of 105 Water st., was arraigned in police court Monday morning on the charge of secreting mortgaged property for the purpose of defrauding the mortgagee, John R. Carlyon, 224 Wabash ave. She pleaded not guilty and the case was set for Wednesday.

The mortgaged property was given to secure a \$60 loan made last July.

Timothy Reason and John M. McCormick, drunks, \$2 and costs.

SECTION HANDS

Strike For Higher Wages at Tallmadge and Wadsworth.

Quite a number of Erie section hands at Tallmadge and Wadsworth are out on a strike. They demand higher wages, and claim that they will not return to work until the company accedes to their demands.

CARS RUNNING

Under the Direction of Police—Cleveland Strike.

The strike situation at Cleveland remains unchanged. The Big Consolidated has been running a few cars today under the protection of the police.

The positions of the strikers are gradually being filled with new men, imported from outside cities. Great mobs have formed on the streets and threatened to create trouble. So far no one has been injured.

NEW SALOON—Joseph Knecht has opened a saloon in the Fuchs block, North Howard st.

SPECIAL NOTICE

I wish to announce that I have opened the Meat Market

AT No. 222 East Market St. (MY OLD STAND)

Where will be kept at all times the very best of MEATS, FISH, OYSTERS, GAME and POULTRY.

I respectfully solicit your patronage. Tel. 629. PHIL. SCHLINGMAN

JUSTICES' COURT.

Frenchman Fined For Kicking His Daughter.

Weiner Bros. Kicking Horse Loses Them a Damage Suit.

Louis Tontier, a Frenchman of 713 S. Main, who mixed himself up with some bad liquor Saturday, fell out with his daughter-in-law, Ella Carr, and kicked her out of his house, was arrested for the offense, arraigned in Justice Campbell's court Monday morning and fined \$1 and costs.

The case of W. F. Theiss vs. Weiner Bros. to collect damage for injuries inflicted by the famous kicking horse was tried by jury in Justice Hard's court Monday forenoon. Theiss was awarded \$37 damages. The jury was composed of Messrs. A. A. Koplun, H. P. Gregory, John H. Christy, A. T. Durant, John Wolf and S. M. Burnham.

Adam Breiner, guardian of four of John Wilhelm's children, brought suit against their father on a charge of non-support. The case was settled in Justice Campbell's court Saturday evening, and hereafter Wilhelm will pay \$10 a month for the support of his children.

HUNG HIMSELF.

Stephen Houser Took His Own Life.

He Was In Feeble Health and of Unsound Mind.