

## DECISION FAVORS SCHOOL BOARD

Judge N. H. McClure rendered a decision Tuesday in the case of David Dutt vs. The Board of Education of Wadsworth township school district. The suit was prosecuted by Dutt for himself and other taxpayers of Wadsworth township school district against the Board of Education, praying for an injunction to restrain defendant from the alleged illegal expenditure of public money; an illegal change of the school system of Wadsworth township and the illegal establishment of a centralized school, without the submission of the question of centralization to a vote of the qualified electors of said township school district. The court decided adversely to the plaintiff, explaining in a very cogent and able way the law governing the rights of the Board of Education in matters such as were at issue, and dismissed the suit. This decision will doubtless have considerable influence on school affairs in Medina county and, in fact, in all parts of Ohio, as it affirms the right of boards of education to close any or all schools of their district even in the face of an adverse vote on centralization.

It is the evident intention of the law to put the control of the public schools up to the board of education, just as law making is the duty of the legislature. In fact, it seems to be the belief of Ohio solons that education is something which requires that some one shall have authority to make decisions in times of necessity.

## FORMER MEDINIAN NAMED TRUNK LINE

How did the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad get its popular sobriquet the "Nickel Plate"?

"This question has been the subject of a score of tales, each with more or less foundation in fact," says the Plain Dealer. There were those in years gone by who had never seen the line but had heard of it, believed the handrails on its car platforms were nicked and then there were those who said the rails were nickel plated. Many of the stories had connection with the line were absurd.

As a matter of fact a former Medina man was responsible for the now famous trade name of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, and his name was Phinney R. Loomis.

Mr. Loomis came to Medina from Lodi, and for some time was associated with Capt. Greene of the Gazette. Also he represented this county in the General Assembly for one term in the '80's.

Later he went to Norwalk and purchased the Chronicle. It was about this time that the building of the "Nickel Plate" was started and there was considerable rivalry between Norwalk, Bellevue and New London in their efforts to induce the projectors of the road to construct the line through one of these cities.

In its issue of April 14, 1881, the Norwalk Chronicle, in speaking of the road, its glittering prospects, the possibilities of trade opened up in cities through which the line would operate, together with the so-called gilt-edged financial backing, characterized it as the "Nickel Plate" road, the term being used as expressive of the bright and substantial attributes of the enterprise.

From that time on the sobriquet was used in newspapers until in an abbreviated form it has become the accepted and popular sobriquet of a great line.

Officials of the road realized the value of a trade name and adopted it. The words "Nickel Plate" began to appear on all of the advertising and time tables. The size of the nick name was enlarged until it reached its present form. Today the person glancing over literature published by the company always sees the words "Nickel Plate" before he sees the real name of the road.

In appreciation of Mr. Loomis' service in supplying, even though unwittingly, so valuable a sobriquet for their line, the officials presented him with a life pass over the entire N. Y. P. & O. system.

Mr. Loomis died only a few years ago.

## SATURDAY'S MATINEE

Farmers were so busy Saturday that only nine horses took part in the matinee and but few people saw the races. The following is the summary:

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| 1st event—Pace:            |       |
| Hal G., Gerberich          | 1 1   |
| Daisy L., Law              | 2 2   |
| Time 2:44, 2:42.           |       |
| 2nd event—Pace:            |       |
| Fred Balrow, McDowell      | 1 3 2 |
| Norris H., Hange           | 3 2 1 |
| Dan Direct, Bowman         | 2 1 8 |
| Time 2:20, 2:21 1/4, 2:24. |       |
| 3rd event—Trot:            |       |
| Tarzan, Case               | 2 1 1 |
| Elane Mac, Brooks          | 1 2 2 |
| Time, 2:33, 2:25, 2:30.    |       |
| 4th event—Pace:            |       |
| Halle B., Wightman         | 2 1 1 |
| Sidney, Johns              | 1 2 2 |
| Time 2:37 1/2, 2:38, 2:40. |       |

The next matinee will be held tomorrow afternoon.

## Valley City Grocer Assaulted

Upon the complaint of Chris. Kaiser, grocer of Valley City, A. W. Fitzgerald was arrested Tuesday by Constable A. C. Bennett and haled before Justice D. J. Dolamore, charged with making a menacing threat with a razor at Kaiser and with using obscene language to him in his place of business.

According to Kaiser, Fitzgerald entered the former's store and asked him to give him some crackers, stating that he was without money to pay for them. Kaiser replied that he had no time to fool with him, whereupon it is alleged Fitzgerald launched into a tirade of abuse and made the alleged threat of personal violence.

Justice Dolamore bound Fitzgerald over to the Common Pleas court and in default of a bond of \$200 he was brought to Medina and lodged in the county jail.

In Fitzgerald's encounter with Mr. Kaiser the former received some telling blows in the face, traces of which are still plainly in evidence.

## WILL SELL BIRD B. FOR RIGHT PRICE

One of the biggest horse deals of the half-mile racing season was hanging fire Thursday as the half-mile meet opened at North Randall track.

This involved the fast little roan mare Bird B., the sensational winner of stakes at Cranwood and Rockport tracks, once sold for a song because her former owners believed nobody could handle her.

Her present owner, John Blackwood of Orrville, acknowledges that he has been asked to name a price for her and is expecting that a satisfactory figure will be offered.

"I love that game little mare, but I have a couple of other likely young colts back home that I expect to develop into winners, so I'm willing to give her up if I'm offered what she's worth and I expect the deal will be closed before I leave North Randall." He wouldn't say who is the prospective purchaser.

Bird B. and Billy Brina, a bay stallion from Canada, divided honors as favorites for the 2:20 pacing stake at Randall Friday, with Red Mike, a chestnut gelding from Akron, and Wilbur S., owned by Curt Gosnell, well touted.

Bird B. lost first place in the 2:20 pace yesterday to Billy Brina, the latter winning in straight heats, with Bird B. trailing second; time, 2:07 1/2, 2:08 1/4 and 2:09 1/4.

## GETS EXTENSION SCHOOL

Word has just been received from the Ohio State University at Columbus that the petition for an Agricultural Extension school to be held in Creston next winter has been granted. The date of this meeting is February 23 to March 3. Separate sessions will be held for men and women. The subject discussed in the men's sessions will be crops, soils, and animal husbandry.

Home Economics will be discussed and demonstrated for the women. About a month before the Extension school is held the supervisor of Extension schools or his representative will meet with the farmers and women interested and assist in making plans for the school. Extension schools last an entire week and five speakers are sent from the Ohio State University.

## BAND CONCERT PROGRAM

The following program is announced by the director of the Medina band for the concert Saturday evening in the park pavilion:

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| March—Majestic                                      | Loys      |
| Overture—Orvion                                     | Baxter    |
| Waltz—June  | Donizetti |
| Selection—Lucretia Borgia                           | McFall    |
| Serenade—Beauty Dreams                              | McFall    |
| March—Selected                                      |           |
| Grand Selection—Maritana                            | Flotow    |
| (Introducing "In Happy Moments" by Mr. Fred Bohley) |           |

(a) Loin du Bal Gillet  
(b) Hungarian Dance, No. 5 Brahms  
Star Spangled Banner

## CHECK POTATO BLIGHT

A. D. Selby, botanist at the state experiment station, Wooster, issued a warning to potato growers in northern Ohio relative to danger from potato blight affecting the late crop, evidence of which has been found in Wayne county.

This blight caused heavy damage in Ohio in 1909 and has now broken out in epidemic form, Prof. Selby said. "This blight can wipe out a crop of potatoes in two weeks," the botanist stated. "The only remedy is spraying two or three times a week with a strong Bordeaux mixture."

## APPOINTED ON MERIT

Medina friends of Orlan F. Baughman, former graduate of the Medina high school, but for several years has been a resident of Cleveland, was recently appointed sales manager of the Winton Automobile Co. of that city. Mr. Baughman has been connected with the sales department of the Winton company since 1903, and his appointment represents merited recognition of excellent work.

Mr. Baughman was raised at Poe and is a brother of Mrs. W. J. Wall of Medina.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Myron W. Davis and Susie M. Stoner, both of Wadsworth. Hans A. Hohmann of Cleveland and Marguerite Nugent of Medina. Thomas Ferriman, Jr., and LaVerne Miller, both of Medina.

## WORK OF THE COUNTY BUDGET

Last year's Budget Commission was composed of the county auditor, the mayor of the largest municipality and the president of the school board from that district having the largest municipality. On April 27, 1915, the legislature passed H. B. No. 342, providing that the members hereafter shall be the county auditor, the county treasurer and the prosecuting attorney.

These members convened last week and are still at work on the various budgets. The commission has passed on a number of budgets already, but pending a further conference with some of the local taxing authorities, the commission was holding up, at the time we went to press, the following budgets, viz: the county; Wadsworth school district; Wadsworth township; Wadsworth village school district; Wadsworth village, Harrisville township; Brunswick township; Westfield school district; Leroy village school district; Seville village school district; Seville village and York special school district.

The tax laws impose certain restrictions on the taxing power of local township boards. Maximum limits are prescribed as follows: county, 3 mills; municipal corporation, 5 mills; township, 2 mills; school district, 5 mills. There is an interior limitation on levies for ordinary purposes of 10 mills and a total maximum limit for all purposes of 15 mills. No rate can exceed 15 mills except for (1) State Highway Improvement Fund; (2) 1913 Flood Emergencies; (3) or certain other emergencies provided for in Section 5649-4 G. C. of Ohio. No levy in excess of 15 mills can be authorized by vote.

The work of the County Budget Commission hasn't progressed far enough as yet to accurately forecast what our taxes will be this year. In a number of cases, however, they will be higher than a year ago. This is true in spite of the fact that the Budget Commission has used the "ax" on many amounts asked for by the various township and school districts. The people have voted to bond many townships for improved roads, and taxes to meet such indebtedness make necessary a raise in the tax levy. In such cases, the Budget Commission has no choice but to allow what is asked for, since the obligations must be met, and the people have expressed their consent thereto at the polls. Again, increased efficiency in the schools means increased cost of operation and a need for more taxes. And on this point it is a source of pride to the county that good schools are demanded and that the taxpayers stand ready to pay for same.

The village budgets in Medina and Wadsworth have been hard ones to handle. Demands in both cases exceed what the Budget Commission can legally allow under the limitations imposed by law. Mayor Randall, City Solicitor Seymour and City Clerk McNeal saw their dreams go glimmering this week when they appeared before the Budget Commission only to see their budget cut some \$1500. Mayor Boyer and City Clerk Hiers of Wadsworth met a similar fate before the larger cut, amounting to over \$3000. The officers in both villages say the people are demanding improvements far above the amount of money available for same. The school budgets in both villages will both be given large cuts.

The Medina village Board of Education has a deficit already, the burden of which is being carried by local banks and yet faces this year the possibility of a still larger deficit next year. The Budget Commission "ax" brings tears to Supt. Edmund's eyes every time he thinks thereof and you will probably find him teaching the coming year free of charge and without salary, nit!

The work of the Budget Commission will not be completed for some time. Next Monday the county levy will be fixed, at which time the county commissioners will be given their hearing.

## LOSES FAT JOB

Cleveland papers of Tuesday morning announced the discharge Monday of A. J. Miller from the position of State Insurance Examiner by State Insurance Commissioner Frank Taggart, on the ground that he had been acting as the agent of an insurance company while in the department service and while engaged in examining insurance companies for the state.

E. V. Moore of Sidney, assistant examiner, was discharged on the ground of inattention to work. Both men had taken competitive civil service examinations for their appointments.

Mr. Miller resided in Valley City until his appointment a year ago by Gov. Cox to the position from which he has just been removed and is well known throughout the county.

## FERRIMAN-MILLER

The many friends and acquaintances of Thomas Ferriman, Jr., will be surprised to hear that he was married last Monday evening, August 16, to Miss La Verne Miller, the Rev. E. Watson performing the ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Richards. The happy young couple will reside for the present with the groom's parents on East Liberty street.

## PROFIT IN STATE'S FARMS

The state of Ohio will harvest crops worth nearly half of a million dollars from the cultivated acres of the farms at the various state institutions, reports State Farmer Charles McIntyre. On the crop there will be a clear profit of over \$150,000.

## WHAT BOY WILL GO TO STATE FAIR FREE?

The Board of Agriculture of Ohio offers a Free Trip to 176 Farm Boys to the Ohio State Fair in order to promulgate the educational value inherent in improved Agriculture.

Two boys from each county will receive a free trip to the Ohio State Fair. Railroad fare and sustenance while at the fair will be paid by the Board of Agriculture of Ohio. These two boys will be selected from those entered in either the Corn Growing, Apple Growing, Potato Growing, Pig Feeding, Pea Growing and Live Stock Judging Contests. Also, the Boy Champion Speller from each county, who attended the State Spelling Contest, may compete.

A list of boys entered in these contests will be sent to the County School Superintendents.

No boy who won the State Fair trip in former years will be eligible in 1915.

Selection of the two boys will be made Saturday, August 21, at 10:00 a. m., at the Court House in each county. The County School Superintendent or some person designated by him, will have charge of the meeting and act as chairman.

Application must be in hands of the County School Superintendent on or before August 21, 1915, and a copy of the application sent by the County Bureau of Junior Contests, Board of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio, on or before the same date.

Each boy must make out his own application, giving full name, age and address including township and county, name and address of parent or guardian, reason why he desires to attend the Ohio State Fair, and say that he will comply with all the requirements.

The delegates will meet at the county court house, August 21, 1915, at 10 a. m.

The County School Superintendent, or some person designated by him, will act as chairman. Delegates present shall select a Secretary and proceed to elect the boys to receive the Free Trip to the Ohio State Fair, each delegate present to have one vote. No proxies. Only one vote for each person.

After the election is made two alternates must be elected in the same manner and designated as first and second alternates, who will be given a Free Trip to the Ohio State Fair in case either of the boys elected are unable to go.

Boys elected must receive a majority of all votes cast.

Voting must be done by written ballot. On each ballot after the tenth the last candidate will be dropped until a boy has received a majority of all votes cast.

No person connected with the Board of Agriculture of Ohio or the county school superintendent is eligible to cast a vote in the election of the boys.

The Secretary of the meeting must forward, at once, the names and addresses of the boys elected, to Chief Clerk, Bureau of Junior Contests, Board of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio. Names and addresses of alternates should also be forwarded.

Meeting of delegates to be held at a place designated by the County School Superintendent, or some person selected by him, who will act as chairman. The first business will be the election of a secretary of the meeting.

Reading by Secretary of names of boys asking for free trip. Remarks by friends of the boys in behalf of any candidate, limited to three minutes.

Boys may appear before the delegates, and if they so desire make a three minute speech, after which the delegates will proceed to elect by ballot.

After the election a certificate should be issued to the boys selected, including alternates, certifying that they have been duly elected, and a duplicate certificate mailed to Chief Clerk, Bureau of Junior Contests, Board of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio, immediately after the meeting.

Certificates are to be furnished by the Board of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.

In case the boy elected for Free Trip can not go he should at once notify the alternate, and also send a telegram to Columbus at the State Board's expense.

## MRS. G. A. STOW CALLED BY DEATH

In the death of Mrs. Georgiana A. Stow, which occurred at her home, 329 North Court street, early Monday morning, there passed from life one more of Medina's veteran and respected women. Mrs. Stow had been in failing health for a long time, and her death therefore was not wholly unexpected by her family and near friends.

The deceased was born in Brunswick, April 15, 1841, and was the last member of her father's, William Root's family. She was married to Jonathan D. Stow in 1860, to which union were born the following children, all of whom survive: Ernest D. Stow of Cleveland, Elizabeth and Catherine (Mrs. Roy Oatman) of Medina. The husband died about thirty years ago. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Stow removed to Medina, where the deceased has resided ever since.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock eastern time. Rev. H. S. Fritsch of the Congregational church officiating. Burial was made in Spring Grove cemetery beside that of the husband.

## Must Pay for New Law Books

County Auditor Garver has received from Columbus a letter informing him that a copy of the last Ohio laws, volume 106, bound in one book, have been forwarded to him for distribution.

The letter instructs the auditor to give to each official who is entitled a free copy, one book. The remainder of the books are to be turned over to the clerk of courts, who is instructed to sell them to attorneys and others who wish to have a copy, charging 40c for each book. The money is to be turned over to the county treasurer.

Heretofore these books have been given free to attorneys and others who wished a copy of the laws enacted by the state legislature at 25 cents each, but this year those wishing a copy will have to pay the county clerk 40 cents. Those who are entitled to a free copy are the judge, clerk of the courts and justices of the peace.

## ANOTHER SILVER MEDAL CONTEST

Another Silver Medal Contest will be given by the W. C. T. U. at the M. E. church next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, eastern, in which the following persons are contestants: Oratorical—Nina Shaw, LeOma Woolley, Pearl Webber, Helen Clark, Valencia Orton, Miss E. A. Haas.

Musical—Grace Hartman, Edith Crofoot, Ruth Turner, Ruth Abbott, Anna Bigelow, Mettadel Green, Leo Bartunek.

Following is the program: Organ Prelude John Beck  
Invocation Rev. Haas  
"Whispering Wind" Wollenhaupt  
"Gilbert Allison Hears a Voice" Kolling  
"Hungary" Bartlett

"The Bridal Wine Cup" Wachs  
"Grand Polka De Concert" Merkel  
"The Maniac Wife" Selected  
"The Rose and Butterfly" Nevin  
"Butterflies" Selected  
"The Shoemakers Little White Shoes" Selected  
"Shepherds All and Maidens Fair" Nevin

Decision of judges. Talk by Mrs. Woods of Wadsworth. Presentation of Medals. Benediction Rev. Haas.

The contest will be under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Hartzog.

## PROBATE

Land sale found necessary in the guardianship of Richard and George Jones, and order of appraisement issued. Appraisers: Dewitt Wise, Odell Steiner and Asher Cole.

Will of Frank C. Ritter admitted to probate.

First and final account filed in estate of Susan A. Mason.

Affidavit filed alleging that Antoinette M. Martin is insane. Hearing had patient adjudged to be insane and committed to Massillon State Hospital.

F. L. Harding, W. E. Griesinger and D. C. Shepard appointed appraisers of the estate of Thos Gower.

E. P. Kressley appointed administrator of the estate of Alfred M. Kindig. Bond \$400. Appraisers: Harvey Coolman, F. S. Overholt and M. C. Lytle.

The following accounts set for hearing on Sept. 11 and ordered published. Estates of Annetta Repp, Jemina Averill, Wm. Bowman, Gotlob Muntz, Eliza Steigerwalt, Susan A. Mason, Issiah Dennis; guardianships of Beulah Woods, Alfred M. Kindig, J. Ashley Stearns.

## ADD MARRIAGES

John A. Woods of Cleveland and Mary M. Dolamore of Liverpool township.

Application made by Etta Green of Medina for a mother's pension for two children.

## NEW AUTOMOBILE LAWS

If you sell your automobile and buy a new one, it is necessary for you to pay a fine of one dollar and notify the Secretary of State of the transaction. The owner of your old car must obtain a new license for it. These are the provisions of a bill which was passed by the Ohio legislature during its last session. Copies of the new law will not be sent to all automobile owners but only to dealers. Notice to this effect has just been received from Secretary of State C. Q. Hildebrand. Another law relating to automobiles, which was passed by the last legislature, provides that a person is liable to arrest if the manufacturer's serial number on the car he is driving has been removed or defaced. This measure aims to prevent thieves from trying to hide the identity of a car.

## CRESTON'S OLD-TIMER BACK

Creston had a sensation Monday night it hadn't experienced for a week or more—another burglary of the usual minor order.

This time a slaughter house—Schlagel's—was broken into and all of the brass on the engine and other machinery and the scales was torn off and carried away—about \$25 worth in all.

The thieves escaped to the railroad and got away.

## FOOT BALL NOTICE

Coch Miller desires to meet all candidates for the football team of Medina high school, Monday, Aug. 22, at 7 p. m., eastern time.

## LICENSE COMM'R CAMPAIGN SECRET

A meeting held at Lodi Monday night between Medina county officials and two from Ashland concerning the election of liquor license commissioners, resulted in much secrecy, although no definite action was taken.

It seems that officials from Medina, Lorain and Ashland county are pretty well lined up in regard to the probable lucky ones; as Medina county will undoubtedly hand the Democratic commissioner to Lorain county, much against their wishes, and give the Republican member to Medina county, allowing the two members to choose their own clerk, who will be from Ashland county.

This plan seems to meet with the majority favor and the election of Mr. Gerlach, Democrat, of Lorain, also seems to be an assured fact. So far, so good.

The election of a Republican commissioner from Medina county is causing more trouble. The foremost candidate seems to be Mr. M. A. Franks of Chatham, at present license commissioner of this county.

Mr. Franks is no doubt qualified to fill the office, but the fact that Mr. Franks has a brother connected with the Wm. Edwards' Co. of Cleveland and that the Wm. Edwards' Co. are wholesale dealers in wines and liquors, with the hundred and some odd saloons in Lorain county in their immediate territory, seems to stick in the crops of some of those who have a vote. No one suggests that Mr. Franks would be guilty of anything pertaining to graft, but they feel that a Republican without any possible strings attached should be elected, and rightly so.

It remains to be seen what will be done, as the successful ones take office September 9.

## COUNCIL MEETS WITH R. R. SUPT.

Council was in special session Tuesday night for a conference with Division Superintendent Tatum of the Southwestern concerning the style of paving to be laid between the company's tracks on West Liberty street.

At a previous meeting of council it had been decided to pave in the usual convex way, but Tatum asks that the company be permitted to lay it concave, a pattern being employed recently in Cleveland and which, according to Superintendent Tatum, is regarded as an improvement over the former way. The argument set forth is that with the convex pave, water seeks a level underneath the rails and in a short time works considerable damage to them, whereas, with the concave pave, which is only a slight dip, the water is withheld from the rails and allowed to run off through the channel made by the depression. The council and mayor decided to go to Cleveland Friday and examine the concave paves there before rendering a final decision.

Discussion was also had in the matter of the depth of the concrete base for the paving. The council have been insisting on 10 inches, while the company holds that 9 inches is ample. This question also will be decided soon. It seemed significant to council in its discussion with Tatum Tuesday night that on the company's line in the Elyria division the depth of the concrete base is 13 inches. Engineer A. D. Sheldon was in Elyria Monday for information along this line.

## Four Amendments to the Constitution

Records at the secretary of state's office show that the voters this fall will have an opportunity to vote on four proposals to amend the state constitution. The constitutional stability league has filed 175,861 signatures insuring submission of the proposal to change the constitution so as to prevent a general vote more often than once in six years on any proposed constitutional amendment.

The state organization of county officials have filed 129,539 signatures favoring an amendment extending the terms of county officers from two to four years. The Ohio Anti-Saloon league has filed 154,245 signatures on support of state-wide prohibition. The law requires that at least 113,000 signatures favoring each proposal be filed with the secretary of state. The other proposed constitutional change, favored by this year's legislative session, provides for the exemption of state, municipal and other public bonds from taxation.

## BOY SCOUTS WILL CAMP

The Boy Scouts start Saturday for their camp, near Fenns Corners, to stay the following week. All visitors will be cordially welcomed and parents who are interested in boys' work are especially urged to pay the camp a visit.

Scout-master Oids desires that all boys bring plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon along, with anything else they may wish.

## NEW CASES

Chas. A. Stebbins, doing business as Stebbins Banking Co., vs Joseph F. Haury, Mary A. Haury, The Savings Deposit Bank Co., John C. Lehman; action for equitable relief. C. D. Wightman and Price Russell, Attorneys for plaintiff.