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B. & O. DEED NEEDED SIX \$1000 STAMPS

Six one-thousand dollar revenue stamps and other smaller stamps to make a total of \$6529 was placed on a deed, a copy of which was filed in County Recorder Rice's office for record Friday afternoon.

Another deed filed at the same time by copy contained \$231.50 worth of revenue stamps.

The deeds were filed by Frank Heath, attorney for the B. & O., which company has taken over the Akron & Chicago Junction Railroad which runs through Medina and the Cleveland, Wooster & Muskingum Valley Railroad, known as the Lodi branch of the B. & O.

The necessary copies of the deeds were filed here to be recorded.

Heretofore the B. & O. has controlled these railroads, but they were operated separately and under their own names. The B. & O. is taking over all its subsidiary lines for the purpose of simplifying their operation and decreasing operating expenses. Only a nominal consideration is named in the deeds, ten dollars being the sum named in each case. However, the revenue stamps were based on a real valuation.

The B. & O. by this act is assuming a new bond issue to take up the old bond issues covering these roads, as well as other subsidiary lines operated by it.

WANT ELECTION COUNT REVIEWED

The decision of the clerks and judges and the Board of Deputy State Supervisors of Election of the vote on school centralization in Wadsworth, according to whose count the proposition lost by only a few votes, will be contested in the courts. This became evident Thursday, when Thos. M. Auble, through his attorneys, Fred O. Smoyer and F. W. Woods, filed suit against the Wadsworth township Board of Education, asking that the findings of the clerks and judges be set aside and reviewed.

The count of the ballots gave 123 votes for centralization and 127 against. Auble claims that the following men and some others voted who were not residents of the school district: Ed. Steigerwalt, Peter Becker, Ervin Wesner, L. K. Werhiser, L. C. Yoder, Henry Gehman, I. E. Gunsaulus and A. M. Overholt. That if the ballots of these men were thrown out, as according to Auble they should be, the result would be in favor of centralization.

STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS

D. W. Starchman, aged scissors-grinder, who has been a familiar figure on the streets of Medina for the past year, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis Monday afternoon while plying his trade on East Washington street, where he was picked up by Dr. Strong and removed to his room at the home of Mrs. England on West Liberty street. The whole of the unfortunate old man's right side was affected, rendering him both speechless and unconscious.

But little is known of Starchman, other than he is said to have a brother, Thomas, in Toledo. Sheriff Gehman communicated with the chief of police of Toledo Monday night, but the latter was unable to find any such person.

Tuesday afternoon Supt. Ewing removed Starchman to the county infirmary in an ambulance, where he will be tenderly cared for.

Since writing the above it has been learned that Mr. Starchman died at the infirmary Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Funeral was held at that institution this morning (Friday) at 9 o'clock, Rev. Phillip Kelsor officiating. Burial will be made in the infirmary cemetery.

FATHER RETAINS CHILD

K. C. RowLee appeared in Probate Court Tuesday morning pursuant to an order issued last week to answer to an affidavit filed by his father-in-law, J. C. Shafer, alleging neglect by the father of the latter's infant child and asking the court to remove the child from parental custody.

The case was one which drew many spectators, as such cases usually do. Prosecutor Underwood conducted the case for the state, RowLee looking after his own interests. Several witnesses, including defendant's sister-in-law, Mrs. Green, of West North street and the father-in-law, testified to specific occasions of abuse and neglect, as did Mr. Harry Wideman and wife of Lafayette road, for whom RowLee had worked up to a short time ago. The latter's testimony however, had more to do with alleged mistreatment of the child by its step-mother.

Judge Kennan did not find sufficient evidence of mistreatment or neglect to warrant taking the child from its parents. The child's own mother is dead.

LIBERTY BELL TO BE IN CLEVELAND NOV. 23

Train arrangements have been made by officials of the Pennsylvania for Clevelanders and those from neighboring towns to get a glimpse of the Liberty Bell on Tuesday, November 23. The car on which it is transported will arrive in Cleveland at 7 a. m., from Columbus, and is scheduled to leave Cleveland four hours later. The bell will be placed in Lakeview for the convenience of the public. From here the historic bell will go through Ohio, making stops at a number of cities before it is headed toward Philadelphia.

WILEY WAITE MUST SERVE SENTENCE

Wiley Waite has failed in his attempt to have the state supreme court revive his case, and must serve his sentence in the Mansfield reformatory for aiding in a criminal operation upon Margaret Hogue of Brunswick.

A. D. Metz, Waite's attorney, who had filed a motion with the supreme court asking for permission to carry the case up to that tribunal on error, received word from Columbus, Tuesday that the court, in handing down its decision, had overruled his motion. This swept away Waite's last chance to appeal from the sentence given him when found guilty in common pleas court. Had the motion been granted, the court would have heard the case on its merits.

Waite, who is now out on bond, was notified to appear in open court on Thursday of this week. Sheriff Miller of Wooster will then take him into custody and he will be taken to Mansfield reformatory within a few days to serve off his prison sentence.

Waite was found guilty in common pleas court. An appeal was made to the court of appeals, but the lower court was sustained there. Through his attorney, Waite made an attempt to have the supreme court review his case, in a last effort to stave off his prison sentence.

ROWE KILLED A BUCK

Rowe got back Tuesday night and a more contented and healthier looking being we haven't seen in a long time. Healthy because he has been back to nature; contented because he secured in the way of game, just what he set out for a few weeks ago—a big buck deer. The latter arrived in Medina just 24 hours ahead of its captor and was suspended in front of S. S. Oatman's market. When alive, it is believed to have weighed more than 200 pounds.

But any one who saw Rowe just before he went away will not be surprised. The uncanny gleam in his eye when someone mentions rod or gun, was with him as he vowed to shoot a buck before returning and there were plenty who believed him. Rowe had for a companion a veteran Micmac Indian and for a week or more traversed the woods on the west branch of the Penobscot river, above Moosehead lake. He says the season has been rather warm in Maine for deer, although he saw quite a number. He relates an experience he had with another buck, even larger than the one he sent home. The buck was partially hidden behind some undergrowth timber but within easy shooting range. Rowe blazed away and plainly heard the buck drop. As Rowe and the Indian approached, they found the animal kicking. Aware of the danger of tackling a wounded deer, the hunters sat down to wait for it to die. Finally the buck became quiet and, dressing knives in hand, the two men made for it, when, according to Rowe, the buck gave a sudden bound and whizzed past him at a gait of more than a mile a minute. Rowe says "that's one deer I got, but I didn't." He killed one fox while away and considerable of smaller game. He also circled down around Cape Cod, where he encountered many other pleasant experiences.

WORK OF BLIND SALE

While the sale of articles made by the blind at the home of Mrs. R. G. Strong last Tuesday afternoon and evening was not as large as was desired, yet a number of articles were sold, and, considering that a change in date of the sale had been made, the results were gratifying to those who had the sale in charge.

These sales are under the direction of the state. Blind people are taught to make various articles and the public are asked to purchase them so far as they can find use for such articles. There were no less than two or three trunks full of articles on sale at Mrs. Strong's home Tuesday, all work of the blind, and much of the crocheted and needlework is said to have been superior to that ordinarily produced by those who can see.

As the aim is to have at least two sales in each community a year it is probable that there will be another one in Medina next summer or fall.

STATE REPORT ON CHILD LABOR CONDITIONS ON LODI ONION FARM

The question of the employment of minors in hitherto prohibited occupations, namely, upon truck farms and special gardens, such as that conducted by the Horr-Warner company at Lodi having come to the attention of the Industrial Commission, the Attorney General gave to the Commission his opinion that the question raised should be submitted to the State Board of Health for consideration under the provisions of Section 13003 of the General Code, which provides that the State Board of Health may determine whether or not any particular trade or occupation in which the employment of minors under the age of sixteen years is not already forbidden, is sufficiently dangerous to the lives or limbs, or injurious to the health or morals, of children under sixteen years of age to justify their exclusion therefrom.

Accordingly, at the request of Dr. E. F. Campbell, Secretary and Executive Officer of the Ohio State Board of Health, an investigation was conducted by Dr. E. R. Hayhurst, Director of the Division of Industrial Hygiene, of the State Board of Health, in various localities of the state.

Following is Dr. Hayhurst's report of conditions at the Horr-Warner onion farm at Lodi, over which there has been many conflicting statements:

I visited Dr. E. L. Crum who has been located at Lodi for about ten years. In brief his evidence was to the effect that there had been heat prostrations among the workers in the fields, the last incidences occurring a year ago. Adults are more liable to heat prostrations than minors. With proper medical supervision he regarded the work as healthful for the minors employed. There was no evidence of undue prevalence of tetanus, or lockjaw. On hot days, with a certain state of dryness of the ground, there were some minor complaints of soreness of the knees of the child workers, but never anything serious. He does not believe that the typhoid fever rate among them is excessive. There is no evidence of malaria.

Dr. J. E. Waite who has practiced at Lodi for about twenty-five years, considered the work upon these farms as not detrimental to the health of normal youths and his testimony practically substantiated that of Dr. Crum.

I was taken to the field of the Horr-Warner Company at 10:30 a. m., by Dr. Crum and communicated with various representatives of that company, which controls some 1200 acres at Lodi and is the only company employing minors, with any regularity, in this vicinity. I spent the entire afternoon in the fields with the superintendent, Mr. M., who drove me about from place to place over most of the company's grounds.

The business is 27 years old in this vicinity and throughout this time it has been the custom to employ minors for weeding, for pulling onions and for topping onions and certain other work of like nature in the raising and care of vegetables. There were employed on this date 298 persons divided as follows:

Men	159
Women	28
Boys	86
Girls	25
Total	298

On "big days" a total of as many as 400 may be employed. The men work in groups by themselves, except that two boys were noted in connection with one group of men. The women work in groups by themselves. The boys work in groups by themselves under the supervision of male overseers. The girls work in groups by themselves, under the supervision of female overseers. I took the names, ages, number of seasons employed at this form of work, and the place of residence of all the boys and girls employed upon this day.

The season begins about the middle of April with weeding and continues more or less throughout the summer until September, when pulling and topping begins. The height of the weeding season appears to be June and July. The company aims to employ no children during school months who should be attending school. Today one group, numbering 17 minors, has been brought over by one of the foremen by wagon from Lafayette, a distance by road of about 8 miles. Another group is brought over similarly from Burbank, a distance of about 2 miles. This is a daily procedure. Numbers of others walk in from the vicinity for a distance of 2 miles and upwards. Usually those from near-vicinity are employed in the part of the field nearest to that vicinity.

The work day is 10 hours, starting at 6:30 a. m., (central time) to 11:30 and from 12:30 to 5:30. A lunch period of about 15 minutes is customary at about 9:30 and 3:30. In addition, a brief rest is allowed at the end of each row, or approximately ever hour. The minors work in parallel rows, the younger ones taking one row, the older ones from two to three at a time.

They are paid proportionately. An examination of the timekeeper's book for this day shows wages running from \$0.50 to \$1.10. The vast majority receive between 65c and 85c. It is customary as a matter of discipline, to dock the children from 5c to 25c, according to misdemeanors perpetrated. However, it was stated by the superintendent that very little of this was necessary. Work is not steady, in that the weather may interrupt the same, while, at other times help is required but a few days out of each week.

Shelter shacks are scattered about over the fields and appear sufficient to provide against the inclemency of summer weather. Outhouses consist of plain board privies placed over ditches, and hence without a vault or base. There are no fly screens nor privacy screens. Toilet paper is not furnished. Offal remains in dry ditches, or follows the water current in flooded ditches. The ditches are used for irrigation purposes as well as for drainage, according to requirements. The privies appear to be sufficient in number. There are no separate privies for the two sexes.

The water supply consists of drilled wells at frequent intervals throughout the field, the water brought to the surface through a continuous pipe. These wells are located along the ditches and without regard to the location of privies. The water is said to have been examined on one or two occasions and to have been found pure and safe for drinking purposes. In one instance a well was found to be located within thirty feet of a privy over a ditch flooded with water, which ditch passed within two or three feet of the well. Likelihood of contamination of the drinking water supply would appear to depend largely upon the impervious character of the piping up to the pump. The pumps sometimes require priming and there is danger that persons may use the ditch water for the same.

The ground on this day was damp. At other times it is said to be very dry and dusty, (particularly was it so earlier in this season.)

First aid provisions are very meagre, although accidents are doubtless very few. At the shipping center, Garden Isle Mr. M., who is an ex-veterinary surgeon, keeps on hand some disinfectants and dressings. He provides olive oil and carbolic acid for sore knees. He maintains that personal uncleanness is largely responsible for this condition. Outside of the wells, there are no provisions for bathing, but children are encouraged to go swimming in a creek which neighbors one part of the field. A considerable number of children belong to families who live on the grounds in yellow-painted, one and one-half story frame buildings provided by the company. These buildings are sufficient protection for the summer season, but unfortunately are very insufficiently provided with windows and, therefore,

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AMPUTATION NOT NECESSARY.

Matt Reddy, who was shot Friday night, Oct. 29 by Julius Vittel while attempting to burglarize the latter's home on South Huntington street, will not have to have his wrist amputated, as it was thought would be necessary when he was removed to a Cleveland hospital for treatment. He will be released from the hospital in a few days.

County Commissioners are wondering if the hospital officials will attempt to collect settlement from this county, inasmuch as Reddy is a resident of Solon, Cuyahoga county. Neither is Reddy subject to arrest as he was shot before he had committed any offense.

Prosecuting Attorney Underwood and Supt. Ewing of the infirmary have been in communication with Reddy's parents in Solon and the latter repudiate the son, declaring him to be a worthless fellow.

ELECTION PLAYS ANOTHER PRANK

Nine ballots that were thrown out of count at the recent election in LeRoy deprived C. C. Cheeny of the mayoralty of that village, at least so he claims by a petition filed through his attorney, Arthur Van Epp, in probate court late Thursday afternoon. According to the election judges in LeRoy, E. J. Edwards was elected mayor by a vote of 21 to 26. There were nine ballots thrown out that bore the name of Cheeny, because the voters had neglected to place an X before the name. The statutes state clearly that no ballot shall be declared illegal unless the judges find it impossible to determine the intention of the voter. As we are informed, the probate judge is required to appoint three disinterested persons to examine and recount the ballots in open court, after which a decision will be rendered as to who is entitled to the office.

POTATO AND TOMATO CONTEST SATURDAY

Saturday, November 13, at 1:30 central time, in the high school building, there will be an exhibition by the boys and girls who have been growing potatoes and tomatoes in the Potato and Tomato clubs.

Each boy in the potato contest will exhibit a half-bushel basket of his best potatoes and each girl will show three cans of tomatoes which she has put up.

Mr. D. C. Babcock from the Experiment Station at Wooster will give a talk on the "Diseases of the Potato."

The public is invited to attend the exhibition and hear the lecturer.

P. U. VALUATIONS SHOW MANY GAINS

Valuations of the various public utilities corporations in Medina county for 1915 have just been completed by Tax Commissioner Lowrie and in comparison with 1914 figures as given below it will be noted that gains are shown in Electric and Gas companies in nearly all cases:

Buckeye Pipe Line—1914, \$1,150,700; 1915, \$1,148,910; loss, \$1,790.
Ohio Fuel Supply Co.—1915, \$129,650; 1914, \$110,900; gain, \$18,750.
Medina Gas & Fuel Co.—1915, \$176,250; 1914, \$126,490; gain, \$49,760.
Lodi Electric Co.—1915, \$7,870; 1914, \$6,000; gain, \$1,870.
Logan Gas Co.—1915, \$355,080; 1914, \$351,260; gain, \$3,820.
East Ohio Gas Co.—1915, \$40,960; 1914, \$40,670; gain, \$290.
Wadsworth Electric Co.—1915, \$95,760; 1914, \$75,000; gain, \$20,760.
Medina Electric Co.—1915, \$29,950; 1914, \$25,950; gain, \$4,000.
Northern Ohio Fuel & Light Co.—1915, \$115,400; 1914, \$185,700; gain, \$9,700.

Railroads

W. & L. E.—1914, \$1,072,050; 1915, \$1,038,920; loss, \$33,130.
N. Y. P. & O. (Silver Creek)—1914, \$25,680; 1915, \$25,240; loss, \$440.
Same (main line)—1915, \$772,030; 1914, \$450,180; gain, \$221,850.
Northern Ohio—1914, \$268,290; 1915, \$266,990; loss, \$1,300.
Cleveland, Wooster & Muskingum Valley—1914, \$27,070; 1915, \$27,030; loss, \$40.
C. L. & W.—1914, \$2,386,360; 1915, \$2,346,990; loss, \$39,370.
Akron & Chicago Junction—1915, \$2,494,080; 1914, \$2,470,710; gain, \$23,360.
Cleveland, Southwestern & Columbus—1915, \$774,680; 1914, \$753,860; gain, \$20,820.
Telegraph and Telephone Companies
Central Union—1914, \$32,490; 1915, \$20,120; loss, \$12,370.
Brunswick Tel. Co.—1914, \$20,870; 1915, \$18,830; loss, \$2,040.
Medina Tel.—1914, \$57,600; 1915, \$55,000; loss, \$1,500.
Chatham Farmers Mutual—\$7,000 both years.

Medina Co. Farmers—1915, \$21,290; 1914, \$20,930; gain, \$360.
Doylestown Tel. Co.—1914, \$180; 1915, \$170; loss, \$10.
Spencer Tel. Co.—1914, \$6,055; 1915, \$6,000; loss, \$55.
Elyria Tel. Co.—1915, \$420; 1914, \$410; gain, \$10.
Starr Tel. Co.—1914, \$106,340; 1915, \$102,780; loss, \$3,560.
W. Richfield Tel.—1914, \$2,350; 1915, \$2,190; loss, \$160.
Wellington Tel. Co.—1914, \$640; 1915, \$480; loss, \$160.
Ohio State Tel.—1915, \$79,630; 1914, \$77,720; gain, \$1,910.
Ohio Tel. & Telegraph—1915, \$79,630; 1914, \$77,360; gain, \$2,270.
Western Union Telegraph—1915, \$21,590; 1914, \$19,520; gain, \$2,070.

DEPOSITIONS TAKEN

Attorney A. B. Underwood received notice Wednesday from A. E. Powell, counsel for Bessie Wiley in her suit for damages against the Medina Board of Trade, to subpoena the following persons to appear Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Attorney Underwood's office to have their depositions taken.

W. H. Sipher, to bring with him records of the Board of Trade for the years 1914 and 1915 and membership list; City Clerk O. O. Van Deusen, to bring with him records of all permits and ordinances relative to gala day, Oct. 7, 1914; H. S. Orr, S. S. Oatman, N. O. Fuller, Fred M. Branch and D. S. Longacre; also the president and secretary of The Medina Business Men's Club Co., with records of the company for the year 1914.

Attorney Underwood's position is merely that of notary.

COUNCIL MEETS

Council at its meeting Tuesday night authorized Fire Chief Wise to purchase 18 rubber coats, 18 rubber hats and 3 respirators. A Morgan helmet will also be ordered on trial and if satisfactory will be purchased.

Supt. Rollins of the water works board proposed that the board will install a gas stove in the council chamber if council will maintain the expense of gas for heating. The proposition was accepted.

MEDINA COUNTY BOYS WIN HONORS

Henry Wente, Medina, R. F. D. No. 2, Gault Aurand, Medina R. F. D. No. 5 and Mylo McCoy, Creston, Ohio, R. F. D. have just received formal certificates from the Ohio State University, stating that they will each receive a free trip to Farmers' Week, Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, at Columbus.

This honor comes to these boys on account of their success in the Live Stock Judging Contest at the county fair. They have also been advised that they will participate in the State Live Stock Judging Contest as a team representing their home county. In this contest handsome prizes will be given to the winning teams as well as to the highest individuals.

Each certificate bears a reproduction of the handsome medal which will be awarded to the boy who stands first in judging each kind of live stock in the state contest, together with the names of W. O. Thompson, president of Ohio State University and Clark S. Wheeler, Supervisor of Agricultural Extension. It is thought that a number of people from this vicinity will accompany the boys when they go to Columbus next winter.

SUCCESSFUL MUSIC TEACHERS' MEETING

The first meeting of the Music Teachers' association of Medina county, held at the Congregational church last Friday afternoon and evening, was a signally successful one, both as to interest shown and in the large attendance. For lack of space we are unable to treat separately of each number, but the program previously had been given publicity and many of our people listened to the various numbers both afternoon and evening.

It will be no disparagement to any one, however, to mention particularly a few numbers, the reasons for so doing being obvious. For instance, the singing in the afternoon by the seventh and eighth grade pupils of the Medina schools under the direction of Mrs. Boulton. The children sang well and in a manner that bespoke a great deal of patient and careful training.

The paper, "The Development of Music," by Miss Edna Mills of Wadsworth, is mentioned on account of the unusual subject matter that was brot out. The paper dealt with practically only one phase of the immense subject, that of the development of the sonata form of composition, from the earliest period down to Beethoven, whose achievements have never been equaled and probably never will be surpassed. The paper was a most excellent and instructive one.

Prof. Dana spoke only for a few moments in the afternoon on "Standardization," after which the teachers were driven to Berea for a visit to the Baldwin-Wallace conservatory.

The church was filled to overflowing in the evening. The first number was an organ solo by Mrs. L. H. Randall, played with excellent rhythm and vigor of tone. A piano solo by Clyde Oplinger of Wadsworth was played music ianly. Prof. Dana spoke enthusiastically on "The State Association and Its Relation to the Music Teacher," later playing three piano numbers which proved his mastery of the instrument as well as his attainments as a finished musician. The piano numbers by Miss Boise were especially noteworthy, both for the fine taste in which they were played and her sure technique in execution and rhythm. Mrs. L. D. Williams of Leroy did exceptionally good work with her two short violin numbers. In the absence of Mrs. Boulton, who was on the program for a vocal number, Miss Genevieve Brintnall and Mr. Bohley each sang solos, which were well received. Miss Lillian Swigart of Wadsworth is a cornetist of considerable ability and her work on that instrument Friday evening was meritorious. The final number on the program was "Walther's Prize Song" (Wagner) for violin, piano and organ, played respectively by Miss Florence Sipher, Mrs. L. H. Randall and John Beck. Miss Sipher's playing was especially vigorous and in true form.

Twenty-five teachers registered their attendance at the meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. J. Miller of Seville; vice pres., Miss Edna Mills of Wadsworth; sec.-treas., Clyde Oplinger of Wadsworth.

BARBERTON WON GAME

Minus six regular players, Medina journeyed to Barberton and was defeated by that team Saturday; 65 to 7 tells the tale.

The game was loosely played throughout, especially Medina showing the lack of team work and practice, due to the failure of the local boys to practice the previous week. Barberton has not the team that either Wooster or Lorain has and if Medina had played the game that she is capable of playing, the score would have been reverse.

Medina has no game this week, as weakness cancelled the game. Every effort will be made to defeat Wooster week hence.