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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR

BEAUTIFUL

SIGHT WITNESSED BY AEROISTS

As Passed High Floating Clouds

At an Altitude of 11,000 Feet—All Colors of the Rainbow Shown—Another Ascension May be Made Next Saturday

With the return of the members of the ballooning parties which occupied the "Ohio" and the "Sky Pilot" in the Labor Day ascension, it is still somewhat doubtful which balloon won the race, although it is now generally conceded that the "Ohio" had a little the better of it. It was at first believed that the "Sky Pilot" had outdistanced the "Ohio" but later reports showed that the number of miles traveled was practically the same. While the outcome of the race was watched with considerable interest by Cantonians, it was immaterial which balloon won, as both belong to the same club.

Landing south of Piedmont, in the northern part of Belmont county, Dr. H. W. Thompson and Joseph Blake went at once to Wheeling. Piedmont is but twenty miles from Wheeling and the night was spent at the latter place. The "Sky Pilot" landed at a small place named Kimbolton, near Cambridge. Messrs. Morgan, Wade and Sigler arrived in Canton at noon Tuesday, after spending the night upon the farm where they landed.

The course of the "Sky Pilot" kept them but a short distance above the ground. As they passed over Sparta, New Philadelphia and other towns to the south of Canton they were so near to the surface that they were able to converse with persons on the ground. At New Philadelphia they were so close to the ground that many persons thinking they were about to land, gave chase in autos, but soon abandoned it, as the balloon sailed on. Usually the strongest breeze is found near the surface but such was not the case Monday. The strongest breeze was higher up and for that reason the flight of the "Ohio" was the more successful. No unusual incidents marked the flight of the "Sky Pilot" and that of the "Ohio" makes a much more interesting story.

The "Ohio" in its flight maintained an altitude of about 7000 feet throughout, and at one time the balloon soared to a height of 12,000. Much of the distance was traveled at a height of from 8000 to 10,000 feet. At the very start, from the balloon park, the "Ohio" shot upward to an altitude of 5000 feet and gradually went higher as it floated southward. Near North Industry the only mishap of the trip was met with. The balloon traveled into a cold zone, and despite the frantic efforts of the occupants, it rapidly descended until it was within 300 feet of the surface. While hanging in this short space above the ground, the drag rope became entangled in a wire. After some difficulty, in which several bags of sand were exhausted in attempting to free themselves, the rope was finally cut by the villagers. The loss of the ballast caused the balloon to soar rapidly skyward, and just south of North Industry the maximum height of the trip was reached.

The night at this point and for several miles farther south, was a magnificent one. A point midway between Canton and New Philadelphia was reached and from that place, the occupants of the balloon could see both cities. All the surrounding country had much the appearance of crazy quilt, say the balloonists, and according to their description must have been a grand sight, indeed.

A beautiful scene was described by Dr. Thompson, which has the interiors of all fairy palaces looking like insignificant hovels.

When they were traveling at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour and at an altitude of 11,000 feet they passed some high floating clouds. The sun's rays were beating down upon them fairly, there being no obstruction, and the shadow of the ship was cast upon the filmy linings of the cloud. This made a halo perhaps three hundred feet in diameter. The center of course was the mere shadow of the balloon, while for a rim of about twenty feet wide, which circled the dark spots, all the prismatic colors of the rainbow were shown. The dark center, the beautiful circles of rainbow colors which surrounded that and the filmy downy sea of vapor that surrounded that on all sides for hundreds of feet, was the most beautiful sight that Dr. Thompson ever witnessed in his entire career as an aeronaut.

The variance of the breezes of the heavens can be shown by a description of the flights of the two balloons. Up until the time when Canal Dover and New Philadelphia were

passed over, the race was a close one. The "Sky Pilot" keeping close to the surface made practically the same progress as the "Ohio" but at that point the wind in the "Sky Pilot's" latitude veered and the course of the balloon shifted slightly to the west, while the "Ohio" kept a more easterly course.

Johnson Sherrick, president of the Canton Aero club, in commenting upon the ascension last night said: "Without doubt it was the most successful flight in the history of the club. More enthusiasm was displayed by the people and the success of the ascension was more appreciated by the people than any ever held before. Many of the local members of the club are attempting to qualify as pilots and when this is done, the ascensions will be more frequent. Ten ascensions, one of them by night, must be made for qualification as a pilot, and some of them will soon have passed the test. Under the rules of the organization no passengers can be sent along with any one but a licensed pilot.

"If the arrangements can be properly made, another ascension will be made Saturday. This however cannot be definitely decided upon as it cannot yet be determined whether or not there will be a sufficient supply of gas on hand for the filling of the balloons. The filling of the two balloons on Labor Day exhausted a large supply of gas and it is doubtful if enough can be secured for an ascension so soon.

"I am now negotiating with Aeronaut Leo Stevens to endeavor to persuade him to come to Canton with his monster 80,000 foot balloon, one as large as the "Ohio" and the "Sky Pilot" combined. I have no doubt but that he will participate in many ascensions in Canton this fall. It is planned to have him here during the Bakers' convention.

"We are now arranging to have an ascension by night. Eligibility as a pilot can only be secured by the making of a night ascension, and we are arranging for such an event, as many of the local members are desirous of qualifying. An event of this kind should cause considerable interest, as nothing of its kind has ever taken place in this part of the country."

FIRST VOTE

In County Local Option Will Be Held in Logan County Sept. 28.

Columbus, Sept. 8.—It has been a surprise to all officers of both the Anti-Saloon league and the Liberal element, the rapidity with which the petitions have been filed up asking for local option elections. Four more have just been filed. Marion, Logan, Delaware and Pike counties, and the first election in the state will be held in Logan county on September 28th, the next will be held in Pike county on the 29th. Petitions are expected to be filed Wednesday in Pickaway, Vinton, Athens, Auglaize, Harding and Highland counties, and before the close of the week it is expected that at least 20 counties in the state will have the date set for voting out the saloons. There seems to be little trouble to get the required number of names on these petitions and the result of the vote will be awaited with interest. In the home county of Senator Rose, a meeting has been held by the temperance people and preliminary preparations made for the circulation of the petitions, but the election will not probably be held until after the November contest.

BECKWITH ADMITS GUILT BUT HAD AN ACCOMPLICE

Frank Beckwith, who claimed that he was innocent when brought back from Cleveland by Detective Brislin on the charge of breaking into the Grand opera house and stealing a number of revolvers and other things, changed his mind Tuesday and admitted that he was one of the parties who entered the place. He says that he had a partner in the crime, but does not know who that fellow is. Beckwith told where two of the missing revolvers were secreted at 1129 Woodland avenue, Cleveland, and the goods have been sent for. He will likely be arraigned Wednesday morning.

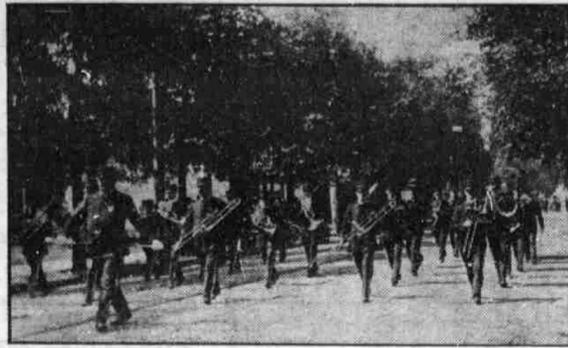
BOARD OF TRADE AFTER FUNDS FOR ROLLING MILL SITE

The board of trade held a meeting last night to arrange for the solicitation of funds for the purchase of a site for the new rolling mill. All preparations for carrying on the subscription campaign were made and the work of the committees will be started at once. The soliciting for the subscriptions has been delayed by a lack of time on the part of some of the leaders of the organization, but the work from now on will be pushed.

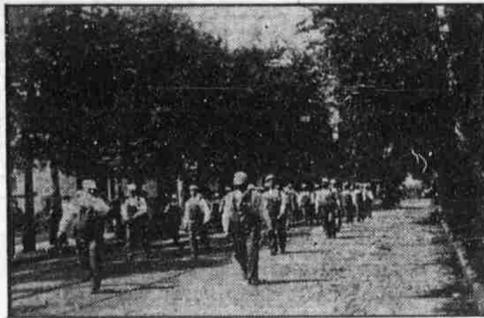
Referred to Solicitor.

The members of the board of public service did not sign the contract for the re-roofing of the Auditorium, which has already been signed by the officers of the Philip Carey Co., which secured the contract, but referred it to the city solicitor for his approval.

LABOR DAY PARADE.



Grand Army Band Leading the Industrial Parade.



Steam Engineers' Union. Photos by Staff Photographer.

SCORED

Were Commissioners for Extravagance in County Affairs

BEFORE BRYAN CLUB

The extravagance of the county commissioners and the need for a change in the administration of county affairs was the keynote of a speech delivered by A. L. Young, candidate for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket, at the meeting of the Bryan and Kern club last night.

Mr. Young was not among the speakers who were scheduled to address the meeting but was present and was called on by President Faust for a few remarks. During the course of his speech he scored the present county officials, and especially the commissioners, for their wanton expenditures of the public money and insisted that a change in methods was due the taxpayers of the county. His remarks were closely attended and were received with much applause.

The other speakers of the evening were Attorney Daniels and John H. Sponseller. Their talks were more educational in their tone and concerned the issues of the campaign, and especially those with which the average voter has not a close and intimate knowledge. They too, were heard with every manifestation of approval.

President Faust makes a flattering report of the work of the club and of the growth of the membership list.

Each week sees a large number of new members and the organization promise to be one of the strongest in this county.

A number of the members have volunteered their services for any work they might be able to do to further the plans of the campaign committee. President Faust said last night he considered this an evidence of great interest in the success of the campaign. He is planning the installation of a blackboard at headquarters on which cold figures of interest to the voters may be chalked up and left for their study. Other new features will likely be added to the work of the club in the near future.

SLAIN WOMAN IS FOUND IN RIVER

Wellsville, O., Sept. 8.—The shrunk and bleached body of an unrecognizable woman, bearing evidences of having been covered with quicklime, was found today on the West Virginia shore of the Ohio river, near here.

With the body was found a blood-stained rope. The authorities believe the woman was murdered. To hide the crime the body was covered with quicklime and thrown into the river. Its recovery was made possible by the low water stage.

Lost Thumb and Finger.

John J. Sommer of East Third street, had his thumb and one finger on his left hand badly mangled while at work, Tuesday morning, in the plant of Sommer & Henry on South Market street. He was operating a circular saw. Dr. F. B. Hart dressed the wounds.

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ALL DEMOCRATS WILL BE WELCOMED AT THURSDAY'S BANQUET

The committees in charge of the banquet and reunion of the old Young Men's Democratic club met last night and made final arrangements for that function, which is scheduled for Thursday evening in the room to the north of that used by the Democrats as headquarters.

The committee reported that 200 invitations had been sent out and then decided to extend the invitation to all Democrats who were interested. The tickets for the banquet can be had for 50 cents each and no Democrat will be unwelcome.

It is planned to have a number of addresses and many others present will be called on for short talks on present conditions and the issues that confront the people this fall.

INSPECTION

Of School Buildings Begun by Committee Tuesday

REPORT BY THURSDAY

The inspection of the Canton school buildings to determine the adequacy of the fire protection, was begun Tuesday morning by the committee appointed by Mayor Turnbull for that purpose.

The committee consists of F. E. Case, James D. Barry, John F. Buchman, A. C. Eynon, H. R. Jones, Johnson Sherrick, J. L. Robb and Fire Chief Mesnar. A meeting for the making of arrangements for the inspection was held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning at the mayor's office. F. E. Case was chosen chairman and James D. Barry, secretary. At the meeting, the mayor distributed copies of the suggestions and orders of Chief Inspector Morgan of the department of inspection of workshops, factories and public buildings, copies of the Ohio statutes relative to the matter, and copies of the statement of the board of education to the mayor. He also urged that the committee exercise great care in making their report to him, as his decision in the controversy would be largely governed by the finding of the inspection.

From what could be gleaned as to the outcome of the work of the committee yesterday, it seems reasonably certain that the report will contain nothing that will warrant the closing of the schools after the 14th of September. During the day the committee visited the High school building and the McKinley avenue building. Nothing very definite concerning the result of the examination of the two buildings could be learned from members of the committee, and the outcome of the inspection will not be made public until the report is regularly filed with the mayor. At the High school building the committee took special note of the remodeling to improve the fire protection system which was done during the summer. Chairman Case took note upon several of the rooms on the third floor and it would be no surprise if some changes were recommended. Superintendent Baxter himself intimated that some suggestions for slight repairs might be expected but none of such an extent that school would have to be discontinued while the work was going on. An hour was spent in the examination of the High school building, during which time all of the fire escapes and exits were carefully noted by the committee.

The McKinley avenue building was visited next, and a careful examination of the structure took place. The state inspectors have recommended a number of changes there and much interest is attached as to the result of the inspection by the citizens' committee.

The work of the committee during the day was carried on independently of the board of education. Lorin C. Wise of the board, said: "We do not wish to mingle with the members of the committee in their work. If we accompanied them on their visits to the various buildings it might be charged that we influenced the members in rendering their report, and we do not furnish ground for such a charge."

The plan of Mayor Turnbull in setting the trouble by appointing a committee of representative citizens to act as inspectors, is different from the course adopted by mayors of other Ohio cities in the matter. In Akron Mayor Sawyer sided with the inspectors, and the board of education sought recourse through the Court of Common Pleas, where an injunction was secured to prevent the mayor from interfering with the opening of school on the fourteenth. In Massillon members of the board went to Columbus and arranged matters with Inspector Morgan personally, so that the schools of that place can also open on next Monday.

Several buildings will be visited by the committee today and it is believed that by Thursday the report will be ready for submission to the mayor.

HEALTHERS

WANT TO KNOW WHO PAYS FOR

Ambulance Service as Council

Has Made no Provision For Cases Which Come Under Their Jurisdiction—Monthly Report of Sanitary Officer.

The board of health, with Members Zinniger, Arnold, Frankham, Shorb and Nelson, held their meeting Tuesday night in their rooms in the city hall. Health Officer DaHinden, Food and Dairy Inspector Bowman, City Physician Post and Sanitary Officer Thompson were also there.

The meeting was a short one, with Vice President Zinniger in the chair. The question of who should pay for ambulance services occupied most of the time. Some time ago the council made an arrangement whereby charity patients could be admitted to Aultman hospital, but they failed to make provision for the payment of the ambulance bills. The arrangement was that people hurt by accident or found sick upon the streets should be admitted through the police department on orders emanating from the chief or the mayor. In such cases the ambulance bills have been settled by the board of public safety, as most of these cases came under the care of Dr. Landor, the prison physician. But then there is another lot of cases that receive the attention of Dr. Post, the regular city physician. These bills are being sent to the board of health for payment, but they claim that they have no money for the purpose. The council will be called upon to help the board out of the predicament.

In making his report for the month of August Dr. DaHinden said that 38 deaths occurred in the city during the month, 13 males and 25 females. Three of these were chargeable to tuberculosis and one to pneumonia. Cholera infantum carried away nine children and there were three suicides. The report of City Physician Post showed that he had made 53 visits to the sick and that he had received 67 calls at his office, besides furnishing these with proper medicines.

Sanitary Officer Thompson reported as follows: Diphtheria quarantine cards put up, 5; removed, 2; scarlet fever cards put up, 4; removed, 2; dwellings fumigated, 5; rooms fumigated, 22; living rooms inspected, 78; cellars inspected, 35; notices issued to clean yards, 12; to clean alleys, 9; cesspools ordered cleaned, 13; dead animals removed, 17; complaints investigated, 101; nuisances abated, 11; notices sent out by mail, 45.

Dairy and Food Inspector Bowman reported as follows: Dairy cows examined, 152; dairies visited, 10; produce stands inspected, 23; certificates issued, 4.

AUTOISTS

On Endurance Run to Pass Through This City This Afternoon.

Sometime this afternoon the autoists who are in the endurance run being made by Toledo owners of motor cars will pass through Canton. They will stop at noon and will pass through Canton on their way to Cleveland sometime between noon and evening. The number of cars expected is large and the race has been attracting much attention though it is but three days. The course laid out is one which try the endurance power of the cars and any one who comes through with a clean score may be counted well driven and well made. Canton was put on the route because of the fame given it by the Glidden tourists of a year ago, who spent the night here and were received in a style that outdid any reception accorded them on their long trip.

W. I. CHAMBERLAIN GOES TO PITTSBURG

Hudson, Sept. 8.—W. I. Chamberlain, of this place, one of the most prominent farmers in the United States, has severed his connection with the Ohio Farmer of Cleveland, as associate editor, to assume the same position with the National Stockman and Farmer of Pittsburg. Chamberlain gets a much larger salary by the change and other conditions which suit him better. He will now have more freedom for the purpose of travel and lecturing.

Time—R. & D. depot robbed by burglars who held up station agent at point of revolvers.