

Rural Delivery Relief Promised

MASHMEYER RESIGNS AS DEPUTY TO STEEN

BANKS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION: FEW CHANGES MADE ON BOARDS

Clarence Gennett, Alton Hale and Frederick S. Bates Become Directors of First National—Presidents of All Institutions Report Satisfactory Progress and Good Business Conditions with Indications for Prosperous Activity in 1916.

The annual meetings of the stockholders of the First, Second and Union National banks in Richmond and the election of directors and officers to serve for the ensuing year, were held today. The annual election of the officers of the Dickinson Trust company was held Monday and the German-Savings & Trust company does not hold its annual meeting until March.

Three new directors, Clarence Gennett, Alton T. Hale and Frederick S. Bates were added to the personnel of the First National bank. No other changes were made by the stockholders, about thirty-five in number, who met at the bank at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Second National bank, the Union National bank and Dickinson Trust company's stockholders re-elected all their respective directors and officers to serve for the ensuing year.

Officers Give Reports
Each annual meeting was featured by the reading of the president's report of the condition of the bank and growth during the last twelve months. A representative attendance of stockholders was present at each meeting.

The Second National bank's annual report stated that business during the last year had considerably exceeded the expectation of the officers of the bank and that the outlook for the present year was very bright. The officers declared the last year has been one of the most successful business years in the history of the institution.

President A. D. Gayle of the First National bank in his report showed that the deposits in 1914 were \$1,149,453.66 and in 1915 were \$1,353,181.62 an increase of \$203,727.96; the number of new accounts in the commercial department in 1914 were 618 and in 1915, 720 and in the savings department the number of new accounts in 1914 were 902 and in 1915 were 908. The average cash reserve carried for the year was 22.2 per cent while the law requires only 12 per cent.

Business Exceeds \$1,000,000.
The most important item contained in the annual report of President Edgar F. Hiest of the Dickinson Trust company was a statement showing that the volume of mortgage loan business during the last year, exceeded a million dollars. The report also showed a healthy gain in each department of the bank and proved the last year to be the greatest in volume of business, in the history of the company.

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LANSING PROBES CONSULS' ACTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Secretary of State Lansing cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin today to investigate reports that American consul Edward Higgins at Stuttgart, Germany, had made utterances favoring the alien. The ambassador was instructed to warn Consul Higgins if the reports are true against a repetition of the offense. Secretary Lansing denied that the government had received a demand for Higgins recall. The state department action was taken as a result of receiving a copy of the Sologne Gazette, which published the charges against Higgins.

HOW NEW PRIMARY LAW WORKS; QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY BOWMAN

County Auditor Tells Who Can Vote, How Scratching of Ballots Will Be Prevented, Provisions for Watchers and Officials at Polls Under Indiana's New Statute Which Receives First Test Throughout State on March 7.

Many inquiries have reached the county auditor's office regarding the new primary law and its application in Wayne county and in response to these inquiries, County Auditor Bowman, who has made a special study of the provisions of the act, has issued the following concise statement:

Q.—When will the primary election be held?
A.—On Tuesday, March 7, 1916.

Q.—Will all political parties make their nominations on the same day?

UNION G. O. P. DRAWS LEADERS FROM DISTRICT

LIBERTY, Ind., Jan. 11.—Party workers from all over the Sixth district are attending the G. O. P. rally here today. Many candidates for state offices are also in attendance. Shortly before noon the eight county chairmen held a session.

Among the leaders of the party here are A. R. Robinson, for United States senator; R. M. Fairbanks, Indianapolis; R. W. Henley, secretary of the state committee; James E. Watson, P. J. Lynch, E. V. Harris of Fort Wayne, I. M. Bridgeman of Franklin county, Ralph Helmlich of Fayette county, Ron Riggs of Rush county, and C. P. Lafuze of Union county.

Mr. Henley delivered an address on the new primary law before the county chairmen.

Mr. Robinson, candidate for the senate, announced that he would make his campaign on an appeal to the young men of the party. He believes that the young blood should have power and influence in the G. O. P. councils.

Waiter Bossert indicated that he was still in the race for the district chairmanship, although P. J. Lynch, present incumbent, has shown no signs of relinquishing the position, although he is a candidate on the party ticket.

Union and Rush county leaders said that sentiment in their counties favored Judge Comstock as against P. J. Lynch for congressman, and that the judge would probably get a large vote in the primary.

RUPE WILL ATTEND
FUNERAL OF GRAND
MASONIC INSPECTOR

Sidney W. Douglas, 76 years old, inspector general of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, died at his home at Evansville last night at 10 o'clock following a severe attack of grip.

His wife, seriously ill with a weak heart and a nervous prostration, preceded him in death by seven hours, dying yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The funeral arrangements have not been announced. John L. Rupe, this city, prominent in the commandery, has been appointed representative of the Grand Commandery at the funeral.

Mr. Douglas was one of the most prominent Masons in Indiana, having held some of the highest offices within the province of the order. His last visit in Richmond was last December when he inspected the local commandery.

Among the high offices he held were: Senior Thirty-third degree Mason in Indiana.

Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Past Grand Commander of Knights of Templars.

Inspector General of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

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STUDENTS TO BEGIN STUDY OF SCULPTURE

That the number of students who enroll in the Sunday school classes organized for the study of the Bible in order to secure credit in their school work will be larger than at first presumed, is the belief of Principal F. G. Pickell of the high school.

This belief was voiced by him before the regular meeting of the Ministerial association in the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning.

STANDARD PATTERN SELECTS OFFICIALS

Re-election of the officers of the Standard Pattern and Manufacturing company took place at the annual meeting in the office of the firm last night. The officers are as follows: President, M. L. Kirkman; treasurer, R. C. Wood; secretary, S. T. Hastings.

CHARITY BOARD STATES STATUS OF ITS FUNDS

Finances of the Central Charity bureau are in excellent condition according to the report of Secretary Melpolder.

A reduction of \$273.54 was shown in the expenses of the social service bureau work proper during the past four months. In 1914 the work cost \$982.89 while in 1915 it cost \$719.35. The associated charities decreased its expenditures \$519.51; the report showing that in 1914, \$936.65 was spent while in 1915, during the same four months only \$417.14 was spent. The following report was submitted containing the statement from the other affiliated organizations: Domestic Science association, received from Social Service Bureau, 1914, \$173 and in 1915, \$560.00; Tuesday Aftermath, 1914, \$7.31 and in 1915, \$77.80; total increase in amount turned over to affiliated organizations, \$457.49.

The budget for 1916 calls for \$6,000. The cash received up to date is \$2,065.14 with \$800 pledged, making a total of \$3,465.14.

RAISED WHITE FLAG

VIENNA, Jan. 11.—(By Wireless via Berlin.)—An official statement issued here today with reference to the sinking of the Italian steamer Porto Said by an Austro-Hungarian submarine, makes the charge that after the white flag had been hoisted on the steamer the ship tried to ram the submarine.

Several of the persons on board the steamer were saved through the efforts of the submarine, which was shelled by a torpedo boat and yacht while engaged in rescue work.

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COMPANY OFFERS YOUNG PRISONER BETTER POSITION

John Eaton, 23 years old, who confessed yesterday to forging a check for \$3.50 may get another chance to "make good" because of his hitherto good record and character. The Richmond Listing and Adding Machine company, it was learned today, has informed the circuit court that if Eaton is released on suspended sentence, a young man will be given a position with that company and placed in line for advancement.

STEEN GETS TAGGART AS HIS DEPUTY

Sheriff Had Previously Made Arrangements Before Officially Informed of Mashmeyer's Resignation.

WANT SAME OFFICE

Announcement Follows Former Deputy's Positive Entrance Into Race as Candidate for Sheriff.

Within a few minutes after Oscar Mashmeyer, deputy sheriff, informed Sheriff Steen this morning that he would resign his position, John Taggart was named to succeed him. It was learned later that all arrangements had been previously made between Taggart and Steen regarding the deputyship.

Announces Candidacy.
Mashmeyer, when approached by Steen this morning announced definitely that he would run for the office of sheriff on the Republican ticket subject to the primary election in March. This was the first definite announcement made by Mashmeyer.

Jack Taggart arrived at the court house at about 11 o'clock and was shown about the office. Mashmeyer will continue with part of the work of deputy until Taggart becomes acquainted with the work.

"There is no ill feeling between Mashmeyer and myself," said Steen. "We just had a mutual agreement that both of us could not make the race out of this office. Mashmeyer told me that he intended to resign as soon as a definite understanding was reached whether or not both of us was to make the race."

Appointment Expected.
Although the appointment of Taggart was made much sooner than expected, it was generally understood that he was being considered as he has been a visitor at the sheriff's office several times during the past week. Taggart was formerly city clerk.

Before Mashmeyer and Steen had a verbal understanding this morning, Mashmeyer announced that he intended to make the race and was awaiting on Steen's decision. Steen's candidate cards appeared this morning, and the subject of which one was to run was the first topic of discussion.

"If I had known Steen had definitely decided to run, I would have resigned sooner," said Mashmeyer. "This morning I set the date for my resignation to take effect February 1. I told Steen that if he had any one in mind for the deputy job to appoint him now." Taggart was on the job this afternoon, although Mashmeyer was serving summons on several parties near Webster.

CLASS ORGANIZED IN SALESMANSHIP

Organization of a class in salesmanship in connection with public night school was perfected Monday night and the initial instructions of Lee B. Nushbaum, head of that department were given. About twenty-five persons have enrolled in the class but this number is expected to be increased. Class meeting will be held every Monday and Wednesday night.

LODGE TO MEET.

Maple Leaf Council, R. N. of A., will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. at Red Men's hall for the installation of recently elected officers.

RELIEF PROMISED IN MAIL TANGLE GROWING OUT OF MOTORIZATION: INSPECTORS CONSULT POSTMASTERS

RIDGE ENTERS RACE FOR STEEN'S POST

Another opponent of Sheriff Steen in the Republican race for nomination to that office came to light today when Howard J. Ridge, since 1863 a resident of this city, announced his candidacy. Mr. Ridge says his friends have assured him generous support and that he believes he has a fighting chance to land the nomination at the primary.

SUES ON SIX NOTES

Alleging that her daughter-in-law, Amy Cooper of Webster, has refused to redeem six promissory notes made payable to her five years ago, Mrs. Ida Cooper filed complaint in circuit court today, demanding \$2,453.79. It is alleged that the plaintiff is owner of the six promissory notes which were made payable to J. E. Cooper of Chicago, her son.

BATES ELECTED TO HEAD LOCAL CHARITY BUREAU

The reduction in the county appropriation for the care and support of dependent children, which was brought about during the past year through the agency of the Wayne county social service bureau, is more than paying all the expenses of the bureau, including salaries and office expenses, according to the report of Secretary Melpolder.

Bates Elected Head.

The meeting of the bureau Monday afternoon was called for the purpose of re-organization. F. S. Bates was elected president of the bureau to succeed F. G. White, who would not consider re-election. L. S. Bowman, county auditor and Mr. Bates were the newly elected members of the governing board to succeed R. G. Leeds and Dwight Young, representing the donors. Charles Jordan and Mrs. William Dudley Foulke were the new members appointed by the president to succeed the Rev. W. J. Cronin and Ed Crawford. The governing board is now composed of the following members: F. S. Bates, L. S. Bowman, F. G. White, Mrs. A. W. Roach, Mrs. Ben Rush and Mrs. Millard Warfel, representing the affiliated organizations; Dr. Whallon, J. O. Edgerton, Charles Jordan and Mrs. W. D. Foulke, appointed members.

The governing board will hold a meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock to elect a vice president, treasurer and recording secretary.

FRIENDS TAKE STAND AGAINST PREPAREDNESS

Protests against President Wilson's preparedness program submitted to Congress, were made in extemporaneous speeches last night at a joint session of the four unions of men members of the Society of Friends in Richmond. The meeting was held in the East Main Friends church and about seventy-five men were present. E. G. Crawford presided.

Addresses were made by James Unthank, Rev. Francis C. Anselme, Dr. I. S. Harold, Allen D. Hole, Timothy Nicholson, Dr. N. S. Cox, Will Jenkins, Prof. Henry Cadbury and a number of others.

A committee was appointed, composed of the presidents and secretaries of the four unions to make arrangements for the distribution of petitions for signatures. These petitions which contain objections to any material increase in the United States army and navy will be sent to Congressman Claude Kitchin, floor leader of the House who is the most active representative opposing the president's policy.

John H. Johnson, chairman of the committee, will probably call a session for tonight or Thursday night.

Salient features of the rural route situation today were: Post office employees are making every effort to relieve the situation.

Two inspectors are covering the territory out of Richmond, served by the local office.

Recommendations will be made by them the last of this week which will call for shortening of the routes with fewer boxes to be served.

The inspectors announced, positively, however, that there would not be a return to the old system.

Patrons are asked to be patient until relief measures are taken by the department at Washington.

Postmasters from over the county met at the Post Office this afternoon in consultation with the inspectors.

MEREDITH QUILTS RACE FOR OFFICE TO HELP DEPUTY

"I want to notify my friends in Wayne county that I will not be a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff."

This statement, signed by Linus P. Meredith of this city, who served two terms as sheriff, was submitted to the Palladium today. He is the first man to withdraw from the G. O. P. contest for sheriff. Meredith did not discuss the cause for his withdrawal.

It has been understood that the action taken by Meredith was prompted by his desire not to handicap the candidacy of Oscar Mashmeyer, who served as deputy the two terms Meredith was sheriff and who is now deputy under Sheriff Steen.

Significance was attached to the fact that Meredith entered the contest for third term, as sheriff immediately after Sheriff Steen had announced his candidacy for a third term.

M'KINLEY MAKES ANNUAL REPORT

A total of 4,255 inspections of weights, measures, scales, etc., were made last year by Inspector George McKinley. He filed his annual report last night at a meeting of the mayor's cabinet. He reported that during the year that 54 scales were condemned for repairs and 14 confiscated, 33 measures confiscated, 44 weights and 10 yard sticks confiscated, and 16 of 21 slot machines inspected were condemned. There were 6 cases of violations of the state weights and measures law and pure food law tried, resulting in 5 convictions.

McKinley's report was the only one for the past year presented last night.

Health Officer Smelser reported 9 cases of contagion in December, 5 scarlet fever, 2 chickenpox, 1 diphtheria, 1 measles. There were 33 deaths and 48 births.

Dairy Inspector Clem reported 64 dairy inspections last month. He neglected to state what condition he found the various dairies to be in.

Relief for the tangle which has arisen due to the motorization of Wayne county's rural mail routes has been promised just as soon as Inspector Swain and Garigus have made a complete survey of the situation.

Findings made by the inspectors thus far indicate that they will recommend shortening the routes giving each carrier fewer boxes to serve, as they have stated positively that "there will not be a return to the old system." The report will probably be made to the department at Washington the last of this week.

Drive Over Routes.
Mr. Swain and Mr. Garigus spent the morning driving over the routes. This afternoon they conferred with postmasters who had been called in from all parts of the county. Statements of the men from whose offices other motorized routes are operating indicate that the situation is worse in the Richmond office than elsewhere because the mail is heavier and more boxes are served, the number being as high as 400, while in the suburban communities each route includes in the neighborhood of 250 boxes. They reported that at Greensfork the trip had been made every day, the carrier returning in good time considering that late mails prevented him leaving the office until after 9 o'clock.

Milton reports that the system can be made satisfactory.

Hagerstown has made the deliveries every day except one although destruction of a bridge cut off some of the patron's yesterday.

Patrons will be asked to help by putting their names on the boxes and by putting boxes on the same side of the road where two are just opposite each other.

Will Fouts of Economy has just returned from Washington where he informed Finly Gray of the general dissatisfaction with the motor system as now operated. He said Mr. Gray was working for a change and inquired if any men at Economy would be willing to take routes under the old system covering twenty-five miles at an annual salary. Local officials, however, declared Mr. Gray would be unsuccessful in obtaining such a change, but that his efforts would bring relief.

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