

CRITICISM OF STAR CHAMBER METHODS BRINGS OUT REPLY

That so far as the Chicago, South Bend & Northern Indiana Railway Co. is concerned, its representatives would as soon have been heard in public as in executive session, at the council meeting Monday night, when they appeared to protest against the passage of the boulevard crossing ordinance in its original form, was asserted by Transportation Supt. Frank I. Hardy, Wednesday.

"In fact we would rather the public would know our reasons for opposing that ordinance than not," he said, "and we believe the public would in the main agree with us. It would have meant 2,280 more stops of our cars per day, than is required of us at present, and that much more loss of time in delivering passengers at their destination. As it is, the 'near-side' stops have been limited to the principal crossings only, and we are relieved of having to stop at the 'far-side' also, in order to take on passengers when there are any."

According to Supt. Hardy the C. S. B. & N. I. is perfectly willing the public should always know of its relations with the city council, and that all matters before the body be discussed open and above board. As the ordinance now stands it will mean approximately 1,400 more stops per day than formerly. The traction people had been considering stopping on the "near" as well as "far-side" at Washington and Lafayette, due to the traffic there, without an ordinance, and says Mr. Hardy, "the whole matter could have been agreed to without an ordinance, had the park commission taken it up with us."

This explanation comes as the result of the attitude assumed by the News-Times, both in its news report and editorial comment on the Monday night council session. The appearance of the traction representatives was followed by the council going into executive session, from which the press and general public was barred. Thereafter the discussion on the part of the newspaper to presume anything wrong, or even to disagree with the result attained, but only to criticize the secret process by which it was reached. The newspaper men asked if they could be permitted to attend the executive session and told they could not.

Pres. T. E. Howard, in a letter to the News-Times Wednesday, defends the "executive" process for purposes of deliberation and asserts that the press should have been admitted at Monday night's meeting. The retiring president of the council accepts the News-Times criticism as a distinct challenge of his administration, and offers the following in reply:

Judge Howard's Letter. Editor News-Times: To say I was astonished in reading the leading editorial in the News-Times for last evening is to put it mildly. The editorial must have been thought a pretty good one for it is repeated in this morning's issue. The epithet "star chamber," as applied to the deliberations of the city council, might pass in the heat and stress of a political campaign. The term "midnight" might be added to the epithet to give it proper color for partisan personal. "Midnight star chamber" sounds well and it is dark enough to satisfy the most vindictive taste. One could do even better than this by calling the committee room provided in the city hall a "hole," a "hole in the corner" would be still better. All that is to be passed unchallenged is a passionate and unreasoning contest for office and power. But peace has followed the storm. We have arrived at a season of good will and there is no pardon for astonishment that the epithets of the campaign should now be revived. Are we to assume it to be possible that any representatives of the public should be denied a comprehension of the nature and functions of a deliberative body. A jury sits and listens to the evidence as it comes from the witnesses, to the arguments of counsel on either side and to the law as it comes from the court. Shall we insist also that the public shall crowd into the jury room and aid in the determination of the verdict? Has Great Britain been mistaken all these years in maintaining its privy council? Should Pres. Wilson throw open the doors of his cabinet meetings? Ought the senate abolish its executive sessions? Are all legislative committee meetings and caucuses bad as soon as they heard all information and argument and then close their doors to enter upon their deliberations? Is it not rather true that no calm consideration of any important question could be had in the tumult of public discussion? The common council of this city has never closed the doors of its committee meetings until after all persons having anything to say have had full and ample opportunity to present every fact and make every argument that could be brought before the council on any and every side of any question that was up for consideration. Must the council then not there announce its decision before it has reached a decision itself? Surely this editorial has been written without deliberative thought or proper consideration.

The committee meeting of last Monday was a particularly unfortunate illustration of "star chamber" tactics. There was no "hole in the wall," nor "cover in the southeast corner of the building." The committee room, on the contrary, was during the whole session crowded with interested spectators.

The incoming council will adopt such course of procedure as they think, and I shall respect that judgment, whatever it may be. But I am inclined to think they will find it wise to do in the committee meetings as the last council has done. They will welcome every item of information that comes to them, and they will listen to every argument that any one has to advance. And when they come to pass judgment as to what course of action they shall follow in the open council, they will quietly and freely discuss the matters with one another and try to reach a same conclusion as to what is best for the welfare of the city and the people. Indeed, so far from trying to transact the business of the city by any "star chamber" methods, the complaint of the outgoing council has been that enough of the people do not attend the meetings of the council, whether in the council chamber or in the committee room.

T. E. HOWARD.

Judge Farabaugh Hands Out Four Christmas Gifts

Judge Farabaugh distributed four Christmas presents in police court Wednesday morning when he turned loose prisoners arraigned for being drunk.

Lincoln Keith, who hails from Buchanan explained that he just went back into the saloon to get a companion and met a policeman instead. He promised to watch out for policemen in the future and will stay in Buchanan. He was released.

"Every time I take a little drink the police nab me," said John Meighn. "The last time I was drunk was seven months ago and they got me that time and since then I haven't touched a single drop, judge." The court commended his efforts, he being one of the youngest frequenters of the court in the past. His sentence was suspended.

John Ginter, S. Lafayette st., said

he expected to "shine-up" a little for the holidays, but the police spoiled it. He has not been in for two years, so the judge suspended sentence.

Nelson Nordlad, released last Christmas from Logansport, was arraigned for being drunk. He asserted that he had not been drunk since his release and was also turned loose.

Frank Hanl made a flying trip to the city up from North Judson, Wednesday, but an engagement with the sheriff will compel him to stop over about 11 days. He said he just wanted a drink and ran up to the Bend to spend some money. "One dollar and costs, eleven in all, is what you may spend here," said the judge.

"This is the first time you ever had anything on me," said Dick Donovan, when he was arraigned. Dick couldn't take the matter seriously so the judge gave him 11 days to think it over.

FISH GUILTY; IS SENT TO PRISON

Former Treasurer of Moose Gets Sentence of 2 to 14 Years—Tells of Defalcation.

Admitting that he had appropriated to his own use funds of the South Bend lodge of Moose, of which he was treasurer, Earl Fish entered a plea of guilty to the charge of embezzlement before Judge Funk in the circuit court Wednesday.

Fish was given a sentence of two to 14 years in the penitentiary at Michigan City. Fish denied that his defalcation amounted to \$1,500, as charged, but said that as he figured it, he was short between \$800 and \$900.

Fish received his sentence without show of emotion after he had outlined to Judge Funk the method by which he had taken the money without being detected.

"The court has but one alternative in this matter," said Judge Funk, "and that is to sentence you as prescribed in the statute. The court can do this, however. It will assist you to get a parole after you have served a minimum time required. If your conduct in the penitentiary is exemplary you will have no difficulty in obtaining your release at least in two years."

Fish had told the authorities he was ready to enter a plea of "guilty" to the charge and Prosecutor Montgomery accordingly had him brought before the court Wednesday, outlining the case against Fish after the latter had entered his plea. Fish, himself however, told the court how he had worked his scheme for such a long time without being detected.

Tells of His Method.

"I admit I took the money," said Fish, "but I didn't take \$1,500. I don't think it was more than \$800 or \$900. The treasurer's books are audited by a committee of the lodge at the beginning of each quarter. There is a period, however, Fish explained, during these quarters which this audit does not cover and it was through this loophole that he began his defalcation.

"I started taking small amounts with the full intention of paying back every cent," said Fish. "Later on I began to take larger sums until I got in so deep I knew I never could return it."

Members of the lodge finally suspected there was something wrong with the accounts and the matter of an audit by an outside committee was taken up with the officers of the supreme lodge. It was when he heard of this plan Fish admitted, that he left the city. He was arrested in Detroit and brought back to this city. It is said he admitted the shortage at the time of his arrest.

DR. HOBSON'S OINTMENT HEALS ITCHY ECZEMA. The constantly itching, burning sensation and other disagreeable forms of eczema, tetter, salt rheum and skin eruptions promptly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Geo. W. Fitch of Mendota, Ill., says: "I purchased a box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Have had Eczema ever since the civil war. Have been treated by many doctors, none have given the benefit that one box of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment has." Every sufferer should try it. We're so positive it will help you we guarantee it or money refunded. Price, 50c. Pfeiffer Chemical Co., Philadelphia & St. Louis. Advertisement.

SUPERIOR TO GYFAIBA & INJECTIONS. SANTAL MIDY CAPSULES RELIEVES IN 24 HOURS. VERNON HOME OF GOOD CLOTHES C.B. STEED, MGR. "FORCED OUT" SALE PUBLIC DRUG STORE

I SHOULD WORRY SAYS MOHAMMED

Arab Shiek With Four Wives and Seeking a Fifth is One of Features of Garden of Allah Company.

The circus did not come to town today, but the Garden of Allah company, which, when passing down the main highway bears all the earmarks of a three-ring circus, has arrived in our holiday midst. With them are five camels, six Arabian horses, eight donkeys, 10 colts, a wicker cage full of doves and Mohammed El Horye.

To be sure, there are a score or more of Mohammeds tribesmen, but Mohammed himself stands out among them like a rainbow in a drab sky, for Mohammed is dressed—oh better—swathed in nineteen distinct colors and as many blends, and besides, Mohammed has four wives.

Most of the other swarthy sons of the desert can boast of one or two wives, but Mohammed puts them in the shade with his four. And more yet, he wants to marry another. This time he thinks he would like an American girl—one with red hair.

"I should worry," he grinned. "He has been in this country only 17 weeks and consequently his conversation is limited to a few such necessary American phrases. Conversation is conducted through his interpreter, Saleem Abbott.

The entire Arabian company is quartered in the Dominion hotel on Jefferson Blvd., and its members do all their cooking and supply their own food which their religion demands. The menu consists largely of vegetable foods, such as rice, meal, etc., and all chickens they use are killed by one of their own men. Thick, sweet coffee is an important part of their bill of fare.

Stomach Troubles Disappear.

Stomach, liver and kidney troubles, weak nerves, lame back and female ills disappear when Electric Bitters are used. Thousands of women would not be without a bottle in their home. Eliza Pool of Depew, Okla., writes: "Electric Bitters raised me from a bed of sickness and suffering and has done me a world of good. I wish every suffering woman could use this excellent remedy and find out, as I did, just how good it is." As it has helped thousands of others, it surely will do the same for you. Every bottle guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00. Recommended by all druggists. —Advt.

LODGE NOTES.

The A. I. U. Insurance Co. will give a matinee dance Xmas afternoon and night in the W. O. W. hall, E. Jeff. Blvd. Advt.

The Economy This Store Closed All Day Today (Christmas) Open Friday and Saturday when you will have another opportunity to make us an offer on anything we have in stock. Will meet your price if we can—as we want to sell out all the stock we can this week. The Economy

If you cannot come, telephone The Eliel Pharmacy EMIL REYER, Ph. G., Mgr. We deliver orders promptly

WARD BEQUEST TO MRS. HANS RECALLS SHOOTING STORY

Mrs. Nancy A. Hans, who shared in the distribution of the estate of the A. Montgomery Ward, Chicago millionaire, to the extent of \$30,000, formerly lived in South Bend. She left this city several years ago and is now living in the west.

Mrs. Hans lived in Niles before her marriage to Harry Hans of this city. The latter died years ago, after becoming well known as the publisher of a sensational periodical known as "The Billposter."

Hans was also identified with the local gambling fraternity and gained notoriety for his connection with the sensations which led up to the shooting of Charles T. Murray, a South Bend editor, by William Palmer, an attorney Murray. It was said, referred several times to articles about Palmer which had been published in Hans' Billposter. Murray recovered after the bullet from Palmer's duelling pistol pierced his lung, allowing a silk handkerchief to be passed through the wound. Palmer went to the penitentiary for the shooting.

After Hans' death, Mrs. Hans went west to live.

STOVERVILLE.

Provisions for the usual holiday observances are being made. Mayor-elect Moyer will complete his appointments which will become effective at the opening of the new year.

Although it is expected that the personnel of the administration will change materially, agitation is being made that Street Commissioner Chaney be allowed to continue his services due to the efficiency of his method of enforcing the speed limit ordinance which the commissioner contends has not been violated by any tourist during the past month in the district over which jurisdiction extends.

The community south is lamenting over the probability of having their mail service discontinued due to the impassible condition of the public road.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz are now occupying their edifice which is one of the most handsome and modern adjoining the community.

J. K. Leach, who met with an accident a week ago while returning from Mishawaka, is convalescing.

Many of the progressive farmers of this locality attended the scientific farmers' meeting held in South Bend Saturday.

New Year resolutions are being framed, the adoption of which will no doubt better local conditions.

PLEASANT VALLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beehler and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Noffsinger and children of Elkhart were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beehler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Marsh spent Sunday with John A. Eger and family.

Rockwell Bailey of South Bend is spending Xmas week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ludwig.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and daughter visited the former's brother, Edwin Smith, and family of Mishawaka.

The schools close in this vicinity Wednesday until after the holidays.

Rev. Hoffman and Mr. Plank were at James Kryer's for supper Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Judie of Willow Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Beaudway Sunday.

Sunday school at 10 a. m.

Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and ailing; take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea now; it will drive out the germs of winter, make you well and keep you well. 35c. Tea or Tablets. Coonley Drug Store.—Advt.

GET ACQUAINTED DINNER CHANGED TO TUESDAY

Date for Banquet to Commercial Travelers is Made Dec. 30 at Oliver.

The date of the "get acquainted" dinner for salesmen, manufacturers and jobbers originally set for Dec. 29 has been changed to the following evening, Tuesday, the 30th.

Arrangements for the dinner are fast nearing completion. Letters of invitations have been sent out to all traveling salesmen of the city whose names the committee could procure. The dinner will be complimentary to all commercial travelers who live in South Bend regardless of whether they represent local firms or not.

A large number of the manufacturers and jobbers of the city will entertain their travelers at this dinner; as many as 25 representatives of one house will be present.

The exhibit of South Bend products to be made in the banquet room of the Oliver hotel in connection with the dinner is attracting a great deal of interest. Space is free to manufacturers and Chairman S. D. Rider of the exhibit committee reports that two-thirds the space is already assigned. Others desiring to make exhibits should at once notify Mr. Rider.

This exhibit will open at 3 p. m. the day of the dinner, and all those who attend the dinner are urged to inspect the exhibit during the afternoon or early evening. It will also be open to the general public.

TWO SUITS DISMISSED. Two damage suits filed by Tullus Farnum against Ann M. Studebaker have been settled and dismissed from the circuit court docket.

Doughnuts That will remain moist.

Every housewife who bakes her own bread knows that if a little potato is added to the sponge, the bread will not dry out as quickly. In this recipe potato is utilized to make doughnuts that will remain moist and fresh for several days.

K C will be found to have distinct advantages over any other Baking Powder for doughnuts. K C is a double acting baking powder with which a large batch of doughnuts may be mixed and fried a few at a time. The last will be as light and nice as the first.

K C Potato Doughnuts

By Mrs. Nevada Briggs, of Baking School fame.

3/4 cups flour; 2 eggs; 1 cup sugar; 1 level teaspoonful K C Baking Powder; 1/2 teaspoonful salt; 1/2 teaspoonful mace; 1 cup cold mashed potato; 1/2 cup milk, or more if needed.



Sift three times, the flour, salt, spice and baking powder. Beat eggs with rotary beater, then still using rotary beater, gradually add sugar, then work in the mashed potato with a spoon and alternately add milk and flour mixture. Make a soft dough, roll into a sheet, cut into rounds, pinch a hole in the center with the finger and fry in deep fat.

Fat for frying should not be hot enough to brown the doughnut until it has risen. When the doughnut is dropped into the fat it sinks to the bottom. As soon as it comes up it should be turned and turned a number of times while cooking. This recipe is excellent as they do not take the fat in frying and will stay moist for days.

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Merry Christmas To All THE NEW BARGAIN CENTER THE GRAND LEADER 132-134 W. WASH. ST., SO. BEND, IND.

EXCHANGE Your Old Stove for a New One at SAILORS Here's the proposition! We will take in your old stove, (either heater or range) as part payment on any new stove—this is the first time this proposition was ever made in this vicinity and it's only good for us for a short time. TERMS \$1.00 A WEEK TRY NEWS-TIMES WANT ADS

For a Quick Job We can put enough skilled men to work to finish it in any given time. The workmanship and materials are always the same—the best to be had anywhere. No matter whether your job be large or small, or what kind of a plumbing job it may be, we can handle it to your perfect satisfaction. Get our estimates. Hear what your neighbors say of our work. Thos. Williams

We Wish You One and All—Everybody the Merriest Christmas of Your Whole Life— P. S. The Diamond Ring was Presented to Mrs. F. Przygocki, 1407 W. Wash. Ave. COMMITTEE—Mrs. W. B. Hollinsworth, Mrs. A. McNeff. STORE CLOSED ALL DAY CHRISTMAS VERNON HOME OF GOOD CLOTHES C.B. STEED, MGR.