

HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

AWARDED PIPE SEWER CONTRACT

L. H. Webster Successful Bidder on Indiana Av. Improvement Work.

L. H. Webster was the successful bidder for the construction of the pipe sewer improvement on Indiana av. between Prairie av. and Kimball st., the contract being awarded to him at the session of the board of public works Tuesday evening.

Resolutions for the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Calvert st. from Chapin to Franklin sts. and the paving of Morris st. between Prairie and Union sts. were adopted.

Asphaltic concrete was the pavement selected for Indiana av. in the first order of the board on that improvement. The final selection and awarding of contract will probably be made on May 23.

Petitions for the paving of alleys west and east of Main st. between Monroe and South sts. and for an alley west of Lafayette st. between Noyse and Marion sts. were referred to the city engineer.

Hearings for proposed sidewalk improvements on Elmer st. and on Broadway were rescheduled.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED AT LITTLE THEATER

150 Attend Matinee Performance of Burlesque Scene From "Pyrimus and Thisbe."

The dramatic art classes of the South Bend high school Tuesday afternoon presented for school children in the "little theater," the famous burlesque scene taken from Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Pyrimus and Thisbe," under the direction of Miss Gena Thompson.

The entertainment was given for the Shakespeare tercentenary celebration being observed by the school this year will again be presented tonight for the general public on the same stage. About 150 children attended the entertainment Tuesday afternoon.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET ASSURED

Principal Sims Announces That 107 Tickets for High School Function Are Sold.

"The charmed number is 107." This is the authoritative statement of Prin. E. L. Sims at the close of school yesterday, in regard to the junior-senior banquet. The edict was published that 100 paid places should have been turned in to Mr. Kizer by 3 o'clock yesterday, and by noon the mark had reached 107. The banquet is now assured and will be held in the Oliver hotel in the tapistry room on Thursday evening.

DISCUSSES KITCHEN SCIENCE. "Kitchen Science" was the topic of Miss Clara Yoder in an address before a meeting of the Ferrisville Community center Tuesday evening at the Ferrisville school house. Following her talk a number of musical numbers were given by various members. One feature of the entertainment was the reading of the "Ferrisville Tatler," a paper written by residents of the community.

FIRE IN MATTRESS FACTORY.

Fire broke out in the Russell and Russell mattress factory, 327 Hydraulic av., Tuesday evening in the ricker room. Central and No. 2 hose companies were called and the fire was extinguished without damage.

LODGE NOTES

Initiation of a class of candidates in the first rank work took place Tuesday evening at the K. of P. hall by Crusade lodge, No. 14, Knights of Pythias. Recreational business was transacted and arrangements were made for the conferring of the second degree work at the next meeting Tuesday evening.

South Bend circle, No. 278, Protected Home circle, met last night at M. W. A. hall when 10 candidates were initiated and 14 applications acted upon. The membership of the circle has steadily increased during the past few weeks and efforts are being made to gain 100 members within the next few months. Dancing and orchestra music featured the evening's program. Luncheon was served following the business session.

Joint social session of the St. Joseph valley tent, No. 1108, Knights of the Maccabees, and the St. Joseph Valley live, No. 900, Lady Maccabees, was held last night at W. O. W. hall. Dancing and card playing were features of the social program following short business sessions of the two lodges.

Routine business followed by dancing comprised the evening's program of the Beech Tree court, No. 211, Tribe Ben Hur, held at Beyer hall Tuesday evening. Visiting members were present from a number of surrounding cities and a number of them gave short talks.

MOTHERS' DAY, MAY 14. To honor the best mother that ever lived—your own—that is the purpose of Mothers' Day. Williams & Co., Florists, 133 S. Michigan st., Adv.

Pesky Bed Bugs

The new chemical, P. D. Q., Pesky Bed Bug Killer, actually puts the overabundant to pesky bed bugs, roaches, ants, fleas; impossible for them to exist where P. D. Q. is used. P. D. Q. kills and leaves a coating on their eggs and prevents hatching. A 25¢ package makes a quart of the strongest bug killer on earth. A box of P. D. Q. goes farther than a barrel of old-fashioned bug killers. Look for the devil's head on every box; also patent spout in every box of P. D. Q. The P. D. Q. kills fleas on dogs. All leading drug stores.—Adv.

Noel Ducomb Found Guilty Of Arson; Gets Heavy Term

High School Lad Charged With Setting Fire to 20th Century Garage—But All in Mockery.

"We the jury find the defendant, Noel Ducomb, guilty of arson, as alleged in the indictment and recommended that he be sentenced to the state prison at Michigan City for a term of from two to 21 years and that a fine of \$75,000 be imposed upon him." In these words John Taylor, foreman of the jury, sealed the fate of a young high school boy not out of his teens. The youth had sat through the trial with little signs of worry on his face. Instead he smiled continually as witnesses presented evidence to show that he had set fire to the Twentieth Century garage, causing \$60,000 damage, in the early morning hours of Nov. 19, 1914.

The jury's verdict apparently was a popular one, for in spite of the presence of the boy's parents the crowd of spectators applauded vigorously. Even then the youth did not break down, but smiled as his counsel, William Grimm, asked for a new trial in the Indiana appellate court.

Had Gambling Debt. Witnesses for the state were put on the stand to show that Noel Ducomb set fire to the garage in order to cancel a gambling debt of \$3,000. G. Leeper said that the defendant was of a fighting nature and that Ducomb was discharged at the garage because of a fight. The proprietor of the garage corroborated the evidence.

Miss Anna Sawyer, who said she was formerly employed at the garage as a stenographer, gave the most damaging testimony. She said that as the defendant left the place on the day he was discharged he

muttered to himself that he would "get even." The defense attempted to prove that the defendant was not in the city at the time of the fire and that the blaze was started by an electric light wire. Ducomb's mother went on the stand in behalf of her son and testified that he had gone out on the Sumption prairie rd. about midnight before the fire. Other witnesses substantiated her testimony, but despite all this evidence, the boy was found guilty of the charge.

Attorneys for the defense were given time in which to file a motion for an appeal. The stern judge passed the sentence on the convicted youth and ordered him put in the keeping of the sheriff until June 9.

Only a Mock Trial. But it was all in play. All this was done Tuesday night in the council chambers at the city hall merely to give the students in Shepherd Leffer's high school history classes practical instruction in court procedure. The defendant was a student and likewise the witnesses who appeared against him and for him were his fellow pupils.

Following are the students who took part in the trial: Witnesses for the state—G. Leeper, garage employee; F. J. Butler, garage proprietor; Erma Sawyer, stenographer at the garage; Robert Minkler, sheriff; Gertrude Wiser, maid at the Ducomb home; Richard White, bartender; Richard Eckman, garage janitor. Witnesses for the defense—M. Lavenogor, mother of defendant; Walter Strang, automobile salesman; I. Swain, farmer; Kenneth Welton, president of the Union Trust Co.; B. Shirk, wife of the bank president; V. Smith and M. Chard, relatives of the Weltons. Jurors—John Taylor, foreman; Irene Webster, Josephine Walters, Ethel Pheasant, Edith Emma, Helen Seybold, Ed Post, Fred Winkler, Floyd Zimmer, Ina Yost, Mary Vitou and L. Fisher. Prosecutors—William Baumgartner, Joyce Lehman and Harlow Lippincott. Attorneys for the defense—Franklin Schurz, William Grimm and Bernard Keltner.

City Once Noted for Its Bands and Fire Department

Pioneers of County Recall Stirring Deeds and Honors of Early Organizations.

Stories of the first fire department of St. Joseph county and of the first brass bands of the county were exchanged Tuesday afternoon at a meeting of the centennial historical committee at the Chamber of Commerce.

Capt. Edwin Nicar spoke of the first fire department of the county and compared it with the present system. He said the first department was founded at Mishawaka in the early 50's and consisted not only of the laborers of the city but many distinguished professional men of the county.

Capt. Nicar said: "The department was known as the 'Tigers' department' as the men were possessed of sticking qualities and nerve. The engine was built in South Bend and was ornamented on the top and front with tiger heads. During the early days of the department when the pumping was mostly done by hand the local de-

partment broke the middle west record when they threw a stream of water two inches in diameter 231 feet. This took place at the annual tournament of the department in 1859 which was attended by Congressman Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Clem Studebaker and others. These men donned firemen's trousers and jackets and proved to be the heroes of the day.

George Beltner told of the first brass bands of the county. He said the famous Elbel band was regarded as one of the best in the country. It entered the band tournament at Niles, Mich., in 1858 without uniforms and defeated bands from Chicago, Constantine, Mich.; Jackson and other points of Michigan. Lawrence Elbel, father of the present Elbel brothers, is the only surviving member of that band today.

C. B. Stephenson, chairman of the committee, told interesting stories of the first fire department and first band. Charles Draper of Mishawaka, one of the old pioneers of the county, gave a short talk on the first work of the county. Mr. Draper was at one time interested in his father's paper, "The South Bend Forum," which was the leading newspaper of the county in the early 50's. The News-Times of today is an outgrowth of it.

Notre Dame News. Lucius B. Andrus, superintendent of the Indiana and Michigan Electrical Co. lectured to the students of the electrical engineering department in science hall last evening. The subject of his lecture was "The Economics of Regulation."

The senior hall of the university will be held in the Hotel Oliver this evening. The 60 tickets have been distributed among the members of the senior class by the following committee: Fred Pralatoski, W. P. McCourt, J. A. McCarthy, Frank Swift, Russell Hardy and Harry Sylvester. This will be the last formal affair of the season as by Williams. One of the most successful campaigns was conducted at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where about 40 converts were made.

The party is making the return trip by automobile and will tour the southeastern states before coming back to this city.

CAVE-WOMAN A PAMPERED TYPE

Dr. James J. Walsh Says Modern American Wife in Same Class.

The American woman of today is a type of the woman the caveman pampered in antediluvian times, since she lives on choice chocolates and the marrow of everything and grows plump just as the caveman's wife. Contrary to the popular opinion the caveman did as the modern man does, that is, works while the woman plays and considers only her adornment.

So declared Dr. James J. Walsh, the New York scientist, who was recently awarded the Laetare medal by the University of Notre Dame, in a lecture on "The Caveman" in Washington, hall yesterday afternoon.

Speaking of the men living between 25,000 and 30,000 years ago, Dr. Walsh said: "We have no greater impressionists alive today than the cavemen of thousands of years ago. We think of the caveman as being beast-like, constantly engaged in warfare, but we think wrongly, for the greatest impressionistic paintings ever exhibited are to be found in the caves of Spain, France and Greece, and were done by the caveman thousands of years ago.

Loved His Family. "These pictures which were painted on the walls of the caves on the stone are now relating the history of the people to scientists of the present time. The cave dweller pictured the men as tall and slim or the same as the modern Englishman pictures an American. Since the cave dweller must have loved his wife and children more than all else, he always draws a mother and child. We are told that the women of the cave bears and ate the marrow; this accounts for their size.

"The theory of the moderns is that the caveman was only a step higher than the beasts, but in fact the caveman was a cultured being. He was a painter, a sculptor and the greatest inventor known in the history of humanity since he brought fire and light into common use in his cave. If fire was taken away from the moderns what would be left of our industries? And how could we continue to live? The weapons of this man show he was not a warrior, but rather a peaceful individual who took pleasure in adorning every one of his cave utensils."

Although it is a possibility that there is a missing link, yet we have no evidence, said Dr. Walsh in conclusion. The caveman had heads twice the size of any modern and the few examples that have yet been found have all proved to be false.

NEW ABSTRACT FIRM IS INCORPORATED. Northern Indiana Company Capitalized at \$10,000.—Use Modern Books.

The Northern Indiana Abstract Co., organized by a number of prominent business men of South Bend, was incorporated Tuesday with a capital stock of \$10,000. The offices of the company are located in the Farmers' Security building. The books that will be used by the firm have been compiled after one of the most modern systems of abstracting in the country, and is expected to prove a great success in the city. The directors of the company are L. J. Oare, R. E. Geyer, Herbert Lederer, J. A. Finch, F. W. Keller and R. W. Geyer.

EVANGELIST THOMSON AND WIFE RETURNING

Leave Jacksonville, Florida, and Expect to Reach South Bend in Three Weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Thomson of this city, who have been conducting evangelistic campaigns in the south during the past few months, have left Jacksonville, Fla., for South Bend and expect to arrive here in about three weeks. They were accompanied on their trip by David Williams. One of the most successful campaigns was conducted at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where about 40 converts were made.

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ARREST BOY OF 14

Father Charges Son With Incurability.

Joseph Hadarich, taken into custody recently on the complaint of Dr. von Barandy pending an inquest into the man's sanity, was taken from the county jail yesterday to the Epworth hospital, where he will be given treatment.

In a Paris aerodynamic laboratory for testing model aeroplanes wind speeds up to 71 miles an hour are produced by ingenious machinery.

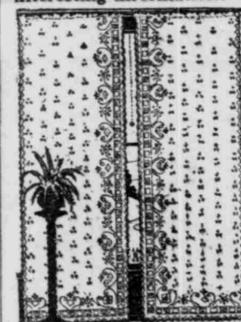


Robertson Bros. Co.

Thursday, May 11—Sun Rises 4:42; Sets 7:11

Orders by Mail promptly filled. We have an expert shopper who acts for you using the same judgment were you shopping in person.

To those who in the midst of putting homes in order for summer find the inevitable need of curtains, the following will be interesting information:



Sectional Nottingham Laces for Curtains

These make possible curtaining windows of the different sizes with the same curtain lace.

They are offered in complete sections, 9 inches wide in continuous pieces, each section 2 1/4 yards long.

Price Per Yard, Containing 4-9-in. Sections, \$2.285

Irish Point Lace Curtains in beautiful new designs, from \$3.95 to \$8.95.

Marquise Curtains, hemstitched, in white and ecru, splendid values at \$1.25 yard.

The Quaker Craft Laces—Made into Curtains

This new idea is remarkable, suggesting the forethought of your wants.

These beautiful curtains are made from the Quaker Craft Filet Nets and Nottingham Laces, just the way you would make them yourself, with wide hem and narrow lace edging—also Filet Nets from \$2.98 to \$5.00. Nottingham Lace, \$1.25 to \$5.00.

Rugs for Porch and Summer Home

We offer splendid assortments of Summer Rugs—Waites Practical Easy Cleaning Grass Rugs, sanitary, cool and inviting patterns, summer-like in colors, most befitting the furnishings of the summer home or city porch.

Sizes 6x9 at \$4.95; 9x12 at \$8.50. Also in other sizes and grass runners for halls or narrow porches, 27 to 54 in. wide, at 49¢ to 79¢ yard.

All Fibre Porch Rugs, 27x54 at \$1.25; 9 ft. by 12—\$6.75.

May Sales—Offer

300 New Style Belted Middy and Kimono House Dress Aprons at 59c

Made in light and dark colored Percales and Gingham, a great variety of patterns. Extra sizes, 48, 50, 52, at 65c.

200 Low Neck Dresses for the house wear, waist band of elastic, light and dark colored Percales, at 69c.

200 Afternoon House Dresses of extra fine Gingham, allover embroidery trimmed, pique collar and cuffs, price \$1.25.

200 CIVILIANS KILLED IN IRISH REBELLION

Manchester Guardian Says Execution of Rebels in an "Atrocity."

International News Service: LONDON, May 10.—An official estimate places the number of civilians killed in the Irish rebellion at 200.

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BERLIN GETS REPLY

Has Not Yet Been Handed to German Government.

BERLIN, May 10 (via London, May 10).—Prest Wilson's reply to Germany, accepting Germany's promise of a change in her methods of submarine warfare, has reached Berlin, but has not yet been handed to the German government by Ambassador Gerard.

PLACED UNDER ARREST.

Guy Glennons, 26 years old, arrested by Officers Weaver and Montene on a charge of larceny yesterday afternoon, was placed under a \$250 bond. A hearing will be given him in city court Friday morning.

OFF TO GET AUTOS.

Joseph Kish, Jr., of South Bend and G. D. Pecher and J. F. Kessler of Woodlawn left Tuesday for the Dort Automobile Co., Flint, Mich., and will return Thursday with Dort cars.

British life insurance companies, so far, have paid more than \$20,000,000 in losses on war victims.

Silk Undermuslins

Here are strong appeals to every woman's buying judgment. For no May sale has provided more fascinating varieties.

These Envelope Chemise at \$2.98, \$3.98, in pink and white, are exceptional values.

These Skirts—Special at \$3.98 with wide flounces of lace and insertion.

These Corset Covers at 59c and \$1.50 all are exquisite in workmanship.

Muslin Skirts

Of extra good quality with wide flounces of embroidery with underlay—made full and in all lengths at \$1.00.

Crepe and Muslin Gowns 50c and 59c.

Imported Oriental Rugs

Mr. Goshgarrin, a dealer in genuine imported Oriental Rugs, is here with a fine collection of these beautiful Rugs—Prices are reasonable. Come in and see this fine assortment.

Art Needle Work Department May Sales

Made up Corset Covers, stamped on fine nainsook for French eyelet embroidery, with sufficient floss to complete the work, also alphabet of initials with directions for working, all for 50c.

Made up Night Gowns of fine nainsook, stamped for embroidering, floss to complete work and alphabet of initials with directions for making, variety of styles, all for \$1.00.

Made up Envelope Combination drawers and corse cover, stamped on fine nainsook, with floss to complete work, all for 85c.

Ladies' Stamped Gowns, fine quality long cloth, full size and a splendid value, at 49c.

Dark Linen Table Scarfs, 16x50 in., stamped in assorted designs, special, 39c.

Stamped Huck Towels, assorted patterns, values up to 39c, at 25c.

Children's Stamped Hats for summer wear, made of Repp, Pique and Oxford suiting, in tan and white, 39c, 50c and 59c values at 25c.

Royal Society Cordichet in white, ecru and fast colors, superior finish, dependable crochet cotton that can be had for the same price that you pay for the inferior kinds, all sizes, at 10c ball.

25c Curtain Mull at 10c yd.

On sale tomorrow, 300 yards of very handsome Krinkled Mull for bedroom curtains, 36 in. wide.—White Goods Section.

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