

# HAPPENINGS IN AND ABOUT TOWN

## CENTENNIAL MEN SEEK COIN TODAY

### Committee Begins Campaign For \$20,000 Guarantee Fund.

In an endeavor to secure in a few days the \$20,000 guarantee fund to finance the St. Joseph county Indiana centennial, the committee, headed by Fred L. Dennis, began work today.

At a meeting of the directors a few weeks ago, more than \$2,000 was subscribed in writing which shows that considerable interest is being taken in the centennial celebration of Oct. 2, 4 and 5.

In order that prospective contributors might have plenty of time to determine the amount of their subscription, letters were sent to persons and clubs that might be interested in the proposition. It was not expected that these letters would bring guarantees but some of them have done so, thus saving time for the finance committee and permitting them to call on more persons.

### Hope For Success.

"We have a good organization and we hope to secure much more than the guarantee in one day," said Mr. Dennis. "If not obtained in one day, however, we will continue our efforts. The larger the guarantee the greater will be the advantage. If there ever was a time when South Bend should be liberal it is now. No one now living will have an opportunity to participate in the 200th anniversary of our state. People of today should, therefore, appreciate the privilege of celebrating Indiana's 100th birthday and be generous in their guarantees."

"It seems to me that if others are as generous as the few men who have guaranteed the first \$2,000 our fund should easily reach \$50,000. The \$500 subscriptions that have come to the finance committee unsolicited should be duplicated many times and I sincerely hope they will be. While we dislike exceedingly, owing to the dimmed occasion which the centennial celebration is to observe, to regard the affair from even a remote commercial standpoint, I cannot help feeling that both directly and indirectly this celebration is going to be of immense financial benefit to the city.

"Some businesses will be benefited directly by direct contact with the thousands of visitors. Others will be benefited indirectly because to them will come later a share of the money left in the city and also because many people who come to its centennial week will be so impressed with the city, its hospitality, its efforts to please and to entertain and with the high character of its stores and other business places

that they will return, probably again and again, to make purchases.

### Expect 100,000 Visitors.

"I feel that we have never had such an opportunity to place South Bend on the commercial map as now confronts us and to do it in a perfectly fair and thoroughly legitimate manner. We will probably have not less than 100,000 visitors in South Bend on the few days of the celebration. In addition would be the indirect or accumulative benefits which cannot be accurately estimated but which would naturally be very great.

"It seems to me when these facts are appreciated we should have no difficulty in creating a very large guarantee fund. As business men devoted to the upbuilding of our city and county we cannot afford to have the rest of the state say in derision that South Bend could not raise a sufficient guarantee fund to warrant carrying out the big idea it had announced. What we ought to do is to make this fund not a cent less than \$50,000. Then we will exceed any centennial guarantee yet raised in our great state.

"The raising of such a fund does not mean that the centennial association expects to spend it. It means that the association will know it has the cordial financial backing of substantial business men, that its plans are heartily endorsed and that it is given to understand the St. Joseph county centennial celebration must not be second to any but stand in first place when the centennial history of Indiana is written.

### Appeals To Business Men.

"As chairman of the finance committee, as a representative of the association's directors and as a loyal citizen of Indiana, I therefore appeal to the business interests of St. Joseph county, of South Bend in particular, to be generous in their subscriptions to this guarantee fund. We hope not a cent of it will be called for, but we cannot guarantee that. However, we are so reasonably sure the assessment, if any, will be small that we believe people ought to be most liberal in their subscriptions."

Mr. Dennis' committee assistants are busy men and so he hopes they will not be delayed when making calls for subscriptions to the guarantee fund. He urges quick attention to them by business men and liberality in the amount of guarantee subscriptions.

## LODGE NOTES

Members of the Improved Order of Red Men met last evening in the Red Men hall, 303 S. Michigan st., for the purpose of conferring the second and third degrees on a class of three candidates. Four applications for membership were received and acted upon.

Extensive plans are under way for the picnic to be held Aug. 27, but the place for the event has not been announced by the committee in charge of affairs.

The tensile strength of rolled manganese steel is 140,000 pounds to the square inch.

## SEWER OUTLETS MUST BE LOWERED

### Michigan St. Residents Between Monroe and South Sts., Are Notified.

Notification will be sent to all owners of property connecting with the old sewer on Michigan st. between Monroe and South st. to lower their connections to a point at least 18 feet below the top of the curbing, according to a resolution passed at last night's regular meeting of the board of works.

Many of the present connections were made without any provision for the construction in the future of modern buildings and are too near the surface to be of service in case buildings with basements are erected. A time limit of 10 days has been set by the board for the completion of the work and warning is being given that no permits will be granted within the next five years to open the new pavement which is to be laid on Michigan st.

The assessment roll for a water bound macadam pavement on Bartlett st. was filed with the board. The total cost of the street will be \$591.76. The contract for the pipe sewer on Francis st. was awarded to Hoban and Roach who submitted a bid of \$2,684. A contract for the cleaning out of McCarty creek was awarded to Henry Slot, whose contract calls for \$385.

Boat houses at Leeper and Howard parks which furnish accommodation to the police motorboats will be rebuilt. The bids of C. E. Miller were accepted. They call for \$103 for the reconstruction of the Howard building and for \$317 for the work on the house at Leeper.

Knights st. will have a new cement curb and the petition for a concrete pavement on Euclid av. between LaPorte av. and Walnut st. will be brought up for a hearing probably the last part of this month. A petition for a water main on W. Monroe from Olive st. to Main st. was referred to the water department.

Owing to the lateness of the season the petition for a trunk sewer pavement and water connections on Division st. from Olive st. to Mead and from Mead to Chicago st. was held over. It will come up at the first meeting of the board in April, 1917, and if it is found advisable work can then be started at once.

The production of nitrate of soda in Chile, which fell off greatly at the beginning of the war, has almost reached antebellum figures. During April, 1916, it was 3,337,592 Spanish quintals, or 541,231,929 pounds, as against 1,988,101 quintals in April, 1915, and 5,589,542 quintals in April, 1914.

## KRONWITTER CASE VENUED TO ELKHART

### Mishawaka Saloonkeeper Seeks Injunction Against Mayor to Keep Place Open.

The Kronewitter liquor license case was venued to the Elkhart county superior court by Special Judge Iden S. Romig in superior court Tuesday afternoon. The suit was brought by Charles Kronewitter, a Mishawaka saloon keeper, against Mayor Ralph Gaylor and Chief of Police Thomas H. Kreiter of Mishawaka, to secure a temporary injunction preventing them from closing his saloon.

Kronewitter's case has been in the courts for sometime. He was granted a liquor license by the county commissioners, but the Mishawaka authorities refused to grant him a city permit. He operated his place without a permit and sometime ago a temporary restraining order was issued by Judge George Ford, preventing the officials from arresting him pending the hearing on the injunction.

## AREOPLANE GIRLS FOR FAIR WEEK

### Directors Announce Aerial Novelty as One of the Attractions.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the St. Joseph County Fair and Amusement association was held in the Casino building at Springbrook park Tuesday afternoon. Besides the president, E. H. Miller, there were 14 directors present. Considerable business of importance was transacted.

C. J. Allardi, chairman of the amusement committee, announced the engagement of the three aeroplane girls, a distinct aerial novelty as one of the three free attractions for fair week. These daring performers have been exhibiting throughout the east and are engaged as special features of several of the big fairs in the middle west. They will come from the state fair at Lincoln, Neb., for the South Bend engagement.

The matter of complimentary tickets to restrict the free list absolutely to the press, exhibitors, owners and employees. By an overwhelming vote a motion was passed not to issue complimentary tickets to the board members themselves.

The securing of comfortable, high back chairs for the grand stand was decided upon. The entire stand will be reserved. Nearly 2,000 additional seats will be provided by the McHugh Seating Co. of Chicago. These will be located on the slope just east of the cement stand in the space formerly occupied by the base ball grand stand. The admission to these seats will be 25 cents; to the grand stand chairs, 50 cents.

Arrangements were made for the erection of new cattle sheds and a large horse tent with a capacity for more than 50 head of horses. The new box stalls now being erected will nearly double the stable capacity of the grounds, making room for 150 head of racing stock.

J. C. Ellsworth showed samples of the road signs that have been printed. Over 8,000 pieces will be tacked on over 600 miles of road. Fifteen auto loads of fair boosters will leave South Bend at 5 a. m. one day next week and by nightfall the entire surrounding country routes will be thoroughly covered.

The next meeting of the directors will be held at the Casino building next Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and frequent meetings will be called until after the fair.

## WHOLESALE DIRECTORY APPROVED BY BUREAU

### Find 75 Percent of Firms in City are Members of New C. of C. Auxiliary.

Enthusiastically, the largest meeting known to the wholesalers' bureau of the Chamber of Commerce took up the task of reading the rough draft of the Wholesalers' directory at last night's meeting of that bureau, held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

With the addition of the C. I. Smith Co. of 526 N. Emerick st., the bureau includes the names of 23 wholesale firms or more than 75 percent of the total firms in the city. With such a majority the organization feels confident of ultimate success, and it ordered the publication of the first edition of the directory, which will, no doubt, be completed within a very few days. After a thorough examination and correction a much larger second edition will be put to the press and widely circulated.

On account of the postponement by the retailers of the "Buy in South Bend Campaign," the wholesalers declined last night to take any initiative in the matter. After the retailers have taken action, however, the wholesalers will pass on the subject.

Some few other plans for activity of the organization were presented and discussed, among them being the trade extension tour. All of the work of the bureau since its organization was gone over for the benefit of the lately added members.

In this, our August SILK SALE We believe you will find in this an opportunity to buy the silk for a dress you may be planning for immediate or autumn wear.



### AUGUST BLANKET SALE

Two special values for this week:  
Extra quality Cotton Blanket, regular \$4.25 value; size 64x80; Sale price 89c.  
90 percent Wool Blankets, 66x80, in hand-some plaids, Sale price \$5.00.

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### Mid-Summer

## Sale of Wash Dresses

A Clearance of reasonable dresses when needed most—remarkable qualities in beautiful Sheer Voiles and Organdies. French Voiles daintily figured, Plain and Embroidered Voiles and Sheer Organdies in a wide variety of styles; lace and ribbon trimmed. Specially priced for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at

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## Early Fall Suits

at prices far less than their actual material values.

Serge of all wool, Gabardines and Poplins, not in out-of-date models, but serviceable tailored styles that are in fashion's present modes; \$15.00, \$19.75 and \$25.00 values. **Your choice \$10.00.**



## The August Fur Sale

continues to attract. September prices will undoubtedly be higher. Now is the opportune time for the best selections at a saving of 25 to 40 percent.

Select your Furs now, we will hold them for future delivery, when deposit is made.

## POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN SURE OF PAY RAISE

### Committee of Whole to Report Favorably on Proposed Ordinance Next Monday Night.

Policemen and firemen were practically assured their increase in pay at the meeting of the committee of the whole of the council, Tuesday night, ordinances providing for the increase in both departments were considered and after short debates, the committee passed a unanimous motion to report favorably on the next Monday night.

Not only will the city's guardians get the increase but they may get it Oct. 1, 1916, instead of Jan. 1, 1917, if an amendment proposed by Councilman Hagerty is accepted by the ways and means committee. Hagerty moved that the ordinances be referred to this committee in order that it might investigate the city's finances and ascertain if they were in such condition that the measures could go into effect before the beginning of the new year. The motion to refer and the amendment included in Hagerty's motion were both accepted unanimously.

### To Report Monday.

After the committee of the whole meeting, the ways and means committee held a short session and decided to have their report on the financial side of the question ready for next Monday's meeting.

A question as to the status of T. E. Beating and his two assistants in charge of police and fire alarm telegraph system was raised. The committee wanted to know if their pay would be increased under either one of these ordinances as they are subject to call from both departments. City Atty. Seebirt said that a separate ordinance would have to be introduced covering their cases as they did not come under any of the provisions of the two ordinances being considered.

Councilman Hagerty told the committee that he would probably introduce a resolution at the next meeting of the council providing for an increase of pay for employees of the city water works.

### Aerial Truck Up Again.

When the ordinance asking for an appropriation of \$16,750 for the purchase of a booster pump and an aerial truck, there was much discussion, for and against. Councilman Lang raised the question as to whether or not the truck would be a paying proposition. Would it decrease the insurance rates sufficiently to counterbalance the extra assessment on the taxpayers.

B. F. Augustine, chairman of the board of public safety and John A. Hibberd, member of the board, who were present, assured the council that the benefits would more than counterbalance the cost of the two vehicles. They said that the insurance rate would be reduced from 80c every three years to about 54c. Detroit, Mich., had an 80c rate until the purchase of a truck, according to Mr. Hibberd and their rate now is only 54c.

Lang also raised the question as to whether the truck would be used often enough to warrant its purchase and if it would save the city any money. Augustine told of a fire in Springfield, O., the night before the safety board reached there on their tour of inspection to gather information on the truck question, at which according to the city manager of that town, the truck had saved \$200,000 worth of property by being

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## FARM LOAN BOARD PLANS LONG TRIPS

### Will Go Over Country to Hold Hearings on Proposed District Banks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Tentative plans of the farm loan board for holding hearings throughout the country to secure information on which to divide the United States into 12 land bank districts and locate in each a federal land bank, were made Tuesday by the board. They provide for the first hearing in New England, probably at Portland, Me., Aug. 21. From New England the board will go west over a northern route and down the Pacific coast through California. The trip east will be made through the central section of the country.

The board will spend several weeks in Washington after this trip is concluded and may hold hearings here then to listen to views of farmers from nearby states. A second trip, which will cover the south, will be undertaken in the fall.

The manufacture of wooden shoes in the Netherlands has expanded rapidly since the beginning of the war. Quantities of these shoes are being exported to Germany, where they are becoming popular on account of the scarcity of leather.

## INDIANA MEN OF SECOND REGIMENT SATISFIED

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### Grants Heating Extension.

The ordinance granting permission for extension of lines to the St. Joseph Heating Co., was reported upon favorably.

Councilman Buechner asked for an explanation from the park board as to why they had shut off the water on the small "triangle" of ground at the intersection of Grand View av. and Lincoln way W., just east of