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## PATRIOTIC ADDRESSES

Parade of School Children, Fraternal Societies, Lodges and Veterans

Will Be Features of Decoration Day Exercises—Memorial Services Sunday.

Preparations were completed the first of the week for the observance of Decoration Day next Monday, and if the weather does not interfere with the program marked out for the occasion, Celina and the people of the vicinity will turn out to honor the heroes of the sixties that now rest in North Grove and the Catholic cemetery as they never have before.

While Decoration Day is inseparably connected with the deceased veterans of the civil war, the custom of decorating graves on that day has grown to include all loved ones who sleep beneath the sod in the silent cities of the dead, and the living who have moved to distant parts, leaving kith and kin behind in hallowed ground, return on Decoration Day if at no other time to place some flower or other remembrance above the final abode of the departed and pay their mute but heartfelt respects to those whose lives have been closely knit to them in family ties or human brotherhood.

The school children, lodges and fraternal order, soldiers and citizens who intend to participate in the the morning exercises—the parade to the cemetery and the decoration of graves—are asked to assemble at the City Hall sufficiently early so as not to delay the procession, which will move promptly at 10 o'clock under the direction of Grand Marshal John J. McGee, a civil war veteran. The procession will be formed as follows:

I. O. O. F. Band.
Sunday-school, public school and parochial school children.
Odd Fellows.
Queen Rebekah Lodge.
Fraternal Order Eagles.
Knights of St. John.
Ladies' Auxiliary and Drill Corps.
Martial Drum Corps.
German Aid Society.
Knights of Pythias.
Rathbone Sisters.
Woodmen of the World.
Ladies' Circle W. O. W.
D. J. Roop Post and Veterans.

### Afternoon Program

The program of the afternoon will take place in the City Opera-house, beginning at 2 o'clock, and will be as follows:

Song—"America" ..... Audience
Devotional.
Song ..... Church Choirs
Address—"How Can the Government Ever Pay the Debt of Gratitude It Owes the Volunteer Soldiers of '61 to '65" ..... Hon. S. J. Vining
Song ..... Church Choirs
Address ..... Ex-Senator J. D. Johnson
Vocal solo ..... Miss Kathryn Cook
Benediction.

### Memorial Services

Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock Memorial services will be held at St. Paul's M. E. Church. The address will be delivered by Rev. Chas. Bennett, himself a son of a war veteran. Special music will be furnished by the church choirs.

## SECOND ANNUAL INSTITUTE W.C.T.U

County Organization Will Meet in Celina Wednesday for Interesting Session.

The second annual institute of the Mercer County W. C. T. U. will meet in St. Paul's M. E. Church, in this city, next Wednesday afternoon, for which an elaborate program has been arranged. The meeting promises to be an unusually interesting one and largely attended.

Following is the program, which begins with the opening of the morning session at 9:30 o'clock:

Praise service ..... Mrs. Bennett
Greeting ..... Mrs. J. H. Anderson
Response, with brief synopsis of the past year's victories ..... Mrs. Cora B. McGrail
Apppointment of reporter and committee on courtesies, members and periodicals.
Soliciting funds for our work through W. C. T. U. Gift Day, by local treasurers.
Temperance celebration for the 4th of July, by county officers.
Hints on working my department, by county and local superintendents.
How make the most of our State and National papers ..... Mrs. McGrail
Noontide prayer, announcements, luncheon

Afternoon session, 1:30—

Hymn, invocation by pastor, music.
State paper—"Economic Phase of the Temance Question.
Discussion—Rev. Bauders.
State paper—"Shall Ohio Women Vote?" ..... Miss Ida Hedrick
Discussion—Rev. Rice.
Making the most of the Quarterly Temperance Lesson and the World's Temperance Sunday, by ministers and Sunday-school superintendents, led by Revs. Smith and Bennett.
State paper—"State-wide prohibition in 1912 and how to prepare for it."
Discussion by Mrs. McGrail.
The new Temperance Quarterly and the Essay Contest as aids in scientific temperance.
Teaching by county S. T. I. Superintendent, Miss Mary Lewis opening discussion, followed by Prof. Wilkin.
Question box, on preparation, contents and report of resolutions by committee; appeal for new members, with report of committee on same; institute report; adjournment.

### Open Meeting Liberty W.C.T.U. Night June 7

The ladies of the Liberty township W. C. T. U. will hold an open meeting on the evening of June 7 at Mt.Carmel, for which an entertaining program has been prepared. Rev. Oscar Trader will have charge of the music.

The program follows:

Song ..... Congregation
Devotional ..... Rev. S. F. Bauders
Reading of minutes of last meeting and roll-call of members.
Scripture reading—Song.
Reading ..... Gilbert Shambaugh
Reading ..... Mae Bastian
Song.
Reading ..... Miss Cleo Trader
Reading ..... Zelma Boice
Song.
Address ..... Rev. Roop, of Wilshire
Song.
Benediction ..... Rav. A. M. Harvey

### BASE BALL

Celina will play the fast St. Marys team in that city next Sunday afternoon. Game called at 2:30.

Celina journeyed to the Gem City last Sunday for the game with the Dayton Lilly Brews, but weather man was against them and the game was called off on account of wet grounds.

The game scheduled here last Sunday between the Celina Mercelina's and New Bremen was called off on account of wet grounds.

### Memorial Service at Center Chapel.

A memorial sermon will be delivered at the Center Chapel M. P. Church Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Wooton, of the Indiana conference. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Frank Hagerman and wife, of Lima, and Wm. Dearbaugh and wife, of Jackson Center, were the over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kistler.

## GHAUTAUQUA TO HAVE PASSION PLAY

The Great Spectacle of Belshazzar's Feast and Return of Prodigal Son.

One of the big features of the Celina Chautauqua this season will be the Passion Play that will be presented by the Hite Moving Picture Co.

The moving pictures will be hand-colored and true to life, and in interest will fall little below the great play as it is presented this year in Germany.

The scenes will include the arrival at Bethlehem, the nativity and adoration of the wise men, the miracle of the raising of Jairus' daughter, the triumphal entry, and in fact the whole dramatic sweep of the life of the Man of Sorrows.

*Other Notable Pictures*

In addition to the Passion Play there will be presented the great spectacle of Belshazzars Feast and the Prodigal Son; also a children's program and the latest dramatic productions.

This is the highest development of the moving picture art, and it was only when we had seen the splendid commendations that the Hite Moving Picture Co. had from leading assemblies that have tried them. The coloring is magnificent and the subjects are not sensational melodrama but the great classics only. This for the first time puts moving pictures on a high enough plain to warrant their admission to the Chautauqua program.

### *Annual Fast Reunion*

To Be Held at Mercelina Park Next Wednesday—Big All-Day Program.

The annual Fast reunion, notable for its hosts and interesting programs, will meet in the auditorium at Mercelina Park (formerly Cautauqua Park), this city, next Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock for an all-day meeting. Word has been passed down the line to bring baskets well filled and enjoy the day with your family and relatives and the injunction is likely to be obeyed without the aid of the Sheriff and his deputies.

The complete program and order of business is as follows:

Call to order by the President at 10:30 a.m.
Invocation by David Springer, of Celina.
President's annual address by Philip Fast, Celina.
Welcome address by Anderson Fast, Celina.
Music by the Fast drum corps—Geo. Fast, Abe Fast and Wm. Fast.
Historians report by Mrs. Sadie Gibson, Celina.
Secretary's report and reading of minutes by Dr. L. R. Fast, of Paulding, Ohio. New business.
Emblem for a coat of arms to be selected.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment for dinner and a ride on the placid waters of Lake Mercer in a gasoline launch.

Afternoon session, 1:30 o'clock.

Music—Drum Corps.
Address—"Perseverance vs. Idleness," G. M. Fast, Haviland, O.
Recitation—Miss Mary Fast, Neptune.
Song—Flora and Dora Fast, Haviland.
"Echoes from the Past," Prof. E. J. Fast, Delphos.
"Sunshine and Clouds," Miss Meda Bowyer, Haviland.
"The Fight Against Tuberculosis," Dr. E. R. Fast, St. Marys.
A program for the children will follow.
Volunteer addresses. Song.
Music by drum corps. Benediction.

### A Lucky Tumble

F. M. Dick and Kirt Kelley, of Center township, were badly bruised up, but miraculously escaped serious injury last Saturday afternoon, when they were precipitated from a 25 foot scaffold while at work on a barn on the J. F. Lumb farm, near Neptune. They were making ready to take down the scaffolding after finishing work on the roof of the barn when it gave way and they both took a dive.

## OF VITAL IMPORT TO BUSINESS

Entrance of Chesapeake & Ohio Into Buckeye State Would Mean Much to Celina.

Would Open Rich Territory That Is Jeopardized by Lawsuits Against C. & O.

Columbus, O.—(Special.)—Interest in business circles in Ohio is now centered upon the effort of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad to extend its lines throughout the length of this state.

This tremendous business enterprise has been delayed by court action instituted by holders of a comparatively few shares of stock in the railroads affected.

The Columbus News, in the interest of business in the state, and Columbus particularly, has made a thorough investigation of the situation, and under the heading "The Public Should Understand the Hocking Valley Suits," carries, under date of May 21, a leading editorial that should interest the whole state, and more particularly every community now served by the Hocking Valley, the Toledo & Ohio Central and the Kanawha & Michigan railroads.

When you read the following editorial, substitute CELINA for Columbus, for Celina is vitally interested in the extension of the T. O. C. from its present terminus at St. Marys to Chicago. The News says:

"A commercial advantage of the first importance to Columbus has this week been put in jeopardy. That advantage includes—the employment of thousands of workmen; the erection of costly and valuable improvements; the opening of new trade territory; direct routes from important coal mines; better railroad facilities through one of the richest sections of Ohio; a new trunk line to the sea coast, with termini at Washington, D. C.; Newport News, Va., and Charleston, S. C. It is an advantage greater than the building of large manufactories.

"This opportunity for Ohio and its capital lay mainly in the extension of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad northwest from Gauley, W. Va., to Point Pleasant and Gallipolis, O., to Columbus, Toledo, and finally to Chicago. The extension was made possible by the purchase of an interest in the Kanawha & Michigan railway and a controlling interest in the Hocking Valley railway and had the effect of making those two subordinate railways links in a through system from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic ocean. Simultaneously, the New York Central lines, through the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, took steps to open a lesser territory to the north by purchasing an interest in the Kanawha & Michigan equal to that of the Chesapeake & Ohio, and a controlling interest in the Toledo & Ohio Central.

"Both these larger railroads are well known to the people of Ohio. Neither is known as a wrecker. On the contrary, both are remarkable among American railways for the efficiency of their service, the excellence of their equipment and their farsightedness in co-operating with their patrons for the development of the sections through which their

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### *Cupid's Victims*

The culmination of a love romance which began in this city a year ago, occurred last Tuesday morning, when August F. Hirsch, of Dayton, and Miss Emma Stein, of this city, were united in marriage at St. Mary's Catholic Church at half past six o'clock, by Father Ernest Hefele. A year ago the bride and groom met for the first time, when they acted as bride's maid and groom's man at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Spriggs.

Miss Stein is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stein, North Walnut street, and for the past eight years has been employed at the J. A. Romer Clothing store.

The groom is a son of Mrs. Louis Hirsch, of Dayton, and is engaged in the grocery business in the Gem City.

Following the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, and later in the day the young couple left for a brief honeymoon, after which they will be at home at Dayton.

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Orville E. Grile and Phillis N. McCain were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr.and Mrs. John McCain, of Washington township, on the 17th inst. Both young people are highly respected and have a host of friends who extend hearty felicitations. Rev. Austice M. Harvey, of the Friends Church, was the officiating minister. They will be at home in Chattanooga to their many friends.

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Roy Jenkins, of this city, and Miss Estella Young, of Greenville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in that city, last Sunday at high noon.

The groom has been a teacher in the public schools of this city the past couple of years, and the coming school year will have charge of the manual training course. The bride has been special music teacher in the schools here for the past couple of years, and is a winsome and accomplished young woman. Both are very popular young people, and The Democrat joins with their host of friends in well wishes.

—Mrs. George Weber and baby are home from a week's visit with relatives and friends at Dayton and Cincinnati.

### Reunion of House of Coate Thursday, June 9

The reunion of the Coate family, one of the oldest in this county and Western Ohio, will take place at Mercelina Park, in this city, on the 9th inst. Corresponding Secretary Frank Coate, of this city, was busy Tuesday sending out notices to members of the family in various parts of the country of the coming reunion. The Coate family has the distinction of being able to trace its ancestry back to the landing of the Mayflower and its little band of pilgrims.

### *Aged Man Gets a Serious Fall*

Philip Reier, aged about 70 years, a well known resident of Cranberry Prairie, lies in a serious condition at his home there as the result of a fall which he received last Tuesday afternoon. The aged gentleman was standing on top of a spreader load of manure which he was distributing over the field, when a sudden movement of the horses caused him to be thrown off the wagon onto the ground. He lit on his head and was picked up unconscious and carried to his home. He was spitting blood considerably yesterday and because of his advanced age it is feared the fall will result fatally.

## OFFICER HIT IN THE BACK

And Then Brutally Kicked by His Assailant—Detective Hedges in Trouble.

The culmination of a feud, which has exisited for some time between Marshal Thomas Cook and Private Detective Cary Hedges of Rockford, came Wednesday morning shortly after 7 o'clock, when, as Cook was leaving his home in that village, Hedges, it is alleged, came up behind him and threw a part of a brick, striking Cook just above the right ear. The blow felled Cook, cutting a severe gash in the scalp and severing an artery. After Cook was down, and before a couple of bystanders realized what had occurred, Hedges pounced upon the unconscious man and kicked him several times in the face. Hedges then walked away and Cook was carried back into his home. He is still in a serious condition.

The matter was at once taken up by the grand jury, in session here, and Hedges, who came to this city on the afternoon train on the Northern, was arrested by Sheriff Grothjan. He was held until after the grand jury had reported, and was then released on $1200 bond, two indictments—one for assault and battery and the other for assault with intent to kill—having been returned against him.

### *Heroic Act Usual Fate*

H. W. Tillotson, of Fayette, Ohio, distributor for Northwestern Yeast Co. of Chicago, was seriously injured in attempting to stop a runaway team on North Main street Wednesday afternoon being driven Ray Nolan, a one-armed man. Tillotson, who was passing along the street, noticing Nolan's inability to stop the team, threw himself in front of the horses, to which he clung until crowded on the curb and his hold loosened. He fell beneath the hoofs of the horses and was run over by the wagon. He was removed to the Logan Street House, where he was stopping, and Dr. Hattery called. While badly bruised, his injuries are less serious than first though, and he will recover. He has a wife and four children at Fayette.

### *Knights Honor Celina Man*

Lawrence Schunck, of this city, was elected grand president of the Cincinnati Grand Commandery Knights of St. John, at their second annual convention held at Piqua last Sunday and Monday. The Mercer County delegates to the International Convention to be held at Cedar Point next month are: H. C. Fox, of Coldwater; J. M. Kramer, of Maria Stein, and Lawrence Schunck, of this city.

## GRAND JURY FINISHES ITS WORK

The grand jury of the May term of the Common Pleas Court, which met Monday, made their report to Judge Layton Wednesday afternoon.

The jury was in session three days, and during that time examined fifty witnesses, covering fourteen cases, presented nine bills and ignored five. During their session they visited the county jail and found things in proper order. The indictments returned are as follows:

Carey Hedges, indicted for assault and battery upon one Thomas Cook, by striking said Thomas Cook with a brick on May 25.

Carey Hedges, indicted for assault with intent to kill one Thomas Cook on May 25.

John Cencebaugh was indicted for two separate forgeries—one of $35 and the other of $26.50, forging the name of C. R. Taylor.

Harry Richardson, indicted for obtaining money under false pretense on April 20 of John Nasis, when he borrowed $10 to pay freight on horses he didn't have.

Joseph Kelley, indicted for removing mortgaged personal property out of the county.

Two indictments were returned against Dalton H. Miller, both for violating speed ordinance.

We can make farm loans for 5 years on first mortgage. Interest at 5 per cent. SHORT & DONOVAN, Celina, O.

## TAX VALUES MUST GO UP

If Values Are Made Too Low There Will Be Several Little Devils to Pay.

Tax values must go up. The new law is on the statute books. Down goes the rate. Up go the values.

The new law will provide that if appraisers do not list property at its value, other officers can raise it and add penality on property listed purposely low. No tax payer should criticise the appraiser for raising his valuation. It is a matter of necessity. In fact the fellow who gets on in the first place at a reasonable valuation is likely to fare best in the process of equalization. Some fellows who have been trying to dodge are almost sure to get soaked.

Many prominent men of the state say this is a great step in the matter of tax reform, which is so badly needed in Ohio.

Right now is a critical time. If values are made too low money enough will not be raised to pay running expenses of town, township and schools. The law will not be effective until next year. Our taxing boards, County Commissioners, Trustees, town council and all school boards must arouse to the situation. Immediate conferences should be had between these officers and the appraisers and estimates made as to how much money is needed and fix the valuation accordingly. This should not be neglected. If not done now it will be regretted before this time next year. Values and not the rate must be regulated under the new law. Right now is the time for the class in arithmetic to get busy.

The County Auditors over the state will have heavy burdens to bear as complication of setting this new scheme in motion. Land appraisers are up against the most serious situation that has ever confronted such officers in the state. If when the new law goes into effect, there is lack of funds to pay the public expense some one will be blamed of course. Then it will be said that the land appraisers and personal property assessors did not do their duty. They ought to have made the appraisement higher. If schools stop and all public improvements come to a stand still as a matter of course, somebody will want to kick somebody else. Governor Harmon had an amendment put in the new law which prevents over a five cent increase in the amount taxes that any person will have to pay. Right now is the time when public officers have got to get down to business and figure.

## MERCER COUNTY WILL BE AFFECTED

By Proposed Boundaries in Establishing New Catholic Diocese.

The much talked of division of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the forming of a new diocese of the counties of the northwestern part of the State, to be known as the diocese of Toledo, is soon to become a reality, according to announcement made last week by Archbishop Falconi, apostolic delegate of Washington, although official announcement has not yet been received from Rome.

According to reports in regard the forming of the new diocese, St. Mary's parish in this city and in fact all the Catholic parishes in the county, will be transferred from the Cincinnati diocese to the new Toledo diocese.

The following concerning the division of the diocese is taken from the Toledo Blade:

"The first definite step towards the division was taken on July 22, 1908, when Mons. Boff, then administrator of the diocese, acting under instructions from Rome, presided over a meeting of priests to consider the boundary lines. This is the first step governing the erection of a diocese, and a committee was appointed at that meeting to take up the consideration of the new diocesan boundaries.

"The boundaries proposed by the committee included all the northern tier of counties, beginning with Columbiana county on the east and Mercer on the west. It was decided to include Erie and Huron counties also, but when the priests in the eastern part of the diocese met and considered the boundary lines there was some objection to this and the question was left to the decision of Rome.

"The counties, therefore, included in the new diocese are: Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Allen, Van Wert, Putnam, Ottawa, Auglaize, Mercer, Defiance, Hardin, Wyandot, Crawford, Marion, Seneca, Henry, Paulding, Fulton, Williams, Sandusky, and in all probability Erie and Huron. The most important towns outside of Toledo are: Sandusky, Fremont, Tiffin, Fostoria, Lima, Findlay, Kenton, Bowling Green, Delphos, Napoleon, Defiance, Bucyrus and Norwalk.

"The next step governing the erection of the diocese rests with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Farrelly, of Cleveland, and as soon as the papal decree arrives from Rome, creating the new see, the bishop will call a meeting of the irremovable rectors of the new territory, who will meet to select their candidate for the bishopric, organize the ecclesiastical courts of the new diocese, and select a church to serve as a pro cathedral until such a home as a cathedral can be built. The irremovable rectors in the new diocese are the Rev. James P. McCloskey, of St. Patrick's church, Toledo; Rev. Frederica Ruppert, of Delphos; Rev. William Murphy, of Sandusky; Rev. Joseph Hueltgen, of Tiffin, and Rev. Seraphim Bauer, of Fremont. The bishops of the province will then meet and select a candidate and the names of candidates will then be sent to Rome.

*Team Black Mules for Sale*

Team of black mules, 5 and 6 years old; guaranteed to be good workers. Reason for selling, not enough work for them. They weigh over 2,400 lbs, and make good showy team. Price, $550. Address GEORGE W. HOLL, New Knoxville, O.

## THOUSANDS ARE COMING

### *Booming Reunion of Old 71st*

Veteran D. H. Doty, of Neptune, is very busy perfecting plans for the big reunion of the survivors of the 71st O. V. I., which will be held in this city June 30. The reunion will be held at Mercelina Park, which has been donated to the veterans for the day's outing.

### THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Catherine Linn, aged 35 years, widow of the late George Linn, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hiller, in Liberty township, last Saturday afternoon, after a lingering illness, of tuberculosis. She is survived by two children. Funeral services were held at the Lutheran church at Chattanooga last Tuesday morning.

Henry Clay, one of the best known pioneer residents of the north part of the county, died at his home in Union township last Tuesday, aged 84. His death was due to old age. He was born in Cumberland County, Pa., and came to this county with his widowed mother in 1840. He was married to Sarah Yocum in 1857, and after the death of his first wife married Mrs. Lydia Yocum. Four children survive him. His funeral takes place from the Mt. Olive Church this morning at 10:30, the order of Masons in charge.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elza Fryer and son Franklin, of Detroit, Mich.; Harry Fryer, of Dayton, and Mrs. Ella Barton and son Perry, of Weston, are guests at the Chas. W. Black home.

To Participate in Great Union Memorial at Fair-Ground Next Sunday.

Basket Picnic Between Services —Veterans Particularly Invited to Attend.

The union memorial services of the Church of God and M. E. Circuit congregations, which takes place at the Fair-ground next Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m., promises to bring together a tremendous concourse of people to honor the occasion. Neighboring pastors and their people are expected to help make the meeting a notable one.

As the program is for an all-day service, it will have the appearance of a genuine old-fashioned basket picnic and church gathering, and you should bring your family and your basket and enjoy a great day.

The services will be held in the grand stand, which will seat thousands of people. The Montezuma band will furnish special music.

Old veterans and their friends are particularly invited to attend.

The program is as follows:

Song ..... Audience
Prayer ..... Rev. R. L. Smith
Song ..... Audience
Sermon—"The Stained Flag" .....
..... Rev. S. F. Bauders
Song ..... Audience
Benediction.
Adjournment for Dinner.

2 p.m., memorial service—

Music ..... Montezuma Band
Song—"America" ..... Audience
Prayer ..... Rev. Chas. Bennett
Music ..... Montezuma Band
Poem (written by Rev. L. Rice).
Address ..... Rev. L. Rice
Patriotic song ..... Audience
Short Talks—Benediction.

## FINISHING TOUCHES

On Big Sunday-School Celebration on the Fourth to Be Made To-Morrow.

Ex-Governor Hanley, of Indiana, Will Be One of the Principal Orators.

All members of the different committees recently appointed to look after the big Fourth of July Sunday-school rally to be held in this city, are urgently requested to attend the meeting to be held at the M. E. Church, in this city, to-morrow afternoon to complete final arrangements for the big celebration.

Ex-Governor Hanley, of Indianapolis, Ind., will be the principal speaker at the big Sunday-school rally to be held at Mercelina Park on Monday, July 4. The Fourth celebration this year promises to be the biggest thing the town has seen in years. Last year's celebration was spoiled by the heavy rain, but despite this fact a big crowd was in town. It is expected there will be over 3000 Sunday-school scholars in the line of march this year, providing the weather man makes the day good.

Daniel McKirnan has purchased a half interest in the business of the Celina Steam Laundry, which for some time past has been conducted by F. L. Rhoades. The new firm will be known as The Celina Steam Laundry Co., Rhoades & McKirnan, proprietors.

### *Town Topics*

All Oddfellows of Celina Lodge No. 399 are requested to meet at the hall of order at 9 a.m., May 30, for the purpose of going with the G.A.R. Post to decorate the graves of deceased soldiers and Odd Fellows.

The banns of Miss Olga Hierholzer and Dr. Chas. Daniels, and Miss Anna Dorsten and John Heckler, were announced for the first time at St. Mary's Catholic church, this city, during high mass last Sunday morning.

J. D. Petterhoff, foreman in the paint shops at the Cron Carriage Works, had his left arm and hand horribly burned on Thursday afternoon of last week, when he threw some paint slush into a stove. The gasoline exploded and the flames enveloped his arm almost to the shoulder.

### Near Death's Door From Exposure

A stranger giving his name as James Hall, aged 47, was taken to the infirmary yesterday in a critical condition from sickness and exposure. He was found in the Forest Heights addition yesterday morning, where he had fallen and was unable to go further. The Alspach ambulance was called and he was taken to their establishment and Dr. Richardson summoned, who found him suffering intensely from pleurisy. He is a painter by trade, and claims Indianapolis as his home.

## *SIDELIGHTS ON SALOONS*

[From Bryan's Commoner.]

One reader of The Commoner has discontinued his subscription because of editorials which have appeared discussing the liquor question. In discontinuing this former reader of the Commoner says that he is a saloon keeper, that he is engaged in a legitimate business and that he does not care to read a paper which attacks his occupation. The Commoner is sorry to lose this subscriber and its editor does not know to what extent the editorials have described the business methods of the alienated reader. It may easily be admitted there are saloon-keepers who respect the law and honestly endeavor to conduct their business in such a way as to reduce the evils of drink to a minimum—and the lost subscriber may be one of them—but a business must be judged by its general character and by the conduct of the average man engaged in it—not by exceptional cases. The general character of the saloon is bad and it has grown worse since the application of trust methods to it.

The average saloon is the most disreputable place in the community; it is a bureau of information on vice; it is the first place one would enter to inquire for a gambling hall or for a disorderly house. It is likewise the first place visited by the officers of the law when they are looking for a criminal, and the first place closed in case of riot or disturbance. Those who defend the open saloon do it on the ground that it is a necessary evil and that the use of liquor can be better regulated by license than by prohibition—it is never defended on the ground that the saloon is a center of morals, an educational institution, a social asset or even an economic advantage.

It ought not be necessary to advance argument or to adduce facts in support of the proposition that one engaged in the liquor business ought not to expect praise—but should be satisfied with toleration. A sidelight, however, is thrown on the business by the newly elected mayor of Milwaukee.

Milwaukee can hardly be called a puritanical city; at least it is not "fanatical" on the temperance question. It has not yet prosecuted the brewer who claims that his beer made the city famous. Its mayor—a socialist—gives to the saloon question a prominent place in his message.

He says: "The question of the saloon is one that has been and is extensively agitated. In our city the saloon is regulated under the license system. The saloon keeper who conducts a clean and respectable place should be protected. No trickery to entice him into traps should be condoned. While the law prohibits the sale of intoxicants to minors, and this law should be enforced, at the time it should be made a misdemesanor for any one to induce a minor to obtain liquor under false pretenses."

Certainly the mayor is "liberal" enough, is he not? He does not favor "persecution," so the headlines declare. But now see what else he says: "On the other hand, the issuance of a license to sell liquor can not carry with it the permission to maintain a house of ill-fame or in any way to abet licentiousness."

What does the mayor mean by this warning? Have any of the saloons been maintaining houses of ill fame or abetting licentiousness? If not, then the mayor's language is an unjust reflection on the saloons of Milwaukee. If the warning was needed, what a horrible indictment the new mayor has presented. If his attention is called to the matter he will doubtlessly assure the inquirer that he does not mean to intimate that Milwaukee is worse in this respect than other cities. In other words, his critism applies to the business generally and everywhere.

The vociferous champion of "personal liberty" should devote a little of his time to the by-products of the saloon instead of exhausting his voice declaiming about the "inalienable right" to drink.

It is time for the men who want to drink moderately and under reasonable conditions to separate themselves from those who find a pecuniary profit in debauching society.