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FELIX SPRIGGS, Sheriff, Wins Pilelps

And Depwag Kindergarten of Society to Furnish Us Real Thing for Representative

Such is Leading Feature of Political Dope Right Off Reel by Way of Lima.

[J. W. Beall in Lima Daily News.]

The disclosures which were dug up by Alton O. Myers, versatile newspaper writer, and the wholesale indorsement secured in Darke county by Prosecutor John Maher and "Ad" Mosker against county commissioners alleged to have been guilty of certain irregularities in the matter of sewer pipe contracts and other operations that grand jurors and the taxpayers do not approve of, may have made some present and former county commissioners wish they had never meddled with a county office job, but they have not had any effect on Mercer county aspirants.

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And Dads Postpone Date of Execution—Opera-House Will Reopened Next Week.

Council met in regular session last Tuesday evening with all members present but Winkler, and Mayor Miller presiding. Following the usual opening routine Councilman Lennartz spoke in regard to the improvements made in the Opera House. He said the hall had been put in good shape under the supervision of Fire Chief Weisman and according to records of Building Inspector Kearns. Mr. Lennartz also said that the members of the M. E. Church wanted the hall for an entertainment, and he believed they should be allowed to use it. He made the matter a motion, embodying in it that the use of the hall should be given gratis, and same was unanimously passed.

The matter of placing another fire escape on the north side of the building was referred to the building committee for investigation and report. An insurance policy of Raudabaugh & Vining on the Musselman building was renewed and ordered paid, together with a like policy recently renewed with the Wagner Loan Agency. Clerk read a petition signed by S. S. Seranton, J. E. Raudabaugh, R. R. Wyckoff and about fifty other property owners, asking for the extension and improving of Hoyng street from the C. & D. railroad east to Mill street. Owing to the fact that the C. & D. right-of-way and part of a Mill street improvement, the matter was referred to the street committee for investigation and report.

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Driving Horse and Outfit Cheap

A heavy harness, robe, blanket and driving horse for sale cheap. If you want a bargain call and see Ernest Garman, six miles north west of Celina.

Farm for Sale

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"MRS. BRIGGS OF POULTRY YARD"

To Be Feature of Benefit Entertainment at Washington High School Saturday Night. A benefit entertainment will be given to-morrow (Saturday) evening by the seniors and junior classes of the Washington township high school, assisted by local talent, under the direction of Wanda R. Scott. Comedy, farce and specialties will provide amusement for all.

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DECISIONS HANDED BY JUDGE LAYTON

In Common Pleas Court Wednesday Seasoned With Usual Divorce—New Cases.

Common Pleas Judge F. C. Layton, of Wapakoneta, held court in this city Wednesday and made several decisions in cases before him. A motion of plaintiff, in the suit of the National Mill Supply Co. vs. the Village of Rockford, was overruled, and leave given plaintiffs to file demurrer. The court ordered a partition in the case of Minnie M. Huber vs. Clarence H. Holiopeter et al., and appointed J. W. Desch and August Behringer as commissioners. Merrit Kendall was granted a divorce from Bertha Kendall, and custody of two children given to plaintiff. The court ordered and approved service by publication in the case of the Indiana Conference of the Evangelical Church vs. G. W. Smith et al., and decreed loan as prayed for. The People's Bank of Coldwater was given a judgment on a cognovit note against A. Borman in the sum of \$380.81 and costs.

New Cases

William Fetzler vs. Aloys Rosner is a suit filed in Common Pleas court Wednesday in which plaintiff claims that he is due him from defendant an account of labor done and material furnished in raising and repairing Rosner's house, the sum of \$1,315.75, with interest from October 25, 1911. The Ohio Consolidated Oil Co. last Monday filed suit against the Blackrock Oil Co. et al., asking for the quieting of a title, cancel of leases and injunction over oil property in the Blackrock township field. Palmer & Miller last Friday filed suit against the C. H. & D. to recover damages in the sum of \$327.46, with 6 per cent interest from May 20, 1910. Plaintiffs say that they consigned to defendants at Mendon a car load of shelled corn containing 50,000 pounds and valued at \$670, for delivery at Richmond, Va.; that said car was, through negligence, wrecked and the contents so damaged that when reloaded and forwarded to its destination, it was not worth to exceed \$251.14. Ray Lucas vs. Naomi Lucas, is a suit in divorce filed last Monday, plaintiff claiming that his wife has neglected to perform her marital duties, and that she has at frequent times associated with men of questionable character.

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A jury in Justice O. J. Myers' court last Friday rendered a verdict, which favored the defendant, in a suit brought by Mrs. Sarah Murchland against Mr. Sarah Murchland. Brunswick sold a contract for raising Mrs. Murchland's house, and when he had the building upon jacks, ready to place upon the foundation, the supports gave way and the house was partly wrecked. Mrs. Murchland had paid part on the contract before the building was wrecked and refused to pay the remainder, after Brunswick had partially repaired the house and built the foundation. Brunwick thereupon brought suit to recover \$64.50 due on his contract. Mrs. Murchland filed a counter suit asking judgment for \$111.85, the amount expended by her in repairing the house. The jury assessed the plaintiff's claim at \$64.50, and assessed the defendant's damages at \$100.00, leaving the sum of \$36.20 due the defendant in the action.

ADOPTED DAUGHTER FINALLY WINS HER CONTENTION

Senator J. D. Johnson was at Kent, O., last week, where he was victorious in a suit brought on behalf of Mrs. A. B. Grim, of East Jefferson, for the purpose of breaking the will of the late Thomas J. Grim, of East Jefferson, who had adopted a child, received from the estate of the W. J. Maehman building, South Main street, now occupied by the Eilinger bakery. She was dissatisfied with the distribution made by the will and contested. The matter was settled by the other heir giving Mrs. Grim \$3000, and paying the costs of the case.

PROPERTIES CHANGE OWNERSHIP

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