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The dollar that you spend at HOME may return to you. Think it over, Mr. Business Man. This applies to you as well as the small fry.

## OFFICERS AND CONTRACTORS

### Guilt of Contempt and Fined for Disobeying Mandates of the Court.

The contempt proceedings against Commissioners Heiby Dillhoff and Kiser, County Surveyor Smalley and Contractors Halmer, Playlor and Rommel, in the matter of the Winhoven case, were heard before Common Pleas Judge Mathers yesterday afternoon.

After arguments by Judge Younger, counsel for Winhoven, and Prosecuting Attorney B. A. Meyers, the court, shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, made a brief review of the case and dismissed Commissioner Kiser and Engineer Smalley as parties to the proceedings.

In replying to Prosecutor Meyer's plea in behalf of the Commissioners, that they would not knowingly disobey an order of the court, Judge Mathers rather sarcastically read a portion of Commissioner Dillhoff's testimony in the Winhoven case and warmly scored that official.

Judge Mathers, on the other hand, spoke very highly of the truthfulness of Mr. Heiby's testimony.

After briefly covering the testimony of the contractors, he said that as well as the Commissioners must be taught to obey the mandates of the court, and he decreed that Commissioners Dillhoff and Heiby and Contractors Halmer, Playlor and Rommel were guilty of contempt of court, and ordered that each pay a fine of \$15, and the costs of the suit, together with an attorney fee of \$25 to Judge Younger.

## NEW PROSECUTOR TAKES UP DUTIES

It is now Prosecuting Attorney B. A. Myers.

Last Monday Prosecutor John G. Romer, after a notable and efficient service covering two terms, turned the keys of his office over to Mr. Myers, who was chosen as Prosecutor last November.

Mr. Romer will continue in the practice of his profession in this city, where he has achieved some reputation as a disciple of Blackstone, and The Democrat joins his friends in wishing him continued professional success and a generous share of this world's goods.

Mr. Myers, the new incumbent of the Prosecutor's office, in an active, hard-

working and promising young attorney and his friends believe he will make the county an ideal public servant.

## REVERSED HIS DECISION

### In Winhoven Case Regarding Assessing of Costs Against Commissioners.

Judge Mathers last Tuesday rendered his decision in the case of Joseph Winhoven vs. the County Commissioners et al., which last week ceased the court to order the arrest of the defendants for contempt of court.

Winhoven was seeking to perpetually enjoin the placing of a sewer along the Klingshirn pike, adjacent to the Winhoven farm, in the east end of Marion township.

The court, in his decision, ordered the defendants to remove the 24-inch sewer placed along the pike, which caused the contempt proceedings, and substitute a ten or fifteen-inch sewer. He also ordered that the ditch on the south side of the road be filled up even with the adjacent land.

The court then ordered that the costs of the case be assessed against the defendants, not as a board of commissioners, but as individuals, the money to come from the pockets of the defendants—Commissioners Heiby, Kiser and Dillhoff, Engineer Smalley and Contractors Wm. Playlor, Henry Halmer and Geo. Rommel, who built the Klingshirn pike.

Before adjourning court, shortly after 7 o'clock last evening, Judge Mathers reversed his decision of Wednesday ordering the Commissioners, as individuals, to pay the costs in the Winhoven case, and made an order that the costs be paid by the county.

Among the list of successful applicants for jobs at Columbus during the present session of the State legislature appears the names of P. F. Callen and Heath Vining of this city. Mr. Callen was made assistant postmaster of the Senate, while young Vining got a job as one of the House doorkeepers.

Mesdames Geo. Hendrick, Christ Kistler and A. W. Neath will entertain the ladies' aid society of the M. E. Church, at the church parlors, this (Friday) afternoon.

Judge Mathers last Tuesday made an order quieting the title of land in the case of Charles Mallow vs. Charlotte Lewis et al.

## Bunched News Paragraphs

Maud Hobson, the first Galey girl is dead. Her real name was Jeannie Manson. She was an Australian and the niece of John Hollinshead.

Calling it "dishonest money," Ben Adelman of Norwalk, O., refused to take \$642 standing to his credit since 1902 as his share in his father's estate.

Mrs. Caroline Brickett Stewart, 68, a magazine writer and author of short stories under the name of Carl Brickett, is dead of pneumonia at Yonkers, N. Y.

Greenville (O.) postoffice safe was blown open with nitroglycerin. Less than \$100 in money was taken, but several hundred dollars' worth of stamps were stolen.

Enos H. Nebeker, treasurer of the United States under President Harrison, died at his home at Covington, Ind., from a complication of diseases. He was 76 years of age.

Governor Donaghey of Arkansas appointed J. N. Heiskell, editor of the Little Rock Arkansas Gazette, United States senator to succeed the late Jeff Davis. The appointment is for the short term, ending March 4.

Henry Clay Frick is to have a new residence in New York which will cost, including the plot, nearly \$5,500,000.

The bodies of three miners who were buried beneath 100 tons of debris in the Imperial zinc mine, near Joplin, Mo., were recovered.

Twenty children in 20 families in Tippecanoe, O., a town of 600, have measles. One schoolteacher has the disease. The schools are closed.

Indianapolis police found in a barn a large box and suit case filled with jewelry and other property stolen in the last two years by Henry Smith, a negro. Value of loot, \$13,000.

A big gang of ghouls desecrated the cemetery of Clichy-Levallois, just outside the gates of Paris. They sacked over 100 of the tombs and stole a large number of sacred objects.

A. B. Lee, former director of public service of Cleveland, completed the task of obtaining 45,000 signatures to a petition which, if passed, would make Ohio newspapers public utilities.

Talking to Chicago vegetarians, Dr. Henry Lindharb said that cancer was a disease of the wealthy because they alone could afford to eat meat.

At Cincinnati, O., the Carle building, a seven-story structure, was almost destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$250,000.

John Woods, detective for the Illinois Central railroad at Chicago, killed Frank Bierna when he took corn valued at 45 cents. Woods was arrested.

Fritz Slackford, captain and star of the Sandusky high school football team of 1912, will enter Kenyon next fall. He will try for a place on the eleven.

## OHIO ASSEMBLY AGAIN IN ACTION

### Both Wings Organize by Electing Caucus Nominees—Governor's Message Read.

Secretary of State Graves Starts the House Machinery in Action, While Lieutenant Governor Nichols Opens the Senate—Democrats to Hold Back Flood of Bills Until After the Inauguration of Governor Cox.

Columbus, O., Jan. 7.—The Eightieth Ohio General assembly is now ready for business, organization having been completed in both branches by the election of the Democratic caucus nominees, William Green of Coshocton for president pro tem. of the senate and Charles L. Swain of Cincinnati for speaker of the house.

Lieutenant Governor Hugh L. Nichols, in a neat little speech, started things moving in the senate, and Secretary of State Charles H. Graves opened the house.

The Republicans put up candidates only to be bowled along over with the Progressives. The latter, three in number, and all on the house side, caucused in the main aisle of the house as Secretary of State Graves was calling it to order and nominated James Nye of Lucas for speaker and W. R. Davis of Geauga for speaker pro tem. The candidates received three Progressive votes.

Following the election, Secretary Graves turned the gavel over to Speaker Swain.

Governor Harman's farewell message, delivered today, was the event of the opening session. Legislators gave willing ear as the clerk read the message.

Democratic leaders plan to hold back the flood of proposed bills until after the new governor has transmitted his first message. There is no indication, however, that Senator Green and Representative John H. Lowry of Henry, the two Democratic floor leaders, would not be able to command with ease majorities in each house for the passage of the Cox measures.

Points in Governor's Message. The governor again commends the 1 per cent tax rate law. He recommends that personal tax returns be published.

School expenses, he says, have increased out of all proportion to the increase in efficiency, and he recommends more care regarding them.

The pay-palant law should be extended to feeble-minded and epileptics. He opposes the abandonment of the present penitentiary because the state has too much invested in it.

The abolishment of the state board of public works saves the state at the start \$15,000 a year in salaries. He recommends that private banks be made subject to state inspection.

He concurs in Commissioner Moore's proposition that state approval be necessary to the sale of insurance stocks in the state, and suggests that it might apply to all stock issues.

The work of Attorney General Hogan is specifically approved and a law recommended giving any member of his staff the right to go before grand juries.

A building costing \$15,000 located on abandoned canal land for a state printing house and bindery is recommended.

He suggests that the state send two representatives abroad at an expense of \$1,500 each to study the systems of rural credit.

He recommends that the state by law prohibit shipping live stock afflicted with contagious disease into the state.

A law protecting people against chattel loan sharks is urged. He suggests that the governor be authorized to deed the site of the proposed Perry's victory monument to the federal government.

Tuesday's Session. James M. Cox of Dayton was officially declared elected governor at joint session of the senate and house. Lieutenant Governor Nichols presided. He read the abstract of the votes cast for governor and other constitutional state officers and declared all of the winners properly elected with the exception of himself.

It was Speaker Swain who read the vote cast for lieutenant governor and declared Mr. Nichols to have been elected to that office.

The legislature adjourned until Monday, Jan. 13.

## DROPS FROM FRIGHT

Burglar Responsible For Deaths of Mother and Child. Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 7.—When Mrs. W. E. Johnston, 30, wife of a wealthy farmer at Cheat Haven, was in her home with her year-old daughter, a man armed with a revolver appeared at one of the windows and demanded that she open the door. Instead of complying, the woman barricaded the door.

Just as the man broke open the door Mrs. Johnston fell dead on the floor, at the same time crushing her little daughter to death. A short time later officers arrested W. H. Simmons, who was found in the vicinity.

In New Quarters. All my friends, old and young, please call and see me in my new location, one door south of Lining Bros. PERRY BAKER, Druggist.

Salesman Wanted—To look after our interest in Mercer and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address Lincoln Oil Co., Cleveland, O.

At the annual meeting of the members of the Celina Auto Co. last Tuesday night, the following Board of Directors were chosen for the ensuing year: Fred Hansen, Edmund Brands, Walter Merzman, Sam'l J. Vining and Ira Wagner.

Roy Swartz, of Ft. Recovery, was arrested by Marshal Pumphrey last Monday night on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He pleaded guilty before Mayor Miller and was fined \$5 and costs. He settled.

At a meeting of the Celina Board of Education last Monday night the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Dr. J. E. Hattery, president; O. Raudabaugh, vice-president; Wm. C. Dick, clerk. The other members are R. M. Dull and Dr. F. E. Ayers.

## DIVORCE AND BIG LUMP OF ALIMONY

### Portion of Defendant in Frysinger Divorce Case—Fate of Children Undecided.

The Frysinger divorce case, known on the court calendar as Cale Frysinger vs. Stella Frysinger, has occupied the attention of Common Pleas Judge Mathers all this week up until yesterday afternoon.

Frysinger is estimated to be worth about \$80,000, and his Rockford home is the most magnificent residence in this part of the state.

In 1908 Frysinger applied for a divorce but the decree was made in favor of the defendant, Mrs. Frysinger. The case was amicably settled and the following spring the couple were re-married.

Shortly before 7 o'clock last night Judge Mathers called counsel together in the Frysinger divorce case, and upon his decree of the afternoon giving the defendant a divorce on her cross-petition, allowed her alimony in the sum of \$5,500, to be paid within a reasonable time. He deferred until to-morrow afternoon the question of deciding as to the custody of three minor children of the mismatched pair.

Tom Fry and Charles Miller were arrested by Marshal Pumphrey last Monday on complaint of Mrs. Maude Beiersdorfer, charging them with being drunk and using profane language. Miller pleaded guilty. Fry denied the impeachment, but after a hearing Mayor Miller concluded he was guilty, and both parties were fined \$1 and costs each. They paid the bills.

Three cases of diphtheria are reported in the family of Wm. Eichenauer, in Hopewell township, the wife and two children being the victims. All are reported as getting along very satisfactorily.

P. F. Callen, who was appointed as one of the Senate Porters, was installed as assistant Postmaster in the Senate, when he reported for duty last Monday.

The Presbyterian ladies' aid society will be entertained this afternoon by Mesdames Mauchland and Bower, at the latter's home on West Fayette street.

## A STRANGE FELLOW

[By Earnest Reeder.] I met the queer fellow from Mars the other day. He said: "What is this thing you Earthians call 'ticket scalping'?" I see your police department is trying to put a stop to it."

I explained it to him how speculators bought up theatre and foot-ball seats in advance, not intending to use them personally, but to hold them against users for an advanced price. I showed him that it was a nefarious business, and the public was justly indignant.

His eyes twinkled; he always looks that way when about to say silly things. He said:

"You Earthians do beat the band. You despise speculators in seats to such trifles as plays or games which no one is compelled to attend, but you honor speculators in your Earth which is the source of life and health for everyone. I was told the other day that some of your biggest fortunes belonged to speculators in sites, men who got the tickets in advance (you call them deeds, I believe) but who didn't use the sites nor let anyone else use them, but just held them for a rise, and then, as your people say, 'soaked' the buyers. Now," said he, "these big Earth speculators you hold in the highest repute; they are among your best citizens, but the little ticket speculators you abuse, call them 'scalpers,' and wish to jail them. Won't you kindly show me the difference?"

I tried to show him, but the more I talked, the less he seemed to understand. Finally he said that it seemed to him that speculation in the Earth was highly immoral, more so than speculation in seats to games or plays.

He shook hands at parting. There was a queer look in his eyes as they met mine. I am not sure that he ought to be at large.

"Big Pete" says he sold 682 pairs of shoes, socks and gloves last Saturday.

James B. Knox, a former well known Celina young man was married at San Francisco, the 7th of December to Miss Lillian Davies, of that city.

Notice to the Public. I am moving my drug and wall paper stock into the room formerly occupied by J. F. McGe. Please call and see me. PERRY BAKER, Druggist.

Pneumonia? Apply Hanford's Balsam. Rub it on and rub it in thoroughly, until the skin is irritated.

## SPY SUSPECT ON GRAND JURY

### Prosecutor Halts Work in Jefferson County Probe—Sensation at Steubenville.

Paisley Declares He Will Demand a Special Grand Jury to Investigate Charges of Corruption at the Fall Election—Prosecutor's Own Eligibility to Serve Questioned on the Ground That He's a Hold-over.

Steubenville, O., Jan. 9.—The present grand jury will not be allowed to investigate any of the political corruption cases in Jefferson county, because I am afraid of one member of it, who, I believe, acted as a go-between and a spy during the probe of last month." This statement was made by Prosecuting Attorney J. S. Paisley.

The grand jury, which met Monday, has been adjourned to Jan. 20. When it reconvenes at that time, Paisley says he will be willing to have it clean up other cases on the docket, aside from those bearing on the election, but these, he asserts, he will demand to be heard by a special grand jury to be selected later.

Paisley's efforts to prevent the present jurors going into the alleged political corruption will hinge upon the outcome of the attack being made upon his own eligibility to serve as prosecutor.

Paisley was appointed to hold over in office by Judge R. G. Richards because Prosecutor-elect W. C. Brown is under indictment in the election cases and has been refused a certificate of election.

WEDEMAYER A SUICIDE. Congressman, Brooding Over Recent Defeat, Jumps Into Sea.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Representative William W. Wedemeyer of the Second Michigan district jumped overboard from the Panama liner Panama, committing suicide while temporarily insane. The news was received by the war department via wireless.

Representative Wedemeyer landed at Panama late in December, a member of one of the congressional inspection parties. His colleagues noticed that he apparently was suffering from hallucinations and shortly after landing he became violent, attempting to kill himself.

Brooding over his defeat in the recent election was believed to be responsible for his mental condition and he rambled incoherently over his troubles, attributing them to the Taft-Roosevelt imbroglio.

DESIGN OF THE NEW FIVE-CENT PIECE. Washington, Jan. 9.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh approved the design of a new 5-cent piece by J. E. Frazer of New York. The new coin will be nickel, containing practically the same composition of metal as the present one. It will be plainly "severe, bearing the word 'liberty'" and the date of coinage on one side, instead of a female liberty head, as on the present coin. On the opposite side will appear the figure of a buffalo and the words "five cents" instead of the laurel wreath and letter "U. S. as at present. The coin will bear the words "E Pluribus Unum," but not the motto "In God We Trust." It will be in circulation by the latter part of the month.

MOTHER GUILTY OF MURDER. Strangled Invalid Daughter to Put Her Out of Her Misery. London, Jan. 8.—The inquest into the cause of the death of the 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. Woods, who was an invalid from childhood and who was strangled by the mother, as it is believed, to put the child out of her agony, resulted in a verdict of wilful murder against Mrs. Woods. The woman was too ill to appear and the jury added to its verdict that the state of her mind should be inquired into. The child had been an invalid all the suffered from agonizing fits.

SIX COACHES DITCHED. Nearly Forty Persons Caught in a Big Four Wreck. Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 8.—One person was killed, three probably fatally injured and 33 slightly hurt when six cars on train No. 15 of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway, northbound from Cincinnati to Chicago, jumped the track at Stockwell, near here. The train was running at a high speed when a wheel on the baggage car broke, throwing that car, the smoker, day coach, the diner and two Pullmans into a ditch. Edwin Zunner, Rochester, N. Y., was crushed to death.

MEET SAME TRAGIC END. Man and Boy, Each Bearing Same Name, Killed at Crossings. Burlington, N. J., Jan. 9.—A boy and a man, each bearing the name of George Hoffman, but unrelated, were killed at a grade crossing within a few hours of each other and by injuries strangely similar. The man, George Hoffman of New Palmyra, was hit by a train while riding a horse. George Hoffman, 7, son of Samuel Hoffman, a farmer was struck by a passenger train and instantly killed.

BAIL FOR IRON WORKERS. Secretary of the Union Declares the Money Has Been Pledged. Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 6.—As an immediate step toward procuring bail for the 32 members of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers now in the Federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., J. E. McClory, acting secretary-treasurer of the union, departed for Leavenworth, taking with him blank bond applications for the prisoners to sign. McClory intimated that practically sufficient money or securities had been pledged to obtain the release of all the prisoners except Herbert S. Hockin, who has announced that he will make no appeal.

ARCHITECT AND WIFE DEAD. Candles on Christmas Tree Set Fire to Blowing Curtains. New York, Jan. 6.—Robert Rietze, an architect, and his wife were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home. Mr. Rietze's two children and Professor John Donald of the Lawrenceville preparatory school, who was visiting the Rietzes, and the servants escaped. The fire was caused by the candles on a Christmas tree on the ground floor, which set fire to some blowing curtains. When the bodies were found the man was leaning above the body of his wife, near an open window on the third floor, as if he had tried to shield her from the flames.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT. Estate of Leonard F. Byer, deceased. Cleo Oda Byer, has been appointed and qualified as administrator of the estate of Leonard F. Byer, late of Mercer County, Ohio, deceased. Dated this 8th day of January, A. D. 1913. P. F. DUGAN, Probate Judge.

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## COURT MATTERS

### Placed Against Former Celina Man, Wanted by Illinois Authorities

Thomas Sprague, a former resident of this city, is being held in jail here, awaiting the arrival of officers from Marshall, Illinois.

Sprague was arrested Wednesday evening by Marshal Pumphrey at the instigation of Sheriff Jesse Galvin, of Starke County, Illinois, and is being held for that officer, who will reach here this morning.

Sprague is wanted on two separate charges of rape. Night Marshal Tom Eynon, of Casey, Ill., arrived here yesterday afternoon to identify the prisoner, he being the only Starke County officer who knew Sprague.

## SECOND BI-MONTHLY MEETING

The second bi-monthly meeting of the Mercer county teachers association will be held at the West Side school building to-morrow (Saturday), the 11th. The program is short, but very strong, the speakers being rated among the best in this line of work. The principal addresses will be delivered by Prof. George H. Tapp, head of the Wabash University at Crawfordsville, Ind. The other speaker is Prof. James Ross, of Sandusky. Music will be furnished by the Neptune orchestra.

## WOMAN CHARGES FRAUD

Suit With an Ohio End in Progress at New York. New York, Jan. 8.—Supreme Court Justice Amund has refused to strike out allegations of fraud made by Mrs. Gertrude A. Hoffine, wife of a prominent Cleveland surgeon, in a suit against John B. Owens, president of the Empire Floor and Tile company, who recently removed here from Ohio, where he was a politician of influence.

In her complaint Mrs. Hoffine alleges that in 1907, when Owens was president of the Zanesville Tile company, he represented that all the \$200,000 capital stock had been sold at face value for cash except \$9,000 worth, and induced her to buy that. He also told her the company had earned \$50,000 net profits. Mrs. Hoffine says that a few months after she bought the stock the company went into the hands of a receiver, and she not only received no dividends, but has been unable to dispose of her stock.

HUMAN OFFICER MISTAKEN FOR THIEF. St. Marys, O., Jan. 8.—Charged with assault with intent to kill and with resisting an officer, James Rupert was placed under \$2,500 bond for an attack on Humane Officer L. M. Sikes when the latter was in the act of taking Rupert's team from a local hitching rack, acting on the theory that the horses had stood too long in the open. Sikes is severely wounded. Rupert is quoted as being ignorant of Sikes' identity and supposed his team was being stolen.

THE GRIM REAPER. Mrs. Hiram Aller, aged 76 years, died last Tuesday morning at her home at Mercer, as the result of an operation performed ten days previous. She was born in this county and spent her entire life here. She is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter. Funeral services were held at the Mercer M. E. Church yesterday morning.

RELATIVES IN THIS CITY RECEIVED WORD Tuesday morning announcing the death of Mrs. Catherine Conroy, aged 87, at Fostoria, which occurred Monday night following a brief illness.

Deceased was a native of Ireland, but spent many years in this city following her marriage. She is survived by several children two of whom reside in this city; James Conroy and Mrs. Adam Krieger.

BEN ORDING, aged 25, a well known young man of Marion township, died last Sunday at the home of his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fortkamp, at Maria Stein.

Mrs. Cornelius Smith, aged 72, died last Sunday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Riley, at Rockford.

THE BODY OF JOHN DUNCAN, whose death occurred at Phoenix, Arz., two weeks ago, and who was buried last Saturday and removed to the home of Reuben Baker. The remains were accompanied by the wife and his brother Charles. Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church Sunday afternoon. Interment at North Grove.

THE FUNERAL OF Mrs. Jos. Beason, aged 64 years, who died on the 2nd inst., following an illness of pneumonia, was held Sunday morning, followed by interment at Swamp College.

Mrs. Beason was a native of Greene county. She is survived by her husband a step-son, three brothers and three sisters.

WILLIAM J. SHORT, aged 71, a veteran of the civil war and one of the best known older residents of this city, died at his home on East Market street last Saturday morning, following a short illness of pneumonia, contracted through cancer of the eye, with which he had been suffering for many years.

Deceased was born in Shelby County, this State, October 11, 1841. He settled on a farm in this county in 1883. Seven years ago he moved to Celina, where he lived until his death.

During the war he served in the 18th O. V. I. He was a member of the Reop Host, G. A. R., of this city, and was a member of the Disciple Church of Celina. In January, 1867, he was married to Mary E. Swallow, and she, together with six children, survives. They are Attorney F. V. Short of this city; John Short, of Clayborn, Ark.; Anna B. Ida and Geo. W. Short, of Cleveland, and Miss Myrtle Short, of Toronto, Canada.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church last Tuesday morning. Veteran J. S. Clum, supporting himself with his hand upon the casket of his old comrade, gave a brief description of the bravery of Mr. Short during the hardships of the great war of our nation.

The remains were laid at rest in North Grove Cemetery.

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