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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.

To Our Subscribers

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would personally still be willing to do so. But as transient rates of postage would cost more than he gets for the subscription, he has no option but to stop all papers upon which subscription is unpaid for a year or more until he can secure renewals for such dropped subscriptions. We are dropping such unpaid subscriptions as rapidly as we can go over the books, check them off, and notify the subscriber, also rendering statement of the account, and asking a renewal. We trust we shall hear favorably from all of them. Subscribers whose unpaid subscriptions will reach the yearly limit soon are earnestly requested to make payment before that time, so that we can keep them on the list and they can receive the paper without any break.

PUCKETT AND AN ACCOMPLICE

A Robert Sauntman, Former Recovery Man, Bound Over on Blackmailing Charge

Preferred by Mrs. Mary A. Scott Last Week—Held in Sum of \$1,000 Each.

Fred W. Puckett, alias Fredericks, a former detective on the Muncie (Ind.) police force, mention of whose arrest on the 23rd inst., on a charge of blackmail, was made in these columns last week, was given a hearing before Justice Myers last Monday afternoon, and bound over to court in the sum of \$1,000. He furnished bond.

Immediately following Puckett's hearing, Robert Sauntman, of Michigan, a former resident of Recovery township, and one of the defendants in a suit filed in Common Pleas Court by Mrs. Mary A. Scott last week, which culminated in Puckett's arrest, was arrested in this city by Officer Hight on a charge of blackmail and being an accomplice of Puckett, waived examination before Justice O. J. Myers and was bound over to court in sum of \$1,000. He furnished bond.

Sauntman, it seems, has been at Ft. Recovery the past couple of weeks, endeavoring to square up matters with his brother's wife, but failed. He came to this city to see what would be Puckett's fate and was nabbed himself.

Bunched News Paragraphs

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, bitterly attacks the proposed compulsory arbitration plan for settling strikes. The commission form of government lost again at Joliet, Ill., the vote being 2,700 for and 2,804 against. Two years ago the majority against it was 670.

Judge Charles E. Chittenden of Toledo resigned as judge of the common pleas court. He will take office as judge of the court of appeals early in February.

James L. McNicholas, arrested in Boston, is charged with having induced hundreds of prominent northern Ohio people to invest in worthless mining stock.

Asserting that he aims to make funerals a bit more cheerful, the Rev. Dr. Bradford Leavitt of San Francisco quit the ministry to go into the undertaking business.

The New York legislature will appropriate \$150,000 for New York state's participation in the Perry victory centennial celebration at Put-In-Bay, beginning July 6 next.

Eusebio, the aviator, was killed at Villa Lugano, Argentina, when his machine dropped from a height of 70 feet.

Queen Wilhelmina of Holland left the palace for a mountain resort, where her husband Prince Henry, is seriously sick.

At Cincinnati, Ky., Attorney Harry Bailey, 39, was shot and killed by Newton Arnold. Tragedy followed following a dispute over a photograph.

Two automobiles crashed together on a bridge over Tanner's creek, near Norfolk, Pa., killing Florence Robinson of Ab-on, O.

Mrs. George Huffman is in jail at Wellsville, W. Va., charged with beating her 3-year-old daughter to death with a hammer. Woman believed demented.

Francis L. Stewart, a Pittsburg chemist, announced that he has patented a process for making paper from weeds. He claims that plant fiber will supplant wood pulp paper.

Every clothing manufacturing firm in Rochester, N. Y., closed its doors for an indefinite period, following a strike of the garment workers. There are 15,000 men and women out of employment.

Nicola Palmi, 40, was killed by a cave-in at the Ludowick mines at New Lexington, O.

Pearl Udder, 17, of Tyndale, O., was run down and killed on the Pennsylvania tracks.

PLENTY OF TALENT, SPLENDID PROGRAM

For Coldwater's Annual Farm Institute and Corn and Apple Show February 7-8.

The eleventh annual farmers' institute and corn and apple show will be held at the city hall at Coldwater, February 7 and 8. The state speakers are J. L. Buchanan and H. Burkholder. Mrs. Clara Smith Rogers will give two lectures on domestic science on Friday, the 7th, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, and none on Saturday, as was counted upon.

C. W. Waid, of the department of orchard and nursery inspection, will give a talk on apple culture on the afternoon of the 7th. Mr. Waid will judge the apples.

Entries to the corn and apple shows close at 9 a.m. on Friday, the 7th.

Cassella Knights to Dedicate Remodelled Hall

The dedication of the remodelled hall and the new curtain at St. Marys Hall, Branch 943, of the Catholic Knights of America, at Cassella, will take place next Sunday and Tuesday nights, February 2 and 4, with the presentation by dramatic club of that little village of "The Cuban Spy."

The argument of a motion for a new trial in the Weaver-Lennartz case, heard by Judge Layton last Friday, covered almost the entire day. The matter was taken under consideration by the court and a decision will likely be given next week.

Common Pleas Judge Layton last Tuesday sustained the motion filed by Attorney R. R. Landfair, of Lanier, Wyo., asking the court to set aside the sale of the Landfair property, owned by the Brunswick restaurant, which was sold last week to M. J. Hemmert for \$8,600.

Tips to porters, bellboys, waiters and barbers during 20 years, \$18,000. That was the statement made by G. A. Lorenzen, retired traveling salesman of Chicago.

Emerson Kohl, 14, was drowned in a pond at Ravenna, O., when he fell out of a boat. Kohl could not swim.

Frank P. Black, president of the Ohio Brass company, at Mansfield, was shot and seriously wounded. The police say Frank Brumenschenkel, who is under arrest, shot him.

Mrs. Tillie Gibson, 40, of Cleveland, O., leaped from a cliff into Mill creek and was drowned. Had been despondent.

Dick Stanley, a 16-year-old negro, who, it was charged, attempted to assault a 4-year-old white girl near Fulsburg, Tex., was hanged by a mob.

Charles Nieport, aviator, and his mechanic, monopolizing parades, were instantly killed at Estampes when the machine plunged 200 feet to earth.

Professor W. R. Webb of Bell-buckle, Tenn., Independent Democrat, was elected United States senator from Tennessee for the term ending March 4 next.

Mat Walters was shot and instantly killed by Theodore Dalmer, near Rush Run, W. Va., following a quarrel over the possession of a photograph of a young lady.

One man was killed and 20 seriously injured in a collision between a trolley car and a freight on the International railway at Lockport, N. Y. Victims members of the Order of Eagles.

Maude Le Page, the "delicatest poetess," who wants to mortgage her soul for \$1,000 so she can have some of her poems published, was arrested in Chicago for drawing a crowd in a downtown street and obstructing traffic.

H. M. Penhall, an American painter, formerly of San Francisco, committed suicide in Palermo, Sicily. In his pocket was a note saying, "I want to die in Italy."

At Zanesville, O., Vesta King, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, swallowed carbolic acid while clinging to her mother's skirts, dying almost instantly.

All public schools and Sunday schools in Muncie, Ind., have been closed until Feb. 3 because of the threatened epidemic of diphtheria and cerebro spinal meningitis.

Part of the levee at Hopfield Point, Ark., opposite Memphis, went into the Mississippi river, practically destroying work done by the government engineers at a cost of about \$100,000.

Mayor Baker of Cleveland announces he will back Mayor Brand Whitlock of Toledo to succeed Theodore Burton as United States senator from Ohio.

HOGAN AT ISSUE WITH GOVERNOR

Holds Supreme Court Ruling Does Not Impair Smith Tax Law—Commission to Contrary.

Attorney General Claims Absolute Limitation Would Make the One Per Cent Law Unconstitutional—Judge Ditty of the Taxation Board Positive Court Decision Has Ruined the Act—What the Governor Said.

Columbus, O., Jan. 30.—There is a variance of opinion on the question whether the Smith 1 per cent tax law stands shorn of the purpose for which it was intended, as the result of the ruling of the supreme court. Governor Cox and many others regard the court's decision as a death blow to the Smith law. The governor transmitted a message to the assembly in which he urged speedy action in amending the law so that it would provide what the people have supposed they have had, a tax limitation of 15 mills. Supporting the views of the governor are members of the state tax commission.

Judge R. M. Ditty of the state tax commission declared that the supreme court's ruling completely destroyed the intent of the Smith law and threw down the bars for any rate of taxation on the present large duplicates. Hogan's Opinion. Opposed to the views of Governor Cox is Attorney General Hogan, who declared that the supreme court's ruling does not impair or emasculate the Smith law as to a single one of its intents. "The fact of the case is that the decision saves the law," asserts the attorney general. In Mr. Hogan's opinion the Smith law stands in more danger from attempts by the legislature to amend or strengthen its provisions than from any decision by the supreme court.

The attorney general says: "To sustain the constitutionality of the Smith law itself required the recognition of the right on behalf of any taxing district to take care of its lawfully created obligations. Were the court to limit the taxing districts to the 15 mills, the Smith act would undoubtedly be unconstitutional. In my judgment, the Smith 1 per cent law is not only in danger in the decision of the supreme court in the Roose case, but when the decision is looked at rightly the constitutionality of the act and the beneficial effects of the act, as well as the purposes of the act, are fully sustained."

In accordance with the governor's message, an amendment is being prepared which will have for its intent the placing of a maximum levy of 15 mills for all purposes, including interest and sinking fund. Such an amendment, however, would be out of harmony with the opinion of the attorney general, who says an absolute limitation would make the law unconstitutional.

What Cox Said. In his message to the legislature the governor said: "Pursuant to the duty imposed upon the executive by the constitution with respect to communicating information on the condition of the state, I respectfully call your attention to a condition developed by a decision of the supreme court of Ohio, rendered Jan. 28, 1913.

"It is held by that honorable body, and there is widespread opinion that the interpretation is sound, that the interest and sinking fund charges do not come within the prescribed maximum, as the act is drawn. "This violates the basic principle of the law, creates a breach in the limitation, and trespasses on the fixed purpose of the people to establish a base of economy in government.

"Present valuations on property were made with a common understanding of the maximum rate of taxation, and any action in departure from this, although made possible by the decision of the court, might be regarded as bad faith upon the part of the state.

"The Smith law may have to be refined by experience, but there will remain nothing to refine if the emanculation stands without legislative repair.

"The budget commissions meet the first Monday in June. Whatever action your honorable body might in its wisdom take should ensue by March 1, in order that it become effective before the date fixed by statute for the beginning of the budget laws."

SHORT BALLOT BILL

House Makes Dairy and Food Commissioner an Appointive Officer. Columbus, O., Jan. 30.—By a narrow margin the house passed the Young bill to make the state dairy and food commissioner an appointive officer instead of an elective one. The huge Democratic majority dwindled to a margin of two more than necessary to pass the bill. It passed by a vote of 66 to 53, 20 Democrats voting in the negative. The Republicans sharply criticized the administration program of pushing through the short ballot bills in advance of other measures.

Judge Layton last Tuesday approved the sale of the property in the case of Elizabeth Ann Ward et al vs. Jacob Shingledecker et al, and ordered deed executed.

Judge Layton on Tuesday granted a divorce to Benjamin Rodecker from his wife, Carrie Rodecker, on the grounds of neglect of marital duties.

Dad Is in Jail Because He Neglects Offspring

Henry Shoelin, of Macedon, who was recently ordered by Common Pleas Judge Layton to pay \$350 for the maintenance of the illegitimate child of Sarah B. Boice, of Washington township, which a jury decided he was the father, was arrested by Sheriff Fisher last Saturday and lodged in jail here for failure to comply with orders of the court.

WILSON WOULD MAKE A CHANGE

Says Government Is Foster Child of Special Interests.

New York, Jan. 28.—In an article headed "Freemen Need No Guardians," in the February World's Work, President-elect Woodrow Wilson says: "The government of the United States at present is a foster child of the special interests." He says our working theory of late has been Alexander Hamilton's theory that the only one qualified to conduct the government were the men who had the biggest financial standing in the country's commercial and industrial enterprises. "Hamilton was a great man, but in my judgment, not a great American," comments the president-elect. He does not object to men like big bankers and big manufacturers being consulted at Washington, but he does object to their being chiefly consulted and to comply with their demands in every critical question. He insists that in every matter affecting the whole public, the interests of the whole country be considered.

Parts of Governor Wilson's article follow: "The masters of the government of the United States are the combined capitalists and manufacturers of the United States. It is written over every intimate page of the records of congress. The government of the United States in recent years has not been administered by the common people of the United States. "I believe that the very wealthy men who have got their money by certain kinds of corporate enterprises have closed in their horizon, and that they do not see and do not understand the rank and file of the people. We have got to relieve our government from the domination of special classes."

THE GRIM REAPER

Amos J. Hines, aged 68, a veteran of the Civil War, and a well known and highly respected resident of the county, died early Wednesday morning at his home west of this city, following a several months illness of a complication of troubles.

Deceased was born in this county September 23, 1844, and with the exception of a year in Ashtabula County, his entire life was spent in this county. He is survived by his wife and the following children: John Hines, of Mercer; George Hines, of Ashtabula County, and Mrs. Wm. Roettger and Ben Hines, of this county. He is also survived by two foster children—Mrs. Geo. Felver and Geo. Hines.

Funeral services will be held at Swamp Creek this morning under the direction of Undertaker Meister, interment at Swamp Cemetery.

Lewis, the little three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Casper Clune, died last Friday night at the parents' home at Cranberry Prairie, death following a week's illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held at the Cranberry Catholic Church last Monday morning.

Mrs. Clem Huelsman, aged 22, died at her home at Coldwater on the evening of the 23rd inst., following a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Her husband survives. Funeral services were held at the Coldwater Catholic Church.

THE B. G. & C. KEEPING THINGS UNDER THEIR HAT

[Bluffton Daily News] The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wells Construction Company, held Monday afternoon at the office of the M. B. & E. Traction Co., resulted in the election of a board of seven directors, who will be in charge of the company for the year. The Wells Construction Company is the company that constructed the B. G. & C. line from this city to Geneva.

The seven directors chosen Monday are Henry C. Arnold, L. A. Williamson, M. A. Stout, G. T. Kelsey, W. A. Kunkel and Samuel Bender, of this city, and A. G. Briggs of Geneva.

The directors will name some later date to meet and organize by selecting corps of officers. Only three of the four are now in Bluffton.

The annual report of the company was made Monday afternoon but there was nothing in this report that was furnished for publication.

RANK ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORK SATISFACTORILY ADJUSTED

Auditor Morrow received a communication last Monday from State Highway Commissioner Marker, appraising him of the final settlement of the Reservoir bank road controversy with Contractor Heffner, and the road, which for a while was the subject of much talk, is now open to traffic.

Commissioner Marker refused to accept and pay the contract price of the road after its completion, holding that the contractor had not used the required amount of cement.

The commissioner at first withheld \$320.60 from the original contract price of \$12,800.92, but this was reduced in the settlement reached, Mr. Heffner getting \$12,600 for the job.

For sale.—Driving mare coming three years old. Inquire of Wm. Canary, located one-half mile south and two miles west of Steedek.

GOOD MARKET ROADS AT COST

State Plans for Good Roads by General Jacob S. Coxe—Questions and Answers.

Subject That Interests Every Citizen of Ohio Discussed From Both Sides of the Question—L. and R. Invoked For the Cause of Good Roads and Petitions Being Circulated.

General Jacob S. Coxe, the dean of good roads agitation since his memorable march to Washington in 1894, is again in the field with a state plan for road improvement, for which his friends are now circulating petitions all over the state for signatures under the I. and R. for an amendment to the state constitution. The general has also established a newspaper called Coxe's Highway, and an extensive publicity bureau for promulgating his literature and petitions. From the January number, his first issue, we take the following in detailed explanation of his proposed amendment, in all its unique and original ramifications, for the information of the readers of this paper. It is the general's own story, in his own language, and as such is worthy of careful study.

The people, having turned down the \$50,000,000 amendment last September, leaves the field open for the next best plan, and in this, one of General



GENERAL JACOB S. COXE.

eral Coxe's, he makes the bold claim that the day for the old system of interest bearing bonds for public works has gone by never to return, and in its place he submits the next best, in his judgment.

Will Not Vote For Old Style Bonds Any More.

First.—The Socialists and the farmers voted against the 4 1/2 per cent interest clause, claiming they would pay in interest fifty millions, making a total of one hundred millions paid in taxes for fifty millions of roads.

Answer: This amendment proposed above overcomes this objection by making the bonds in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100 each. Interest one half of 1 per cent per annum, to be paid direct to labor for value created and without the aid of banks; nontaxable; receivable for all taxes and bills incurred and payable within the state; to be held as legal reserves in state banks in Ohio instead of 4 1/2 per cent interest bonds. The bur-

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COURT MATTERS

C. W. Swartz was granted a divorce from his wife, Ruth Swartz, by Judge Layton last Friday.

A motion to vacate the judgment of \$11,250, recently rendered in favor of the Model Milling Co. against G. H. Ward, was overruled.

The Citizens Banking Co. was awarded judgment against P. A. Ellis for \$150.50 and costs on a cognovit note, and against G. W. and Christ Hone in the sum of \$163.50 and costs on a like instrument.

The P. Kuntz & Herr Lumber Co. last week filed suit against G. W. Hone asking judgment for \$153.60, with interest and costs, alleging that amount due on a promissory note.

The Citizens Banking Co. filed suit last week against John H. Koenig et al, asking judgment for \$1,500, with interest and costs, alleging that amount due on a promissory note.

F. F. Fryer vs. White & McDowell, a partnership, is a suit filed in Common Pleas Court last week in which the plaintiff asks judgment against the defendants in the sum of \$5000, with interest and costs.

Plaintiff in his petition says that defendants are a partnership doing business in the State of Pennsylvania, with its principal office at Knox, Pa.

Plaintiff further states that on or about January 8, defendants sold to plaintiff certain oil and gas leases on the J. R. Fryer farm, the Chas. Fryer farm the W. F. Norris farm and the J. Clower farm, all in Union township, for \$2850.

Plaintiff then sets forth that he has been and now is ready to consummate the deal, by paying the money as soon as a properly executed deed is delivered to him; that he has deposited said amount in the First National Bank at Mendon and so notified defendants, but they refuse to execute the deed.

Plaintiff states that by such refusal he has been damaged in the sum of \$3000, and asks for attachment of the property and judgment accordingly.

Answer as such guardian filed instantly. Partition was then ordered as prayed for and the following commissioners appointed by the court: Joseph Huber, John Wourms and H. H. Plas.

Seymore Bernet vs. John Bebler is a transcript from the court of Justice Reichert, of Butler township, filed in Common Pleas court last Monday. Plaintiff asks judgment for \$85 and costs. A jury in the Justice's court awarded him \$25 and costs, which he feels is insufficient.

Claiming that his wife, Sarah Burch, had a very ungovernable temper and at frequent intervals would throw kitchen utensils at him without provocation, Thomas Burtch of Washington township, Wednesday filed suit in divorce in Common Pleas court, charging extreme cruelty. He also prays that her right of dower in his real estate in Washington township be forever barred. The petition states that the couple were married thirty-three years ago and that they have five children living. He also alleges that in the spring of 1910 his wife got out in the road and in the fall of the same year drove him from their home.

Judge Layton last Friday granted a temporary injunction in the case of John Karch vs. the Board of Commissioners, restraining the latter from placing a culvert in the Birch pike adjacent to his lands.

A. H. Berkmeier, of Coldwater, vs. the Village of Coldwater, and its officers, is a suit filed last Saturday in which the plaintiff prays that the village officers be enjoined from paying the Butler township trustees \$500 for constructing the Carmack ditch through the Village of Coldwater.

G. H. Reynolds vs. J. J. Stoner is a suit filed Tuesday in which plaintiff asks judgment for \$175 and costs, claiming that amount due him as share in crops for farm rental. Plaintiff states that the defendant was a tenant on the Reynolds farm, in Center township, last year, and as rental said tenant was to pay two-fifths of all grain raised on the place.

Plaintiff contends that defendant raised about 1400 bushels of oats last year and failed to account for plaintiff's share of 560 bushels, which he estimated as being worth \$170.

LONG-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

Nearly in Sight, and It Will Not Be Long Until Sanitary Sewer Work Will Begin.

Meeting in regular session last Tuesday night, the village dads made the first definite move toward work on the proposed and much-needed sewer installation, when the city solicitor was instructed to draw up necessary forms to initiate legislation for the issuing of \$80,000 worth of sewer bonds to install a complete sanitary sewer system, reaching every part of town, the erection of a disposal plant and the relieving of the present storm water conditions.

By this action the dads will make the improvement most desired by the majority of the citizens of the town, and instead of spending from seventy to ninety thousand dollars for building a big six-foot storm sewer, will obtain almost as satisfactory results by the relief proposed on both the east and west side for only a few thousand dollars, while the \$80,000 voted by the people of the town will more than care for the sanitary sewer improvement.

Very little business other than sewerage matters was taken up by council, which adjourned until next Tuesday night, when the first of the resolutions to proceed with the work will be taken up. The consulting engineer, Mr. Sherman, or one of his staff, will also be present at this meeting and receive instructions as to the work which will be undertaken at this time.

Where We Lack Horse Sense

Sunshine and fresh air, fortunately cost nothing. The parks and the country are still free of access. If you can't afford car fare—walk! The trouble with most of us is that we have forgotten our most natural mode of locomotion, and it does not cost anything to walk.

What if you haven't any money to spend? All you actually need is something to eat and drink, something to clothe you, some kind of roof. Common grub is ambrosia if you have an appetite. Any kind of clothing is stylish enough if it is decent, and one does not need to live on the Avenue in order to find a roof that will shelter one from the elements.

The possession of money creates artificial wants and leads us away from real living. A house should be a shelter where one may sleep in safety; eat a part of his meals and stay during inclement weather. It should be but a means to an end. Now it is an end to our means. Too much money is sunk in a house and furnishings that are often useless and luxurious.

Our houses have made us soft muscled, indolent, fearful of outdoors and extravagant.

It is because we have money that we feel the need of expensive and fashionable clothing. Any kind of comfortable garment, that would cover nakedness in summer and serve warmth in winter would fill our real needs. But we must labor to earn lucre for what the clothing manufacturers prescribe for us. We hamper our palates with what we think is necessary food; we have no healthy appetites, so we force an appetite with drinks and foods that would make a healthy savage wrinkle his nose with distaste.

We think we are doing everything to make ourselves happy and then we wonder why we are not happy.

We blame the other fellow and society and the industrial organism, and the whole blomm'n' world. We go home and put our heads in our hands and cuss the government. We get out of a job and commit suicide. We do all kinds of foolish things, simply because we have grown so helpless through artificial needs that we think we can't exist and find any kind of happiness upon the few actual needs of the normal human being.

We look upon men and women sitting in the lap of luxury and envy them. We think how deliriously happy we would be if we had only a portion of their ease and comfort, when the really happy man is the one who works and lives upon his earnings, without envy of his neighbor, though they only provide for him a humble lot.—O. P. News

Soreness removed by Hanford's Balsam. Apply it thoroughly.

COMMISSIONERS

The board last Friday reappointed Andrew Schuck as superintendent and Margaret Schuck as matron at the County Infirmary for a period of one year from March 1, 1913, at a salary of \$600 for the superintendent and \$350 for the matron.

Three other bids were made for the job—Chas. Krogman and wife, \$800; Henry Nissau and wife, \$600; George E. Smith and wife, \$750.

Mr. Schuck's application did not stipulate the amount for which he would serve, but the board reappointed him at the figures above shown, the same as last year.

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The engineer reported the sale of the work of constructing the Wilkin ditch, and same was accepted.

The work was sold to T. C. Howell for \$470, only \$5 less than the estimate. The work is to be completed March 1 next.

In the matter of the Baumgartner road improvement, the board ordered the Auditor to notify the apportioning committee heretofore appointed—Geo. Hill, Sol Fennig and Mat Stauffer—to meet at the Auditor's office on February 4, at 10 o'clock a.m., and proceed with making the apportionment.

A new pipe petition was filed with Auditor Morrow Tuesday, asking for the improvement by locating, grading, leveling or macadamizing of a road leading from the Romer pike to the Will pike in Graustville township, and beginning at the Romer pike; thence east between Sections 10 and 15, 11 and 12 and 13, to the point where it will connect with the Will pike, being a total length of about two and three-quarter miles. The road is petitioned for by Frank Evers, Wm. Behrens and others.

The petition will go before the Board at their meeting today.

The following bills were allowed last Friday and are now payable:

F. A. Snyder, publishing notice	\$4 70
J. W. Beach, cement	2 25
Joe B. Andrews, use of land for road	50 00
H. W. Price, supplies	17 00
Harrett Bros., blanks	16 05
J. H. Hart, retainer of taxes May, 1912	5 80
Thos. of Colquhoun, bridge	200 00
Ing at Infirmary	308 49
Daniel Yawer, putting on bridge	5 50
Boer	2 00
Girls' Industrial Home, clothing for inmates	2 50
W. H. Roettger, supplies	27 85
Frank Spring, hauling rubbish	20 00