

DECENTRALIZERS GET IN ACTION

Toss a Few Things Into the Legislative Hopper and Monkeying With Buzz Saw.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 20.—The indications at the opening session of the legislature Monday, first bill day, indicate that schools may become a big bone of contention in the lower house during the present session.

George M. Plumb, of Delaware county, one of the hardest fighters against the school code when it was before the legislature, was made chairman of the schools committee in the house. He was given that prize position after it had been asked for by Oliver J. Thatcher, of Clinton county, who helped to make the school survey, and Dr. Van S. Doston, of Miami county.

Plumb was against the present school law and is one of the large element of so-called school workers who have gathered about the state house since the session started. Republicans and Democrats who favored the school code declared tonight there would be a historic fight if its destruction was attempted. Republicans are not a unit in the attack on the law.

Since the selection, Governor Frank B. Willis has been quoted as saying he wanted the school code left alone, that its work was started right and that he wanted it to have a fair trial.

Introduces School Bill. In connection with the schools, Chester, of Paulding, Republican, presented a bill that would abolish the township supervisor of schools and make the county superintendent elective as are other county officers. These measures undermine the state system of schools so backers of the new code started tonight, and would greatly weaken the law if passed.

Ninety-six measures were unrolled on the state in the house on the first call for bills. They exceed 1,000 typewritten pages, pertain to innumerable subjects and create many new crimes and misdemeanors with ample penalties.

Hines, of Tuscarawas, has a measure that provides forfeiture of saloon license, a heavy fine and imprisonment for selling a drink of any sort of liquor to an alien. That is a new venture. Two bills were introduced making it a felony for an officer of a bank to permit a depositor to over-draw his account. It provides a fine of not more than \$1,000 and a year in the penitentiary.

Twelve laws were proposed making optional the application of the Torrens and title registration law, half a dozen to abolish the nonpartisan judiciary ballot, one to prohibit tipping, another to abolish the death penalty, and six to change the law for primary nomination by petitions.

Trefft of Fayette county brought in the new taxation law ripping the fixtures out of the Warnes law, putting all county work on the auditor and making elective the township assessors. It is understood the measure is the administration's. A figure in Venetian costume held an oar, and an electrical machine stirred the water to make waves, while a sand box made a sound like a boat going through water. The table 5 feet by 2 1/2 feet, occupied the center of the hood, leaving room for a waiter to go around. The decorations of the tables were violets, lilies of the valley, and maiden hair fern. The Knickerbocker gold service was used for the dinner. Four electric fans, one in each corner of the room, produced a breeze. The waiters were dressed as Venetian fishermen and two Neapolitan singers sang popular Italian music to represent the noises of passing gondolas. The Seventh Regiment band played in an adjoining room. A dozen flying sparrows represented the pigeons of Venice.

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HON. GEO. F. ALDRICH WILL BE THE FOURTH NUMBER AT WASHINGTON TOP LECTURE COURSE

Hon. George F. Aldrich will be the fourth number of the Washington Township lecture course on Saturday evening, January 26. Mr. Aldrich, "The Man With a Message" will deliver a lecture well worth hearing. Season ticket holders please take note of date. Single admission, Adults, 35 cents. Children, 20 cents.

JOB IN GOOD HANDS

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Witten and Martin Lutz were at Van Wert for several days the first of the week. Mr. Witten and Lutz have the contract for making the surveys for the new Federal building to be erected at Van Wert.

BOUND OVER TO PROBATE COURT

After a trial before Mayor Rice last Friday and Saturday, Mrs. Glenora Kelley arrested for running a house of prostitution, waived further examination and was bound over to the Probate Court in the sum of \$300. She furnished bond.

SCRATCH CAUSES TROUBLE

A scratch on the thumb so small as to be scarcely noticeable, has been causing Leo Hillhold much inconvenience the past few days. While helping his father with the butchering last Wednesday, Leo scratched his thumb on a rusty saw, and a few days later blood poisoning had developed.—P. Recovery Tribune.

COUPLE STORIES

The New York Sun make-up man jammed two interesting stories into the Sunday paper almost side by side. The tales, while not related in any apparent way, are at least useful for purposes of comparison. One ran as follows: "A well-known banker, with his wife and four children and a friend, recently enjoyed what is supposed to have been the most elaborate dinner ever given in New York. It cost \$750 a plate. The dinner was in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the banker's wedding.

"The banker wishing to prove to his wife that he not forgotten the date or place of their first meeting, went to James B. Regan, proprietor of the Knickerbocker, and explained his idea of what the dinner should be. Mr. Regan sent for A. H. Cremons, maitre d'hotel, who on learning that the banker and his wife had first met on a gondola in Venice, suggested that a reproduction of that scene would make a fitting background for the dinner. The idea was accepted and the walls of the banquet hall were hung with canvas painted to represent a scene on the Grand Canal. A canvas tank lining the base of the room held 2000 gallons of water 18 inches deep. A large gondola with a hood was put in this miniature canal. Inside the hood hung a small green lantern. A figure in Venetian costume held an oar, and an electrical machine stirred the water to make waves, while a sand box made a sound like a boat going through water. The table 5 feet by 2 1/2 feet, occupied the center of the hood, leaving room for a waiter to go around. The decorations of the tables were violets, lilies of the valley, and maiden hair fern. The Knickerbocker gold service was used for the dinner. Four electric fans, one in each corner of the room, produced a breeze. The waiters were dressed as Venetian fishermen and two Neapolitan singers sang popular Italian music to represent the noises of passing gondolas. The Seventh Regiment band played in an adjoining room. A dozen flying sparrows represented the pigeons of Venice.

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PLEAD GUILTY GRAVE CHARGE

John Huffman Sentenced to Penitentiary for Violating Person of Little Hopewell Girl.

John Huffman, aged 50 years, indicted by the grand jury for rape, following information given that body by Josie Burdick, a ten year old school girl of Hopewell township, was arrested at Ridgeville, Ind., last Saturday night and brought back to this city by Sheriff Pumphrey. He was arraigned before Judge Miller last Monday afternoon and pleaded guilty. The court put off passing sentence until Wednesday morning, when the child, a frail little girl, her mother and a physician were examined by the Judge.

As the result of the testimony obtained Judge Miller gave Huffman a most severe lecture and then sentenced him to from 1 to 20 years in the penitentiary. The crime was a most revolting one, made particularly so by the age of the man, who was old enough to be the little girl's grandparent. The child was accosted and outraged while on her way home from school. Huffman, at the time was working on the Charles Brown farm, in Hopewell township, a short distance from the child's home. He immediately left the county.

Leslie and Miss Myrtle Loughridge received word the latter part of last week, announcing the death of Tobias, nee Nakka, of their aunt, Mrs. Amanda Frankfurter, which occurred on the 12th as a result of a stroke of paralysis. Deceased was a sister of the late John Nickel and of the late Mrs. James Loughridge, both of this city, and was a former resident of Center township. She is survived by two sons, John and James Nottingham, of Tobias; two brothers, Samuel and Frank Nickel, and two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Crow, of Neptune, and Mrs. Julia Fanger, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Grandma Altmandering, mention of whose illness was made in these columns last week, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Bender near the Wild Cat school, Tuesday. The funeral was held from the residence of Mr. Bender and the Lutheran church at Chattanooga, Friday morning.—Willshire Herald.

Mrs. William Weaver, aged 44 years, living just northeast of this city, who was operated upon at the Lima hospital on the 13th for appendicitis, died last Friday evening. She had rallied nicely from the effects of the operation, but her weakened condition could not stand the shock. Deceased was born in Hopewell township. She is survived by her husband and eight children—Guy, of Houston, Texas, and Clinton, Mrs. Floyd Wade, Joseph, Nannie, Roy, Stella and George, all residents of this city. Funeral services were held last Tuesday afternoon at the Union Church in Hopewell township, with Rev. C. S. Johnson in charge.

Rina Spornbauer, well known to older citizens of Ft. Recovery, died at his home in Lima, Monday, after a lingering illness of about two years. The deceased at one time was owner of a blacksmith shop here, and in Ft. Recovery about twenty years ago. He was a brother of Mrs. Gottlieb Schaaf and Peter Spornbauer, of this place. A wife, two sons and a daughter survive. Burial was made Wednesday at Bluffton. His age was 58 years.—P. Recovery Journal.

Fred Berlin, aged 88 years, who has been an inmate of the county infirmary since 1894, died at the institution last Friday.

Deceased was a native of Germany, and so far as is known has no relatives excepting a nephew living in this country. At one time he was a partner of Hopewell township. Funeral services were held last Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Layland, of Center township, and the proud parents of a baby boy born last Sunday morning.

BURGLARS HAVE GRUDGE AGAINST L. E. & W.

Burglars last Saturday night broke into the Lake Erie depot in this city, but secured no bounty. Ben Adams, who runs the barber shop near the depot was the commotion in the building shortly after ten o'clock and called the police.

Mayor Rice headed a squad who hunted for the Lake Erie, but the only evidence of Mr. Burglar's presence was a broken window. He had skidded without any loot.

Sheriff Pumphrey on Wednesday took the burglar to the State Reformatory at Mansfield, where he was sentenced to serve time for robbing the McGee hardware store.

Marion Pond, Rockford, while in town last Wednesday, informed us that his son, Elsie, of Hopewell township, had a valuable watch stolen Tuesday night, both animals dying after only a few hours sickness. They were valued at \$450.

C. J. Hemmert went to Ft. Wayne, Ind., Tuesday and returned home with his daughter, Miss Helen, who slipped and fell down a flight of stairs Tuesday morning, breaking her ankle. She was visiting with her sister, Mrs. Hoevel, when the accident occurred.

Word from Senator J. D. Johnson at Columbus last Wednesday announced that his daughter, Miss Ruth, had undergone an operation for an affection of her neck, which has caused her much suffering for the past several months.

For sprains and bruises apply Hanford's Balsam thoroughly, put it on and rub it in.

FARM HOUSE BURNED

The home of John Lowe, east of Buck's Corner, was destroyed by fire Monday evening between six and seven o'clock. The family had been doing the evening chores at the barn when Mrs. Lowe returned to the house after an absence of about half an hour the heating stove was surrounded by fire and the room directly above the stove was also in flames. Most of the contents of the house was saved, although the fire spread rapidly to the other rooms. It was a frame building of eight rooms and was owned by Light & Testers.—P. Recovery Tribune.

DAN CUPID'S VICTIMS

Vincent H. Beckman was married yesterday morning to Miss Irene Gertrude Hummel, daughter of Joseph Hummel, of Chateau avenue, treasurer of the Eagle White Lead Company, at Holy Family Church, Hawthorne avenue, Price Hill, at 8:30. The bridal party consisted of Mark Beckman, brother of the groom and Miss Ada Hummel, sister of the bride. Messrs. Joseph Hummel, Jr., Clem A. Beckman and Edward F. Romer were the ushers. Rev. A. F. Runnebaum officiated, assisted by Rev. William Anthony, secretary to the Archbishop; Rev. George Vonder Ahe, of St. Aloysius Orphan Asylum; Rev. A. F. Runnebaum officiated, assistant pastor of Holy Family church.

After the return of the bridal party from Cuba they will be at home to their friends at 245 Price avenue, Price Hill.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, Jan. 20.

J. K. Mendenhall and Miss Clara Borger, well known young people of this city, were quietly married by Rev. Ernest Heffels, assistant pastor of the local Catholic church at the priest's house, last Monday evening.

The groom is the senior member of the firm of Current and Mendenhall, the W. Fayette street clothing and haberdashery.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Borger, and for a number of years past has, with her sister, conducted the millinery store on North Main street. The ceremony was witnessed by Adolph and Miss Josephine Borger, a brother and sister of the bride.

The young couple left immediately after the ceremony for a short wedding trip to Dayton and Cincinnati.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Geo. Bates, 41, laborer, Rockford, son of Simon and Elizabeth Bates, and Eloy Weena, 23, housekeeper, Rockford, daughter of Wm. and Mary Weena.

J. K. Mendenhall, 31, merchant, Celina, son of Thomas and Mary Mendenhall and Clara Borger, 28, milliner, Celina, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Borger.

ANNUAL ELECTION BANK OFFICERS

The stock-holders of the First National Bank, at a meeting last Monday selected the following board of directors: J. H. Day, J. E. Hattery, W. E. TouVelle, and C. H. Howick, of this city, and J. H. Romer, of St. Henry. The directors immediately met and formed the following organization: President, J. H. Day; vice president, J. E. Hattery; cashier, C. H. Howick; assistant cashier, J. P. LeBlond and T. A. Weis; teller, Grover C. Howick; bookkeeper, Miss Elsie Fanger.

FT. RECOVERY BANKS ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The Ft. Recovery Banking Co. last week selected the following officers: President, G. A. Benter; first vice president, J. H. Harting; second vice president, E. T. Hastings; cashier, W. H. Anthony; assistant cashier, Z. L. Anthony. The other directors are W. H. May, Nick Money, J. V. Richardson and Fred Heiby.

The Peoples Bank of Ft. Recovery have selected the following directors: W. R. Taylor, J. F. Adams, F. J. Sonderman, A. H. Muthert, Chas. Schneider, T. W. Clark, W. H. Warnock and G. F. Wagner. The directors formed the following organization: President, W. R. Taylor; vice president, J. F. Adams; cashier, E. H. Moore; assistant cashier, Jerome W. Haebeck.

Ferdinand and Vincent Reugers have filed an application with the County Liquor Licensing Board for a license to open up a saloon in Section 21, Granville township.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Linn were at Lima over Sunday visiting with relatives. Mrs. John Schmeil is in a serious condition as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained last Saturday.

Rev. Father Hubert LeBlond, of Cleveland, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. L. E. LeBlond, and his aunt, Mrs. Emma Kloebe.

Mrs. Glen Bushong and baby, of Dayton, returned home last Tuesday, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weisman.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Robinson, of Rockford, passed through here, last Tuesday on their way to Deland, Fla., where they will spend the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albers, of Hopewell township, were in his city last Saturday enroute to Dayton, where the latter entered a hospital to undergo an operation.

Mrs. Geo. W. Hone, of Liberty township, was called to Ashland last week by the illness of her daughter, who is suffering with appendicitis. Her condition is serious.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mowry, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Hamilton, of this city, and L. A. Hall, of Neptune, were called to Farmington, Ind., last Sunday by the death of Milton Hall, who died of pneumonia last Saturday night. A more extended notice of the death appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mrs. Sarah Bryson was called to Dayton, last Monday evening by the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lela Thompson, who underwent an operation Tuesday evening for obstruction of the bowels. She rallied from the operation and seems on the road to permanent recovery. Mrs. Bryson was accompanied by her son, Dr. Guy Bryson.

DIG BATCH OF EVIL-DOERS

Find Judge Miller a Little Unsympathetic and Inclined to Sympathize with the Matters—Court News.

Other cases on the criminal docket, not as yet taken up are: Y. A. Foreman, embezzlement. E. W. Wana, selling intoxicating liquor to a habitual drunkard.

Harry Means, assault and battery. Alonzo Kelley, non-support. Harry L. Hight. Joseph Walls, bribery. Wm. Townsend, bribery.

Arthur Mazzer, procuring signatures under false pretenses. Glen Eckhart, playing poker.

Petit Jury of the January term of Common Pleas Court, which was summoned to appear on the 11th, but were dismissed temporarily, owing to the fact that the grand jury had not at that time made their report have been summoned to appear at 9:30 next Monday morning, the 25th, when Judge Miller has assigned for hearing the case of the State of Ohio vs. Wm. Brown, indicted for non-support.

Other jury cases assigned for trial are as follows: Tuesday, January 26—State vs. Emma Alexander.

Monday, February 1—Lima Business College vs. Zoller Landshoff.

Monday, February 8—A. P. Dull vs. J. W. McMillan.

Tuesday, February 9—Dierkers vs. Heinrichs.

Friday, February 12—Sternberg vs. Commissioners.

Monday, February 15—Shupp vs. Sackett Mine & Supply Co.

The following court cases have also been assigned: Tuesday, February 2—John Brigner vs. Village of Ft. Recovery.

Thursday, February 11—Frank Baumer vs. Barney Langers.

The case of the Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co. vs. J. H. Now, was dismissed last week at plaintiff's costs.

Judge Miller last Friday accepted offer to confess judgment in the case of James Stemply vs. Thomas Richards. Judgment for \$75 and costs.

The action of Callen vs. Jomison was begun before Judge Miller last Monday. The hearing was concluded on Tuesday and the case adjourned until Saturday January 30, for argument.

New Suits

Fannie A. Jones, Amanda Hurd et al, through their attorney, R. L. Mattingly, last Saturday filed a suit against Frank Bonke, as treasurer, praying for an order of the court enjoining the defendant from selling certain lands, set up in the petition, to pay illegal assessments against the property, amounting to \$116.83.

Plaintiffs claim to be owners of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Marion township, that last spring the trustees of that township granted a ditch, known as the Forthofel township ditch, affecting plaintiffs' property; that the proceedings of the township trustees was illegal; that the ratio of the assessments is unequal and that the ditch will in no way benefit their property and was unnecessary.

The Glass Co., a St. Marys corporation, through their attorney, J. D. Johnson, last Saturday filed suit against C. C. Erantz, praying for judgment against the defendant, in the sum of \$100, with interest, which they claim due them on a chattel mortgage covering a bill of goods sold to defendant. The defendant is a resident of Franklin township.

John Dues, Jr., indicted for abandoning illegitimate children, was arraigned Monday. Waived reading of indictment and plead not guilty.

Wm. Weams indicted for torturing and unlawfully punishing his daughter, was arraigned Monday and plead not guilty. Bond was fixed at \$500.

Oscar Apple, indicted for horse stealing, plead not guilty when arraigned last Friday. C. S. Younger appointed to defend prisoner. Former plea was withdrawn and plea of guilty entered. Defendant sentenced to the penitentiary for an indeterminate period.

John Kiser and Kirk Sellers, indicted for burglary, arraigned last Friday. Both plead guilty. Kiser was remanded to jail for sentence later. Sellers was sentenced to the Ohio State Reformatory for from one to two years.

Henry Weisman, indicted for assault and battery, arraigned last Friday. Plead guilty and was fined \$1 and costs.

William Weams, indicted for incest, plead not guilty when arraigned last Monday. Bond fixed at \$1500.

Ev. Ward, indicted for assault and battery, arraigned last Saturday. Plead guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

Alex Vonderhoevel, indicted for furnishing intoxicating liquor to a minor, plead guilty when arraigned last Saturday. Fined \$50 and costs and remanded to jail until same are paid.

Wm. Baecher, indicted for assault and battery, plead guilty when arraigned last Saturday. Fined \$5.00 and costs.

against Alexander Ebbs. He was charged with assault with menacing threats.

Howard Passwater, indicted for stealing chickens, plead guilty last Thursday. Fined \$50 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in workhouse. Fine and work house sentence suspended upon payment of costs and during good behavior.

George Bates, indicted for fornication, plead not guilty when arraigned last Thursday. Bond fixed at \$300.

EX-TREASURER NOW CASHIER

Cashier W. O. Borman, of the Peoples Bank at Coldwater, last week disposed of his stock in the bank to ex-Treasurer J. B. Albers, who for the past year has been connected with the New Idea Spreader Works at Coldwater. Mr. Albers took up his new duties last Monday. He is very popular and a good financier, and will no doubt add many of his friends to the already large list of customers of the prosperous Coldwater bank institution.

Mr. Borman, the retiring cashier, is a young man of much ability and push and has helped to make the Coldwater bank, while he has not as yet fully decided as to his future course, he will in all probability take up a special law course with a view of venturing into the loan and trust company game.

Will Feature the St. Henry Farm Institute on February 1-2.

The Granville township farmers' institute will be held at St. Henry on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 2. Some very able speakers have been assigned who will make it very interesting for all who attend. There will be an educational feature on the program by the public school. Corn, wheat, oats and an egg show will also be held in connection with the institute. An unusually interesting program of the institute cordially invite the public has been prepared and the officers lie in general to attend the sessions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Will Witness "She Stoops to Conquer," Under Auspices of Celina H.S. Seniors