

BLOWING Of Gas Co. About Special Concessions to Consumers

Seems to Have String to It—Want to Increase Rates and Buy Your Meter at Their Terms.

Council met in regular session last Tuesday night with all members present but Miller, and Mayor Rice presiding.

A final agreement was reached to furnish relief from water to residents between the C. H. & D. and C. N. railroads who have been complaining for several months, when the railroad company last week agreed to place a sewer under their tracks if the town would furnish the pipe.

Manager Al Curtain of the Lima Natural Gas Co., called attention to the fact that the gas franchise expired next month. He presented an ordinance drawn by the company and which he wanted passed.

The ordinance did not exactly strike the council and it was referred to the ordinance committee.

Mr. Richards of the Moline Heating Co., addressed council relative to the heating of the city building. He wanted \$200 to draw the plans for the heating system.

Only one bid was received for the purchase of the 10,000 worth of four and one-half per cent improvement bonds, to be used for the purpose of improving the city hall.

Four bids were received for the work of remodeling and repairing the City Building, as follows:

W. H. and J. J. Forsthoef, \$3587; P. J. Vornholt, \$2445; E. M. Fisher, \$2245; Chas. C. Cable, \$3200.

A resolution was unanimously passed accepting the bid of Mr. Cable.

An ordinance providing for the building of a number of sidewalks in the village was passed.

The reports of the various departments were read and approved, a number of bills passed and council adjourned until 7 p. m., September 24.

DRINK Made Him a Fiend, Wife Alleges, and While Under Its Influence, Broke Her Arm.

Rosa Wood, through her attorneys Myers & Myers, last Friday filed suit in divorce against her husband, Jas. H. Wood, and the First National Bank of Celina, praying for divorce, alimony and for a restraining order to prevent defendant from drawing money from the First National Bank.

The parties were married in this city on June 2, 1913. The plaintiff was formerly Rosa Pratt. The defendant, before his marriage was a well to do farmer of Adams County, Ind.

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MACHINE TURNS TURTLE

William Fisher, of Center township, was badly bruised and scratched up, but luckily escaped serious injury last Monday afternoon, when only a short distance from his home on the east of Neptune. An automobile he was driving got into a bad rut in the road and he lost control. The machine turned turtle and landed in a ditch beside the road, breaking the front axle and smashing the top and windshield.

WANT RECEIVER NAMED

Charles E. Underwood, through his attorney, John Kramer, last week filed a suit against Lehmer & Nedeef et al., praying for the appointment of a receiver for said firm.

Plaintiff avers that he secured a judgment on Sept. 14, in Justice Rice's court against defendant for \$282.10, with interests and costs, which is unpaid, and on which accounts he asks the appointment of a receiver.

Lehmer & Nedeef are the South Main street fruit dealers, whose place was destroyed by fire a couple of weeks ago. They have a couple of thousand dollars insurance coming their way, which is probably the real cause of the above action.

DEAL In Local Business Circles of Considerable Import

Celina Furniture Co. to Occupy Lininger Building and Rittoffs the Former's Quarters.

A business change of some magnitude will be made in this city, within the next month, if plans of a deal made on Wednesday, do not go awry.

By the change the Celina Furniture Company, one of the rapidly growing and leading business concerns of this city, will move into the three-story Lininger building, at the corner of Main and Fayette streets and will occupy the entire building with the exception of the south half of the lower floor which will be used by the Lininger Bros., who will conduct a general store.

The Celina Furniture Company are over-crowded in their present quarters and the move will give them the largest floor space of any firm in this city, with the second and third floors accessible by elevator as well as a splendid stairway. The necessity of climbing several flights of stairs has been a serious handicap to them in their present quarters.

L. Ritthoff & Son, the popular, South Main street clothing and notion store, will move into the Hamburger building, now occupied by the Celina Furniture Company. This firm has been forging to the front in business circles, and after they get into their new quarters will put in a complete and up-to-date line of clothing and men's furnishings. Their present room is too small to accommodate their growing business and the change will be a big boost to them, not only giving them ample room, but putting them into one of the best business locations in town. All three of the firms will put on a big joint removal sale within the next couple of weeks, and it will pay everybody to await this coming event before making fall purchases.

The annual reunion and bean bake at Durbin this year will be held on next Wednesday, the 22nd. Everything is moving nicely by the committee in charge and Uncle Jack Snively is preparing to give the visitors one of the finest suppers he has ever prepared.

An excellent program which will begin about half past twelve is being arranged but has not been fully completed. Rev. W. Lance of the Methodist church of this city and Rev. A. H. Roebuck, the M. E. Circuit preacher, will be the principal speakers of the day.

Two ball games have been arranged as a new attraction for the day events, one to be played in the morning and the other in the evening.

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MORPHINE Thefts Lead to Arrest of "Bully" Karch at St. Marys—Goods Found on Him.

William Karch, better known in this city and surrounding towns as "Bully," a dope fiend and race horse gambler, was arrested at St. Marys last week following the disappearance of a bottle containing a number of morphine tablets from the office of Dr. Roy Heap in that city.

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ALL In One Single Column, With Nothing to Designate Party

To Which Candidate Belongs, Will Be Form of Ticket in Precincts Outside of Celina.

Much discussion has arisen in the last several weeks as to how the names of village and township candidates for different offices will appear upon the coming November ballot.

Some have had the understanding that they will have the usual party emblems and the names of candidates would appear under the political heads, unless the names were grouped on the nominating petitions and filed as independent candidates.

It seems the intent of the law was to make the township and village tickets nonpartisan, and therefore all names will appear under one column, all the different candidates for any respective office being grouped in alphabetical order, under the title of the office they are candidates for, according to their surnames.

To obtain a definite decision on the matter, the case was presented to Hon. J. W. Tannehill, of Columbus, author of the bill as originally drafted in the last Constitutional Convention. Under date of September 3, he wrote as follows:

My Dear Friend:—In reply to your inquiry there is nothing in the law to prevent members of any party meeting together and selecting a village or township ticket, but when so selected the only way by which such names can secure a place upon the ballot is by petition. The municipal and township ballots for all precincts in Mercer county, outside of Celina, will have no party emblem on them. The Democratic candidates you refer to will not go on the ballot as a Democratic ticket, but the names for any particular office will be grouped like a school board or judicial ticket. They will have to run as individuals and not as party candidates, so the party caucus held will do them no good so far as the ballot is concerned, for there will be no Democratic ticket on the ballot. I trust this will make the matter clear. Yours very truly, J. W. TANNEHILL.

Writing further on the subject under date of September 13, Mr. Tannehill says:

My Dear Friend:—To confirm my former statement to you I have just taken the matter up with the Secretary of State's office. They assure me that I am correct; that while a petition may contain an entire ticket, that does not entitle it to any independent position on the ballot. The names will all be grouped under each office like a judicial or school board ticket. The municipal ballot will be only one column long. Yours very truly, J. W. TANNEHILL.

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DUMPED INTO DITCH

Minnes Esther, Naomi and Morie Hart, of Rockford, were badly bruised and scratched up, but luckily escaped serious injury last Saturday afternoon, when a horse they were driving frightened at a passing automobile, near Five Point and upset the buggy, dumping the occupants into the ditch. They were on their way to this city to spend the afternoon with their sisters, Misses Iris and Pearl, who are attending school here.

AID SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the meeting of the ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church, held at the manse Friday afternoon: President, Mrs. John Randabaugh; first vice president, Mrs. J. M. Winter; second vice president, Mrs. George Snively; secretary, Mrs. J. C. Bower; treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Philleary; flower committee chairman, Mrs. S. H. Crockett.

DELAYED IN OPENING

The Coldwater public schools will open next Monday. The delay was caused by the resignation of one of the teachers. Miss Anna Mathias and Frank McLaughlin both resigned after being employed.

LITTLE Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schott Instantly Killed

By Automobile Driven by Dr. Hattery While on Way Home from School Friday.

One of the most deplorable accidents that has occurred in this city in a number of years took place on East Livingston street, just opposite the home of County Auditor Steinbrunner, at half past eleven last Friday morning when Dessie Schott, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schott of Lakeview addition, was run down and instantly killed by an automobile driven by Dr. J. E. Hattery.

The little tot, accompanied by a number of other school children, was on her way home to dinner when the fatal accident occurred. As the children were crossing Livingston street, the machines of Dr. Hattery and Shell M. Fisher approached from the east. Warning was given by Dr. Hattery who was slightly ahead of Mr. Fisher and the children began to turn back to the sidewalk.

Tillie Schott, an older sister was one of the first across and she turned and called to her sister. Little Dessie became frightened and ran directly in front of the doctor's machine. The doctor turned his car toward the curb in an effort to miss the child, but to no avail. She was struck and knocked under the machine, the wheels passing over her head, bursting open the skull and scattering her brains over the street.

Several neighbors, besides the school children witnessed the tragedy and all feel that Dr. Hattery done all in his power to avert the accident. The doctor is not only a careful driver, but he is particularly fond of children, and he was badly shocked and depressed by the accident.

A sheet was secured from one of the neighbors and the tiny mangled form covered. Undertaker Meister, who lives nearby, placed the body in Mr. Fisher's machine and took it to the McDaniel & Meister mortuary, where it was prepared for burial and later taken to the bereaved parents home.

The child's teacher, Miss Leona Winter, and Dr. Hattery's daughter, Miss Lenora, also a teacher in the East Side building, were on their way home to dinner and were crossing Livingston street only a square west of the scene of the accident, when informed that her father's machine had run over the child. Miss Lenora fainted and she was taken home.

Besides the parents, six other children survive the deceased. Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at the Schott home, with Rev. Stricker, of the Free Methodist church in charge. Interment was made in Petrie cemetery, just west of town.

The thirteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Warwick, of Hopewell township, was accidentally drowned in a jar of water at the Warwick home last Tuesday afternoon.

The tot was playing on the porch and was left alone a few minutes while Mr. Warwick went into the house after his hat. He crawled up to a ten gallon jar, half filled with water and fell in head first. A physician was hurriedly summoned who was taken home to the boy, but life was beyond all efforts of resuscitation. Besides the parents, five other children survive. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Mrs. Julia LeBlond and Miss Helen Lange, of Wapakoneta, spent Sunday where the former remained for the week to visit relatives. Miss Lange went on Monday where she will teach school this winter.

J. C. Palmer and family, C. R. Wimbler and family of Ashland; Mrs. Ida Sidel of Woodstock and Mary Steele of Marion, motored to this city last Friday and spent several days with W. T. Palmer and family, at North Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Betz and daughter, Miss Marie, left last Wednesday for Denver, Colo., where they will spend several months in the hope of benefiting Miss Marie's health. The young lady has been suffering with a bad asthmatic affection.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Heiser and daughter of Sidney, motored to this city on last Sunday and spent the day with J. B. Pulkamp and family. They were accompanied by Gust Aveyers and daughter, Helen, who spent the day with W. J. Mehlman and family and other relatives.

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GREAT Throng Attended Dedictory Service at Cassella

Last Sunday, When Remodeled Church Was Scene of Impressive Ceremonies.

It is roundly estimated that five thousand people attended the dedication services of the newly remodeled church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin at Cassella, in Marion township, last Sunday.

The fine summer-like day and the excellent condition of the roads for automobile travel made the day an ideal one for dedicatory services and many people from a distance were present. Quite a crowd from this city attended.

The dedicatory ceremony was performed by the Most Reverend Archbishop Henry Moeller, D. D., of Cincinnati who motored to Cassella, on Saturday afternoon, accompanied by his private secretary, Rev. William Anthony.

The Archbishop was assisted in the ceremonies by Rev. Scrophin Kunzler, C. P. S., of St. Henry, as deacon, and Rev. Clement Boeke, assistant pastor at St. Peter's church, at Cleveland, as subdeacon. Father Boeke was born and raised at Cassella, and preached his first mass in the Cassella church. Rev. William Anthony and Rev. Othmar Knapske, C. P. S., served as masters of ceremony.

The dedicatory ceremony was followed by a Pontifical High Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop. He was assisted by Revs. Anthony and Knapske as deacon and subdeacon. Very Reverend Bonifaz Russ, C. P. S., of Carthagen, and Very Reverend Paulinus Trost, C. P. S., rector of St. Charles Seminary at Carthagen were edacons of honor during the Mass.

The principal sermon was in German and was preached by Rev. Didacus Brackman, C. P. S., professor of theology at the St. Charles Seminary. The English address was delivered by the Archbishop. He recommended the parishioners for the great sacrifices wrought in behalf of their church and the willingness they had displayed in assisting their zealous pastor, Rev. Julius Heffner, C. P. S.

Besides Archbishop Moeller, his secretary and the priests named in the services above the following

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TERMS Of Judges and Clerks of Election Terminate

At End of One Year from Date of Appointment—New Ones Must Be Selected.

The question has been presented to us numerous times in the past several weeks as to whether or not new judges and clerks of the election would be selected for the coming November election. Secretary Carlin of the Democratic Executive Committee is now sending out notices to the various Central Committees instructing them to forward to him not later than October 4, their selections for judges and clerks for the coming election.

The law governing the selection of judges and clerks reads in part as follows:

Section 4853.—At least ten days before any general election the deputy state supervisors of elections of each county shall appoint for each precinct in which the voters are not registered, four judges and two clerks of elections, residents of the precinct, who shall constitute the election officers of such precinct.

Section 4854.—The terms of the judges and clerks shall terminate at the end of one year from the date of their appointment, at which time their successors shall be appointed to similar terms of office as herein provided.

JURORS Drawn for October Term of Common Pleas Court, Which Convenes October 4

The October term of the Mercer County Common Pleas Court will begin on Monday October 4, when the grand jury is summoned to appear at 9:30. The petit jury, as usual will meet a week later, on the 11th. The list of jurors as drawn yesterday are as follows:

GRAND JURORS—John Schelbarger, Dublin; John Lang, Franklin; Bernard Gerdes, Butler; Perry C. Miller, Jefferson; John Kreig, Washington; Elmer Barker, Butler; John Hildebrand, Hamilton; Val. Strub, Liberty; Christ Lampy, Union; Jesse Wilcutt, Center; John Will, Franklin; August Fisher, Butler; Joseph Homann, Marion; James Stager, Jefferson; Earnest Kirkpatrick, Dublin.

PETIT JURORS—J. H. Blacker, Blacker; Imahil Malick, Center; Lae Wildenhaut, Marion; Anthony Lamm, Recovery; H. B. Bennett, Franklin; Robert Scott, Recovery; Jesse Wilcutt, Center; Joseph Mortinger, Blacker; Walter Murlin, Union; Chas. Bickmore, Butler; Joseph Hildebrand, Blacker; Christ Rostger, Dublin; J. H. Morrow, Jefferson.

W. C. Dick