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## DEATH

### Of Former Neptune Girl by Asphyxiation at Toledo

**Results in Arrest of Chas. Cole on Charge of First Degree Murder—Faces Electric Chair.**

Mystery surrounds the death of Ada Moneysmith Vanfleet, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moneysmith, who reside on a farm 2 miles east of Neptune. The young woman was found dead in a rooming house in Toledo, where she and a man by the name of Cole had two rooms for light housekeeping. Death was due to asphyxiation.

The man named Cole was overcome by the gas fumes but was later revived at a hospital. Detectives at Toledo are still working on the case, but as yet nothing has developed in regard to the girl's unfortunate death.

Reports from the Moneysmith family indicate the death was accidental, due to escaping gas in Mrs. Vanfleet's room in the Toledo rooming house. Advices credited to the Toledo Chief of Police say that there is no suspicion of murder or of suicide. St. Marys relatives and acquaintances know of no reasons for a suicide theory. Mention in Monday's dispatch concerning a man named Cole, held in connection with the death, is said to be an error, though it is sustained by Toledo press reports preceding this article.

Mrs. Vanfleet was born and raised on the Moneysmith farm in Center township. She attended school at Neptune where she graduated. She later attended school at St. Marys. She was a popular and accomplished young girl.

She was mrried to Lloyd Vanfleet, of near Rockford, but they had not lived together for several years. A two year old daughter who resides with her grandparents; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moneysmith and three sisters—Mrs. Clarence Wurster, of Center township; Mrs. Henry Knarr of Wapakoneta, and Mrs. Chas. Eberle, of Lima, also survive.

Funeral services were held from the home of her parents Wednesday afternoon. Interment was made in Elm Grove cemetery at St. Marys.

What the Toledo Blade has to say regarding the case:

She was a stripper in a Wapakoneta tobacco factory. He was one of the laborers on a paving job near the factory in Kapakoneta.

They met without much formality. Each had been married. Each had found marriage galling. Each left children. They came to Toledo. She was killed by gas Sunday. He was almost overcome. He is locked up on suspicion. Coroner Henzler is investigating.

And there you have the story of a man who says he is Charles Cole, 28 a teamster, and of a woman who, Cole says, was Mrs. Ada Moneysmith Vanfleet, 23, of St. Marys.

The tragedy was enacted in a rooming house conducted by Mrs. Clara Brown at 442 Eleventh street, where the couple had two rooms for light housekeeping in the basement. They were known as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole.

Until Tuesday, when the woman became ill with tonsilitis, she was an assembler at the Champion Spark Plug factory. Cole was a teamster for A. Bentley & Sons.

The attention of others was attracted first to the couple Sunday at 11, when the woman screamed. Mrs. Geo. Wentz, daughter of the landlady, ran to their room and found the pair playfully scuffling.

"Oh, we've got too high blood pressure" Cole answered.

About 2 o'clock Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Wentz smelled gas. They found the two unconscious and screamed several times just as Alson Irons, father of Mrs. Brown and his son, William, 1808 Adams street, drove up.

The elder Irons rushed into the Coles bed room and found two gas jets and a stove turned on and unlighted and the windows closed. He carried the woman to an open window. She gasped twice and died.

The woman had been lying in bed. Kneeling, with his face in the bed clothes was Cole. The younger Irons notified the police.

Detective McCloskey and Motor Patrolmen Russell and Manley could not get a doctor. They took Cole to St. Vincent's hospital, where he was revived. They then took him to the coroner, who ordered him held.

## IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

The latest report derived from the investigation into the death of the Vanfleet girl at Toledo last Sunday is to the effect that a first degree murder charge has been placed against Charles Cole, the man found with the dead girl when the police arrived. A Toledo special of yesterday say:

Charles Cole, 28, may die in the electric chair as a result of the asphyxiation of Mrs. Ada VanFleet, 23, last Sunday. Cole was formally charged with murder in the first degree today by Detective McCloskey, after Coroner Hennler rendered a verdict on the woman's death.

Mrs. VanFleet was known as Mrs. Cole. Each was married and had deserted their partners at Wapakoneta and had been living together in Toledo three months, the police say.

"Coroner Henzler said Cole was responsible for turning on the gas jet and filling the room wita gas which caused the woman's death. Cole narrowly escaped death in the same manner."

### RAY WILSON MAKING GOOD

The following clipping from the Piqua Daily Call will be of interest to the many friends of Ray Wilson, a former Celina boy, who completed a course and later taught in the former business college of this city.

The commercial department of the high school, under the direction of Mr. Raymond Wilson, is in the best condition in its history. About 90 pupils are enrolled in the department and some of these are sufficiently advanced in their work to do creditable work along practical lines. It is the desire of Mr. Wilson, that his department, like other departments of the high school, render a real service to the community. With this in mind he invites any citizens who have any dictation or typewriting that they wish done to submit it to his classes. It will be done free of charge and will give his students practical experience along lines that they most need.

### SWINE BREEDERS MEET AT LIMA

The annual meeting of the Northwestern Ohio Swine Breeders' Association will be held at Lima next Wednesday, February 2. Several local swine breeders of this locality will attend.

### LECTURE AT MONTEZUMA TONIGHT

Farmers and hog raisers, of Montezuma and vicinity will be favored with an illustrated lecture in that village this (Friday) evening of unusual importance to all. A representative of Pitman & More, of Indianapolis, will give a lengthy and interesting talk on hog cholera and serum, illustrated with views that will make it interesting and instructive.

### RUMMAGE SALE

The ladies of St. Paul's M. E. church will conduct a rummage sale beginning Thursday January 27 and Closing Saturday night, February 5.

This sale is to be held in one room adjoining the Mrs. H. I. Schunck jewelry store. The ladies will also conduct a market on Saturday February 5.

Please send your contributions.

## WABASH INSTITUTE IS CALLED OFF

The Wabash farmers' institute, scheduled for today and tomorrow, has been called off because of an epidemic of scarlet fever in that vicinity. Such was the information sent out yesterday afternoon by Secretary Bert Holdren.

### MUSICAL TREAT FOR TO-NIGHT

Unique in the musical world and possessing a power to please far above the average, the third number on the Shakespere Lecture Course will be the Musical Art Quartette coming to Celina tonight. Male Quartette singing continues to preserve an attractiveness to the average audience. There has been in recent years a great demand for musical novelties and in response to that demand some quartettes have departed in great measure from formerly accepted standards. The Musical Art Quartette, which appears tonight was organized on the belief that a field exists for the exploitation of high class music in a high class way and their aim is to sing the best selections from modern classics in the way satisfying to the critic but in no way losing its appeal to the man in the pit.

## EXTENSION

### Of Water Lines and Opening of Sanitary Sewer Taken Up by New Council.

At the regular meeting of council last Tuesday night, all members present and Mayor Scranton presiding, the mayor and solicitor were instructed to take up the matter of accepting and opening up the sanitary sewer system with the trustee and referee in bankruptcy, and if the Federal court will accept the plan prepared by the council the sewer system will at once be opened for tapping under the ordinance recently passed for that purpose.

The council also instructed the Board of Public Affairs to make a survey of outlying districts of the town relative to extension of water lines wherever necessary and furnish council at their next meeting an estimate of the amount of funds necessary to extend the lines.

The clerk read to council a communication from the Lima Gas Company in which they stated they would be ready to buy up all the privately owned meters about February 1.

John Gast addressed the council relative to building a storm sewer on the east side of town to take care of the Bucktown floods. No action was taken.

Some minor business was transacted and council adjourned.

## COLDWATER

### Farm Institute to Be Held February 8 and 9, With Day and Evening Sessions.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Coldwater Farmers' Institute will be held at the city hall in Coldwater on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 8 and 9. The foreign speakers are I. M. Biddinger, Geo. E. Douglass and Mrs. B. Edmonds. All farmers and friends of agriculture are cordially invited to attend. Following is the program:

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Use and Abuse of Commercial Fertilizer—I. M. Biddinger.

A Successful Farm Without Small Grain Growing—Geo. E. Douglass.

EVENING SESSION

Our Best Crop—Geo. E. Douglass.

The Other Side of a Dollar—I. M. Biddinger.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Conveniences on the Farm—I. M. Biddinger.

Profits a Farm Should Produce—Geo. E. Douglass.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Advantages of growing Alfalfa—I. M. Biddinger.

Necessity for More Cattle in Ohio—Geo. E. Douglass.

At this session there will be a special meeting for the ladies at the Rex theatre addressed by Mrs. B. Edmonds on "Business Methods for the Housewife."

EVENING SESSION

Address—I. M. Biddinger.
Address Mrs. B. Edmonds.
Address—Geo. E. Douglass.

Subjects of these addresses to be announced at first night session.

Subjects will be discussed by parties called upon by the president.

All are invited to ask questions or take part in any of the discussions.

The officers of the institute are: President, E. B. Monroe; secretary, E. G. Barker; treasurer, Ben Gerdes; executive committee, Henry Rentz and F. B. Birkmeyer.

## THRILLER

### Was Basket Ball Game Between Celina and Dayton Cadets, Score Favoring Latter.

In what was easily the most thrilling basket ball game ever played on the local floor, the far-famed Dayton Cadets defeated the Mercelinas by the score of 36 to 34. There was not a dull moment in the entire contest and the ball was on the move at all times.

Dutch Schulte started things an instant after the whistle by a field basket and Manier soon followed with another. The Daytonites then got busy and swamped the locals in the first half by the score of 24 to 14.

In the second half, however, the Mercelinas started to gain points and soon were on their opponents heels. The Cadets, who had hardly expected to get a sweat up, were surprised by this turn of affairs and then began to get worried and were continually calling time and in two instances succeeded in talking the referee into changing his decision, and if this had not happened, Celina would have had four more points with a possible five. The rules are very plain upon the subject touched upon and Celina fans in general were very much put out at the defeat of the locals when they should have been the victors by a margin of two or possibly three points. At one time the score was 33 to 33 and the fans were on their toes wondering how it was going to come out, when Dayton got a foul and a field basket and the locals dropped in a foul.

Zimmerman and Marht were the star performers for the visitors, the former getting 7 and the latter 3 field baskets.

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## BRYAN'S

### Long and Game Fight for the Income Tax O. K.'d

**Declared Constitutional by Supreme Court of United States in Unanimous Decision.**

Washington, Jan. 24.—The income tax was declared constitutional today by the Supreme Court in a unanimous decision which swept aside every contention raised against it, and, in the opinion of Congressional leaders, opened the way for increasing the tax rate on great fortunes to help pay for national defense.

Proposals are pending in Congress to tax incomes of more than $1,000,000 as high as fifty per cent. Leaders on all sides agree that out of the impetus which the decision today will give such proposals is likely to come a definite movement to levy on the revenues from great private fortunes for some of the millions the government must raise to carry out the army and navy increases.

The basic error of those who attacked the constitutionality of the tax, Chief Justice White held, was in regarding the sixteenth amendment as empowering the United States to levy a direct tax without apportionment among the States according to population. In substance, the Court held that the sixteenth amendment had not empowered the Federal Government to levy a new tax, but that "the amendment was to relieve all income taxes from a consideration of the source when the income was derived."

Those opposing the tax had urged that the sixteenth amendment provided that income from "whatever source derived" should be taxed without regard to apportionment among the States. They argued that the Underwood-Simmons income tax provision, by reason of exemptions of certain incomes from taxation, had not come within the meaning of the amendment.

Chief Justice White said the power of the Federal Government to levy an income tax had never been questioned. Quoting at length from the famous income tax decision of 1895, he declared the Court then recognized the fact that "taxation on income was in the nature of an excise, entitled to be enforced as such unless and until it was concluded that to enforce it would amount to compelling the result which the requirement as to apportionment of direct taxation was adopted to prevent, in which case the duty would arise to disregard the form and consider the substance alone and hence subject the tax to the regulation as to apportionment which otherwise as an excise would not apply to it."

The Court then decided, he added, that the effect of the tax on income from real estate was the same as if a direct tax had been levied on the real estte and that it was with a view of obviating such questions that the amendment had been adopted.

Inasmuch as the amendment had not conferred the power to levy an income tax, said the Chief Justice, it could not be interpreted as embracing limitations as to the nature and character of income to be taxed. To consider it as embracing limitations, such as not authorizing a progressive tax, he held was irreconcilable with the purpose of the amendment. He explained, too, that the uniformity of excise taxes required by the constitution was geographical uniformity and not uniformity of application as to classes.

The Chief Justice further held that the tax did not violate the "due process" provision of the constitution by imposing a higher rate of taxation on incomes above $20,000 than on those below that figure or by other provisions.

## SUCCESS

### In Every Particular Was Farm Institute Held at Montezuma This Week.

The 1916 Franklin township farmer's institute came to a very successful end yesterday afternoon after an interesting two days' session.

Owing to sickness, Secretary Otis Monroe was unable to attend the sessions. Irvin Hole was selected as secretary pro tem. His complete report of the institute will be published in these columns next week.

The addresses of G. C. Housekeeper H. A. Gossard and Miss Pearl Dorsey were well received at all sessions. They were interesting and very instructive.

Miss Dorsey was called away immediately after the Wednesday afternoon session and on Wednesday evening her place on the program was filled by a good address by Attorney O. J. Myers, of this city. The U. B. Church, where the sessions were held, was crowded both days.

The election of officers for the ensuing year held yesterday afternoon resulted as follows:

President—H. W. Burdge.
Vice President—Otis Monroe.
Secretary—Irvin Hole.
Treasurer—V. H. Bennett.
Executive Committee—J. J. Beauchamp, J. H. Ballinger and Russel Bodkin.

## REMODELED

### City Opera-House Will Be Fittingly Reopened by Mome Talent in Great Play.

The Phi Delta Kappa in presenting their annual home talent production this year, will change from a minstrel to a comedy drama which will be given under the able direction of Hubert Bretz, who will also be a member of the cast.

Mr. Bretz, who is a Celina boy, has been doing leading roles with large stock companies for the past ten years and has achieved great success. The play decided upon by the latter and the committee is "Mrs. Temple's Telegram." It is a three act comedy with one of the cleverest plots ever written.

It is not the kind of play that can be purchased from entertainment houses at from 10 to 25c per copy but is being used on the road by professional companies who pay a royalty of $100 per week. The fraternity for their use of the side splitter, have paid $25. The exact date has not been set, but will be the opening night of the newly remodeled opera house which will be about the first of March. The cast is as follows:

Jack Temple.....Kent Headington
Frank Fuller.....Hubert Bretz
Capt. Sharpe.....Carl Hoyng
John Brown.....Ashley Springer
Wigson.....Bronzart Gilberg
Mrs. Temple.....Mildred Laudahn
Mrs. Fuller.....Gayle Spease
Dorothy.....Hilda Schmidt
Mrs. Brown.....Beulah Desch

### LOCATES IN GREENVILLE

George W. Snavely, who for several years past has been in charge of the undertaking and embalming end of the business of the H. & F. Pulskamp furniture store, West Fayette street has gone to Greenville to accept a position as embalmer for H. P. Stockman, undertaker of that city. Mr. Snavely and his family made many friends here who regret to see them leave, while the Pulskamp establishment looses a very capable man.

Perry Gibbons, of Chattanooga, suffered a painful accident last Friday, when the handle of an ice pick he was using broke and the blade penetrated the palm of his right hand.

**The Cincinnati Daily Post and the Democrat, both one year for $3.00. The Post is a great market paper.**

### CONTEST FOR THE GIRLS

State High School Inspector Olive, of Columbus, was in this city last Friday meeting with County Superintendent Cotterman on the matter of arranging for a county domestic science contest. The girls who enter are to receive special instruction and the contest reward is to be a free week's course at the Ohio State University, or a trip to Washington.

## CHICKASAW

### Agriculturalists to Have Meeting To-Night to Organize Extension School.

A public meeting, for the purpose of electing officers for the Agricultural Extension school recently granted Mercer County by the Board of Trustees of the State University, will be held at Chickasaw, on Friday evening January 28th. The local committee in charge of the arrangements invites every one interested in agricultural education to be present. The officers to be elected are president, secretary-treasurer and special committees. Other important business will come up for consideration. An instructor from the College of Agriculture will be present to help organize and answer any questions that may arise concerning the school.

The College of Agriculture furnishes the teaching force for this Extension school which will last one week. In a limited way it will be an Agricultural College, with several courses under experienced professors. All who are interested in agriculture should thoroughly appreciate this opportunity. From the interest manifest by the people of this community who made an effort to get the Extension School, it is thought that a good attendance will be present at the organization meeting. This is necessary in order that satisfactory arrangements can be completed for the school which will be held the week of February 21—28.

## CASTS HIS HOOT IN THE RING

I herewith beg to announce to our many Democrat readers and to my friends of the county that I will be a candidate for County Auditor at the Primary next August.

What the Fraternity say:

James K. Carlin a well known young newspaper man of this city, has announced himself as a candidate for County Auditor at the coming primary next August. Mr. Carlin is, we feel, well qualified to fill the position he is seeking and is pretty well acquainted over the county, having served as secretary of the Democratic County Executive Committee for the past six years. He has always been conscientious and straight forward in his business dealings and his opponents may be assured a clean fight. He is the first newspaper man of the county to be a candidate for a county office for the past twenty-five years.—Daily Standard.

James K. Carlin, junior editor of The Celina Democrat and a prominent young Democrat of this city, has announced himself as a candidate for County Auditor. Mr. Carlin has been secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee for the past six years and is pretty well acquainted over the county. He is well qualified for the place and his Democratic opponents will have a merry chase to beat him, but we are certain that he will make a clean fight.—Mercer County Observer.

James K. Carlin, former village clerk, of Celina, and a very competent democrat, has announced himself as a candidate for county auditor. Mr. Carlin served for several years on the democratic county central committee and for the past six years has been secretary of the county executive committee. He is well acquainted all over the county and will make a clean fight for the job. He is the first newspaper man to enter a fight for a county office in the past twenty years.—Coldwater Chronicle.

James K. Carlin, of Celina, well known here, has announced himself as a candidate for County Auditor. Mr. Carlin has been secretary of the Democratic County Executive Committee for the past six years and is pretty well known over the county. While we have a neighboring candidate in Mr. Mott we know that Mr. Carlin will make a clean fight and therefore say merrily, go to it boys.—Ft. Recovery Tribune-Journal.

James K. Carlin, junior editor of the Celina Democrat, has announced himself as a candidate for County Auditor. Mr. Carlin is pretty well acquainted over the county and has the all around ability to make a competent official. He served for several years on the Democratic County Central Committee, and for the past six years has been secretary of the County Executive Committee.—Rockford Press.

Another candidate for County Auditor is a member of the newspaper fraternity. James K. Carlin, junior editor of the Celina Democrat, a young man of well known ability. His friends think he would make a very competent official. He has been Secretary of the Democratic County Executive Committee for the past six years and has conducted himself in such a way as to make friends in both parties.—Mendon Herald.

It is very evident that Jimmy Carlin, of Celina believes hopefully in that little old fable about the "Early bird catching the worm," for he has already announced his candidacy for the nomination for auditor of Mercer county on the democratic ticket. Jim has mixed up in democratic politics in Celina and Mercer county ever since he came of age, and he has grown somewhat gray in the meantime, and there is no doubt in the world but what many and many of those iron-grey locks that so copiously adorn his dome of thought are due to his strenuous labors in behalf of holding democracy triumphant in old Mercer. Well, Jim; here's luck, win or lose.—Wapak Daily News.

## TOWN TOPICS

Judge Miller was at Greenville yesterday hearing a case in Common Pleas Court.

Frank Dues last Friday purchased the restaurant on South Main street, just north of the Strand theatre, from William Borger. Mr. Dues took immediate possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Freeman, of Liberty township, are the proud parents of an eleven pound baby girl, born last Monday. Dr. Stubbs reports mothe and the babe doing well.

The Relief Corps will hold a market Saturday at Louise TouVelle's on Fayette street with a big suply of good things for the appetite. They are at present in need of funds and this is a chance to help a good thing along.

Miss Myrtle Loughridge, the widley-known Celina trained nurse, has been called to take charge of a case at Chattanooga, Mrs. Fred Bollenbacher, who is ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Bollenbacher is the mother of a three-weeks-old babe. She is in a very critical condition.

### MOVES TO CLEVELAND

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Primavisi, are planning to move to Cleveland the first of next month, where Mr. Primavisi will go into an established business with his wife's father. They have a host of friends here who will regret to see them leave. Mr. Primavisi came here from Germany and has an interest in the Mersman Bros. Brants Co., and several other local business propositions.

## STARTLING

### Is the Death Rate Among Our Pioneer Citizens

**Epidemic of Grip, Eollowed by Pneumonia, Cause of Most Fatalities.**

### DR. JOHN DEWITT, AGED 68

Dr. John DeWitt, who for a number of years past has had charge of the optical parlor on South Main street, died Wednesday evening at 8:10 o'clock.

Mr. DeWitt had been sick for the past couple of years, being afflicted with sugar diabetes. The direct cause of his death was attributed to leakage of the heart, brought on, however, by the former disease. He was widley known over the county, having treated the eyes of hundreds of people. He had been bedfast for the past 15 days.

Mr. DeWitt was a veteran of the Civil War, having joined the Co. L. 1st Regiment, Ohio Heavy Artillery, at the age of 13 years.

In December 1905, he graduated from the Jacksonian Optical College at Jackson, Mich.

John DeWitt was born at Canton O., in 1847, his age being 68 years, 4 months and two days. He was twice married. His wife is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Della Briggs, of Ottawa; also three half sisters and two half brothers—Frances, Emma, Katharine, Harve and Bruce McGreevy, all of Chicago, Ill. The latter half brother has been attending him for the past couple of weeks.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 7:30 o'clock at the Catholic church.

The remains will be, shipped at 9:30 o'clock over the Wester Ohio to Ottawa where interment, will be made.

### JOSEPH DENMAN, AGED 60

Joseph Denman was found dead in bed last Friday morning by his wife, at their home, three miles east of Rockford.

Mr. Denman had been in Celina the day previous as a witness in the Carpenter case and at the time seemingly was in perfect health. His death is attributed to heart trouble.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Mr. Denman was almost 60 years of age and has always resided in Mercer county. Funeral services were held last Sunday afternoon at Mt. Olive church and interment was made in Mt. Olive cemetery.

### MRS. WM. HAINLINE, AGED 67

Mrs. William Hainline, aged 67 years, died at her home on West Fayette street Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock, following a paralytic stroke which she sustained Monday afternoon.

Nancy Jane Hastings was born near Ft. Recovery 67 years ago and has always lived in Mercer County. At the age of 24 she was united in marriage with William Hainline. They lived on a farm six miles north of Celina until last September when they moved to town into their new home on West Fayette street.

Surviving are her husband and two daughters, Mrs. Henry Leymunion and Mrs. Perry Baker, also four step children, Mrs. Henry Hamilton, Meridon; Albert Hainline, Center township; Abner Hainline, Celina, and Gilbert Hainline, in the west.

### JAMES MERCER, AGED 54

A letter from Mrs. Libbie Mercer Ramsburg, of Toledo, tells of the death of Jas. Mercer ,which occurred in a Toledo hospital.

"Jimmy" as he was known hereabouts drove a dray for a number of years in this city and was widely known throughout the county. Mr. Mercer was 54 years of age.

### MRS. RICHARD BROOKHART, AGED 42

Less than two weeks after the death of her husband, Mrs. Richard S. Brookhart died at her home in Center township at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

Death was due to an attack of pneumonia, conbined with the shock of the death of her husband, which left her with four little daughters, the youngest child but fifteen months old.

Lucy Lehman was born in Center township where she has always resided. At 24 years of age she married Richard Brookhart. At the time of death she was 42 years of age.

Funeral services were held yesterday morning at the Center church. Interment at Union cemetery.

Does not the cruelest heart go out in sympathy to these four little orphans, left alone without the tender care of their beloved mother to help and advise them through the toils of life?

### A. J. ZENDER, AGED 41

Following a lingering illness of tuberculosis, A. J. Zender died at his home on north Buckeye street last Monday evening at 6:15 o'clock.

Mr. Zender suffered an attack of typhoid fever four years ago, from which he never fully recovered.

He later developed tuberculosis and in June, 1914 he went to Phoenix, Arizona, thinking the climate would help him. The following September his family joined him in the west.

They returned to this city last July Mr. Zender's health not being improved by his stay in the west. He has been bedfast for the past five months.

He was born in Celina 41 years ago, and has always lived here with the exception of ten years which he lived in Newton, Kansas. He was employed by the Estry & Stephenson Lumber Co. for over 19 years and worked there until just a few months before he left for Phoenix.

"Tony" as he was known by his many friends, was outside of being a very skilled workman, a natural born musician, and his fondest hopes were accomplished when he saw all his children inherit his excellent musical talent. For a long time Mr. Zender was leader of the Celina band and his studious and helpful work in that capacity will not soon be forgotten.

He leaves a wife and six children, Marguerite, Luetta, Paul, Ruth, Edna and Lewis all at home.

Funeral services were held at 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the Catholic church and burial at the Catholic cemetery.

### NANCY J. HARTINGS, AGED 67

Nancy J. Hastings was born near Ft. Recovery, O., May 31, 1848, and died on January 26, 1916, at the age of 67 years, 8 months and 2 days.

She was converted in early childhood and remained a true Christian until her death.

On October 13, 1872, she was married to Wm. Hainline. She leaves to mourn her departure a companion, two daughters, 4 step-children, 4 brothers, 3 sisters and a large number of other relatives.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Rev. Johnson officiating.

### MRS. RHODA MCDONALD, AGED 79

Mrs. Rhoda McDonald died on the 20th at one o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Bayer on South Walnut street at the age of 79 years. She had been a patient sufferer with throat trouble for the past three years.

Deceased was born in Darke county in 1837 and came to Mercer county with her parents when but 12 years of age, locating on a farm one mile south of this city. She was married to Lanson Inman, April 11, 1854, to which union 11 children were born, six of whom are living: Mrs. A. Dixon, Flashing, Mich.; D. E. Inman, Carwood, Ind.; Ely Inman, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. B. L. Schlosser, Cleveland; Thomas Inman and Mrs. J. M. Buy-

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Big Pete is selling all gloves at the old price as long as they last. They have already raised 20c per doz.

### WHO AM I?

Sign in Rock Island Arsenal

I am more powerful than the combined armies of the world.

I am more deadly than bullets, and I have wrecked more homes than the mightiest of selge guns.

I steal in the United States alone over $300,000,000 each year.

I spare no one, and find my victims among the rich and poor alike; the strong and the weak; widows and orpans know me.

I massacre thousands upon thousands of wage earners in a year.

I lurk in unseen places and do most of my work silently. You are warned against me, but you heed not.

I am relentless. I am everywhere; in the home, on the street, in the factory, at railroad crossings and on the sea.

I bring sickness, degration and death, and yet few seek to avoid me.

I destroy, crush and maim; I give nothing, but take all.

I am your worst enemy.

I AM CARELESSNESS.

## WAS TRAMP CAUSE AND VICTIM OF HOLOCAUST?

Some unknown person lost his life in a fire which burned the barn of L. L. Martin in Center township.

In clearing away the debris the bones of a human person were found. A whiskey bottle was also found and it is the belief of Mr. Martin that a tramp set fire to the barn and possibly being intoxicated could not find his way out.

## POLITICAL GOSSIP

(Cincinnati Enquirer)

One of the very first things that will happen when State Superintendent of Public Instruction Frank Miller, of Dayton, steps out of his office to become the head of the school system in this home city, will be the thrilling ejection of Hon. John L. Clifton, of Mendon, Mercer County, from his job as Assistant Superintendent. Clifton is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor on the Democratic ticket, and he has made much trouble for the opposite party, especially the bunch that provides itself with a living out of the educational department of the Government. The fellows who want John's carcass are going to the gymnasium and getting their muscles in smooth working order against the happy hour when they will lay their hands upon him. They expect to throw him about 1,728 yards, 2 feet and 9 inches.

It is rumored that the meek and martyred John Davidson, former Superintendent of the Lima schools, who is now teaching at Ada—blessed Ada!—stands a fair chance of landing this position. But there are other candidates, Lord bless us, yes; lots of other candidates! And the longer Miller delays in leaving the more there will be. Because, fellow taxpayers, it's a mighty nice job.

George H. Preston, of Montezuma, informs us that he will be a candidate for County recorder. Mr. Preston served as Infirmary Director some years ago and has a wide acquaintance over the county.

George W. Phillips, of the Coldwater Chronicle, while in town last Saturday informed us that he would be a candidate for representative at the August primary. George has threatened to break into the Legislature for many years, and was a candidate several years ago when he was nosed out by Representative McLaughlin, Rockford. Druggist E. H. Huddle, of Ft. Recovery; Fred Huber, a well known Franklin township teacher, who was in the race against Dr. Winternute four years ago, and Central Committeeman J. J. Bedell, of the first ward, of this city, are also avowed candidates.

On demand of Governor Willis, resignations have been secured from Renwick W. Dunlap, secretary, and James W. Fleming, assistant secretary of the state board of agriculture. Dunlap's removal came as the result of inefficiency and Fleming's resignation was secured to mollify Dunlap. These men have been at loggerheads ever since Dunlap's actions ruined the prospects of the state fair and the corn boy tour.

When the charges against Dunlap were tabulated in these columns some months ago, his answer was that they were untrue. His removal now demonstrates their truth.

To take the place of Dunlap, on the demand of Governor Willis, George Stauffer, of Ottawa, has been elected agricultural secretary. Stauffer is a member of the Republican state central committee, who tried last week to have the committee endorse Willis, but failed.

Now if the members of the state board of agriculture would pay the bills they owe to the newspapers and others and tender their own resignations, it might be possible to clear up some of the muddle in their department. As the matter now stands, the people consider that Dunlap the goat, has been offered as a sacrifice.

In his speech to Ashtabula business men Governor Willis said, "We are trying to secure efficiency in government. On the same day he demanded and secured the resignation of John Roan as State Mine Inspector, who from lowly position rose to be superintendent of the greatest mining property in Ohio, and who was endorsed for continuance as state inspector by both mine owners and workers.

## DAN CUPID VICTIMS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last Tuesday morning at St. Henry, when Moxie Sacher, a forger Celina boy, and Miss Anna Sunderhaus, of St. Henry, were happily united in the bans of holy matrimony. Rev. Father Kunkler celebrated the nuptial mass.

The groom was attended by his brother Zeno Sacher, and the fair bride by her sister, Agnes. After the ceremony the wedding party returned to the home of the bride's parents, where they enjoyed a delightful wedding breakfast.

Later they came to the home of the groom's mother in this city, where a sumptious dinner in their honor awaited them.

The groom is a former Celina boy and has many friends here. He has, for the past four years however, been employed in the Twentieth Century buggy works at St. Henry. The bride is the lovely and highly respected daughter of Mrs. Frank Sunderhaus, of St. Henry.

The Democrat joins the many friends of the young couple in wishing them bon voyage.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage last Saturday evening, when Miss Ethel Leifeld ,the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leifeld, of this city, and Mr. C. P. Myers of Sedalia, O., were united in happy wedlock.

They were attended by Miss Florence Hattery, a close friend of the bride and by Clarence Leifeld, a brother of the bride. Dr. W. W. Lance tied the nuptial knot, using the ring ceremony.

After the marriage the party repaired to the home of the bride's parents where an elegant wedding dinner was served.

Miss Leifeld is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leifeld, of this city, and has a host of friends to extend her hearty congratulations. The groom is superintendent of schools at Sedalia, Ohio. The newly weds left Saturday for Sedalia, where an elegant home awaited the bride.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

C. P. Myers, 25, teacher, Sedalia, son of Charles Myers, and Ethel Leifeld, 26, bookkeeper, Celina, daughter of John Leifeld. Rev. Lance.

Ernest Pierstorff, 21, farmer, Hopewell township, son of Joseph Pierstorff, and Pearl Howell, 20, housekeeper, Liberty township, daughter of W. ,C. Howell. Rev. Reitz.

If you would know what Big Pete knows you would buy all of your family shoes now and save 25c to $1.00 per pair.

## BERRY

### Ditch Work to Be Sold by Surveyor February 3

**Mercer and Auglaize Boards of Commissioners Find in Favor Blase Joint Ditch.**

The Commissioners of Auglaize county and Mercer county meet in joint session at Wapakoneta last week on the matter of the Blase joint county ditch found in favor of the improvement and found that the route described is the best.

The following branches were determined upon: The one asked for by John H. Blase et al and the one asked for by Louis Kettler jr., et al.

The joint board then fixed February 17, at 10 a. m., at the Commissioner's office at Wapakoneta as the time for hearing of all final matters pretaining to the improvement.

The Board met last Thursday on the matter of the Rockford ditch, petitioned for by E. E. Jackson, as mayor of Rockford, and found in favor of the improvement.

The following route was determined upon: Commencing at a 12 inch tile on the lands of Mr. Moore, thence following in and along a natural water course in an east and northeasterly direction to where the said water course intersects the St. Marys river and there terminate; said ditch to be tiled to the south side of the St. Marys-Ft. Wayne road, or to the north side of said road as the engineer may determine.

The Board then fixed February 18, at 9 a. m. as the time for hearing of all final matters pertaining to the improvement.

The Board ordered the surveyor to sell the Berry ditch at public outcry on February 3, sale to commence at 10 a. m. The sale will be held at the Commissioner's office.

At the sale of the Tigner and Hamilton bridges last Friday the Tigner was awarded to the Oregonia Bridge Co. at their bid of $324, and the Hamilton to the Brookville Bridge Co at their bid of $343. The bids offered were as follows:

| | Tigner | Hamilton |
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| New Bremen Bridge Co. | 328 | 346 |
| Brookville Bridge Co. | 327 | 343 |
| Oregonia Bridge Co. | 324 | 344 |
| H. L. Hight | 440 | 450 |

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

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| Chronicle Ptg. Co., tax collection blanks | $3 00 |
| Gilberg Bros., legal and subscription | 1 97 |
| Stakalta Mfg. Co., supplies | 23 25 |
| Hight & Hoagland, same | 10 45 |
| Ohio Law Reporter Co., subscription | 7 50 |
| McManus-Troup Co., supplies | 35 50 |
| Columbus B. B. Co., same | 175 |
| E. H. Sell & Co., same | 2 50 |
| Joe Meyers, eng. exp. | 16 25 |
| Ed Dierksen, asst. eng. | 2 00 |
| Z. Schneider, same | 1 00 |
| Dewey Carr, same | 4 00 |
| W. E. Reynolds, same | 4 00 |
| J. J. Smith, same | 2 00 |
| J. B. Haslinger, additional allowance &c. | 265 49 |
| Fred Schlenker, meals for jurors | 3 25 |
| Celina Tel. Co., telephone | 19 00 |
| Peter Heyne, bridge repair | 9 60 |
| J. W. Wright, county's portion twp. ditch | 1 80 |
| Ben Wilker, tile and receivers | 5 90 |
| Henry Prenger, delivering ditch notices | 2 00 |
| Michael Breymein, cleaning Buck ditch | 34 55 |
| Frank Langenkamp, ditch work | 7 00 |
| Henry Reichert, tile &c. | 20 95 |
| H. Behrns ,account ditch fees | 33 00 |
| A. Brunswick, same | 28 00 |
| B. Evers, same | 28 00 |
| Herman Schwegman, pike inspector | 9 00 |
| Geo. Reier, compensation for land Huwer pike | 20 00 |
| J. W. Karch, estimate on Shively pike | 200 00 |
| AS PIKE DIRECTORS | |
| Wm. Krogman, fixing wash-out | 2 00 |
| Henry G. Uppenkamp, supt pikes | 24 25 |
| B. F. Robinson, repairing fills | 2 00 |
| H. C. Moorman, supt of pikes | 15 80 |

### RITTOFFS LOCATE IN FT. WAYNE

L. Ritoff & Son last Wednesday moved their store and furnishings and household goods to Ft. Wayne, Ind., where they have a three-year lease on a big building on Calhoun street, where they will open a first class clothing establishment within the next few weeks.

While their many friends and patrons are sorry to see them leave Celina, they go with the best wishes of the community.

### ECHO OF LATE SENSATIONAL ARREST

Contingent upon payment of court costs George Howard was divorced from Marie Merica-Lutz-Howard by Judge J. F. Denney in the Jay Circuit court at Portland Saturday. The defendant recently gained attention while being held at Celina with her slater, Alma Merica Switzer, in connection with the David Beery murder case later resulting in the arrest of W. O. Switzer, of Muncie. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Merica, formerly of this city and her first husband, Mr. Lutz, was a young farmer of Lancaster township.—Bluffton, Ind., News.

### TO ERECT BRICK PLANT TO FILL BIG CONTRACT

With the expectation of moving the plant to the village of Carthagena, in Mercer county, H. A. Simons, of Lima, has purchased the brick making equipment and sheds located near the east end of Columbia street, in this city.