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LIVE

Business Organization Quietly and Unostentiously

LAUNCHED BY HALF A HUNDRED HUSTLERS—GOOD ROADS CIVIC AND COMMERCIAL BOOSTERS

The Celina Business Association, an organization of more than half a hundred of the most prominent business men of this city, is new corporation, which for the past month has been working quietly on several good roads movements and factory propositions for this city.

The organization was first formed early in January for the purpose of pushing the good roads movement in and adjacent to this city. The instigators worked quietly, but effectively and the membership grew, until on February 4, last it was merged into a capitalized corporation, chartered under the laws of the state of Ohio.

The first set of officers chosen to loos after the association's welfare are:

J. W. Desch, president.
J. H. Winkeljohan, first vice president.
A. M. Riley, second vice president.
Mark Beckman, secretary.
O. Rentzsch, treasurer.

The association was formed for the purpose of promoting and advancing in every way the social, civic and commercial interests of Celina and Mercer County, Ohio, and to secure the active co-operation of all classes of citizens of Celina and Mercer County, Ohio in the accomplishment of said purpose.

HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENT DEALERS HAVE MEETING

Every hardware and implement concern in the county were represented at a meeting of County hardware and implement dealers held at the city hall yesterday afternoon with members of the Auglaize County Hardware and Implement Dealer's Club. The meeting was addressed by Secretary Carson of the Ohio State Hardware Association, by several members of the Auglaize club and by sever! representatives of implement manufacturers.

Mr. Zura Riley, of the Riley & Nickel Hardware Company, of this city, one of the local live wires said last evening that the purpose of such a club as was organized in Auglaize county, and which he hoped to see orgnized in this county in the very near future, was not a price raising movement, or a plan to hold up buyers of hardware and farmer's implements, but an organization to promote the interest of and to secure the freindly co-operation of retail hardware and implements. The orgnization meetings would permit of closer relations of dealers, valuable addresses from hardwre nd implement mnufacturers and the exchange of idcas between the dealers. The gatherings, Mr. Riley said, would be some thing on the order of farmer's institutes and should be of as much value to dealers in the county and the community in general.

Ameeting will likely be held in this city in the near future looking towards the forming of a club in this county. The establishment of a joint county organization will be considered.

FORMER FT. RECOVERY BOY HONORED BY DEMS

Jacob F. Denney ,of Portland, Democratic candidate for congress from the 8th Indiana district, was nominated on last Tuesday by a vote of 3000 majority over his opponent, Frank P. Foster.

Congressman J. A. M. Adair, of Portland, easily won the democratic nomination for governor. At nine o'clock Thursday morning the official vote had not been learned, owing to late returns, but Adair seemed to be a favorite throughout the state.

As we go to press Thursday forenoon the Jay county vote has not been officially announced but will be as follows: J. A. M. Adair, 1817; Leonard B. Clore, 280. For congressman, J. F. Denney, 1568; Frank P. Foster, 288.—Ft. ReCovery Tribune-Journal.

PERSONAL

Mrs. C. P. Myers(of Sedal'a, was the guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Leifeid, coming particularly to attend the wedding of her former hcum, Miss Lenora Hattery.

Misses Elvira and Dorothea Studer were last Sunday guests of their uncle, John Lechleiter and family at Lima.

Mrs. J. W. Desch went to Tiffin yesterday to spend the week end with her daughter, Miss Ruth, who is a pupil at the Ursaline college in that city.

Miss N'ta Townsend, of Sturges, Mich., i sthe guest of Miss Margaret Dysert, S. Walnut street.

Mrs. Lewis Anchutz, of Cleveland, and Mrs. Frederick Frahm, of Toledo, visited this week with Mrs. P. F. Callen, East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hanselman, of Portland, Oregon, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hanselman, East Livingston street.

Mesdames Chas. Frank and Ed Whiteman, Ft. Wayne, Ind., visited the first of the week with Mrs. John Pumphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weil, of Muncie, Ind., were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Fennig, East Livingston street.

J. F. Smith, of the firm of Smith Bros., the Chattanooga tin and pump dealers, was among our business callers, Saturday.

Henry Bomholt, of Chickasaw, made this office a brief call while in town on Wednesday looking after some business matters.

Henry Bock, who has been dredging at Fair Oaks, Ind., and is off duty for want of water, in that territory, dropped into The Democrat office Saturday, long enough to pay a year's subscription for A. B. Florence, at Leiters Ford, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carroll, who have been residents of this city for several years past, left last Saturday for Marion, Ind., where Mr. Carroll will take up farming. During their residence here Mr. Carroll was connected with the I. E. Crampton Canning & Packing Co.

AUTOMOBILE BARGAIN

Quick action will mean a bargain for someone who happens to be in the market for an exceptional good car. This machine is a Cadillac, purchased 2 years ago, and has been run very little in that time. It is in fine running order and in good condition throughout. This car cost $2,700 new and party will sacrifice for $900. If you mean business see John C. Carlin at this office.

CLAIMS EGG RECORD

Mrs. Philip Gardner, of Osgood noticed the big egg production of Mrs. Miller's hens in these columns as copied from the Ft. Recovery Tribune recently, and thinks she has the right to the ribbon now. She says: "I think I can beat that, as from Janury 12 to February 12 I got 247 eggs from 14 hens. I didn't have quite one-third as many hens as Mrs. Miller had, 44. If I would have had as many hens as she did I should gotten 821 eggs to her 679, in the same proportion."

We are always glad to receve reports of this kind and take pleasure in publishing them for the persual of our readers. Who next?—Versailles Policy.

JUSTICE STUBBS IN NEW QUARTERS

Justice of the Peace C. A. Stubbs has fitted up neat law offices in the Union Block, rooms 12 and 13, at the head of the stairs, second floor. Carroll has been with Senator Johnson for the past year, but business connected with the Justice's office made him feel that private quarters were necessary.

OLD-TIMERS

And a Sprinkling of Youngsters Will Make Up Team

TO REPRESENT CELINA THIS SEASON ON BALL DIAMOND—READY TO ARRANGE GAMES

At a meeting of the base ball enthusiasts held last Monday evening an organization was affected by local players to be known as the Celina Base Ball Club, with Real Estate Agent W. O. Borman, an old time twirler and still active exponent of the national sport, being selected to look after the preliminary financial and booking end of the game, while Ex-deputy Sheriff George Betz, the hard-hitting first sacker, was chosen as field captain.

All the old-time players have been lined up, including Borman, Betz, Charles Ellis, George, Charles and Joe Myers, Kahl McComb, Joe Fredericks Rich Karch and Chick Borger. Several youngsters are also on the slab and others wishing to try out are requested to get in touch with Captain Betz.

The boys have leased from Mr. Brandts the exclusive control of the ball park for the season and will endeavor to put the diamond in tip-top shape with the opening up of spring.

Manager Borman is anxious to secure early bookings and hopes to get in touch with Lima, Wapakoneta, St. Marys, New Bremen, Versailles and all other prospective teams.

FARMERS

MAKE DISCOVERY THAT SOME CORN GROWN LAST YEAR DOES NOT GERMINATE

Many farmers of northwestern Ohio and other parts of state where corn is raised, report that a very large percentage of the corn laid up for seed will not germinate The Commerce Club's Agricultural Committee, a Toledo organization, is starting a campaign to induce every farmer in Northwestern Ohio to test his seed corn. The committee is sending a sample seed tester to every banker and elevator owner. Large posters warning of the condition of seed corn and advising the farmers to call on the bankers and elevator men,see testers and learn where they can be had for a few cents each, will be posted in every village, town and neighborhood settlements. The bankers will be glad to order the testers and give them to the farmers.

MANAGERS OF THE LONG COMPANIES MEET HERE

The managers of the J. A. Long Packing Houses met with manager J. E. Headington in this city last Friday and after a social meeting at the offices of the Long packing house enjoyed a sumptuous banquet. Those present were: President J. A. Long and Charles Ashcraft, of Portland, Ind., Charles Snyder of Red Key, Ind.; J. M. Stewart, of Ridgeville, Ind.; Nathan Ricknor, of Winchester, Ind.; T. A. Berryhill, of Lynn, Ind.; Julius Erb, of Parker, Ind.; G. M. Wall and George Sonick, of Union City, Ind.; D. W. Ashcraft, of Bellefountaine; W. H. Hawkins of New Bremen; Lafe Cottemeyer, of St. Marys; Louis Smith, of Coldwater, and George Curtis, of Ft. Recovery.

TOWN TOPICS

Nearly forty couples enjoyed a calico and overalls dance at Mercelina last Monday evening.

H. L. Leininger, of Liberty township, was among our business callers, Tuesday, having bills printed for a sale, which he will hold on Tuesday, March 21.

The ladies aid society of the M. E. church will be entertaine dat the church parlors this afternoon by Mesdames W. W. Lance, rank Winans and A. M. Foster.

Dr. W. C. Boring accompanied William Ungerer to Dayton last Tuesday morning, where the latter underwent an operation at the St. Elizabeth hospital. He is in a critical condition.

The fire department was called to the Richard May home, on Cron street, in the Citizens addition, last Saturday afernoon, when a burning flue set the roof of the house on fire. The flames were extinguished before the department arrived.

W. H. Roettger was called to New Bremen Tuesday to see his mother, rs. William F. Roettger, 80 years of age, who slipped and fell last Monday, sustaining a broken hip. Because of her advnced age the mishap is a very serious one.

Gatus N. Betz, of Wabash, who has been enjoying phenomenal success in the manufacture and sale of his famous Jones Red Powder for poultry, made this office a business call Monday, leaving another order for printing to be filled P. D. Q. His success, we believe, is well deserved.

Eight prisoners in the county jail last Sunday listened to a short prayer and song services and a sermon by Rev. Shafer, of the Presbyterian church. The services were arranged for with Sheriff Pumphrey by the Missionary committee of the Christian Endeavor Society, members of which attended the services and distributed missionary literature to the prisoners.

The twostory brick house on north Main street occupied for so many years by the late Auditor T. G. Tou Velle and family is being torn away to make room for the new mansion that Walter Mersman is planning to make one of the show wy for modern building improvements.—Satndard.

FATAL

Accident Befalls Well Known Washington Tp. Farmer

SUPPOSED TO HAVE FALLEN FROM ATTIC, DISCHARGING SHOT-GUN STANDING NEAR STEPS

Jacob Loshe, aged 48 years, residing in Washington township, just east of Macedon, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a shot gun about eight o'clock, last Tuesday morning.

Mr. Loshe, his wife and the latter's brother, Albert Borns, of neag St. Peter, were working in the barn, when the former left to go into the house for a screen to clean some oats.

It is presumed he went into the attic after the screen and was descending the stairs when he fell, in some manner discharging the gun, which was kept standing on the stairway.

Mrs. Loshe and Mr. Borns heard the shot and ran to the house, where they found Mr. Loshe at the foot of the stairs, with a gapping gunshot wound in the left side of his breast just below the heart. The gun lay on the floor a few feet from the body, as did the screen, which he went to the house to obtain. A physician was hurriedly summoned but to no avail, the injured man passing away an hour later, without regaining consciousness.

Justice of the Peace James Jeffries was called as acting coroner and pronounced death due to accidental shooting.

Mr. Loshe is survived by his wife and a number of relatives. Misses Carrie and Josephine Borns, sisters-in-law, employed as domestics in this city, where apprised of the death and went to their home near St. Peter, Wednesday to attend the funeral services which were held at St. Peter's Catholic Church at nine o'clock yesterday morning.

TO THE WORKS

AT DAYTON GO A COUPLE OF LOCAL CHARACTERS FOR SMALL THEFTS ABOUT TOWN

William Schulte and Wm. "Ginger" Sellers, well known characters about town were arrested by Officers Duncan and Heistan last Saturday on a charge of stealing a lawn mower, garden rake, hoe trunk and other articles from a garage on the Winkeljohan place, West Fayette street, formerly occupied by William Primivisa, and to whom the stolen goods belonged.

The garage was broken into and the goods stolen last Friday night. Officer Heistan discovered that part of the things had been disposed of at the T. J. Blake second hand store by Schulte and Sellers and they were arrested.

They plead guilty and were each fined $25 and costs and sentenced to 90 days in the Dayton work-house. They were taken to Dayton last Wednesday.

Before being taken away Schulte was permitted to visit his father, Henry Schulte, an inmate at the Infirmary, who died yesterday morning. Sellers has been in this city for several months. His parents are well-to-do people of Lebanon.

DAN CUPID VICTIMS

One of the prettiest of the season's nuptial events occurred at the beautiful residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Hattery, on East Market street last Saturday morning when the youngest dughter of the household, Miss Lenore Bernice, was united in marriage to Mr. Clarence L. Allis of Wooster, Rev. Lance of the M. E. church officiating, with the ring ceremony. The attendants were John West, of Wooster, and the bride's sister, Miss Florence Hattery.

The groom is an electrical engineer, a son of Mrs. Dora Allis, of Wooster. He is a young man of wealth and social prominence, being sole owner of the Wooster electric light plnt.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. and Hrs. Hattery. She is one of Celina's most accomplished girls, and has a pleasing personality. She is a graduate of the Celina schools and after finishing a university course at Wooster, taught in the public schools of this city.

Immeditely after the ceremony a sumptuous wedding dinner was served to relatives and out of town friends and members of the Tri Psi Club, of which the bride was a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Allis left Saturday afternoon for a several weeks trip through the east, visiting New York and many other points of interest. The out of town guests at the wedding were: Mrs. Dora Allis and Miss Emily Hard, of Wooster, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson, Pa.; Dr. and Mrs. John R. Hattery, of Columbus; Mrs. J. F. Nelson and daughter, Miss Lois, of Vaughnsville; Mrs. Ella Montgomery and Mrs. Ross Palmer, of Van Wert and Mrs. C. P. Meyers, of Sedalia.

Paul J. Lewis and Miss Ina M. Houts, well known young people of Center township, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, last Saturday noon, Rev. Daniel Eckert officiating. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Chapman.

Immediately after the ceremony a sumptuous wedding was served to a large number of relatives and friends. The groom is a son of Mrs. Joseph Lewis, a prominent young Center township farmer, and the bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Houts. The young couple will reside on the Lewis farm.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

Paul J. Lewis, 26, armer, Center township, son of Joseph Lewis, and Ina M. Houts, 18, housekeeper, Center township, daughter of Albert Houts. Rev. Eckert.

Will Hesser, 36, laborer, Rockford, son of Lewis Hesser, and Hester Boroff, 25, housekeeper, Celina, daughter of John Boroff. Rev. Reitz.

Clarence L. Allis, 31, engineer, Wooster, son of John M. Allis, and Lenore Hattery, 23, school teacher, daughter of J. E. Hattery. Rev. Lance.

Henry Goslee, 30, trainman, Wapakoneta, son of Joe Goslee and Laura C. Deitsch, 27, bookkeeper, Celina, daughter of P. W. Deitsch. Rev. Reitz.

county son of Charles Alger, and Mabel Kampf, 21, housekeeper, daughter of Wills Kampf. Rev. Bauders.

RAISE FLOWERS

If you want to increase the value of your property make it look better. Dress it up. Read "The Home Beautiful" article in this issue of The Democrat.

SCORED HIT AT THE FORT

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" a comedy farce in three acts, was presented at the opera house, Thursday night by the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, of Celina. The play scored a big hit and many compliments were heard from those who were present.—Ft. Recovery Tribune-Journal.

GHOST SOCIAL AT ERASTUS

The men of the Trinity M. E. church at Erastus are planning to give a ghost social Friday evening, March 17, in the town hall. The price of admission will be ten cents.

A supper will be served and a good social time is anticipated. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

DATE NAMED

FOR ORGANIZATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS JUNIOR COUNTY CONTEST CLUB

On the 22nd day of April, 1916, at 10 o'clock a.m., the boys and girls who have entered the corn contests and domestic science contests in each county will assemble at the county seat in a room provided by the County Commissioners to organize a county Boys and Girls Junior contest club under the auspices of the Bureau of Junior Contests of the State Board of Agriculture.

In addition to the boys and girls who have entered these contests for the year 1916, all persons who have pledged themsives to one or more trips to Washington in the autumn of 1916, and the presiding officers of all organizations who have pledged funds for one or more trips to Washington shall be eligible to membership in this county club. The officers of this county association shall be a president, secretary, treasurer, and three members of the executive committee.

No one shall be eligible to be elected president, secretary or treasurer of this organization but boys or girls who have entered the 1916 contests. When a boy or girl withdraws from the contests or ceases to do work therein, then such boy or girl is dropped automatically from this County Club.

Persons who have offered trips, or presiding officers of organizations who have pledged trips, may be elected members of the executive committee.

Any county agent or superintendent of schools who solicits and procures one or more trips to Washington, in the 1916 contests, shall be eligible to membership in this organization and shall be eligible to election as member of the executive committee.

The president, secretary, treasurer and three members of the executive committee shall constitute the board of directors of this county club and shall act for it in the absence of any directors of the association proper.

The object for which this association shall exist is as follows:

To study all civic, economic and social questions relating to the farm and the farm home, particularly to the Corn and Domestic Science subjects.

To promulgate and promote all contests and trips that will be conducted under the direction of the Bureau of Junior Contests of the State Department of Agriculture of Ohio.

To create and promote local contests among boys and girls.

To solicit the funds for local and county-wide trips.

To encourage and to take part in all local and county corn and domestic science shows and County and State fairs of 1916.

To disseminate the different literature issued by the state and national departments upon all subjects relating to the farm life.

To conduct local contests and exhibits in Class L of the school exhibits at the State Fair in 1916.

To receive and distribute rules, entry blanks and all literatur econcerning the exhibits contests and different trips that are sent out by the Bureau of Junior contests.

Last but not least, this organization shall elect from among the contestants two boys, no two of whom shall be from the same township, excepting only when one township in any county shall have contestants therein, who shall be brought to the State Fair of 1916 for a whole week at the expense of the Board of Agriculture of the State of Ohio.

The election of the two boys to attend the State Fair for one whole week at the expense of the state board of Agriculture will occur at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 15th day of July, 1916.

The Bureau of Junior Contests of the State Board of Agriculture of the State of Ohio will award cash prizes for the first best, second best, third best, fourth best and fifth best essays on the subject "The Uses of Corn." These essays will be determined upon by the Board of Directors of this county club organization which may appoint a committee of three or five to select the best essay offered in the county.Then the best essay in each county shall be forwarded to the Bureau of Junior Contests, Columbus, Ohio, care of the State Board of Agriculture, and from the best eighty-eight essays in the state the best five will be selected by the committee appointed by the Bureau of Junior Contests The essay in each county to be presented to the county organization on the third Sunday of July, 1916.

Local contests may be conducted by the schools, granges, or any organization to determine which is the best to send up from each township, village, or other division to the County Contest.

At the July meeting of the organization, the County Club will announce a committee of five appointed to select the best essay from all those present from the different parts of the county This committee will report to the county organization at its meeting on the third Saturday of August and the secretary of the county organization will then forward the best essay from each county to the Bureau of Junior Contests.

Address all communications to J. ... Clarke, Director of Junior Contests, Columbus, Ohio.

COURT MATTERS

The jury hearing the case of David Hilyard et al vs. L. E. Sternberg returned a verdict at 2:15 last Friday afternoon of "no cause of action," after deliberating and hour and forty-five minutes.

Sternberg was the contractor on the Beaver ditch along which stream Hilyard owned a farm. Hilyard sued for damages in the sum of $1,000, claiming defendants dredge damed up the stream and caused the water to over-flow plaintiff's land. Sternberg filed a cross petition asking damages for $1,100.

Judge Miller last Monday confirmed the report of the commissioners in the partition action of Charles I. older vs. Raymon O. Golder. No one electing to the property at the appraisement sale was ordered and has been fixed for April 18. The property in question is a house and lot in th enorth end of Ft. Recovery.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The third quarterly conference of the Coldwater Circuit M. E. churches will be held Sunday and Monday, March 26 and 27. Sunday 26th, at 2 p.m., Rev. M. M. Figley, the district superintendent will preach. Monday 27th, at 10:45 a.m. a business session will be held.

HAWKS

Claim They Were Misrepresented in Public Prints

AS TO PART THEY PLAYED IN SENSATIONAL SHOOTING AFFRAY AT ROCKFORD LAST WEEK

The old adage of there being two sides to every question seems to be upheld again in connection with the shooting scrape in Rockford, a week ago last Wednesday, resulting in the arrest of one, Charles Mallow, a charge of shooting with intent to kill being filed against him by A. J. Hawk.

Mr. Hawk, jr., made The Democrat a call on Saturday, very hot under the collar regarding the story given to this paper last week.

His side of the affair runs as follows:

The Hawks and Mallow sometime ago had some land transactions and after all deals had been closed, it seems Mallow was not satisfied with the trade. After thinking over the matter for some time he decided to obtain the papers binding the bargain. Under this impulse he went to a business man in Rockford, intrusted with the notes in the case, and asked to see them. Upon being shown the notes he grabbed them and started to the office of A. J. Hawk, to obtain the signed contracts in the same manner. Mr. Hawk, however, not handing over the contracts, for inspection, as requested, Mallow drew a revolver and fired several shots at Hawk's son-in-law, Wm. Berry, who not liking the idea of being shot at, pounced upon Mallow and throwed him to the floor, holding him there until the gun was taken from him.

Mr. Hawk claims Mallow purchased the revolver that same day and he feels that the case was a premeditated murder on the part of Mallow.

In last week's issue you have Mallow's version of the affair. Here you have what Hawk and Son have to say. Draw your own conclusions.

MALLOW PLEAS NOT GUILTY TO FOUR SEPARATE CHARGES

Charles Mallow, arrested in conection with th shooting affray in the office of A. J. Hawk at Rockford last Thursday, appeared before Justice of the Peace C. A. Stubbs, of thi scity, yesterday and plead not guilty to four separate affadavits filed against him. Bond was fixed at $1000 and was given.

Malow is charged in one affadavit by Rufus Hawk of carrying concealed weapons, and another with threatening to kill. The other affadavits are with threatening to kill, one being filed by C. E. Hawk and the other by W. A. Beiry.

THE GRIM REAPER

Word was received here Wednesday evening announcing the sudden death of Frank Millikan, a former resident of this city and a brother in law of George nd William Kohlhorst, at Detroit Mich., at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Millikan was an opertor at the L. E. & W. rilway stion in this city for severl years and served for a year as assessor in the third wrd.

A year or so ago he moved to Detroit where he secured employment in the Cadillac automobile factory and where he worked until early in the winter when an accident necessitated the amputation of his right hand. He and his wife visited here for several weeks after the accident. He contracted pneumonia a week ago and this is supposed to have caused his death.

Mrs. Millikan, who alone survives him, wired relatives here yesterday that she would bring the body of her husband to this city, arriving sometime this morning. The remains will be taken to her brother George's at the Logn street house. Funeral services will likely be held Sunday.

MRS. JESSE FAST, AGED 58

Mrs. Jesse Fast, aged 58 years, died at ten o'clock last Monday morning at her home on East Fulton street, following an illness of only a few days' duration.

Deceased was born October 31, 1857 and died March 6th, aged 58 years, two months and five days. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, three sons, William, Francis, Harvey, one daughter Goldie, 9 grandchildren, one brother, John Webb, a half brother, William and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Wednesday morning, with Circuit M. E. pastor A. H. Roebuck in charge.

DAVID E. CROUCH, AGED 75

David E. Crouch, aged 75 years, a Civil War veteran, died last Friday at his home in Lake View addition, in the east end of town following a lingering illness.

Deceased was a native of New York state, but came, with his parents, to this county, when a small boy, where he resided the remainder of his life, excepting the years spent in fighting during the Civil War. He was a member of the local G. A. R. Post. Surviving are his wife, one son, Frank, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Mosier, of St. Marys and Mrs. Willis Pifer, East Market street; and one sister, Mrs. Mary Goggin, West Livingston street. Funeral services were held at Swamp College last Monday.

LEONARD BYERS, AGED 76

Leonard Byers, aged 76 years, died last Saturday night at his home in Liberty township, following an illness of pneumonia. The remains were taken to Knox, Ind., where funeral services were held last Tuesday afternoon.

JOSEPH MAURER, AGED 87

Joseph Maurer, aged 87 years, who for several years past has been living with his daughter, Mrs. Albert Metzner, northwest of this city, died at the Metzner home about one o'clock yesterday after-

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PENNY SOCIAL

A Penny Social will be given at the McMurray home, 4½ east of Celina, next Tuesday, March 14, by the Royal Class, for the benefit of the West Oldtown United Brethren Church. Everyone is invited to attend.

KING OF SPAIN BUYS AN OVERLAND

In a recent shipment from the Willys-Overland Company's Toledo plant, particular interest attached itself to a stout packing box marked as follows:

Per S. S. Antonio Lopez
Compania Transatlantica
S. M. El Rey Don Alfonso XIII,
Palacio Real, Madrid.

This case contained a Model 84 Willys-Knight stock touring car, such as can be seen on local streets any day in the year, yet this particular car is singled out to be the first American made Knight Motored automobile actually purchased for personal use by an European crowned head and the honor falls to the Willys-Overland company.

The motor used on this car is of the Knight type, a sleeve valve motor that is exceedingly popular abroad and used in practically all of the fine cars of European manufacture.

Cars of this sort sell for several thousand dollars in Europe and with closed bodies as high as $8000.

HEEL AND TOEING

IT ACROSS CONTINENT WALKING BACKWARD, TO WIN GOOD SIZED WAGER

John M. Hale of Center township, while in town last Saturday attending a meeting of the Deputy State Supervisors of Elections, of which he is chief, gave us a pleasant call and told of his interview at Neptune on last Friday with Patrick Harmon, and his traveling companion, the former of whom is walking backwards from San Francisco to New York City. From Neptune Harmon pursude his way to St. Marys. He walks by means of a looking glass fastened in front of him which enables him to see the path behind him. He left San Franisco August 5, 1915 to cover the route of 3,900 miles With a schedule of 15 miles per day the trip is to be completed in 260 days. Harmon says the easiest part of his journey is now to come the highest mountains having been passed with the Rockies.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Friday was the twentieth birthday anniversary of Albert Volz and in honor of the event twenty friends gathered at the Volz home giving him a complete surprise. Progressive games were played in the first part of the evening, Miss Agatha Sanner winning the first prize and Victor Velten the booby. Following this was a delicious lunch, games and music. The guests were Misses Clara, Ella and Marie Schindler, Elsie and Cora Whitesell, Frances, Mary and Agatha Sanner, Clara Scheid, Eva Schneider, Marie Gleason, Alvira Velten, Nevo May, Joyce Hedrick, Edith Kleinhenz, Ethel Johnson, Leona Anthony and Dora Roessner, Victor Velten and Lawrence Coughlin.—Ft. Recovery Tribune-Journal.

Edward Koch's 42nd birthday was duly remembered by a group of his friends, who came in unawares Wednesday night to celebrate the event. The evening was spent in playing Five Hundred, after which a delicious lunch was served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hildbeid, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leonhard, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reuter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pausch, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Holmes, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Robeson, Mrs. W. R. Taylor and Maurice Taylor.—Ft. Recovery Tribune-Journal.

Samuel Schwartz, who is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Louis Smith was pleasantly surprised by a number of his old comrades last Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being his 79th brthday anniversary. Mr. Schwartz served four years in the civil war and was orderly sergeant in Company C. The ages of those present ranged from 73 to 84 and included 'Squire J. G. Kuhn, John McQueen, Henry Yaney, J. A. Doner, Wm. Hottel, S. Moore, Geo. Koester and Henry Snider, all civil war veterans. The afternoon was spent in telling war stories and singing national songs. Little Carl and Pauline Smith rendered some of their favorite duets on the piano. At 4 o'colck Mrs. Louise Smith regaled the party with a tempting luncheon, and those present wish to thank her for her hospitality. The old soldiers participating in the affair are all enjoying fairly good health and are unanimous in pronouncing this one of the best reunions in their long careers. Their host was also greatly pleased to have his old comrades with him on his birthday.—Coldwater Chronicle.

A happy pre-lenten affair was the celebration of the birthday of Miss Helen Schunck at the Infirmary last Sunday evening. The big rooms at the Infirmary were en fete for the party with elaborate garniture of green grlands, bloomhyacinths, ferns and shamrock. Mrs. Schunck and Miss Mary aided in entertaining and the latter presented each guest with St. Patrcik dy favors upon their arrival. Contests of various kinds provided the evening amusement, with honors going to Beatrice and Wiro Pulskamp, Viola Beckman and Raymond Pulskamp, Margret Weis and Dr. Schlenker, Lucille Grothjan and Oran Landis.

Entertaining their husbands with a sumptuous six o'clock dinner and card party the G. and I. club last Tuesday evening celebrated their twentieth anniversary at the C. J. Hemmert home on North Main street. Following the banquet came a round of progressive euchre with the ladies prizes going to Mrs. John W. Desch Mrs. Joe Schmitt, Mrs. Herman Pulskamp and the consolation to Miss Felecia Geble. The gentlemen's prizes were awarded to John Garnier, ofSpringfield, a guest, John Pulskamp, Pete Schunck and the booby offering to Philip Linn.

Mesdmes Ora Rosier Rosier and Leonard Gray gave a pretty surprise party at the former's home last Monday in honor of their respective daughters'—Arburtus and Nellie—fifth birthday anniversary. The youngsters in attendance were: Leonard and Forest Suhr, Ruth Cavender, arcella nd Richrd Spriggs, Ruth Mersman, Mary and Bobbie Sacher, Florence Mabel, Katheryn, Richard nd Thelm Curry, Lillie and Leta Duncan, , vlan Wolfe, Valetta Horath, Leo and Madonna Puthoff, Ruth Mote, Evelyn Buroughs, Mary Ellen Betz, Nelle, Adveral and Paul May, Otto Grim, Clarence and Adeline Sengpiel, Maxne Miller, Edward Younger, Lavonne Peterman, Mary Pumphrey, Herbert and Bernadine Pumphrey and Arnold Schunck.

Mrs .Bertha Merkle, of West Fayette street was tendered a pleasant surprise by the ldies aid society of the Bethny Evangelical church last Monday evening, prior to her leaving for Piqua, where she will make he future home. Mrs. Merkle served as president of the aid society for several years and as an appreciation of her work th eladies presented her with a linen table cloth. The evening was spent in a social wy. Those present were: Mrs. E. Roettger, Mrs. Reuben Baken, Mrs. Charlotte Hays, Mrs. Carrie Bollenbacher, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mrs. Ed Helwarth, Mrs. John Wagner,

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Road Improvements Ordered By Board Commissioners

THREE OF ROADS PETITIONED FOR IN CENTER TOWNSHIP—CHANGES MADE ON DITCH ASSESSMENT

The Board ordered the following road improvements made:

The Stahl road improvement, petitioned for by Henry Stahl et al., the route of which is as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 17, Granville township; thence west one mile on and along a public road between Sections 17 and 8; thence north 1 mile between Sections 7 and 8, Granville and Butler townships to the northwest corner of Section 8, Butler township and there terminate.

Th Schmackers road improvement, petitioned for by G. H. Schmackers et al., the route of which is as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 17, Granville township; thence south on and along a public road between Sections 17 and 18 to the Mader & Voss pike, and there terminate.

The Snavely road improvement, petitioned for by L. R. Snavely et al, the route of which is as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of Section 19, Center township; thence east following a public road to the southeast corner of said section 19, thence north following a public road to the northeast corner of said Section 19; thence west following said public road to the northwest corner of Section 19, and there terminate.

The Raudabaugh road improvement petitioned for by Albert Raudabaugh et al., the route of which is as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Center township; thence north following said public highway through Section 21, and into Section 16, where said road crosses a public highway running east and west, and the same being at the corner of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, of said section and there terminate.

The Miesse road improvement, petitioned for by Margaret Miesse et al., the route of which is as ollows: Beginning at a part in the public highway at the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Center township; thence west following the public road between Sections 21 and 28 and between Sectons 20 and 29 to a point where said road intersects the Mendon pike, or in other words to the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 20, same township, and there terminate.

The Board meeting on the hearing of the engineer's report on the Smalley ditch after examining said report, made the following changes and their confirmed the assessments: Orlando Streete from $80 to $50, J J. Shellaberger from $70 to $17, Oscar Williams from $90 to $50, S. M. Dysert from $75 to 60.

The Board ordered $6,000 transferred from the Auditor's fee fund to the county fund.

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

P. A. Ellis, salary humane officer	28 00
Delia Brown, cleaning surveyor's office	5 25
Fetch Dustdown Co., dustdown,	3 75
Celina El. Light Co., light	21 00
Kelley Coal Co., coal,	29 91
Barret Bros., blanks,	2 70
Columbus B. B. Co., supplies	5 50
W. and L. E. Gurley, repairs,	6 96
George Feters, repairs,	6 50
S. A. Huffman, repairing culbert	5 75
Frank H. Springer, inspector on Springer pike	6 00
Henry Prenge, asst eng.,	2 00
P. E. Kenney, astt. pros. atty, state vs. Schaffer,	100 00
Galion Iron Works, sewer pipe	22 80

POLITICAL

Judge S. S. Scranton has announced himself a candidate for State Senator from the 32nd district, comprising Mercer, Auglaize, Allen Van Wert, Pauiding, Defiance and Williams.

Judge Scranton made a clean and able fight for the port two years ago and was defeated by Editor William Behne, of Bryan, Williams county.

There is no reason why the plum should not be shifted from Williams, the extreme north end of the district, to Mercer the extreme south end. Senator Behne is up this year for re-nomination, but as there are two senators rom this district to elect this year Judge Scranton is going to get back into the ray.

B. F. Smith, one of the best known Republicans of Hopewell township, and Treasurer of the Mercer County Mutual Telephone Co., made it known a few days since while at this office that he would be a candidate for County Commissioner at the August primary. He is the first Republican, we believe, to toss his hat into the ring for a county office.

In advance of going to Tiffin on Washington's birthday, Gov. Willis prepared a speech which was given to the newspapers for publication. In this article the governor took elaborate pains to show that Thomas Jefferson was a secret traitor to General Wshington while a member of his cabinet and hired a journalist named Freneau to lampoon and libel him. When he got to Tiffin he found that he was to address the faculty and student body of Heidelberg college. Thereupon he took the platform and delivered a speech in which no reference was made to Jefferson. The explanation is easy. He knew that his intelligent and edueated auditors would have quickly exposed his meanness. But he was not manly enough to have his prepared speech withdrawn from the Ohio papers. It is one of the governor's constant complaints that the newspapers do not tell the truth about him. After this performance he should forever hold his peace.

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

N. N. Boise, of Coldwater, Route 1, made this office a friendly call while in town, Tuesday, enrolling as a new reader of The Democrat.

J. W. Wright, of Rockford Route 3, and D. H. Morrison, of Willshire Route 1, were among our business callers Tuesday, joining our big family of readers.

Our old friend H. M. Brock, of Ft. Recovery, accompanied by his son, made this office a brief call while in town Saturday looking after some business matters leaving an annual renewal.

Lawrence Eichler, who recently moved to the Mowry farm, east of this city; Fred Schere, of Route 8, and G. W. Becher, of Chattanooga, were among our old friends to drop in Saturday and make annual renewals.

G. F. Kendall, of Rockford; W. H. Bastian, of Route 7; F. L. Aldridge, of Montezuma and Chas. Herrman, of Rockford, Route 3, were among our business callers last Friday. All made the printer's heart glad with annual renewals.