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ONE PAPER

In the HOME is worth a dozen in the byway, and just remember THE DEMOCRAT is the home paper of Mercer County.

GETTING NEARER

Brink of War, and an Earlier Date Is Chosen for Meeting of Congress.

Washington, March 21.—President Wilson today decided to call congress into extra session on April 2. His action was taken following pressure from his cabinet, members of congress and the country at large.

The president's decision was reached only after he had been convinced that the sinking of Germany's three American freighters on the high seas had brought about a demand from the country for more aggressive action than has at any time been taken against the imperial German government.

The president will demand from congress drastic measures to protect American commerce on the seas. He is expected to announce that a state of war has existed between the United States and Germany since March 14, when the American steamer Lusitania was sunk.

The original date set for the extra session was April 16.

Under tremendous pressure from every side to call congress into immediate session and declare a state of war between the United States and Germany, President Wilson this morning was still silent on his course.

Members of his cabinet intimate friends, senators and representatives—and scores of telegrams and letters from people back in the country—have urged President Wilson to "act at once" against Germany.

MAY WEATHER STORM
Not since the sinking of the Lusitania has the president been buffeted by such demands for a declaration of war.

There were evidences today that he might again weather the war storm and follow the course he set. It is known the president feels that to call congress now, declare a state of war and ask further measures for a declaration of American commerce, might be "forcing the issue."

WILSON ALONE KNOWS
There are few officials here who doubt that congress in such event would immediately authorize a declaration of war.

Those who oppose drastic action at this time declare the president alone knows all the elements entering into his decision by the United States.

For the first time it became known today that there are many definite lines in the internal political situation of different belligerent nations in the hands of this government, which have never been suspected.

WANT AGGRESSIVE ACTION
Many of these enter immediately into consideration of the government's course now.

But against these points of view, the president's cabinet and telegrams from the country argue along the following lines in favor of immediate action:

Prompt assumption of an aggressive attitude toward Germany.

DECLARATION OF WAR
Sounding of a single pariah note which would immediately augment recruiting in both the navy and army branches of defense services and enable the government to make its war vessels up to full strength.

Declaration of a state of war, which would encourage the entente soldiers in the field; encourage the Russian revolutionists in the prompt defeat of Germany; materially depress Germany—and in all bring peace nearer.

WOULD SHAKE GERMANY
There are some of the president's advisors who think this government's entrance into the war at this time will result in a movement to shake Germany to its base, which would rock Russia and thus may overthrow the German imperial government which has been held in place by the German people.

Germany, one of the expressed ideals of President Wilson.

An one cabinet member expressed the situation, "Germany has punched us in the stomach. A state of war exists. It's up to us to go after them."

Boys of Second Again Held
Chicago, March 20.—Despite the flat statement of the war department that there is no change in the decision to guard units proceed, Major General Thomas H. Barry, commander of the central district, United States army, issued orders in Chicago yesterday suspending the further mustering out of troops in the central district "subject to further notice."

Ohio—Four regiments of infantry, one squadron of cavalry, two signal corps companies, four companies of engineers and five sanitary units.

Michigan—One regiment of infantry, two troops of cavalry, two batteries of field artillery, one signal corps company, one company of engineers and three sanitary units.

Indiana—One sanitary unit.

Colorado and Iowa troops also are affected by the order.

Ohio Guards Affected
More than half of Ohio's national guardsmen are still in the federal service and are affected by Major General Barry's order. The following Ohio troops which saw service on the Mexican border have not yet been mustered out:

Second, Third, Sixth and Eighth infantry regiments; battalion field artillery, battalion field signal corps, and the First and Second ambulance companies.

The Sixth infantry regiment is still on the Mexican border, but is under orders to depart for home this month.

The artillery, engineers and hospital companies are at Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, waiting mustering out. The Eighth regiment is at Fort Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, waiting mustering out.

The Third Ohio Infantry at El Paso started home yesterday.

WOMAN'S A MERE PARASITE
[Cincinnati Star-Republicans]
Who says a woman has nothing to do in one year she cooks breakfast, dinner and supper each 365 times, washes dishes 1825 times, gets the children ready for school twice a day for 180 days and puts the baby to sleep 1560 times, not to mention a few other things.

NOTICE—"HELP WANTED"
The Beaver Chapel Willing Workers will hold a pie social at the Oak Grove school house, District No. 10, Washington township, Friday, evening, March 23. Your co-operation wanted. Ladies the pies. Gents the cash. Everybody come.

BILL WE CAN'T PAY ON PAY WEEK

A ten year old boy overheard a conversation about certain bills to be paid, and conceived the idea of making out a bill for his own services.

The next morning he laid this statement of account on his mother's breakfast plate:

"Mother owes Willie for carrying coal six times, twenty cents; for bringing water lots of times, thirty cents, for going ten errands, fifteen cents." His mother read the bill but said nothing about it. That evening Willie found on his plate the seventy-five cents and also another bill which read as follows: "Willie owes his mother for his happy home for ten years, nothing; for his food and clothing, nothing; for nursing him through long illness, nothing; total, nothing." When Willie saw the seventy-five cents he was pleased.

But when he read his mother's bill his eyes grew dim and his lips quivered. Then he took the money to his mother, threw his arm about her neck and begged that she would let him do lots of things for her.

Mother's bill is rarely presented but it will pay each person to think it out and over for himself and then pay it in love and service.—Ex.

HIGHEST COURT

Of State Puts Final Crimp to Claims of Heirs of ex-Slaves to Mercer County Farms.

Descendants of the manumitted slaves of John Randolph of Roanoke, Va., lost their suit to gain possession of land purchased for them in this county, in 1846, last Tuesday, when the supreme court sustained the lower courts of Mercer county, which held that the 21 years statute of limitation and adverse possession of the lands by others barred their right of action.

Ohio School Code Safe.
The Ohio rural school code is beyond the pale of danger.

Overhauling defeat of every attempt to rip the law up was the outstanding feature of Tuesday's session of the house of representatives.

The only significant change in the code made by the present assembly is a provision which probably will lead to a uniformity in textbooks.

It provides that the county and district superintendents shall recommend to the county board of education the textbooks to be used in the schools. While the board is not compelled to adopt the same textbooks, every district in the county will be the result except in extraordinary cases.

Erasmus Greese of County, Republican, declared that ever since that night, under the former Cox administration, when the school code was put in effect, there has been a remarkable progress in the schools of the state. He opposed any material change in the law.

A LAKE WITH MANY ALIASES
While appearing before the House Finance Committee of the Legislature last Tuesday on the south end of Celina Park improvement, Representative Smith, of Polk county, asked a question of Senator Zell over the St. Marys-Grand controversy.

While presenting the matter on behalf of the Celina Business Association and Editor of the Democrat, the senator responded: "When Mr. Pott of the Board of Public Works, presented the matter here and it came to Mercer in the county, Zell was the result except in extraordinary cases."

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THE GRIM REAPER
Thomas Sturgeon, aged 74 years, a venerable and highly respected resident of Auglaize county, died last Sunday evening, at his home near St. Marys. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Rebekah Crow, of Center township, two sons and one daughter, two sisters—Mrs. Eleanor Townsend, of Center township, and Mrs. Oliver McDonald, of St. Marys also survive.

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PERSONAL
[Rockford Press]
James H. Williamson, aged 79, died on Wednesday noon at his home at Mercer county. He is survived by two children, Mrs. Ella Garwick, with whom he lived, and Miss Rebecca Crow, of Center township. Mr. Williamson was born in Mercer county, Ohio, in 1838, and since has resided here. He served in the Civil War in Company I, 1st Ohio Regiment. The funeral services will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the Mercer M. E. church, Rev. A. H. Roebuck officiating.

LOUISA, THE TWO-YEAR-OLD BABY DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. FRED VARWIG, WEST OF TOWN, WAS BADLY BURNED LAST WEEK, WHEN THE TOP UP SET A KETTLE OF BOILING WATER OVER HER.

The game law has been so amended that it is now unlawful to kill a raccoon, skunk, possum, mink or a muskrat, during any other time than between November 15th and February 1st.

Bert Brigner, of Washington township, who was taken to the State insane hospital at Toledo four weeks ago, has improved to such an extent that he was permitted to return home, accompanied by his wife, last Monday.

George Pratt, a sixteen year old lad, who began work at the furniture factory last Tuesday noon, had his left leg broken just above the knee and his right leg badly bruised shortly after five o'clock Tuesday evening. He was caught beneath a pile of lumber, when an over-loaded truck, on the way into the factory, upset. He was removed to the office of Dr. Miller where the necessary medical assistance was rendered.

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STATE OFFICIALS

Give Hearty Approval to Appropriation for Park Purposes at Celina-on-Grand Lake.

Through the efforts of Prosecutor Stubbs and Editor Carlin the following statement was last Tuesday sent to the Finance Committee of both the House and Senate, after the matter of the south end improvement had been presented to the committee. Both Superintendent Fawcett and Agent Booder, of the Board of Public Works, accompanied Senator Holl and the Celina representatives before the committee, and not only sanctioned the proposition, but spoke very heartily in favor of it, commenting upon the fact that the state in the past several years had been anxious to secure and adjacent to the reservoir for public park purposes.

The statement, in part, is as follows: "March 20, 1917. Hon. George W. Holl, Senate Chamber. Dear Sir—In compliance with the request of Chairman Cowen, I am making a statement of the different appropriations which we verbally requested of the House Finance Committee.

CELINA PARK
For ground needed back of wall at Celina to complete park (2 city lots with buildings), \$2,000.00.

This item has been approved by Superintendent Fawcett as necessary and I trust that the Finance Committee will allow the same.

Very Respectfully yours,
E. E. BOGTON, Agent Canal Lands.

Superintendent Fawcett, of the State Board of Public Works, last Tuesday informed us that the big dredge, built on the reservoir at the foot of Main street last fall, will begin active operations next Monday. He said it was his intention to back-fill the entire length of the north levee wall.

LACK EVIDENCE
To Hold Celina Boy for Robbery at Lima, and He Is Given His Liberty.

[Lima Times Democrat, March 19]
Earl Schuyler, of Celina, who was arrested in connection with the robbery of the Lima Home & Savings Association, about 1:05 p. m., Saturday afternoon, disclaims any knowledge of the robbery in which the thief was successful to the extent of \$528. In an attempt to prove an alibi at the investigation held in the office of Police Chief McKinney, Schuyler claims that at no time during his visit to this city was he west of Main street.

Miss Zullinger, assistant secretary of the association, who was the only one in the office at the time of the robbery, is positive that Schuyler is the one who pointed the gun at her and then made his escape with the stolen money in his possession, according to police. She called at headquarters this morning to make the identification.

Schuyler stated to police officials this morning that he arrived in Lima Friday night and was a guest at one of the local hotels for the night. However, according to police, his story in regard to the time he left the hotel on Saturday morning conflicts with that of the maid of the hotel. It is claimed to have departed at 1:20 p. m., or just a few minutes after the robbery occurred, while police say that the maid is sure that he left about 12:15 p. m.

Immediately following the robbery the local police department notified all nearby towns to be on the lookout for a man bearing the description of the thief who perpetrated the robbery. When Police Chief McKinney was notified that Schuyler was in the vicinity of the robbery at the time it was accomplished, he requested Celina officials to arrest him at his home in that city. In the custody of Police Chief McKinney, he was brought to Lima yesterday.

Tom Schonover, president of the City Loan & Savings company, on W. High street, although unable to identify Schuyler as the man who had robbed him at the point of a gun several months ago, stated that in a good many ways he answered the description of the bandit.

Chief McKinney stated that further investigation of the movements of Schuyler would be made before any act would be taken one way or the other. Officials claim that the man left the hotel, and to this end the conflicting stories told by Schuyler and the maid of the hotel will have to be threshed out.

BANK ROBBERY RE-ENACTED
[Lima Times-Democrat, March 20]
A repetition of the robbery scene which occurred Saturday afternoon took place this morning. Earl Schuyler, 23, Celina, held by police as the alleged "hold up" man, who is thought to have entered the Lima Home Savings Association and escaped with \$600, and who was later arrested at Celina, has not as yet been positively identified as the man who did the "job."

Chief of Police McKinney left the police station with his prisoner this morning for the scene of the robbery. On arrival at the bank he was asked to remove his overcoat and don a blue cap in place of the hat he wore. The first position he was asked to take was at the writing table behind the counter and made to stand in the position occupied by the bandit last Saturday.

When asked if he was the man Miss Zullinger refused to say positively but said he very much resembled the party. Schuyler denied having seen the young lady before and furthermore that he hadn't been in that part of town for a year.

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FAREWELL RECEPTION

Monday evening the United Brethren church Sunday school and many friends totaling in all to 80 came without waiting to the home of O. T. Elder, near Monday, to say farewell to Mrs. Elder's home before her marriage was in this vicinity and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Elder have never known but the present home. They are moving 7 1/2 miles north-west of Celina near Negun. Brother Elder and family will be greatly missed in the church and neighborhood. Their prayers for their dear wife's happiness and prosperity in the new home. They will be a real help in every way for good to the community they are going to, because they are interested in the things that are best.

Meeting of Drys
The Mercer of Dry Federation met at the opera house, Monday, C. C. Chapman was chosen secretary to fill the place of Rev. Hartman, who is leaving the city.

Regular headquarters will be established in Rooms 6 and 7, Hi-hardon block, April 15.

P. W. Bowers, county organizer, reported his recent proceedings in a satisfactory manner.

The next meeting will be held at the new headquarters on Monday, April 2.

CELINA BANKS

Among Highest Bidders for State Funds, Making City Banks Sit Up and Look Around.

Higher rates of interest than ever received before have been obtained by State Treasurer Chester E. Bryan for the use of the funds of the state during the next two years. A total of 329 banks, most of them from the rural districts submitted competitive bids for this money.

They are all in the state, ranging from 1/2 to 4 1/2 per cent. None of the money, except the so-called active amount which is carried in Columbus banks and is subject to daily checking by the state, will be let out at less than 3 1/2 per cent.

The total amount of money bid for is based on \$15,000,000 and \$10,000,000. Bryan has approximately \$3,500,000 to let out.

The "ace" banks of this city bid on the whole at 4 1/2. Their bid was the local fourth National Bank bid 4.05 and the Commercial Bank 4.00.

The new Farmers and Merchants State Bank at Chattanooga bid \$9,000 at 3.50, and as this is in the minimum rate limit it will secure some of the state funds.

Under the bids obtained by Treasurer Bryan, the earnings of the funds during the next two years will be the largest ever received since the state began letting out its cash by competitive bidding.

THE MAN TO BE ENVIED
Under the above caption the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune, in a long editorial, following of which is a portion, says of bidding of county banks on state funds:

The opening of bids this week for the use of our State funds discloses the fact that the farmer has large plans in view for the next few years.

The country banks, which are the medium through which the greater part of the agricultural community obtains its financial help, made up almost exclusively the list of bidders for these public moneys.

No form of individual endeavor has brighter prospects at present than those appearing for the man who knows how to till the soil. Prices for everything he produces are making an upward record, and, according to the best information obtainable, there will be a continuation of that condition for several years to follow.

At least so the country banker believes, and he is in touch with matters that concern his affairs, it is reasonable to assume that the immediate future of the tiller of the soil is assured.

C. E. NOTES
The Christian Endeavor Society of the Celina Presbyterian church held a good meeting Sunday evening. Miss Leona Dickman was leader. There was a good attendance and about three-fourths were prepared with something on the topic, but time was too short for all to participate.

The information report given by Myrtle Crockett, chairman, was full of interesting news. Mr. and Mrs. Ruthy Ford presented a paper on "The Future of the President" and a very pleasing duet.

The president appointed the nominating committee for the election of officers, which takes place next Sunday March 25. All members try to be present.

PERSONAL
Miss Florence Hattery and her son, Miss Tabitha Nichols, are home from a visit with the former sister, Mrs. C. L. Allis and family at Wooster.

Mr. Wilbur Ender and Miss Albert B. Stoner, of Ft. Recovery, were united in marriage in this city last Saturday, Mayor Seranoff officiating.

Hugo Wolf, for a number of years past a trusted employee of the Daily Standard, left last Tuesday for Dayton, where he has accepted a position, and where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wolf, are located.

Members of the ladies aid society of the Presbyterian church at the former's home, East Market street, and daughter, Betty Jane, left Saturday for Providence, R. I., to live. Mr. Howick will take charge of the funeral services, which will be held at the home of Mrs. C. M. Crouch.

Miss Helen Schuch went to Cincinnati last Monday to take a special course in music.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Bowman returned Wednesday from St. Petersburg, Florida, where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tilton, West Jefferson, are the parents of a baby boy, born last Monday.

Mrs. Allen Dooling, of Detroit, Mich., who was a guest of her brother, O. Rentzsch and family, North Main street, was reported to be getting along nicely. Her mother and sister before returning home.

Mrs. A. C. Griner, of this city, who was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at Dayton the first of the month for an operation, is reported to be getting along nicely. Her friends will be glad to learn. Mr. Griner expects to go to Dayton to-morrow as she is sufficiently improved to return home.

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BIG BATCH

Of Legal Business Gets Attention of Judge Miller of Common Pleas Court.

Common Pleas Judge Miller last Friday passed judgment on the following cases: John Greer vs. County Commissioners, injunction. Deurrer to second amended petition of plaintiff sustained and petition dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Greer v. Greer, 1214, filed an action to enjoin collection of assessment on Little Beaver and to recover part of assessment paid. Greer owns 120 acres in Section 19, Butler township.

Eliza Springer, as guardian of Opal Baker an infant, vs. George Baker et al. partition, finding that Opal Baker is one of the heirs at law of Charles Baker and entitled to an undivided share of said estate.

B. A. and O. J. Myers, doing business under the firm name of Myers & Myers, vs. Elmer Lantier, motion to make petition more specific and certain over-ruled. Court on its own motion set aside plaintiffs to separately state and number their causes of action.

The case of Edward Barnett vs. C. B. High, heirs of the late J. H. Barnett, et al. was argued and case re-argued for March 23.

John Kramer vs. Herman Zumbarger, injunction, finding against plaintiff. Mandatory injunction denied. Petition dismissed at plaintiff's cost. The parties upon granting terms in Butler township, Sept. 20, 1916, defendant constructed a fence across a lane used as a driveway by plaintiff for the past 21 years.

Charles Zumbarger vs. County Commissioners, injunction, motion to dissolve temporary restraining order denied. The court finds that a bond has been given by defendant in full of the amount required by law, and commissioners have refused to proceed. Defendants' present proceedings from constructing said ditch and assessing a charge on plaintiff were filed last November. Zumbarger says he is getting into a ditch with plaintiff on township, that A. B. Hainline petitioned for a ditch, known as the Hainline ditch, beginning in Gregory Heights, Celina and running to Beaver, crossing plaintiff's farm. He claimed improvement unnecessary and a charge on plaintiff. The ditch was approved and sold. Plaintiff prayed for an injunction.

Leona Krebs vs. Joseph Mader et al. and George Krebs vs. Joseph Mader et al. motion for judgment on the merits of the same jury at the same time. After an hour's deliberation Tuesday afternoon the jury returned a verdict for plaintiffs. A motion for new trial filed. The petitions were filed last December. Plaintiff Leona Krebs prayed for \$1344 and plaintiff Geo. Krebs for \$2666 on promissory notes. The notes held by the plaintiffs were destroyed by fire. The claims there were no endorsements thereon.

The case of Lucinda Smith vs. Ferdinand Smith, divorce, was last Tuesday assigned by Judge Miller for hearing on April 7.

Judge Miller last Tuesday granted a divorce on grounds of gross neglect of duty to Elmer L. Tindall against his wife, Grace Tindall. Counts to plaintiff.

Henry Lemartz vs. Nancy and G. W. Hooper and G. W. Hooper did away commencement of action. Judgment by default against Hooper in favor of plaintiff. Henry Lemartz, in the amount of \$1576.50; foreclosure and sale of mortgage on a certain lot of property in question is filed at Toxville's addition, north of Celina.

Henry Frewalt et al. vs. Catherine Frewalt et al. partition. Commercial Bank as applicant, and party defendant with leave to file answer and cross petition.

JURORS CHOSEN

For April Term of Common Pleas Court, Which Assembles Monday, April 2

The Jurors for the April term of Common Pleas Court were drawn last Friday in the presence of Judge Miller, Clerk of Courts Haulinger and Sheriff Humphrey. The grand jury is summoned to meet on Monday, April 2. The petit jury will meet two weeks later, on the sixteenth. The list as drawn is as follows:

Grand Jurors
Grand Jurors of April term to convene April 2, 1917.

Thomas Dellinger—Blackcreek.
George Boltenbacher—Liberty.
Gerhard Brockman—Franklin.
John Fortman—Washington.
Adam Schneider—Gibson.
N. W. Monroe—Jefferson.
W. M. Rabe—Washington.
Ford Renzels—Granville.
J. J. Beauchamp—Franklin.
John F. Adams—Recovery.
Peter A. Hayne—Butler.
A. W. Larnie—Washington.
John Hartings—Gibson.
William Post—Granville.
Andrew Schweitzerman—Granville.

Petit Jurors
Petit Jury to convene April 16.
J. H. Wilson—Liberty.
John Vandelle—Granville.
J. C. Bowers—Jefferson.
Frank Stillbarger—Jefferson.
William Schaad—Liberty.
John F. Smith—Jefferson.
William Vandembosch—Gibson.
John Mendenhall—Jefferson.
Adolph Sandrell—Recovery.
Wilson Selby—Franklin.
Charles Baker—Butler.
Marion Pond—Dublin.
Edward Hess—Butler.
A. W. Burdge—Franklin.
Joseph Lammy—Union.
Henry Dombolt—Marion.
John Lochfeld—Marion.
Charles Waiters—Butler.

Harry Lynch, aged 22 years, of Rockford, employed at the furniture factory, had the first finger of his left hand so badly mangled by a saw last Monday morning, only a half hour after he had begun work at the factory, that it had to be amputated. He was removed to the hospital where the necessary medical attention was given.

Manager A. A. Bair, of the Fayette theatre, has purchased a new Wurlitzer pipe organ, which will soon be installed in his motion picture house. Two machines are also being installed making it possible for him to give continuous performances.

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NAPOLEON ON PEACE

Those who protested against the President's proposal of "peace without victory," will be interested to know that the President's conception of a durable peace is supported by so great a warrior as Napoleon, who thus presents the same thought:

"Peace ought to be the result of a system well considered, founded on the true interests of the different countries, honorable to each, and ought not to be either a capitulation or the result of a threat."

With such an authority to rely on, the pacifist ought not to be afraid to stand for a peace without victory.—Bryan's Communion.

NEW TAX LAW

And Its Requirements as to Those Who List and Pay Taxes on Personal Property

A new tax law has recently been enacted by the Ohio Legislature, people who pay personal taxes should be posted on the requirements of the new law. This year it will be necessary for every person who is subject to the payment of personal tax to secure the necessary blanks at certain central places in each taxing district which will be known by the County Auditor within a short time. Under the present taxing laws any person failing to secure blanks and make his or her return of personal property before the first day of May will forfeit their right to the \$100 exemption. On this date the Auditor will check over the list of returns with the different assessors and all persons who have failed to comply with the law will be furnished with blank by the assessor to be filled out but they will not be entitled to any exemption. In case of willful failure or refusal to make returns a penalty of fifty per cent. will be imposed.

CELINA-WABASH

Pike Gets Another Boost Through Efforts of Prosecutor—Local Light at Columbus.

One and four-tenths miles of concrete road, on Main-Market road II, or the Celina-Wabash pike, will be built this summer. The new order will continue the present concrete improvement on west from the present terminus.

The Commissioners were not over-anxious to continue this improvement but as the available fund could only be used for Main-Market road purposes, they acquiesced in the project, after urgent efforts on the part of Prosecutor Stubbs.

Prosecuting Attorney C. A. Stubbs, County Superintendent of Schools S. Cotterman, District Superintendents Knepper, of Washington township and Hays, of Rockford, Attorney O. J. Myers and Editor J. K. Carlin, of this city; Dr. J. G. Wickerham and Thomas Ketcham, of Rockford, were at Columbus last Monday and Tuesday on matters before the legislature.

Attorneys Myers was looking after the interests of the Celina Telephone company on telephone legislation, not to the liking of the organized companies, now pending for final action.

Prosecutor Stubbs and Editor Carlin were before the finance committee of both House and senate in behalf of the South side park.

Messrs. Wickerham and Ketcham and the school superintendents were at the capital to help defeat the proposed change in the school laws.

LEGAL NOTICE

George Baker, who resides at Knox, Indiana; Lizzie Kaufman, who resides at Ft. Wayne, Indiana; and Kenneth Baker, who resides at Ellettsville, Indiana, will take no notice of the will of George Baker, deceased, as executed by Opal Baker, his daughter, on the 8th day of September, 1916, until the 15th day of March, 1917.

The Northern Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Town 5 South, Range 2 East, Butler township, Mercer County, Ohio; that the parties above named, together with other defendants, have or claim to have some interest in said premises, the amount and extent of