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Merely Personal

Mrs. N. Harden is ill with the grip.

D. L. Sauter, of Forest street, is quite seriously ill with grip and an abscess in his ear.

Wesley Jenner and John Britton

of Longville, left today for Granada, Colorado, where they will make their future home.

Mr. Charles Jenkins left this morning for Toledo where he will spend the day looking after business.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moon of Coehran, Ohio, returned home this morning after a few days visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Thomas of Blain Avenue.

ALLEGES FRAUD IN SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT CONTRACT

Attorney General Ellis Files Answer and Cross Petition for State Auditor Guilbert Alleging That the City of Marion Should Recover Full Amount Paid to the Clinton Foundry and Machine Company—Guilbert Loses no Time in Filing His Pleading After He is Allowed to Enter the Case.

It didn't require State Auditor Guilbert long to get into action in the local common pleas court after being given leave to enter the suit of the Marion National Bank against the City of Marion, the Clinton Foundry and Machine company and Oliver Heidman.

The state auditor, through attorney general Wade H. Ellis, this morning filed an answer and cross petition in which he charges that the whole contract for the erection of the sewage disposal works and garbage crematory was illegal; that the city is entitled to recover to the full amount paid the Clinton Foundry and Machine company and that the contract was procured through fraud.

The salient details of the answer are that in the first place, the city council issued and sold \$60,000 worth of bonds for the express purpose of constructing a sewage disposal plant and purchasing a site for the building and for no other purpose. It is alleged that the money realized from the sale of these bonds was placed in a fund called the "sewage disposal plant fund" and could be paid out for no other purpose than the construction of a sewage disposal plant. What the state auditor claims is that George H. Pierson, whom the city employed as a consulting engineer, drew up plans and urged their adoption by the Board of Public Service. These plans provided for the addition of a garbage crematory, and it is this addition that the state auditor claims renders the contract null and void.

It is alleged that while advising

the city officials, Pierson, so drew his plans that no other company than the Clinton Foundry and Machine company could bid, and that at that time Pierson was vice president, general manager and engineer of this company. It is charged that his plans were drawn in such a manner as to expressly prohibit competitive bidding, and enabling his company to bid the entire amount appropriated by council for the plant. He placed a bid of \$66,738 which the service board and council on his suggestion and advice as its consulting engineer, accepted. And then Pierson superintended the construction of the plant, representing that it was being done in accordance with the plans and specifications on file.

By reason of this fact, it is claimed the city paid \$20,000 more than it would have been compelled to for the same work, had competitive bidding been allowed.

This answering defendant also alleges that the money appropriated was wrongfully paid to the Clinton Foundry and Machine company; that the contract was procured through fraud; that the city auditor never at any time certified that the money for a garbage crematory was in a fund for that purpose, and that the entire amount should be recovered by the City of Marion.

The answer asks that the court find that this fund may be found to properly belong to the city, and award it to the city.

Smith W. Bennett, special counsel and E. B. Durfee of this city, are associated with Attorney General Ellis in this case.

MISS JENNIE CAMPBELL DIES OF CONSUMPTION

She had Been an Invalid for Six Years.

Funeral Services will be Held at the Residence Thursday at Two O'clock.

Miss Jennie May Campbell, aged 22 years, died Tuesday morning at 5:30 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Campbell on the Garden City pike.

The cause of Miss Campbell's death was consumption. She had been an invalid from spinal trouble since her sixteenth birthday. Throughout her long period of suffering her manner was always pleasant and she endeavored to make easier the minds of those about her.

Besides the mother and father, a sister Miss Nellie Campbell and four brothers, M. J., Fred, Jess and Edward Campbell survive to mourn her demise.

Funeral services will be held at the residence Thursday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. D. H. Bailey of Epworth M. E. church, of which the deceased had been a member since girlhood. The remains will be buried in Brush Ridge cemetery.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Will be Held in Auditorium Thursday Evening.

A Nice Program Has Been Arranged and all Who Care to Attend will be Welcome.

The annual oratorical contest of the Marion High School will be given in the auditorium of the high school at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening. An exceptionally fine program has been arranged and a rare treat is assured to all patrons and public who care to attend. There will be no admission fee.

The judges of the contest will be Attorneys John H. Clark and Charles Justice B. P. Sweney, member of board of education. The program will be as follows:

Music—Marguerite Krause, RECITATIONS, Mary, Queen of Scots—Ball—Bessie Parks, The honor of the woods—Murray—Hazel Geyer.

The Poet's Tale—Longfellow—Edith Chase.

A Message from Galilee—Leonora Pennell.

Music—Boy's Glee Club.

ORATIONS.

Aaron Burr—Maelein Strolitz.

Pillars of Our Nation—Karl Howser.

Wendell Phillips—Bert Paschall.

Socialism—George Foye.

Man's Triumph Over Nature—Maudred Monnett.

Robert E. Lee—Florence Schneemilch.

Music—Boy's Glee Club.

There is always a battle between rheumatism and Electropodes. Ask your druggist which wins.

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Railroad Notes

The Pennsylvania handled the theatre troop "The Show Girl" between Sandusky and Marion this morning. The troop transferred here to the Erie for Kenton.

I. O. Stout, travelling passenger agent of the Great Northern with headquarters at Cincinnati was looking after the interests of his road at the local depot this morning.

C. D. Harper, the popular passenger agent of the Wisconsin Central, with headquarters at Cincinnati was attending business in Marion railroad circles today.

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WEST CENTER STREET.

Brief Mention

F. L. Brown, of East Church street, is moving his family to Urbana. Mr. Brown has been located there some time, having charge of a moving picture show.

Clarence Bell, was brought back from Van Wert this morning by Constable Bigford of Justice Conley's court to face a paternity charge preferred by 16-year-old Rosa Fosnaught of Holmes street. An effort is being made to settle the case this afternoon.

The Marion County Medical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlors tonight. A number of papers on interesting subjects have been prepared by eminent local physicians and the session promises to be a highly interesting one.

A special meeting of the official board of German M. E. church, was held at the parsonage last night. Aside from considering several minor points of business, the pastor, Rev. C. E. Burkle authorized the board to re-organize the church chorus, recruiting the ranks and converting it into a first class chorus.

FIRST NIGHTERS

Pronounce the Bill for This Week a Very Good One.

A big crowd of first nighters was present at the two evening performances at the Marion Family theater last night and witnessed the excellent bill presented by Manager Vail, for this week.

The show is opened by the Ross Sisters in a high class vocal specialty. The act is a good one and the performers were called for many encores. Tokio Marati, the celebrated Jap wire walker and foot juggler, in a number of amazing stunts, drew a large amount of applause. The illustrated song "Clover Blossoms" by Miss Coleman, was well received. A comedy sketch entitled "The Shoplifter" by Cunningham and Smith, is a laugh provoker, and is probably one of the best numbers on the program. Another act deserving of especial mention is Cate's Band, of four musicians of ability, rendering a refined program. The show is closed with a good moving picture number.

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SPRING DRESS GOODS

Sheer Materials One of the season's most wanted fabrics are the dainty sheer materials. We are showing a complete assortment in all the spring shades as well as the staple colors

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White Wool Fabrics The most extensive stock of these materials to be found in the city. Fabrics of every description in cream, white and ivory.

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Light Weights in Priestley Black The only safe black goods to buy—Voiles, Taffetas, Crepes, Batistes, Nun's Veilings, Chiffon Panamas

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Another Big Shipment of Black Silks

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THE WORLD FAMOUS "WINDHAM" SILKS—With the strongest guarantee of any silk made, in qualities at.....85c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50

36-INCH WIDE BLACK SATEEN FINISHED TAFFETA—None to equal this quality at.....\$1.00

HABUTAI DE SWISSE—The most desirable, the softest and best finished black silk for spring and summer wear. Hundreds of Marion ladies are wearing it most satisfactorily. Price.....\$1.00

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Muslin and Sheeting Specials This Week

Needless for us to dwell upon the fact that all cottons are up. Everyone is familiar with that fact, but are you aware that the prices are constantly advancing, that one well known brand bleached muslin has been raised in price by the maker FOUR TIMES since January 1st. This week we announce a sale of sheeting and sheets, goods which we bought before the advance took place.

5c yard buys 6c unbleached muslin, full yard wide.

6c yard buys 7c unbleached muslin, full yard wide.

22c yard for 28c 9-4 unbleached sheeting, a splendid quality.

25c yard for our heaviest and best 30c 9-4 unbleached sheeting.

58c for 75c bleached sheets, only a few dozen left.

68c for 80c bleached sheets, 81x90 inches.

90c buys our famous \$1.25 hem-stitched bleached sheets.

22c yard buys 9-4 bleached sheeting.

Dainty Val Laces, 500 New Pieces Now Here

That this store is Val lace headquarters cannot be denied. Every woman must admit that Marion's largest display is here, that we show the largest and best line new patterns in the pretty French and the fashionable German Vals.

Today We Received Tremendous New Shipment New Suits, Silk Coats, Voile Skirts and Cloth Jackets

Our lines of spring ready-to-wear garments is already the largest this store has ever gotten together before. You'll find the largest selection of popular and high grade garments shown in the city.

NEW SUITS TODAY—Voiles Silks, Panamas and Novelties, \$60.00 down to \$10.00. Special values at \$10.00, \$15.00, \$19.75 and \$25.00.

VOILE SKIRTS—The line we've been waiting on for weeks got here this a. m. Handsomest voile skirts we have ever seen. They'll find buyers in a hurry. All prices, \$37.50 down to \$10.00 each.

SILK COATS—Etons, Pony or long silk coats, a beautiful collection, \$25 down to \$5.00. CLOTH COATS—Coverts, Fancies and black Broadcloth, loose semi-fitting or fitted effects, \$25.00 down to \$2.95.

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