

IMPORTANCE

Of Raising \$20,000 For The Bridge Works

Brought Out At Meeting Of Citizens' Association

Mt. Vernon Will Surely Lose The Establishment

Unless The Amount Agreed Upon Is Raised

Committee To Vigorously Push Along Its Work

Monday subscription.....\$ 4,250
Tuesday's subscription.... 1,250
Wednesday's subscription. 2,000

Total to date\$ 7,500

If all the people of Mt. Vernon could have heard the proceedings at the meeting of the Citizens' association on Wednesday night they must have been impressed with the importance of the task that confronts the subscription committee in raising the \$20,000 for the retention of the Bridge Works. They would also have been impressed with the determination of the committee to successfully accomplish the task that has been assigned them.

Another thing, it would have been made clear to any doubting mind that unless the subscription is raised that Mt. Vernon will lose the Bridge Works—one of the most important industries that the city possesses.

All these things were prominently brought out at the meeting by the many persons present who expressed themselves, and related the circumstances surrounding the movement that have confronted those who have been devoting their time for the past four days in the effort to raise the money.

There were several other matters up before the meeting, but they were hurriedly passed over for the more important one—that of raising the Bridge Works funds.

One new member was reported for the association—Mr. W. E. Grant.

A proposition from an Atlanta automobile company for a location here, was reported as being under investigation as to the character and standing of the company.

The letter written by Mr. Bogardus to Senator Burton, expressive of the views of the association in opposition to the parcels post bill, was read by Secretary McCrackin.

The association then got down to the Bridge Works proposition.

It was reported by Chairman S. M. Woolson of the subscription committee that the fund now reaches about \$7,500. He also stated that there must be more activity on the part of the committee.

Dr. Lorey stated that one of the things he had been confronted with in his rounds was a belief, as expressed by many people, that there was no danger of the Bridge Works leaving Mt. Vernon, and that consequently it made it difficult in some instances to secure subscriptions.

Harry C. Devin stated that he had found that there was a disposition among the people to give as little as possible, and that this feature delayed the committee in bringing the amount up rapidly and in many ways hampered the work of those who have the matter in charge. He stated that there should be reports from the subscription committee on each person seen, so that the committee would know just how to act in the matter. He also stated that it should be brought to everybody's attention in the most impressive manner that the fund must be raised or Mt. Vernon will lose the plant. There is no question about this, and anybody who has an idea to the contrary should dispel it from his mind at once. Very flattering offers are still coming to the Bridge company for the removal of the plant, and one city in particular (Columbus) is eagerly watching the progress Mt. Vernon is making towards raising the fund and hoping that the effort will not be successful. He recommended that on Thursday night the committee make a definite report from all who have been making the canvass and that then a grand rally be made to secure the full amount.

President Penn stated that he had had a talk early in the evening with Mr. Israel who had stated that the condition now confronting the citizens of Mt. Vernon in reference to the mat-

ter is more dangerous than heretofore and that Mt. Vernon should not fail to raise the \$20,000.

Miles J. Fish stated that in his rounds that he had also been confronted with the idea that the Bridge Works would not leave Mt. Vernon in any event and that it took so much time in an attempt to convince people otherwise that it was difficult to make much progress in soliciting.

Col. L. G. Hunt made a very enthusiastic speech in which he stated that every citizen in the city should be seen and everyone urged to contribute to the fund and impressed with the real condition—that the Bridge Works is lost to Mt. Vernon unless the money is raised.

Mr. Isaac Rosenthal stated that in his opinion that the matter could be accomplished by getting the whole membership of the committee enthused and go after the people and work hard; that if the proposition is vigorously stayed with that the work will be accomplished.

Mr. Miles J. Fish stated that in his opinion the amount could be raised if enough people could be seen, but the delay in arguing with them so greatly hampered progress that it materially interfered with accomplishing the matter rapidly.

Mr. W. A. Ackerman made a very interesting talk in which he delved into mathematics, in showing the average amount that should be subscribed by each person to complete the fund. Up to the present time the average subscription, according to his figuring was entirely too low, unless there is to be very material increase in the number of subscribers over the list of possible subscribers which had been prepared by the committee.

Mr. R. N. Litton was of the opinion that as all persons should be willing to contribute something to the fund, that a subscription could be taken among the employees of all the establishments in Mt. Vernon where people are employed, no matter how few. He stated that the employees of the Bell Telephone company intended to turn in a subscription and suggested that a similar action be taken throughout the city. He also suggested that in all manufacturing establishments that it be suggested that each employe donate the amount of one day's work.

Remarks in keeping with those previously made were also offered by Mr. F. G. Mardis and Mr. W. H. Thompson. On motion of Mr. S. M. Woolson, the sub-committees soliciting the funds were directed to report on all their cards at a meeting at the headquarters in the West room on Thursday night.

It was also arranged that the subscription committee meet each morning at the headquarters.

The executive committee was directed to solicit subscriptions from non-resident property owners and also take up the matter of arranging for a mass meeting.

Throughout the proceedings it was very evident that those in charge of the important matter are determined to make it a success.

MOLDERS UNION

Subscribes \$50 To The Bridge Works Retention Fund

The subscription committee for the bridge works fund has received a letter from the International Molders Union, No. 143, of this city, subscribing \$50 to the fund, and enclosing a check for that amount.

ARREST

Of Charles George On A Serious Charge

Charles George was arrested on Wednesday night by Officer McElroy and locked up in the Knox county jail to await a hearing before Mayor Mitchell on a charge of adultery, the affidavit having been made by Officer McElroy.

MADE GOOD SHOWING

Lee M. Bottenfield attended and took part in the mid-winter shoot of the Columbus Gun club, at Columbus, last week. Bott made a good showing, breaking 210 out of 260. Shooters were present from Dayton, Circleville, Wilmington, Pittsburg, Toledo, Hills, Dublin, Fostoria, Hebron, Utica, London, Washington C. H., Portsmouth, Centerburg, Thornville, Ashley, and Ansville and Gambler.—Centerburg—Centerburg Gazette.

BIRTHS

A son was born Thursday morning to Councilmen and Mrs. Frederick Taylor of Third Avenue.

ARRANGEMENTS

About Completed For Laymen's Convention

To Be Held In Mt. Vernon Coming Week

Last year the Laymen's Missionary Movement, held thirty-five conventions throughout Canada, culminating with a missionary congress at Toronto and this year there is being held 77 great conventions throughout this country. These are being supplemented by scores of smaller conventions, such as the Knox county convention that is to be held in Mt. Vernon, the 15th and 16th of this month. Up to this time there have been 41 of the larger conventions held and with the opening of the New Orleans convention the campaign has extended from the Great Lakes to the Gulf and from Portland, Me., to the Mississippi river. In all these cities remarkable results have been obtained. Not only have the Laymen of these cities been awakened to the need of the heathen world, their personal and financial responsibility in the matter, but there has been a spiritual awakening of the men of the church that counts for much. From every quarter comes testimony of the value of these conventions in bringing the business men of America to a realization of the fact that active Christian work is a man's job, that evangelization of the world is a task great enough to appeal to the big men. For the first time thousands of men have come to see that there is work in the church for men to do, men of brains and capacity and money.

The conventions thus far held have had an average attendance of over 1000 men. In most every district the churches have doubled their missionary offerings and in some cases, Cleveland for instance, trebled.

The plans and prospects for the local convention are continuing to brighten. From every part of the county come calls for information and the word that there will be delegations present. The interest on the part of the Mount Vernon people is evident from the fact that they are opening their homes freely and are anxious that the convention be well taken care of. The committee wish to urge that all registrations be in by Thursday the 10, so as to assure the banquet preparations.

REWARD

Offered For Arrest Of Man Who May Be Here

The police department received a communication from the Fostoria police department Wednesday morning asking the department to be on the lookout for a man who assaulted Charles Coe at that place Feb. 25. A reward of \$300 is offered for the arrest of the man who is supposed to be on his way to Mt. Vernon or Cambridge.

FOR UNIFORM SCHOOL LAWS.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 3—Uniformity in legislation relating to education in the general states was discussed at a conference of state superintendents of public instruction which met in this city today in response to a call issued by Elmer E. Brown, United States Commissioner of Education. A number of state superintendents and other educators of prominence were included among the speakers.

BIRTHDAY OF JOSEPH WHARTON

Philadelphia, Pa., March 3—In his magnificent home at Oak Lane, near this city, Joseph Wharton, the venerable founder of the Wharton school of finance and commerce of the university of Pennsylvania, received numerous congratulations today on the occasion of his eighty-fourth birthday. Though he himself never received a college education Mr. Wharton has always taken great interest in educational institutions and from the large fortune he made in the iron business he has given freely to numerous colleges and universities.

***The second quarterly communion service of the Mulberry street Methodist Protestant church will be observed next Sabbath at 10:30 a. m.

It doesn't take one long to become an expert fault finder.

OPINIONS

Handed Down By The Circuit Judges On Thursday

In The Cases Heard Three Days Of This Week

The Hayner Cases Is Taken Under Advisement

And Opinion Will Be Rendered On March 12

Other Items From The Temple Of Justice

Opinions in the cases heard this week by the circuit court were handed down Thursday morning at nine o'clock by Judges Donahue, Taggart and Voorhees. The decisions were as follows:

Joseph K. Hall vs. Nancy J. Myers et al—Leave granted plaintiff to file amended petition in thirty days. Leave to defendant to answer in 60 days. Cause continued.

F. H. Avery vs. S. B. Church—Opinion rendered by Judge Taggart. Report of referee confirmed and costs in the common pleas court assessed against the partnership. Referee allowed \$100.

Milton Levering vs. The Ohio Live Stock Commission Company—Opinion by Judge Taggart. Reversed and remanded for a new trial. Error in allowing improver evidence and error in charge of the court.

William N. Butcher vs. The Homer Natural Gas Company—Cause dismissed.

The Metropolitan Insurance Company vs. Olney Rowley, an infant. Opinion by Judge Voorhees. Affirmed. Remanded for execution.

W. P. Bresnahan vs. The State of Ohio.—Judgment reversed and case remanded. Error as to date in bill of particulars.

Mary E. Woodruff vs. W. H. Shaffer.—Opinion by Judge Taggart. Affirmed. Remanded for execution.

Ohio ex rel John Durbin vs. the Board of Education of the Howard Special School District.—Opinion by Judge Donahue. Submitted on demurrer to petition. Demurrer sustained and petition dismissed.

Ohio ex rel Wolfe vs. the Board of Education of Union township. Opinion by Judge Donahue. Motion to modify former order of the court overruled.

John F. Feeney vs. William A. Lewis.—Court was divided in this case, Judge Voorhees handing down the majority opinion, Judge Taggart dissenting. Case reversed and remanded to the court of common pleas for further proceeding.

Ohio ex rel Charles E. Wilson vs. Stephen J. Dorgan, city auditor, and the city of Mt. Vernon.—Opinion by Ohio—Case taken under advisement. Demurrer overruled. Thirty days in which to file answer.

W. H. Hayner vs. the State of Ohio.—Case taken under advisement. Court adjourned until March 12, at 9 a. m., when an opinion will be handed down in the Hayner case.

Divorce Granted

A divorce was granted in probate court Wednesday in the case of Maud Kerr vs. William Kerr. The parties were married September 12, 1893, and at the time of trial had one child, May Kerr, aged 14 years. They had been married in Bladenburg, Knox county, this state, but had lived the greater part of their lives in this city. She alleged and offered to prove that he had neglected her and was dissipated and idle. She was given the custody of the child. Russell and Horner for the plaintiff.—Newark American Tribune.

Supplemental Petition

In the case of Blanche May Frost vs. Joseph Frost an answer and supplemental petition has been filed in the court of common pleas of Knox county by the defendant. The attorney for the defendant is Lewis B. Houck.

First Partial

Clinton M. Roe, administrator of John Kick, has filed a first partial account in probate as follows: Received \$911.61

Administrator Appointed

W.W. Walkey has been appointed administrator of Henry W. Swigert, giving bond in the sum of \$300 with

J. B. Waight and Frank Moore as sureties.

Second and Final

A second and final account has been filed in probate by Charles D. Hayden, administrator of Sarah E. Christman, showing the following: Received \$822.16, paid out \$47.25, due estate \$774.91.

Account Filed

A first and final account has been filed in probate court by Frances Walker, administratrix of Uriah Walker, showing the following: Received \$2,839.69, paid out the same amount.

Inventory and Appraisal

In the matter of the estate of Frank C. Caywood an inventory and appraisal has been filed showing the following: Moneys \$29.68, securities \$1,636.10, real estate \$14,000. Total \$15,665.18.

Marriage Licenses

Charles G. Doup, clerk, and Vera Marie Fletcher, both of Democracy. Rev. F. E. Brininstool. (Consent filed.)

I. C. Rush, farmer, Fredericktown, and Della Nixon, housekeeper, Morris township. Rev. C. T. Goodwin.

Clem Townes, farm hand, Howard, and Luella Goins, Mt. Vernon.

Deeds Filed

J. Howard McFarland et al to Frank Wince, 80 acres in Clay, \$7,000.

John C. Hammond to Isabel Petry, 1-5 acre in Union, \$95.

FOX CHASE AT DANVILLE

There will be a fox chase at Danville on Saturday, March 5, at 10:00 in the morning, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. All persons interested in this sport are invited to be present.

The wireless apparatus on the Cunard liner, Caronia, is the most powerful of any in steamship service, having a radius of 1,200 miles.

ARREST

Of More Bootleggers Late Wednesday Afternoon

Four Men Taken Into Custody By The Police

Making A Total Of Seven For The Day

Many Witnesses Examined By The Officials

The Hours Of The Hearings Are Arranged

That Mayor Charles A. Mitchell is determined to break up bootlegging in the city, if possible, is evidenced by the fact that four more bootleggers were arrested late Wednesday afternoon and night, making a total arrest of seven for the day.

Lane, Sites and Halmes were arrested in the afternoon, as related in the Banner, and later in the day Chief of Police Dermody made affidavits before Mayor Mitchell, charging Herb Hammond, Noah W. Allen, Fred Bartlett and John Treese with bootlegging. Warrants for the arrest of the above men were issued and Officer Colie took Fred Bartlett into custody about 4:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Herb Hammond was arrested at 11 o'clock Wednesday night by Officers Hough, McElroy and Colie. Noah W. Allen and John Treese were taken into custody by the officers late Wednesday afternoon.

A warrant for the fifth man was issued and the men brought before May-

or Mitchell. He said he was innocent of the charge of bootlegging, but another charge was made against the man and he confessed. He will be held as a witness in the bootlegging cases, however.

The mayor's office was a busy place Wednesday afternoon and evening. In addition to the prisoners who were before the mayor trying to give bond, a large number of witnesses were brought in by the officers and some remarkable statements were drawn forth and the police claim to have plenty of evidence in each case.

Bartlett, Hammond, Lane and Treese were lodged in the county jail on their failure to secure satisfactory bonds.

Lane, Halmes, Sites and Allen will have a hearing before Mayor Mitchell on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The hearing of Bartlett and Treese will occur Saturday morning at 9 o'clock before the mayor.

DANVILLE.

A. E. Emerich was the guest of Millersburg friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Burris returned home Wednesday after a short stay in Dayton, Springfield and Columbus. Mr. Basil Bluebaugh was in Mt. Vernon Monday.

Mr. J. C. Hall returned Monday after attending the Hardware Men's Convention at Toledo. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hall who met him in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartlett of Orrville, are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bartlett.

Mr. Oscar Shaw was in Mt. Vernon Monday.

Mrs. F. A. Esely returned home on Tuesday after a pleasant visit in Bluffton, Lima and Ada.

Miss Vera Bluebaugh was in Mt. Vernon Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Durbin was in Mt. Vernon Thursday.

In Liberia Coffee trees attain a height of more than twenty feet. The price of the product is eight and nine cents a pound at the plantation.

First Showing Of Spring Suits

Spring suits are here. We have selected them with the greatest care from the highest class suit makers of America. The coats are short, made in the semi-fitted single breasted effects, cut with the new long roll reverses as well as the notched collar, plain and silk facing, two, three and fancy button styles. The skirts are made in the latest side plaited and panel plaited effects.

A Vast Range of Materials for Selection

The new all wool materials are shown in the finest French serges, solid colorings, fancy diagonals and wide wales including quite an assortment of novelty cloths, hair lines and shepherd checks. They are made up in the correct shades of navy, green, gray, rose, wisteria, corn, wine, biscuit, etc. Prices range from \$18.00 TO \$32.50.

The Newest Long Street Coats

For early Spring wear are made in full length and semi-fitted styles that are attracting comment by the smartness of style and the beauty of the plain and novelty fabrics of which they are made.

New Spring Gingham

We were able to secure one lot of Bates Seersucker remnants (5 to 15 yards in a piece) in a good assortment of patterns. They sell anywhere for 12½¢; while they last. 10¢
A complete line of A. F. C. and toile du nord in plain colors, stripes and fancy checks at..... 12½¢
New French gingham and Imperial chambrays in beautiful patterns and fast colors 27 and 30 inches wide, at..... 15¢

SATURDAY SPECIALS in the Basement

We have a few broken assortment and odd lots of merchandise which we shall close out at the following prices:

- Good cups and saucers, regular 10c value, special at 6c
- 9-in. Plates to match..... 6c
- Mantz Special mantles 6c
- Frosted Gas Globes, regular 10c value; special at 6c
- China Dessert Dishes, regular 10c value; special at 6c

A few pieces of granite ware left from the last 10c sale to close at 6c

A. A. Dowds Dry Goods Co.

THE STORE OF QUALITY

All votes for the piano must be in not later than 5:30 o'clock March 15th.