

OFFICERS

Elected For The Knox Co. Agricultural Society

Committee Appointed To Purchase New Land

On Which To Hold Fairs In The Future

Secretary Gates Makes An Interesting Report

Regarding The Past And Future Of The Fair

Before the close of the meeting of the Knox County Agricultural society, which was held on the G. A. R. hall on Thursday, officers were elected as follows:

- President—Charles B. Jackson. Vice President—J. F. Beatty. Treasurer—Grant Simpson. Secretary—Howard C. Gates.

After the officers for the society were elected, a committee on grounds



CHARLES B. JACKSON Elected President of the Knox County Agricultural Society

was appointed to consist of the following members: Frank Ward, M. T. Gaines, C. G. Brown, the president and the secretary. This committee is to investigate and purchase a certain tract of land near Mt. Vernon, where the county fairs can be held.

At the meeting of the society Thursday afternoon the following report was submitted by Secretary Howard C. Gates:

Having acted as your secretary for a year, and the term of my office being about to expire, before I read my report to you, I desire to take advantage of this occasion to say a few things, and what I may say must be taken as coming from me alone, and not by direction of you, your board of directors, or anyone else, but some things that I have gathered in my short experience as your secretary.

In the first place I desire to thank the board of directors for the untiring assistance they have given me in the performance of my duties.

I desire to thank each and all—the superintendents and assistants—for their untiring and noble efforts in the various departments which they represented, and to which, in a large measure, the success of our meeting just held was due. They deserve the commendation of this society.

I further desire to thank each and every member of this society and each and every individual in Knox county for whatever part they may have taken in making our last fair a credit to any in the state of Ohio, and certainly one of the best ever held in Knox county.

The circumstances under which your board labored, in some instances, it occurs to me, ought to be made known to this society as a whole, and in fact to the public in general, but not having permission, or taken advice upon this matter, I shall say nothing further at present.

To the board of directors I have said a number of times before the fair, that, if the fair was a success, it was their success, if a failure it was their failure, realizing and having in mind all the time that an agricultural society in Knox county is not a one-man affair, but an organization of the people and for the people, hence it is the people's fair, and when the

people of Knox county get together we cannot be excelled by any county in Ohio. In my opinion the people were together to a great extent this year, but as to grandeur of our exhibits, how well the fair was conducted, etc., and how successful our board has been, we leave to the patrons to commend or condemn. (I think they have been successful.)

But to be entirely successful the financial end must be satisfactory. This matter can and in my judgment should be looked after another year so as to remedy some conditions. For instance in the matter of membership tickets, privileges given to exhibitors, revision of premium catalogue, ground rules, etc., these are among the things that I simply suggest that you may study conditions and be able to realize where we are at.

Do not understand me that in making these suggestions that I censure the board of directors or anyone else. Some of these things were discussed by the board, but from the fact that a large number of membership tickets were sold last year after the fair to help pay the deficit of last year, with a pledge of five admissions had to be carried out and continued through this meeting, as to premiums the board and committee on premiums discussed this matter pretty thoroughly and finally decided that under the past and now existing circumstances some inducements must be offered to get people to exhibit, hence the plan adopted.

But I believe that another year these inducements will not be necessary, or at least of this society expects to exist and hold annual meetings should not and cannot exist. I believe the patrons and public in general will agree with me in this when it is understood.

I will give you one illustration, but there are many similar, and in fact all premiums are awarded under the same rule:

A man buys a membership ticket for \$1, gets five admissions, 25c more than his money's worth, is given admission for his help, and walks away with \$101 in premiums. No censure to the exhibitor or anyone else, but do you or the public think for a minute that the financial conditions will be satisfactory under these and similar circumstances? I think not. The public ought to and I think will be reasonable in this regard when once they have knowledge and confidence in the society, confidence, I think, may be gained by each member of the society studying all conditions and making known to the public the exact situation, having no secrets in regard to any and all business transactions.

One other thing I wish to speak of and then I am through. That is the erroneous ideas and expressions that are made by some people. For instance, the report of some newspapers, which, in my judgment, does not tend to give the people confidence in the society. In my readers in the county papers I endeavored to give to the public just those things as I saw them and the things that I thought would arouse interest, and at the beginning of the fair I ceased to write articles for papers. But an article appeared in one of the papers, with large headlines stating that 15,000 people had visited the fair on Thursday and many people immediately commenced to say the society will make and have made a barrel of money, when the fact is, and, if necessary, many affidavits may be procured to the effect, that this is in excess of the total attendance for the three days of the fair.

Now, in conclusion, let me say, as to myself as your secretary, I have at all times felt and still feel my disqualification and unworthiness as to the responsible position of secretary of this society, yet having accepted the position I have endeavored to do my duty as I saw it. I have said and done many things I should not have said or done, and there are many things that I should have done and said that I did not do or say, but it is any wonder, when you think of the countless number of annoying things that come to the secretary in the very busiest time of the year, during the fair, that he loses his head. I sometimes wonder how he ever returns to anything like his normal condition.

But let those things be as they may, I have done the very best I could. My conscience is clear, no hard feelings toward anyone, no harsh words for anyone, I trust you will have a better secretary and a better fair in 1911.

DEATH

Of Former President Of C. & C. Railway

New York, Sept. 30—Nicholas Monarrat, of Columbus, Ohio, president of the Kanawha and Michigan railway, died suddenly in this city, today.

INCEST

The Charge Placed Against Leander T. Wilcox

By His Daughter Who Is 17 Years Of Age

Bound Over To Grand Jury On The Charge

The Weaver Will Is Filed In Probate

Other Items Of Interest From Temple Of Justice

Chief of Police L. J. Dermody returned from Columbus Thursday evening, bringing with him Leander T. Wilcox, who is wanted in Mt. Vernon on a charge of incest. The affidavit for Wilcox's arrest was made by his seventeen-year-old daughter, Viola M. Wilcox. The allegation is made that the crime was committed in Mt. Vernon, but shortly afterwards the family moved to Perryville, O., and later to Columbus. Wilcox was arrested in Columbus sometime ago on the charge of incest and was locked up in the county jail. As the date for his hearing approached it was discovered that the crime was committed in Mt. Vernon and consequently the man must necessarily be tried in Knox county.

Consequently an affidavit was made before Mayor Charles A. Mitchell and Wilcox was brought to the city Thursday evening and locked up in the jail to await a hearing. Wilcox is a blacksmith by trade and conducted a shop in Mt. Vernon for several months. Wilcox was arraigned before Mayor Mitchell Friday morning at 9 o'clock for a preliminary hearing. The man waived examination and was bound over to the grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$1,500 and in default of the same he was sent back to the county jail.

Allison Gives Bond—Arthur Allison, who was bound over to the grand jury several weeks ago on a charge of burglary, was released from the county jail Thursday afternoon, after giving bond in the sum of \$500.

The Weaver Will—The last will and testament of Elizabeth Weaver, and which document was executed in Chicago, Ill., has been filed for probate in Knox county. By the terms of the will she gives her entire estate, both personal and real, the latter consisting of property in Mt. Vernon, to her daughter, Nellie Weaver. The latter is named as executrix of the will which was signed June 26, 1901, in the presence of Lulu Wise and Elwyn H. Johnson, both of Chicago.

Transcript Filed—In the case of Albert I. Wolfe vs. J. E. Lanatz et al., a transcript has been filed in the court of common pleas of Knox county from the court of Squire Blubaugh of Union township where the plaintiff obtained a judgment for \$50.

Application for Guardian—Application has been made in probate court for the appointment of a guardian for Emma Bunnell, an alleged imbecile. The application will be heard by the court on October 3, at 10 a. m.

First and Final—A first and final account has been filed in probate by S. E. Matheny, administrator of Susannah Matheny, showing the following: Received \$248.38, paid out the same amount.

Marriage License—Samuel N. Stanley, glass worker, and Alice May Gardner, both of Mt. Vernon. The Rev. J. T. Black.

Deeds Filed—The Home Building & Loan Company to John Sutton, lot 9 and part lot 10, Russell & Hurd's addition to city, \$1,250.

WEDDING IN ARMY CIRCLES—Washington, D. C., Oct. 1—The first army wedding of October took place today, when Miss Katherine Oliva Leech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick Leech, became the bride of Lieutenant Thurston Hughes of the United States Coast Artillery. The ceremony was performed at noon at the bride's home in Massachusetts avenue.

NOTES

Of Interest From The Gas Fields

(Utica Herald)

Rank No. 2 was placed in position at the Charles Deeds oil well near Union Station last week, and pumping was commenced Friday.

The Columbus Natural Gas Co. drilled in another well on the Harry Hoar farm southwest of Utica last Thursday, getting half a million volume.

The Philip Sharpe well just west of Mt. Vernon in which a flow of gas was found at 213 feet and a second flow at 235 feet, has been cased off. At last reports it continued to blow gas enough for several fires. A similar gas pocket was struck at about 50 feet on Hoy Gardner's farm near Chester-ville.

D. S. Foster of near Thornville had his 205-acre farm leased to one of the gas companies a few years ago at a small price, but after making two annual payments the company surrendered it. Now he has leased it again, and this time he gets \$5 per acre with \$200 for each well over five. It lies a short distance southeast of the big wells recently drilled near Shell Beach.

Arrangements have been made for the reorganization of the Dividend Oil and Gas Co., and a meeting of stockholders was held at Lancaster yesterday to ratify them. A new company is to be organized under the name of the Cleveland Oil and Gas Co., with authorization of \$100,000 capital. One share of stock is to be given in exchange for each share of Dividend, and it is proposed to sell enough additional stock to furnish funds for the wiping out of the \$15,000 debt of the Dividend company and drilling several additional wells. One director is to be elected from Lancaster, one from Columbus, one from Cleveland, one from Mt. Vernon, etc., in order that each vicinity in which there are stockholders, may have a representative on the board. The present wells of the company are producing about thirty barrels of oil per day, and it is hoped that new wells can be secured which will make the output sufficient to pay dividends on the new capitalization.

A large number from this community attended the street fair at Loudonville last Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Guinter and daughter of near McZena are helping C. V. Banbury and family move to their new home here. Mrs. Robert Mowery, who is very ill with typhoid fever, one-half mile north of town, is no better at this writing.

Rev. Fleming of Mt. Vernon preached here in the M. P. pulpit last Sunday and was a visitor at the home of Addison McLurg.

Mrs. Philip Severs is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Philip Baker, at Loudonville at this writing.

Operator E. G. Schneider has returned to his work here after a pleasant week's vacation.

M. E. Oswalt of Mansfield was a business caller in Greer last Monday. Grandma Beaman of near Bigelow visited at the home of her son, Wm. Shults, last Sunday.

Chas. Greer and wife are moving into the H. Tisserand property this week.

John Greer and family have moved their goods from Orville to their home here and will be residents of Greer soon.

Mr. Amos Clark, who was kicked by a horse recently, is improving slowly.

Stanley-Gardner Wedding—Mr. Samuel N. Stanley and Miss Alice May Gardner, both of Mt. Vernon, were united in marriage at 8 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. T. Black, pastor of the Mulberry street M. P. church. The couple were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Rene Mondron. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley will make their home in Mt. Vernon.

Miss Gertrude Neldon who recently went to Washington to teach in a preparatory school, has been tendered a fine position as teacher in the Louisiana State School for the Deaf at Baton Rouge. She will leave for her new location the last of this week—Danville Leader.

Miss Mame Kelley went to Columbus Saturday to visit with relatives.

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SETTLEMENTS

For Hearing In Probate Court of Knox County, Ohio, viz:

NOTICE OF HEARING ACCOUNT—Following account has been filed for settlement and will be heard on Tuesday, October 11, 1910, at 9 a. m.: Second and final account of Adam G. Motz, guardian of Arthur A. Motz et al.

PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

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PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

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PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ACCOUNT—Following account has been filed for settlement and will be heard on Tuesday, October 11, 1910, at 9 a. m.: Affidavit in lieu of first and final account of Frank M. Cochran, guardian

of Clara Pearl Dunlap. PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

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PATRICK A. BERRY, Probate Judge.

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THIS To the Farmer

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CLOSES UP THE WORK

Columbus, O., Oct. 1.—The state tax commission is closing up its work on the valuation of telephone property for the present year, and expects to be able to make public its determinations early next week. In this work the matter of equity has largely figured, and it is likely that because other forms of property will not be listed at their full actual values until 1911, the tentative values on telephone property given out some time ago will be largely reduced, and the big boost to be given to this class of property postponed to next year.