

BITTEN OFF

Was A Portion Of Man's Ear In A Fight

According To A Story Reported To The Police

Officer Robert McElroy was the recipient of a package with gruesome contents Thursday evening about 8 o'clock while on Main street. He was approached by a stranger who handed him a package and stated that it contained the upper lobe of a human ear. This statement was quite startling to the officer and he at once proceeded to make some inquiries, and information came from the stranger that the portion of an ear formerly occupied its proper place upon the head of a glass-worker who, with a companion, had visited Utica that day where they had absorbed a quantity of liquid refreshments that had put them in a quarrelsome mood which they kept up until after their return to their boarding house on Cottage street and terminated in a fight which resulted in the portion of the ear being bitten off.

Officer McElroy took the souvenir of the occasion to Chief Clements and then deposited it in the Mayor's office for safe keeping.

The man who had his auricular appendage dented did not seem disposed to file a complaint against his erstwhile friend, so that the matter, together with the ear, are held in abeyance at the mayor's office, and further deponent saith not.

DEATHS

Charles P. Gregory
Mr. Charles P. Gregory, one of Mt. Vernon's pioneer and well known citizens, passed away Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at his late home on West High street after an illness of several months duration. His death was the result of a complication of diseases. Mr. Gregory was 85 years of age at the time of his death and nearly all of his life was spent in Mt. Vernon. He learned the machinist trade when a young man and worked for years at the C. & G. Cooper Company. In fact it was only about a year ago that he was compelled to give up work on account of failing health. In the late Civil War Mr. Gregory served for several years and was a member of Joe Hooker Post, No. 21, G. A. R. In Masonic circles the deceased was quite prominent. With one exception he was the oldest member of Mt. Zion lodge No. 9 F. & A. M. of this city. He was made a Mason July 8, 1864, or years he served as Tyler of the lodge. He was also a member of the Chapter, Council and Commandery. Mr. Gregory was also a member of Timon lodge, No. 45, Knights of Pythias. The deceased is survived by his wife and two sons, Timothy and William Gregory. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Wintermute of Newark.

The funeral services Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the residence on West High street. The services will be under the auspices of Mt. Zion lodge No. 9 F. & A. M., and the Masonic funeral service will be read. On Sunday morning at 8:35 the remains will be taken to Rich Hill where the interment will occur.

Sarah K. Brown
Mrs. Sarah K. Brown, wife of William J. Brown, died at her home on North Catherine street, at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening after a long illness caused by a complication of diseases. She was born Dec. 20th, 1842, and is survived by her husband, two sons, Frank M. Brown of Mt. Vernon and Richard Brown of Detroit, Michigan, and two daughters, Mrs. William Winder of Columbus and Mrs. Frederick Preston of Detroit, Mich. The remains will be taken to Wooster, Ohio, for the funeral at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment at Wooster.

Judge Joseph N. Carter
Mrs. John Jennings received a telegram Thursday announcing the death of her brother-in-law, Judge Joseph N. Carter of Quincy, Ill. Judge and Mrs. Carter are well known in this city, where Mrs. Carter frequently visited before her husband's long illness.

Mr. Charles White went to Columbus Friday morning to visit for several days.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher.

SIGHT

Returned To Man By Kick Of A Horse

Waynesburg, Pa., Feb. 7.—Through a horse kicking him on the head George Frank, a sawyer and thresher, regained his sight today.

Frank, while feeding a threshing machine three years ago, was blinded with chaff and straw which blew into his eyes. Last Saturday while helping to unhitch a team of horses, one of the animals became frightened and kicking, struck Frank on the head, knocking him unconscious.

When he finally regained consciousness, Frank found that his sight had been restored. Physicians attribute the return of Frank's sight to the shock caused by the kick on his head.

OHIO

Brothers Separated For Years United By A Ticket

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 7.—A tailor's alteration ticket was the means of reuniting two brothers after they had been separated almost fifteen years.

During the war with Spain the brothers fought side by side in the Philippines. One of them obtained his discharge when peace was declared, and returned to the United States. The other followed a fighting career against the rebellious Filipinos.

Today for the first time in almost fifteen years the brothers, Harry E. Rose and Joseph Rose, met face to face in a clothing store, where Harry is manager.

Joseph reached Chicago yesterday from San Francisco.

Joseph continued his journey to his home in Athens, Ohio, where his mother and other relatives live.

BANKS AT UTICA ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

The Utica Savings Bank Co. elected as directors D. P. Campbell, George W. Sperry, F. P. Gourley, O. C. Teague, W. A. Hervey, D. W. Wallace and Levi Knowlton. The First National Bank re-elected the old board of directors without change—Mary E. Wilson, C. B. Clark, E. C. Wright, E. L. Mantony and C. W. French.

SHORT LOCALS

Read Rockwell's farm ad in this issue of the Banner.

FOR SALE—Seven room house with bath at 715 North Main street.

Mr. Lewis F. West of Columbus was in Mt. Vernon Friday attending to some business matters.

FARM FOR RENT—150 acres, mile west of Mt. Vernon on Green Valley road. R. C. Ringwalt.

Mr. James Rimer of Centerberg, father of Mr. W. F. Rimer of this city is very ill. His condition is critical.

Mrs. Frank Roby and son, Donald, have returned home after a visit of ten days in Columbus.

Mr. A. R. Lindorf of Newark spent Thursday in Mt. Vernon at the store of the Meyer-Lindorf company.

Mr. R. J. Struts and Dr. Charles Gray attended "The Little Millionaire" at the Hartman theatre in Columbus Thursday evening.

Six candidates were initiated and six were elected to membership at the regular meeting of the Knights and Ladies of Security Friday evening.

Still paying highest prices in the State for furs, hides and pelts. Skunks \$4.50. Other goods full proportion. Crushed rock and barrel salt in cwt. or ton lots suitable for ice cream trade, etc. City scales for weighing hay, grain and stock. W. P. Sawvel, 401 South Main street.

At a regular meeting of Mt. Zion lodge No. 9 F. & A. M., held Friday evening the Fellow Craft degree was conferred upon a class of candidates.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jones of Salem, O. are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ralston, East Gambler street. Mr. Bertus Kaufman of this city is in Columbus for treatment of appendicitis. An operation may not be necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis F. Shaus of this city are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rawlins in Newark for a few days.

Miss Ruth Ralston has returned from a visit with Mrs. Karl Ricketts at Chicago, Ill.

SHORT BALLOT AGAIN BOOSTED

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Will Be Appointed.

BILL READY FOR GOVERNOR

House Passes Senator Friebohn's Bills Providing For Three-Fourths Verdicts in Civil Cases—Secret Session Charge Made in the Senate. Another Rap Taken at Convict Contract Labor.

Columbus, O., Feb. 7.—With the passage by the senate of the Young bill, providing for the appointment of the state dairy and food commissioner, the second step toward the short ballot was taken. The bill, passed last week by the house, now is ready for the governor's signature. The measure providing for the appointment of the clerk of the supreme court by that tribunal, passed by both houses recently, also is ready for Governor Cox to attach his name. Republican members of the senate lined up solidly in opposition to the bill which takes the election of the dairy and food commissioner from the people and reposes appointment in the governor. Democratic members voted unanimously in favor of it.

Senator Friebohn's bills to carry into effect the permissive amendment to the constitution for three-quarters verdicts in civil cases were passed by the house. They provide that in all civil actions a jury shall render a verdict upon the concurrence of three-fourths or more of their number. Concurrence by the senate in minor amendments, correcting phraseology and the attachment of signatures is all that remains to be done to complete this radical departure from the jury system, which has stood unchanged since Ohio courts were established and goes back to the beginning of the English government, when disputes at law were first submitted to the unanimous decision of "twelve good men and true."

The house passed the Clark bill, abolishing convict labor in workhouses, the last vestige of the system of "farming out the labor of prisoners to contractors, and the Hite bill, giving the necessary authority for the plan to have penitentiary convicts put to work making road material in addition to manufacturing articles to be used by public institutions. Such articles also are to be made by workhouse prisoners.

Alleged Secret Session.

As the result of the holding of an alleged star chamber session by three members of the senate committee on public works, at which a number of amendments to the public works bill were recommended and offered on the floor when the bill came up for passage, the measure is again reposing with the committee. The amendments may be agreed upon, as they are suggestions of Governor Cox. Mr. Cox thought the office of assistant superintendent, at a salary of \$2,500, should be abolished, and that the salary of the secretary should be cut from \$2,500 to \$2,000. The accused senators denied holding a secret session. They declared the time so limited that they did not have time to hunt up the other members of the committee.

After fighting over amendments by Mr. Reishard of Fulton to take out justices of the peace, and by Mr. Woodworth of Athens to put in attorneys, the house killed, by a vote of 40 to 68, the bill of Mr. Carroll of Franklin to regulate collection agencies.

The house also killed the Sweeney bill, which sought to repeal the law requiring devisees of real estate to be filed with the county recorder. The probate judges of the state had endorsed the bill.

DR. C. C. ORIDER. Veterinary Surgeon. Graduate—Licensed. Office and residence corner Gambler and Mulberry sts. Calls answered day or night. Both phones, Citizens' 173 blue; Bell 65W.

KNOX CO. TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS 1913-1914

Meetings for the examination of teachers will be held at the CENTRAL SCHOOL BLDG Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

The first Saturday of every month. Pupils' Examination. The third Saturday of April and the third Saturday in May. Examinations will commence at 8:00 o'clock a. m. Address all communications to the Clerk of Board of Examiners. Organization advised. J. S. ALAN, President. Mt. Vernon, Ohio. R. L. JONES, V. President. Mt. Vernon, Ohio. A. L. MURRY, Clerk. Democracy, Ohio.

VITAL WASHINGTON NEWS

TAVENNER, "WRITER AND THINKER," GIVES US THE FACTS AS THEY REALLY EXIST.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Few persons realize the far reaching importance of the fact that the United States will soon have an income tax on its statutes.

First of all it means that millions will, for the first time since this nation has stood, bear a fair proportion of the burden of taxation.

It is estimated that one hundred million dollars will be raised annually by taxing incomes. This will mean that that amount of taxation is to be taken of the things that the people must have in order to live and placed on wealth.

Under the system of protection as played in this country, nearly every penny of the money necessary to run the government, maintain the army and navy, construct public buildings, etc., is raised by taxing the things the people eat, wear and use. The only thing that protection does not tax is wealth. A man with a fortune of ten million dollars has not been required to pay a single penny of tax to the national government. This seems almost unbelievable, but it is true. The man working on the section for one dollar and fifty cents per day, with a family of five children, is at the present time actually contributing more to run the national government than the millionaire bachelor, too proud to marry and raise a family.

The United States of America is, practically the only one of the great nations where such a condition exists. Nearly every first class nation on earth levies either an income tax or an inheritance tax. We have neither.

Why have we never been able to place an income tax on the statute books, is the question that naturally arises. Here is the answer: High protectionists have prevented the passage of an income tax law, because they knew that the more money the government collected from taxing incomes, the less excuse there would be for a tariff tax. To take protection away from the tariff trusts is to interfere with their monopolies. And how could the tariff trusts gouge consumers without having monopolies of American markets?

The Cotton Tariff Robbery. The American people are paying annually about \$8,000,000 more for Aldrich tariff law. The 63rd Congress their cotton goods than they ought to pay, because of the iniquitous Payne law preparing to interfere with this robbery. There will be a big downward revision on all kinds of cotton goods.

The cotton schedule of the Payne Aldrich law carries an average duty of about 53 per cent. This means that every article of cotton cloth and every piece of cotton yard that comes through the custom house, has 53 per cent added to its foreign price. And on cotton goods that does not come through the custom house, but is manufactured in this country, the 53 per cent is added just the same by the home manufacturer. When the tariff on cotton goods is reduced one-third or one-half of the present rates, this article so much used by women and children, may be had at the price more nearly representing the actual value of the goods.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. John Reiger of East Gambler street.

SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE. NEXT SATURDAY, FEB. 8th, this sale will start in full blast. There will be a genuine reduction in prices. Every article in the store reduced in price except a small lot of contract ware that sells according to instructions. WALL PAPER. If you will need wall paper within the next six months you had better take careful measurement of your rooms and break for this great sale early, for hundreds of rolls will be sold for less than one-half price and many desirable patterns. We must move it quickly to make room for the new stock that is arriving early. All room moulding One-Fourth Off. DINNERWARE. We keep a large line of open stock. You can buy as many pieces as you like and add to it when convenient. You are safe in buying that way from us for we will not advise you to buy an old pattern and embarrass you and ourselves by having to tell you that we can not get any more. Our patterns are carefully selected and are such as you would be proud to set your table with. The public has verified this statement, making it possible to state this has been the best year we ever had in dinnerware. Bargains in regular 100 piece sets. 1 set Decorated Porcelain with gold band, regular \$10.00 reduced to \$7.50. 1 set with neat gold edge, \$10.00 reduced to \$7.50. 1 set decorated English Porcelain, beautiful shapes, regular \$14.00; reduced to \$10.50. 1 set Austrian China, regular \$15.00, reduced to \$11.25. 1 set Haviland China, regular \$27.50, reduced to \$20.63. 1 set China, mat gold handles and borders, clear white body, beautiful shape, regular \$45.00 reduced to \$33.75. SILVERWARE. Silverware bought from us is the best produced at regular price and during this sale will make some big reductions. Remember our standard silver silver plated ware is all double plate. Compare it with extra plate. 6 Tea Spoons, regular price \$1.25, reduced to \$.94. 6 Dessert Spoons, regular price \$2.25, reduced to 1.69. 6 Table Spoons, regular price \$2.50, reduced to 1.88. 6 Tea Spoons, fancy, regular \$1.50, reduced to 1.13. 6 Dessert Spoons, fancy, regular price \$2.50, reduced to 1.88. 6 Table Spoons, fancy, regular price \$2.75, reduced to 2.07. 10% Discount on Knives and Forks. 25% Discount on all fancy pieces. 25% Discount on fancy China. 25% Discount on all Cut Glass. 25% Discount on Pocket Books. 25% Discount on Pocket Knives. 25% Discount on Shears. 25% Discount on Razors. 25% Discount on Hair Brushes. 25% Discount on Combs. 25% Discount on Carving Sets. 25% Discount on Water Sets. 25% Discount on Fancy Baskets. 25% Discount on Framed Pictures. 25% Discount on Sleds. 25% Discount on Screens. 33 1-3% Discount on Jardeniers. See Our Big BARAIN COUNTER. 10% Off on Chandeliers. 10c Gas Mantles 81c doz. NO GOODS LAID AWAY UNLESS PAID FOR DURING SALE. Frank E. Kirby. Mt. Vernon, Ohio.