

WAYNE COUNTY IS TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST OF GOVT

Bad Roads That Now Threaten the Future Rural Delivery Service Will Be Placed in Good Condition.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS MAY SOON BE ISSUED.

This Action Was Taken in Cass County Where Uncle Sam Handed Out an Ultimatum to the Authorities.

Today, County Commissioner Robert Beeson called upon Postmaster Spekenhler for the purpose of discussing the action taken by the postoffice department in condemning six of the eight rural routes leading out of this city. Mr. Spekenhler stated that the government was of the opinion that the roads used by the carriers on these routes were not in good condition and, that unless the county took steps to place them in proper repairs within ninety days, rural free delivery service would be withdrawn. When Mr. Beeson learned of the firm stand Uncle Sam had taken for good roads in Wayne county, he stated that the commissioners would see that the orders of the postoffice department were complied with, although the county did not have much money to spend on this work.

Mr. Spekenhler has just returned from Indianapolis, where he attended the convention of Indiana postmasters of the first, second and third class. Among those who addressed this convention was William Spilman, superintendent of the rural delivery division of the postoffice department.

In his address Mr. Spilman stated that the United States government had expended \$25,000,000 in establishing rural free delivery throughout the country and if the rural residents did not appreciate this service enough to keep their roads in condition, the service would be withdrawn. "We must have good roads or there will be no rural mail delivery," is the way Mr. Spilman put it.

Mr. Spilman said that he wanted the roads used by every mail carrier in such good condition that the farmers would be able to time their watches by the arrival of the carrier.

Postmaster Johnson of Logansport, informed Mr. Spekenhler that the government had handed out an ultimatum to the commissioners of Cass county similar to the one given to the commissioners of Wayne county and that the Cass county officials took prompt action. Last week, Mr. Johnson stated, Cass county issued \$50,000 worth of road improvement bonds.

Whether this action will be taken by the Wayne county commissioners is not known, as the commissioners have as yet taken no action on the matter. They are aware of the fact that the taxpayers of Wayne county are all in favor of the good roads movement and there is no doubt that if it is necessary road improvement bonds will be issued.

NEW COMPANY ORGANIZED IN CITY

Will Manufacture Goodwin Oil Cans.

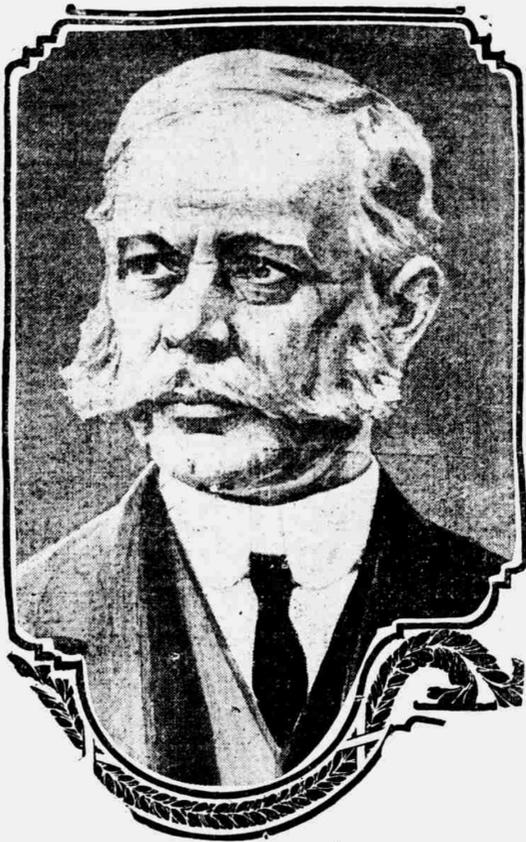
In order to engage in the manufacture of the Goodwin oil can and other useful articles made of tin, a stock company composed of Harry Thornburg, Albert Mores and Wesley R. Goodwin, all of this city, has been formed. Articles of incorporation have been filed. The capital stock is placed at \$6,000. The name of the new concern is the Goodwin Hand Oiler Company.

BRUNSON MAY GET BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Will Be Brought Here by the Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. directors met last evening with F. A. Crosby, head of the boys department of the Y. M. C. A. in North America, and it is quite probable that such a department will be incorporated in the local Y. M. C. A. with Orville Brunson, an Earlham graduate and a former instructor at the Garfield school, in charge. Mr. Brunson was recommended by Mr. Crosby.

HIS MARRIAGE WAS PREVENTED BY MURDER



This picture is from a photograph of George Edward Sterry, the millionaire manufacturer of New York, who was murdered by his son, to prevent his intended marriage to Miss Rachel Blake, an East Orange school teacher.

WANT FURTHER FAVOR FOR BOYS

Attorneys and Relatives of Youthful Burglars Fight For Latter's Liberty.

HOPE FOR CLEMENCY.

JUDGE HENRY C. FOX OF THE WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT HAS NOT YET SIGNED THE COMMITMENTS.

Attorneys, relatives and friends of Paul Hartkorn, Harold Mitchell and William Morrey, the three young men convicted on their pleas of guilty to the charge of grand larceny and sentenced to from one to fourteen years in the state reformatory are endeavoring to secure an order of court suspending sentence. The young men are confined in jail. Judge Fox has taken no action but has not signed the commitments. So long as these papers remain unsigned the three youthful burglars and their friends may retain some hope for clemency.

Yesterday morning and the night before, no steps were taken by interested parties to bring about the suspension of sentence.

The attitude of relatives changed after the young men were sentenced and they immediately undertook to secure a suspension. Mrs. John Hartkorn, mother of one of the trio, implored the prosecutor to take steps to rescue her son. She pleaded earnestly with the representative of the law but to no avail.

This morning two attorneys called upon the boys at the county jail. They will endeavor to intercede with the court. One of them talked to the prosecutor and asked for his influence to secure a suspension. The prosecutor refused. Mr. Jessup holds every one of the young men was guilty by his own confession. The burglary of the Empire cigar store was planned deliberately and executed with care.

He denies they should have special consideration and will contest any attempt to secure suspended sentence. He says there has been too much leniency on the part of local courts for criminals and this is one reason why it is expected now.

No decision rendered by a local court in a criminal case in many years has created so much wide spread discussion. The judgment of Judge Fox was the sole topic of conversation on the streets yesterday. Some held the sentence was too severe but those acquainted with the facts and realizing the leniency shown by the State in not prosecuting for burglary upheld the court.

HUMPE PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION

Chosen by Wayne County Sunday School Workers in Convention.

WILLIAMSBURG SELECTED.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THAT PLACE—SEVERAL INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS MARK THE CLOSING DAY.

Fountain City, Ind., May 23.—Yesterday afternoon on the recommendation of the nominating committee the delegates attending the annual Wayne County Sunday School Association convention, unanimously elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—E. J. Humpe, Richmond. Vice President—T. J. Graham, Richmond. Secretary—Laura M. Bertsch, Centerville.

Treasurer—J. S. Harris, Richmond. The association also elected the following heads of the various departments: Home—Mrs. Oliver Hiatt, Economy; Elementary Grades—Mrs. W. A. Ellis, Richmond; Teachers' Training—Mrs. Alvina Steen, Richmond; Adult Class—E. M. Haas, Richmond; Missions—Rev. George Hartley, Fountain City; Temperance—Rev. H. Robert Smith, Richmond.

After the election of officers they were installed, which ceremony was conducted in a most impressive manner by State Secretary Halpenny of Indianapolis.

In the discussion of the teachers' work, Mrs. Ella Hartley of Fountain City, spoke on "Planning." Prof. P. V. Voris, of Dublin, spoke on "Teaching" and Mr. M. H. Gaar of Cambridge City, spoke on "Soul Winning." State Superintendent Halpenny delivered a splendid address on the subject of the proper instruction of adult classes.

Miss Alvina Steen read a report on teachers' training and Paul Bendfeldt gave a model training lesson. The president and secretary were appointed delegates to the state convention. A motion was passed appointing Williamsburg as the place for the next annual meeting.

At the evening session the Rev. Halpenny delivered a most interesting address on "The Little Things that Help in Sunday School Work." The Rev. Robert Dunaway gave an address on Robert Dunaway gave an address on spoke on the same subject.

At the morning session the secretary read the report for the past year which, condensed, is as follows: Number of Sunday schools, 87; Evergreen schools, 8; home departments, 29; cradle rolls, 44; enrolled in the schools proper, 8,705; observed rally day, 30; observed decision day, 15; added from Sunday school to church, 273; signers to temperance pledge, 910; teaching and missions, 16; teachers' training classes, 6.

CORTELYOU FAVORED FOR SECOND PLACE ON NATIONAL TICKET

His Strong Points Are Shown Today by the Washington, D. C., Post and Which Favors Him.

HE IN A WAY WOULD STRENGTHEN TICKET.

He is a Friend of the Negroes Who Are Showing Apathy Toward Taft and Belongs To Old Hanna Guard.

Washington, May 23.—The Washington Post today prints the following:

George Bruce Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury, may be the running mate of Secretary Taft on the National Republican Presidential ticket. The movement in behalf of the New York man has been inaugurated to offset the steps taken by the friends of Vice President Fairbanks to continue that statesman in his present office. If the movement meets with the success its promoters anticipate, the New York delegation, as a solid unit, will present the name of Mr. Cortelyou to the Chicago Convention for this honor.

Various causes are operating in favor of the selection of Mr. Cortelyou. A number of the delegates who have been instructed for Taft are friendly disposed to the Secretary of the Treasury. If they were instructed, it is said, he would be their choice on the first ballot. Moreover, the policy pursued by Governor Hughes in New York state has created a great deal of bitterness in Republican ranks. Mr. Cortelyou is on terms of friendship with all factions. Adell, who hates the President, and Hughes equally, would take off his coat to advance the political interests of the Secretary of the Treasury. By his discreet handling of the currency situation, beginning with the crisis of last October, Mr. Cortelyou has gained the confidence of the country, particularly of the financial interests. These include not only the capitalists in New York, but the bankers and business men of other sections.

Besides being strong in these particular friends of Mr. Cortelyou point to the regard in which he is held by labor and the negroes. The weakness of Mr. Taft is generally recognized.

There is another element of strength possessed by Mr. Cortelyou, to which those who are booming him call attention. He belongs to the old Hanna guard. Mr. Taft will need help in Ohio, and there Mr. Cortelyou could give him assistance. The secretary is the bridge from McKinley to the Roosevelt administration, and the old line which was behind the martyred president, would, it is claimed, support Mr. Cortelyou. Finally, President Roosevelt has a high estimate of Mr. Cortelyou's ability and character.

The friends of Mr. Cortelyou point out that New York must have recognition. Governor Hughes has declared that he would not be and would not accept the candidacy of vice president. In spite of claim of New York, however, Mr. Fairbanks's friends are preparing, in case he should fail to obtain the presidential nomination, strongly to advocate his selection for the vice presidency.

QUAKER HORSETHIEF

Man Formerly Wealthy, Convicted in Illinois Court Today.

HAD A METEORIC CAREER.

Carlyle, Ill., May 23.—Wm. Knight, aged seventy, formerly of Marion, Ind., and a Quaker, pleaded guilty to horse stealing and has been given an indefinite sentence. Knight claims he was worth \$100,000 during the gas and oil boom in Marion, and was identified with many business enterprises. He helped found the Marion Normal school. He lost heavily in depreciation of values and came here three years ago and bought land and organized the Central Coal Co. and drove about the country in the daytime endeavoring to sell bonds, but without much success. At night, it is charged, he engaged in the horse stealing business. Several thefts are traced to him. Knight claims financial losses has affected his mind and he doesn't remember taking the horses. He is educated and refined. His wife lives in Dayton Ohio, and his daughter is the wife of a private secretary to an Indiana congressman, Knight claims.

THE WEATHER PROPHECY.

INDIANA—Sunday showers, variable winds, shifting to fresh east.
OHIO—Showers Sunday, light shifting winds.

BEDS ARE DESTROYED

Night Riders Visit Ohio Grower and Shoot Up His Home.

ONE IS RECOGNIZED.

MRS. BURGESS RESIGNS.

Ripley, O., May 23.—The night riders early this morning destroyed the tobacco beds of Walker Hook, who resides south of here. Hook fired three shots, where upon the night riders came, numbering five, emptied forty volleys into the Hook's home, nearly tearing the end out. The inmates were slightly hurt by flying glass. The gang cut telephone wires and escaped. Hook recognized one of the men. Arrests will follow.

Mrs. Anna K. Burgess, who has been a teacher in the public schools of Hazletown, has resigned her position which she has held for thirteen consecutive years. Mrs. Burgess and her children will remove from Hazletown to Knightstown. It is probable Mrs. Burgess will take up teaching in Henry county.

WILLIAMS REFUSES TO END DEMOCRATIC HOUSE FILIBUSTER

Claims That Unless Roosevelt Says He Has No Further Interest in Pending Measures He Refuses to Give Up.

DEMOCRATS DISGUSTED AS ARE REPUBLICANS.

Congressmen Are Growing Nervous as Time for Closing Approaches and They Want to Leave Capital.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Although the democrats in the house of representatives have become almost as thoroughly disgusted with the filibuster inaugurated seven weeks ago as are the republicans, John Sharp Williams, the minority leader, persists in keeping it up. A number of democrats went to him today and urged him to abandon his obstructionist tactics, but he refused to do so, and gave as a pretext the arbitrary methods pursued by the republican leaders. This, however, did not satisfy many of his followers, and they intend to renew their efforts until they win. These men are telling Williams that the filibuster is doing the democrats absolutely no good and the republicans no harm, and, moreover, is putting the democrats in a bad light before the country, inasmuch as it emphasizes their impotency either to pass or obstruct legislation.

When Williams was asked whether he would desist in his filibuster he replied that he would do so on one condition, namely, that the president would admit that he was not omnipotent in the control of legislation in congress.

The president insisted that congress enact certain legislation in his special messages, and I publicly declared that if 50 republicans joined with the democrats we would pass it. Since then the employers' liability bill and the child labor bill for the District of Columbia have gone through, but there are several important measures still unenacted, and if the President acknowledges he has no further interest in them I shall terminate the filibuster."

When the democratic leader was asked what measures he had in mind, he said: "The bill to place wood pulp on the free list; the bill to restrict the power of the lower federal courts in the issue of injunctions in controversies between capital and labor; the bill to publish contributions and expenditures of political parties in national elections, which went through in hybrid form this afternoon so that the democrats could not support it; and a bill to prohibit federal judges from setting aside the laws of a state on ex parte testimony."

Inasmuch as it is too much to expect that the president will make the public acknowledgment which Williams proposes as a condition precedent to his lifting the filibuster, the long suffering legislators on both sides of the chamber will have to depend on moral suasion to induce the minority leader to permit congress to adjourn at a seasonable date. Should their efforts fall there is every indication that congress will remain here another week. That, at any rate, is the opinion expressed by Speaker Cannon.

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NATIVES STARVING

Forty Thousand People Are Without Food in East Africa.

GOVERNMENT IS AIDING.

HARDEN WILL GET ANOTHER TRIAL

Mombasa, British East Africa, May 23.—The crop failures have resulted in a famine and forty thousand people are already starving in Ussaha province, Uganika. The government is feeding fifty thousand natives.

Berlin, May 23.—The case of Maximilian Harden, the editor imprisoned for libeling Count Von Moltke, was ordered reopened by the supreme court, because of alleged unfair trial.

SOUTHERNERS TOSS A FEW CONNIPION FITS OVER BILL

Measure Cutting Down Representation in the South Was Passed by Congress Despite Opposition.

STATES BARRING NEGROES ARE ONES AFFECTED.

Crumpacker of Indiana Claims That the Representation Should Be on the Basis of Right of Suffrage.

Washington, D. C., May 23.—The republicans of the house of representatives made the democrats feel grossly yesterday afternoon, when they brought in the McCall bill, requiring publicity of campaign contributions and expenditures in national elections. John Sharp Williams, the minority leader, has been daring the republicans to pass this measure, and when it was brought in he had visions of achieving a notable triumph. But when the reading clerk reached an amendment which was not in the original bill, it made the cold chills creep up and down his spinal column, and soon afterward he tossed a connipion fit. The amendment was the first step in the direction of reducing the representation of Southern states, which have adopted constitutional amendments barring negroes from participation in elections.

When the democrats realized its purport, consternation reigned in their ranks, and it was scandalous the way they abused the republicans for playing such a low down trick on them. After a tumultuous scene the republicans passed the bill by a vote of 160 to 125. The Southern democrats protested in vain against this exercise of "brute force" on the part of the majority, as they characterized it, but all they got in return was derision and scornful laughter. The amendment was a part of a bill introduced by Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, one of whose hobbies is to make the number of representatives from the Southern states commensurate with the number of male adults who are permitted to exercise the right of suffrage.

Up to Census Director. It authorizes the director of the census to submit to congress a report of the population by states, including white and colored male adults the conditions under which they vote, and the number of such citizens whose right to vote has been in any way abridged or denied. It is not regarded as likely that the senate will pass the bill in its present form.

Mr. Crumpacker explained his amendments by saying they were designed against fraud and intimidation in elections. "They surround the ballots in the selection of members of the house," he said, "with sufficient safeguards to warrant their purity."

New York, May 23.—A train on the Jersey Central R. R. collided with another on a bridge over Newark bay today. The engine toppled over and sank. One life was lost.

A LIFE IS LOST.

LOCAL SHIPPERS FEAR FOR CHANCE OF INTERCHANGE

Judge Anderson's Ruling Concerning Freight Interchange Between Roads at Muncie May Have Weight.

SUPREME COURT MAY NOT ACT ON LOCAL CASE.

If Matter Is in Jurisdiction of Federal Court, Richmond Will Never Get the Junction Of Lines.

Will or will not the action of Judge A. B. Anderson of the Indianapolis federal court in dissolving the restraining order against the Big Four and the Lake Erie and Western railroads prohibiting them from refusing freight interchange with the C. C. & L. and the Muncie Belt railroad, effect the local freight interchange case?

This is a question now being asked here. In the local case the Indiana Railroad commission issued an order requiring the Pennsylvania to interchange freight with the C. C. & L. in this city. In the Muncie case the Delaware circuit court issued the restraining order, which Judge Anderson dissolved yesterday, after the case had been appealed to the railroad commission.

The defendant roads set out that the interstate traffic of both companies was affected by the restraining order, and that the railroad commission had no authority to prosecute any action in relation to the interstate business. This was the view of the matter taken by Judge Anderson.

In the local case the Indiana Railroad Commission took direct action and ordered the Pennsylvania to interchange freight with the C. C. & L. in this city. This action on the part of the commission was appealed to the supreme court by the Pennsylvania company.

Now that Judge Anderson has ruled that the railroad commission has no authority to act in the Muncie case, which is similar to the local case, because it is one which affects interstate commerce, local shippers and railroad men are wondering if the supreme court will not take Judge Anderson's ruling as a precedent and refuse to pass on the local case as being one under the jurisdiction of the federal court.

In Muncie it is feared that the action of Judge Anderson will result in congestion of freight.

The Muncie Belt road was one of the petitioners against the Big Four and the L. E. & W. in the injunction proceedings. It relied that its sole business was with the switching and handling of freight and passenger trains between various railroad companies and that the defendant company had served notice to the public that it would discontinue the interchange of traffic, thereby greatly affecting the business of the petitioning company.

The disavowal of the restraining order practically means that the Big Four and the L. E. & W. companies are not compelled to interchange freight with the connecting lines. The two roads have been waging a bitter fight against the Chicago, Cincinnati & Louisville railway, a new road, which has been making great strides. The order particularly affected the Muncie Belt line, as the latter acted as an agent in transferring cars from one road to another.

Shippers were frightened at the time the ultimatum was issued by the Big Four and the L. E. & W. and the matter was immediately presented to the railroad commission.

DEBATE OVER LOCAL OPTION

Gov. Hanly's Measure Elicits Methodist Controversy.

Baltimore, Md., May 23.—Gov. Hanly, chairman of the temperance committee of the Methodist Episcopal Conference, today read a majority report censoring both the anti-saloon league and local option. The minority report submitted opposed the local option section. Much debate ensued.

SOCIALISTS SPEAK. Two prominent socialists, E. Z. Holman of Texas and T. A. Hickey of Arizona, spoke last evening at the corner of Sixth and Main streets to a fair sized crowd. The former is a national socialist organizer and the latter is a delegate to the socialist national convention. Both advocated socialism as a remedy for the alleged affliction the country is now and will in the future suffer with.