

HIGH COURT HAS IT

Muncie's Long Vexing Natural Gas Contest to be Settled.

IN THE FEDERAL COURT

Ordinance Seeking to Cancel Contract Between Company and City the Point at Issue.

Various Matters of Interest to Hoosier Readers Briefly Presented Here.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.—The fight between the people of Muncie and the Muncie Gas, Light and Fuel company over the question of rates and the placing of meters has been transferred to the federal court where application has been made by the company for an injunction to restrain the city council and city officers from proceeding to pass a pending ordinance which seeks to cancel the contract between the city and the company.

The contest between the company and its customers was brought to a head by the action of the company in shutting off consumers who refuse to place their meters inside their houses. When patrons refused to do this the company began shutting them off. An injunction was obtained from the Delaware county court to prevent the company from doing this. The council then took the matter up and on Feb. 8 an ordinance was introduced to repeal the ordinance which constituted the contract between the city and the company.

TROUBLESOME CONSCIENCE

Offered Compensation for a Melon Stolen Years Ago.

Petersburg, Ind., Feb. 16.—Because his conscience disturbed him for an offense committed thirty years ago, which at the time was not considered bad, Jonathan Jerrell, of Oakland City, sent Hosea Alexander, a farmer, south of this city, a money order for 50 cents, for a watermelon he said he had taken thirty years ago. Since growing to manhood, Mr. Jerrell has become religious, and he is now preaching for what is called the Sanctified Methodists, at a small country place near Oakland City. He stated in his letter to Mr. Alexander that this was the only thing that he was not religiously clear on. He asked forgiveness, and said that he was trying to live a true Christian life. Mr. Alexander sent the money order back to the sender.

Didn't Lose Any Time.

Nashville, Ind., Feb. 16.—Mary E. Penrose was granted a divorce from Elisha Penrose in the circuit court. Jonathan W. Moore, a Johnson county farmer, was in the courtroom as an interested spectator. As the judge was granting the divorce and was writing a record of it, Moore waved his hand at the clerk, who understood the signal. The clerk wrote out a marriage license as the judge was recording the divorce. Jonathan W. Moore and Mary E. Penrose went to the clerk's office and were married within two minutes after the judge had completed the divorce record.

A Temporary Suspension.

Matthews, Ind., Feb. 16.—W. D. Frazier, national bank examiner, has taken charge of the First National bank here, which failed to open Saturday. That the closing of the bank is not a failure, but merely a suspension for a few days, seems to be the sentiment of business men and local depositors. Some few depositors seem to censure President Wood for mismanagement, but the majority of them have confidence in him, and those who know state that all depositors will be paid in full. The leading directors announce that the bank will be reorganized and reopened at once.

Brought Directors to Time.

Zionsville, Ind., Feb. 16.—A few days since the directors of the local telephone company sent letters to patrons notifying them that the price of phones would be raised on Feb. 15. After receiving these letters the men called a meeting and signed an agreement to have their phones taken out should the telephone directors insist upon raising the rental. This agreement was placed in the hands of the directors of the telephone company. Yesterday the directors notified the patrons that the price would not be raised.

Jury Mixed Its Figures.

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The circuit court had heard the suit of George W. Perkinson against Charles Caldwell made a mistake in getting its finding on paper. The plaintiff asked for \$600 as commission and damages in selling real estate for Caldwell. As the verdict read, the plaintiff received \$20 when the jury intended to give him \$620. The plaintiff has asked for a new trial.

Caught by Motor Car.

Muncie, Ind., Feb. 16.—Charles Brady, twenty-three years old, a well known young man, recently married, stepped in front of a West Side car and was so severely injured that he died in the hospital a few hours later. He was a skilled silverware worker.

FCREIGN AID

Is Being Offered Freely to Plucky Japan.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—Core Takahira, the Japanese minister at Washington, has officially advised his government that he is receiving numerous offers of large contributions to the war fund from Americans, and requests instructions as to the policy of the government in the matter. It is considered probable that Japan will refuse to accept this proffered aid, while stating that the government is deeply gratified at this and other expressions of American sympathy.

The cabinet will consider the question and formally instruct Minister Takahira shortly. Many applications for permission to enlist in the Japanese army and navy are coming from various parts of the world. Some of those anxious to fight for Japan have applied personally to the military authorities here. Among this number is included a Turkish officer. All of these applications have been politely but firmly refused. No foreigners will be allowed to participate in the military or naval operations of Japan except as spectators.

Enormous military activity continues, but the government carefully conceals its plans and does not indicate the date of any projected movement. Although every moment of delay enables the Russians to become better prepared for the conflict, the Japanese apparently are unconcerned and confident. They fully realize that the limited capacity of the trans-Siberian railway, the distance of the Russians from their base of supplies and the lack of communication by sea sets limitations on the proposed accomplishments of Russia in Manchuria and Siberia. They feel that no danger attaches in that quarter and are awaiting the completion of Japan's naval program.

An Ancient Elm.

There is an elm tree in the department of Ardeche, France, which is vigorous and flourishing, though it has attained the patriarchal age of 793 years. According to official documents, it was planted on the grave of a nobleman in the reign of King Philip II.

Strokes in Shaving.

A man recently counted the motions made by a barber's hand during the process of shaving one man and found them to be 678.

WASHINGTON CHITCHAT

Representative Kyle's Story of a Great Promiser.

OBLIGING WATCHMAN'S MISEAP

How He Inadvertently Stirred Up Three Chinamen Visiting the White House—Speaker Cannon's Contraband Cigar—Fame For Secretary Shaw.

"There is a man in my district," said Representative Tom Kyle, the "Sweet Singer of Ohio," to the New York World's Washington correspondent, "whose name is Doyle. He is a politician, and he has the fatal habit of promising all things to all men. Nobody ever went to him to ask him to get him a job that Doyle did not say, 'Why, yes; I'll get that for you.'"

"Nine times out of ten Doyle doesn't make good, but he goes on promising just the same. Some years ago two Irishmen who worked in a boiler factory in my town were busy riveting. One man was inside the boiler holding a hammer against the rivets, and the other was outside swinging the sledge and making the rivets fast.

"After half an hour's steady pounding the man inside stuck his head out of the boiler and said:

"Say, Pat, did ye hear that they've been after makin' this man Corrigan a cardinal?"

"Are ye tellin' me?" asked Pat. "Why, d'ye know, Doyle promised that job to me?"

For five minutes the other night it seemed that the United States had mixed in the eastern question, says the New York World.

Nai Cheung, Chang Chuan and Sun Sze Yee, attaches of the Chinese legation, went to the White House as guests at Mrs. Roosevelt's musicale. They came into the corridor and stood irresolutely, as if waiting to be shown where to go to leave their wraps. One of the watchmen, seeing the quandary of the orientals, leaned forward to direct a negro attendant to show the guests to the dressing room for diplomats.

"Take these gentlemen to the"—He put out his hand, but instead of touching the negro attendant on the shoulder he touched one of the Chinese. All the feathers of diplomatic dignity stood at once on end.

"You touched me," said the diplomat. "Why did you touch me? You have no right to touch me."

The watchman tried to explain. The diplomats would not listen. They protested shrilly. Arriving guests were attracted by the fuss and gathered around the excited Chinese. They turned away and were apparently about to go to their legation, in which event formal explanations from the White House would have been in order.

The captain of the White House watch appeared. He saved the situation. After listening a moment he said, "Come with me." His voice was authoritative, and though it rather suggested that they were being arrested than conducted to a dressing room, the three attaches went without another word. The incident seemed to spoil the evening for the trio of orientals. They listened gloomily to the music and went home early.

Speaker Cannon emerged from the president's office the other morning and ran plump into a crowd of newspaper correspondents, says the New York Tribune's Washington correspondent. "You might just as well give up," one of them remarked. "We are sorry to hold up the speaker and rob him of all he knows, but the news field is bare and famine stares us in the face."

"Boys, I don't know a blessed thing," he exclaimed regretfully, "and the only thing I can do is to set 'em up." He reached into the inside pocket of his long black coat and fished out a handful of cigars. Some of them were little, short fellows, some long and attenuated, and one was a monster, black as charcoal and half as large around as your wrist.

"You can take your pick," he said as he extended his offering. "Some of these were given me, some I bought, and one I smuggled."

The first man that drew captured the big fat one. "You're a smuggler's accessory," said the speaker. "The rest can choose in safety."

Secretary Leslie M. Shaw of the treasury department received a letter a few days ago addressed to the "Hon. John Shaw, Secretary of State." The writer requested the secretary to send him a certain report printed by the agricultural department.

"That is fame," said Shaw. "This man is from Iowa, my own state, and thinks I am a sort of hydra headed citizen who is secretary of state and has control of the agricultural department."

Next day, when the secretary received a letter, also from Iowa, which stated that the writer had heard the government had published a book and asked for a copy, he threw up his hands. He wrote to his friend and said: "Please tell me what book it is you want or I shall have to send you a car load."

Representative John F. Lacey of Iowa recently found a new kind of missive in his mail. It was from an Iowa constituent and read as follows:

Dear Sir—I have been looking over the list of bulletins issued by the agricultural department. I am not a married man, but live in a boarding house here kept by Mrs. Blank. Will you please send her a copy of Secretary Wilson's pamphlet on breadmaking?

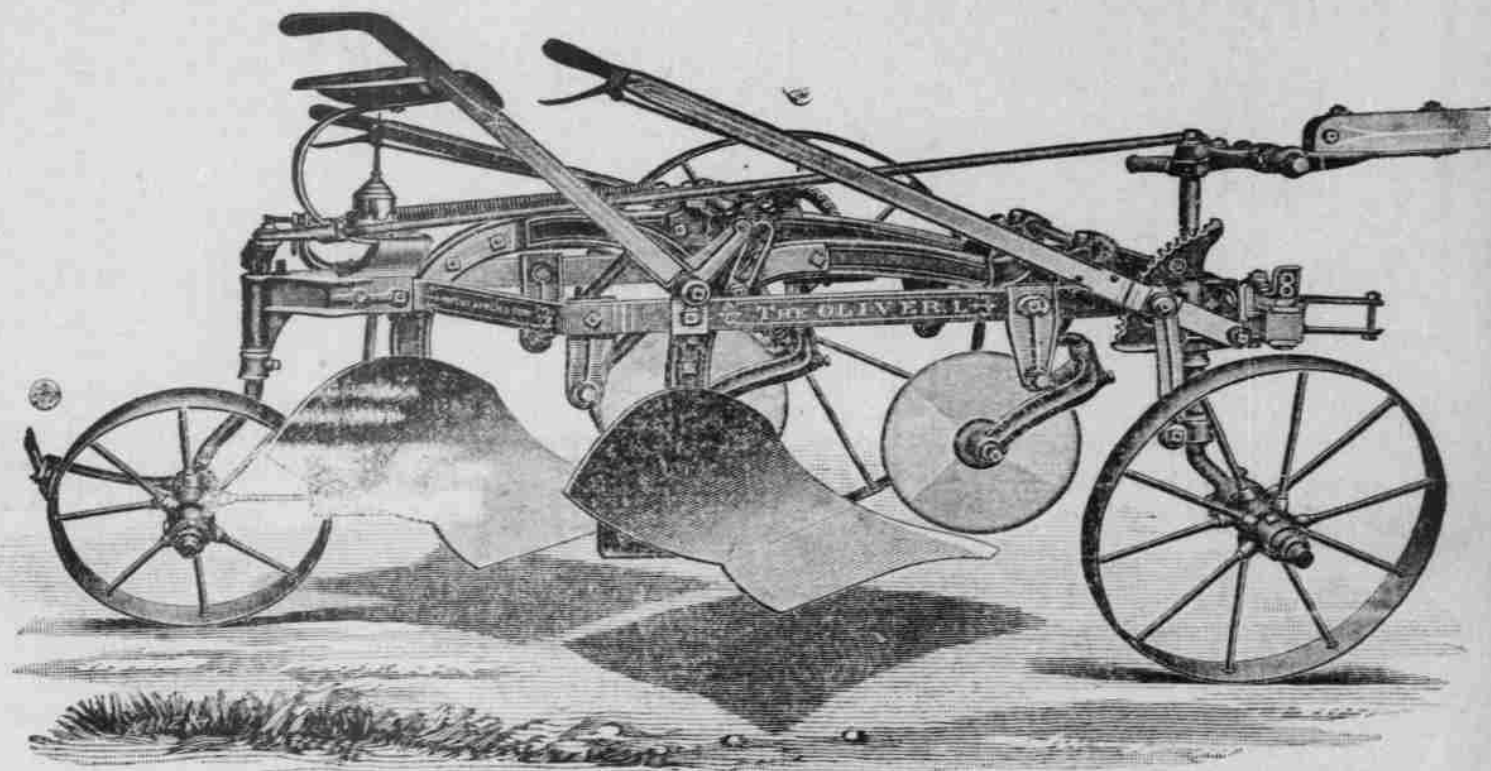
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