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DEMOCRATS SORE OVER THE ACTION OF POLICE BOARD

Believe They Should Have Been Consulted in Reference to Appointment of a Member of Police Force.

COMPLAINT WAS MADE BUT WITHOUT RESULTS.

Feeling Toward Governor Hanly for Failure to Name a Successor to C. W. Merrill Not of Kindest.

Local democratic leaders are "sore" over the action of the board of metropolitan police commissioners in appointing Oscar Brown, a democrat, as a member of the police force. The democratic powers-that-be have nothing against Mr. Brown, as they know him to be a loyal democrat, but they are indignant because the police commissioners made the appointment without consulting them.

It is learned that after the announcement had been made of Brown's appointment, President Merrill of the board of public works went to see Edgar F. Hiatt, one of the members of the police board, and he told Mr. Hiatt that inasmuch as the democrats of this city were not represented on the police board he thought it would have been only just and courteous on the part of the commissioners to have consulted with Mayor Schillinger, B. B. Johnson, City Attorney T. J. Study, himself and other democratic leaders as to the democrat to receive the appointment.

It is stated that this plain talk on the part of Mr. Merrill slightly ruffled Mr. Hiatt, and as a result Mr. Merrill was informed that the commissioners were sorry their action did not meet with the approval of Mr. Merrill and his associates, but that the board of police commissioners had acted as it saw fit and would continue to do so.

Governor Hanly Condemned.

It has now been over seven months since there has been a democratic member of the board of police commissioners and the things the local democrats are saying about Governor Hanly would probably not make a hit with him. His failure to appoint a successor to Mr. Merrill, who resigned last September, was first excused on the ground that the governor wished to see what action the legislature would take on the metropolitan police law. The legislature has met and adjourned and the metropolitan law is still in force but the governor has taken no steps toward filling the democratic vacancy on the board. Mr. Hiatt's commission expired on January 1, but he still continues in office until the governor sees fit to reappoint him or name his successor. Just what reason Governor Hanly has in refusing to fill the vacancies on the local police board are unknown.

TAKE PARK GROUND TO ENLARGE YARDS

Pennsylvania Railroad Has Condemned a Strip Fifty Feet Wide at the Glen.

CITY HAS NO RECOURSE.

CHANGE WILL BRING THE COMPANY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY ALMOST TO ROADWAY AT NORTH OF THE RESORT.

The P., C., C. & St. L. railroad has just completed plans for the enlargement of its east end yards in this city. These plans call for the addition of two new tracks and the company will condemn a strip of land in Glen Miller park, fifty feet wide and about 500 feet long, to place these tracks as the right of way the company owns is not large enough for the addition of new tracks.

President Merrill of the board of public works states that he regrets the action of the railroad company in condemning this land, but he says the city has no recourse to prevent such action as the railroad has this authority under the law.

By the addition of the fifty feet strip of city property the right of way of the railroad company in the east end yards will run almost to the roadway which skirts the north end of Glen Miller lake. Local railroad officials state that the increased freight traffic in this city demands that the east end yards be enlarged.

Will Lecture at Ovid.

The Rev. T. H. Kuhn will go to Ovid, Ind., Saturday, where he will lecture.

To Help In Digging Roosevelt's Canal.

MAJOR GAILLARD, PANAMA CANAL ENGINEER.

Major David Du Bose Gaillard, one of the two army engineers appointed by the president as assistants to Lieutenant Colonel Goethals in constructing the Panama canal, is a South Carolinian by birth. He was born in 1859. He was graduated from West Point in 1884 and became an officer in the engineer corps. During the Spanish war he held the rank of colonel in the volunteer army. Major Gaillard has done highly important engineer work. On Lake Superior, the Columbia river and at other points the river and harbor work under his direction testifies to his ability. The major is married to a South Carolina belle who was Miss Katherine Davis of Columbia.

SECURES BIG INDUSTRY

Hamilton to Have a Gigantic Coke Furnace.

CAPITAL OVER A MILLION.

While Richmond is hoping for more factories word comes from Hamilton, Ohio, that a deal has been closed for the immediate erection of a gigantic blast furnace at Cokeotto, near the Hamilton Otto Coke company's plant. The sum of $500,000 has been subscribed by Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Hamilton capitalists, and is immediately available for construction work.

The furnace will have a daily supply of 250 tons of pig iron. Ultimately, and within a very short time, capital to the amount of $1,500,000 will be brought into the new industry.

WILL OPEN TOMORROW.

Southern Indiana Teachers' Association at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 27—The officers of the Southern Indiana Teachers' Association will open their headquarters at the Grand Hotel tomorrow morning. The first session of the teachers' association will be held at Caleb Mills Hall tomorrow night.

Few of the members of the association have arrived aside from the Evansville delegation, which came Monday. The reduced railroad rates on account of the association meeting do not go into general effect until tomorrow.

PASSION WEEK SERVICES.

They Are Being Held Nightly at the First M. E. Church.

Passion week services are being held at the First M. E. church. Tonight S. H. Jones will be the leader, the service to begin at 7:30 o'clock. Tomorrow night Henry Luring will be the leader. Friday the services will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon instead of at 7:30.

MAYBE ITS COMING NOW

Governor Hanly Is Considering Appointments.

RICHMOND HAS VACANCY.

Indianapolis, March 27.—Governor Hanly is today considering a number of possible appointments for positions created under the laws of the past session. He is also taking up for consideration the names for vacancies on various metropolitan police boards.

Reports are reaching this city that his own appointees on various boards throughout the state are allowing enforcement of the laws to become lax and probably this will be looked into.

Too Sick for Business.

Although it had been planned for the governor to take up consideration of these appointments and he expected to do so, he was not able to stay at his office and is now confined to his bed, due to a nervous breakdown. Acute indigestion also has something to do with his condition. Papers in appeals for clemency from two men who are to be hanged at Michigan City, Friday, were taken to his house and he is now considering them. It is understood he will commute the sentences.

CARS NOT YET RECEIVED.

Street Car Company Is Improving Its Local Tracks.

As yet the local street car company has received none of the new summer cars which were ordered some time ago. The work on the tracks has already begun and they will be placed in first class condition.

Ben Greet at Purdue.

The committee for the gala week at Purdue university has signed a contract with the Ben Greet company of Shakespearean players to give two outdoor performances on the campus.

ARSON CASE IS NOW ON TRIAL; J. MERCER UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE

It Is Claimed That He Fired the Barn of His Father-in-Law, J. H. May, In Spirit of Revenge,

During the past two days Deputy Sheriff Oscar Mashmeyer has been scouring through Washington and Jackson townships, serving subpoenas on witnesses desired to appear in the case of the state against Jonas Mercer, a resident of Bentonville, a hamlet across the Fayette county line, which is now on trial in Connersville. Mercer is charged with arson. A dispatch from Connersvills states that the state has rested its case and that the defense has begun the introduction of evidence. The state charges Mercer with burning the barn, together with valuable machinery and live stock, of his father-in-law, J. H. May, who resides in the western part of Fayette county near the Rush county line.

Story of the Fire.

On the night of January 5, the barn of J. H. May was destroyed by fire and the total loss resulting amounted to $8,000 or $10,000. While the fire was in progress a man driving a horse at a fast rate in the direction of the little town of Orange, was noticed. Tuesday witnesses for the state testified to this effect. It is alleged by the state that Mercer was on bad terms with his father-in-law, and that he burned the barn to revenge himself.

One Odd Coincidence.

The day the barn was burned, Mercer had his horse shod, and the blacksmith, according to testimony, placed a peculiar cork tip on one of the horse's hind shoes. It was brought out in the trial that the horse which was seen to be driven at a rapid pace during the fire, left tracks on the road which showed that it had a cork tip on one of its hind shoes.

Mercer is a well known man, and there will be from twenty to twenty-five neighbors, who will appear in his behalf. It is not known what the defense is.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA— Showers this afternoon and probably tonight.

OHIO— Thursday probable showers and cooler.

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COMMISSION MET TO PLAN WORK ON SANITY OF THAW

Justice Fitzgerald Has Excused the Jury From Any Further Duty Until Next Monday Morning.

UNION OF HARRY AND EVELYN HELD PERFECT.

Clara Morris Gives Out an Interview With Wife of the Accused Man That Shows Devotion of the Two.

New York, March 27—Justice Fitzgerald today excused the jury in the Thaw case until Monday. At that time if the lunacy commission has not filed its report the jurors will be excused again.

The lunacy commission met at 10:30 to plan its work.

Their Union Is Perfect.

Clara Morris, former actress, in a published interview with Evelyn Thaw today presents a most interesting story of the girl's present life. Nothing is said of the Thaw trial but the story is brimful of Evelyn herself.

"Let it be known," says Miss Morris, "once for all, that whatever did not begin with 'Harry said,' ends with 'Harry did.' Harry was never two breaths away. Harry Thaw and his wife Evelyn are mated as well as married. That they waded through sin and shame and blood to secure their perfect union, is but mere detail to the young egotism of their passionate love. And if anyone is cruel enough to desire to pierce too loving hearts with one poisoned lance to their great suffering, they have but to hint at annullment of the Thaw marriage 'It's cruel, cruel,' Evelyn gasped, 'it's the one thing Harry cannot bear quietly. While there is breath in Harry's body no one will take me from him. No one.'"

TOOTH DROVE HIM INSANE.

Hamilton Man Suffers Intense Pain And Is Now in Strong Ward At the Hospital.

Hamilton, O., March 27—John Abbott, Lindenwalk, tried to pull a tooth with a pair of pincers. The teeth became ulcerated and neuralgia developed. The pain was so intense that it almost drove Abbott insane. He was removed to the strong ward in a local hospital today. It is feared that he cannot recover.

TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS.

Cambridge City to Have More Cement Walks and Better Drainage.

Cambridge City, March 27—County Surveyor Howard, accompanied by Marshal Drischel and J. E. Gray, made several important surveys on Mulberry, South Jones and East Church streets, Tuesday afternoon by the order of the town council. The above streets were surveyed for making drainage improvements. North Foote and North Chestnut streets were surveyed for cement walks.

EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED.

Keystone Flyer on the Pennsylvania Left the Tracks.

Pittsburg, March 27—The Keystone express on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked early today after leaving Pittsburg. The engine and three cars left the track but no one was seriously injured.

TWO MASONIC CANDIDATES.

Richmond Lodge Followed Its Work With Refreshments.

Richmond lodge of Masons gave the master Mason's degree to a class of two candidates at its meeting Tuesday night. They were A. L. R. Lawrence and Harry E. Young. At the close of the initiation, there was refreshments and a social season.

OUTLOOK HOPEFUL FOR IMPROVEMENT ON THE WEST SIDE

Pennsylvania's Plans and Specifications May Be Submitted Some Time During The Present Week.

DIVISION OF THE COST ALREADY AGREED UPON.

City Engineer Charles Will Turn His Plans Over to Supt. Neff Whenever the Company's Are Ready.

Plans and specifications for the viaducts over the Richmond and Indianapolis division tracks at the West Second street crossing, which were to have been submitted by the Panhandle to City Engineer Fred Charles the first of this week, have not yet been received, but it is expected they will be submitted to Mr. Charles some day this week.

The plans and specifications prepared by the city engineer and his assistants for the city's share of the work have practically been completed and as soon as the plans and specifications of the railroad company have been received, Mr. Charles will turn his over to Superintendent Nettleton Neff of the Richmond division.

Division of the Cost.

Under the agreement by which the improvements at the West Second street crossing are to be made, the city pays 40 per cent of the cost and the railroad company the remaining 60 per cent. From the estimates that have been made by the city and railroad engineers it is stated that the entire cost of the improvements will amount to about $50,000, of which the city's share will amount to about $20,000.

Some time ago the city council appropriated $20,000 for the city's share of expenses but there is at the present time only about $13,000 in this fund, the other $7,000 having been transferred to various funds. It will be necessary for council to make an appropriation to cover up the deficiency in the special West Second street improvement fund.

Representatives Will Meet.

As soon as the plans and specifications for the improvement work have been exchanged by the city and railroad company, representatives of the two will get together and make any changes necessary so that everything will be satisfactory to both parties to the agreement. After this has been done the working agreement will be submitted to council for ratification and to the Pittsburg officials of the road for their approval. The company has been put to considerable expense in drawing up its plans for the improvements and it is not thought there will be any chance of the Pittsburg officials vetoing them.

Dream May Come True.

After the working agreement has been accepted by both the railroad company and the city, bids for making the improvements will be advertised for. After the contracts have been let the dream of the people who live in the northwest part of town will be realized because work on the improvements will then actually begin. It is thought this work will start some time in May.

RECKLESS EXTRAVAGANCE.

How Can John D. Stand Such a Rapid Financial Pace?

Lakewood, N. J., March 27—John D. Rockefeller has increased the wages of laborers on his local estate 15 cents a day.

BANK BUILDING WILL NOT START FOR YEAR

March 1 Time Set for Beginning the Work.

AN UNEXPECTED DELAY.

Owing to an unexpected delay, work on the new building to be erected by the Second National bank at the corner of Eighth and Main streets, will not begin until March 1, 1908. According to the plans now being drawn the building will be four stories high, the first floor being devoted to the two banking concerns, the Second National bank and the Richmond Trust company. The former will have the same room as it now occupies and the new company will have the room now used by the McDonald drug store. There will likely be a common entrance from Main into the building, and it will be possible to pass from one bank room to the other without going outside the building. The second floor of the building will be retained by the law firm of Robbins, Starr and Robbins, while the other floors will be arranged to suit the prospective occupants.

Until it is necessary to begin the actual work of construction, McDonald's drug store will not have to vacate its room.

CONFERENCE MAY BE ASKED BY PRESIDENT

Suggested Railroad Interests And Interstate Commerce Commission Confer.

MORGAN APPROVES PLAN.

IT ORIGINATED WITH JACOB H. SCHIFF AND LOOKS TO FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE DIFFICULT SITUATION.

Washington, March 27.—President Roosevelt is considering the suggestion of Jacob H. Schiff to invite the railroad interests to confer with the Interstate Commerce Commission on the general situation. Word comes from London that J. P. Morgan has cabled the president, urging that he approve the plan. The president has been conversing on the subject with cabinet members and the Interstate Commerce Commission and a public statement may be issued shortly from the White House.

Federal Regulation.

Schiff's plan contemplates a scheme of congressional legislation to protect the railroads from adverse and conflicting legislation by the states and conserve the interests of both railroads and the country at large through federal regulation.

It is agreed by the railroad interests that if they had to look to only one governmental head there would be less liklihood of threatening financial disturbances.

A COLD SNAP IS FEARED.

Great Damage Would Be Done to Fruit Now in the Bud.

The many fruit trees about the city that are in bloom add to the theory that spring is really here. There will be serious loss to fruit and early vegetation if there should be an extremely cold spell now. This warm weather will do great damage, if a hard freeze should now come, for flowers and trees are budding rapidly.

WILLIAM HOLLER AN INSANE MAN MAKES ESCAPE

With Nothing But a Blanket For Protection He Is Wandering Somewhere in This County.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AND ATTENDANTS SEARCHING

Holler Was a Patient at Easthaven Once Before and After His Release Created Excitement at Centerville.

William Holler, an inmate of Easthaven insane hospital and who formerly resided on a farm near Abington, is now wandering unclothed some place in the county and Deputy Sheriff Oscar Mashmeyer and employes of the hospital are searching for the man. Up to noon no trace of his whereabouts had been obtained. Holler is a dangerous man and the authorities are greatly worried about his being at large and every effort will be made to apprehend him speedily.

A Desquieting Effect.

Tuesday evening Holler absolutely without clothing, but carrying with him a blanket, took out a window in the room in which he was confined, then dropped to the ground and disappeared into the night. It was not for some time after Holler took French leave that the attaches of the hospital became aware of his escape.

The news that an unclothed insane man was circulating some place in the vicinity of the hospital had anything but a quieting effect on the people living in that part of the county. A sharp lookout for Holler is being kept in Abington and that vacinity as it is thought he might return to his brother's home.

Excitement at Centerville.

Last January Holler escaped from the home of his brother, where he had been taken after being discharged from the insane hospital, and with a large gun wandered into Centerville where he succeeded in keeping the streets cleared of citizens until the arrival of Shriff Meredith, who brought the man to the county jail and later had him removed to Easthaven.

About two years ago while Holler was living with his brother he saw him wandering one evening about the farm and the insane man immagined that his brother was a chicken thief, whereupon he took a shotgun and nearly succeeded in blowing one of his brother's hands off.

HECHT ACQUITTED ON BRIBERY CHARGE

Tearfully He Embraced His Wife and Children When Jury Returned Verdict.

HE PASSED A TRYING DAY.

EX-MEMBER OF STATE PHARMACY BOARD WAS ACCUSED OF HAVING OFFERED TO SELL EXAMINATION QUESTIONS.

Winchester, Ind., March 27.—After being out about an hour and a half the jury in the case of David Hecht, of Evansville, ex-member of the state pharmacy board, who was indicted for soliciting a bribe from F. B. Porter, a drug clerk of Parker, returned a verdict of not guilty.

Scene Was Dramatic.

When the decision was read Hecht sprang to his feet, his wife screamed and clasped her husband to her breast. Hecht then thanked the jury while the tears streamed down his cheeks and took them each by the hand. It was a touching scene and several men kissed Hecht's two little daughters, who were crying with joy. The jury went out at 5 o'clock and reported at 6:30. On the first ballot the vote stood ten to two for acquittal.

Hecht is alleged to have offered to sell the chemistry questions prior to the state examination and six letters passed between him and Porter.

A Trying Day.

It was a trying day for the defendant. As the final hour drew nearer and nearer, when twelve of his fellow men should decide his fate the defendant, his tall form bent and his hair whitened, although he is but 47 years of age, grew more nervous and at times seemed on the verge of a nervous collapse.

Meeker at Hamilton.

Ezra Meeker and his ox team, recently in Richmond, have been spending the week at Hamilton, O., where they met with a pleasant reception.

DEWEYS ARE QUITTING HOME WHICH AMERICAN PEOPLE GAVE TO THEM

Wife of the Admiral Is Said to Be Responsible for the Move---Furnishings and All To Be Leased.

Washington, March 27.—Admiral George Dewey and his wife are leaving the home in Rhode Island avenue presented to them by the contributions of the American people, to live in future at No. 1601 K street, the home of Mrs. Dewey, before her marriage.

After her marriage to Admiral Dewey, the K street house was leased first to the late Senator Alger, and later to Secretary Hitchcock. Mr. Hitchcock has given up the place and workmen have begun making repairs and alterations. Their orders were so imperative that they worked far into the night and they continued today. esterday some of the personal belongings of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey were transferred from the Rhode Island avenue house to the K street home.

It is understood that none of the furnishings of the Rhode Island avenue house will be moved. Mrs. Dewey's home in K street is magnificently furnished, and it is said that the Rhode Island avenue place will be leased furnished. The K street house was the home of Mrs. Dewey during the lifetime of her first husband, Gen. Hazen, of the signal service.

Mrs. Dewey is said to be responsible for the abandonment of the Rhode Island avenue house as their home. Her K street house is much nearer the residence of her mother, and she likes that location better than the house presented by the American people to her husband. The title to the Rhode Island avenue house stands in Mrs. Dewey's name.