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WINING HELPS LIFT BURDEN

Successful Fight for Appropriation Makes Smile Where None Grew Before.

Tax-Payers Along Wabash-Beaver Improvement Will Have \$25,000 Less to Pay.

Every property-owner in this city and every tax-payer along the entire length of the Wabash-Beaver ditch improvement are rejoicing over the passing by the State Senate on last Saturday of the bill introduced by Representative Sam Vining of this county appropriating \$25,000 for the State's share in the cost of making the ditch improvement.

Through persistent hammering on his pet measure, and a persuasive and get-there-way that characterizes all his undertakings, Mr. Vining convinced his associates in the House that the appropriation he wanted was just and right and they gave it to him in a way that made his heart glad and the measure half a law. In the Senate he had the co-operation of the two Democratic wheel-horses of this district, and in the closing hours before adjournment of the legislature last Saturday the measure passed with such skill and tact that there was little or no opposition to the appropriation in the Senate. Mr. Vining's achievement is particularly noteworthy from the fact that the siding for measures of this class at this season have been difficult, and almost without exception, thrown down and spat upon.

What it means to the tax-payers is self-evident. The engineer's estimate on the improvement was \$100,295. The work, however, sold for \$75,940—\$24,355 less than the estimated cost. This turn of affairs commenced to help some and there were less long faces from here to the Indiana line. With the appropriation of \$25,000 from the State the cost to the tax-payers interested is cut to \$50,940. To this amount however must be added from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for compensation and damages to land owners along the route, cost of advertising and issuing bonds, engineers' fees, etc. Adding the outside figure of \$12,000 to the sum stated the cost of the improvement can be safely placed at \$74,940—less than half of the estimated cost.

One thing is sure, we will have \$25,000 less to pay—thanks to Sam Vining and Senators Mooney and Shafer—and, in fact, the whole legislative bunch. There's glory enough for all.

Our Leading Industry Gets Anton in Bad

Anton Strabel, the Wabash blacksmith, who it seems can not refrain from drink when he comes to town, got on his usual jag last Thursday night and was locked up by Night Policeman Molloy. Friday morning he pleaded guilty before Mayor Kenney and was fined \$5 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in the Toledo works. The workhouse sentence was suspended on a good behavior condition.

Clevelanders Come and Go

The Wholesale Merchants' Board of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce visited the biggest little town in the State yesterday on their annual trade extension tour. They came in on a special from the south over the Cincinnati Northern about an hour late, were shown the town by our automobilists and made hurried business calls on firms in their respective lines. They were impressed a little with the importance of this hamlet while boosting the biggest municipality in the State in meteoric fashion. Come again and stay longer next time.

A First-Class Appointment

Probate Judge P. F. Dugan yesterday appointed Editor A. A. Kolp, of the Ft. Recovery Journal, as a member of the blind relief committee to succeed ex-Mayor Joseph Passman, of Ft. Recovery. Mr. Kolp's appointment is an excellent one, and will maintain the high standing of the commission. It will be approved by the people of his town. The knowledge of his splendid character and ability is not confined to the limits of Ft. Recovery, however, and up this way we are glad to note the compliment paid him. Ex-Mayor Passman has given his relief commission able and conscientious service, and retires with the honor that comes with duty well performed.

Social Gossip

The ladies' aid society of the Presbyterian Church will meet with Mrs. M. Feldbaiser, East Market street, this afternoon.

The Thimble Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. David Overly, West Fayette street.

The ladies' aid society of the M. E. Church will be entertained at the Mrs. F. S. Collins home, East Livingston street, this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Headington were given a real surprise at their cosy home on East Livingston street Wednesday night by the members of the Jolly Dozen Club and their husbands. It was a sort of fare-thee-well party, and while enjoyable would have been more so if the going-away part could have been omitted from the program. The usual euchre and a luncheon whizzed the hours away. The Headingtons will be missed by many social gatherings besides the Jolly Twelve, but none will regret their leaving Celina more sincerely. A fortnight will see them located at Portland.

Farm Residence Goes Up in Smoke

The residence of Adam Kaylor in Blackcreek Township was totally destroyed by fire last Sunday, only a portion of the household goods being saved. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective fuse, but was not discovered until it had gained such headway that hardly anything could be saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Forger Heyne in Clutches of Law

Officer H. L. Hight left Tuesday evening for Tulsa, Oklahoma, to get John H. Heyne, a former milk man of this city, who is wanted here on a charge of forgery. Heyne ran a small dairy a year or so ago at the Edgewater park, and while here forged the name of Druggist K. E. Riley to a note of several hundred dollars on the First National Bank. The affidavit for the fellow's arrest was filed in Justice Bauda-hang's court a couple of months ago, but the officers were unable to locate the man until last week, when he was found on a farm near Tulsa. Governor Harmon last Monday issued requisition papers on the Governor of Oklahoma for the man, who is being held by the Tulsa authorities awaiting the officer from this city.

CLEVELAND EASILY OUTSTRIPS CINCY

In Contest for Population—Unofficial Estimate of Growth of Cities of Nation.

A Washington special of Wednesday, says: The census office to-day unofficially estimated the increase of population in the United States since 1900 at 15,121,036.

The official estimate for Greater New York is 4,563,603, an increase since 1900 of 1,126,401.

The population of Chicago is estimated at 2,282,926.

The estimate total population of the United States is 91,424,423.

- Other estimated totals are:
- Columbus, 158,648.
 - Toledo, 178,863.
 - Cleveland, 520,938.
 - Cincinnati, 354,012.
 - Dayton, 112,066.
 - Buffalo, 401,535.
 - Denver, 159,226.
 - Pittsburg, including Allegheny, 569,925.
 - Philadelphia, 1,540,429.
 - New Orleans, 332,132.
 - St. Louis, 689,716.
 - Baltimore, 583,374.
 - Washington, 350,145.
 - Indianapolis, 250,036.
 - St. Paul, 229,869.
 - Kansas City, 194,788.
 - Detroit, 395,871.
 - Milwaukee, 337,337.
 - Newark, 315,634.
 - Jersey City, 258,964.

Now Wouldn't This Jar You

Polities need not be synonymous for boss rule. There is honor and decency and fair play in all things and Mercer County will not stand for a district dictatorship, nor any George B. Cox Rule. The integrity, the God-given honor, the God-given right of Democracy must be preserved for the people and by the people.—Daily Standard.

By the eternal, yes. But don't swell up and bust. Do like the sorrel-topped philippine down at St. Henry—if the objectionable candidate won't come down with a couple hundred plunks, go in for something that's say. But to change the subject a little, the district dictatorship worked elegantly and eloquently when the present congressman was nominated the first time. If we are to believe half what we hear the dictators of to-day are the dictators that turned that handsome trick and gave us a congressman that delivered the goods and has honored the district as no one has before. But then we suppose dictators have no God-given right to transfer their affections.

Change in Date of Patterson Examination

The second Patterson-Boxwell examination will be held at the West Side school building in this city on Saturday, May 21. All pupils wishing to take this examination will take note of this change in the date of holding the examination, which was made by a law passed by the legislature last week, changing the time of holding the examinations from the third Saturday in April and the second Saturday in May to the third Saturday in both April and May. This makes the examination come on the 21st instead of the 14th, as a number of pupils have been expecting.

A. P. Lehman, residing on the old Howick farm northeast of this city, was hit in the eye with a piece of wood while chopping yesterday morning and may lose the sight of the member.

ADDS TO ALREADY ILL REPUTE

Addison Murray Arrested at Tamah on Charge of Assaulting Little Girl.

Culprit Turned Over to Beaverdam Authorities—Not His First Offense.

Addison Murray, a peddler, wanted at Beaverdam for an alleged assault upon a six-year-old girl, from whom he escaped a posse of armed citizens on night of 23rd ult., was arrested at Tamah by Deputy Sheriff A. B. Grothman last Friday afternoon at the home of a relative. He was brought to this city and later taken to Lima, where he was turned over to Marshall Davis, of Beaverdam. Murray is about 45 years old and formerly lived at Ohio City, from where he skipped several years ago after being accused of a similar charge. He is also supposed to be the fellow who several years ago raised a number of government mills, which were circulated throughout Van Wert County.

C. & M. C. T. Co. Selects Officers

The following officers were elected by the Celina and Mercer County Telephone Co. last Tuesday: L. E. Crampton, president; T. P. Beiersdorfer, vice president; A. M. Riley, financial secretary; H. A. Miller, corresponding secretary; J. A. Hoagland, treasurer; E. G. Ungerer, general manager. The Board of Directors renamed Arthur E. Crampton, Philip Beiersdorfer, J. A. Hoagland, E. G. Ungerer and C. J. Hemmert.

A Neat Campaign Folder

Engineer Martin Lutz, Democratic candidate for County Surveyor, has instituted a novel and useful campaign card in the form of a neat pocket road map of Mercer County, just recently compiled by him. It is the latest county map printed and shows the exact road conditions in the county at the present time, all the recently constructed pikes being included.

Personal

—Dr. G. S. Johnston was called to Canton this week by the death of a cousin.

—Miss Elvira Lillibridge has gone to Rochester, Ind., where she will take a normal course.

—Carl Behringer left last Monday for Chicago Junction, where he accepts a position in a barber shop.

—Mrs. Marie Marsh has returned from a week's visit with her sister, Miss Verna Weber at Cleveland.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Beckman were at Springfield last Monday in attendance at the funeral of the former's uncle, Frank Romer.

—Mrs. Frank LeBlond, of San Francisco, Calif., the guest of Celina relatives for several days last week left Friday for Boston, Mass., for a visit.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Kendal and Miss Harle Garwood, of Mercer, were in this city last Sunday while en route to Pleasant Mill, Ohio, to attend the funeral of the former's father.

—Prosecutor and Mrs. John G. Romer left yesterday for Nashville, Tenn., to spend a week or ten days. Mr. Romer is a representative of the Supreme Council Catholic Knights of America, which convenes in that city to-day.

B. of E. Cuts School Levy

The Board of Education at its meeting Monday evening decided upon a reduction in the school levy of 10 mills. This will be received with thankfulness by the people of the town. The board reappointed Mrs. W. C. Stubbs a member of the library board and transacted much minor business.

BASE BALL

Celina will play the Ft. Recovery team in this city next Sunday, Ft. Recovery has about the same lineup as last year, when they defeated the locals in two games, both at Ft. Recovery. This is their first appearance in this city.

Sunday's ball game between the local club and the Dayton Cardinals was stopped at the end of the second inning by the heavy storm which suddenly blew up. Each side scored a run in their half of the inning. The visitors looked good in the practice and a good game was undoubtedly spoiled by the downpour.

The local high school club was defeated in a fast and interesting game at Delphos last Saturday afternoon by the high school club of that city. TouVelle and Spriggs done the battery work for the Celina team.

A one-sided game between the Celina Royals and a team from Ohio City was stopped at the end of the fourth inning Wednesday afternoon, when Wm. Perry, the visitors' backstop, was run into accidentally by Chas. Bigelow, the Royals' center fielder, and seriously injured. The injured player was subsequently removed to the Cincinnati Northern depot and taken home on the afternoon train.

The score stood 11 to 0 in favor of Celina when the contest so unfortunately closed.

A return date is to be played at Ohio City next Tuesday, and the proceeds of game will be turned over to the injured catcher.

The Van Wert High School team easily defeated the Celina High School team in this city Friday afternoon. Score 17 to 8.

Does Advertising Pay

A Florida newspaper, in speaking of the benefits of advertising, says that not long ago a family in that State lost a child which they supposed had strayed away from home and got lost. After searching in vain for three days, the frantic parents placed an advertisement in the nearest newspaper. Imagine the surprise of the parents upon going to the door the next morning to see a monster alligator upon the doorstep, where he had disgorged the child alive and then died himself. The ad cost them but 25 cents, and it gave them back their darling child; they sold the alligator hide for \$5, and the parents are now getting the child in all the dime museums of the land at \$50 per week.

Next Sunday Designated as Mothers' Day

Governor Harmon has issued a proclamation designating next Sunday as "Mothers' Day." He calls on all citizens to join in the observance of the day by wearing white carnations. In many localities arrangements have been made for the proper observance of the day.

Old 71st to Reune Here

Veteran Dan Doty, while in town last Tuesday stated that big preparations were being made for entertaining the surviving members of the 71st U. S. I., who will meet in reunion in this city on Thursday, June 30.

New Owners Take Charge

The Buckland Milling Co., whose purchase sometime ago of the Schuck elevator, West Market street, was mentioned in the Democrat, assumed charge of the plant last Monday. Mr. Clyde Spriggs, who has had charge of the company's elevator at Buckland, for some time past, but who recently moved to this city, will have charge of the new acquisition here.

Town Topics

W. A. Coll, of Muncie, Ind., has opened a barber shop in the north room of the Shepherd building, adjoining the millinery store.

Port R. Riley, of Anderson, Ind., arrived here Monday and is arranging to open up the ice cream parlor in the R. E. Riley Drug store. He expects to have things in shape to start business by the 14th.

Albert Heiser had his arms and hands severely burned by an explosion of gasoline a week ago last night. While cleaning some paint from his clothes he spilled a quantity of gasoline on the floor which was later ignited by a match which he dropped.

J. W. DeFord has awarded the contract for extensive remodeling his cottage property on East Fulton street. Another story will be added, a cement block foundation will be placed under the building and a number of interior improvements made.

Carpenter Sim Groves, who was recently severely burned about the face and hands, in the fire and gasoline explosion which partly destroyed his home, is able to be out, but will not be able to go to work for a number of weeks, his hands being still in a bad condition.

Miss Ida Short, one of the teachers in the district building, had the interior of her right hand burned a week ago last night when she attempted to put out a small blaze in the Short home, East Market street, which accidentally started by touching a lighted match to some dress goods, while searching a closet for a wrap.

The remains of Mrs. James Murphy, who died at Clayborne, O., on the 27th ult., were brought to this city over the Lake Erie last Friday morning and taken to the home of Mrs. S. Murchland, South Sugar street, a daughter of the deceased. Brief services were held at the Murchland home last Saturday afternoon, after which the remains were taken to the Union Church near Oregon, where funeral services were held. Interment was had in the cemetery near by.

Miss Fannie Gerber, for thirty-five years a faithful and honored employee of the Hotel Ellis, is nearing death's door, with no hopes entertained of her recovery. Since a young girl she has lived beneath the roof of that famous old hotel, presiding with dignity and overseeing the work of the house as duty required, consulted and trusted as a partner in its affairs and treated in a manner that is accorded only a favorite sister or daughter under the most favorable circumstances. Richly had she earned the respect of all about her, and if good wishes could avail, her return to health would be rapid and permanent.

President S. Cotterman and Clerk A. C. Elbert, of the Board of County Examiners, were at this office for a few minutes last Saturday to order a change in their notice of examinations, occasioned by a change in the date of the second Boxwell examination from the second to the third Saturday in May. They also stated that 41 pupils out of the 179 taking the first Boxwell examination, which was held in this city several weeks ago, passed. This percentage is considered good, while seemingly very small, is, the examiners stated, much better than usual, as only about half that number pass the first examination. The Democrat will print a complete list of the successful graduates as soon after the second examination as it is possible for the examiners to make it out.

J. E. Shively, who has been farming near Mendon, has sold his personal property at private sale and will take up his residence at Coldwater in a few weeks, where he will take up employment with the New Idea Spreader Works.

Mrs. J. F. Hight, of Hopewell township, who has been suffering for a number of years with rheumatic ailment, and stricken recently with partial paralysis, shows little or no sign of improvement.

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Man and Team Wanted

A good man with team to gather cream, either salary or commission. Call Saturday afternoon at Celina Creamery Co.

—Jeweler H. J. Smith was at Canton last Sunday the guest of his wife and daughter, who are visiting with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Beutelspacher.

Father Kidnaps His Son

Mrs. D. E. Shaffer, of Ridgeville, Ind., was in this city Wednesday endeavoring to secure possession of her ten year old son, who was kidnapped by her husband last August, and who was found camping south of this city. She recently secured a divorce from her husband and was given the custody of the child.

BRINDLE---Humane Teacher

[R. B. Thompson, of Salem, O., in "Our Dumb Animals."]

Although Jimmie had spent the sixteen years of his life on a big stock farm and possessed a rather intimate knowledge of animal life, his lot was, unfortunately, had never been cast with men who possessed any consideration for dumb brutes with which they worked. Indeed they had not even been required to consider humane treatment of animals matter of dollars and cents. Accordingly, they kicked and beat the horses and mules, swore at the cattle, used clubs to intimidate the hogs and were invariably cruel.

It never occurred to Jimmie that the horses which they were compelled to drive into a small enclosure to catch might be taught to come to the word of their master by the exercise of a little kindness, nor did he know that cows are naturally affectionate if given the least encouragement.

But an incident happened late one October afternoon which gave Jimmie an entirely different appreciation of animal life.

Brindle, a motherly old cow belonging to the herd on the farm, who had a few weeks previously presented her owner with a fine well-developed calf, had been missing for several days. One of the men had caught her and Brindle and her offspring to wander away into one of the large pasture fields. To Jimmie, who had hoped he could go nutting that afternoon, was assigned the duty of hunting Brindle and the calf and driving them back to the barn.

With a feeling of resentment toward his father, old Brindle and live stock in general, Jimmie set out reluctantly to find the missing cow. For two long hours he trudged across the fields, through valleys; fighting his way through underbrush and berry branches, growing more angry the while.

Finally, when stragling through one of the worst thickets he had encountered, he saw through the seared leaves what he thought was a small portion of Brindle's coat and closer investigation proved it to be the old cow. Jimmie's first impulse was to haul a club and administer a beating to the

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"LIMA, OHIO, April 26, 1910.

"To Those Interested:

"Mr. Dillon R. Smalley, of Celina, O., was a student of Lima College, in engineering, under one of the best teachers of the subject in Ohio. This teacher is a graduate of the University of Wooster, Ohio, and is an experienced and competent engineer.

"Mr. Smalley is a constant student, and always willing to learn. I regard him as competent engineer, and a reliable, worthy young man.

"Very Sincerely,
"CHARLES C. MILLER,
"Ex-President of Lima College."

Man and Team Wanted

A good man with team to gather cream, either salary or commission. Call Saturday afternoon at Celina Creamery Co.

—Jeweler H. J. Smith was at Canton last Sunday the guest of his wife and daughter, who are visiting with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Beutelspacher.

Father Kidnaps His Son

Mrs. D. E. Shaffer, of Ridgeville, Ind., was in this city Wednesday endeavoring to secure possession of her ten year old son, who was kidnapped by her husband last August, and who was found camping south of this city. She recently secured a divorce from her husband and was given the custody of the child.

BRINDLE---Humane Teacher

[R. B. Thompson, of Salem, O., in "Our Dumb Animals."]

Although Jimmie had spent the sixteen years of his life on a big stock farm and possessed a rather intimate knowledge of animal life, his lot was, unfortunately, had never been cast with men who possessed any consideration for dumb brutes with which they worked. Indeed they had not even been required to consider humane treatment of animals matter of dollars and cents. Accordingly, they kicked and beat the horses and mules, swore at the cattle, used clubs to intimidate the hogs and were invariably cruel.

It never occurred to Jimmie that the horses which they were compelled to drive into a small enclosure to catch might be taught to come to the word of their master by the exercise of a little kindness, nor did he know that cows are naturally affectionate if given the least encouragement.

But an incident happened late one October afternoon which gave Jimmie an entirely different appreciation of animal life.

Brindle, a motherly old cow belonging to the herd on the farm, who had a few weeks previously presented her owner with a fine well-developed calf, had been missing for several days. One of the men had caught her and Brindle and her offspring to wander away into one of the large pasture fields. To Jimmie, who had hoped he could go nutting that afternoon, was assigned the duty of hunting Brindle and the calf and driving them back to the barn.

With a feeling of resentment toward his father, old Brindle and live stock in general, Jimmie set out reluctantly to find the missing cow. For two long hours he trudged across the fields, through valleys; fighting his way through underbrush and berry branches, growing more angry the while.

Finally, when stragling through one of the worst thickets he had encountered, he saw through the seared leaves what he thought was a small portion of Brindle's coat and closer investigation proved it to be the old cow. Jimmie's first impulse was to haul a club and administer a beating to the

BIG CONFLICT SET IN MOTION

When Legislature Decided on Constitutional Convention To Be Held in 1912

To Revise Organic Law of the State—Liquor Question to Cut Big Figure.

Ohio will hold a constitutional convention in 1912, the first since 1872. To make the calling of a convention certain, the house of representatives, following the lead of the senate, passed the Moore bill, providing that the Longworth law and making it apply at once to the calling of a convention to revise the organic law of the state. This means that if either of the party conventions this year indorses the holding of a constitutional convention, a vote for the board of election of that party will be a vote for the convention.

The Longworth law was received to this extent by both branches of the assembly in response to a demand from conflicting interests that all obstacles in the way of getting a favorable vote for a constitutional convention be removed. There appears to be no doubt that both the Republican and Democratic state conventions this year will indorse a constitutional convention and that the proposition will be placed on the ballot under the designation of the two dominant political divisions.

Such procedure means the inevitable indorsement of the convention at the polls next November. The assembly last year took the necessary action to submit the question of holding a convention and followed it up a few days since by providing machinery