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TAX RATE BOOSTED

But Action of Council in Passing Alleged Ordinance Makes Legality Doubtful.

Mr. Reliable Citizen Will Have to Dig Deep in His Jeans Coming Fiscal Year.

According to Dictum of Council, in Face of Proposed Increase in Realty Valuation.

Town Is Reaping Some of Wild Oats Sown a Few Years Ago in Order to Bud Boom.

The village council held a short session last Tuesday night, all members being present and Mayor Kenney presiding. Following the regular routine of opening the meeting, Fire Chief Weisman spoke to council in regard the water consumption of the town, stating that he believed council should make an order compelling the water consumers to discontinue using water for sprinkling after an alarm of fire had been sent in. He said that the engineer at the plant had told him that the pumps were kept going all day to keep the stand pipe filled during the summer months, but even then the water was used faster than the pumps could supply it. None of the dads seemed worried over the state of affairs, and the matter was passed by without consideration.

Councilman Beiersdorfer of the building committee, then brought up the subject of supplying heat for the city building next winter. Owing to the scarcity of gas he said the town could not depend upon it for fuel and the flues in the different parts of the building were in such condition that no other kind of fuel could be burned with safety. The matter was turned over to the building committee for investigation.

Tax Levy Coming Fiscal Year

The question of passing the annual tax levy for 1911 was then taken up, following the reading of the levy by the clerk, and after an hour's discussion as to the possibility of decreasing the levy, it was adopted as reported.

The total municipal levy amounts to 26 mills on the dollar valuation, apportioned as follows:

	Mills
General fund	1.75
Public health fund	.25
Public safety fund	1.00
Public service fund	4.50
Band concerts	.50
Sinking fund and interest	18.00
Total corporation tax levy	26.00

Adding to this the State levy of 1.345 mills, the county of levy of 12.655 mills, the school levy of 10 mills and the township levy of 1.5 mills, and we have a total levy for the town of 5.15 mills or $5.15 on each one hundred dollars. This is 55 cents higher on the hundred than last year, when the levy was $4.60, and is the highest rate that has confronted the tax-payers of the city in the last five years.

The big levy will cause kicks from many property owners of the town, but as it will raise only a few hundred dollars over the amount required to run the town and pay off the bonds and interest that fall due next year, council could not see its way clear to reduce the rate below the amount fixed.

There is a question raised, however, as to the legality of the levy, because of the fact that the law requires that the levy be made by ordinance, which, to be legalized, shall be passed by three readings of council and published for two consecutive weeks in two newspapers of opposite politics in the village. While the levy was not passed in the manner prescribed by law, a record has been made on the ordinance journal to the effect that it was done and certified to the County Auditor in that manner.

HAPPY REUNION OF BASTIAN FAMILY

Who Gathered at Home of W. H. Bastian, in Liberty Township, Last Sunday.

Five brothers and sisters of W. H. Bastian met at the home of the latter in Liberty township, nine miles west of Celina, last Sunday in family reunion, in which their children and a few other relatives participated. In the shade of the grove they spen a pleasant day, thirty-six partaking of a fine dinner extracted from well filled baskets. It was surely a happy gathering, as many were from distant States and had not met together for many a day.

Those to participate in the reunion were James Pearson, wife and daughters Edythe and Ivy, of Wabash, O.; Oscar Dumbauld and wife, of Durbin; Philip Bastian, wife and daughter Hazel, of Rockford, and son Hoy, of Willshire; Mrs. Hannah Shorey, of Marian, Neb.; Mrs. Jacob Clouse and children, Nellie, Dallas and Vinnie, of Danbury, Neb.; George Clouse, wife and children, Ermal, Katie, Thelma, Lucy, Austin, Hazel and Lovette, of Rockford; Cleve Smith and wife, of Durbin; W. A. Hoover, wife and son Bevin, of Montpelier, Ind.; Mae and Jay Bastian; Philip Fennig and wife, of Wabash, and Mr. Kelly, of near Coldwater.

Candidates Iniatiated

Seven candidates were initiated into the local order of Knights of St. John last Sunday afternoon, the work being exemplified by the local degree team. Following the intiation the ladies auxiliary entertained with a delicious lunch in honor of the new members. The class included Clifford Winkelohan, John Romer, Joseph Knapke, Frank Fischer, Frank Fullenkamp, Harman Fischer and Andrew Metzner.

Reunion 71st Great Success

The reunion of the Seventy-first Regiment O. V. I. in this city yesterday brought together about one-half of the widely-scattered survivors, and the program arranged under the direction of Veteran Dan Doty was fully carried out. The meeting was a pleasant one and nothing occurred to mar its pleasures, which were heartily participated in by members of other regiments and particularly those associated with the local G.A.R. post, as well as our citizens.

A report of the proceedings will appear in the next issue of The Democrat and a copy of the paper mailed to each of the survivors of the regiment.

Following the decision to hold the next reunion at Ludlow Falls on the fourth Thursday of May 1911, the following officers were chosen: President, Rev. Enos Pemberton; vice president, Malcom H. Davis; secretary and treasurer, T. M. Campbell.

GET IN LINE

Let There Be No Laggards Among the County's Sunday-Schools

When the Big Parade Begins to Move at Celebration Next Monday.

Weather permitting, Monday will see the biggest sane celebration of the Fourth Mercer County has ever seen.

The managers of the affair have left nothing undone to make it a success.

The parade will be one of the most prominent features of the celebration. To make the most of this part of the day's program every Sunday-school pupil in the county should get in line.

If you happen to live in Gibson or Recovery township and do not happen to be on hand when the parade is forming, get in line somewhere.

The parade will form between the park gate and Main street and await the arrival of Gov. Hanley, who will probably arrive on the L. E. & W. from the west and head the parade.

Bring your flags, your banners and your emblems.

Line of March

Several bands will furnish music.

The line of march will be north on Main street to the Ellis hotel, thence west on Livingston to Walnut, south to Fayette, thence east to Main, then south to Warren street, thence east to the park.

Gov. Hanley will make his great Fourth of July oration at the Chautauqua auditorium in the afternoon, and he should be given a patriotic and magnificent audience.

Deplorable Accident

Carrol Stubbs, second son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Stubbs, narrowly escaped death, but will possibly loose the sight of his eyes as the result of an explosion at the Crampton Canning factory last Friday afternoon shortly after four o'clock.

Young Stubbs was looking after the cooking of the peas, when one of the large vats which he had closed up, exploded from a too heavy pressure of steam. As he closed the lid on the vat and put the heavy lid holders in place he stooped to look at the steam guage, and this fact possibly saved him from being killed. As the force of the explosion tore off the top of the big vat the young man received the escaping steam and peas in his face. The main force of the explosion went skyward, tearing a big hole in the roof of the building, while cans in the part of the building for filling were scattered in all. Several other employes who were on the ground a short distance from the vats were knocked down but none seriously injured.

His father was immediately summoned and other physicians called, and after a consultation it was deemed advisable to take him to the hospital at Lima. Word was sent to the Western Ohio Auto garage and Vining automobile took the injured lad, accompanied by his father, to Lima.

Invention Turned to Fraudulent Use

Probably without any intention to defraud but by placing on the market a machine which, in the hands of dishonestly inclined persons, has already caused the government officials much trouble, some unknown person has perfected what is known as a merging machine, which will make one pound of butter into two. By the addition of one pint of milk, the pound of butter is placed in the machine and violently churned until the whole mass becomes solid and a person who was inclined to cheat could make money very fast as butter brings a good price. But the government has taken steps to prevent this and the mixture of milk and butter in this manner is under the laws

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Peculiar Accident

John Puthoff met with a painful and peculiar accident last Saturday. He was bedding one of his horses when he accidentally struck the animal on the hoof causing it to kick. When it did so it struck the fork, the prongs of which in some manner struck Mr. Puthoff in the throat. The injury is not serious.

Except Saturdays

Our clothing and shoe store will be closed at 6 p.m. during July and August except Saturdays.

OLNHAUSEN & SMITH.

GROUND BROKE FOR CLUB-HOUSE

At Mercelina Park—Will Be a Substantial and Attractive Modern Structure.

Ground was broke last Monday by Contractor H. B. Hughes for the big club house at Mercelina Park and work on the new structure will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The new building will be 55 by 98 feet, two stories high, with an eight foot basement. The basement of the building will be fitted up with three apartments. One side of the room will be used for a bowling alley, while the rest of the space will go to make up a kitchen, dining room and soft drink stand. The first floor of the building will be made into two separate floor spaces. The center will be an oval space for dancing, while around the outside of the dancing pavilion will be an eight foot wide track for roller skating. The upper or second floor will consist of a balcony for spectators, a large assembly room and several private office rooms. The building is being erected on the highest part of the Park grounds in the northeast end or where the big tent was placed during the first Chautauqua. The building will be made a permanent one and so arranged that it can be tightly closed for winter use, the Park managers arranging to install a heating system to heat the big hall during the winter months. Owing to the magnitude of the building it will be impossible to complete it by the time of the opening of this year's Chautauqua, but the management of the park expect to have it so far along that the basement and first floor will be ready for temporary use during this year's big meet.

Several more cottages are going up on the Park ground and the big grand stand has been completely overhauled. The old bath houses at the beach have been torn down and one good permanent bbilding will be erected instead. People who attend the Chautauqua this year will hardly find in the New Mercelina Park any semblance of the old Chautauqua park and unkept grounds which have greeted the eye heretofore.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Mary Darrah, aged 81 years, the venerable mother of Mesdames J. D. Johnson and G. J. C. Wintermute, of this city, died at the former's home, North Main street, at half-past 6 o'clock last Monday evening, after an illness growing out of the infirmities of old age.

She was born near St. Louis, Mo., in December, 1829. In November, 1852, she was united in marriage to Rev. J. A. Darrah at St. Louis. They later moved to Ohio, and following her husband's death she moved to this city. She is survived by three daughters, Mesdames Johnson and Wintermute of this city and M. M. Lawson, of Nashville, Ark.; eleven grand children and two great grand children.

Funeral services were held at the Senator Johnson home at half-past 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, after which the remains were taken to St. Marys and laid beside those of her late husband.

Among the out-of-town relatives attending the funeral were Mrs. Mary Black and Miss Margaret Black, of Clayton, Mo.; Miss Ella Barron, of Webster Grove, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, of Columbus.

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Vitus Hein, aged 68 years, a well known resident of the south part of the county, died at his home at Cranberry Prairie last Sunday evening after suffering for several years with cancer of the face. His wife died but three weeks ago. Several children survive. Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church at Cranberry Wednesday morning.

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Rev. Father Henry Goldschmitt, aged 44 years, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic congregation at Sharpsburg for the past twelve years, died at St. Ann's Sanitarium at Chicago, Ill., last Monday after an illness of several weeks. The remains were brought to this city over the Cincinnati Northern Wednesday afternoon, and from here were taken to the Seminary at Carthagena, where funeral services will be held this morning.

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Oran Purdy, aged 66 years, a well known resident of the north part of the county, died at his home seven miles south west of Rockford last Sunday morning of blood poison, which set in several weeks ago following a slight scratch of his left hand with a rusty nail. He was born in this county and is survived by his father, wife and several children. Funeral services were held last Tuesday morning at Bethel.

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Mrs. Carl Evane, aged 25 years, a former resident of this city, died at her home at Piqua Wednesday evening, as the result of an operation which she underwent three weeks previous. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Jane Byerly, two brothers and eight sisters, all of whom, excepting one brother, reside in this city. The remains were brought here on the 4:22 W. O. car yesterday afternoon and taken to the John Kyle home in the East End.

Charged With Non-Support

Noah Miller was arrested at Hartford City, Ind., Wednesday by Officer Hight and brought to this city to answer to a charge of non-support, filed by his wife, Josie Miller, of Union Township. He plead guilty before Justice Raudabaugh and was put under to support his child.

New Girl in Town

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Avers, East Anthony street, are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Tuesday morning. Mother and child doing nicely and Wink—well, he the biggest dad in Uncle Sam's domain.

July Weather DeVoe's Say

Weather Prophet DeVoe in his prediction for July says that it will be a very hot month. After the first week it will become very dry. 1st to 2nd, hot and sultry. 3rd to 4th, cloudy and sultry. On the 5th a storm will form over the Ohio Valley and move Eastward, causing violent thunder storms, 6th to 7th, heavy thunder storms. These storms will clear up warm, and the rainfall will be very light the balance of the month. 8th to 9th, pleasant. 10th to 12th, hot and sultry. 12th to 14th, thunder storms. 15th to 16th, pleasant. 17th to 18th, hot and sultry. 19th to 21st hot wave, 22nd and 23rd, showers. 24th and 25th, pleasant. 26th to 27th, showers. 28th to 31st, hot wave.

BASE BALL

The fast St. Marys team will cross bats with the local club at Mercelina Park next Sunday afternoon. The Kids defeated St. Marys in that city several weeks ago and the Saintly City lads will journey here Sunday for blood. Either Fredericks or Myers will pitch for Celina with McComb working behind the bat. Swarts or Dummy Dix will do the twirling for the visitors.

Celina won a loosely played and one-sided contest from Delphos last Sunday ten to three. The Kids were rigged out in their new uniforms for the first time and made a neat appearance on the diamond, but the big crowd was disappointed in the game.

Delphos was unable to do any damage to Fredericks slants, while the Kids laid on heavy on Stalkamp, the big visiting south paw, pounding him freely whenever they got down to business.

Betz opened things for the locals in the second with a deep drive to right which netted him two bases. He went to third on an out and scored on a deep fly to left. In the third McKirnan opened with a single and stole second making a pretty slide to the sack. Wenning hit a high line drive to third and Stalkamp fumbled. The little back stop then made a pretty attempt to sacrifice on a high one, and laid such a slow one down the third base line that it couldn't be handled, the Rabbit scoring. Konk stole second and Ellis followed with a clean one to right scoring Hobby and McComb. Ellis was cut off trying to steal second. Myers and Fredericks fanned.

In the sixth the boys made it three more—Betz singled, Fredericks was safe on an error by Hummer and both scored when Burris singled to right. Burris got second on a passed ball, was sacrificed to third and scored on an out.

Again in the seventh it went three more and might have gone a dozen if the boys had played ball. Hobby started it by dropping one safe over short. McComb followed suit, putting Wenning on third. Ellis sacrificed and was saved by a fumble of Seuvers, Wenning scoring. Myers laid a slow one in the infield and an attempt to catch the little back stop failed, the ball going into the crowd and Ellis also scoring. Myers went to sleep and was caught trying to steal home on a short throw to second. Betz walked and Burris got hit in the ribs, but Fredericks and Kistler fanned.

The visitors got their first one in the fourth. Stalkamp singled, but was doubled up a moment later when an attempt to sacrifice went into a little fly to Ellis. Seuvers singled. Then Fredericks let the first one get away by fumbling a hot liner. He followed this with a hard drop which went a bit low and Konk got it on the shins. McComb, however, recovered the ball and attempted to head off Seuvers, who had started for third, but he threw low to Ellis, the ball going to the outfield and the visitor scoring.

Fredericks tossed them up after this while the boys went to laying off, and it was only a piece of luck that the visitors didn't run in more than they did. In the eighth C. Powell led off with a clean two-bagger to deep right. He was advanced on a single by Helmkamp, but was thrown out on an attempt to steal home on McComb's fake throw to Betz to catch Helmkamp. Koilsmith flew out to McKirnan. L. Stalkamp got a base on balls. Konk again attempted the short throw to Betz, but the throw was low, and before George got straightened up the damage was done. R. Stalkamp then dropped a little fly in Burris coffers, but he fumbled it. Seuvers rolled out to Fredericks: Score:

CELINA	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SO.	PO.	A.	E.
McComb, c	5	2	2	1	2	13	1	1
Ellis, 3b	5	1	2	1	0	1	4	0
Myers, lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Betz, 2b	2	2	2	1	0	2	2	0
Fredericks, p	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	1
Burris, rf	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Kistler, cf	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
McKirnan, ss	4	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
Wenning, 1b	3	2	1	1	0	9	0	0
Totals	34	10	10	5	10	27	9	3

DELPHOS	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	SO.	PO.	A.	E.
L. Stalkamp, 3b	3	1	1	1	2	0	1	1
R. Stalkamp, p	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Seuvers, 1b	4	1	1	0	1	9	0	1
Schroeder, lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Y. Powell, cf	4	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
Hummer, 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
C. Powell, c	4	0	1	0	2	13	1	0
Helmkamp, rf	3	1	2	1	1	0	0	0
Koilsmith, ss	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Total	33	3	7	2	12	24	12	3

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Celina	0	1	3	0	0	3	3	0	*—10
Wapakoneta	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0—3

Earned Runs—Celina 6.
Two-Base Hits—Betz, C. Powell.
Sacrifice Hits—Kistler, Ellis, Hummer.
First Base on Balls—Off Fredericks 1, off Stalkamp 3.
Double Plays—McComb to Wenning; Ellis to Wenning.
Passed Ball—Powell.
Hit by Pitcher—Burris.
Time of Game—1:55.
Umpire—Ungerer.

George Myers Reports

George Myers, the big Lima twirler, who was recently secured by Manager Thaman, arrived in this city yesterday, but will not likely work against St. Marys Sunday as he is suffering with a sprained right leg, which he accidentally received in a fall at Lima Wednesday. He expects, however, to be able to don a uniform and may play part of the game in the outfield. He is putting up, for the present, with his brother, Dr. Herbert Myers, at Richardson's summer cottage at Edgewater Park.

DIAMOND NOTES.

Betz, who has not secured a hit in the last three games, found his batting eye again last Sunday and made a clean record for the day. He was passed twice, but hit safely both times he got a chance.

Fredericks struck out two men in each of the first four innings and might have made a record but for the fact that he laid down

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NEW TRACTION LINES TO CELINA

Stirring Country to West of Us, Which Is Planning Big Things for Future.

[Portland (Ind.) Sun, June 24.]

Upon the routes selected by the two traction lines that are now under progress of construction through Jay county, or the possible extension of the Muncie and Portland traction line, depends the organization and establishment of two new banks in the county, so says rumors that are now being scattered broadcast over the east tier of townships, however, nothing definite can be learned of the rumored organization and as both are dependent upon the expenditure of vast sums of money necessitated by the construction of traction lines the promoters of which would receive no direct benefits from the banking institutions, it is safe to predict that it will be some time before the banks are opened for business.

One of the proposed banks, if organized, will be located at New Corydon and the other at Salamonia. At New Corydon the proposition of organizing the bank is dependent solely upon the extension of the B. G. & E. line now in operation between Bluffton and Geneva, which is said will be built as far east as New Corydon before the coming fall, however, surveyors are now at work surveying two routes under consideration one by way of Bryant towards this city and the other by way of New Corydon in the direction of Celina, Ohio.

At Salamonia the rumor has it that the bank will be organized provided the Ft. Wayne and Springfield Railway company, now operating a traction line between Ft. Wayne and Decatur, is extended from its present terminus through Salamonia en route to Springfield, Ohio.

In both New Corydon and Salamonia, it is said, local residents who own large farms or have other business interests and would be benefitted by the establishment of a bank, will be associated with one or the other enterprises and the stock, according to the plans now under consideration, will be subscribed for by residents of the county.

The latest dope concerning the proposed extension of the three traction lines already mentioned, has sprung up since the survey of the route from Geneva to Bryant was ordered by the B. G. & E. line. It is now presumed by several, who have hopes of the lines being extended but have no direct means of finding out in advance the plans of the promoters of the line, that the M. B. & E. will be built this year as far as Bryant and next year will be brought on to this city and connect with the Muncie and Portland line which in time will be built east to Celina, making connections there with the M. B. & E. line for this city in which case the connecting link between Eastern Indiana and Western Ohio will have been made.

Story of Merger Denied

According to a dispatch from Fort Wayne this morning the Fort Wayne & Springfield and B. G. & C. traction lines will merge and build a single and joint line to Celina, Ohio. There is nothing to the story according to the local stockholders of the B., G. & C., although such has been talked of at different times.

At the present time a gang of surveyors in charge of Engineer Fred Davenport are surveying a route to Celina from Geneva. This proposed extension, however, will be built by the B., G. & C. men alone, according to the stockholders.

The Fort Wayne and Springfield line is operated at the present time from Ft. Wayne to Decatur and the stockholders have been planning on starting work for the completion of the road for several months. They had planned on following the G. R. & I. road to Portland and by that route to Springfield. The two traction lines would join at Geneva according to the Fort Wayne report.—Bluffton Banner.

WHAT ABOUT THEIR PERSONAL LIBERTY

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago says that thirty breweries, including some of the largest in the country, have joined with the Chicago police in their crusade against the selling of liquor in tenderloin resorts.

These brewers have given Police Chief Steward a written guarantee that they will assist in preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors in all resorts in the city and will not deliver beer to any resort that has been placed under the ban.

"The brewers have made it plain that the administration of any large city can prohibit the sale of liquors in dens of vice if the administration so desires," said one of the brewers.

But what about the personal liberty of these people? Are they to be denied their "rights," simply because such a course is necessary to the good government of Chicago?—Commoner.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

Mesdames W. T. Palmer and S. A. Bowman will entertain the ladies' aid society of the M. E. Church at the Bowman residence, North Main street, this afternoon.

A pleasant party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kable, in Liberty township, last Sunday, when a number of intimate friends gathered to remind their daughter, Miss Orrala, of her eighteenth birthday anniversary. Those present were Christ Schmidt and daughter Amelia, Clifford McQueen, wife and daughter Beatrice; Goldie Gilbert, Vistula Snavely, Flossie Stoll, Florence Hone, Icy Martz, Pearlie Hone, Estella Hone, Olive Stoll, Lena Schmidt, Nora Hone, Edith Martz, Lowell Kendall, Katie Hone, Florence Martz, Myrtle Kendall, Nancy Stoll, Dora Hone, Laura Wietz, Mable McGillvary, Howard McGillvary, Chester Walton, Clida and Eddie Freewalt and Willie Howell.

Don't forget that you have an unpaid subscription that needs fixin'.

Oil Find Again Stirs Burkettsville

The possibility of an oil boom in the south end of the county in the vicinity of Burkettsville was started the first of the week when a well being drilled by the South Mercer Oil & Gas company just north east of Burkettsville, made a good showing of oil after being shot last Monday afternoon. The company recently drilled in two wells in Burkettsville for gas. The gas pressure was strong but both wells showed some oil. Several leases were made following the shooting of the well last Monday and there is promises of a renewal of the oil business in this section, which abated several years ago when the fields west of Burkettsville and near Sharpsburg were abandoned.

CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

[New Bremen Sun, June 24.]

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Hy Brune, 4 1-2 miles east of this city, was the scene of a very pleasant time on Tuesday of this week, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their marriage day. Mr. and Mrs. Brune, who have attained the age of 70 and 68 years respectively, are well and favorably known throughout this community and have resided here their entire life. They are the parents of 11 children, all of whom are living and doing well, and all of whom were present. The celebration of the event began early in the day and lasted far into the night and according to reports was a highly pleasing one to all who had the pleasure of participating. The following is a list of guests present.

Wm. Brune, New Knoxville; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schmidt and son Rollie, Durbin; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brune and daughter Loree, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Brune, jr., and sons Irwin and Cletus, Celina; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Aufderhaar and son Orville, and Theo Brune, New Knoxville; Alice, Harry and Minnie Bruno, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryan and Harlie and Eulalie Long, Wabash; Ollie and Hy Brune, Paulding; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kolthoff, Mr. and Mrs. John Fishbach, Henry Quellhorst, Sophia Quellhorst, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gruebmeyer and son Orville, Clara and Luetta Kolthoff, Harry and Walter Fishbach from here; Chris Barstenstein, Mrs. Hones, Mrs. Schmidt, Emelie Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Kable and daughter Aurelia of Durbin.

CUPID'S VICTIMS

A pretty wedding of prominent young people was solemnized at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoenie, north west of this city, on the 23rd inst, when the youngest daughter of the household, Miss Augusta, was united in marriage to Druggist Clifford Nungester, of New Castle, Ind., the ceremony being performed at 10 o'clock that morning by Rev. J. E. Harmon, of St. John's Lutheran Church this city, and witnessed by only the relatives of the contracting parties. Following the ceremony an elaborate wedding dinner was served. The bride is one of Hopewell Township's most accomplished daughters and has a wide range of acquaintance. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Nungester, of Hopewell Township, and is well known in this city and county. He taught school in the county for a number of years and afterwards came to this city, where he clerked in the Riley drug store for some time prior to going to New Castle, where he and his younger brother, Harry, embarked in in the drug business for themselves. The young couple came to this city in the afternoon and left on the west bound Lake Erie at 4:58 for New Castle, where they will reside and where the groom had a cosy home fitted up for the reception of his bride. The Democrat joins their host of friends in this city and county in extending hearty congratulations.

Rudolph Simon last week received cards announcing the marriage of Arthur G. Kasson, formerly operator at the Lake Erie depot in this city, but now train dispatcher of the Lake Erie at Lafayette, Ind., to Miss Iris Estella Finnincle, of Lima, which occurred in the latter town on the evening of the 22nd. Mr. Kasson has many friends among the younger crowd of this city who will be pleased to hear of his matrimonial adventure and who join the Democrat in extending hearty felicitations.

Urban H. Clay and Miss Vina E. Wharton, both prominent young people of Union Township, were in marriage by Rev. Bennett of the M. E. Church at the Probate Judge's office last Saturday morning. They will reside with the groom's mother, Mrs. Lydia Clay, near Mendon.

A pretty wedding occurred at the Catholic Church at Coldwater last Tuesday morning when Benjamin Oppenhiem, a member of the firm of the Coldwater Spreader Works Co., was united in marriage to Miss Irma Rahe, youngest daughter of Mrs. Anna Rahe, of Coldwater. The young people were attended by Miss Eulalia Bettinger and Jos. Oppenheim, a brother of the groom. Following the ceremony a delicious wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home. The young people left Wednesday for a honeymoon trip to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and points in Canada.

C. Lyman Conner, of Ada, and Miss Bernice Rice, of this city, were united in marriage by the bride's father, Rev. L. Rice, at the M. E. Circuit parsonage in this city, at high noon last Wednesday. The ceremony was performed in the presence of relatives and a few friends. The bride is the highly accomplished daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. Rice, and the groom is a son of J. P. Conner, of Ada, and is one of the leading druggists of that city. Following the ceremony a delicious wedding dinner was served, and during the afternoon the young couple motored to Ada, where the groom had a home prepared for his bride.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Lutheran parsonage in this city last Sunday afternoon, when the pastor of St. John's Church, Rev. J. E. Harmon, united in the bonds of holy wedlock Grover C. Hole, of this city, and Miss Alvina Diener, of Hopewell township.

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ROBBERY OF FAIR

Through the Generous Old Family Ticket Route to Be Stamped Out.

Sale of Them Will Continue, but Plan to Prevent Abuse Has Been Adopted.

The Mercer County Agricultural Society, through Secretary Vining, has issued the following self-explanatory notice to the public:

The time for the great Banner Fair is but a short time off.

We desire to say a few words in regard to family tickets. There are but few fairs in Ohio that can meet their expenses when family tickets are used. Mercer county is one of the successful ones, and we hope to be able to continue them, and can if they are not abused.

Thousands for Betterments

Our expenses this year will be increased by several thousand dollars. The great demand for stalls has compelled us to build a new barn for horses. Then we have secured an air ship, automobile races and increased the premiums in almost every line. We must have the money to meet this. Our premiums alone will amount to about $9,500.00. We hope to increase our gate receipts, since everything this year will be of the best, and promises are given to break all previous records.

Stop, Look and Listen

The family ticket used will admit man and wife and all children under 14 years. It will entitle the holder to leave the grounds twice each day. But now, stop, look and listen! If you leave the ground during the day and desire to return, you must on leaving the ground, hand your ticket to the gate-keeper and have it punched, otherwise it will not re-admit you. Don't forget this, for this rule will be strictly adhered to.

Samples of Abuse of Tickets

We know of one instance where a party, after entering the grounds, borrowed four family tickets, went on the outside and gave them to four other families who entered on them, thus securing the admission of nine families on five tickets. This is done in hundreds of cases.

We receive at our gates only about one-half as much money as a great many other Ohio fairs that have a much smaller attendance.

No Excuse Will Go

It is our desire, then, to impress upon the public that they must get their tickets punched when leaving the grounds.

Don't say you did not know it, for this will be printed on your ticket and will be printed in all the papers in Mercer County from now until the fair.

Don't say you did not see it. This is evidence that you do not read a county paper.

Don't say you forgot it, this shows carelessness.

Don't say the Fair Board is trying to hold you up. They are not. We are trying to stop the abuse of the family ticket and thus save its life.

In other words, GET YOUR TICKET PUNCHED ON LEAVING THE GROUNDS, or it will not re-admit that day. And no excuse will go.

Court Matters

After an hour's deliberation the jury trying the case of George Vandenbosch against John Langerick last Tuesday afternoon returned a verdict, no cause of action. Vandenbosch brought suit to recover judgment in the sum of $139, with interest, alleging that amount due him on terms of a contract of the rental of his farm and for damage to his property by the defendant during his occupancy of the farm.

On request of Judge Layton, Judge Bailey, of Ottawa, while holding court in this city last Monday re-assigned the John Horton green goods case for July 11. It was set for the 5th. The attorney's for the defendant are asking that the matter be delayed until fall because of the hot weather.

Town Topics

Frank Fetzer this week purchased a lot of the Celina Realty Company, North Mill street, and will build an up-to-date cottage home.

At a meeting of the Jefferson Township school board last Saturday Contractor Michael Boehmer was awarded the contract for building the new frame school building in District No. 7, for the sum of $1,750.

Perry Baker has resigned his position as pharmacist in the Taylor drug store and is contemplating opening up a drug store of his own on South Main street, in the Ungerer building. Mr. Greenwalt, of Hicksville, has accepted the position made vacant by Mr. Baker.

Benjamin Cox, of Tou Velle street, an employee of the Raudabaugh a Ball saw mill, had his left leg badly fractured and bruised up in several places last Friday afternoon, while unloading some heavy logs from the Cincinnati Northern siding in their yards.

One of the big freight locomotives on the Cincinnati Northern turned turtle when it ran off a siding near the Palmer & Miller elevator last Saturday afternoon, delaying traffic on the road for several hours. South bound passenger train due out of here at 2:48 was delayed five hours here as the result of the wreck. Work trains from both north and south were sent in here to help clear the track, but after finding it impossible to right the big engine a track was temporarily built around the wreck. The engine was not gotten back on the track until Sunday morning.

Wanted—A middle-aged man to represent us in this vicinity. Special inducements. Permanent position. An opportunity to make a good weekly income. C. R. BERR & CO. NURSERIES, Manchester, Conn.