

# Vincennes Commercial.

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PRICE THREE CENTS.

## CONTRACT LET TO A TERRE HAUTE FIRM

For the Improvement of Reel Avenue From Second to Terre Haute Road—Sidewalk to be Placed Aaround the New Hospital.

The board of works held another busy meeting at the City Hall Friday afternoon, and considerable business was transacted. The principal action taken by the board was the granting of the contract for the improvement of Reel avenue to Foulkes, Forbes, & Co., of Terre Haute.

The contract calls for the improvement of Reel avenue from Second to Chestnut street, by grading and graveling the roadbed, and by putting down concrete sidewalks and stone curbing. Only two bids were submitted, one by Pennington, and the other by the successful bidder. The prices submitted were as follows:

Foulkes, Forbes & Co., embankment, 30 cents, excavation, 20 cents, gravel, 85 cents, curbing 45 and sidewalk 10 3-4.

Pennington, embankment, 30 cents, excavation, 20 cents, gravel 90, curbing, 46, sidewalk, 13 cents. Hospital Sidewalks.

Hon. James W. Emison and other members of the board of trustees of the Good Samaritan hospital pe-

tioned the board that they cause to be put down concrete sidewalks and stone curbing on Dubois and the Nicholas side of the handsome edifice. The petition was granted and the city civil engineer was instructed to prepare the necessary estimates.

Petition Not Granted.

A petition was received from the Seventh Day Adventists, for permission to hold a ten days meeting in Harrison park. The petition was not granted.

Preparing the Main.

Manager Wyness, of the Vincennes Light & Power Co., filed notice that he is making a general repair of the mains on Barnet street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Other Matters.

The claim of George Hall, of \$10.00 for ten days work as rodman for the city civil engineer, was granted.

The claim of Jerry Hershey for eight days at \$3.50 each, amounting to \$28.00, as assistant engineer was granted.

A petition from the city civil engineer for necessary supplies was granted.

## HARRIMAN WANTS MORE PROFITS FOR STOCKHOLDERS

RAILROAD MANIPULATOR ADMITS HIS ONE FIX'D POLICY IS "FOR DIVIDENDS ONLY."

Financier Says Time Has Not Come For Federal Ownership of Transportation Properties—Would Not Manage Them.

Reno, Nev., Aug. 16.—"All the railroads in the country would be mine if I could get control of them," said Edward H. Harriman on his arrival at Sparks, Nev., in the course of an interview, during which he discussed his work and his ambitions. "I have been quoted seriously for an expression made jocularly to the effect that I would manage the railroads for the federal government, that I would turn my holdings over to the United States for a fair compensation and act them as a commissioner. "But I am misunderstood. The time has not come for federal ownership."

"What is your policy concerning the management of the railroads you now own?" Mr. Harriman was asked.

"It is to pay dividends," was the decisive answer. "Since 1898 we have spent \$300,000,000 for improvements. We want some returns. Don't you think we are entitled to returns from such an expenditure? Mine, then, is a financial policy. I watch that end of the game. Other matters are left to



EDWARD H. HARRIMAN. (One of the Best Known of American Railroad Men.)

the officials concerned with me. There is not much to that policy excepting to make a good investment better.

"Agitation of the abuses on the railroads makes harder the accomplishment of local improvements. Facts that in themselves are insignificant are magnified and distorted by the public. It is the spirit of the age—and the newspapers—so what can we do?"

"Why did you not answer the question put to you by the interstate commerce commission? Will you answer them when the proceedings brought by the department of justice force you to appear for the second time?"

"I refused to tell what I know about the Chicago & Alton purchase because the questions put to me dealt with matters of policy," Mr. Harriman replied. "Some of them I would not answer any more than you would, if asked from whom you bought your suspenders, or how much you paid for your shirt. I could not, to be specific, answer all the questions in justice to my associates in the purchase."

"But now that the proceedings have been started to get these replies, I will probably not refuse again. Inquiries directed at me in connection with the Chicago & Alton case will perhaps result in the answers desired by the interstate commerce commission. It was a business principle involved that prevented me from answering questions. I may answer when the matter comes up again."

In closing the interview, Mr. Harriman declared that in the future the policy of his roads in the matter of rates, extensions, etc., would be to develop the state of Nevada and the entire western territory, through both the north and south lines.

Mr. Harriman positively declined to discuss political

Lynched a Negro.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 16.—Constable Burrus of Tiptonville, Tenn., was overpowered by a mob at Maple, Ky., and his prisoner, Will Clifford, a negro 30 years old, was taken from him, carried to within one mile of Clifton and hanged Thursday night.

## FIVE KILLED IN CHICAGO

VICTIMS CAUGHT IN FALLING TENEMENT WRECKED BY WIND EARLY FRIDAY.

FIVE ARE FATALLY INJURED

Firemen and Rescuers Are Unable to Reach Sufferers Buried in the Debris—Flood Adds to Terror of Storm.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Five persons were killed, five others believed to be fatally injured, and 20 additional seriously hurt in the collapse of a tenement house at 35 Fry street, blown down by a windstorm that swept Chicago early Friday.

The Dead. KATE NOSAL, aged 6. ANNE NOSAL, aged 35. ANNA FRANCKI, aged 31. JOHN NOSAL, aged 20 months. ALBERT SPAHN, 23 years old. The fatally injured: Thomas Darchinski, Joseph Wetgret, John Warden, Joseph Wasmakl. Among the injured: Joseph Krosal, Anna Kexasmlak, Nettie Nosal, William Schuchwen, Joseph Zarawski. Victims in the Ruins.

The tenement, a two-story frame structure, that housed 50 persons, went down with a crash that argued the neighborhood. When the first of the rescuers reached the scene they heard the pleadings and wailing of the injured and dying, but could see none of them, for the injured were buried beneath the debris.

Horrible scenes followed the arrival of the fire department, which was summoned immediately. Scores of men tore at the wrecked parts of the tenement, forced almost beyond human strength by the cries of the victims.

All about were the evidences of the storm, one of the severest in the history of Chicago. Outbuildings were blown in every direction, infirm structures were swaying in the wind, while hundreds of panic-stricken people filled the streets.

Away on the North Side a flood raging, which added to the terror of the storm that struck the city with its greatest fury at 1 o'clock, although it had raged for several hours.

The storm, backing up the lake water at the Chicago avenue intake, burst a 36-inch water main. The residence district in that part of the city is flooded with a foot of water. Ten horses were drowned in basement barns.

RAJD MADE ON GAMING SWELLS.

Atlantic City Hotel Man Arrested and Society Is Scared.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 16.—Philadelphia's best society, which patronizes the Hotel Carlton, one of the most exclusive in this resort, is shocked at the arrest of the proprietor, Charles Sazazel, on a charge of running a gambling house.

Society also is alarmed over the fact that private detectives have been working in the hotel for weeks, and many of the best families will be summoned to tell what they know about bridge and poker for big stakes there. It is feared that neither sex will be spared.

The action is taken by the Good Citizens' League, a reform organization.

WOMEN HURT IN COLLISION.

Trolley Car, Fired by Broken Wire, Crashes into Load of Passengers.

Philadelphia, Aug. 16.—A broken feed wire on the Germantown trolley line set a crowded car on fire, causing it to strike another car well filled with passengers, and resulted in severe injuries to eight persons. With the exception of the motorman, who was severely hurt, all those injured are women.

The motorman was severely burned by the flames shooting over the front of his car to the controller. The others, who were passengers, were hurt in jumping from the car while it was in motion.

KILLS SUSPICIOUS HUSBAND.

Wife Shoots Spouse as He Enters Window Late at Night.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Aug. 16.—Jas. A. Conley was shot and killed at 81 Commerce street by Madeline Conley his wife.

The man got home at 2 o'clock and found the door of his house locked. He was climbing through a window when the woman shot him. Conley ran outside and fell dead.

It is said another man was the cause of the trouble. The woman was arrested.

## EX-NOTORIOUS OUTLAW WAS VISITOR IN CITY

Frank James, Who is on Parole From the Missouri State Prison Spent Last Evening in This City—Is Getting Old.

A visitor whose presence in the city some thirty years ago, if it had been known, would certainly have startled the natives, spent Friday night as a guest at the Union Depot hotel.

The visitor was none other than Frank James, one of the notorious James Boys, who terrorized the citizens of the state of Missouri, and neighboring states a number of years ago, until Jesse James was killed and the others of the notorious outlaws were captured and convicted.

Frank James who spent the evening here, was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, but after serving a number of years was paroled by the governor of Missouri, but must report at stated intervals to the officials, and he is not permitted to leave the state of Missouri unless he asks permission and notifies the officers where he is going.

The once notorious outlaw, looks more like a sporty southern colonel at the present time. He is getting decidedly old and thin, and is very

tall, but carries himself as straight as a soldier.

Mr. James arrived here on the Big Four train from Robinson, Ill., where he had spent the day and where he had been prevailed upon to act as starter for the races at that point. After arriving here the first place he visited was the hotel saloon, where he treated several men who came over from Robinson with him. After leaving them, he went to the ticket office and purchased a ticket for Louisville and made inquiry as to the sleeping car as he said he was decidedly tired. After again visiting the saloon with a couple of local men, Mr. James entered the hotel office and registered in a bold hand, "Frank James, Mo." and as soon as he was assigned a room, he retired, leaving orders to be awakened in time to take the B. & O. train for Louisville.

Although it was not done intentionally, Mr. James was assigned to room 64 by the night clerk, and it developed later that Mr. James was just 64 years of age that day. The former outlaw attracted considerable attention.

## PLEADED GUILTY

Women Arrested Thursday for Drunk Changed Their Minds Friday.

Lil Seibert and Bess Smith, who were arrested Thursday night by Patrolman Evans, were tried yesterday in the police court for drunk and both of them pleaded guilty to the charge. They were fined \$11.

The Seibert woman and her husband have been parted for some months but it is said that he appeared yesterday and they have decided to go back together again and leave the city. The woman says that she intends to do better. It is not known whether they left or not but they gave that report to one of the patrolmen.

John Medcalf was also fined \$1 and costs for intoxication.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT

A north end woman had been missing eggs from her house for several days and yesterday watched for the thieves and saw some boys slip into the house. She slipped out to the hen house and locked it and made the boys think that she intended to have them arrested. She released them after a little and gave them a good reprimanding.

## GRANTED BACK PAY

James P. L. Weems has received word that the pension department at Washington, has granted a pension to his client, John Payton, the well known locomotive engineer, formerly of this city, but now running on a railroad in Old Mexico. According to the notice, Mr. Payton will receive back pay to the amount of \$1,060.

## WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

Was the Home of an Elderly Widow at Montgomery Friday Morning.

(Special to Commercial.)

Washington, Ind., August 16.—The home of Mrs. Mary McDonald, an elderly widow living alone at Montgomery, seven miles from this city, was wrecked by dynamite at 2 a. m. today. The dynamite was placed under the kitchen, and the room was blown to pieces, timbers striking Mrs. McDonald, to her serious injury. Neighbors were awakened by the explosion, and hastened to the relief of the woman. No motive for the outrage is known, and there is no clew to the identity of the trespassers.

## THE TRAIN WAS MOVED

Not, However, Until Patrolman Neither Told Trainmen He Would Report Them.

For several days No. 4, the north bound E. & T. H. night train has been holding the street cars at the Fairground crossing and have been told that they must quit the practice, but have paid but little attention. Last night they held the cars there 14 minutes and Patrolman Neiters told them twice to pull up and let the cars pass, but they made no move and he went to the conductor and told him that he would report him if he did not pull up. The train was moved up enough for the cars to pass and was then backed down again and stood five minutes longer.

S. T. THOMAS PICNIC.

At St. Thomas Picnic next Thursday no cheap cigars will be handled. Popular Domestic Brands, such as Little Sacancer, Little Cubans, Little Gems, and 108 will be sold at all stands and will be used at all games. La Malosa also, a popular 10c cigar will be sold.

## SIXTY-DAY PASSES

Managers of Electric Theatres Give Two as Prizes on Occasion of Labor Day.

Rogers and Frund, managers of the Electric Theatre on Main street, have given two 60 day passes to the central labor union which are to be given away at the New Labor Day celebration on the 2nd of September. The passes are to be awarded to some young lady and some married woman coming from a family of labor union and are to give them a right to visit the theatre as often as they desire for a period of sixty days.

## CANNON RECEIVED

Weapon Will be Used in Case of Fire Among the Oil Tanks at Bridgeport.

A very old cannon was received at Bridgeport oil field Friday which is to be used to shoot holes in the sides of the large oil tanks in the case of fires. On such occasions the oil is let out in the circular space which is surrounded by dykes and is pumped from there into other tanks. Very often the oil in the circular space does not take fire at all and the tank is greatly saved by taking the oil out of it as the fire seldom burns long when the tank is shot.

PRICE.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Logan Price, of Bicknell, was buried at Freelandville Thursday morning. Freelandville is the old home of the parents of the little boy. He was about 1 year old.

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## WOMAN'S SHOT FATAL

Zulu Sampson Succumbs to the Wounds Inflicted by Sarah Willis.

(Special to Commercial.)

Logansport, Ind., August 16.—Zulu Sampson, a native African, shot four times by his paramour, Sarah Willis, age twenty, yesterday, at New Waverly, died during the night. The girl said her home was in Indianapolis. She was a fancy dancer with the Zulu vaudeville company, of which Sampson was the head. L. E. Tio and wife, whites, said to be from Delphi, or Hammond, are being held as witnesses. They assert that the shooting was done in self-defense, as the negro had previously chased the woman with a revolver in his hand. Shortly before Sampson died he was removed to the home of a citizen. The murderess says that Sampson's home is in Johannesburg, South Africa, and that he leaves considerable property.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. One of the girls at Prude Curtis' resort tried to commit suicide last night by taking poison, but she was found before the result was serious and medical attention summoned. It is thought that she will see recovery.

Building Association Election. Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Knox Building Loan Fund and Savings Association of Vincennes, Indiana, that an election will be held on Monday, September 2, 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m., at the clerk's office, City Hall building, Vincennes, Indiana, for the election of nine (9) directors for said association, to serve for the ensuing year.

By order of Board of Directors. C. G. MATHESIE, Secretary. sat-17-24-31

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