

TOWN BANNER

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PRIZES AWARDED BY INDIANA JOURNALISTIC FRATERNITY, AS THE BEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN INDIANA



Kurtz Men Pay Fines at Columbus And Are Released

Harold Jackson, 18, and Claude Edwards, 33, of Jackson county, were fined \$1 and costs Wednesday morning in the court of Justice Stanley J. Cooper, where they plead guilty to charges of operating an automobile with improper license plates. The men were arrested early Monday morning at Hope when they refused to give a satisfactory explanation for their presence. They at first denied that they had ridden there in an automobile, which had experienced a breakdown at the edge of town, but afterwards claimed the automobile. Relatives came here from Kurtz, the home of the two men, and convinced local officers that the car had not been stolen and after the fines and costs in the justice of peace court had been paid they were released and permitted to go to Hope and get their machine.

The two men, when first arrested, were not inclined to talk and the fact that they "kept mum" was given as one of the reasons for their arrest. After they had been in the county jail for a time they became talkative, and got into communication with relatives, so that their release might be arranged. —Columbus Republican.

Philip Gossman Expires At 82

Well-known Citizen and Civil War Veteran—Served as Twp. Trustee—Also Taught School.

Gossman—John Philip Gossman, one of Brownstown township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, passed away at his home, about two miles southwest of Brownstown, Monday night following a two weeks' illness of uraemic poisoning, age 82 years, one month and 18 days.

Mr. Gossman was the second eldest son of Henry and Louise Herrmann Gossman. He was born in Germany November 24, 1845. At the age of three years he came to this country with his parents and settled in Jackson county, where he spent the remainder of his life. On March 6, 1868, he was married to Mary A. Niehouse and to their union were born twelve children of whom three preceded him in death.

Children: John, Ed, and Carl; Mrs. Mabel Banks of Brownstown; Mrs. Mary Cockrum, of St. Louis; Mrs. Kate Kenton and Mrs. Martha Lange, of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Addie Milks, of San Francisco, Calif.; Ed. Gossman, of Stanley, Wisconsin; one brother, Henry Gossman, three sisters, Mrs. Louise Schwein, Mrs. George Doerr, Sr., Mrs. Dorothy Barkman, all of Brownstown; nineteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was a veteran of the civil war and was a member of the 25th Ind. Vol. He served about a year and made the famous march from Atlanta to the sea with General Sherman's army. He united with the Presbyterian church in early life and was a member of the Masonic order and the G. A. R. He taught in the schools of Jackson county for about thirty years and served as trustee of Brownstown township eight years. For several years past he lived a retired life. He was a good man, honorable and upright, of friendly nature and much devoted to his family.

Funeral services under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, were conducted by the Rev. R. E. Mueller of Paoli, formerly of Brownstown, at the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial in Fairview cemetery.

Jury Case Is Called Today; Damage Suit

\$10,000 Damage Is Asked by Surprise Lad of the Interstate Co.

Burned by Live Wire

Case Previously Settled by Agreement in Justice of the Peace Court.

As it seemed almost impossible to notify all jurors in time for them to get here today, the case was continued until Monday.

Sheriff Otis Hays and his deputies have been extremely busy this morning calling a jury in the damage suit of John Harrison Cole, by his next friend, Stella Cole, against the Interstate Public Service Co. The sheriff was not notified until this morning that a jury would be wanted in the case, so the jurors are being summoned to appear at the court house post haste on very short notice. The case is being tried before special Judge Julian Sharpnack, of the Bartholomew circuit court.

The case is somewhat out of the ordinary from the fact that the plaintiff, through his father, Ralph Cole, had accepted previous judgment in the sum of \$200 in the court of Justice Wm. C. Shroyer at Brownstown.

The case grows out of an accident which occurred near Acme July 27, 1925, when John Harrison Cole, age about nine, came in contact with a high tension wire belonging to the defendant. The lad sustained severe burns and especially on his right hand some of his fingers being almost burned off. The boy and his little sister were walking along the road and stepped to one side to let an automobile pass when the lad came in contact with the wire.

When the case was tried before Justice Shroyer, the defendant, it seems confessed judgment for \$200, which is the maximum amount that can be made in such cases by a justice of the peace. In addition to this it is reported that the lad was also given \$200 by the defendants.

The result of the present case is to notify Stella Cole as his next friend. In addition to the usual complaint that the plaintiff's injuries are due to carelessness and negligence on the part of the defendant it also alleges that the previous compromise judgment was obtained by fraud and misrepresentation.

Quite a number of witnesses have been summoned in the case, but owing to the delay in ordering a jury it will probably be late this afternoon before the case makes much headway.

Double Funeral Held Sunday In Driftwood

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Empson Die Three Days Apart--Buried In One Grave.

Recalls Similar Deaths

Double funeral services were held at the White church Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. Holmes Empson, two highly esteemed and well known people of Driftwood township, whose deaths the past week were three days apart. Both deaths resulted from pneumonia. Their deaths so close together and burial in one grave, recalls a similar sad occurrence in Mr. Empson's family sixty years ago when his father and two sisters were buried in the same grave in the Empson cemetery, and two other members of the family were at the point of death at the same time.

After a happy married life of almost three score years the wish of

Board Awards New Contracts

Elmer Henderson Assumes Duties as Co. Commissioner--Jas. Luckey President of Board.

Several contracts, which expire at the end of each year, were awarded by the board of county commissioners Monday.

Dr. C. L. Ackerman was awarded the contract as physician for the county poor asylum and jail at \$98.

Lew Downing Wallace was awarded the contract for burial of county poor at \$65.

The contract for supplies at the county poor asylum was awarded to the Model Grocery and the contract for grain and feed was awarded to Henry Lucas.

The county officers reported fees collected by them for the past quarter as follows: Virgil H. Fountain, clerk, \$1305.30; Samuel Carr, auditor, \$56.10; Effie McCormick, recorder, \$325.30; Otis Hays, sheriff, \$36.71; E. B. Douglass, county surveyor, \$252; J. B. Cross, poor asylum superintendent, \$90.55, produce sold.

Elmer Henderson, of Carr township, new commissioner from the first district, as successor to Jas. Mann, whose term expired with the close of the year, assumed his duties Monday. Jas. Luckey, oldest member of the board, in point of service, became president of the board.

HOLDS "SLUM" DINNER.

The local post of the American Legion was served a regular army slum dinner at their regular meeting Monday night by Cyrus Miller, Sgt. at arms of the post.

Grassy Fork Orchestra to Broadcast

This part of Jackson county will soon become famous for its stringed orchestras if broadcasting stations continue to use them as they are at the present time.

Last week Daniel Gullett and Marcus Eglan broadcasted from WLW at Cincinnati and made quite a hit judging from the number of telegrams received at the stations while they were working.

Lafayette to Chicago and to broadcast the evening's program.

Those who compose the Grassy Fork orchestra are Leonard Lubker, mandolin; Edgar Stahl, ukelele; Fred Wessell, fiddle and handsaw; Albert Nierman, guitar and Martin Kuehn, piano. Laura Brandt is substitute at the piano and may play for the orchestra at Purdue instead of Mr. Kuehn.

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