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DWIGHT, ILL.

PARLIAMENTARIANS.

They Meet and Do Business at the Same Old Place.

The Dwight House of Parliament met Tuesday night, not in the house that Guy Fox endeavored to blow up with powder, but in the capital building that ornaments the East Side park. Promptly at 8 o'clock there might have been seen through the dim twilight several dark objects sitting down in front of the chamber of deputies awaiting the arrival of the Chief of Police. He arrived after awhile and soon the dazzling brilliancy from the electricians shot fourth to all parts of the room, and the town mouse scampered into his hole astounded. The exercises opened with music by the chief of police.

After the sweet strains had resounded through space until the water works question was completely drowned out, the mayor called the chief down, and said "come to order gentlemen." As there were only four M. P.'s present, scouts were sent out after Taylor and Stevens and their arrival was greeted with great applause from the gallery.

The first business transacted was allowing some street and alley committee bills as follows John Lightholder, \$1.75; Thos Downey, \$24.75; and the Conrad bill referred to the street and alley committee last week were allowed. Mayor Thompson then stated that he knew of no further business to come before the board except water works, for which the regular meeting had been adjourned. He said that he was assured that there would be no trouble in raising the money at home, and that as soon as other arrangements were completed the money would be forthcoming, and at more favorable terms than in Chicago, as proposed by Mr. Morgan.

A motion was made by Bell seconded by Taylor, that we have water works which was put and carried unanimously.

While the motion was pending, Mr. Diffenbaugh remarked that he had been away and did not know the sentiment of the people, but if they were in favor of water works he was with them.

Mr. Stevens said everybody seemed to be dry and wanted water works.

Mr. Thompson said everybody he knew wanted the works. He also brought up the question of locating in the East Side park, and called on Col. Morgan.

Mr. Morgan said that anything he could grant as owner in fee of the park he would do so cheerfully, and at no expense, except that necessary in making out papers.

Mr. Taylor thought it was the best plan to have the pumping house, tower, etc., all together in the East side park, and that seemed to be the opinion of all present.

Col. Morgan said he held the same opinion, and that there was no use to go to the expense of buying property for the location when they already had it. Also that the cost in eight-inch main would be considerably lessened.

Mr. Thompson spoke of letting contracts separately, but it is the opinion of nine tenths of the people of Dwight that the contract should be let to one man.

Mr. Stevens made a motion that the president of the board appoint three members of the board to hire a competent engineer to superintend construction of works.

Mr. Morgan again spoke of the embarrassment that would be felt by the board if the contract was not let to one man. He said he was so situated, Mr. Geo. Morgan being his brother, that he didn't care to say much, but he had had experience with public works, and was sure it would be a bad thing for the town. He was also sure that his brother put in the best works made, and that if he built them there would be no cause for complaint. If there was any blame attached there would be but one man to go to.

A motion was made to publish the notice for bids in the STAR AND HERALD four weeks, which was carried.

Mr. Romberger said he hadn't looked into the question very much, but he thought the best way was to let the contract as a whole to one man or company.

Mr. Spencer made a few remarks regarding the size of pipes. He thought that while they are putting them in, they should be large enough, so the streets would not have to be dug up every year. This is surely a question worthy the attention of the trustees.

The question brought up by Mr. Wright as to gravity pressure and direct pressure. Mr. Morgan stated that either could be had by closing the valves in different joints. The water could be forced direct from the engine to any part of the city.

Remarks were made by several other gentlemen present, and the business ended.

THE SITUATION.

As the matter now stands, it is nearly impossible to have the water works running before spring, and this delay, all brought about by a desire to save a few hundred dollars to the town, that in case

of fire would be swept away in half an hour. It is a clear case or "penny wise and pound foolish." Mr. Arthur Morgan explained in a business manner how it was possible to do away with advertising three weeks, and showed them how work could be commenced immediately and the works be in first-class running order before snow flies. As Mr. Thompson said, "the devil has got to be whipped around the stump," anyway, and why not do it this way just as well as the other, and save time, and maybe, lots of valuable property.

The advertisement for bids is published in the STAR AND HERALD to-day, and the next regular meeting of the board after the three weeks' publication is ended, will be August 25. Allowing at least two weeks for the contract to be let and work to be commenced, it will be the middle of September before anything is done. If no accidents occur, it would be December and probably later, before the works would be running. If we have an early winter, nothing could be done and there the work would lay until the middle of next summer. That's a bright prospect.

It is not too late yet, however, for the board, if they will stop taking the advice of every kicker in town, and go ahead and do what they should do, and what the people want them to do. It is only necessary to announce to Mr. Geo. Morgan that if he will come down to the price that other works have been put in for, he can put up the works and sell them to the city, if he will guarantee to have them done this fall. No contract or delay in advertising is necessary. An ordinance would be drawn immediately covering everything. "The devil would be whipped around the stump," and water would be whipped around town. It is easy enough to see through this matter if one wants to. If the proposition of Mr. Morgan is accepted the ground will be broken before another week; if not, it will be six or seven weeks. The board should not hesitate a minute, even if the first proposition costs a little more.

Locating the works together in East side park and doing away with the proposed reservoir, and 900 feet of 8 inch pipe, will be a saving of nearly \$2,000.

The wells will not cost as much as the specifications call for, and savings can be made in many things, which Mr. Arthur Morgan spoke of, and also that the town would get the benefit.

Some of the members of the board say it is a mere matter of saving with them. It is all right to save, and the STAR AND HERALD is always with them in any just economic question. But if they wanted to save, why did they do such a rank piece of nonsense, as to appoint a committee to hire a civil engineer to superintend the construction. Everyone knows that the contract will have to be let to a civil engineer, or to a company with one at their disposal, and the engineer hired by the board would be superintending the engineer putting up the works. That would be another nice state of affairs.

Anyone posted knows that a thoroughly competent civil engineer cannot be secured short of \$8 to \$10 per day. He would have to be employed about 90 days. There would be a cost from \$700 to \$900. That, alone, would make the difference there would be in Morgan's proposition, and what the bids would be. There would be no danger of Mr. Morgan needing any overseer to see that he did not slight his work. He sells water works for a living, and has to refer to his systems in order to sell others. He wouldn't be any more apt to put bad material in his works than Mr. Spencer would in his hay presses. They both have their reputation and bread and butter at stake. Business men don't cut their own throats, as it were, to make a dollar.

The STAR AND HERALD is no more in favor of the Morgan company than any other company, but we believe, and a majority of the people do also, that to insure perfect reliability, the company that furnishes the plans of its works should do the work, especially when it can be done quicker. Delays are dangerous.

MANY THANKS.

Here is a pointer to our trustees. It is part of the council report of the town of Hoopston, at the time the water works were turned over to them by Mr. Morgan. It is good reading:

"All the members of the council were present with the exception of Alderman Bushnell. Mr. Morgan presented a statement of account which the council decided was correct, and an order was drawn on the treasurer for the balance due him. Mr. Morgan tendered the works and keys to the city and thanked the council and committee for their kindness to him, and expressed himself satisfied with his share of the transaction. The Mayor and Alderman McKnight then spoke very highly of the contractor's manner of doing business and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, expressing in high terms the council's appreciation of Mr. Morgan's generosity and the honorable, fair and upright way in which he had completed his contract to the entire satisfaction of the council, committee and citizens."

Business Men's Association of Dwight.

At the time the public meeting of business men was held in relation to the Leslie E. Keeley company remaining here, a committee was appointed on permanent organization for a Business Men's Association. That committee, through the chairman, Chas. L. Romberger, called a meeting of the business men Tuesday evening and made their report, which was as follows:

President, S. T. K. Prime.
Vice-president, B. A. Buck.
Secretary and Treasurer, W. G. Dustin.

Board of Directors, Chas. L. Romberger, R. P. Morgan, C. J. Judd, Ed. McWilliams, Geo. N. Flagler, John W. Baker, J. C. Lewis.

The following names include the list of members to date:
David McWilliams, Chas. L. Romberger, B. A. Buck, Geo. Baker, S. T. K. Prime, D. B. Stevens, Dr. C. H. Barr, John C. Lewis, Richard P. Morgan, H. L. Hagerty, C. A. Stuck, John Leach, Phil Weicker, A. R. Zimmerman, Frank Reeb, John Geis, Wm. G. Dustin, J. S. Guardenier, Geo. Z. Flagler, F. W. Ford, John Thompson, Hans Rosendall, Will Losee, L. A. Naffziger, A. T. Doherty, Ed. McWilliams, Manning Smith, Ed. Hahn, Al. Barr, A. J. Diefenbach.

Every business man and woman in Dwight is earnestly requested to leave their names with the secretary and become members.

President Prime was introduced by Mr. Romberger, and made a few remarks before assuming the duties of president. He said the object of the organization was to look after the interest of the city, recommend improvements and offer suggestions. The organization will not be for the benefit of any individual or company, but for the whole people. They would work to the best of their ability to make Dwight a model city. He thought the first thing that should receive their attention was the sanitary condition of the town. He hoped they would receive the assistance of all good citizens and also the town trustees, and that harmony would prevail. He thought (with the exception of the president), that the officers were good ones, and would all pull together. Mr. Prime thanked the association for the honor conferred on him, and said he would accept the office and fill it to the best of his ability.

Mr. R. P. Morgan thought a day should be named for regular meetings, and moved that the association meet in the town house on the second Monday evening of each month at 8 p. m. The motion was carried.

Mr. Prime requested that every one in Dwight that had suggestions for improvements of any kind to make, should report them in writing to W. G. Dustin, the secretary, prior to monthly meetings.

Mr. Morgan said he had had considerable experience in a good live business men's association, and that their work, if good, would advance the price of property and beautify the town. He thought it was a good plan to impress upon the minds of everyone the importance of keeping their residence and surroundings in a neat condition. Keep the grass cut, the weeds down, trees trimmed, and thus help to beautify the city. It would bring here rich people who wanted a quiet home; colleges, schools, manufacturers and other industries which wanted a prosperous and orderly place to locate in. Comfort, pleasure and profit would be combined, and it was a happy combination. He hoped and trusted that this organization would be competent enough to perform its duties and bring about the desired result.

Chas. L. Romberger concurred in the foregoing remarks, but thought efforts should be made to induce factories, etc., to locate here. He had heard that a Homeopathic college was about to locate here, but could not vouch for the truth of this. He wished for outsiders to join us and thought any thriving industries should receive the encouragement of the association.

On motion the meeting adjourned. There was a meeting of the board of directors at President Prime's office last night, the result of which is too late for this issue.

Colossal Shows.

The great King & Franklin colossal shows, museum, trained animal exposition and great Roman hippodrome, will exhibit in Dwight, Monday, August 3. This show has been in Dwight a number of times and has always given satisfaction. Their show includes female aerial artists; tight wire performers; adroit and dexterous acrobates; skilled and herculean athletes; gymnasts; jugglers; trapeze performers; seven clowns; performing stallions. There will be two performances, at 1 o'clock and 7 p. m., and the admission is placed at the reasonable figure of 25 cents.

Not Boodlers.

Someone is circulating a report about town that the STAR AND HERALD is a boodle organ, because it wants water works this fall so as to give fire protection this winter. The only way to have them is to give the contract to Geo. C. Morgan and go ahead, even if it does cost a little more. This is no time for delay. The Keeley Co. alone will have \$150,000 or \$200,000 invested by the time the works are completed, and in another year they will pay more than half the taxes, and they are willing to do so. Why need the board of trustees kick? The taxes raised will be no burden, as the additional tax will be paid by the Keeley Company. They want the works and should have them as soon as possible. The STAR AND HERALD is on the popular side every time. What little boodle we get comes from an appreciative public. Such slurs on the STAR AND HERALD and Geo. C. Morgan go for nothing, and no one with one particle of manhood or honor would start such a report.

One of the Kickers.

To show how unreasonable and silly some of the chronic kickers on every kind of improvements are we cite this instance: One man says the specifications for the water works show two many loop holes, and the reason he gave was that "the roof of the power house was to be covered with A-1 shingles, and A-1 was the poorest quality." As there is only about 3000 shingle to be used the difference in the cost would be \$2 or \$3. A-1 was simply used as an every day expression and simply meant the best, and any one not looking for loop holes to kick through knew it. The idea that a contractor would risk his reputation by gaining two or three dollars for the time being on shingles, is simply foolish and ridiculous. If there is any good, sensible reason why the Morgan system of works and plans and specifications are not practical, let's have them, but away with such nonsensical stuff as the above.

Cold Blooded Thief.

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. in Dwight, made arrangements to give an ice cream and cake festival in the West Side park last Friday night, but on account of rain they procured the M. E. church, and considering the weather, did very well, but not as well as they deserved. The ladies worked hard and had everything in nice condition. The ice cream was very fine, and some sneaky thief must have been aware of that fact, as the church was broken into after the festival and most all of the cream stolen. It was the intention of the young ladies to have the park festival Saturday night, but as their cream was stolen they gave up the idea.

There is nothing too mean to be said or done to such a contemptible thief, and it is to be hoped that whoever it was may be discovered.

Kind Words Spoken of Rev. Elfrink.

We recognize that in the removal of the Rev. Elfrink, Pastor of the German Evangelical Church, from El Paso, Ill., the "Ministers Social Union" lost one of its most highly respected and beloved members. Brother Elfrink, by his patience and fidelity, endeared himself, not only to his fellow pastors, but to the people of El Paso. A man of deep and earnest convictions, fearless in his denunciation of wrong, he was a power for good in our community. We feel that the Master has in him a loyal follower, who will hold high the banner of the King of Kings at any cost. We will follow him with our prayers to his new field of labor.

Resolved, That, a copy of the above letter be spread on the records of the "Union" and a copy be sent to Rev. Elfrink, at Dwight, Ill.

JOE BELL, President.
W. V. JEFFRIES, Secretary.
El Paso, Ill., June 15th 1891.

"Kind Words will Never die."

We clip the following from the Wilmington Review, edited by H. C. Stiles. Mr. Stiles is not as fat as some people we have met, but that doesn't seem to effect his good nature in the least:

W. G. Dustin, a fat and good natured editor of the Dwight Star and Herald, came up with the Sons of Veterans' excursion Thursday, and made this office a call. He predicts a brilliant future for his town, and he is advertising his town to good advantage, by a well edited and typographically pretty newspaper.

Wenona, 6, Dwight 4.

The ball game yesterday afternoon resulted in a defeat for the home nine by a score of 6 to 4. The result was known too late for a detailed account in this issue.

Cards of Thanks.

We feel grateful to the many friends who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement. MRS. C. M. CHARITON.
D. F. CHARITON.