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OLD AND NEW.

THE OLD STRAIGHTENS UP BUSINESS AND AD-JOURNS SINE DIE.

The New Assumes the Offices to which they are Elected.

THE OLD RUBBISH, THE CATTLE ON THE STREETS AND TRAMPS WILL HAVE TO "GIT UP AND GIT."

PORTRAITS OF THE NEW BOARD PRESENTED TO THE PUBLIC FOR INSPECTION.

"BUSINESS IS BUSINESS" SEEMS TO BE THEIR MOTTO.

At 7:45 Tuesday evening the former president of the village board, John Thompson, called the trustees to order, for the last time, this year, and the remaining business on hand, such as squaring up accounts, etc., was gone through with and approved. The votes cast at the recent election were canvassed as a matter of form, and the new president and the members declared elected. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered President Thompson for his impartiality and able manner in conducting the meetings for the past year, after which, the old board, after passing through a year of trouble and worry, adjourned sine die. Mr. Thompson said that he had prepared an address of considerable length, but owing to the lack of time he would give way to the new president. Whereupon he discarded the robes of office and came down and took a seat with the commoners of the village and was once more plain John Thompson, although he still has titles enough left for one man. Trustee Lower also smilingly retired to private life and is glad of it. Mr. Bell, who is yet quite sick, also retires, and does not feel bad about it. Mr. Diefenbaugh retired by resignation some months ago. Clerk Doherty also stepped down and out with a smile on him that said he was not sorry. The retiring members have made good officers, and certainly have passed through a year of turmoil. All the old board deserve the thanks of the people for their unremitting work during the term of office. If they have made mistakes it is no wonder. The work they have accomplished was all new to them and where is the man who would not have made mistakes. We all learn by experience, or should, anyway. The new board has the experience of the former before them and are therefore better equipped to act more quickly, and have no excuse for delay. One thing is sure, the old board has labored faithfully and honorably for what they considered just and right, and that is all that could be expected.

Immediately after the chairs of the ex-town officers were vacated, President Chas. L. Romberger, Trustees, John Leach, D. B. Stevens, W. H. Taylor, B. A. Buck, John Geis and G. N. Flagler, and Clerk F. A. Haise, came to the front, the new ones taking the oath which was administered by John Baker. The president called for order and said that he intended to make some remarks, but through the advice of friends, he concluded not to talk, but to let his "actions speak louder than words." He said he expected the different committees to go right to work; he thought the ordinances relating to cattle on the streets, rubbish and tramps, should be rigidly enforced, and advised the committees to act promptly.

After the roll was called, the clerk read the following committees:

Judiciary—Romberger, Buck, Flagler.

Finance—Flagler, Romberger, Buck, Ordinance—Taylor, Stevens, Geis, Street and Alley—Stevens, Taylor, Flagler.

Fire—Leach, Geis, Stevens.

Water Works—Geis, Taylor, Leach, Sewerage—Buck, Leach, Romberger. The committees are probably all right but Mr. Taylor's friends saw no reason for his being succeeded by anyone as chairman of the water works committee. He has labored faithfully ever since the works were commenced, and lost his time, and stood the blunt of all the kicking and wrangling, and we believe it is the general opinion—that

should have had the chairmanship if he wanted it. This is not saying anything against Mr. Geis' ability, but merely suggestive of right in the matter.

The bond of clerk, F. A. Haise, was read and approved, with F. A. Haise as principal and J. R. Oughton and L. A. Naffziger as sureties.

Applications for village treasurer were made by L. A. Naffziger and A. Rrubaker. They were laid over until next meeting.

A special committee consisting of Taylor, Buck and Flagler was appointed by the chair to regulate the electric light business—punch them up, as it were.

The matter of establishing a pound was referred to the street and alley committee with power to act. The pound will probably be located near the stock yards.

Mr. Flagler suggested that a proclamation be issued by the president of the board, calling the attention of the people to the cleaning up of rubbish, cattle running on the streets, etc., and on motion the clerk was instructed to draw up one, giving the people



TRUSTEE JOHN LEACH.

warning that if alleys are not cleaned inside of two weeks, arrests will be promptly made, and that cattle found on the streets will be taken up immediately. The ordinances to be rigidly enforced.

It seems to be the will of the president and all members that there be no foolishness about the order, so the people will have to get a cleaning move on themselves or pay fines sufficient to cover all expenses. It is better and cheaper to clean up, because our board is supposed to be an improvement buzz saw in disguise.

An application for marshal was



TRUSTEE WM. H. TAYLOR.

made by S. T. Lockhart. Marshal Orr will also make application at the next meeting.

President Romberger suggested that every committee meet before the next meeting of the board, and look into the affairs over which they will have control, and make a full report at the next meeting, so that they could better understand the financial and other conditions of the town.

The board then adjourned until next Monday night.

This was ushered into power a board that the people expect a great deal of, and with the past experience of the old board before them, there is no excuse for mistakes or delay. If they do what it is understood by the people that they will do, and we think they will, they will receive the hearty support and assistance of all good citizens. There is no doubt that taxes will be increased, but not in proportion to the increase in the price of property. When improvements are being made in any place the people must expect to pay for them, which, in some cases, no doubt, proves a hardship at the time, but a blessing to all in the end.

Arc Electric Light.

The arc lights in the electric power house were tested Tuesday night and worked like a charm. The light was as bright as to nearly blind a person. Those on the streets were tested Wednesday and commenced operation in full blast.

Look at Your Dads.

We present this week the portraits of our "City Dads." They are all very good likenesses and surely a dignified, intelligent and fine looking body of men, and look as if building a few sewers, water works, and making general improvement would amount to nothing in their hands—a side issue as it were.

President Chas. L. Romberger looks well and wears that confident look of a man who is just about to sell a corner lot or a section of land with a good commission attachment on the side.



TRUSTEE D. B. STEVENS.

He also looks as if he meant business, and we guess he does.

We have arranged the hold-overs on

tee and believes water is a good thing if properly managed.

Trustee Geo. N. Flagler will look after the finances of the village, and wears a smile peculiar to an individual jingling twenty dollar gold pieces in his breeches pocket. We don't know why they call George "Posey," but he is a daisy just the same, and he's got sand and it's a coal day when he gets left.

Last, but not least, is Clerk F. A. Haise, upon whom has devolved the clerical duties of the board. He has that far away look of a man trying to



TRUSTEE B. A. BUCK.

find a peddler selling goods without a license. We understand that Mr. Haise used to spill a dollars worth of sugar



PRESIDENT CHAS. L. ROMBERGER.

one side and the new men on the other, but it is safe to say they will not be that way when it comes to legislating for the good of the city.

Trustee D. B. Stevens, also looks as if he meant business, and if your alleys are not cleaned look out for him; or if your cows are running the street you will miss your cream in your coffee in the morning, and if he hadn't sold his meat market you might be eating some of your own cow for breakfast.

Trustee John Leach has the look of a man who had just disposed of a \$12 hand-made harness. He is a business man and a business trustee.

Trustee W. H. Taylor's honest countenance looms up like a man that had purchased a load of grain for the same old price when the market had gone up. He has been a valuable member of the board for the past year and has worked early and late to make the water system a success.

Trustee B. A. Buck, with his fine flowing whiskers, which by the way, no wind blows through, had just taken a contract to furnish the hardware supplies for a four story building just before he set for his picture, and has the look of a man who could let a sewer contract to the lowest bidder for town orders drawing six per cent, without cracking a smile.

Trustee John Geis is no "two fur" man, and has the resemblance of a person that had just sold a box of five cent cigars for ten centers—by mistake. He is at the head of the water commit-

tee and a paper of beans occasionally while he was in the grocery business, but when it comes to clerking, as the boys say, "he is in it."

The new board seem to have the right idea of what the city needs and will go ahead and do it in a business like manner, and we predict a very successful administration of affairs during the next year.

Now take another good look at your "dads" and see if we are not right about them, and then come down and buy a few extra copies of the STAR and HERALD and send away to your friends and show them that you have "dads" to be proud of in this "neck-o-woods."

Our Firemen.

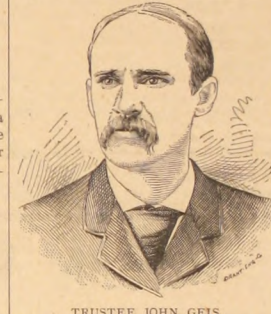
Our firemen are still very enthusiastic and will soon commence to drill regularly. They are badly in need of uniforms, and a committee appointed by the citizens' committee will call on our merchants and citizens generally next week and solicit subscriptions. About \$300 is needed and every man should be ready to subscribe a liberal amount. The men that are willing to risk life and limb deserve consideration, and the small amount needed should be readily subscribed. Be ready.

Excursion.

The Alton road will sell excursion tickets to Springfield next week during the Republican Convention for one fare for the round trip. This is a good chance to see the capitol city.

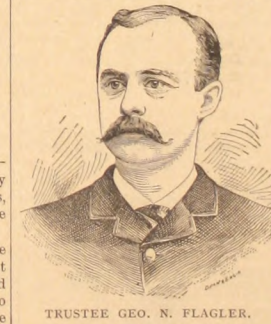
E Pluribus Unum vs. The British Lion.

Mr. Arthur Hornby is a gentleman from England, familiarly called "English." Mr. Hutchinson is our busy news dealer, familiarly called "Hutch." Mr. H. is little but what he lacks in avoirdupois he makes up in nerve. These two individuals came together Thursday morning with a clash of arms and words that resounded the length and breadth of our erstwhile quiet city, and finally wound up in a law suit before Judge Thompson. It seems that Mr. Hutchinson has been in undisputed possession and control of a triangular piece of ground just east of where he resides for about twenty-two years. Here he has planted his potatoes and garden sassa and reaped thereof, and was monarch of all he surveyed. The way this happened seemed to be that when lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of block 9 of the original town were laid out, this triangular piece of ground known as lot 7 of block 11, of Spencer's addition, was not included, and at that time belonged to the Spencer farm, and it is thought by many does yet. Before the boom probably a little \$5 bill would



TRUSTEE JOHN GEIS.

have purchased the triangle and settled the whole business, but now land is land, except when there is a special assessment on tap. Mr. Hutchinson had this triangle fenced in and treasured up as all his own, but his dream of happiness was no more when Thursday his triangle was invaded by the "English," who proceeded to tear down the fence. Mr. Hutchinson objected strongly, and when Hornby refused, Hutchinson said he would make him desist, peacefully if he could, forcibly if he must, and thereupon proceeded to his residence and armed himself to the teeth with a revolver, and charged on



TRUSTEE GEO. N. FLAGLER.

the "English." The "English" held the triangle and advanced upon E Pluribus Unum, but the latter drew bead on him and "English" retreated in good order, and once more Hutchinson was in control.

Mr. Hornby proceeded to Police Magistrate John Thompson's office and swore out a peace warrant which was served on Mr. Hutchinson, and the case came up for trial immediately at Judge Thompson's office. Attorney Ketcham was employed for the prosecution and Attorney Romberger for the defense.

The following witnesses were examined for the prosecution: Messrs. Hornby, W. C. Bartholic, Ed. Reeb and Thos. Perry, jr.

Those for the defense were as follows: Messrs. Hutchinson, D. Penny, Jas. Williams, J. P. McKee, Ed. McConnell, M. McDonald (not of Chicago) Wm. McMullen, Cole, Garrow, and Wm. McKinley (not of Ohio).

The testimony brought out the facts about as stated above, and after hearing the witnesses and the arguments Mr. Thompson dismissed the case against Mr. Hutchinson, stating that the ownership of the property was not in question at this time, and from the fact that Mr. Hutchinson was in possession for some time, Hornby or anyone else had no right to make a forcible entry, and Mr. Hutchinson had a right to protect his property.

Will Ketcham says the verdict was "not guilty, but don't do it again."

If Mr. Hutchinson has the tax receipts for lot 7 in block 11 of Spencer's addition, he certainly has a cinch on the property, otherwise it probably belongs to John McWilliams. This will be decided without blood later.

"Out In the Streets."

The Bernice literary society gave a very creditable entertainment in the high school building last Friday evening and the house was more than crowded. Some two or three hundred people were unable to gain admittance and were "out in the streets." The receipts were over \$50 and the amount cleared about \$45. The society is figuring on purchasing a bell for the school. The members say they will furnish a bell if the board of education will build a belfry. The play presented was a serio-comedy, entitled "Out in the Streets." The characters were all taken by members of the high school except one, and all performed their parts very well considering that it was their first public appearance.

There are two literary societies in the high school, and there is a friendly rivalry between them as to who would present the best play and make the most money for the benefit of the school. The Benedicta society presented a play recently and purchased some handsome pictures with which to adorn the high school room, and now the Bernice proposes to buy a bell. The scholars deserve a great deal of credit for their energetic work. The latter society is slightly ahead of the Benedicta as regards the financial outcome of their presentations.

Little Mandie Bullock pleased the audience greatly in her character of Little Minnie Bradford.

The following pupils of the high school took part, and did credit to themselves: Misses Marie Koehnlein, Cora Baker, Dora E. Kern and Clay D. Parker, John O'Malley, Frank L. Donigan, Floyd Barnum, Howe Parker and Will J. Leach.

Through the efforts of the two societies they will save the board of education considerable expense in purchasing necessary articles and beautifying their school rooms, and they should receive the encouragement of all.

Odd Fellows at Bloomington.

The 13th anniversary of I. O. O. F. was duly celebrated at Bloomington, Tuesday the 26th. Dwight Lodge, No. 513 left Dwight on the 2 a. m. train and arrived at Bloomington at 4:25, and it was a crowd chock full of fun. The following members from Dwight took part: P. G., S. T. Lockhart; N. G., Geo. Taylor; R. S. N. G., Jas. E. Seibert; L. S. N. G., H. C. Starrett; S. J. Knudsen; T. O. Brown; C. P. H. Sherburne; W. M. Wilkes; L. S., H. Bull; R. S., Jno. Buxton; V. G., Jno. Pettett; R. S., S. Goodman; L. S., A. J. Diefenbaugh; I. G., J. A. Young; O. G., Geo. Pillnet; D. G. M., Jno. Stewart; P. G., Judd Williams; P. G., N. H. Coole; Bros. Jno. Terwilliger, Al. Peterson.

After arriving at Bloomington the Dwightites took breakfast and met at the union depot at 8:30 and were regularly received by the reception committee, and with lodges from Lincoln and Stanford were escorted to general headquarters.

The exercises in the morning consisted of confirming grand lodge degrees, school of instruction, etc. Grand parade in the afternoon was taken part in by the following lodges: Dwight, Clinton, Lincoln, Farmer City, Lexington, Saybrook, Heyworth, Normal, Minier, Stanford, Chenoa, Gibson and other cities. There were about 900 in line and they presented a fine appearance.

The lodges were welcomed to Bloomington by Mayor Foster in a happy manner. The response was by ex-Congressman Rowell. The oration was fine and delivered by Hon. C. F. Mansfield. Bro. Sykes, of No. 400, was presented with a handsome case by his lodge, Congressman Owen Scott making the speech, which was a very pleasant occurrence. An interesting programme was gone through with in the evening. The members of the Dwight lodge speak very highly of their reception in Bloomington, and say they had a grand time.

The Russian Fund.

The young ladies of the Y. W. C. T. U. raised \$108.14 for the benefit of the Russian sufferers. This amount has been sent to Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage for the above purpose. The young ladies wish to return thanks to the people of Dwight for their liberality.

THE STAR AND HERALD publishes Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's sermons every week. They are worth the price of the paper for a year.