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SURE SEWER.

The Jury, After Three Hours, Bring a Verdict for the Village.

The sewerage trial, which has been long drawn out for ten days, last week and this, was settled satisfactorily to a large majority of the people of Dwight Wednesday, by the jury bringing in a verdict for the village, sustaining the assessment as made out by the sewer trustees, Messrs. Trunnell, Baker and Winters, and it is quite likely that this is the last of it. The trial is a mere repetition of what has occurred in hundreds of other places under similar circumstances. There is no special assessment that is welcomed with any great amount of joy, but when by paying it improvements are made that are necessary to the sanitary conditions and protection to health of the inhabitants it generally succeeds, but there is almost always a struggle to defeat the issue, but the outcome in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred is success for the progressive side.

In the above case there were forty-two objectors, representing 365 lots out of over 1,600 in the village, considerably less than one-quarter. These lots, fifty foot front, were assessed all the way from \$27.50 to \$2.95, with five years' time to pay it in, and had the objectors won the suit it would only have made a difference of some \$1,100 or \$1,200 in the total amount of the assessment. If it is finally decided that the objectors have to pay the total costs of the suit (about \$700, we understand) and there seems not, it is plain to be seen that by adding about \$400 more all the original cost of the sewer would have been paid, and a good deal of mental anguish saved. Most of those that became objectors were led to believe that it was a sure thing, or they would not have gone into it. There is still some rumblings to the effect that the case is not over yet, but it will prove rather a hard task to raise funds this time, unless the rich ones go down in their pockets and pay the sum. There is some men who objected that can ill afford to assist in paying the expense and the tax too, and if they had taken the advice of the STAR and HERALD, the latter is all they would have had to pay.

The case was thoroughly tried, and every point made the most of by the objectors' attorneys, and the jury was a particularly intelligent one, and there is no earthly chance of winning a suit against the village. The injunction suit now pending will, without doubt, go the same way, and we believe that Mr. Hayes would show remarkably good judgment to stop the suit where it is, and a large majority of the people of Dwight would commend his action. It would save costs and trouble.

Attorney McInduff, with the assistance of Mayor Romberger and members of the town board, deserve great credit for the work they have done and the interest they have taken in the city's welfare. About thirty citizens on each side gave testimony, and the jury were very glad to be released.

Attorneys Terry and Harding conducted the prosecution and handled a hopeless case as well as anyone could, and the objectors were undoubtedly earnest in their efforts, but most of them misled, and after the sewer is in operation will acknowledge its benefits.

A meeting of the board was held last night, the proceedings of which are too late for this issue. It was the intention, however, to appoint proper persons to proceed immediately to collect the first installment of the assessment.

The work on the sewer is progressing rapidly.

25 and 35.

The above is the most popular prices of the entertainment to be given at the opera house to-night. It should be borne in mind that this is no snide affair, but an exhibition by the most wonderful mind-reader in the world. Thoroughly blind-folded he drove through the streets of Chicago with no accidents for about a half an hour. His doings are the wonder of the medical fraternity. Tickets are on sale at the drug store of Dr. C. H. Barr. No extra charge for reserved seats. Take it in.

Democratic Convention.

The democratic senatorial convention, the last of the year, was held in Forrest Wednesday. They placed Mr. Yaeger, of Ford county, in nomination for senator, and Jim Smith, of Chatsworth, and E. T. Potter, of Round Grove, for representatives. One of them will undoubtedly win out, and it looks as if E. T. Potter would be the man. Mr. Potter is an excellent citizen and a good democrat, and that party did well in naming him.

Has Her Nerve With Her.

It will not be necessary for Miss Cora Malay to take anything to strengthen her nerves this year. Miss Malay is a dressmaker who has been in Dwight for some months past, and has boarded with the family of Mr. Ames, on North street, west of George Flagler's residence. The Ames family has had hard luck with burglars since they moved into Dwight, their house having been entered no less than four times, and in all about \$165 has been taken. Last Saturday night a stealthy sneak came in and took \$25 from under the old gentleman's head while asleep, and strange as it may seem, they, he, she or it, as the case may be, returned again Monday night. If it was the same party that broke in Sunday night there is no nerve lacking there either.

Whoever it was Miss Malay says she heard someone around and went over to George Flaglers and then sent after Marshall Orr, who came and left his gun with Miss Malay for protection, and she needed it as subsequent events showed. It was not long after she was left alone with her thoughts and gun, that she says she heard some one outside and on opening the door saw some one light a match, and Miss Malay blazed away just like an old hunter.

The man, we hear, said "My God!" and ran for the cornfield, and Miss Malay tried to wing him as he flew, with another shot. This was all the cartridges there was in the gun, but Miss Malay was out for burglars and she went and woke up Mr. Sargent and procured some more cartridges and stood guard for most of the night. The whole neighborhood was kept in an uproar, and the police kept busy running up and down.

If the same burglar is doing all this work in the Ames house, he is onto his job all right as far as getting the money is concerned, but it's rather out of the regular order of business for burglars to light matches near a house or come two successive nights or twice in one night. The burglar should at least allow the family to get second wind.

The police are working on a theory that may yet prove a fact. It is to be hoped so, surely.

Letter From Col. Morgan.

A personal letter from Col. R. P. Morgan to the editor of this paper, says that he hopes to return to Dwight next month. In another part of this paper will be seen an article taken from a California paper which gives some idea of the work our esteemed townsman has been engaged in.

Mr. Morgan, with his usual enthusiasm regarding Dwight, says in substance that he wishes all his friends to understand that he is always willing to do what he is able to maintain the high standing Dwight has in the country. He further writes: "Let us merit the very best reputation for sanitary conditions, and in every possible way beautify our village, so that it will be sought as a place of residence, and thus sustain and increase property values. In view of the fact that next year, if not this, it is probable our country will suffer greatly from cholera, we should make most energetic efforts to be prepared in our own village to defeat its approach. I hope the mayor and trustees will adopt extreme measures in this respect."

We hope the Colonel will pardon us for using a part of his personal letter for the public good, but it is so much to the point that it certainly deserves publicity, and we have taken that liberty.

Paul A. Johnstone.

The above gentleman, the wonderful mind reader, will be at the opera house to-night. He is the man, who, securely blindfolded, drove from the Grand Pacific hotel to the Auditorium in Chicago, with the streets crowded with teams. His doings are the wonders of the day, and everyone should see him to-night.

Masquerade Social.

The young ladies gave a very enjoyable masquerade social at the home of Misses Bessie and Mable Huey on Tuesday evening. The costumes were well devised; those present were Count von Rubenstein, Lord Revard, Charlie, our dude, "Bob," Carmelita, Mother Hubbard, Aunt Dinah, Miss Muffit, the Gypsy Queen, Mlle. Rouge, Nannette, the tambourine girl, School Girl, Kavta Nareta and Mrs. Meloney. The evening was spent in music, games and social enjoyment, followed by refreshments daintily served.

Rev. Haney Will Be Here.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church next Sunday, September 25. The new presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Haney, and his father, Rev. Richard Haney, well known in these parts, will conduct the services. Rev. Richard Haney will preach in the morning and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and Rev. J. W. Haney will preach in the evening.

The Central Ill. M. E. Conference.

The Central Illinois M. E. Conference, which has been in session at Watska adjourned Tuesday evening. We notice among the appointments made that Rev. A. M. Conard will remain in Dwight another year. Mr. Conard has been a hard working pastor, and has accomplished much good, and his congregation will be well pleased with his return.

Rev. James W. Haney is appointed presiding elder of this district. This will also please our people.

Following are some of the neighboring appointments:

Braceville and Gardner, D. A. Perrin, Braidwood and Coal City, J. G. Blair, Cornell, W. C. Knapp, Odell, T. C. Moots, Ransom, J. Washington Paffer, Streator, C. G. Shaffer, Canton, E. S. Wilson, Elmwood, H. K. Metcalf, Sibley and Strawn, W. S. Ward, Towanda, David P. Wilson, Pontiac, Joe Bell, Fairbury, L. F. Cullom, Flanagan, P. A. St. John, Presiding elder, Normal district, Thomas Doney, Forrest and Chatsworth, J. E. Mercer, Clifton, B. F. Stull.

Rev. W. B. Lockline was appointed professor and B. M. Baker, financial secretary of Illinois Wesleyan University, and members of Normal quarterly conference from the Streator district.

The Races.

The first races given under the management of the Dwight Driving Park association, were a decided success financially and otherwise. There were about 500 people present and the races very good considering the purses. The track was in fine condition, and is the best in this part of the state. The races commenced about 2:30 and ended about 6 o'clock. Walter Weese was chosen as starter and you bet he started them in good shape. Austin Gibbons, Ben Thompson and Lou Trunnell were the judges. The first race, trotting, was between Dr. Hamilton's Harry, of Emington, and William's Magetta, the former winning in two straight heats. The time was 3:02½ and 3:05.

The second trotting race was for 3:30 class, and there were five entries as follows: Wm. Penn, by Will Luther; Kentucky Belle, by Frank Smith; Starlight, by Mark Emick; Chief, by Al Haynes; and Red Don, by E. Dunlop. Penn won first and third heats and race hands down; Chief won second money and Starlight third. Frank Smith took his fine colt out after the third heat or he would have got the money. Red Don was not in after the second.

In the half mile running races the first was ponies. A. Mills entered Little Joe; Mr. Reardon, Peter Jackson; Mr. Butterfield, Bay Bill; Mr. Hubert, Brown Fan. Little Joe took first two heats and won the race.

The free for all half mile running race was next. Thos. Rea entered Spotted Bill; A. Mills, Mayflower; Mr. Gorley, Shiner; Ed Hahn, Whirlwind. Shiner was too much for his company and won first two heats and race. Whirlwind second and Spotted Bill third. Mayflower was declared not in it by the judges, on account of bolting the first heat.

The purses were \$25. Considerable interest was centered upon the foot race. Will Thompson, of Dwight, Alex Brown, of Emington, and Col. Jeffers, of Gardner, stripped for the occasion. Considerable time was spent in getting started, but finally it was made and Jones, old boy, had a cinch, and the \$10 will remain at home. Brown and Jeffers ran very close.

The officers and members of the association deserve a great deal of credit for the manner in which the first meeting was conducted.

John Thompson announced that there would be another meeting Thursday, Oct. 6, and two purses will be offered of \$75 each. It is safe to say that there will be a large crowd present. There will be large number of fast horses here.

Baldwin Witt.

Miss Hattie Witt, daughter of Milt Witt, and Mr. L. S. Baldwin, a lawyer of Nobelsville, Ind., were married at the home of the bride in Pontiac Tuesday afternoon. The happy couple will take up their residence in Indiana. Mrs. Baldwin is well known in Dwight, where the family formerly resided, and her many friends wish them much joy and happiness.

Campus Entertainment.

An eloquent and musical entertainment will be given at the M. E. church, at Campus, Friday evening, Sept. 30, for the benefit of the church. Miss Foote the lady reader comes highly recommended from the Chicago school of oratory. All are urged to attend and help a good cause.

Special Sunday Services.

Rev. A. N. Hitchcock, Ph. D., of Chicago, secretary of A. B. C. F. M., will preach Sunday morning at the Congregational church and lecture Sunday evening on "Mexico." All invited.

Did You Examine It?

The Excelsior Slate Paint, for shingles, iron and tin roofs. A sample of the same can be seen on the roof of the water works reservoir. All orders promptly filled and work guaranteed, by B. S. REARICK, Special Agt., Dwight, Ill.

Notice.

Having sold my grocery business, all book accounts due me can be paid to E. F. Fenn at his new grocery store in Keppinger's block, who will receipt for same. Parties having accounts please call and settle same, and oblige, E. P. HARRISON.

THE RAILROAD SQUABBLE.

R. P. Morgan Speaks of the Transcontinental Rate War.

Colonel Richard P. Morgan of Dwight, Ill., the eminent railroad expert who has been at work for two months on a report for the California Board of Railroad Commissioners on the subject of traffic rates, has about concluded his labors as far as his investigations into traffic matters and conditions in the State are concerned. Last evening he commenced the compilation of an elaborate report, which will be ready for presentation to the Railroad Commissioners in a few weeks. Mr. Morgan said last evening that he carefully inspected nearly every branch of railroad in the State, and that his report would be very exhaustive. Just what the tenor of his report will be he prefers to keep to himself for the present.

Speaking of the transcontinental squabble Mr. Morgan, while preferring not to express an opinion as to the ultimate outcome of the disagreement, said that the strained relations of the members of the Transcontinental Association was a serious matter for the railroads. He said that as far as his experience was concerned he had never known of a compact between railroads which remained a binding obligation for any great length of time. He thought the present squabble might turn out quite disastrously for the railroads and possibly for the public, if the impending rate war should cripple the corporation on which the public has to rely for transportation facilities.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Mining Company.

Dr. Leslie E. Keeley wishes it distinctly understood that he has no connection whatever with the alleged mining company in Colorado bearing his name. Also that his name was used without his knowledge or consent, and that he knows nothing of the company.

Wheeler at Odell.

Hon. H. K. Wheeler, republican candidate for congress, will speak at Odell Oct. 5. The committee is also making strong efforts to get Ex-Congressman Payson to speak also.

"The Girl of To-day."

The sixth lecture in the course at the Asbury Methodist church was given by Mrs. Ida Buxton Cole. Subject: "The Girl of To-day." The lecture was one of the best in the course—interesting, instructive, entertaining and well received by the very large and appreciative audience, which frequently applauded the happy hits and sharp points of the excellent address.—Providence, R. I. Journal.

Mrs. Ida Buxton Cole gave a very entertaining and instructive lecture—"The Girl of To-day"—in the presence of a fine audience. She is an elegant and accomplished speaker and gives the greatest satisfaction to her auditors.—Boston, Mass., Herald.

Mrs. Ida B. Cole will lecture in the Congregational church next Friday night under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. Subject "The Girl of today." Tickets 25 cents.

Lecture Sunday Evening.

The Congregational church was filled to overflowing Sunday evening to listen to the lecture given by Hon. W. C. Arnold, of South Dakota, on "The Trial and Crucifixion of Christ." Mr. Arnold dealt with the subject from a legal standpoint and proved conclusively that the conviction was directly contrary to law. Mr. Arnold is a splendid speaker and carried conviction in every sentence, and was listened to with wrapt attention by the large audience.

Happy Married.

Miss Anna Nelson and Mr. Ed. Hahn were married Sunday at the German Lutheran church. There were quite a number of friends present. They took a trip to Chicago and are now at home in Ed's residence in the south part of town. Miss Nelson was an estimable young lady, and Ed. is a fine young man, and the union is a happy one.

Their many friends extend congratulations and wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Opera House Program.

The STAR and HERALD will issue a regular opera house program commencing with the John Dillon show October 1. The program will have a neatly engraved head, four pages, and 500 will be issued for every show; that takes place in the opera house, and will be delivered to every one entering. There will be room for a few advertisements on each page on the side of the program, and this will be an excellent medium, our merchants should take advantage of it. The cost will be slight.

The STAR and HERALD has the exclusive right to publish this program for free distribution in the opera house, and we feel sure we can benefit our merchants. There are no advertisements in the new opera house, and before the shows commence and between acts the program will be read.

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