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This paper is a fair sample of what it will be in the future. It will only be a short time, however, when we will add four more pages, and all for \$1.50 each year.

Senator James Hamilton Lewis is kept busy classifying the thousands of applicants he receives daily for places in the public service. It is claimed no member of the United States senate has anything like the array Col. J. Ham has received.

Col. J. R. Beggs, president of the First National Bank of Arcola, and a member of the state Progressive committee for the 19th district, has resigned, giving as his reasons that he is disgusted with the doings of the Progressives in the legislature, and with Col. Roosevelt for turning down Ex-Senator Funk as a candidate for the United States senate when there was an opportunity for his election.

"Its self-constituted leaders will not be able to hold it together long." He says the "Republican party is the party of the people, and the Republicans and the Progressives all over the country will get together, and will succeed."—Robinson (Ill.) Argus.

THE CROPS.

The crops in this part of the state seem to be in very good form. Oats are being cut and are better than expected. Some fields are not so good, but the average is fair.

OILING STREETS.

Oiling of Mazon avenue has proven a good thing for the residents along that thoroughfare, and especially are the good housewives well pleased.

In Morris a plan has been carried out which seems to be fair, and the residents have most of them agreed to it. Each one is to pay five cents per foot and the city will purchase the oil and spread it for that amount.

The price for a fifty foot lot would be \$2.50 for a season and if the oil is spread right it will last a season.

This plan is certainly worth considering by the people of Dwight.

CHATTANOOGA.

The Grand Army, Sons of Veterans and all allied patriotic societies will hold their annual encampment at Chattanooga, Tenn., the week of Sept. 14 this year. The fare from Chicago for the round trip is \$18.55.

Chattanooga is surrounded by many of the great battle fields of the war: Lookout Mountain, where the battle above the clouds was fought; Missionary Ridge, one of the fiercest battles; Chicamauga; and the trains pass through Corinth, from which Shiloh can be visited, and other places, where stopovers can be secured if desired.

There will probably be a special train over the Chicago & Alton out of Chicago, and Mobile & Ohio out of St. Louis, without change. Anyway there will be through sleepers run both ways.

The trip will make a fine vacation. Quite a number from Dwight will take the trip.

A SCHEME OF BETTERMENT.

Out at Seattle, Wash., a practical movement in betterment of the public roads has been started, one that might profitably be duplicated in other parts of the country.

The owners of automobiles joined together in a plan to devote a day to improving the roads in the country surrounding the city. They pledged themselves to put on their overalls and devote the day to work so that something might come out of their undertaking in the way of practical results.

This is a very good scheme and might be made useful in the vicinity of Dwight. If half of the owners put in a day, or the value of it, on road betterment in the vicinity, many points of improvement could be made distinct.

There is no doubt that we have a great deal of talk about road improvement which has no other incentive than a desire to see some other person doing something. All over Illinois there are occasional farmers who make a point of keeping the road through their farms in good order and their work shows to their credit and the public advantage.

COLONEL MULHALL.

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," unless it be a trust magnate out of a job. Colonel Mulhall having been hired as a "fist" to bark up and down the political highways and byways, was finally dropped from the roll. It hurt the colonel's feelings. In the first place, he lost his job, and in the second place he felt that his eminent services were not required.

"Revenge," says the poet, "is the sweetest morsel with which the devil baits his hook to catch a sinner," so Colonel Mulhall saved his correspondence and "nursed his temper to keep it warm," like Tam O' Shanter's wife. The occasion came. The democrats in power eagerly sought for investigation. The New York World wanted to expose something to maintain its failing circulation. The Chicago Tribune desired to excuse its defection to the bull moose party by insisting that the republican organization was rotten to the core.

suasion to entrap them, and now he holds his victims up in the white light of rascals who deserve to be pilloried. Colonel Mulhall is a sample of the modern patriot. He sells his virtue for hard cash and then wants the purchasers to be punished for their wickedness.

TELLS VIEW POINT.

The Milwaukee Free Press publishes the following editorial concerning the giving away of newspaper space. The Free Press says:

"Advertising publicity is what a newspaper has to sell. It is as much a commodity marked with a price as the wares in a dry goods store. Yet thousands of citizens who would not think of asking a merchant to give them so much as a necktie have no compunction in asking that an advertisement be given them by a newspaper. The thought does not even enter their heads that every inch of space so given, in addition to providing them with the most valuable kind of service, actually costs the newspaper in editorial labor, in composition, in metal, in ink, in stereotyping, in printing, etc., a very definite sum of money.

"The Free Press, like every other Milwaukee paper, is liberal in giving of its space to further the cause of philanthropic, public and other institutions, enterprises and causes where the object is non-commercial and conducive to the public welfare.

"In return it expects only appreciation—appreciation of the fact that the press is giving its most costly commodity, a service so valuable that the beneficiaries could not afford to buy it and without which their institution, enterprise or cause could not exist, a service which is always made at a sacrifice in the news columns and at an actual expense.

"It expects recognition of the fact that while halls, theatres and other public places, bill posters and all the other service enlisted in these causes demand compensation with but few exceptions, it is the newspaper that gives its wares free for the sake of public good.

"Yet in the vast majority of cases this generous service is blissfully taken for granted and the paper's liberality abused. That which is purely a favor is accepted as a matter of course, and what would be requests are couched as demands.

"When the courtesy has been performed there is rarely appreciation, and more often dissatisfaction—generally silence.

"The result in many other cities has been that a price has been put upon every kind of publicity, no matter what its object—even upon the

church notice. In those cities, we warrant, such favors as the press bestows are properly valued."

STATE MADE ROADS.

Livingston and Grundy counties do not propose to be behind in making the proper arrangements to meet the requirements of the new state road law, or in presenting plans and specifications for roads through the different townships. The supervisors have met and appointed committees and they in turn have had diagrams drawn of their idea of the best schemes to accommodate the most people, and where the improvements shall be made, in the spirit of fairness to all.

Supervisor Gregg, of Dwight, was assigned five townships—Dwight, Odell, Nevada, Round Grove and Union, who had no representative on the committee. After interviewing a great many, and making a systematic study of roads and conditions, he will present diagrams to the board of supervisors for their consideration and final adoption next Monday.

The proposed plan for the townships mentioned are about as follows and seems to be what is needed:

In Dwight township a road to run east and west on the street known as Mazon avenue and the connecting road through Dwight, Round Grove to Reddick and through Nevada and on both west and east. Another road running along the C. & A. from Dwight to Pontiac, and another one on the east corporation line direct south through the county.

In Union the road south from Dwight connects with a road on the second township road south of the Dwight township line, with a road west into Odell, and also connects with a road in the center of Union going east to Emington and probably on east through Ford county.

In Nevada township in addition to the east and west road, one south through the center of the township from the east and west road will go straight into Odell and also Nevada catches several miles of the road along the Alton.

In Round Grove the continuation of the east and west road from Dwight to Reddick, and another in the center of the township connecting with the east and west road just south of Wilson, running to Campus and so on south.

Odell has the continuation of the line along the C. & A. and the connection from Nevada and Union and also a connection a short distance south going to Cornell and on west.

The other townships in the county have proposed roads and when finished would enable people to travel all over the county on hard roads except

the short connections from one to the other.

GRUNDY COUNTY.

The board of supervisors met at Morris last Saturday, and decided that the starting point of the new roads should be in the middle of section 16, township 33, running south. This is the road going south from the river bridge and will commence at the first four corners.

At the last meeting of the board of supervisors Fellingham, O'Connell, Hoge, Lwyer and Culley were appointed a hard roads committee. They made a report which coincides with the above.

The names of W. H. Randall, Aux Sable; C. B. Furgesen, Morris; P. F. Whalen, Aux Sable; C. G. Donahue, Morris; W. P. Olroyd, Greenfield and W. S. Miller, Morris, were presented as candidates for county commissioners under the new law. Only five names are to be sent in under the law.

Undoubtedly the new roads in Grundy will connect with those in Livingston and so on throughout the state.

THAT REMINDS US

That the philosopher says: "No, Mary dear, it doesn't take an athlete to jump from the frying pan into the fire."

That it does beat all how quick good resolutions spoil no matter how long they are kept.

That if a man is his worst enemy he goes back on a pretty good friend.

That we refuse to vouch for the following, but it's pretty good just the same: "In a little town in Nova Scotia are two churches, situated in the two divisions of the village, locally designated as the North End and the South End. At a Sunday morning service the officiating clergyman read the following notice: There will be preaching at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning in the church at North End, and 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the South End. Infants will be baptized at both Ends."

That someone should explain why cement sidewalks cannot be laid as cheaply here as in Pontiac. A contract was recently let there for 83 cents per square foot.

Notice.

Frank Reeb wishes to announce that he has sold an interest in his shoe and harness business to his sons, Fred and Lester, and that the business hereafter will be conducted as Frank Reeb & Sons.—Adv.

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