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GET-TOGETHER-GATHERING.

Health and Fire Limit Ordinance Presented—New City Hall and Public Library Advocated—Home Coming Week—Roundhouse and Stock Yards—all referred to a Committee.

One of the best meetings ever held for advancement in Dwight was at the town house Tuesday evening. Standing room was at a premium and everyone present seemed to favor a new city hall. The old one is disgraceful. The audience consisted of representative women and men.

The meeting was a regular one and President Kelagher invited everyone he could reach personally and through this paper to be present and many came. Those present from Dwight seemed to be a unit for the removal of the round house, the passing of a "Clean Up and Swat" ordinance, fire limit ordinance, new City Hall and Public Library, Home Coming Week, paving, and everything which would redound to the betterment of Dwight. The whole matter was finally referred to the following committee:

President J. A. Kelagher, chairman. Alderman P. D. Kern. Louis Weicker, President Commercial Club.

Col. Frank L. Smith.

Dr. J. H. Oughton.

F. J. Vickery.

A. S. Holbrook.

This committee will meet on call and discuss the legality of the corporation and township joining together to build a city hall, also private subscriptions, etc. Also the removal of the round house, and all the questions discussed at the open meeting, including paving, etc.

A committee on Public Library consisting of the following women was appointed by President Kelagher:

Mrs. Frank L. Smith.

Mrs. J. A. Spencer.

Mrs. H. A. Fox.

After the regular order of business President Kelagher said he was particularly well pleased that there were so many representative citizens, women and men, present, and invited them to come to every meeting and review the work done by the board. During the evening the President took occasion to say that it had been said by some that "Kelagher had done this and done that" inferring that there was something wrong, but he defied anyone to name anything against him, and that he had not done one act which he was ashamed of, and that if he had been as careful about his own business as he had the city's he might have had some money. He advocated a new city hall including a public library, council chamber, committee rooms, and a rest room for women and children. He thought it would cost about \$15,000. Also that he believed the round house and stock yards were nuisances and should be removed to the "Y" outside the corporate limits.

The President was fair in presiding and called on everyone present for opinions.

Ex-President J. R. Oughton said he favored a new city hall, library building, and would give both his support and also assist the library.

Col. Frank L. Smith said he believed the whole movement a healthy one and would, he believed, be supported by the people and he would do all he could to forward all enterprises which would advance and beautify the city. He is for the eliminating of the round house and stock yards from the corporate limits.

Mrs. Smith said she had always been particularly interested in a public library and that it would be beneficial to the pupils of the schools and to the public generally. That she believed the men would finance the enterprises, and that the women would assist in properly stocking the library. She believed a public hall was practical. She called attention to the cost of maintenance of a Carnegie library and the expense would be much greater than the plan in question. She believed that donations of books would be made from nearly every family. Mrs. Smith said it was really a shame that Dwight was behind Pontiac and Odell and many other places in the matter of a public library.

Mrs. J. A. Spencer and Mrs. H. A. Fox both endorsed the city hall and public library question, rest room and all the improvements which would be of benefit to the community.

President L. A. Weicker and I. H. Baker of the Commercial Club advocated a new city hall, public library, rest room and assembly hall and room which could be occupied by the Com-

mercial Club, and that about \$600 expense at the present time could be applied to the up-keep of a new city hall, etc.

Rev. McClung asked if the expense of a new city hall, etc., could not be borne equally by the township outside of the corporation, and the city.

President Kelagher said he didn't think it practical on account of the tax being really higher for the country people than the city, but that the legality of it would be looked into.

A. A. Boyer and Martin Nelson, residents of West Delaware street, favored the paving of that street from Prairie to the limits and I. H. Baker advocated the paving of East Delaware.

Dr. E. R. Weart advocated the better maintenance of the paving on West Mazon, which was put in under the supervision of the state.

Mr. E. O. Welch advocated the paving of South street as soon as the round house and stock yards were moved away.

President Kelagher reported that the money due from the Dr. Leslie E. Keeley estate would probably be paid in a few days.

ROUND HOUSE.

One of the first subjects taken up was the removal of the C. & A. round house and stock yards, and declaring both under present circumstances as nuisances. There was a strong petition presented asking the board to proclaim the present round house and stock yards nuisances, and asking the board to so declare.

Mr. Henderson, one of the officials of the road, was present and stated that they intended to make valuable improvements in the present round house, etc. That at one time they intended to build a new one in the Y but financial changes had taken place and they had to give it up, etc.

Mr. E. O. Welch, who lives near the round house, and was in the employ of the C. & A. for more than thirty years, opposed the rebuilding of the present house, and considered it a nuisance and also the stock yards. He presented reasons for his stand. He said the noise commenced about 4 o'clock a. m. and woke up all the babies and grown people, and that the smoke and gas was so thick that one could hardly stand it. He said that the old snack had stood there for nearly fifty-four years and he understood that the road was about to pay \$3000 for more land adjoining, and he couldn't understand how it would be economy for the road to do this when they owned plenty of land at the Y and would not have to invest that \$3000. He said that if the Board allowed the road to rebuild on the present site that the next thing would be the vacating of South street.

Mrs. Spencer said she could not think of anything bad enough to say about the present stock yards.

Mr. Welch's remarks were endorsed by Mr. Trunnell, Mr. Boyer and many others.

The representatives of the C. & A. seemed to have been convinced for they said nothing further except to ask for time to consider and remove. Sixty days was practically agreed upon.

ELECTION PROTEST.

Messrs. Mette and Chalmers filed an election protest for the Board to take action on, and it was referred to the judiciary committee. They claimed in substance that separate ballots should have been used for the women voting and that all votes by them were illegal, and asked that the votes for Messrs. Chalmers and Mette be re-canceled and that they be declared elected on the ground that they received a majority of the men's votes.

The meeting was adjourned to Wednesday evening when the health ordinance and an ordinance relating to the limits were presented and passed. Both of these ordinances are published in this issue and should be read by everybody.

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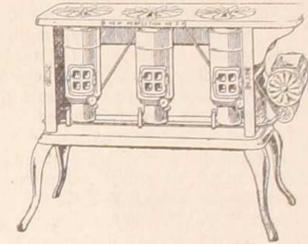
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