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The Bridge Question.

In the Chicago *Legal News*, we find the following, which is a parallel case to our Bridge question, and which will be perused with interest by our readers. In Iroquois county there was a bridge to be built, where it was clearly the duty of the county, under the law, to pay one-half, but as in this county a majority of the Supervisors opposed it and refused to comply with the law.—Suit was brought and carried to the Supreme Court, and below we give the decision of Judge Dickey, given on the 10th inst:

93—67.—*The People ex rel. Commissioners of Highways, &c., vs. the Board of Supervisors of Iroquois Co. (Opinion by Dickey, Judge, reversing and remanding.) Filed at Ottawa, November 10, 1881.*

1. BRIDGES—*Appropriation by county to aid in construction of.*—Where the commissioners of highways of a town have determined that the construction of a bridge across any stream in their town in a public highway, is necessary, and that the cost of the same is too great a burden to be reasonably borne by the town, and apply to the county board for an appropriation for one-half the cost of its construction, the commissioners having provided for the other half of the necessary expenses, the county board is required by law to make the desired appropriation from the county treasury. In such a case the county board have no discretion to refuse the aid sought.

Appeal from the Appellate Court for the Second District; heard in that Court on writ of error to the Circuit Court of Iroquois County; the Hon. Franklin Blades, Judge, presiding.

Now the question naturally arises will the Board of Supervisors of this county, in the face of this decision, see the error of their way, or will they continue to show their stubbornness by feeing lawyers at the county's expense? We shall wait and see.

☞ The trial of the assassin Guiteau is still in progress, and will undoubtedly last several days yet. His attempt to play insane in court has proved a miserable failure and the prospect now is, that should he escape the bullet of some avenger until his trial is closed, he will pay the penalty of his act on the gallows.

☞ An attempt was made to shoot the assassin, Guiteau, on Saturday last while he was being taken from the court room to the jail. Two shots were fired through the prison van, one making a slight scratch on the prisoners arm. The prisoner was terribly frightened and cringed to the bottom of the van howling piteously, like a cowardly brute that he is. While, as we have said before, we hope he will be fairly tried and fairly hung, we should have shed no tear had the bullet on Saturday found his cowardly heart.

☞ The editor of the St. Charles *Chronicle* says of Logan: "The General looks as if the cares of legislation did not seriously disturb his digestion or his political equanimity. The years since the war rest lightly upon him, and to-day, could the boys who followed him at Vicksburg and Atlanta, see him astride his old black horse, wearing the livery of Uncle Sam, with flowing hair and heavy mustache, they would cheer

'As in the brave days of old,'

when the "light of battle shone in their faces, and the heavens shook with the thunder of the artillery.

☞ The statement that there has never been a successful strike finds new confirmation in the experience of the iron workers of Cincinnati. Last June about 2,000 demanded an increase of 20 per cent in their wages. The the mill owners refused to pay, as they were already paying 5 per cent more than the Pittsburg manufacturers.—The men stood out till last week, when they returned to work at precisely the same wages they had in June. All that has been gained is their voluntary idleness of five months, and a loss of $1,500,000 in wages, to say nothing of the privation and suffering to their families.

☞ Senator Logan and wife left Chicago Sunday evening for Washington. He is now undeniably the most influential man in the Senate, certainly among those representing the Central or Western States, and it is more than probable he will be largely consulted, both as to the personnelle and policy of the administration. The great influence Illinois has exercised upon the government of the United States ever since Stephen A. Douglas became a power in the Democratic party, will not lose any of its intensity while John A. Logan sits in the Senate and David Davis is presiding officer of that body.

But how the Democracy do extract bitterness from the portion they have enabled the Senators from Illinois to administer to them.—*Aurora Beacon.*

☞ Minnesota has effaced the stigma of repudiation which had cast its baleful shadow on its escutcheon. The Senate by a vote of 30 to 10, and the House by 77 to 29, have accepted the proposition of the bondholders to take half the amount due them, and settle their claim. If the bondholders are willing to make the sacrifice it is their own concern; but we cannot understand how a proud and prosperous State should be willing to allow them to make it. If the State receives full value for its lands, Gov. Pillsbury deserves the greatest credit for his efforts to induce the legislature to perform this act of justice, which he says in his message "shall forever put at rest the haunting spectre of repudiation, and our young commonwealth irrevocably in the sisterhood of honorable States."

PRAYER.

EDITOR PLAINDEALER:—Permit me to thank my friend H. for his kind and exhaustive notice of my short article on prayer. I wish to call his attention to I Kings, 2d Chapter, where Elijah made a proposition to the people, that the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal should sacrifice and pray to their god, and he would sacrifice and pray to his God, and the one that answered by fire should be the God. And the people said, "It is well." So the prophets of Baal made their sacrifice and prayed all day and they cried aloud and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets until the blood gushed out upon them, and thus went the day until the hour of the evening sacrifice, when Elijah called the people to come near, he repaired the altar of the Lord, laid the wood in order, laid the bullock on the wood, and to make sure had it saturated with water, and then prayed, and the 38th verse gives us the answer: "Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust and licked up the water that was in the trench and the people said the Lord He is God.

The second answer to prayer to which your attention is called may be found in John, 11th chapter, where Lazarus was raised from the dead. In the 41st verse we read, "Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.'" Thus Lazarus was raised in answer to prayer.

Your attention is now called to two prayers that the special object prayed for was not granted. Paul in II Corinthians, 12—7—9—"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me, and He said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee.'" The next may be found in Matthew XXVI, Mark XIV, and Luke XXII. From these narratives it is evident that Jesus, as the time drew near dreaded the hour of his crucifixion, and in view of it he went into the garden and prayed three times, an hour each, that the dreadful cup might pass. His prayer was not granted, but an angel came from heaven and strengthened him. Thus Paul obtained grace to help in time of need, and Jesus, strength to bear the cross. If Paul and Jesus could be denied, especially the Son of God when he prayed in an agony for his life, why not the people of this country when they prayed for the life of their President, and if Paul did not receive the direct answer to his prayer, but obtained grace to help in time of temptation, and Jesus, though he did not receive his special request, yet obtained strength to bear his cross. May we not expect God has a great blessing for us?

I close by saying, Brother H., that many prayers have been offered for you by Hearts, near, dear and true, A few years will decide forever, whether they will be answered in your favor, or those that pray receive grace to bear the great trial. Yours truly,

PRAYER.

The Seventh Comet of the Year.

Director Swift, of the Warner Astronomical Observatory Rochester, N. Y., at 11 o'clock P. M. of the 16th inst. discovered a faint, round, tailless comet in the constellation Cassiobeia, which has a Right Ascension of 1 hour 50 minutes and a Declination north of 71 degrees with a motion slowly westward. This is the seventh comet that has been discovered since the first of May last, four of which meeting the conditions of the fund, have received the Warner Prize of $200 dollars, Prof. Swift procuring the first and last award. Inasmuch as the comet of 1812 is expected in the quarter in which this one appeared, Prof Swift is not sure at present that the stranger may not be the familiar comet which was discovered by Pons, In 1878 Director Swift, at Denver claimed to have discovered an intra Mercurial planet. In May 1882, he will visit Egypt, under the munificent provision of Mr. Warner, to observe the Total Eclipse, at which time he hopes to verify his intra Mercurial planet discovery. Mr. Warner's generous patronage of science has given astronomical study a wonderful impulse during the past twelve months, and the country is to be congratulated on having so broad minded a man so "substantially" devoted to the upbuilding of her intellectual as well as physical interests.

☞ It having come to the ears of J. H. Noyes, the leader of the Oneida Community, that he was to be called as a witness to prove the insanity of Guiteau, the assassin, he addressed a letter to Mr. Scoville, in the course of which he expressed himself as follows: "I do not believe in his insanity, and I recolect no act or symptom of insanity in his life while under my observation. I think he was born with a special genius for mischief, and has had a real inspiration for it all his days; but that is not saying he is insane, unless we also call natural genius and inspiration for good things, such as invention, music, etc., insanity. I understand insanity to be unsoundness—disease of the brain; and I do not think Guiteau has that, any more than bears and lions have it. With these views and the memory of my sore experience with your client, I am afraid I should have to testify strongly against your main plea, and perhaps should be the means of sending him to the gallows."

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TO MR. BECKLEY; AGED NINETY-THREE.

We've gathered here, from far and near,
A loving, happy band,
To all rejoice you're with us still,
And clasp you by the hand.

For four score years and thirteen more,
You've dwelt upon the earth,
And all of us assembled here,
Can praise your priceless worth.

And now, this bright October day,
(The leaves are red and gold;)
We've gathered here, because, they say,
You're ninety-three years old!

I see your children by your side,
Your children's children, too;
And, Glancing 'round this pleasant room,
Your great-grand-children view.

Although we know that you, kind friend,
Success in life have made;
Like all of us you've had to live,
Though sunshine and through shade.

We cannot help but glance, to day,
Back o'er the vanished years;
The long, long years that you have spent,
'Mid happiness and tears.

In fancy, we can see you, by
Your loving mother's knee,
A little household treasure,
So merrry, gay and free.

And see you starting off for school,
A roguish, laughing boy;
(There learning faithfully each rule,)
All, then, to you was joy!

We see you working with a will,
To make in life success;
To make a home for her who gave
To you the whispered "Yes!"

Aged twenty-one; we see you
Now starting for the West:
For your precious darling,
You'll build a cozy nest.

Still later on in life, we see
You in a happy home,
With loving wife, and children dear,
To meet you when you come.

Your children left are married. (Some
The angels bore away.)
Your steps are getting feeble, and
Your locks are getting grey.

Still, you are blest with happiness,
Success, and joy in life;
When, alas! Death's Angel comes,
And takes your gentle wife.

Your children ever watch o'er you,
With tender, loving care;
The loved ones gone are waiting,
Above the "pearly stair."

Although your steps are feeble,
And locks as white as snow,
Your heart is just as glad, I ween,
As in the years ago.

We hope that you'll be with us still,
When one more year whirls past!
If not we know that surely you
Will dwell among the blest,

CARRIE L. HOWE.

NUNDA, Ill., Oct. 17th, 1881.

Thanksgiving Party.

There will be Thanksgiving Party at the McHenry House Hall, on Thursday evening, November 24th. The best of music will be in attendance. A good Supper at reasonable rates. Let all come out and have a good time.

PETER SMITH, Proprietor.

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McHenry, March 15th, 1881.

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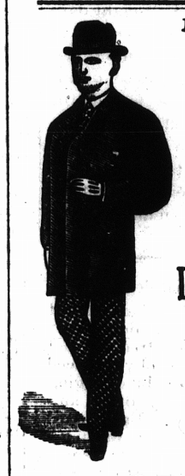
McHenry, Ill, Oct. 10th, 1881. **G. W. BESLEY.**



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McHENRY, Nov. 7th, 1881.

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