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CONCERNING STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

The spectacle of the North side members of the board of trustees endeavoring to frustrate the plans of the other members of the board to improve Maple avenue, east of Main street, by threats and abusive language, is to say the least very ill timed. The situation is this. There is in the street and alley fund about $1,000 available for street improvements. The North side trustees, or at least two of them, wanted this money expended in all parts of the village, or, in other words to spread a car of gravel here and there on the various streets, where it would within a year at least, be found to have been recklessly expended. Anyone can readily conceive how this plan of a little top dressing for the streets would have no permanent value.

The members of the board from the South side, and also Mr. Chilvers, the chairman of the street and alley committee from the North side, have long realized the necessity of making some substantial improvements on Main street and Maple avenue. Their plan was to expend the amount in the street and alley fund by putting on Maple avenue an eight foot roadbed of gravel and crushed stone, which would last for at least ten years. Main street was to be improved by adding a substantial top dressing of gravel, which, with the gravel and stone now thereon, would make a substantial street. It will be readily seen how this method would be much more advisable than scattering a few loads undiscriminately on the various streets of the village.

Then too, it is entirely owing to the efforts of Trustees Bunge and Wetten that there is the present balance of available cash in the street and alley fund. When these members came on the board the fund was empty. Through their instrumentality expenses were curtailed so that a saving of about $400 resulted in two years. Therefore it is no more than just and proper that they should have a voice in how this money should be expended, particularly so, inasmuch as the plan proposed by them was much the better one.

Personal feeling and sectional prejudice should be put aside in this matter, and the money invested where it will do the most good, and that is in giving Main street and Maple avenue the improvement so greatly needed.

MR. HOPKINS IN CONGRESS.

No republican of the eighth congressional district can visit Washington without feeling elated and gratified. No section of this country is more ably and efficiently represented in congress than this. Mr. Hopkins is one of the few influential men in the national legislature. Washingtonians who look upon the average congressman as we regard our ordinary councilman, invariably speak of Mr. Hopkins with respect and that confidence is well earned. Added to his natural ability, his acquired legal knowledge and long legislative experience, is his never ceasing industry. He is the hardest worker in congress, a pusher, a veritable steam engine in a prince Albert. For months he has labored on the reciprocity features of the Dingley bill. He has given his days and not a small part of his nights, yes, even Sundays to their consideration. He has taken the measure where Blaine left it and pushed it to perfection. He has studied it and thoroughly mastered that most intricate and difficult chapter of the proposed tariff law. He is regarded by his fellow committeemen as an authority on the subject and they readily accept his decisions. Not only is his influence felt in committee, but representative business men from all over the country are in hourly consultation with him. Indeed, next to Senator Hanna he seems to be the most sought-after man in Washington. This district has great reason to be proud of its representative.—Elgin News.

THE SUPREME COURT AT SPRINGFIELD

The long contest over the consolidation of the supreme court of Illinois has at last been ended by locating it at the state capital, instead of at Ottawa. The legislature has wrestled with this question of consolidation for many years, and it is a relief and gratification to all concerned that our peripatetic court is now to have a permanent home, and that home the capital of the state. The convenience of having all the departments of the state government located at the capital is evident, and though Ottawa was satisfactory to quite a large portion of the people of the state, it is much better to avoid all future discussion on the subject by following the general custom that obtains, almost without exception, in the different states by locating the supreme court at the state capital.

The court itself and the lawyers of the state will be the greatest gainers by this act of the legislature, which gives the supreme court a local habitation and puts an end to the peregrinations of lawyers and judges from one part of the state to another. The different towns of the state formerly visited by the court will lose merely a picturesque and pleasant incident, while those most directly interested will be greatly benefitted by the consolidation.

A case which illustrates that you can't be too careful about naming the beneficiary in your insurance policy, if it is issued by a fraternal society, is on the probate calendar in Dubuque. A husband just before his death willed his wife all his property including his policy of insurance. When the policy was issued he named his mother as beneficiary, and upon his death he failed to have the beneficiary changed either because of neglect or because he supposed he had the right to will the policy to anybody he might choose regardless of the beneficiary named in it. Now the widow finds that the policy, regardless of the will, belongs to the legal heirs of her husband's mother, the mother's living children, and it remains for them to say whether they will claim it or whether they will respect their brother's will by letting the widow have it.

The moral is that the man holding a policy in one of these assessment companies should lose no time in having the beneficiary named in the policy changed when he wishes the money to go to someone other than the person originally named in the policy as the beneficiary. Under the law the insured has no power to bequeath the policy. He has merely the power of appointment, the power to designate who shall be named in the policy as beneficiary and when he wishes to make a change he must direct the society to substitute another name. The society cannot substitute after his death but must be notified while he is living.

Judge Maxwell, a populist congressman from Nebraska, has introduced an elaborate bill transferring all the postmasterships in the United States from the list of executive offices and providing that hereafter all postmasters shall be elected by the people. For this purpose an extensive election system is created, a county board being organized in every county of the union to divide the territory into post office districts. Mr. Maxwell's bill provides that the terms of all postmasters now in office shall expire on the first day of January after the bill becomes a law that the postmasters shall be elected for the term of four years throughout the United States at the general election of 1898. All that is left of the patronage of the postoffice department under the comprehensive and sweeping measure is the right to fill vacancies until the next general election. The bill covers all classes of postmasters and places Podunk Crossroads on exactly the same footing in this respect as the Chicago office.

While some democratic orators and editors are claiming that the Dingley bill will produce too much revenue, there are others who are shrieking that the new tariff bill based on the McKinley law will not produce a sufficient revenue. This latter class should take a look at the record of the McKinley law before committing themselves on the subject. The facts are these: The McKinley law had been in operation two and a half years when the free trade president and congress came into power and had in that time produced a surplus of $25,000,000. The Wilson low tariff law had been two and a half years in operation when McKinley came into power and had produced in that time a deficit of $131,000,000. The people prefer the former, in that it is more pleasant to be confronted with a surplus than a deficit.

By the co-operation of the legislatures of Wisconsin and Illinois it is hoped that the two states will soon enjoy one of the most notable connections in the way of a boulevard, extending from Chicago to Green Bay. If this aim is successfully carried out, the Sheridan drive will probably become famous for affording long carriage drives and bicycle trips, on an unsurpassed roadway.

WEATHER AND CROP BULLETIN.

The temperature of the week averaged from 2 to 7 degrees above normal, and the rainfall ran from over three inches in southwest counties to less than a quarter of an inch in north and northeast counties. The soil everywhere is wet, in most of the state far too wet for work and little has been done. Few oats and a little spring wheat have been sown, some gardens made and potatoes planted in the south part, and a very little plowing done. Seeding will begin in the northeast counties this week and make rapid progress if dryness and warmth favor. Winter grain in the extreme north and extreme south of the state is reported in fair condition, especially on upland in the south, elsewhere it is very poor to fair, wheat being much winter killed, clover likewise, while rye is but fair. Grasses are starting finely; fruits are considered unharmed, except peaches.

NORTHERN SECTION.

The week throughout the northern section was one of more than normal temperature with light showers in north and east counties, and heavy rains in southwest counties. The previous wet condition of the soil caused it to remain saturated and soggy, preventing work and making roads impassable. Very little seeding has been done, but in northeast counties much work will be done in oat fields this week; a little timothy and clover have been sown. Winter wheat, rye and clover are generally reported poor, much of the wheat and clover being killed, although northwest counties report a better condition of wheat. Dry stock feed is plentiful and grass is making a fine start; fruit buds are pronounced in good condition, except peaches.

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From the east: 7:06; 9:06 a. m. 12:11; 5:11 p. m.
From the west: 7:06; 9:52 a. m. 1:20; 5:20 p. m.

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East Bound.

LV. DOWNERS		ARR. CHICAGO
5.50 a. m.	D G Passenger	6.40 a.m.
6.25	" "	7.16
6.54	" "	7.43
7.07	Aurora Passenger	7.46
7.22	D G Passenger	8.10
7.58	Aurora Passenger	8.45
8.22	D G Passenger	9.12
8.50	Aurora Passenger	9.22
9.10	D G Passenger	10.00
9.52	Mail Train	10.35
10.05	D G Passenger	10.55
11.15	Aurora Passenger	12.16 p. m.
12.50 p. m.	D G Passenger	1.40
1.23	Mail Train	2.05
2.05	D G Passenger	2.55
3.15	" "	4.05
3.55	Aurora Passenger	4.45
4.50	D G Passenger	5.40
5.28	Mail Train	6.10
5.45	D G Passenger	6.45
6.55	" "	7.45
8.02	" "	9.00
9.02	" "	10.00
9.51	Through Express	10.30
10.19	D G Passenger	11.20

West Bound.

LV. CHICAGO		ARR. DOWNERS
6.45 a. m.	D G Passenger	7.36 a. m.
7.45	" "	8.36
8.30	Mail Train	9.07
8.45	D G Passenger	9.36
10.15	" "	11.06
11.05	" "	12.07 p. m
11.30	Mail Train	12.11
12.01 p. m	D G Passenger	1.02
12.55	Saturday only	1.47
1.30	Aurora Passenger	2.23
2.10	Milk Train	3.10
3.15	D G Passenger	4.06
4.05	" "	4.56
4.40	" "	5.31
5.11	Aurora Passenger	5.50
5.15	D G Passenger	6.05
5.35	" "	6.36
6.15	" "	7.06
6.40	" "	7.40
7.30	" "	8.30
8.30	Aurora Passenger	9.30
10.35	D G Passenger	11.35
11.20	Theater Train	12.03
11.30	D G Passenger	12.30

Sunday Trains.—East.

LEAVE DOWNERS		ARR. CHICAGO
7.55 a. m.	D G Passenger	8.45 a. m.
8.30	Aurora Passenger	9.22
9.23	D G Passenger	10.15
1.10 p. m.	" "	2.00 p. m.
1.23	Mail Train	2.05
3.08	D G Passenger	4.00
5.00	Aurora Passenger	6.00
6.25	D G Passenger	7.25
9.00	Aurora Passenger	9.50
9.56	D G Passenger	10.55

Sunday Trains.—West.

LV. CHICAGO		ARR. DOWNERS
9.00 a. m.	Aurora Passenger	9.55 a. m.
11.30	Through Express	12.11
11.40	D G Passenger	12.35
1.30	" "	2.30
2.10	Aurora Passenger	3.10
4.55	D G Passenger	6.00
6.40	" "	7.33
9.45	" "	10.48
10.45	" "	11.48
11.20	Theater Train	12.08 p. m