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MICKIE SAYS:



THE ROBINSON CASE

Great surprise was expressed all over the county at the verdict of hanging which the jury brought in on the Robinson case last Saturday at Wheaton. As the trial proceeded it was patent that the jury would find him guilty but that they would inflict the death penalty was one of the remote possibilities.

It is true that it was a particularly brutal murder of a crippled old man and his wife, that he also beat his infant baby and wife with an iron bar, but the mere fact that he was legally insane and the escaped inmate of a state insane institution when the deed was committed, was thought before the trial, would have a great influence on the jury. Evidently in their own minds they judged he was sane and so found for the extreme penalty of the law.

Chicago papers in commenting on the case made much of the fact that County Judge Rathje, in whose court Robinson was adjudged insane, was one of the special state's attorneys on the prosecution.

The killing of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Brown was the culmination of a war "romance." Robinson was a sailor and stationed at the Great Lakes when he met the Brown girl, after a whirlwind courtship they were married. After the armistice the Robinsons rented a flat in Chicago and settled down to hum-drum married life. A child was born and soon after the wife left her husband and returned to her home in Wheaton. She again lived with him for a while and finally left him for good. One day while the man was at work it is said she went to the Chicago flat and had all the furniture moved to her parents home in Wheaton.

In the meanwhile it seems that Robinson was trying to do the right thing. He placed all the blame for his marital troubles upon his wife's parents and her sister. Early in the spring he went to Wheaton took his baby and went to his parent's home in Texas. Extradition papers were secured. Sheriff Leineke, a deputy and Mrs. Robinson going after him. He was brought back to DuPage and lodged in the county jail. It was found that the authorities had nothing on Robinson and after a short trial he was adjudged insane and sent to the Elgin asylum. After a few months confinement he escaped and no great effort, apparently, was made to recapture him, in spite of the fact that he threatened to "get" the Brown family. The sheriff was placed on guard over the Browns but Robinson eluded him and made good his threats.

There is only one conclusion to draw from this case. The man was either crazy or he was not. If not, he should not have been committed to the asylum in the first place and if he is crazy the death penalty should not be carried out.

Many people have approached G. H. Bunge, who was appointed by the

court to defend Robinson, with the idea of taking up a subscription to carry the case to a higher court should Judge Slusser affirm the verdict of the jury.

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE "COMES BACK"

Last week the Rev. H. H. Rood came into the office with an I-dare-you-to-publish-this look on his face and we immediately knew that the Anti-Saloon League was going to try to justify its actions in the recent primary, which drew such a storm of protest from the newspapers of DuPage County. That the general public all over the county backed up the newspaper fight on the League in this instance can easily be seen from the way they voted.

The article in question, which we assured Mr. Rood we would gladly publish, may be found on another page. We shall not attempt to answer it in this issue. We are under the impression that several men in the village and county will take great pleasure in answering some of the more pointed of the arguments which Mr. Rood has used.

Only part of one paragraph will we take up. That is the fifth paragraph where Mr. Rood says, "the Anti-Saloon League, which is the child of the church." We would like to say right here that many a child has been led astray after it left the home of its parents and the influence of the good people there. Many a good idea has come from the church but after growing and getting out of the hands of church people into that of "professional" reformers it has deteriorated.

And who are these professional reformers? In nine cases out of ten they are ex-ministers who have heard and heeded the "call" to "new fields" of vastly easier money than at their regular profession of preaching the gospel from the pulpit and leading a flock. Stop the pay of these reformers and see how long they would continue working for the "cause" (no matter what) which they now say they do just for the principle of the thing.

WHEATON PEOPLE ARE BUCKING THE STATE

The State Health Department recently ruled that Wheaton must fix up its sewer system in conformity with the health department specifications or the sewer outlet would be closed.

The Wheaton Council passed an or-

dinance ordering the work to be done and some of the dissatisfied citizens of the community, the habitual sore-heads without which a town is strangely peaceful, presented a petition asking the council to rescind its action. This they refused to do and the village will hold a referendum on the subject soon. What they will do if the referendum carries in favor of repealing the ordinance is hard to say. The State is all powerful in a case of this kind and can close the sanitary sewer outlet as they threaten. This will leave Wheaton about where she was in 1880.

Downers Grove must get busy very soon on the same kind of a situation. The water from our sanitary sewer is contaminating the public waters of the state and the State Health Department has granted the village a temporary stop on proceeding against it. When the matter finally does come up for settlement we hope local people will get back of the Village Council in all they may do to relieve the situation and not act as some of the progress obstructors of Wheaton are acting now.

PUBLISHERS OF DU PAGE COUNTY HELD MEETING

Dis-Cussed Business Conditions in Informal Gathering Here Monday Evening.

Publishers of the community newspapers of DuPage County met in Downers Grove Monday evening to discuss the rising cost and the general conditions which have so seriously affected them in the last year. Preceding the matter they had a very delightful dinner at the Central Hotel.

Questions regarding print paper, ink, labor costs of machinery and supplies, shortage in all lines were brought up and thoroughly threshed out. It was shown that the general cost of printing had risen higher than the average for all other business in the country, that the return on the capital invested was less than that of the average and that the selling price of the finished product would have to be raised.

Different paper houses were checked up on their prices of print paper and it was found that the price varied from one-half to four cents a pound. It is possible that pool buying may be instituted by the members of the county publishers association.

DE KALB COUNTY CORONER WINS BY JUST ONE VOTE

The official count of Wednesday's vote in DeKalb county shows that Cassius Post, soldier candidate for state's attorney, won the Republican nomination over Lowell B. Smith, present incumbent, by nine votes. The vote was 4350 to 4359.

An even closer contest was that for the nomination for county coroner, Dr. Carl H. Wilkinson of Waterman winning over Dr. Edward J. Brewer of Shabbona by one vote. There has been no talk of a recount, it was said, at the county clerk's office at Sycamore.

"ALL OVER BUT THE SHOUTING" - RIVAL LEADERS

It's all figured out now, so there is little excuse for an election in November. George White, Democratic national chairman, says: The election depends upon Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia and Illinois. If we can carry these four states Governor Cox will be the next president. On the other hand, Will Hayes, Republican national chairman, says: "The whole of the United States, with the possible exception of ten southern states, will go Republican this year."

FORD PRICES TAKE BIG DROP

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to the pre-war figures. Since that announcement several other automobile manufacturers have taken the same step, notably the Franklin, Overland, Essex and Hudson.

People who have been holding their second-hand Fords for a higher price are now wishing they had sold sooner. But on the other hand those who recently sold are congratulating themselves on the fact that they unloaded at the right time.

It seems as though prices are at last taking a gradual turn downward. That it is almost time will be conceded by all but the profiteers. When the price of sugar came down there was general rejoicing. When other foodstuffs tumble there will be even more. By the way, we can eat potatoes now without being in the million-aires class.

HA! THE TRUTH ABOUT REED IS OUT AT LAST

Some reference was made during the recent campaign for state's attorney as to Chauncey W. Reed's youth and inexperience. Now that it is too late we learn that it is all true. He admits it. Here is an excerpt from his last advertisement appearing in the Wheaton Illinoian:

".....Born in West Chicago June 2, 1920....."

Anyway you must hand it to him it is indeed a precocious child who will run for such an office at the tender age of three months.



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