

**BETHANY CHURCH CASE DECIDED.**

The Illinois State Supreme Court rendered a final decision in the Bethany church case on Tuesday, May 11, in favor of the majority members, now known as the First United Evangelical Church. The document is written by Chief Justice Magruder; all the Judges concur in the decision. The document reviews the evidence in the case, and notes, that when the society purchased the property in 1883, they unanimously voted to exclude the trust clause provided by the discipline of the Evangelical Association, because they desired to keep sole control over the property. The court says:

"Inasmuch as the property thus belongs to the society or congregation, its ownership will continue in the majority of the congregation when a minority secedes and set up a separate organization. \* \* \*

"We should be inclined to hold, that the decree was erroneous in directing it to be conveyed to the trustees appointed by the appellees who are in the seceding minority. The record however discloses other facts which make a reversal of the decree necessary, independently of the considerations heretofore advanced."

Here the court notes the fact that Bethany church was a legal incorporation, and as such was not a party to the bill. That it is not denied that in incorporating, all the statutory provisions were complied with. That when the incorporation is affected, "all the property held in trust for the organization shall immediately vest in such corporation and be subject to its control, and may be used mortgaged, sold and conveyed, the same as if it had been conveyed to such corporation by deed."

"It is charged in the bill that the act of incorporating the church was a fraud upon the complainants because they had no notice of it. As the complainants had seceded from the church and organized a separate society, it may be a question whether they were entitled to notice." "For the reasons here stated, the decree of the circuit court is reversed, and the cause remanded to that court for further proceeding in accordance with the views herein expressed."

The police magistrate, who occasionally has 2 shillings and 6 pence in his hands, though very rarely, has to file bonds to the extent of \$2,000 for his fidelity in office. At that rate the city clerk should bond in the sum of \$25,000, the collector at least \$100,000 and the treasurer \$1,250,000.

**A TRIP TO HAWAII.**

Following the Scripture example, the Presbyterian Men's club have reserved the best of the series of their entertainments till the last, in the meeting house next Tuesday evening, May 18th, by C. D. Irwin, who with the aid of powerful lights, will take us all on an imaginary trip to Hawaii, show us the islands, the people, royal buildings, ex-Queen "Lilly," the homes of the people and everything about the islands. His pictures are so vivid you can see the lava run down the mountain sides, hear the steam "hiss" out of the craters. All the Chicago, Elgin, Hinsdale and other city papers, where Mr. Irwin has lectured, speak in the highest terms of him and his pictures. Don't fail to attend and see and hear the best. Go early and get a good seat; no money needed, but the curtain "shines" at 8 o'clock, sharp.

The Supreme Court has reversed the decision and given the Bethany church property back to the First church. We hope our Bethany people will not waste time or money or moral opportunity by taking exceptions, etc., for a new trial. Let those two churches show

this community they have sense and piety enough to accept a court decision as Christians should. "We be brethren," should be the motto on all sides now.

T. E. Pierson, a former resident of the Park, has rented the entire ground floor of the old News office on St. Johns avenue, for an upholstery establishment. Mr. Pierson is an up-to-date, first-class workman in all respects, as the older residents of the city well know, and such a man is sure of success because he will give satisfaction.

City Engineer Bowen left his bicycle leaning against a tree Wednesday, when one of the teamsters, grading down the Central ave. made conductivity of the diamond and Mr. Bowen walked to his home on Vine avenue. He will have to call in the commissioners to assess the damages, payable in seven annual instalments.

A free exhibition will be given on First street by a band of cowboys with their bronchos, Saturday, May 15, at 2:00 p. m. Ladies and children are especially invited. A tent exhibition will follow. — ADV.

Mrs. J. E. Peterson was married Wednesday, May 12th, to John Mettler, an ex-soldier.

S. M. Coe and family are in their St. Johns avenue home for the season.

**Announcement....**

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