

EASTER POEM.

The following "Easter Ode," written ten for this paper by Henry Edwards, is valuable not alone for the merit of its composition. One cannot but be thankful that, though afflicted with blindness, Mr. Edwards has in mind and heart thoughts and feelings of gladness and cheerfulness—treasures not always so richly possessed by others to whom the light of day is too common a blessing to be appreciated:

Ring out! Ring out! Ye merry bells,  
With music loud and clear;  
Ring to the nations of the earth  
That Easter now is here.

Now, winter, with her dismal train,  
Has hastened to the north;  
And spring, with bright and blooming garb,  
In triumph issues forth.

The feathered tribes in sportive mood,  
Flit through the sylvan dells;  
Their tuneful voices blend in song,  
Which to an anthem swells.

The flowers too with modest mien,  
In reverence bow their heads,  
And each from rainbow-tinted cells  
A fragrant incense sheds.

The silver-pencilled streamlets glide  
Athwart the verdant earth,  
Where Ceres, crowned with myrtle wreath,  
Her golden scepter wields.

All Nature smiles in joyous mood;  
All living things are gay,  
A matchless beauty gushes forth  
From moldering decay.

Oh, Nature, why this gorgeous robe?  
What means this bright display?  
Dost thou, too, realize the worth  
Of this immortal day?

Oh, day of days, thy praise we sing;  
Our hearts thrill with delight;  
Exalt our thoughts, impart us grace,  
And guide our steps aright.

Oh, Easter, well thou meritest  
This season of the year.  
All living things, both great and small,  
Thy sacred name revere.

As from the dreary winter's gloom  
The gorgeous springtime flows,  
So from the dark and sinful earth,  
Our Saviour, Christ, arose.

—H. B. Edwards.

TOUCHING THE TOWN ELECTION.

Where there is an utter absence of anything like a division into political parties in a local election contest and where both tickets bear the names of

it is not within the province of a newspaper to take a decided stand for or against any particular set of candidates. It is, however, within the province of every independent publication to deprecate the bringing into a canvass, by the heels as it were, acrimonious personalities which were better left far to the rear.

Some of our contemporaries have seen fit, in a left-handed sort of way, so to speak, to assail the character of some of the candidates on one of the town tickets. In the same insinuating way they have challenged the motives of some of the candidates in seeking office, claiming that they are actuated more by selfishness than by a proper regard for the public interest. The shafts of these contemporaries seem to be aimed more particularly at the candidate who heads one of the local tickets. In all fairness it should be said

that no one man holds within his grasp all the civic virtues. The candidate who has been assailed by innuendo has a record for probity and business ability which makes boomerangs of the assailants' weapons. The citizens of Deerfield have excellent material from which to choose their officers. Let the selections be made without reference to newspaper articles whose writing may have been prompted by the personal ill-feeling of a correspondent.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, LAKE COUNTY, ss.  
Town of Deerfield, Office of Town Supervisor.

The following is a statement by A. W. Fletcher, supervisor of the Town of Deerfield, in the county and State aforesaid, of amount of public funds received and expended by him during the fiscal year just closed, ending on the twenty-eighth day of March, 1899, showing the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of said fiscal year; the amount of public funds received, and from what sources received; the amount of public funds expended, and for what purposes expended, during said fiscal year, ending as aforesaid.

The said A. W. Fletcher, being duly sworn, doth depose and say that the following statement, by him subscribed, is a true and correct statement of the amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year above stated, the amount of public funds received, and the sources from which received, and the amount expended and purposes for which expended as set forth in the following statement.

A. W. FLETCHER, Supervisor.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1899.

PETER F. DOOLEY, (Seal)  
Justice of the Peace.  
1898.  
Amount of public funds on hand at the commencement of the fiscal year, commencing on the 29th day of March, 1898.....\$ 26.50  
March 29, Received from F. M. Evans, town collector.... 240.00  
April 5, Rec'd from Bal. Bldg. and town site account by motion at Town meeting ..... 723.50  
March 22, Received from H. C. Basye, town collector. 67.62  
July 18, Rec'd. from James Murrie, county treasurer.. 486.72

1899.  
March 29, Comisnr. of highways\$ 25.50  
Total.....\$1,545.12

1898.  
March 29, Comisnr. of highways 21.00  
March 29, Comisnr. of highways 27.00  
March 29, Canada Thistle Comisr.. 27.00  
March 29, Judge of Election and Board of Auditors..... 7.50  
March 29, Constable at Elections.. 5.00  
April 5, Judge of Election and Board of Auditors..... 3.50  
May 19, Town Clerk ..... 28.65  
June 1, Assessor and Town Clerk 111.25  
July 4, Judge of Election..... 2.00  
July 18, Assessor and Town Clerk 100.00  
July 18, Publishing Supervisor's and Highway Comisnr's 1897 Report... 10.00  
July 18, Printing and Stationery. 29.15  
July 18, Town Clerk ..... 21.37  
July 18, Judge of Election and Erecting Booths ..... 4.50  
July 18, Clerk of Election, 1897.. 3.00  
Aug. 1, Board of Auditors, 1898. 1.50  
Sept. 10, Thistle Comisr. to Aug. 16, 1898..... 29.00  
Sept. 14, Election, Asst. fixing up polling place 1st Pct.. 3.00  
Sept. 14, Expressing Booth from 3rd Pct., April 5, 1898. .75  
Sept. 16, Town auditors and judge of election ..... 7.50  
Sept. 16, Town auditors and judge of election, April, 1898. 9.25  
Sept. 16, Clerk of election & helping prepare place in 3rd precinct, 1898..... 4.00  
Sept. 17, Judge of election, 2nd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
Sept. 19, Judge of election, 2nd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
Sept. 21, Clerk of election, 1st precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
Sept. 21, Board of auditors..... 1.50  
Sept. 23, Carting booth to polling place, April, 1898..... .75

Sept. 24, Clerk of election, 3rd precinct April, 1898... 3.00  
Aug. 1, Comisnr. of highways... 22.50  
Aug. 9, Comisnr. of highways... 15.00  
Aug. 9, Comisnr. of highways... 15.00  
Sept. 6, Board of auditors..... 1.50  
Sept. 6, Board of auditors..... 1.50  
Sept. 6, Board of auditors..... 1.50  
Sept. 6, Comisnr. of highways... 25.50  
Sept. 6, Comisnr. of highways... 25.50  
Sept. 6, Comisnr. of highways... 27.00  
Sept. 6, Assessor and town auditor ..... 321.50  
Sept. 6, Town clerk ..... 34.64  
Sept. 6, Polling place for 3rd precinct ..... 5.00  
Oct. 4, Judge of election, 2nd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
Nov. 26, Publishing of ballot, spring election, 1898... 7.20  
1899.  
Jan. 2, Clerk of election, 2nd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 4, Town auditor and clerk of election 1st Pct... 6.00  
March 14, Clerk of election, 1897... 3.00  
March 14, Clerk of election, 2nd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 14, Judge of election, 1897... 3.00  
March 14, Clerk of election, 2nd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 15, Judge of election, 1st precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 16, Clerk of election, 3rd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 16, Judge of election, 3rd precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 17, Judge of election, 1st precinct, April, 1898... 3.00  
March 15, Sheep killed and injured 55.50  
March 25, Examination of title to town lot ..... 15.00  
1897.  
March 30, Constable at elections... 5.00  
1899.  
March 28, Dog tax to treas. of commissioners, G. Wessler 236.86  
March 28, Balance on hand for auditor's report ..... 197.35  
\$1,545.12

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