

## RECLAIMING THE KANKAKEE.

The Chicago Tribune, of the 23d of January, in speaking of the scheme for draining and building a railway through eighty miles of the Kankakee swamp, says:

A meeting of prominent citizens of South Bend, LaPorte, and Valparaiso, Ind., was held yesterday afternoon at the Grand Pacific for the purpose of forming a company to build a railroad from South Bend to the Illinois State line, where it would intersect the Indiana, Illinois & Iowa Railroad. The distance is about eighty miles and the road is intended to follow as nearly as possible the Valley of the Kankakee River. Its name will be the South Bend & Kankakee Valley Railroad Company. The building of the railroad is however a secondary consideration, and is merely incidental to the digging of a ditch along the same line, which is needed to drain the lands adjacent to the course of the river. The expense of digging this ditch will fall upon the property holders along its line, but as the earth removed in excavation will form a railroad bed, thereby saving half the expense usually incurred in grading a railway, it was thought a good scheme to form a company and build the road. About 45,000 acres of land was represented at yesterday's meeting, which was presided over by Mr. Clem Studebaker. In order to form such a company according to the laws of Indiana it is necessary to have a capital stock of \$50,000. Two thirds of that amount was voted on the spot and the rest will be raised at another meeting to be held at South Bend next week. It is intended to make the capital stock of the road \$1,600,000.

Among those present were Clem Studebaker, of South Bend; the Hon. Mortimer Nye, Mayor of LaPorte; Gen. Newell Gleason; William Niles, Wm. Biddle, Edward Hawkins, James S. Long, and B. and V. Huncheon, all of LaPorte; Arthur Reeves, of Richmond, Ind.; William E. Pinney, of Valparaiso, Ind.; and John A. Lemax, of Chicago.

**NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.**—Notice is hereby given that William T. Perkins has made a general assignment of all his property to me in trust for the benefit of all his bona fide creditors, that I have accepted same trust, given the required bond, and that the same has been approved by the Court, this 17th day of January, A. D. 1884.

EZRA C. NOWELS,  
Mordcaai F. Chilcote, [Trustee.  
Att'y for Trustee.  
January 18, 1884.

## WHAT FOR?

A boy and girl a sleighing went,  
And neither of them cared a cent  
How fast they slid,  
While on they slid—  
What for, and where?

The air was very cold and raw—  
The little boy, he froze his paw.  
Still on they sped  
In their little sled—  
What for, and where?

The little girl, so young and fair,  
Lost nearly all her golden hair,  
They went so fast,  
Their friends they passed—  
What for, and where?

The horse, of course, got badly scared,  
And run, and pitched, and kicked,  
And reared,  
On went the pair—  
Now almost there—  
What for, and where?

The boy and girl were tumbled out—  
She sprained her ear he broke his snout—  
Then up they got,  
And off they sot—  
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The Quarterly Conference of the Church of God will be held at Rensselaer, commencing on Friday night, February 8th, to continue over the following Sunday. Able speakers from abroad expected. The public cordially invited to attend.

The National Greenback Party of Jasper county, Ind., are requested to meet in Rensselaer, on Saturday, February 16th, 1884, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Indianapolis on the 22d of February next. A full attendance is urgently solicited.

S. W. RITCHIE, Chairman  
County Committee.  
January 28, 1884.

## CALL AND SETTLE.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the undersigned, are hereby notified that all accounts must be settled within thirty days from January 1st 1884, or they will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. I must have my money to carry on my business. I mean what I say and so foolishness.

J. J. EGGLEBACH.

Services of the Free Will Baptist congregation will be held in the Presbyterian church, Rensselaer, on the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month. Covenant meeting on Saturday before fourth Sabbath of each month at 2 p. m. Sabbath services will begin at 10:30 a. m.

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## Public Politeness.

I was coming up town, and entered the stage in which five elegantly-dressed and fine-looking women were sitting on each side of it. They might be the lady patronesses of some society. There was room for another person on each side, but not one of those women moved to make room for me, and I rode a mile or more, while these ten women—I do not say ladies—declined to give me a seat, as they could have done any moment without rising or crowding. The most of them were probably mothers. But as the instinct of good manners—that is, of politeness, which is simply the law of kindness—was not in the breast of one of the ten, what is to be expected of their children? They cannot teach what they do not know, and, as they know nothing of politeness, their children will be bores.

Going to the omnibus again for a sample of manners, I opened the door to step in, the other day, when a boy took advantage of my holding it open, jumped in and took the only vacant seat, tickled that he got the start of me and got the seat. This was young America all over. The great Athenian philosopher said that democracy has the foundation in the principle that one man is as good as another, if not a little better. And many wise men have insisted that popular government tends to destroy reverence for superiors and deference to others, which are essential elements of refined manners. "In honoring preferring one another," is the inspired religion of politeness.

It is not one of the highest virtues. It may be where there is no virtue. And I do not say the politest nations are the strongest, nor that it is impossible to get money, and power, and all that, with the manners of a pig. The very trait of character which the "gentleman who pays the rent" exhibits when he puts his foot into the trough to keep others away while he eats, is the trait of many who succeed in getting much money. But there is a better way. And it is the way that has few walking in it, in this day of ours.

## Making Flowers of Soap-Bubbles.

A pretty experiment has been described by the well-known Belgian physicist, M. Plateau. He bends fine iron wire, so as to present the contour of a flower of six petals. The central ring to which the petals are attached is supported on a forking stem which is stuck in a piece of wood. After oxidizing the wire slightly with weak nitric acid the flower is dipped in glyceric liquid so as to receive films in the petals and the central part. It is then turned up, placed on a table near a window and covered with a bell jar.

For a little at first it appears colorless, but soon a striking play of colors commences. In the experiment, M. Plateau describes, the flower continued showing modifications of color for ten hours, when dusk stopped observation. Next morning several petals had burst. The liquid used was of very mediocre quality. M. Plateau recommends preparation of the liquid thus: Dissolve a fresh piece of Marseilles soap, cut up into small pieces, in forty parts by weight of hot distilled water. Filter after mixing thoroughly three volumes of the solution with two of Price's glycerine. The solution should be left at rest till all the air bubbles are gone.—London Times.

## Oh, My Back!

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## SOMEBODY'S MOTHER-IN-LAW.

A Tragedy in the Streets of Paris, and How it Affected a Humorous Frenchman.

A Paris cabman was brought before the correctional tribunal charged with assault and battery. His account of the affair, given in all seriousness, is worth reproducing.

"You see, this is how it came about. I had had an old lady in my carriage, driving her about for some four hours, and said I to myself, 'I'm in for a good tip,' for she wore jewelry and diamonds and all that. Well, and so at the corner of rue Aboukir the old lady was getting out when—vian! up comes an omnibus, knocks her down and kills my fare dead as a herring. I tell you, it'll make you laugh."

The Court—"It is rather ludicrous, perhaps."

Jarvey—"Not yet, but it will be by-and-by. Well, and so I jumped down; a crowd gathered and I gathered with it, and says I to myself, 'This is all very well, but who's going to pay me for four hours?' At that minute a gentleman comes running up—(it'll make you laugh)—and looks at the corpse and cries: 'Great heavens, it's my mother-in-law!' and says I to myself, 'That makes my four hours all safe,' and so I told the gentleman that it was I who had been driving the old lady. All right; we put her into the carriage and took her home, and I helped him to carry her up stairs, and then I hung round the room, for says I to myself, 'The son-in-law'll settle with me, and as he comes in for the property he won't be apt to beat me down.' Well, and so he began to say, 'How on earth am I going to break this to my wife when she comes in?' and then I withdrew into the ante-room, not wishing to intrude the subject of the fare on him at that moment. Just then in comes the servant-girl screaming, 'She's coming!'—(it'll make you laugh)—and says I to myself, 'This is all very well, but if they'd pay me I'd just as soon go.' Still I thought the time I waited would be charged for. And so then she comes in, his wife does, and when she sees the long faces she screams out, 'What's the matter? What's she? Her husband says, 'She's on the sofa in the sitting-room!' and she runs in, and he follows her, and I follow him, and she—it'll make you laugh—she flops right down along side of the dead woman, and shrieks, 'Why, it isn't ma at all!' If you had only seen her husband's face—he didn't come into the property—and mine—I was out my four hours. Naturally, because, as it wasn't his mother-in-law, he didn't owe me anything."

The Court—"Well, if he didn't owe you anything, why did you insist that he should pay you?"

Jarvey—"Well, you see, I wanted him to pay me for the time after he put his false mother-in-law in my carriage, and for the time I had been waiting at his house. Thereupon he gets mad and asks me who had told me to wait? Thereupon I tell him that I had been unwilling to ask him for my fare in his hour of bereavement. Thereupon he abuses me, and offers me thirty sous. Thereupon I ask him what he is giving me—besides, we charge more for a corpse than for a living passenger. Thereupon he says, 'What do I want of that body here? Take it to the police station and I'll give you forty sous.' Thereupon I wouldn't and so—"

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