

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. Cleve 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. Newall 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. Lowman, 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,** Mordecai F. Chilcote, [Trustee. Atty for Trustee.

January 18, 1884.

WHAT FOR?

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

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The Quarterly Conference of the Church of God will be held at Rensselaer, commencing on Friday night, February 3d, 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 6th, 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 urgently solicited.

S. W. RICHARDSON, 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 no foolishness.

J. J. EIGELSBACH.

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.

A Tragedy in the Streets of Paris, and How it affected a Humorous Hackman.

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—bang! 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 said 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 corps 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 said 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 the matter? Oh, it's me! Where is 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 me 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—"

The Court instructed the prisoner that he should have cited the complainant before the *jugé de paix*, and not to have struck him, and sent him to jail for three days.

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 forked stem which is stuck in a piece of wood. After oxidizing the wire slightly with weak nitric acid the flower is dipped in glycerine 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 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.

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