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## ROSELAWN HIT.

## Disastrous Fire In That Burg Tuesday Night.

## A WHOLE BLOCK WAS WIPED OUT.

Livery Stable, Saloon, Ice House, Lumber Yard, Etc., Burned, Entailing a Loss of \$25,000.

A disastrous midnight fire occurred at Roselawn Tuesday night, and as a consequence \$25,000 worth of property lies a pile of smoking ruins. The fire was first discovered near the horses in the livery stable, of I. N. Best & Son, and it was owing to their almost human cries of terror that many human lives were not a sacrifice to the flames.

I. N. Best & Son were running the barn and the family lived overhead in the same building. Just who heard the horses in their vain attempt to escape a fiery death is not learned, but it was not discovered in time to save anything out of the barn or the residence. The night saloon next door soon took fire and then run met its Waterloo. The fire kept spreading until it consumed six buildings, all except one in that block, which includes the livery barn and residence, saloon, ice house, lumber shed and a large pile of lumber. The Bests lost seven horses, two cows, one hog, all of their livery outfit, harness and all the household goods and furniture. In the saloon everything went. It seemed a measly shame to many of the denizens of that burg to see so much good stuff go up in smoke, but there was no way out of it, and regardless of the fact that it would have been put where it would have done the most good in short order if it could have been got at, there was no saving any of it. It must have been of a fairly good quality of stuff, too, as it is said to have made a splendid fire and where there is too much water it does not burn well.

The livery and saloon was insured in companies represented by C. B. Stewart of this city, the livery and residence for \$1,200 and the saloon and contents for \$1,200. We have not received a list of other insurance if any was carried.

## REV. D. J. HUSTON DEAD.

David J. Huston, aged 87 years, died at his home in Goodland Tuesday, after a short sickness, which owing to his great age proved fatal. Mr. Huston was a retired Missionary Baptist Minister, one of the very few remaining circuit riders of pioneer days. He had charge of a baptist congregation in this city many years ago, and later one in Milroy tp., but for a number of years he has not been active in the ministry. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His last ministerial duties here were when he assisted in conducting the funeral services of Mrs. H. O. Harris some weeks ago. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Thursday, and interment was made in the Goodland cemetery.

Deceased leaves one daughter, Miss May Huston of Goodland, and three sons, W. C. Huston of Miami county, Dr. Charles Huston of Hamilton, Ohio, and T. J. Huston of Roselawn.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Next Sabbath morning the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. Every member of the church should be in attendance. The pastor's evening subject will be "A Living Sacrifice." Everyone welcome.

You can save \$5 on your cloak or suit. Sale days Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14th and 15th.

## CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

The G. E. Murray Co. Cloak Opening, Wednesday, Oct. 14.

## CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

The Democrat has collected \$38 thus far for the national campaign fund, most of which has already been sent in and the official receipts received and turned over to the donors. We shall send in the balance next week, and would like very much to increase the total to \$50 at least. To this end we earnestly request that the contributions be mailed or handed in to us at once. There are few democrats who cannot spare a dollar or two for this worthy cause, and we ought to send in twice \$50 from Jasper county. However, let's make it once \$50 anyway, and to that end we await an immediate response to this appeal.

THE DEMOCRAT.

## A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THAT COUNTY OPTION LOBBY.

The Kentland Enterprise, in referring to The Democrat's remarks about the abuse that the democratic members of the late special session were subjected to by the so-called Anti-Saloon and preachers' lobby, says it will admit that the preachers were there to lobby for Gov. Hanly's county option measure, and asks if The Democrat will now admit that the brewery had a lobby with headquarters at the Denison hotel, and tell what that lobby did "in the interests of the people?"

No, The Democrat will admit the truth of nothing that comes from such questionable sources as these rabid republican organs like the Enterprise, that were skulking in the rear when the real temperance fight was on a few years ago, that fought off temperance sentiment in their respective communities until the people, democrats, republicans and those of other political faiths, united in forcing the licensed saloon from their midst.

Now, when their party, headed by a man whom Gov. Hanly did all in his power to defeat for the nomination because "the brewers and saloon interests were doing everything they possibly could to get him nominated," is making a public play for the temperance vote while patting the liquor dealers on the back in private, these same papers join in the clamor of the Anti-Saloon League, which by purchase or otherwise has become a part of the republican propagandist, and a few partisan preachers in denouncing the democrats who helped to make "dry" territory, as drunkards, saloon bums, breweryites, etc., because they did not fall in line and shout for county "local option" instead of township and ward local option. No credit whatever is given these temperance democrats for any honesty of opinion in the matter at all, but they are each and everyone of them lined up with the brewery according to these papers, the "Anti-Saloon" League and the preachers who have been denouncing them.

There is not such a vast difference between the two plans, when one comes to examine it carefully, except that the democrats believed their plan was better, in that the rural communities could be kept dry, or be made dry, that could not be done with the county as a unit, and in connection with this view we want you to read the following from that great moral expounder of Republican principles, the Rensselaer Republican, one of the owners, editors and proprietors of which, was an ardent saloon advocate through his paper, the Rensselaer Journal, before its consolidation with the Republican, and which was then called the saloon-keepers' organ by the Republican. It says:

"In Gary, which has recently gone dry through the action of the blanket remonstrance law, the sentiment is that the county local option law recently passed by the state legislature is a good measure, and that it will be of great power in electing the republican candidate to the governorship. It means in their opinion that the townships, as well as Lake county, will retain the saloon, in Lake county, and that as soon as possible Gary will be taken out of the dry list."

Lake county is the most notorious saloon county in Indiana, and according to the Republican the people up there—the saloon people—welcome this county unit law, say it is a "good thing," will be a great power in electing the republican candidate to the governorship and will make all the townships in the county wet, including Gary which has been remonstrated dry.

Think of this, will you. A law which will make every part and parcel of Lake county wet will greatly assist in helping to elect Jim Watson, the great "moral temperance candidate"—according to the republican preachers who have been "organized" for the republican ticket. And Lake county is owned and controlled by the brewers and liquor dealers and any candidate for office who opposes saloons is dead politically forever after and is lucky if he is not mobbed or hanged in the effigy.

And these same brewers had a lobby down at Indianapolis, did they, to work against this measure which is such a good thing for them! Think of it! The Anti-Saloon League, the preachers, the republican machine and that godly man Jim Watson, hand in hand with the brewers and saloon keepers of Lake county in expressing the opinion that county option is a "good measure" and will greatly help the gubernatorial candidate in localities like Lake county.

As to whether the brewers had a lobby on the ground trying to defeat the county option bill we know not. It is probable they did. They would also have had them there to defeat a township and ward local option bill. But there was no evidence that because the democratic legislators were true to their party's declaration on the liquor question that they were saloon bums,

## WHAT THEY ARE UP AGAINST.



brewery pimps, and all the other endearing epithets that were hurled at them by the republican preachers whom the republican state committee recently instructed its county chairmen in a confidential letter to "organize."

Many of the more prominent brewers are republicans, and that the republican state machine has had the support of all the liquor interests for years, and that with Jim Watson as candidate for governor, according to that great defender of the public morals, J. Frank Hanly, expect to have such support is notorious.

But if the "brewers" were there they do not appear to have used such undue influence as the other lobby; there has been no report of their having thronged the legislative halls or having abused the republicans who voted for the bill. There has been no accusations of bribery or attempted bribery that we have heard of on the part of any of those who voted for the measure, if they would vote against it. On the contrary Representative Johnson of Vigo and Vermillion counties, a republican who voted for the bill, said—according to both republican and democratic newspaper reports, and which have not been denied—that Crawford Fairbanks, president of the Terre Haute Brewing Company was his friend, that he had "known him for many years and he had always been a good friend of mine and I was sorry I was obliged to vote against his interests." This brewery man did not try to influence Johnson's vote in any way, according to Johnson, and he and Fairbanks are still good friends. His constituency was against county option, said Johnson, but "I believed it was right and voted for it."

A great many lies have been told about the opposition to county "local option," and we believe the brewers have been lied about as well as the democrats, and we are not holding a brief for the brewers either. If we are to believe the Rensselaer Republican, the notoriously wet county of Lake believes it is a good thing because it will make every township in that county wet and keep it wet, and, incidentally, of course, it will greatly help the republican candidate for governor in that county. Why? Is it because the saloon men have now got just what they wanted and will not oppose Watson any further? Or is it because he will get all the temperance vote up there from all parties for the reason that Lake county—every town and township of it—is to be wet and continue so?

An adorable law indeed. It suits Gov. Hanly, suits the Anti-Saloon League, suits the republican preachers, suits the republican party, and last but not least, is declared just the thing by the liquor dealers!

But why, as every other law passed by Hanly's special session had an emergency clause attached to it, was the clause omitted from the county option measure, so that the people might get right to work in "irrigating" the dry districts before the general election? No doubt Gov. Hanly and the Anti-Saloon League ally of the republican party could answer this question if they would. But they won't

answer it and answer it honestly. Perhaps the Enterprise will explain it?

## E. L. HOLLINGSWORTH GOES COD FISHING.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollingsworth returned Wednesday from a ten days visit in the old Bay State—that is, it was about ten days for Mr. Hollingsworth, but Mrs. H. was there longer, she going a little earlier in company with her daughter, Miss Cecelia Hollingsworth, who entered Wellesley College at New Bedford for a four years course.

They had a delightful trip and spent a week at Gloucester, away up on Cape Ann. Here they got ocean breezes in plenty and Mrs. Hollingsworth got the only relief from the hay fever she has had this fall, not having the slightest trace of it while there.

Gloucester is a great fishing port, and after gaining the consent of a couple of old fishermen to accompany them out on a cod fishing trip, by assuring them that he was immune from sea-sickness—they would not be bothered with taking anyone who was, they said—Mr. H. got up early one morning and arrayed himself in oil-skin coat, pants and cap, and they set out for the fishing grounds at about 3 a. m. The first thing was to catch the bait—not the kind some Rensselaer fishermen get up at Shelby and Walter Valley—but "squids." These are a miniature devil fish, equipped with tentacles like a real devil fish, ten in number. They are an extremely ugly looking little fish and are caught with pork as bait. The hook used is a bunch of hooks feally, and the squid grabs it with his tentacles and then is pulled into the boat.

After securing a supply of squids and another fish which is also used as bait, the fishermen put out further out, and taking their bearings from the light-houses, cast anchor and dropped the baited hooks over for the cod. The waves were quite high for a while and the boat rocked considerably, but after what seemed to Mr. Hollingsworth, who was patiently watching one of the lines—or impatiently, a long time, rather, for he hadn't got a bite—the wind veered and the waters became more calm. Then the cod began to breakfast on the baited hooks, and they were reeled in and landed in the boat with "gaffs." They had a good catch and Mr. Hollingsworth's line got its share.

After they returned to shore three of the largest cod caught—two of which were caught by Mr. H.—were weighed and tipped the scales at 105 pounds, an average of 35 pounds each. Mr. Hollingsworth thinks it was the greatest sport of his life and would not have missed the experience for anything.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth returned home via Albany, Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Kalamazoo, Mich., and had a most delightful trip.

You can save money and get the best Michigan potatoes in the market, 80c per bushel, off the car about Oct. 19th and 20th.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

## ADVOCATES THE OKLAHOMA PLAN

Of Guaranty Bank Deposits, Does Dr. Jacob Wildberg, Formerly of Rensselaer.

Dr. Jacob Wildberg and wife returned to Colgate, Okla., Thursday afternoon, after attending the funeral of his father Tuesday. Mr. Wildberg was interested in the first bank failure under the guarantee deposit law in Oklahoma. When the International Bank of Colgate took advantage of the new law, the president and cashier subscribed for some \$25,000 in stock and did not have the money to pay for more than \$15,000 of it; the balance was paid for with short time notes with ample security. When these notes came due these people did not have the money to pay them and the security refused to re-sign. In this dilemma the president and cashier loaned themselves enough money out of the bank's funds to make their stock whole, and expected to borrow it some place else and make the bank whole before the bank examiner got to them, which happens every month in that state.

Dr. Wildberg and some of the other stockholders got wind of what was going on. The Doctor made an investigation on his own responsibility and discovered the loans. The other stockholders were notified; a stormy meeting ensued in which the entire transaction was gone over, the bank officers neglected to do anything in the time given them, and the only resource was to call up the State Bank Inspector, which was done. He came the next day and in twenty minutes he had posted the necessary notice to depositors to come and get their money. The bank has been reorganized and all of its obligations paid. The bankers were arrested and are now awaiting trial. The penalty for this offense is one to five years imprisonment and \$1,000 fine, or both.

How different is the case of A. McCoy & Co., of Rensselaer, which failure took place April 17, 1904, entailing a loss of \$200,000, or Bob Parker, of Remington, who failed December 19, 1907, entailing a loss of \$225,000! The victims of those banks will please note that the democratic party is favoring this bank guarantee plan of securing depositors, and that the republican party is not only not favoring it, but is fighting it with all its might. We don't know Dr. Wildberg's politics, but his father was an ardent republican and he was raised in that political faith. However, he is an ardent friend of the Oklahoma bank guaranty plan and says it is one of the best laws ever enacted anywhere.

A palate pleasure—butter-scotch drip syrup at the Home Grocery.

If you are going to buy a nice cloak this winter come to Murray's Cloak Opening, Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Thursday, October 15th, Cloak and Suit opening.

ROWLES &amp; PARKER.

Cloak and Suit sale, Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14th and 15th.

CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

## THE COURT HOUSE

## Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

New suits filed. No. 7367. Kothe, Wells and Bauer & Co., vs. Liston Reid et al; complaint to set aside deed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allman, the parents of County Treasurer Allman, and his sister, Mrs. C. H. Peck of Remington, visited Tuesday with their son.

Marriage licenses issued: Oct. 8, George Franklin Moore of Rensselaer, aged 22, occupation fireman, to Edna Honor Fleming, also of Rensselaer, aged 18, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

The stone road contractors have the equivalent of a little over three miles of road yet to build on the Marion-Rensselaer system, and if the weather does not get too bad this will be finished this year. A very large amount of stone will be left along the river channel and this will only accentuate the unsightly gash blasted in the rock through what was only a very beautiful rapids through the ages past.

The county commissioners completed the work of the October term Wednesday and adjourned. Following is a report of the proceedings:

There was allowed \$7,111.63 on the Marion-Rensselaer stone roads, and \$3,224.05 on the Carpenter-Remington stone road.

M. Dougan et al, petition for location of highway in Walker and Wheatfield townships; Charles Kersey, David Gleason and Daniel Fairchild appointed viewers, to meet at Demotte Oct. 24.

Alexander Merica, petition for highway in Hanging Grove tp.; viewers report public utility of same and road is ordered established 50 feet in width.

Louis Welsh et al, petition for vacation of highway in Jordan tp.; Walter V. Porter, J. C. Porter and Warren Robinson appointed viewers to meet Oct. 24.

A petition signed by 20 citizens of Remington asking that Frank Shield and wife be granted a sufficient sum out of the public funds to pay the taxes on Lot 4, Block 5, original plat of town of Remington, was filed. The petition states that they are very old people, sickly and too poor to pay the said taxes.

The trustee of Newton tp., was granted permission to extend additional poor relief to Mrs. Frank Zickmund, not exceeding \$15 per quarter.

Emil Besser ditch; John Frey appointed superintendent. Attorney fee of \$77 allowed.

Trustee of Marion tp., granted permission to extend additional poor relief to Mary Potts, John Albers, S. R. Shreeves and Mrs. S. R. Shreeves.

W. F. Osborne of Rensselaer was appointed engineer of the Marion-Rensselaer and Carpenter-Remington stone roads, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. A. Churchill. Bond of \$6,000 filed in each.

In the matter of letting contract for the completion of the Gilliam gravel roads, J. J. Hunt of Rensselaer filed a bid of \$3,500 and Thos. H. Robinson et al, one of \$3,200. Cause continued.

Robert Drake was appointed election inspector in Hanging Grove tp. and Alfred Barlow in Wheatfield, the trustees being related by marriage to candidates.

A blanket remonstrance was filed from Keener tp., against the granting of liquor licenses in said township, and found to contain a sufficient number of voters.

Interest on county funds for the month of September was reported as follows:

First Nat. Bank, Remington, \$41.34  
Jasper S. & T. Co. Rensselaer 61.00  
State Bank of Rensselaer..... 62.56  
Bank of Wheatfield..... 11.84

## MONEY TALKS.

If you wish a fancy price for fancy produce, call at the Fancy Produce Market. I will buy a number of bushels of clover seed, also dressed fancy veals. Fresh eggs a specialty. In the old Republic building on East Washington St. Phone 39.

We are showing the best line of Sterling clothing ever seen in town.

## CHICAGO BARGAIN STORE.

All cloaks and suits delivered at our Cloak and Suit Opening Thursday, Oct. 15. Don't forget the date.

## ROWLES &amp; PARKER.

Fancy Michigan potato sale, 80c per bushel, off car about October 19th and 20th.

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