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MUST COLLECT 'EM

Says the Court to County Treasurer Allman.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OF CITY

Are Part of His Duties According to Decision of Judge Hanley In Friendly Suit.

The friendly suit instituted by the City of Rensselaer on an agreed statement of facts regarding the collection of special assessments of the city, against County Treasurer Allman, was decided by Judge Hanley Saturday, the court holding that it was a part of the treasurer's duties to collect said special assessment taxes without extra compensation.

For several years it had been the custom of the city to pay extra for collecting such taxes, and several hundred dollars have been paid out illegally to former treasurers for such work. The Democrat protested some two years ago paying a claim of this kind, on the grounds that it was illegal, and a decision of the supreme court was cited in support of that contention. The matter was referred to the city attorney for an opinion, and he informed the council that it had no authority to pay, and the claim was dismissed.

In the Cities and Towns law of 1905 the legislature stated specifically that such taxes should be collected by the county treasurer as a part of his regular duties, but on advice of the county attorney, Abe Halleck, we understand, Mr. Allman thought he was not compelled to do the work without extra compensation, and the above suit was filed by the city several months ago for the purpose of getting a decision in the matter, with the above result.

We are not advised as to whether an appeal will be taken to the supreme court by the county treasurer, but the general opinion is that it will not be.

Through an oversight (?) no doubt the Rensselaer Republican in its "resume of the court proceedings for the term," made no mention whatever of this case.

A BEDBUG EPIDEMIC.

The Monticello schools were dismissed last week until Monday in order to clear the school building of bedbugs, with which it seems to have become infested. "Where they come from," says the Journal of that place, "it is hard to say, but it is the general opinion that bats and swallows have colonized them in the big chimney and that the heat of the furnace when it was started last week, started them to crawling out into the building. Some are of the opinion though, that their progenitors were snugly housed in the lumber used in the rebuilding of the school house, and that they have been multiplying along from year to year, and that conditions have been unusually good this year for the propagation of the 'varmits' until they had to set up a migration and seek for new worlds to conquer."

"Be it as it may, the 'pesky things' are there and the housewives of the town, as well as the teachers and pupils, are very much put out about it. The only consolation in the matter is that of the pupils who are getting the vacation."

"After canvassing the situation carefully this forenoon, it was concluded that it would be the best policy to dismiss all of the schools until Monday, and go after the matter in a systematic way all over the building. They are getting the upper hand of the critters and it is thought that they can be controlled now."

"No time will be lost, as the teachers will take their visiting days now instead of later in the term."

MAY HAVE BEEN DILLEY.

Logansport, Ind., Oct. 9.—Members of the local lodge of Ben-Hur believe that a stranger who appeared in the lodgerooms, last night, and asked for aid, is none other than Eugene Dilley, the man who disappeared from his home in Trafalgar, Ind., July 25. The man said his name was Everett, that his home was in Vincennes and he minutely answered the description of the missing man. He was about forty years old, had dark hair, blue eyes and black mustache and had the horseshoe scar on the side of his head, similar to that borne by Dilley. Aid was given him and he then left.

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

DANCE AT WARNER'S HALL THURSDAY EVENING OCT. 15. GOOD MUSIC AND GOOD ORDER.

JASPER'S TWO OLDEST SETTLERS.

Uncle David Nowels and Uncle Jim Randle Are Our Two Oldest Residents.

Uncle David Nowels and James T. Randle, the oldest living white men among the pioneers of this county, were out buggy riding and called at this office Saturday afternoon. It was uncle Jim's 77th birthday anniversary, and while more than ten years Uncle David's junior in age, he is also five or six months his junior as a citizen of this country. Uncle David came here in the fall of 1834 and Uncle Jim with his parents in the spring of 1835, then a little tot of two years.

These men have lived almost all of their lives on Jasper county soil. They have seen this county grow from a few scattered log huts to one of the leading counties in this great state of Indiana. They have helped to make it what it is, as no public improvement, which has made the county richer, which has served the general welfare, which has made for the uplifting and happiness of the people, has been made that these men have not bore their share and in fact have not led the van in contributing means, both money and work, to insure its completion.

To Uncle David Nowels more than any man is due the success in the first railroad built into this town. Upon his shoulders fell the full weight of the immense burden of financing the project. But he was equal to the occasion and has lived to see the day when he is given full credit for this perilous undertaking, which came near bankrupting him, despite the fact that he was one of the wealthiest men in the county at that time. He was among the first to erect substantial buildings here and in the early eighties built the Nowels Hotel, and the substantial brick residence where he now resides. He has closed his active days, after having divided his wordly possessions during his life time, and full of years and honors he is waiting the final summons, conscious that the world is the better because he has lived in it.

Uncle James Randle has also taken an active part in the improvement of the town. He, too, built a fine residence in the early 80's and has since built several more. He has also been largely interested in the banking business of the town for many years and is now one of the directors of the First National Bank. He, too, has taken the sensible view and has divided much of his property during his lifetime. Uncle Jim is still active in business and may be seen every day taking care of his investments in town or in the country. These grand old men will cast their votes in November for William J. Bryan and Tom Marshall.

A BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

E. V. Ransford and C. P. Wright returned Monday morning from Forest, Ind., where the former has traded for a big stock of general merchandise which he is closing out there. He traded his finely improved 400 acre farm near Queensville, Jennings county, for this stock, receiving in cash about \$15,500 in addition to the stock of goods.

Mr. Ransford also traded off a 122 acre farm which he owned in Jennings county, receiving about \$50 per acre, half cash and half trade.

Both deals were made last week and were made by C. P. Wright & Son's real estate agency.

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