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THE LIFE OF ZIMRI DWIGGINS

The Chicago Tribune today contained the following substantially correct account of the life of Zimri Dwiggins, so far as his banking career was concerned, except that it is understood here that the Columbia National paid out about 90 cents on the dollar. The article reads:

Zimri Dwiggins, who will be remembered by Chicagoans as a banker of a meteoric career, died yesterday in Lincoln, Neb., where he had resided for ten years. He was 55 years old.

Dwiggins came into prominence in Chicago thru his connections with the old Columbia National bank and a string of banks in small cities in Indiana, all of which failed in the panic of 1893. He came to Chicago in 1888 from Oxford, Ind., where he was born, and where he had achieved a considerable reputation as a banker.

In this city he first formed the United States bank, with a capital of \$200,000, but after a short time the name was changed to the Columbia National, with Dwiggins as president, and the capital was increased to \$1,000,000. The stock was sold broadcast thruout the country by brokers. At the same time Dwiggins expanded his chain of country banks.

When the panic of 1893 struck the west the Columbia National and the Dwiggins country banks were among the first to go under. On May 16 the Columbia closed its doors with liabilities of \$2,500,000. W. C. Niblack was appointed receiver, and in 1900 the affairs of the institution were finally wound up after a payment to the creditors of 73 cents on the dollar.

Dwiggins was indicted by the Benton county (Ind.) grand jury in 1894 on charges of the misuse of the funds of his string of country banks, but the case never came to trial. In 1894 he left Chicago, going first to Iowa and later to Nebraska, where he became agent for a life insurance company.

Personally Dwiggins is recalled by those who knew him intimately as a lovable man with the optimism of a Col. Sellers. He died without realizing his lifelong dream of riches. In Chicago he resided at 3638 Michigan avenue.

Mr. Dwiggins resided in Rensselaer for many years and his wife was a daughter of Archibald Purcupile, and a sister of Henry Purcupile, Mrs. F. J. Sears. Mrs. Joe Hardman, and Mrs. A. F. Long. Mrs. Dwiggins and two children, Miss Linda, and Frank, survive, and reside in Lincoln.

Like all failed bankers Mr. Dwiggins was bitterly despised by many who lost money in his banks, but he is said to have been a most exemplary man, and to have failed because of the fearful conditions that prevailed during the 1903 panic, and not because he squandered the depositor's money nor took bad investment chances. He has devoted all the years of his life following the failure of the banks in an effort to repay those who had lost money in his banks.

He and his brother R. S. Dwiggins were associated for some years in the old Citizens Bank of Rensselaer, which weathered the 1903 failure.

The funeral will be held in Rensselaer, probably Thursday.

Reed-DuCharme Wedding.

Miss Goldie Mae Reed and Mr. Nelson DuCharme were united in marriage at the M. E. parsonage at 4 p. m., Dec. 31, Rev. H. L. King officiating. The bride's sister accompanied the wedding party, and the young people reside 6 miles south of town. They will go to housekeeping on the Thomas Lamson farm. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Reed.

Played With Matches.

Little Ruth Parker was responsible for small but destructive blaze Wednesday morning.

There was no school on Wednesday morning, and little Ruth Parker, the 9 year old daughter of Tom Parker in the north part of town, was amusing herself with a box of matches. Her mother was busy in the kitchen and Ruth in the parlor was lighting matches and holding them against the window. The lace curtain caught fire and burned, the blazing cloth fell from the window and ignited the carpet and a stand nearby. The fire alarm was sounded and the hose company in less than a minute were ready for action but the blaze was extinguished before they arrived on the scene.

Mrs. Parker was considerably burned about the face in smothering the flames. The damage is estimated at about \$50.

State Bank State Depository.

Disposition of the funds, to come under the supervision of the State Finance Board, under the new state depository law passed by the last General Assembly was finally decided upon at a meeting of the Board in the office of State Auditor Billheimer Monday afternoon.

The various funds have been scattered among about seventy of the principal banks and trust companies in Indiana, and provisions, for either a personal or a surety trust bond, will be made in each case.

The funds will be transferred to the selected banks some time during the first few days of January, at which time the depository law will become effective.

"The funds will be transferred by draft as soon after Jan. 1 as possible," said State Auditor Billheimer after the meeting.

Most of the state money remains in Indianapolis. The State Bank of Rensselaer was selected as one of the state depositories and will receive \$5,000 of the state money. All depositories were approved by examination by State Auditor Billheimer.

Judge Thompson Writes From San Diego.

"Dear Republican, come to 3408 6th Street, San Diego, Cal., and a welcome will await thee." We are at the corner of Upas and 6th streets and to the southeast is the big Park. The matin chorus of the birds reminds of the vernal songs from the thorn grove at home.

We have been here a week and a day with out frost or cloud. The outlook from our five windows, is upon both mountain and main. We are high up and full two miles from the City's Center. The autos and trolleys remind us that we are not alone in the world. Our appetites are good at every meal.

Our hostess is from Winfield, Kansas, and is a good cook.

The new railroad is progressing toward completion.

We expect the big fleet of Warships on April 11, 1908,

and the Governor is coming to welcome them.

Our last news from home bears date of 17th instant.

A Mr. Kingman dines with us who hails from Battle Creek,

Mich., and is a cousin of my nephew's wife and knows something of our city.

S. P. Thompson.

December 26th, 1907.

Marriage Licenses.

Herman William Walters born Germany, July 6, 1865, present residence Jasper Co., first marriage. To Katherine Miller, present residence Rensselaer, 2nd marriage 1st dissolved by death in 1903.

Nelson DuCharme Jr., born Kankakee Ill., Nov. 7, 1883, present residence Rensselaer, occupation farmer. To Goldie Mae Reed, born Jasper county Sept. 5, 1887. Present residence Rensselaer, occupation housekeeper.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Contest will close March 14, 1908. No votes will be received after 8 o'clock p. m. of that day.

Prizes will be awarded in the order given in the advertisement.

In event of a tie vote for any of the prizes, the value of the prize will be divided equally among all who are tied.

Grace Peyton	50670
Lelia Grant	28675
Mrs. Joe Halligan	26355
Bessie Hardy	23760
Grace Reed	3005
Fannie Porter	7405
Ferne Parker	5430
Bernice Sayler	4875
Esther Padgett	2505
Ethel Clarke	2475
Goldie Gunyon	2350
Ethel McCarthy	1610
Cecil Rutherford	1575
Bessie Moore	1530
Mary Adams	1345
Day Jordan	1090
Bertha Eldridge	725
Mildred Watson	635
Mae Pettet	600
Kate Maxwell	530
Lillian McClanahan	310
Pauline Ames	260
Blanche Conway	180
Carrie Pierce	135
Amanda Lokotzki	100
Edna Donnelly	100
Clara Brusnahan	40
Fannie Roush	40
Minnie Karch	30
Callie Baker	30
Edith Adams	10
Pearl Price	10
Grace Shepard	10
Ruth Yeoman	10
Mamie Cull	10
Leah Knox	10
Cenoth Jordan	10

Jesse D. Allman Now Treasurer.

On January 1st, Jesse D. Allman became treasurer of Jasper county, succeeding S. R. Nichols, who had served two terms, and who leaves office counting even more friends than he had when he was first elected. Mr. Allman has been the deputy in the office for several months and his efficient business qualities and his friendly manner has justified all the good things his Remington friends had predicted for him.

His deputy will be Miss Isabelle Luers, daughter of Henry Luers, from south of town who has already begun her work.

Many of Mr. Allman's friends dropped into the treasurer's office Wednesday to wish him a Happy New Year.

James N. Leatherman, another of the corps of competent and obliging court house officials, entered upon his second term Wednesday, and his re-induction carried with it the services of his equally accommodating and qualified assistant, Miss Alice Bates.

The Growth of Cullen Street.

E. Hollin has now moved into his new quarters on Cullen street and the importance of this new street in the commercial life of Rensselaer is fast gaining favor. A man can now come into town with his family and a load of poultry, leave the poultry at Will Murray's plant, take his horses into Hemphill Bros. shop to have them shod, send the kids into Free Wood's to get their hair cut, stop into "Shorty's" and get his own shoes half soled, while his wife goes to McFarland's store to buy her groceries. When McKay's laundry gets moved to its new quarters, the man can slip out of his shirt, while waiting for his shoes to be mended and by the time the family is ready to travel his shirt will be done up in the way that McKay's laundry only can do it. Truly Cullen is getting to be a busy thoroughfare.

Christian Church Service.

The pastor desires the presence of every member of the church at the morning service. The subject of his sermon will be "A New Message." The evening subject will be "In the beginning God." The public invited.

Some Hoosier Bard or Bardine.

We have been non-plussed by the fear that Rensselaer had no poets to sing of the beauties of our city. The Hoosier trend to verse does not seem to have any marked prompting in Rensselaer, or never has had until some anonymous muse-inspired soul broke forth in the appended stanzas. Chas. Roberts has been regarded the poet laureate since he recently found inspiration in proclaiming the virtues of his "Success" manure spreader, but this new poet gathers all the posies, and the rhyme-loving public will worship at the shrine of this new idol if his or her identity can be ascertained.

Imagine the awe-inspiring pageant of 17 or 18 manure spreaders filling out of town, wending their majestic way past B. S. Fendig's poultry house, and thence "over the river and thru the woods."

With such a theme who would not find inspiration?

There is music in Timmons' garage but it remains for the poet to discover it. Read the stately verses and be benefitted thereby. It is not without some fear of criminal prosecution that we publish them.

RENSSELAER.

Now 'tis quite the fashion
To have written up in rhyme,
The merits of each little town;
Rensselaer won't remain behind.

We cannot boast a loafer
Idly holding boxes down;
For every one is on the move
In our busy, hustling town.

Now mark this on your calendar,
That Rensselaer's a railroad town,
And from a business stand point
No better could be found.

Now we have Robert's implement
shop
With its glittering array
Of vehicles and machinery
That leave our town each day.

Our elevators busy,
Where men with brawn and brain
Are working e'en from morn till
night
Caring for the grain.

Then we have expert machinists
To the number of two or more
Any one needing their services
Will find one at Worland's store.

Another one can be found
Where the second-hand store
used to be
Timmons, at the automobile garage
If you wish, just stop and see.

Now in the case of sickness
Let, "don't worry," be your
motto
Make use of your telephone
Any doctor will come flying in
his auto.

Twice on Sunday we have Gospel
And we have our Sunday School
Where each week the little children
Are taught the Golden Rule.

Then we have the R. F. D. carriers,
Who in the little wagons gay
Each morning at half past eight
Start singing on their way.

Both music and school teacher
In our prospering town are found
And our High School is the envy
Of towns for miles around.

Of pretty girls and manly boys,
We can with any town compare;
One wanting a life partner,
Could surely find one here.

It about to take a journey,
And in doubt which train to take
Consult Mr. Beam, our ticket agent
You'll find him wide awake.

And now my patient readers,
My story's almost done;
Now see! We have a poet
Who has yet no laurels won.

A Subscriber.

Get 'n early and avoid the rush,
or get in with the early rush and
avoid the possibility of getting left
in the Racket Store granite ware
sale on Jan. 10th.

For discounts The G. E. Murray
Co., is the place to trade and you
get the voting coupons too.

SHAMEFUL MISUSE OF WEALTH

Delphi No Place for the Simple Life.

Delphi is corrupt of this there is no doubt. What an awful shock it must have been to suffering humanity in Delphi to learn that the common council had RAISED THE JANITOR'S SALARY from \$6.50 to \$10.00 per month.

The DelphijDaily Herald fearlessly publishes this in about a three inch scare head. What a noble man its editor must be to expose this awful drain on the treasury. With this man editing a daily in Delphi, the corrupt politician will, as he expressed it, drift farther and farther into the Sargasso Sea of Oblivion.

Democrat District Convention.—Jasper Solid for Risk.

The democratic district convention will be held in Monon Thursday and the Jasper county democrats will Risk it. The way it now stands it is a factional fight between Risk and Taggart with the anti-Risk people slightly in the lead.

One of the first things that Mr. Risk will hear there is that he violated the state law as accepted by the democrats in having called a county central committee meeting of which he was chairman, to elect delegates for the tenth district convention instead of a mass convention.

The delegates were instructed to vote Risk, but it will be pointed out to the delegates from other counties that he feared to call a mass meeting thinking that the latter would have discarded him while the central committee of which he was chairman, could do nothing but merely instruct the chosen delegates for him. The Rensselaer delegates are W. E. Nowels and N. Littlefield.

About Hallett, Okla.

The Republican has received letters from J. Frank Warren, M. L. Spitzer, C. C. Sigler, Geo. N. Dunn and Edgar Hull, all former Rensselaer citizens and all residing near and consequently familiar with the Hallett, Okla., townsite prospect. They are practically unanimous in pronouncing Hallett a poor place to invest. The publication of these letters, which were very courteously sent in response to requests from the Republican, have been delayed because of other matters requiring more immediate attention.

Their importance, based on experience and investigation by men qualified to know, should offset any influence that the Fayetteville, Ark., friends of the Hallett promoter has, and the Republican will shortly publish them.

Reunion of Class of 1907

The first annual reunion of the class of 1907 was held at the home of E. H. Harris, whose daughter Georgia was a member of the class. Twenty-five of a class of thirty-eight were present. The evening was spent in music and stories, by the grads of their experiences since last year. Appropriate refreshments were served.

Death of Mrs. Simon Leopold's Mother.

Mrs. Helen Cheesb