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ALL IS MADE PLAIN

Judge Adsit Straightens a Legal Complication.

DECISION IN THE STEELE CASE

The Creditors Now Know Where They Are at—Interpretation of the Steele Mortgages.

An important decision was rendered by Judge Adsit in the case of William Dunham against the W. Steele Packing and Provision company, the Fifth National Bank of Grand Rapids, the First National Bank of Traverse City, T. S. White and the National City Bank of Grand Rapids. The case grew out of mortgages given at the time of the failure of the Steele company in 1893. The court found that the trust mortgage given to Mr. Dunham was a lien upon the property of the company, and that the promissory notes as security for which the mortgages were given were of two classes, first and second class. That those of the first class should first be satisfied and that those of the second class should be paid, if anything remains to pay with.

The notes of the first class are as follows: One of \$3,000, payable to the order of William Steele and secured by the First National Bank of Traverse City; one of \$3,000, payable to the order of William Dunham by and for the City National Bank of Lansing; and one of \$3,000, payable to William Steele and owned by T. S. White of this city.

The notes of the second class are: Three of \$7,000, \$5,000 and \$1,000, owned by the Grand Rapids Savings bank, and four of \$5,000, \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$3,000, payable to William Steele and owned by the Fifth National Bank of this city. The court found that the Grand Rapids Savings bank had already secured a judgment on its notes and had levied on certain lands owned by the Steele company. The order of the court was that the real estate be sold at once under a receiver made of it. The court also found that the last two notes owned by the Fifth National bank were given as collateral for the two former notes, and the order was that the balance due be paid to William Steele.

The amount due on the notes of the first class is \$12,000, and on the notes of the second class \$16,750. William Steele is ordered to pay to the complainant these several sums, and judgment for that amount was rendered.

WAS A VALID CLAIM.

Prosecuting Attorney May Charge for Trials Outside the County.

The most interesting subject to occupy the attention of the supervisors yesterday, was the report of Prosecuting Attorney Wolcott, regarding the legality of a bill presented by ex-Prosecuting Attorney McKnight for trying the case of Newaygo County vs. Harmon Colburn, for taking a paper from Kent to Newaygo county. Mr. Wolcott reported that it is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to prosecute and defend all cases, both civil and commercial, in which the county may be a party. The contract between the board of supervisors did not require him to defend any criminal cases outside of Kent county. This case I understand was a criminal case brought and tried in Newaygo county. If the county authorized Mr. McKnight to defend the case his charges would be a just claim against the county.

The committee reported in accordance with that recommendation and the report was adopted.

The finance committee reported having estimated that \$130,000 would be necessary to run the county next year. That amount was ordered apportioned and spread on the rolls.

The committee also recommended that \$2,500.00, the amount recommended to be raised for the maintenance of the poor department, be spread upon the rolls. Also that \$83,401.08, the amount of state tax apportioned to Kent county, be apportioned and spread upon the rolls.

The reports were adopted.

KLUMP ESCAPED EASILY.

Another Warrant Will Be Issued for His Arrest.

In the case of Frank Klump in Judge Adsit's court yesterday morning a slight tangle took place. Klump was charged with selling liquor without paying the state tax. The facts were that Klump ran a place in Wyoming township six days after the let of May, and then when arrested he sold out. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Burns moved to nolle prosequere on payment of costs. Judge Adsit inquired into the facts, and denied the motion. He said that if Mr. Klump had violated the law for six days he was as guilty as if he violated it for six weeks, and should not be let off so easily. Mr. Burns withdrew his motion, but Mr. Malcom, who represented Klump, found a fatal error in the information, and it was quashed. A new warrant will be issued.

He Wants a Receiver.

Lester N. Lakin purchased a one-half interest in the Star bakery on Canal street on October 1. At the same time he purchased a law suit in a bill of complaint filed yesterday by Edith Visser, his wife. She claims that Mr. Visser began to draw her suit and petition for a receiver, but that he has suffered great

loss from her management of the place. Mr. Lakin says he is without remedy except such as can be given by the court, as Mrs. Visser refuses to recognize him as a half-owner of the place. He asked that Edward O'Donnell be appointed receiver for the concern.

Wants a Guardian Appointed.

Joseph Troy of Ada filed a petition in probate court yesterday, asking to be appointed guardian of his wife's estate. In the petition he alleges that two years ago Mrs. Troy was adjudged insane and was sent to the Kalamazoo asylum. In September of the present year she was released from the asylum, but refuses to go home, as she says she fears her husband will poison her. He claims she is still insane and not able to care for her property. She has consulted attorneys in this city relative to securing separate maintenance, and wants \$1,000 in cash at once. Mr. Troy states that he is willing her share in his property should be set aside for her use, but he is not willing unless a guardian is appointed to take proper care of her and her property.

Interesting Old Journal.

Register of Probate Jewell has on his desk the first journal used in the probate court of Kent county. It dates back to 1833, when Judge Jefferson Morrison was elected. Pasted on the cover are the election returns, showing Judge Morrison to have received 159 votes against 25. That was the total vote in the county. The journal has 228 pages, but the entire business of the court for twelve years is on its pages. It covers the administrations of Judge Morrison and Judge James A. Davis from 1833 to 1848.

Two Small Boys in Trouble.

Stephen Barzac and Emil Pupil, charged with stealing \$6 from Henry Kremers on Alpine avenue, were let off on suspended sentence on payment of the costs in Judge Adsit's court yesterday. The prisoners were two small boys, 8 and 10 years old. They were charged with taking \$6 from Mr. Kremers' money drawer and spending it. The parents of the boys agreed to restore the money and on this promise Judge Adsit made his sentence. The boys were tried in police court, but the case was appealed to the circuit court.

Has Finished His Work.

Judge J. W. Champlin, an executor of the estate of Carrie M. Brown, reported to the judge of probate yesterday that his final account having shown that he had invested \$20,000 for the benefit of Marguerite Long, there remained \$11,173.24, payable to Marguerite E. Long. Since filing the final report this sum has been turned over. He therefore asked to be discharged.

Minor Court Notes.

Charles Goodenough, the ex-prosecutor of the Webster house at Greenville, was placed on trial before Judge Adsit in the United States court yesterday for selling liquor without paying the government tax. The evidence was concluded, the jury was charged and court adjourned until this evening.

Charles White of Newaygo was convicted by a jury in the United States court yesterday on a charge of having in his possession cards, making and passing counterfeit coins. The judge deferred passing sentence until this morning at 9 o'clock.

In the matter of the assignment of John L. Curtis and George B. Dunton yesterday an order was made ordering the sale of certain accounts, choses in action and bills receivable, now in the hands of the assignee, E. D. Barry.

Elizabeth Thomas was granted a divorce from Frank W. Thomas by Judge Adsit yesterday on the grounds of cruelty, non support and desertion. Mr. Thomas was restrained from remarrying within two years.

Katie Hensons was given a divorce from Henry Hensons by Judge Adsit yesterday.

Circuit Court.

Judge Grove—Christopher Cullen vs. Michael Whalen, trespass; on trial. Judge Adsit—Elizabeth Thomas vs. Frank W. Thomas, divorce; decree granted. The People vs. Frank Klump, violation liquor law; nolle prosequere on payment of costs. Stephen Barzac and Emil Pupil, larceny; sentence suspended on payment of costs and restitution of stolen money.

Probate Court.

Judge Perkins—Estate Cornelius Hoogstein, deceased; order for payment of debts. Estate Mary A. Chaffee, deceased; order granting license to sell personal property at auction. Estate Carrie Brown, deceased; receipts in full filed and discharge of executor issued. Estate Catherine Troy, insane; November 4 assigned for appointing guardian. Estate Joseph Kuderesch, Jr., deceased; order allowing final account and discharging administrator.

Police Court.

Judge Haggerty—William Bryan, vagrancy; sentence deferred. Charles Bateman, forgery; bench warrant issued. D. E. Kinsey, larceny; adjourned November 1. Arthur J. Busch and Joseph Malin, assault and battery; paid \$5 each.

BICYCLE POLITICS.

Bitter Fight Among Local Wheelmen Over the Election.

There is a wide split among the wheelmen in this city in regard to the L. A. W. election that is now being held. It was expected at first that everything would be serene in the local camp, but factions have arisen which make politics very interesting to wheelmen just now. The majority of wheelmen are working for H. J. Guts for chief consul. He was a resident of Battle Creek at the time of the trouble two years ago and assisted the Grand Rapids ticket which was in the field at that time. The best informed local wheelmen know this, and as Guts is still very friendly to Grand Rapids, although living in Detroit, they intend to reward him for his past services by voting for him now. In case of his elec-

tion they feel assured that he will do the right thing by Grand Rapids instead of almost totally ignoring the city, as the boys claim the present administration has done. Certain other wheelmen are working for E. S. Shields of St. Johns. They claim so many being in Detroit would be favorable to Grand Rapids, but the record of Guts is considered to be sufficient to dispense the assertion. It is generally supposed they are working for Shields under promise of official reward in case of his election. There are a number of officers at the disposal of the chief consul, and though none of them are lucrative, there is considerable honor connected with them which creates a lively scramble for control. The third ticket in the field is considered to be a farce, as it has been discovered that the nominees for consul and vice consul allowed their membership to lapse last spring. Both have sent in an application to have their membership renewed since their nomination.

"That ticket was nominated more as a campaign dodge by the Steele supporters," said A. B. Richmond yesterday, "than with any idea that it would be elected. The backers of Steele foresaw his defeat at the hands of Guts if left to fight his battle single-handed, and nominated a second independent ticket in hopes of drawing enough votes from Guts to enable Steele to slide in. But they made so many blunders that the scheme will undoubtedly fail. With the election of the Guts ticket there will be three members on the board who are friendly to this city."

CLEVER TICKET SCALPER.

How a Chicago Operator Neatly Swindled the G. R. & I.

One of the cleverest and nerveiest bits of ticket scalping work ever perpetrated on the G. R. & I. road was discovered in the auditor's office yesterday. July 1 the road gave a half fair excursion to Chicago, the tickets being limited to seven days including the day of sale. Each ticket bore Ticket Agent Alouquet's stamp. In the column of months July was punched with an "L" punch, and in the column of days the seven was similarly punched. One of the tickets reached the auditor's office Tuesday. It had fallen into the hands of a Chicago scalper, and when he gave it a few finishing touches it was a thing of beauty, but it wasn't created any everlasting joy in the general passenger agent's office. The first thing the wily scalper did was to tear off carefully the upper right hand corner of the ticket. There was nothing suspicious in this as the mutilation was apparently purely accidental. But on the attached portion was the list of months down to September. This disposed of the July limitation neatly and effectually. Then the hard working scalper perforated the ticket with the usual "L" punch. To make the ticket of any value it was necessary to lift the date, and the scalper's method was charmingly ingenious. He scissored the ticket in two, cut out the 27 line, denoting those days of the month. He then pasted the two sections of the ticket together so cleverly that fact could not be detected on the face of the ticket until it was most carefully inspected. The date in the ticket agent's stamp on the back of the ticket was neatly erased, and October 13 inserted with a new stamp. All that remained then to do was to punch out the 20th day on the list with an "L" punch, and the ticket was ready for use. It was used on the 20th and was accepted by both the Michigan Central and G. R. & I. conductors. The fraud was discovered by chance in Auditor Graham's office. General Passenger Agent C. L. Lockwood says it is one of the neatest pieces of work that ever came to his notice.

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