

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTS TREASURER

Frank W. Davis Was the Unanimous Choice of the Board of Education to Serve Out Unexpired Term.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD

Routine Business Transacted and a Memorial to the Late A. J. Mathias Was Adopted by Directors.

At a special meeting of the board of education held yesterday afternoon, Frank W. Davis was elected treasurer of the school district to fill the vacancy made by the death of A. J. Mathias.

Mr. Davis was appointed by the board to serve until the next election which will be held in the spring, at which time the people will elect a treasurer.

Mr. Davis was the unanimous choice of the directors.

While the board members were present, the routine business of the month was transacted and perhaps the special meeting will cause an abandonment of the regular meeting for the month.

The superintendent made his report of attendance and banking for the month and the bills were allowed.

The matter of installing a telephone in each of the school houses came up, but was voted down and the phones will not be put in.

The bond of the new treasurer was referred to the finance committee with power to act.

B. T. Larson appeared before the board in regard to his children who were declared to be residents of the school district, the family having recently removed to the city.

The superintendent's report for the month ending February 5, was as follows:

Totals—Enrollment, 2,102, last year 1,717; belonging 1,916, last year, 1,837; attending, 1,831, last year, 1,848; cases tardy, 328, last year, 447; bank deposits, \$121.98, last year, \$150.83.

High school: enrollment, 289, belonging, 261; attending, 257; tardy, 22.

McKinley school: enrollment 458, belonging 438, attending 413, tardy, 88, bank deposits \$41.13.

Garfield school: enrollment 196, belonging 184, attending 179, tardy 30, bank deposits \$14.40.

Wells school enrollment, 196, belonging 230, attending 213, tardy 61, bank deposits \$10.40.

Carey school: enrollment 239, belonging 210, attending 199, tardy 50, bank deposits \$14.72.

Torrence school: enrollment 389, belonging 345, attending 326, tardy 26, bank deposits \$27.55.

Lincoln school: enrollment 250, belonging 230, attending 218, tardy 40, bank deposits \$13.78.

Hilton school: enrollment 15, belonging 12, attending 12, tardy 5.

Priest's creek school: enrollment 18, belonging 16, attending 14, tardy 6.

Memorial to A. J. Mathias.

The board adopted the following memorial to the late A. J. Mathias, treasurer of the board:

The death of A. J. Mathias on February 12, 1909, causes deep and sincere regret to the board of education of Keokuk, with which he was connected for twelve years in a manner that was always pleasant and profitable to the board and valuable to this district.

Elected a member of this board, March 8, 1897, for one year to fill a vacancy, by 410 votes out of a total of 414 cast by the people, and elected treasurer for the first time March 14, 1898, by 398 votes out of 401 cast at the school election, he served as treasurer of this district continuously until his death.

He was much more than a mere custodian of the funds of this district. As treasurer, he gave the finances of the district, the same care and attention that a business man gives his own personal affairs. His formal reports to this board were always lucid, informing and much more detailed than was required of him by the law; they always gave the board all the information it might need for the prop-

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His strict rectitude, his fine sense of honor, his high standard of ethics, his warmth of heart, his cordiality of manner, his constant desire to be of assistance to others, all these and other good traits of character caused his connection with this board to be highly valued by the board as a whole and by each individual member personally. His death is not only a great loss to this district which he served so well and so long without compensation, except a sense of duty well done, but it is a personal loss to each member of this board.

This memorial is adopted as only a slight and an entirely inadequate recognition of the services of A. J. Mathias to this district, and a merely formal and insufficient appreciation of his personal character.

The above memorial was unanimously adopted and ordered spread on the minutes of this board, and the secretary was directed to certify a copy thereof to the family of Mr. Mathias.

Bills Allowed by the Board of Education, February 15, 1909.

Table listing bills allowed by the Board of Education, including items like James McNamara's Sons, Weber-Kirch Mfg Co, J. Spring, King Plumbing Co, etc.

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INTRODUCED OPERA SINGERS

Chas. D. Hess, Age 70 Who Brought Out Many Opera Singers, Dies at Laporte, Ind.

LAPORTE, Ind., Feb. 16.—Chas. D. Hess, age 70 years, the renowned operatic manager, died last night at his home in Westville, Ind. He introduced Emma Abbott in grand opera and later managed Lillian Russell. He introduced other prominent opera singers and actresses.

Actor Pleads Bankruptcy. NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, Monday filed a petition of bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$28,294; unsecured assets, \$16.

MISS WYCOFF AT THE SCHOOL

The First of the Artist Recitals to be Given For the Benefit of Musical Education of the Pupils.

SINGER GAVE LECTURE

Half of the Pupils Attended the One This Afternoon and Other Half Will go Next Thursday Afternoon.

This afternoon in the high school assembly room, the first of the artist recitals for the education of the school children in musical lines, was given by Miss Eva Wycoff and attended by one-half of the pupils of the public schools. On Thursday afternoon a similar recital is to be given, at which the balance of the school pupils will be present, it being impossible for all of them to attend the same lecture-recital.

The recital of this afternoon and the one to be given on Thursday, come at the close of the concerts which have been given during the past few weeks by the pupils of the schools and are given for the purpose of giving the pupils of the public schools a better appreciation for high class music.

Miss Wycoff sang a number of selections for the pupils and interspersed her numbers with remarks which were of great help to the pupils in giving them some additional musical education, added to what they are now receiving in the schools under the instructions of Professor Hayden.

No Charge to Pupils. At the school concerts by the children, a small admission fee was charged for the parents and the fund thus raised was used to bring Miss Wycoff here for the recitals for the pupils. No charge whatever is made for the school children to attend these recitals which are given solely for their benefit and as an educational feature of the musical department of the public schools.

Miss Wycoff is to sing on Friday evening at the high school in a public recital, for which an admission fee is to be charged. This afternoon, the school children marched in squads to the high school after their work was done, and attended the first recital which was greatly enjoyed by all and proved to be a very instructive entertainment for them.

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If things don't just seem to suit you, An' all the world seems kinder wrong, What's the matter with a boostin' Just to help the thing along. 'Cause if things should stop a-goin' What will happen there's no knowin', You just keep that horn a-blowin', Boost 'er up with all your might.

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THE Redfields

By LILLIAN W. HALE.

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"I shall keep it as a souvenir," said Thankful.

"I would get Elizabeth to make a clean copy, Thank; that is quite the most disreputable letter I ever saw," said Dudley.

"I am going out now to order a banquet; day after tomorrow is Thanksgiving and they will come, and we'll fill the vassail bowl."

They arrived. Aileen, after being hugged and kissed quite as much as Elizabeth, by all the Redfields, was permitted to go home with Mrs. Soule, who was at the Redfields to receive the wanderers.

"We'll tell our adventures when we are rested and clean," said Elizabeth. "Tom must be put to bed at once, Dudley; and get Dr. North immediately. He is to stay here, where I can take care of him. Put him in my room, Dudley; I'll camp with Thank."

Olinker was suffering severely with his wound, and was put to bed at once, as Elizabeth directed.

At dinner, where they all assembled, all took turns in relating their adventures, and the tales were indeed exciting. As soon as dinner was concluded, Elizabeth and Dudley retired upstairs with Tom's dinner, and spent the evening in amusing the invalid.

"What a state you are all in!" said Dudley. "Elizabeth comes with her dress in rags. I wish I could have seen you crawl through that glass door. How did you do it, my soul?"

"I don't know; I just smashed the glass with the soap-dish, and the next thing I realized, I was rushing at Tom, who was white as a ghost, with the blood dripping down his coat, and Aileen—"

"What did she do?" with lively interest.

"I am afraid she let Stanley kiss her. What do you think, Tom?"

"I think she would have been extremely grateful and proud if she hadn't," said that gentleman, with conviction.

"She might have been satisfied with exclaiming, 'My preserver!' and falling upon her knees. They both look like 'blessed ghosts' now."

"And one poor ghost was Lancelot. And one was Guinevere."

"Guinevere was a married woman," said Elizabeth.

"So is Mrs. Soule, I think Stan is an awful muf. I should make love to her."

"What shocking morals, Dudley! that's because I left you. You will never grow up a 'great and good man' like George Washington unless I stay at home and overlook your education."

"You will have a heavy contract, my dearest," said Tom. "You must go to bed and get some rest now; kiss me. Good-night, my darling, my life, my soul!"

"(One kiss; another; oh; adieu! You will have a soul-harrowing separation of five or ten hours," said Dudley, impatiently.

Never mind, old fellow; we shall have your reward when you are in love," said Tom.

"From battle, murder and sudden death, good Lord deliver us," returned Dudley. "I may fall a victim, 'yet was Samson so tempted, and he had an excellent strength; yet was Solomon so seduced; and he had a very good wit."

The next two weeks flew rapidly. The trial of the State against Soule came up. The crowd was not great this time, but here were more than enough spectators, Aileen thought.

She sat near Gerald, as did his mother, Stanley saw with keen pleasure that Mrs. Soule looked quite as pathetic as he wished, without meaning it, which pleased him more.

The indictment of Gerald Soule for murder in the first degree was read. The trial proceeded in all its tedious length; the lawyers fought inch by inch. Aileen was amazed at the care, the study, the research that Stanley's work showed he had put upon the case; he seemed armed at all points; he defeated the State in several important points; these small victories did not make him forget his vigilance, but served rather to increase it, if that was possible.

There were not many witnesses to be examined, so at the end of the first day the State rested.

After a night of alternate hope and fear, they came to the court-room in the morning. Aileen was dressed simply in a dark-brown street suit and plain hat.

them at the penitentiary. The witness said that Bates was to go to the State of — and commit a crime which would place him in the same prison with Gerald, and that he was to find means to kill Gerald while there. Richard was to provide him with poison while visiting him as a friend; his crime would be of such a nature that he would only serve a few years, and when released, Richard was to pay him a large sum of money.

This was all the witness had heard; he could not help hearing it, as he was very close to Richard's cabin window.

Cross-examination, he stood firmly by his tale, and he could not be shaken; he was proved to have been repairing Richard's yacht at that time and place.

Stanley produced another witness, the widow of Joe Bates; a slender, pretty little woman, gentle, timid and pious.

She trembled when she went to the stand, and took the oath in a trembling but clear voice.

"Now, Mrs. Bates," said Stanley, "you will only have to tell just what you know about your husband; you have nothing else to do with this matter."

Mrs. Bates testified that on or about the date of the repairing of the yacht her husband had come home and had given her a thousand dollars in cash, and he had told her that he would have much more when he had finished a job he had on hand, but it might be a year or two before he got his money. He had to go to Glen City, and would write.

He did write; the letter was produced and read to the jury. It was brief, and in effect said that he had secured his job and would write her what to do. He never wrote. In about three months she read in a newspaper that he had been killed in the penitentiary. She had not used any of the money, for Joe had told her to save it; he had given her enough to live on until he should tell her otherwise.

When that was gone she lived by sewing in families. She had put the money in a savings-bank, and it was there still. Stanley showed a certificate of deposit by Nora Bates, also a letter from the cashier saying the money was still there. Stanley further produced a promissory note read as follows:

"Three years after date, I promise to pay Joseph Bates, the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars, for value received.

RICHARD SOULE."

This, she said her husband told her, had been hard to get, and only by threatening to throw up the job had he prevailed on his boss, as his work was to involve great personal risk.

This was, in substance, the testimony of Mrs. Bates. This concluded the proceedings for the day.

The next day the State tried hard to break her down, but failed. There were produced three or four other signatures of Richard's, which Stanley had obtained from banks in Glen City, one of which was the check with which he had paid for the lady's wardrobe he had been so careful to order.

Aileen went on the stand and testified to Richard's wild passion for her and his vowing vengeance; she almost broke down when she was obliged to relate the matter of the forgery. She longed to say one



AILEEN WENT ON THE STAND AND TESTIFIED TO RICHARD'S WILD PASSION FOR HER.

word to convince the listening people that Richard had done it, and not Gerald, but Stanley had told her that nothing in the least relating to the former crime could be admitted in the trial for the latter one. That must be dealt with in its own time and place.

She related her abduction with stunning effect.

In cross-examination the State's attorneys confused but did not break her down. It was a cruel ordeal.

Mrs. Soule testified as Aileen had done, but more briefly.

When Aileen told of her abduction, Gerald ground his teeth and absolutely shook with rage. He had not been told before, as Stanley thought his behavior on that occasion would tell with the jury, and in fact there were looks of sympathy in his direction from the twelve silent men.

With such matchless skill had Stanley managed his evidence, that, without a word being said in reference to the forgery, by lawyer or witness, the jury and the audience had become convinced that Richard had committed the forgery, and that Gerald was a martyr.

The prison officials testified that Bates had been recommended to the harness-making department, as originally that had

been his trade. He was usually near Gerald, and sat next to him at meals. Gerald had once been ill with symptoms of poisoning, and they had thought he took it himself. They had thought it merely accident that Bates kept near him. Bates had been a good, well-behaved, industrious convict; he would have been discharged in about eighteen months, his sentence having been for two years, for grand larceny.

Gerald was not allowed to testify in his own behalf.

All the testimony being in, the court took a recess until morning, when the lawyers would make their arguments.

The arguments were made and were very able on both sides. Stanley made the effort of his life. With Aileen's shining eyes upon him, he labored for her, he alone he thought; but when he spoke of the white-haired mother, he spoke even more feelingly than of the young and beautiful wife who had clung to her young bridegroom through evil report. For two long hours he talked; many tears were shed; at its conclusion, he said in a dry and husky voice:

"Gentlemen of the jury, this man is in your hands; to your justice I commit him."

The jury retired to their room and began their deliberations. Gerald's mother clung to him a moment. Aileen gripped his hands in hers and said: "Let us hope."



AILEEN GRIPPED HIS HAND IN MINE AND SAID: "LET US HOPE."

Stanley went to the office of his friend and shut himself up alone, Dudley and Clinker went back to Glen City. The next morning, while at breakfast, their father received a telegram; he opened it nervously; the whole assembled family suspended operations to watch him.

"Not guilty!"

"Dudley jumped up and seized his father's respectable hat, which happened to be at hand, and threw it wildly to the ceiling, and danced a wild two-step of rejoicing.

"Hurrah for old Tan! I knew he would do it. You should have heard him, mother. He could never have talked for his own life as he did for Gerald Soule."

All the family were exuberant in their delight.

"How furious Richard will be!" said Elizabeth. "I am so glad! I would enjoy so much telling him that Gerald is acquitted. I don't see why he could not be cleared of the charge of forgery at the same time."

"The law is as the law of the Medes and Persians. When a man has been punished for a crime, that is the end of it; if it is, peradventure, the wrong man, so much the worse for him."

In December, Stanley went before the Board of Pardons with old Delilah's confession and evidence that the lawyer who had charged Gerald's defense had sold him to Richard Soule, and thereupon Gerald was pardoned by the governor of the State for a crime he did not commit.

He came home, and with his wife and mother quietly went on his travels.

Before going, he spent a day with Stanley in his office. What passed between the two men is one of those sacred things of which nothing may be written. With Stanley's knowledge, he transferred a heavy sum to his name at the bank, and they parted friends. Aileen left The Match-Box and the Redfields with keen regret.

In January Elizabeth and Thankful were married to the men of their choice, and they too went on their travels, leaving a diminished and lonely family to mourn their departure.

Dudley made up his mind to study law, and went at it faithfully.

CHAPTER XIX.

At San Diego, in California, where Gerald and Aileen had taken his mother is the hope that the genial air of the Pacific would restore her to health, she died in the following Spring; worn out with grief and anxiety, she sank when he was set free, and cared no more to live. Gerald's grief was great; he had an unusual love for his mother, and he gave her up with anguish.

After a time of great restlessness he one day said to Aileen:

"My dearest, I feel a brute to tell you that I feel I must leave you for a time; but I must have work or go mad.

(To be continued.)

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