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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

On another page of this paper will be found a contribution on the subject of a volunteer fire department that seems to us to have a lot of good sense.

The writer of this letter certainly chooses the right word when he speaks of the man who sold the fire outfit to the late un-lamented city administration, "a hypnotist." It seems incredible that sane men, in full possession of their faculties, could have been persuaded to invest nearly $3000 in the gaudy and cumbersome apparatus which everybody now recognizes as a white elephant. In the first place the machine is too heavy. It was never intended for use anywhere except on paved streets. In the second place it cost too much. It is nothing but a chemical engine and a hose cart. The city has one chemical engine. If it needed another it could have bought it for a thousand dollars. And it could nave bought hose carts for forty dollars a piece. For at least a thousand dollars less than this machine cost apparatus could have been bought worth twice as much in fighting a fire. In the third place the apparatus entails a continuing expense out of all proportion to the service it ever seems likely to render. As now constituted the department will cost at least $1200 a year.

It is no wonder the new council, which is composed of business men, is appalled at the prospect and is seeking some way out.

AN OLD TIME LAWYER

The following sketch of one of the pioneer lawyers of Allen county will be read with much interest by those who were acquainted with the subject of it. It was written by Hon. L. W. Keplinger and is taken from the chapter on "The Bench and Bar of Allen county" which will appear in the "History of Allen and Woodson counties" now in press in the REGISTER office. The book will have a thousand pages and this extract is published partly to suggest that if you have not subscribed for the book you would better not put it off any longer.

"Mr. Eli Gilbert, came west so early eastern origin didn't count. He originated in Morgan county, Ohio, in 1821, and afterwards came to the then frontier in Iowa, where he remained until 1859 whence he came to Allen County. He also was an orator, though not of the Wendell Phillips type, and for several years, over a wide extent of territory, his peculiar frontier oratory was largely a substitute for law libraries. To a new-comer and prospective client who wishes his services, not to assist in the trial, but because of his reputed influence over juries, he thus gravely gave rates. "For a few sensible remarks I charge $10.00: for a speech $15.00; but one of my regular 'hell roarers' it will cost you $25.00." It may be added, however that whichever variety was contracted for, it was the last mentioned which was always forthcoming. To the eternal envy of all future Allen County lawyers, let one incident in Judge Gilbert's career be rescued from oblivion. The necessities of a case required that the jury should be convinced the prosecuting witness had bitten off his own ear. The Judge's eloquence rose to the occasion. Verdict' "not guilty." He was kindly disposed toward all men, convivial, full of jokes, stories and reminiscences, especially of a personal nature. Shakespeare's most pleasing character, who was in some respects a feeble imitator of the Judge, will never know how lonesome he has been all these years until Eli Gilbert comes to swap auto-biographies with him in the land of shade. Judge Gilbert was at one time Probate Judge of Allen County. He also represented his district one term in the legislature, where he voted for the right man for United States Senator and, as a consequence, received an appointment as Receiver of the United States Land Office, in the western part of the state. He is now nearing his end at Lawrence Kansas, and all who ever knew him will wish him well.

THAT TABLET TO JUDGE ADAMS.

At the January 1900 meeting of the State Editorial Association, upon motion of the editor of this paper, it was ordered that a bronze tablet in memory of Judge F. G. Adams be placed in the wall of the room in the Capitol building to be occupied by the State Historical society. Geo. W. Martin was authorized to secure the tablet, place it in position, and take such steps as were necessary to raise the money. A very neat design was prepared, and the cost ascertained to be, for tablet, $145, inserting in the wall, freight and incidentlas, $15, making a total of $160. It was deemed reasonable that out of eight hundred newspaper men one hundred and sixty would promptly remit one dollar each, and the thing would be done.

But it seems it hasn't been done. Mr. Martin reports, in his usual vigorous way, through the Capital that only $87 has thus far been collected, and he says further that unless the remainder is sent in by June 1, he will return that already on hand and abandon the project.

The REGISTER hopes most earnestly that Mr. Martin's appeal will be heeded and that those who have not yet contributed their dollar will send it in at once. Certainly the tablet proposed is a modest enough tribute for the newspaper men of Kansas to pay to one to whom the fraternity, individually and collectively, owes a debt that no sum of money could liquidate. The REGISTER will multiply its assessment several times over if necessary rather than that the tablet should not be erected.

GO TO CHURCH ANYWAY.

T. B. Murdock: Admitting there is no God: no heaven or hell; no fire and brimstone; conceding that there is no devil and that man is the direct descendant of the ape; that—

The flower that once has blown forever dies.

It cannot be denied that church services develop the best there is in man. Church attendance suggests cleanliness—in mind and body—a getting away from one's self and where the conditions have a tendency to reverse the machine; to take one's self out of one's self and to a degree direct the channels of brotherly kindness and charity; and we have often wondered why bright young men—well dressed and self respecting young men—can loaf about the shops and the street corners all Sunday morning while there are so many empty seats in the churches. Two-thirds of the people of this town never attend church services, while one-half of them never see the inside of a church building. While older people may be justified in this, there is no excuse for the young man. Admitting that church worship is but a species of idolatry: that the service is mummery, it cannot be denied that church service influence is on the side of morality and correct living. Were it not for the women there would be no churches; were the social standards recognized by men alone permitted to avail, the world would be burning in a pit of hell in a week. The greatest force in the world today is the church, and the young man who loafs on the streets Sunday, sneers at Christianity, reviles the churches, while neglecting or refusing to attend church services, shows a lack of something in his moral make-up. Church influences, church teachings are uplifting; church services, while not tedious, appeal to man's better nature, while they are often entertaining and instructive. No young man in the town can offer a good reason for not attending church services at least once a Sunday; and when a young man bristles up at the mention of it he should be reminded that he is not half as brave as he thinks he is.

A HUMAN DYNAMO

An Interesting Story of the Way "Dave" Beatty Won out at Beaumont.

In a page write-up recently of the Beaumont, Texas oil fields the Kansas City Star had the following to say of D. R. Beatty a former citizen and business man of this place.

"D. R. Beatty, who drilled the gusher purchased by the National Pipe and Oil company for a million and a quarter, is one of the strongest and most interesting personalities in the Beaumont oil field. He's a shouter for Kansas City. He went there just after the Galveston storm, in the interest of Galveston sufferers, and when he returned he had carloads of bedding, clothing and other necessities for the stricken city. The people of the South are extremely loyal to Kansas City, and Kansas City is spoken of ten times where St. Louis is mentioned once. They also know of The Star's gift of the balance of the Matanzas relief fund to Galveston. The State of Kansas also is well thought of down there.

Mr. Beatty is like a human dynamo. He runs at high speed all the time, and seems absolutely tireless. Night and day he is hustling. He has made several fortunes here since the strike and probably will make several more. The Lucas gusher came in January 10. That night at 11:30, Mr. Beatty went to the office of the Galveston News on business connected with the publication af a relief item. While there he was shown a dispatch giving the details of the coming of the Lucas. He had only $20 in his pocket. It was too late to get more. He boasded the Galveston train at 1:40 a. m., changed cars at Houston and was in Beaumont by 7 o'clock. He had paid one-half of his ready cash for railroad fare and a hotel bill, and the second half, he paid to Lige Adams for an oil lease on the ten acres of ground on which is now the famous Beatty gusher.

For other leases obtained that day he paid $385 and for a total investment of $395 he and his friends have since received 1¼ million dollars from the National Pipe and Oil company and ¼ million dollars in paid stock from another company. The president of the National company is Robert L. Henry of Chicago, who formerly had heavy investments in Kansas City, among them the Warder Grand Opera house, which he renamed the Auditorium. National Oil stock, on a capitalization of 5 million dollars, is worth 75 cents a share, against a par value of $1, so it is claimed.

BEATTY'S OTHER OPERATIONS.

Here are some of the other remarkable rights secured by Mr. Beatty: A lease on fifteen acres in what is known as Spindle Top heights, not far from the Lucas. He got it for $10, which he passed over to a farmer's little girl for a new dress. For this lease, which nets the farmer one-eighth royalty on all oil taken out, Mr. Beatty received ¼ million dollars in paid up stock, which is now worth 50 cents a share and promises to jump to 75 cents.

Two negroes in Houston owned twenty acres of land which cost them $1 an acre. They sold out for $20,000. Today their ground is worth $100,000.

Mr. Beatty paid $10 for what is known as the Noble lease, covering ten acres. For which he has refused $50,000.

These may seem extravagant assertions in the North, but when men pay $27,000 spot cash an acre and offer bonuses of $1,000 and $2,000 an acre for oil leases, these values are possible and real. You can't buy land within a mile of the Lucas and Beatty wells under $2,500 an acre, and the field is far from being proved; but a few acres a mile or two away are sufficient on which to base a capital stock of ½ million dollars in such times as now prevail here.

Apparently Mr. Beatty has the utmost confidence in the Beaumont district, yet he has sold most of his personal holdings in its heart and is retaining, even increasing, his interests in what is known as Sour Lake territory, about eighteen miles north-west of Beaumont, where he has a refinery, and at Corsicana, where he owns two wells and 30,000 acres under lease. He also is working on a combination of three companies here to be stocked for a total of 5 million dollars. Judging from the enormous influx of money here and the readiness with which people invest, he will succeed.

Apparently the old adage, "It's a long lane that has no turn," applies to Mr. Beatty's case. He lost heavily in the Galveston storm and had spent about two months in Corsicana's field without results except in securing some good leases, and making good connections, but his experience there was his capital in the start at Beaumont. He doesn't know how much he's worth now.

Here's an instance of the way Mr. Beatty does things: He got two leases near the Lucas on condition that he began operations within a short time. He telegraphed East for machinery, but the days slipped by and the machinery failed to come. Finally he got word the day before his two leases ran out that part of the shipment of pipe was at Corsicana. He made haste there, had two joints of the pipe hauled hastily to a passenger depot and as a train was about to move out insisted that it be held until he could get the two pieces of pipe, which weighed 1,600 pounds, taken aboard as express. The conductor protested. He hadn't time. They didn't care to haul pipe. Beatty had eight darkeys ready. "Put it aboard!" he shouted. "There's money in it for you. Push her ahead," and when the conductor got over his surprise the pipe was safe in the express car. From Beaumont to the oil field is a long haul in wet weather, but the energy displayed in Corsicana got the pipe to the field before midnight of the last day under the leases. Thereby Mr. Beatty saved several hundred thousand dollars.

Notice of Special Election

(First published April 5, 1901.)

Pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the State of Kansas, entitled

"An act authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, to erect a county building for a court house and county office building at Iola, Kansas, and to equip and furnish said building, and providing the manner the money necessary to pay therefor shall be raised, and authorizing the sale of the present court house and lots or parcels of land upon which the same is located."

Which act was published in the official State paper on the first day of March, 1901; and pursuant to a resolution of the Board of County commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, duly adopted on the 3rd day of April, 1901.

Public notice is hereby given that said Board of County Commissioners have submitted and do submit, to the qualified electors of said county the question whether such county building shall be erected and furnished as provided in said act; and for the purpose of determing said question a special election is called and will be held, in said county, according to law, on the 7th day of May, 1901.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Allen county, Kansas, by James Lockhart, Ch'm'n.
ATTEST: C. A. FRONK, County Clerk.
(SEAL) ATTEST: J. D. CHRISTIAN.
H. HOBART, Sheriff of Allen County, Kansas

Dr. McIntyre's Donation.

The REGISTER has already made mention of the recent donation of some standard novels to the Iola library by Dr. U. B. McIntyre. Below is given a list of these works and their authors:

Pictorial History of Ancient Rome by S. G. Goodrich.
Beauchampe Charlemont by W. Gilmore Sims.
The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis.
Doctor Clandius by F. Marion Crawford.
Cecil Dreeme by Theodore Winthrop.
Aunt Jane's Hero by E. Prentiss.
The Wife's Messengers by Mrs. M. B. Horton.
Secrets of the Great Whiskey Ring by Gen. John McDonald.
The Bucholtz Family by Julius Stinde.
Lord Lisle's Daughter by Charlotte Braeme.
True to the Old Flag by Henty.
Scottish Life and Character by E. B. Ramsay.
Old Mark Longston by Richard Malcolm Johnston.
Hours with the Bible by C. Geikie, D. D.
From Year to Year by Alice Carey.
The Old Doctor.
Cupid's Album.

Simpson-Reimert.

Mr. Milt T. Simpson and Miss Martha Reimert drove out to the home of Rev. Drake last Sunday at eight o'clock and were made man and wife.

Mr. Simpson is a blacksmith who came here from Humboldt some time ago and built up quite a good business. Miss Martha Reimert has lived here all her life and there is hardly anyone who does not know her as a kind hearted, sweet dispositioned young lady and Mr. Simpson is to be congratulated on his selection.

They will go to housekeeping at once on north State street the groom having already prepared a home.

The REGISTER desires to join their host of friends in extending to them congratulations and best wishes.