

TOWN AND TOWNSHIP IN A MERRY MIX-UP

Controversy Over an Old Sidewalk
Creating Strife and Con-
tention in Jewell.

The following, from the Jewell Record, shows what a fuss can be kicked up over a trivial matter:

Webster City, Iowa, Oct. 24, 1911. Mr. M. J. Severson, Town Clerk, Jewell, Iowa,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed I hand you bill of the township trustees of Lyon township, Hamilton county, vs. Incorporated Town of Jewell, Iowa, for \$25.00.

This bill is self-explanatory, being for old lumber taken from sidewalk along Jewell cemetery, which lumber, I understand, one of the councilmen sold, and the money for which the town received. I understand this lumber belonged to the township, and if that is the case, the town will have to pay for same. Please present this bill to the council at the next regular meeting, and then notify me, what action said council takes in the matter, and oblige, Yours respectfully,

I. J. Sayrs.

Jewell, Iowa, Oct. 23rd, 1911. Incorporated Town of Jewell, Iowa, Township trustees of Lyon Twp., Hamilton county, Iowa, debtor to old lumber taken from sidewalk along Jewell cemetery, \$25.00.

The above account may be settled by returning all of said lumber to Jewell, Iowa, within ten days from this date, said lumber to be in as good condition as when taken.

Signed by said trustees, F. H. Buckholtz, John O. Larson, W. Grove.

The above constitutes the documentary features, to date, in a little warfare that has been instituted between the town council of Jewell and the trustees of Lyon township. The history of the affair reads about thusly.

Some weeks ago Dr. R. W. De La. in his capacity as member of the streets and alleys committee of the town council, sold to Lewis Redding for three dollars, a pile of old sidewalk lumber that had been torn up in front of Evergreen cemetery. There were about five loads of lumber in the pile which had lain there rotting for nearly two years, apparently not wanted by anybody. The ownership of the cemetery lodges in Lyon township and accordingly the trustees of the township, whose names appear attached to the statement quoted above, became imbued with the idea that the lumber from the old wooden sidewalk in front of township property must also be the property of the township. Accordingly, Willard Grove, chairman of the board of trustees, recently advertised the pile of old lumber for sale at public auction, and on Saturday, October 21st, the pile was sold at auction to F. Harmon for the sum of \$16.50. At the time of the sale only a trifle over half of the lumber was on the ground, Mr. Redding having already hauled to his farm southwest of town two loads of that he had bought from the town. The sale, however, included all of the lumber, that which had been hauled away as well as that which was on the ground. Mr. Redding himself was one of the bidders in the township sale, running the bid to \$16.25 in an effort to buy again the lumber that he had already once bought from the town for three dollars and had paid for. Mr. Harmon, however, was game, and secured a title to the old lumber from the township. The trustees now want to deliver the goods which they have sold, and are demanding that the town return the lumber or pay for it. The bill and letter from the trustees' attorney quoted above will be presented to the town council at the next meeting. The next chapter in this interesting story will be written at that time.

Tribute to the Memory of J. D. Riste.

At the regular meeting of the city council of Webster City, Iowa, November 6, 1911, the committee appointed by the mayor to prepare a resolution of respect to the memory of the late J. D. Riste, presented the following report which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

To His Honor, the Mayor: Your committee—appointed for the purpose of preparing a tribute of respect to the memory of our late fellow member, Joseph D. Riste—beg leave to submit the following report:

Mr. Riste was the senior member of this council, having served as one of the members from the First Ward for nearly a quarter of a century. His long service is the best evidence

of the faithful manner in which he discharged his duty, not only to his immediate constituency, but to the citizens of the entire city. He was an important factor in the growth and development of this municipality. He contended earnestly for those measures which, in his judgment, would promote the best interests of the people of this community. He served from time to time upon the most important committees, and the records show that his votes were cast in favor of those ordinances which have contributed most efficiently to the growth, prosperity, and good government of the city. His careful study and intelligent investigation of municipal affairs was of great value to his fellow members, and—in connection with his long and faithful service—justly entitled him to the designation which was bestowed upon him, "Father of the City Council." Therefore, be it

Resolved; that we honor his memory and deplore his death. That the city clerk be and is hereby instructed to spread this tribute upon the minutes of this meeting, and to present a copy of the same to the bereaved wife of the deceased, and to the press of the city.

O. N. Ross,
W. L. Whitham,
Fred Hahne, Com.
Attest: H. M. Sparboe, Mayor.
P. M. Banks, Clerk.

A Brief Synopsis.

At the Universalist church Sunday morning Rev. N. E. Spicer preached a very interesting sermon on the book of Jonah and its moral call to the life of man.

In its nature the sermon was historical and sought to explain the object of the author in the writing of this story. He said:

"The book of Jonah is not a history but a story, not a revelation as this word is usually defined, but a fiction with a moral.

The book was written as a protest against the narrowness and exclusiveness of such prophets as Ezra and Nehemiah to confute a common notion of that time that Jehovah was the God of the Hebrews only.

Jonah in the first setting of the story is made a type of the prophets who would keep Jehovah's blessings for themselves alone. He represents a selfishness in the Jewish religion in the beginning of the story, but, in the sequel his religion broadens and he catches a vision of a larger and kinder providence of God.

The style of the writing is highly pictorial, but there is purpose back of the imagery. The book of Jonah is not longer regarded as a history by students of bibliography, but placing the book in the realm of fiction it is not without its moral call to men of the present.

Jonah is a type in the evolution of Hebrew consciousness. The book pictures the up-coming of man into a larger vision of charity and of brotherhood. That the Bible may continue its place in the esteem of the world we must read its legend, and myth, and folk-lore, and poetry as such, and not these things as history. The less unreasonably we read the Bible the more divine we make it, and the more it becomes to us a call to do righteousness.

Greater and more useful than the 'fish story' in the book of Jonah is the purpose of this writing to quicken the brotherhood spirit in man."

Ordinance No. 309.

An ordinance vacating that part of Seneca street north of the right of way of the Illinois Central Railway and authorizing a conveyance thereof.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Webster City, Iowa: Sec. 1. That all that part of Seneca street in said city originally platted as the Dubuque & Pacific Railroad addition lying and being north of the right of way of the Illinois Central Railway be and the same is hereby vacated in compliance with a stipulation therefor for the settlement of a certain action in the district court of Hamilton county, wherein the Webster City Brick & Tile Company was plaintiff and the City of Webster City was defendant.

Sec. 2. That the mayor and the city clerk be and they are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a deed conveying to the Webster City Brick & Tile Company the said part of Seneca street vacated by section one of this ordinance, the consideration of said conveyance being the property conveyed said city in pursuance of the settlement of the action mentioned in said section two of this ordinance.

Passed and adopted this 6th day of November A. D. 1911.

H. M. Sparboe, Mayor.
P. M. Banks, Clerk.

Lost.

Fox terrier weighing about 16 lbs. All white except brown ears and eyes. Return to The Wardrobe for reward. d-1-t-1f

JAILBIRD EFFECTS REMARKABLE ESCAPE

Bends Re-Inforced Steel Door and
Cuts a Very Difficult way
to Liberty.

Fort Dodge, Nov. 7.—"F. R. Lee," wanted for robbing the bank at Barnum some weeks ago, broke out of the county jail last night. By a unique combination of bed clothing and a table leg, he secured enough leverage to bend the upper corner of a solid steel door to get into the corridor. With another table leg, he punched a hole in the ceiling and made his way over the attic floor to the elevator shaft. Descending the stairs, he went to a fire escape and thus reached the ground.

The first thing "Lee," did was to saw off the bolt of the lock which allowed the door of his cell to open into the cage. He occupied the bunk cell at the southern end of the north cage. At the northeast corner of the cage, is a door of solid, re-inforced steel opening into a lavatory. This door he forced.

First he forced the top corner of the door by working a blanket over the corner and then by pulling. Thus he was able to get several blankets over the corner of the door. These with other blankets and quilts from the beds of the other four bunks in the other bunk cells, he tied together, anchoring them to one of the bunk cell doors. Breaking a pine deal table, he took one of the legs and put it through the double line of bed clothing tied together from the top of the steel door of the bunk cell. By twisting the table leg, he was able to exert tremendous leverage.

One end of the pine table he placed between the blankets of the top of the door to keep them from slipping out. When he had sprung the door corner open as far as necessary, he knotted another blanket and put the knot through the north end of the cage between the bars so it would not slip, and tied the other end to the table leg to keep the bed-clothing from untwisting and allowing the door corner to go back to its original position. When he was in the lavatory, he made his way through the unlocked door to the corridor. Climbing up on top of the cage from which he made his escape, he punched a hole through the plaster and steel lath with another table leg, and thus got into the attic. From there, he went to the elevator shaft down which, via the elevator cables, he was able to get to the third floor into the court room. After reaching the fire escape, the rest was easy.

F. R. Lee, as he styled himself, is an ex-convict, turned loose from the Oklahoma penitentiary last May. He served time there for burglary under the name of P. F. White. A photograph taken of Lee here compared with one from the Oklahoma penitentiary shows a strong resemblance between Lee and White. The man confessed to Deputy Clark Woolsey several days ago that Lee was a fictitious name, and said he took it to keep relatives from learning of his plight.

"Lee" was charged with breaking into the bank and stores at Barnum in September. He and a companion are charged with the deed and a strong case had been worked up against the men. "Lee" was caught at LeMars by the sheriff of Plymouth county but his companion escaped.

Farmers Will Continue to Sell Milk to Van Camp Condensory.

Perry, Nov. 6.—The trouble between the patrons of the Van Camp condensory and the manager of the plant, which has been brewing for two weeks, and which threatened the closing of the factory, was reduced Saturday at a meeting of the farmers of the vicinity in this city. A reduction in the price of milk, together with a different method of paying the haulers, which threw additional expense on the farmers, resulted in the formation of the Milk Producers' association.

The officers of the association and a committee appointed for the purpose Saturday presented a report which advises the farmers to continue selling milk to the condensory. It was found that the company was compelled to reduce the price because of the slump in the milk market, and that the drop is general all over

The Van Camp concern pays \$12,000 monthly to the farmers around Perry for milk and the closing of the institution would have been a severe blow.

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Good 7 room house, with city water, electric lights; fine walks and good barn, also shade and fruit trees. Located on paved and sewerred street, close to business. Worth \$3,200—now offered for \$2,500.

7 room house on Bank street, near churches and schools; good walks, good shady lawn, and fruit trees. Owner moved from city and wants to sell badly. Worth \$2,000—now offered for \$1,350. A BIG BARGAIN.

I have many other homes for sale. LISTEN!

- 5 room house and lot on Third street, \$850.
- 3 room house and lot on Third street, \$750.
- 4 room house and lot on Bank street, \$800.
- 4 room house and lot on Dubuque street, \$850.
- 4 room house and lot on Columbia street, \$650.
- 7 room house and lot on Willson Avenue, \$2,000

I have excellent bargains in suburban homes, where one can make money in gardening, poultry or fruit raising. LISTEN!

5 acres east of river, with 6 room house, barn, poultry house and hog house; good well and cellar. Land some rough, but one-half cultivated. Worth \$2,800—offered for \$2,200.

17 acres 1 mile from court house, with 7 room house, barn, poultry and hog house; fine well and cellar, shady lawn. Land slopes to south and east, with several acres tilled bottom land. Excellent place for gardening and fruit or poultry ranch. Worth \$4,000 or more. \$3,600 buys this whole farm right in Webster City.

2 acres near east school. Good house, poultry house, etc; fine orchard of apples, cherries and plums. Bargain for \$2,000.

Also sample lots like this. READ!

- 5 room house, good barn, 1 acre land, \$1,200.
- 5 room house and barn, 1 1/2 acres land, \$1,500.
- 6 room house, barn and other buildings, 10 acres land, \$2,600.
- 5 room house, poultry house, etc., 3/4 acre land, \$1,200.

LISTEN! Bear in mind all this property is near the fine churches and schools of Webster City—the best HOME city in Iowa—and with prospects of being one of the manufacturing points of the west, property is liable to DOUBLE IN VALUE within one year. But it is my business to SELL, and NOW is YOUR time to BUY. SEE ME.

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TURKEY ASKS HELP OF U. S.

Makes Formal Request For American Intervention.

CRUELTY IS CHARGED

Alleges Violation of the Hague Treaty by the Italians.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 6.—The so-called Italian barbarities in Tripoli have been brought officially to the attention of the American government in such form that some declaration of the position of the state department in the matter is now expected.

The subject was broached first in the course of a verbal statement by the Turkish ambassador to Acting Secretary Adee and later in the day in the shape of a letter.

In each case the ambassador, who declared he was acting under cable instruction from his government, described in detail the acts attributed to the Italian troops and protested in the name of humanity against the alleged barbarities inflicted upon helpless women and children and noncombatants by the infuriated Italian soldiers. By order of the government the ambassador appealed to the United States to exert its influence to put a stop to practices that, he declared, were in plain violation of the rules of warfare and in contravention of the Hague convention to which the United States and Italy are parties. Acting Secretary Adee promised to submit the protest to Secretary Knox, who at present is absent from Washington.

The ambassador's note was based on a cablegram from the Turkish minister of foreign affairs. Supplementing this cable came another from the Turkish foreign office late in the day, which was also transmitted to the state department. This is regarded as of great

We Are Not Given To Extrava- gant Speech



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importance because it formally demands intervention by the United States. It reads as follows:

"The Italian atrocities in Tripoli being confirmed officially and from every quarter, I beg your excellency to reiterate the representations prescribed in my pressing telegram to insist upon the necessity of prompt and efficacious intervention, in order to put an end immediately to

these inhuman practices."

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