

WILL NOT THWART PEOPLE'S WISHES

State's Attorney Thompson Declares Quo Warranto Is in Interests of a Few.

CITY WILL ASSIST IN THE FIGHT

Commission Proposes to Battle Against Plan to Defeat Recent Annexation of Sears.

Dedicating that in bringing quo warranto proceedings, the people must have an interest in the subject matter...

The county prosecutor designates the quo in question as "an effort to overthrow the wishes and desires of an overwhelming majority of the people..."

Thompson's Letter. State's Attorney Thompson in his letter to the commission says:

"Rock Island, June 10.—To the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island, Illinois, Gentlemen.

"In re People, et al., vs. ref. Dougherty et al. vs. Floyd E. Thompson, State's Attorney, etc., Mandamus No. 10490.

"The above petition has been filed in the circuit court and is set for hearing Monday, June 14, 1913, at 2 o'clock P. M.

"As is shown by the petition the respondents, through their attorneys, Scott & Marshall, presented to me on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1913, a petition for leave to file an information in the nature of quo warranto against the city of Rock Island, alleging said city of Rock Island to be a corporation without legal authority and to be a corporation without authority of law to use and exercise governmental functions and corporate powers over the territory including the village of Sears and recently annexed to the city of Rock Island. I refused to sign said petition because it was insufficient both in form and in substance to make a prima facie case.

Attempt to Defeat Wishes. "My principal reason, however, for refusing to sign this petition was that it is an effort to overthrow the wishes and desires of an overwhelming majority of the people for the private interests of a few individuals. I felt that this was a matter of great concern to the public and that I had a right to exercise my discretion in permitting the petition to be filed, and I have decided the matter in favor of what I consider to be right and just.

"Not only does the petition and affidavits on their faces show that the inquiry is being directed by a few individuals to defeat the rights of thousands of people, but the facts known to myself and to yourselves, including the overwhelming majority received at the election in favor of annexation confirm me in the opinion that the petition to file an information in the nature of quo warranto should be denied.

"While I shall, to the best of my ability, defend the rights of the public generally in this matter, I feel that the city of Rock Island has a personal interest in the case and if it is your desire that the city attorney assist me in the defense of the municipality, I shall be pleased to cooperate with the city's counsel.

"Very respectfully yours, FLOYD E. THOMPSON, State's Attorney."

Holds Act Valid. Another local attorney has received from P. J. Lacey, attorney general, an opinion to the effect that the section of the state law under which the annexation election was held is not repealed, as claimed by the petitioners, but is still in full force and effect and is legal in every way.

"It has been the disposition of the courts to seek to follow the expressed wish of the people and not to override it on technicalities.

"It is gratifying to know that the city commission expects to back up the state's attorney to the limit. It is understood that an organization is being perfected to assist in upholding the will of the people as expressed at the polls. It has now become a public issue and a fight to the last ditch is anticipated.

OBITUARY

Funeral of Alfred H. Pollard. Impressive services were held over the remains of Alfred H. Pollard yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by John Buford post, G. A. R., at the home of his son, Fred, 1034 Twenty-first street. Rites took place on the lawn. Nearly forty veterans attended. Mrs. William Ulmeyer sang the same songs that were rendered at the funeral of Mrs. Pollard, two years ago, by request. Interment was in Chippinok cemetery.

The bearers were: Henry Hubbard, J. B. Ingram, S. F. Parker, Harry Holbert, J. W. Welch and Alfred F. Barber.

Funeral of William Frey. The remains of William Frey arrived in Rock Island yesterday at 11 o'clock from Geneseo. Funeral services will be conducted from the home,

1616 Twenty-eighth street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Rev. M. E. Chatley officiating with interment in Chippinok cemetery. Mrs. J. P. Lyle, a daughter of deceased and her husband and their daughter, arrived this morning from Fort Smith, Ark., to attend the funeral. At the inquest held yesterday in Geneseo a verdict of accidental death was returned.

Funeral of Johnson Potter. The funeral of Johnson Potter was held yesterday afternoon at 1:30 at the home of his son, Edward E. Seventeenth and Richmond streets. Rev. H. W. Reed had charge of the services. At 8:30 last evening the remains were sent to the former home in Davis, Ill., where funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with burial at 2 o'clock in the Davis cemetery.

Funeral of Dr. Rankin. The funeral of Dr. J. E. Rankin, who died Sunday at Watertown hospital from an overdose of opiates, was held at 2 yesterday afternoon at the Watertown Baptist church. Rev. J. M. Osborne officiating and burial being in the Watertown cemetery.

Dr. Rankin's widow is now at the hospital undergoing treatment for the drug habit, and the home is broken up. The other member of the family is a son, 11 years of age.

Father, mother and son had lived together in a house at 818 First avenue, Watertown. Dr. Rankin continued the practice of medicine until the day of his death, although the great majority of his patients had deserted him and sought medical aid elsewhere.

As a young man he came to Watertown 15 years ago. He was a physician of ability and he soon enjoyed a large practice.

He occupied a room at the Geisler home in Watertown. Four years after his arrival there Mrs. Geisler was divorced from her husband and a short time later married Dr. Rankin.

Searle Rankin, a son, was born 11 years ago.

The doctor's habit of using drugs was acquired by his wife.

Dr. Rankin was seen upon the streets of East Moline Sunday morning. He had evidently procured drugs somewhere and, deprived of them so long, had sought to satisfy his appetite by taking a large dose.

Dr. L. D. Bardin, who had attended the man on several occasions, had him hurried to the state hospital. He arrived there at 10 in the morning. At noon he was dead.

A verdict of "death from an overdose of morphine and heroin" was returned by the coroner's jury. Dr. Rankin was 44 years of age.

Funeral of Mrs. Harry Long. The remains of Mrs. Harry Long arrived in Rock Island at 11:25 this noon from Denver, Col. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. Long's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Long, 535 Twentieth street. Burial will be in Chippinok cemetery.

George VanDyune. The death of George Van Dyune, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Van Dyune, occurred at 12:30 this afternoon at the home of his parents, 782 Twelfth avenue, following a week's illness with pneumonia. He was born in Rock Island in 1906 and was a pupil of Grant school. Besides his parents he is survived by one brother, Harry, at home.

Decorations Beautiful. The auditorium was beautifully decorated by a tracery of green and white, vases being used throughout. A large concourse of visitors from out of the county were present, and many visiting priests were here for today's exercises and will remain until tomorrow. Alumnae day, when an auspicious program will be given, beginning with high mass at 8:30 o'clock. Those observed at today's commencement are: Very Rev. James J. Shannon, vicar general of Peoria diocese; Rev. Richard D. O'Laughlin, Galva; Rev. J. C. Mustagh, Sheffield; Rev. H. Takenberg, Rev. J. B. Culemans, East Moline, and Dean J. J. Quinn, Rev. Joseph S. Kelly, Rev. Patrick H. O'Connell, Rev. Prosper Holvoet, Rev. Clement P. O'Neill of the tri-city.

The graduates are: June A. Blair, Grace V. Callahan, Gertrude Clare Cole, Mary Philomena Conway, Madeleine B. Drake, Margaret Clare Freehill, Gertrude H. Hursen, Una O. Kall, Gertrude A. Kelleher, Helen M. LaVelle, Ursula Mary Looney, Marian Frances Maroney, Katherine McEntary, Genevieve E. McMahon, Marie E. Morrissey, Nella Rita Ohear, Mary E. Russell, Mary Irene Sage, Marguerite Lattner Smith, Meredith Leone Snapp. Catholic Order of Foresters to the number of several hundred took dinner on the campus, which was served under a large tent. They will be present at the evening meal and take in the class play, "Everymaid," tonight.

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CLASS ADDRESSED BY VICAR GENERAL

Very Rev. J. J. Shannon Represents Bishop at Commencement at the Villa.

NOTABLES IN THE CHURCH HERE

Twenty Young Ladies Graduated at Beautiful Morning Exercises at Auditorium.

Characteristic of Villa de Chantal graduation exercises, the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," greeted the assembled audience of friends and relatives at commencement, held in the auditorium at 10 o'clock this morning, as the 20 girl graduates marched in, led by a professional company of the four academic classes of the school. These formed a background on the stage, the graduates standing in a half-circle, each bearing an arm bouquet of jack roses, tied with red satin ribbons, ending in innumerable streamers, to which rosettes were attached. In their slim white gowns, their lovely fresh young faces upturned, they presented an inspiring sight. The opening chorus, "Robin, Robin Redbreast," was given, after which Miss Ursula Looney gave the salutatory, "Commencement, Then and Now," which was delivered in excellent manner. She reviewed the humble beginning of the school in the quiet little village at Maysville, Ky., on the banks of the Ohio, and, touching tender memories, brought tears to many eyes.

Addressed by Vicar General. Very Rev. James J. Shannon, vicar general, delivered the sermon, a trenchant discourse, fiery with earnestness. He drew especial attention to the Sisters of the Visitation and similar orders, who must await the passing of time to prove the results attained, and who, today, after 50 years' work, are entitled to high honor in the magnificent womanhood, old and young, the product of their training in character. Following the address, the chorus sang "Welcome, Pretty Primrose Flower," which was beautifully rendered.

Miss Mary Russell, valedictorian of the class, chose as her theme, "The Star to Its Light," which she delivered faultlessly and in which the leading thought referred to the light and lamp of Truth each graduate had been given by her alma mater, and how, amid the dark places, it would ever shine forth for guidance.

Distribution of class honors then took place, Dean J. J. Quinn calling each by name, Mother Borgia handing the diplomas and ribbons to Father Shannon, who presented them and placed the bands. All received the golden crescents which were hung on white ribbons. Miss Marian Frances Maroney receiving the gold medal with her diploma, which she merited with Miss Ursula Looney. To Miss Helen M. LaVelle was awarded the gold medal given by the faculty "for exemplary conduct and unflinching diligence."

Miss LaVelle has been a student at the Villa for 12 years, and is a young woman of sweet personality, beloved by all her classmates and teachers. The silver medal presented by Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Lachner was given to Miss Loretta Murphy of the grade school.

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WILL CELEBRATE CALL OF STEAMER

Plow City Delegation to Make River Trip to Clinton and There Be Star Makes Stop at City.

BOOSTERS WILL BOARD BOAT

Plow City Delegation to Make River Trip to Clinton and There be Welcomed by Mayor.

The first call of the steamer Morning Star at Moline, scheduled to take place Saturday, June 19, promises to be an occasion of much importance. City officials will accompany the excursionists who will board the steamer excursion will mark the placing of Moline on the river map.

For the first time a passenger boat will call at Moline regularly this summer, and June 19 will be the date for the first call. Plans are in the making to celebrate the occasion in a proper manner.

At Clinton the Moline representatives will be welcomed by the mayor of that city. In the absence of Mayor M. R. Carlson of Moline, who will not find it possible to make the river trip, response will be made by City Attorney James Johnston. A parade through the streets of Clinton will be a part of the formalities in that city.

Will Carry Machines. Arrangements have been made whereby 12 automobiles can be carried by the steamer on the up-river trip. Those who are fortunate enough to secure space for their cars can make the return trip by motor.

For the accommodation of those who must rely upon the interurban cars for transportation back to Moline, arrangements have been made with the I. & L. road to operate cars direct to Moline, thus doing away with the necessity of changing in Davenport.

The boat landing which is now under construction in Moline will be completed by time of the steamer's first call.

Mayor M. R. Carlson announces himself as favoring a plan which will call for the city cooperating with the Moline Launch club in the erection of a club house, the city to help finance the building of the structure and in return to have it used by the public as a place of shelter.

Michigan Alumni in First Annual Meet. The first annual meeting of the Michigan Alumni association was held last night at the Watch Tower. G. A. Shalberg of Moline presided and a dinner was served at 6:30 with plates for 31. Plans for organization were made, and the associations of the tritities will meet monthly with a joint meeting every quarter. Another meeting will be arranged soon at which time students who are attending the University of Michigan at the present time, will be invited. Short talks were made by R. J. Dentman, F. F. Bettey and W. J. Duppert of Davenport, William McNairy of Rock Island and E. P. Nutting and Andrew Olson of Moline. Those present from Rock Island were William McNairy, Miss McNairy, Nelson B. Gosline and Miss White.

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