

and the front tracks of the next coach were thrown from the rails, but the hind ones remained in position. The remainder of the train did not leave the track.

"A broken rail seemed to be the cause of the accident, but the condition of the track was such that it was unable to withstand the force with which the train struck the curve." Whatever its inherent hazards, the Frisco Line was soon to bring a benefit to Dixon. At an April 7 village board of trustees meeting, Frisco representatives presented a petition requesting the right of way through some streets and across the corner of the cemetery to lay water lines to bring a water to fill their tank. In exchange, the company would furnish the community with water at the rate of 15 cents per one thousand gallons provided it had enough surplus to share.

Village trustees told the railroad representatives that they were in favor of granting the request, but they wanted the right to a crossing at the south end of Locust Street to connect with D Street. If not that, a right of way through the tunnel also would be satisfactory.

"Dixon now has a chance to get a supply of good pure spring water at a very small expense, if they will only improve the opportunity they now have," wrote Editor Forbes, who no doubt remembered the severe drought a couple of years earlier that dried up many cisterns in town.

"The Frisco is willing, when they get the water from the spring, which they have now secured control of, to supply the city with water if they city will go to the expense of putting in pipes and other necessary fixtures," he added.

"This is an opportunity the city should not let go by, as it will be a great benefit to Dixon in more ways than one, while the greatest benefit will be protection from fire, and also it will

lower insurance rates, which are now so high no one can afford to carry any."

Board of trustee members duly filed an ordinance to accept the Frisco offer, but put off action on it until a later date. Village and school elections were held in early April. In Dixon, Fredz Liesmann, R. T. Harrison, R. D. Rhea, H. G. Britain and H. E. Rollins were winners in the village election. F. W. Murphy and C. F. Christeson were reelected to the Dixon school board.

Meanwhile, Dixon school directors decided to add a high school course and a normal school for the fall term. The town council passed the necessary ordinance that granted the Frisco Line the right of way they wanted on certain streets in order to lay water pipes. The council also granted Staban and Prewett the privilege to use the city park for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

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