



Talking turkey

THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GOBBLERS, a chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, held its annual banquet Jan. 28. James Parsley was presented with a \$500 scholarship. Pictured for the presentation are, from left, Scott Branca, chapter president, James Taylor, banquet chairman, Parsley, and Rachel Wright, treasurer. At left, some of the committee members goof off while setting up the banquet at the Community Building in Tuscola. From left are Markus Deel, Sam Brandenburg, Scott Branca and Derrick Fair. Submitted photos.

History Mystery

February 17, 1916

• Edward L. Rideout, a member of the broom corn firm of Hackett & Taylor, of Tuscola, died at his home suddenly and unexpectedly last Sunday afternoon. He suffered an acute attack of indigestion last week, but was able to be around and was up town Friday.

Sunday morning he did not feel well and sat around home all morning. Soon after eating dinner, his wife entered the room in which he was sitting and found him to be dying. A physician was summoned, but he expired before the arrival of medical assistance.

Ed was forty-six years of age and moved from the farm to Tuscola a few years ago. He served several years as highway commissioner and two years ago was a candidate for the Republican nomination for county treasurer, but withdrew before the primary. When Charley Taylor was appointed postmaster at Tuscola, Ed entered the broom corn firm of Hackett & Taylor and has done the bulk of the buying since that time. He

was active in Masonic circles and was a highly respected citizen. During the recent session of the Douglas County Farmers' Institute, he was in Arcola and made an effort to get the institute voted to Tuscola for next year.

• From present indications we will have a big home talent minstrel show, composed of Tuscola talent, about the 17th of March, St. Patrick's day. Cary Hall, manager of the K. of P. drill team of 16 members, is working on the plan and with the excellent talent at hand in Tuscola should have no trouble in arranging a program that will afford an evening of amusement. There will probably be 25 in the cast and the rehearsals will begin in a few days. It is assured a crowded house.

• Chicago's motto is "I Will." In order to keep pace with Chicago, Arcola now comes forward with a motto, selected from a large list submitted by residents of that place. A young lady is the originator of this motto which is "Sure, Arcola Can." It is a good slogan, a little suggestive of slang, but that doesn't

matter. Those slang expressions sometimes mean as much as a whole column of fine writing. It is the tendency of nearly all writers not accustomed to writing for newspapers to bury their ideas in a feather bed of words.

"Sure, Arcola Can." That is to signify that if Arcola undertakes to do anything she's going to do it and all creation cannot turn her aside or block the wheels. There's just enough Irish in her to do it, too. With such a motto or shibboleth, we expect to see Arcola step forth like a full-armed knight to conquer new worlds.

And now that Arcola has a motto to blazon on her shield what is Tuscola going to do? Is she going to slink in her hole and allow her ancient rival to beat her in this motto business? If she does, we are lost.

Let us have a motto and let us have it graven in letters of gold on a blood-red field. Let us have it on our fancy stationery, on our bills, in our advertisements and in gilded letters on the lintel over the

entrance to every house.

Now for the motto; who is going to suggest one? Think hard, for it's a momentous question. We will be glad to publish the mottos sent in, but draw the line on any coming from our envious rival, Arcola. We know the one those fellows have in mind for us.

February 24, 1916

• Those contemplating spending a term in the Douglas County jail will doubtless be disappointed to learn that the Board of Supervisors at their meeting turned down all bids for the proposed improvements and indefinitely postponed any action in the matter.

On account of the crowded conditions and inferior housing provided, the board some time ago voted to build an addition to the jail and put in new cell work. The architect estimated the improvement would cost about \$17,000, but last week when the bids were opened the low bid was \$7,000 in excess of the estimate. The board then postponed action and asked for a

revision on the bids. These were opened yesterday.

The bids on the general contract and plumbing and heating were slightly reduced, but the contract for the cells was higher, the total of low bids being \$23,958. The board rejected all bids and has dropped the question of improvement for the time at least.

Steel has made a phenomenal jump since the estimate was made, but the board did not feel that the jump it had made warranted so great an increase over the estimate.

• Fire in the second story of the Masonic Block did \$3,000 worth of damage. The Masons are on the third floor but they suffered some damage from smoke and water.

The petition is the first step in the legal proceedings whereby the Tuscola township high school board of education may purchase the

grounds now occupied by the main building of the present city schools. The general sentiment is that the new building should be situated in the center of Tuscola where the old one now stands.

The state has declared the present high school building unsafe and its continued occupancy would deprive the district of the state tax — \$3,000 annually. The tentative plan is to erect the township high school on the old school grounds and purchase a nearby site for the new ward building which must replace the old one which was erected forty-five years ago.

To secure a vote on the question of sale will require the signature of more than 700, a two-thirds majority of the electors in the district. It was reported last evening that only about 5 per cent of the voters seen had refused to sign the petition for election. It is understood that the old grounds and its three-story brick building may be purchased for about \$10,000 with salvage.

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One point east of due south
- 4. City in Maine
- 10. Inquire too closely
- 11. Make dirty
- 12. Small Greek island
- 14. Bitterly regret

- 15. Millisecond
- 16. _ the ante
- 18. Without value
- 22. Eurasian ryegrass
- 23. Authentic
- 24. Having a mournful quality

- 26. Not out
- 27. Salvador __, Spanish artist
- 28. Cargo (abbr.)
- 30. This (Spanish)
- 31. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 34. Slang for trucks with trailers
- 36. Helps you hear
- 37. Steer a boat
- 39. British School
- 40. Genus of olive
- 41. Computer term (abbr.)
- 42. Horse gear
- 48. Give off
- 50. A type of salt
- 51. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 52. One who watches birds
- 53. Sailboat
- 54. A major division of geological time
- 55. Sodium
- 56. American state
- 58. Soak in water
- 59. Thin decorative covering of fine wood
- 60. Affirmative

CLUES DOWN

- 1. One of the four seasons
- 2. Its sultan is famous

- 3. A lens for correcting defective vision in one eye
- 4. College degree
- 5. Soldiers need it
- 6. Japanese car manufacturer
- 7. A way to address
- 8. Obstruct
- 9. Atomic number 45
- 12. Ill-mannered
- 13. Opaque gem
- 17. Indicates before
- 19. Remove
- 20. Populous Argentine city
- 21. More cunning
- 25. Rich dessert
- 29. Payment (abbr.)
- 31. Footwear
- 32. Famed Alabama city
- 33. Sheep's cry
- 35. Arrogance
- 38. Clerical vestment
- 41. Serving no practical purpose
- 43. An evening party
- 44. Print errors
- 45. Not good
- 46. Egyptian Sun god
- 47. Industrial German city
- 49. Scottish island
- 56. Early multimedia
- 57. Atomic number 18

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