

"En Passant" Observations and Comment by Alice Fox

THE CHY SNOW BLOW, like the One Hoss Shay that Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote about, struck a rock and fell apart. As in the case of the "One Hoss Shay" which was built of the sturdiest of lumber and every part of it was built so well that it would never wear out...

OVER AT ESTENSON'S the other afternoon, one lover of music hunted diligently for a certain record that he particularly wished to play to a group of listeners. During his search, he elaborated on the song, finally even trying to strike the tune, but not being able to recall enough of it to make his listeners recognize the melody.

WABASH COLLEGE at Crawfordsville, Indiana with an enrollment of only five hundred students put itself on the map in various ways. Wabash has become known to some extent to Gladstone residents through its four students who are studying here, Florentine, Henning Bjork, Clifford Goodman, and Cecil Latimer.

In these days when such great emphasis is placed on athletics, few colleges can maintain a balance between the more scholastic phases of college life, but Wabash, a small liberal arts college for men, ranks with the nation's best schools in every field of college endeavor.

In athletics: Football—the last team ever to defeat Notre Dame on Carter field, in 1905; eleven men held the Army scores for three quarters, 1921; the second team to defeat Colgate at Hamilton in 20 years. Basketball—National tercollegiate champions in 1917, 1921, and 1924.

In scholastic: Wabash is one of the three Indiana schools of sufficient character to hold a Phi Beta Kappa charter, the other two being DePauw and DeWabash. Rhodes scholarships for Indiana have been from Wabash more often than any other school, in proportion to the size of the student body.

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BILL McCOMBICK is in charge of the women's Banquet scheduled for Thursday night of this week and Bill almost had to wrangle his friends and relatives to feed his hungry friends. He thought of having Terry Davis make one of his good cakes or order quite a few of those cakes because the women have all tasted Terry's cake before and all agree without any more that they like the apples for Terry's cake. But Bill hated to put Terry to the task of making enough cake to feed the women. Why Terry would be bringing whole chickens cooked and string his cake for a week ahead of time together to much cake work for Terry, as Bill decided on roast pork for Terry's going to take Terry to a barbecue either, so he had the pig roasted before hand. Next year though, the women will make ten cakes.

STATE OWNS LAKE EFFECT OF LOG WATER

LAKE BOTTOM, RELICTED LANDS POSSESSIONS OF STATE SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS

The recurring dispute as to whether lake bottom and relict lands are possessions of the state or the riparian owners was settled by the state supreme court when it again affirmed the state's absolute title. The court held the land in being held in trust by the state for its more than 4,000,000 residents. The law for spectators' proceedings against those occupying the disputed property, of which there are hundreds of miles, was opened by the ruling.

The decision was made in the case of William P. Kavanaugh against John Baird, former conservation director. Kavanaugh claimed title to a strip of relict land along Saginaw Bay. He named the property Alpin Beach, sub-divided and proceeded to lease cottages and lots to the state because it was below the original measured line to which Kavanaugh's property extended, therefore was really lake bottom and belonged to the state.

The court agreed with the conservation head's view. While the opinion admitted that precedents might have been set in the other direction—that is, rulings have held the riparian owner also as the relict land—the court took the position that the intention of Michigan provisions clearly was to keep the title in the people.

The question of what arrangements may be made with occupants of relict land was referred to the conservation commission by the court in this paragraph: "Whether further legislation is needed or whether the exercise of hard headed common sense by the local owners and the conservation department will solve the present problems are not questions for this court to determine."

The court explicitly specified, however, that riparian owners have the right to free access to the water, to build wharves as long as they do not interfere with navigation and otherwise to have the use of the water.

The questions involved in the Kavanaugh suit were similar in many respects to those in litigation relative to ownership and leaseholds in the St. Clair flats.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Escanaba, in said county, on the sixth day of January A. D. 1928, Present, Hon. Judge Yelland, Judge of Probate.

George W. Pettit, deceased. Lillian Pettit, beneficiary, having filed his petition, praying that an instrument filed in said court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that the same be proved and the same be granted to Frederick W. Sturgeon and Emma Stewigowan, or some other suitable person.

It is ordered, that the sixth day of February A. D. 1928 at ten A. M. at said Probate Office is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that Public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks in the morning edition of hearing in the Delta Reporter, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

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