In Darkness—Wants "Light"

In the last issue of the ECCENTRIC there appears an article under the head of "Our Village Board" which sets forth some ideas which on the eve of a coming election, calls for careful consideration at the hands of the tax payers of our village. Whether this article is of an editorial character or not I am not able to say, but it seems clear that the writer feels interested, and would have all men follow his unsought for advice. It sets forth the plea that the gentlemen that compose the present village board are men of character and experience in litigation and therefore should receive the approval of the people by a re-election. The character the men of that constitute the board we will admit to be beyond reproach, but in these times of depression when labor and all kinds of productions yield small remuneration we are constrained to look for competency with character in our public servants, and that they should use economy in using the people's money instead of paying it in settlements of litigation. The side-walk war we trust is forever at an end. We should pay these debts already contracted if we must, but let us beware of further litigation, which eats out the profits of ninety labor. We have a right to examine the accounts of our public servants, and I am glad that this long looked for financial report has been made by the board. We are cited by this exhibit to find figures to exonerate the board, and see where every dollar has been expended. But this report to my imperfect vision is very defective. The people of our village have been asking that they may see how much their money has purchased and what value the village fathers put to a dollar of their hard earned money. But do we find the answer in this report—Let us see. We find itemized in the report, 'paid for tile $66.76, for lumber, $236.66; James Van-Every, St. commissioner, receives $201.00 and T. A. Hanks acting com. $53.05; while $100 has been paid C. E. Herrington as circuit court com., and $77.00 to Thomas J. Davis as attorney. Now please tell us how much has been purchased with the $1089. expended: How many rods of tile? How many thousand feet of lumber? How much of the $254 that the street com. drew from the treasury has been expended for labor. We are groping our way still in darkness, in this respect, but we trust a brighter day is dawning. A new party will soon be seen in the field, whose platform will read something like this. No monopoly—only necessary improvements to be made—No widening of streets, or building unnecessary walks to create litigations. a true report to be made of all money received and expended. Not until these principles are adopted will that winged messenger (to which the poetic writer of the article refers) who he informs us once hovered over our beautiful village return to us again and find a place of rest. Birmingham, March 1st, 1886. CITIZEN.

Probate Citation.

State of Michigan, } ss.
County of Oakland, }

At a session of the Probate court, for the county of Oakland, holden at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on Saturday, the 13th day of February A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty six. Present, Hon. Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the application of the drain commissioner of the township of Troy, in said county for the appointment of three special Commissioners to determine the necessity for a drain through certain lands in said township, and for taking of private property for the use and benefit of the public for the purpose thereof, and just compensation to be made therefor.

WHEREAS, on the 13th. day of February, A. D. 1886, an application in writing was made to this court by the drain Commissioner of the township of Troy, in said County, for the appointment of three special Commissioners to determine the necessity for a drain through certain lands in said township and described in said application, and for the taking of private property for the use and benefit of the public, for the purpose thereof and the just compensation therefor. And

WHEREAS, this Court did on the 13th. day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty six, upon a due examination of such application, and all the proceedings therefor taken in the premises, find the same to be in accordance with the statute in such cases made and provided, and thereupon by an order entered therein appoint the 20th. day of March A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty six, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day as the time, and the office of the judge of Probate, in the city of Pontiac, in said county, as the place when and where a hearing upon such application would be had; and did then and there order all persons whose lands were to be traversed by such drains or would be liable to assessment for benefits in the construction thereof, and who had not released the right of way and all damages on account thereof, to appear at the time and place designated, and show cause if any there be, why said application should not be granted. And

WHEREAS, there is now on file with this court a description and survey of such drain from which description and survey it appears that the commencement, general course and termination of such drain are as follows: Beginning on the east line of section No. 25, of said township of Troy, 20 chains and 27 links south of the northeast corner of the said section. No. 25, at a stake at station O. Courses south 88¼ degrees west 25 chains to station number 10, thence S. 80¼ - W. 15 chains to station No 16, thence S. 66½degrees to-angle stake 50 links W. of station stake No. 21, thence S. 50 3-8°. W. 11 chains and 70 links to angle stake 30 links east of station No. 26, thence S. 78 degre s W. 6 chains and 80 links to angle stake 1 chain E. of station No. 29, thence S. 89½ degrees W. 40 rods to station No. 33 in termination. And it appearing that the following non-resident described lands will be crossed by such drain, or will be subject to an assessment for its construction: now,

THEREFORE, the owner of said described lands to-wit: the south east quarter of the northwest quarter of section 25, in Troy, Oakland county, and each of them are hereby cited to be and appear before this court, at the time and place last above set forth, and show cause if any there be, why the said application for the appointment of three special commissioners as aforesaid should not be granted.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
(seal.) Judge of Probate.

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PROBATE ORDER.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate
Court for the County of Oakland, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on Thursday the 25th. day February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty six. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of ESTHER CLARK, deceased. On reading and filing the petition duly verified, of George O. Clark, praying for the probate of a certain instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Esther Clark, deceased, and that executor named in said instrument be granted to himself, the executor named, or to some other suitable person, thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday the 27th. day of March, 1886, at ten o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court to be holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted: And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Oakland, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
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PROBATE ORDER.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate
Court for the County of Oakland, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on Tuesday the 9th day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty six. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of *Joseph Putchakit*, deceased. Application of Alanson Partridge, as administrator with the will annexed of said estate, praying for an examination and allowance of his final account. Thereupon it is ordered, that Saturday the sixth day of March, 1886, at ten o'clock in the forenoon be assigned for the hearing of said application, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said Court, to be holden at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, and show cause, if any there be why the prayer of the applicant should not be granted. And it is further ordered, that said applicant give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said application, and a hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper published and circulated in said county of Oakland, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
(a true copy.) feb11marw3inc Judge of Probate

Commissioner's Notice.—In the matter of the Estate of Hubbard Hall, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for Oakland County, state of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 18th. day of February, A. D. 1886, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 25th. day of February, 1886, and on the 25th. day of July 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each day, at the office of Whitehead & Mitchell, in the village of Birmingham in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

LUCRETIA HALL ET AL.,
Commrs'rs.
A. J. TABER,
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COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of Philo Phillips, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioner's to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 18th. day of January, A. D. 1886, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 25th. day of February, 1886, and on the 25th. day of July 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each day, at the office of Whitehead & Mitchell, in the village of Birmingham in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

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