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GREATEST WORK IN WORLD. Subject of Address of the Rev. James Hughes. The Rev. James Hughes delivered an address last night on what he called the greatest work in the world, namely, "Foreign Missions."

GREEN RIDGE WOODMEN. They Celebrated the First Anniversary of Their Camp Last Night with a Stag Entertainment.

The members of Green Ridge camp, No. 888, Modern Woodmen of America, celebrated the first anniversary of their organization last night in Masonic hall, on Dickson avenue, with a stag entertainment and smoker.

Green Ridge camp was organized on May 14, 1900, with a charter membership of forty. In the one year which has elapsed since that time the forty members have grown to an even 200, and there are forty more who have been accepted by the lodge...

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Lectures and Demonstrations. We have secured the services of Miss Emily Matton Collins to lecture on and demonstrate the "Art of Cooking by Gas, or How to Make Cooking Easy."

SIGNED IT WHEN DRUNK. PROBABLE EXCUSE FOR WANTING TO VOID AN AGREEMENT.

Interesting Trespass Suit Growing Out of the Digging of Water Tunnel on East Mountain—John F. Fowler the Plaintiff and Meadow Brook Water Company the Defendant—Hon. John T. Williams and W. W. Seranton Testify for the Defense—Other Court Matters.

Under the law a contract can be voided by a party if he can show that at the time he entered into it he was drunk. From questions propounded to witnesses in a case before Judge Carpenter yesterday it is gathered that this will be a part of the defense.

It is the suit of John F. Fowler against the Meadow Brook Water company, one of the concerns allied with the Seranton, the Taylor and Water company, and which has for its president the distinguished president of the latter big corporation, W. W. Seranton.

The machinery and tools used in the construction of the tunnel under the East mountain from the Burnt Bridge reservoir to a point near the Boulevard are the subjects of dispute.

Mr. Fowler and Hon. John T. Williams, on June 1, 1898, contracted to dig the tunnel. They were to receive \$50 per lineal yard, receive a work stoppage of \$50 for every day that the bond stood completed before the contract time, and for the \$50 for every day it remained incomplete after the contract time.

December 1, or seven months after they undertook the job, they ceased work on the contract, with the tunnel only one-third completed and more than one-half of the contract money unpaid.

Mr. Fowler claims he personally owned \$5,000 worth of the tools and machinery and his suit is to recover this amount. On the stand yesterday he said that Mr. Seranton told him in December, 1898, that he need not go on with the work and that his machinery and tools were forfeited to the company.

This, of course, was the plaintiff's mere statement of claim. The real case of the plaintiff will come on rebuttal. It will be in the shape of evidence to meet that which is now being adduced by the defense. This latter evidence is in the effect that Fowler & Williams pleaded with the company to be released from their contract, and finally, after several refusals, the company agreed to abrogate the contract, providing Fowler & Williams would return the tools, machinery and supplies then in the ground, that the company might proceed of itself to complete the work.

A written contract, in which Fowler & Williams agreed to this, is the backbone of the plaintiff's case. Judge Williams, in the question of the contract, will be contented, if the plaintiff's attorney, it will be contended, that Mr. Fowler did not sign this agreement, or if he did, it was done at a time when he was intoxicated and when he did not know what he was doing.

Mr. Williams, who took the agreement to Fowler's house to secure the signature, was questioned at length by the plaintiff's side as to whether or not Mr. Fowler was suffering from alcoholism at the time the agreement is purported to have been signed by him, but Mr. Williams would not say this was so. It might be so, however, Mr. Williams said, but he noticed no evidence of it.

DEPOSITIONS READ. Depositions of Representative Edward James, Jr., were read, in which he testifies to having witnessed the signing of the contract, and that he had no recollection of the agreement.

President Seranton was on the stand for about an hour and told in detail of the dealings with Fowler & Williams. The company had their bond, but retaining the tools, he said, consenting, after Mr. Williams had made numerous pleas, to allow them to throw up the job. The tools which the contractors turned over to the company in consideration of the abrogation of the contract were worth more than a thousand dollars, Mr. Seranton claimed. At first cost they were worth more than \$2,000 and by the time they came into the hands of the company they were in such bad repair that they would not bring fifty per cent. of their original value.

Robert Reeves, the company's superintendent, was also called to testify. He told that the work was not pursued as it should have been, and that Mr. Fowler, who had immediate supervision of the work, was frequently away from the work itself. It was found, among other things, that one of the three mules had strayed away, and another two were grazed in the woods, having care no feed or care for a long time. Mr. Reeves corroborated Mr. Seranton as to the value of the tools and machinery owned by Mr. Fowler.

The case will be continued today. A A. Vosburg, of Vosburg & Dawson, represents the plaintiff. The defendant's attorneys are Major Everett Warren, ex-Judge H. A. Knapp and Hon. C. P. O'Jallies, of Willard, Warren & Knapp.

VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF. A verdict of \$1,484.25 in favor of the plaintiff, was returned yesterday morning in the case of Fowler & Williams against E. R. Griffiths and the Jackson Street Baptist church, guardian, and Arja Bowen, executor of the estate of Morgan Bowen, deceased.

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Boiler Makers Notice. All members of Lodge 71 are hereby notified to be present at the regular meeting tonight, H. J. Schweg, Sec'y.

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