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MAY HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

The Matter Freely Discussed by the Village Board—Other Business.

The Downers Grove village board at its regular meeting Monday would not accept the proposition of Chas. D. Wright to erect and operate an electric lighting plant in the village. They couldn't see wherein it would benefit the village to the extent a plant owned by the village would, and therefore Wright's application was turned down.

At the last meeting the matter of granting the franchise was left in the hands of the ordinance committee for disposal. This committee introduced a resolution to the effect that they had ascertained the general public did not want the board to give away such a franchise; most residents being in favor of a municipal plant. The committee recommended that the franchise be not allowed.

Previous to this C. C. Carnahan as attorney for Wright, presented a communication setting forth what Wright would do if granted the franchise. Through very fair, as will be seen, in complying with any reasonable demand that might be imposed by the village, the communication did not make a favorable impression upon the members of the board, who were preparing to fry other and better fish. Wright's proposition was as follows:

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3, 1896.

To the Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill.:

Gentlemen—My application for an ordinance for the purpose of electric lighting, erection of poles, etc., my attorney tells me has been somewhat misunderstood. To set myself right in the matter I desire to inform you that as far as the conditions required by your council are concerned, if they are reasonable, I see no reason why I should not comply with them. I am satisfied that a maximum limit shall be placed on the Merchant Electric Light, fixing a maximum rate per hour, based upon a sixteen candle power incandescent burner. If you will fix this at the regular figure customary in such matters, it will be satisfactory to me; also if you desire it, you can fix a limit for a rate to be charged for arc lighting. This of course being subject to future contracts, or you can fix a limit that it shall not exceed a certain figure, set forth in the ordinance. You can if you desire specify the power of the engine and the capacity of the plant, but I would prefer that I would not be limited to any special make of machinery as this would place me in the power of the company manufacturing the special make mentioned. In my experience of eleven years of electric lighting business I find that there has been such a vast difference in the efficiency of electric machinery that the first cost is a matter of secondary consideration. I deem it best to use the best machinery, finding it cheaper in the end, then to pay a smaller price at the beginning and be constantly repairing or renewing it. My experience has been that there is often 50 per cent difference in efficiency in machinery manufactured ostensibly to perform the same work. As far as bond is concerned you can fix the amount of the bond to be approved by the president or by the board conditioned for the faithful fulfillment of the term of the ordinance and to be filed within sixty days from the passage of the ordinance. This, I think, gentlemen, fair, as it will require some outlay of money to determine whether or not the town can support a plant as your ordinance might require to be built and this I cannot tell until the ordinance is either framed for passage or passed. I have been informed by my attorney, Mr. Carnahan, that you fear that I am endeavoring to obtain the ordinance, solely for the purpose of disposition by sale. You can provide in the ordinance if you desire that the plant shall be completed within six or eight months time and that I shall not have the power to sell or otherwise dispose of the ordinance or the plant until the same is completed after which time it is to be optional with me. This I think will cover the point objected to by your council. I am informed that your ordinance committee and I trust that they have prepared an ordinance for submission to your council at your next meeting, which occurs to-night. If the ordinance is to be granted to me I would like to have it passed at once as I am making other arrangements which will necessitate my knowing immediately whether or not the ordinance is to be granted to me. Respectfully yours,

[Signed] CHARLES D. WRIGHT.

The resolution of the ordinance committee recommending that the franchise be not granted was introduced and passed. Bunge, Chilvers, Gallup and Wetten voting for the resolution; Moss not voting.

That Downers Grove must have electric lights has long been a fore-gone conclusion, but the powers say, it must be a municipal plant. The village pays out annually some \$1,500 for street lighting of a very inferior character. How to turn this money to the benefit of the village has long been an unsolved and perplexing problem. Mr. Slusser was asked to look into the matter and report. His understanding of the law was that while villages may erect and operate plants for lighting the streets, they could not erect a plant for commercial lighting. However, he presented a plan which numerous other towns have followed successfully. Let a private company be organized with a nominal capital stock, to build an electric lighting plant. The company to issue 7 per cent bonds in amounts of \$100 each. The bonds to be sold to property owners of the village. These bonds it may be understood, would be indirectly guaranteed by the village, inasmuch as the \$1,500 now paid for street lighting would be turned to the village company for like services, and would apply on the payment of the bonds. With the money secured by the sale of the bonds the plant to be built. Upon the payment of the last bond, say within a period of ten years, the village to become the owners of the plant, without any further consideration.

The cost of erecting a first-class commercial arc and incandescent plant, with the building and boiler the village now owns, is estimated at about \$10,000. This calls for a first-class plant in every respect. It was the opinion that the revenue derived from the commercial lights would pay the necessary running expenses.

The matter was discussed at length and while it was concluded that such a proceeding might be an evasion of the spirit of the law, it would prove a good thing for the village. Some forty-three other cities and villages in this state have adopted this means of establishing lighting plants and in only one instance has such a proceeding been fought.

As a final outcome Trustees Bunge moved that the improvement committee be instructed to look into the matter and learn the wishes of the citizens and if thought feasible to call a meeting to arrange for establishing such a plant.

Several other matters of minor importance came up for the board's consideration. The finance committee reported that it had found a further deficit of \$124.90 cents in the collector's accounts, covering the period from July, 1894, to March 2, 1895. The matter was referred to the village attorney M. Slusser. It was also voted to open up the north side drainage ditch.

Board adjourned to meet Monday, February 10th.

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R. A. Briggs has resigned his position as night operator here on the "Q" to take a similar position on the Walsh at Decatur.

Wm. H. Johnson and wife of Wheaton, visited with their daughter, Mrs. C. Davis, a few days in the latter part of last week.

Mertz & Mochel have just received a car of slabs, sawed in 12-inch lengths. Just the thing for kindling, which they sell at reasonable rates.

H. E. Godwin returned last Saturday evening from Streator after an absence of several months, and is now occupying his old position in "W" block.

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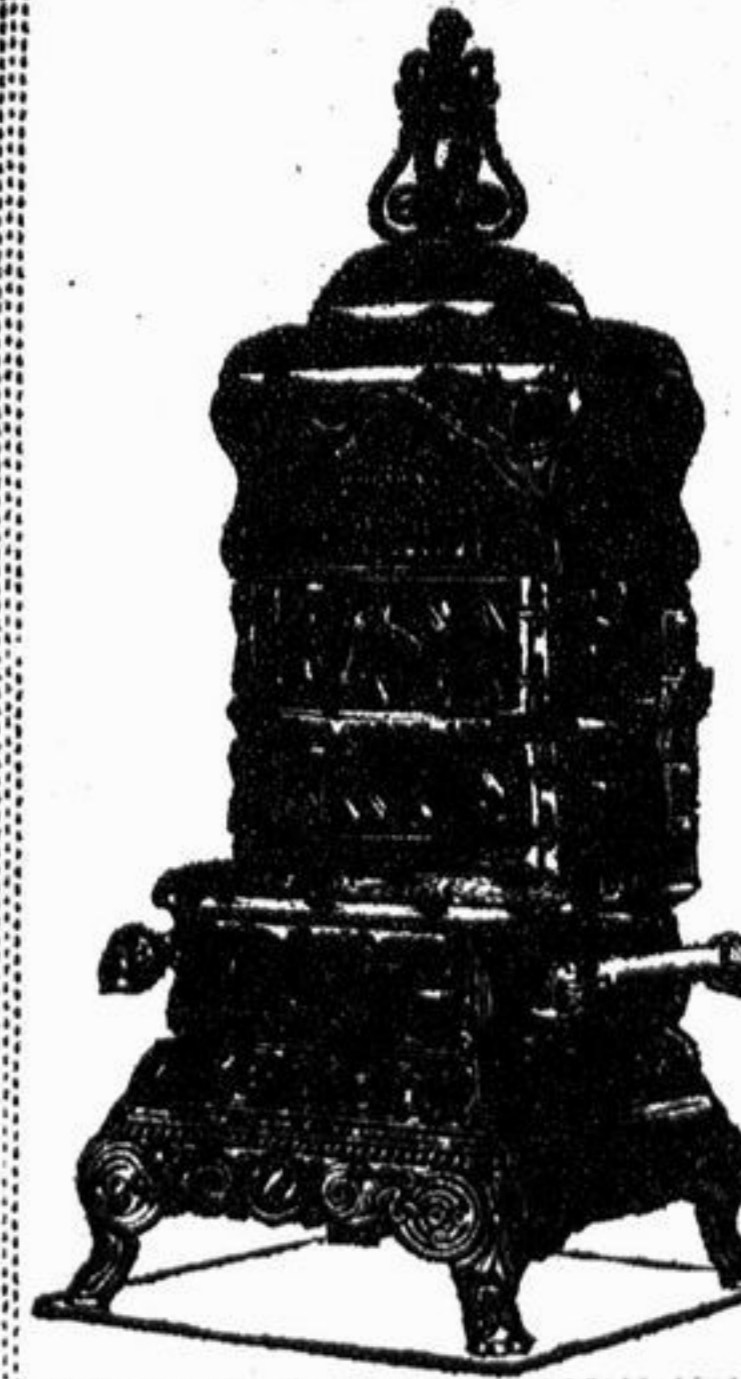
Fred Jackson, who has been conducting a flower store in the city for some time, is back in Downers Grove, and will assist A. H. Saxon in the greenhouse. Mr. Jackson is contemplating going to California in the near future.

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January 21st, 1896.

Deputy Grand Chancellor H. B. Gibbons, assisted by Sir Knight Bert C. White of Downers Grove and Past Chancellor Ira Brown of this city, installed the officers of Orchard Lodge No. 231 K. of P. at their Castle Tuesday evening, Jan. 28. The ceremonies of installation as conducted by the Deputy Grand Chancellor were very oppressive and his address to the Knight was one of good cheer, encouragement and great benefit to the lodge. A suggestion by Deputy Chancellor Gibbons to add the Endowment Rank to our order, has interested the members so that in a short time Orchard Lodge may offer its members one of the best life insurance Policies in existence. In the near future Orchard Lodge hopes to enjoy another evening with Deputy Grand Chancellor as his visit this time has awakened a new life and interests in Pythian circles. A goodly number of Knights were present and enjoyed a pleasant evening.—Illinoisan.

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