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## FAVOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

BUSINESS MEN UNANIMOUS FOR A MUNICIPAL PLANT.

## WANT ARC LIGHTS FOR STREETS.

Many Will Subscribe to the Stock of a Company as Proposed by Village Board.—What They Say.

Apropos of the now much discussed question of village ownership of an electric lighting plant, a reporter called on the business men this week to learn their views in regard to the plan proposed by the village for establishing a municipal plant. Every man interviewed favored village ownership, and a majority favor an arc system for street lighting. Several went so far as to state they would subscribe to the stock of the proposed company, and a large number said they would take lights if such a plant was established. All recognized the beneficial results that would follow this public improvement. Following are endorsements of the merchants interviewed:

Nash Bros.—We do not favor giving a franchise to a private corporation. Would like to see the village establish a plant if a means could be found. Would take lights.

J. W. Rogers—I have always advocated a municipal plant, but we want arc lights. The scheme is a good one and if carried out, I will subscribe to the stock.

F. A. Brode—Believe electric lights will prove a good investment for the village. Arc lights are best for street lighting.

Capt. Rogers—Arc lights for street lighting, and village ownership under the plan proposed, will do much towards advertising Downers Grove as a progressive town.

W. H. Colville—Haven't thought much about it, but believe the scheme is a good one. An economical way of acquiring a municipal plant.

Hughes & Gallup—We are not in favor of granting a franchise to a corporation. Are in favor of a village plant under some such plan as proposed. Arc lights for street lighting.

J. B. Moss—You may put me down as favoring any public improvements, whether they be electric lights, sewers or paved streets. Do not favor a private lighting plant.

Wm. Straube—Don't know how far the village has gone, but favor village ownership of electric lights. Want lights in my house as soon as possible, and if rates are not too high, will light piano factory also.

Bush & Simonson—We think electric lights would improve the town, and heartily approve of the plan as contemplated by the village board. It is a safe and good investment.

Geo. P. Luce—Believe it would be a good thing for the village to own plant if it would be for an individual. Am in favor of lights under the plan proposed.

Bateman & Palmer—We are in favor of electric lights, but the matter should be presented to the tax-payers for consideration.

U. H. Balcom—I believe electric lights would help the village, and would be willing to abide by the decision of the people.

W. H. Barnhart—Electric lights by all means, with village ownership. Am decidedly opposed to outside corporations controlling any village improvements.

L. Klein—I am satisfied with the lights in my place of business, but for street lighting and the good of the village we should have electric lights.

D. G. Graham—The sooner we get electric lights the better it will be for the village. It will prove as good an investment as the waterworks.

A. J. Thompson—Am decidedly in favor of electric lights—the arc system—provided the plant is under the control of the village.

W. S. Carpenter—It would be a grand good thing for the village, and could be secured for but little more than we are now paying yearly for twilight. The arc system or none at all.

A. H. Wetten—I have been examining into and studying the question of electric lights for the village for some months, and can find no possible reason why Downers Grove should not have them. Besides giving us good light, the mere fact of our having them will advertise the village and help in our prosperity.

Mertz & Mochel—The best thing we could do would be to put in a plant to be owned by the village. Would place them in our place of business and in our houses. Would also take stock in a local organization for the purpose of putting in electric lights.

M. E. Stanger—Certainly I am for electric lights, but the village must own or control the same.

C. F. Davis—Any plan by which the village can control or own their plant for lighting purposes will be heartily endorsed by me.

W. H. Edwards—I think the plan very feasible and entirely practicable. I am in favor of electric lights by all means.

Frank Blanchard—Would favor the plan suggested by the village board and consider electric lights a great benefit and in the end an economical investment for the village.

J. B. Miller—I want lights—will use them in my house—arc lights for the streets. We want the best, even if it costs a few thousand dollars more. Can't have them any too soon. Will take stock.

W. J. Herring—I am in favor of electric lights, arc lights for the streets. Favor anything that will improve our village.

Geo. F. Steere—Will use lights if the village is fortunate enough to secure them.

## HOME HAPPENINGS

National Light Oil at Nash Bros.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Mrs. Thomas Potter is sick with the grip.

The best—Pillsbury's Best, at A. J. Thompson's.

The school children took their annual sleigh ride yesterday.

W. H. Colville is now handling the justly famous Shamrock flour.

Mrs. Fannie Belden, who has been dangerously ill, is somewhat better.

Miss Jennie Lyman, who has been sick for some time, is again able to be out.

Mr. and Mrs. Beardsley of Lemont were guests of Misses Joey and Julia Kellogg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Singletery were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius, on Sunday afternoon.

A masquerade ball at the Auditorium Tuesday evening furnished amusement for a large number of masquers.

Ginghams and calicoes are found at Thompson's in all late designs. No where will you find a larger assortment.

We are making low prices on our gloves and mittens to close them out. Call and get a pair before they're gone. At Thompson's.

A number of Downers Grove people attended a dance at Luce Monday night.

Jos. Haas, and others from Naperville furnished the music.

Miss Florence Adams, daughter of Judge Francis P. Adams of Chicago, visited her friend, Mrs. C. C. Carnahan, for a few days last week.

Notice—I will be at Jas. McClintock's office in Hinsdale every Tuesday and Wednesday, and at postoffice, Downers Grove, every Friday and Saturday, during February. CHAS. K. ROX.

And now Naperville has got it—some citizen there is advocating changing the name of that burg to "Naper City."

Next! Why not eliminate the word "Grove" from Downers Grove and call it plain "Downers."

"Jerusalem" the cantata, will be produced in the Baptist church, Friday evening, February, 29th. A great number of changes have been made and the choir promises to outdo its former efforts. Admission 10 cents.

The weather man needs watching—he is up to anything; he has summer through the winter months, and winter in the spring. The latest fell upon us with a cold and sickening thud; said he to the cloud, fall on the snow, and behold its name is mud.

Arthur Smith gave the children of the primary department of the south side school a treat in the shape of a sleigh-ride last Tuesday afternoon. It took three sleighs to accommodate them all, and it can be well guessed that they enjoyed themselves immensely.

Our Wheaton correspondent, with his usual enterprise in reporting county seat news of importance, again enables us to scoop the Wheaton papers in reporting the Farmers' institute and the list of grand jurors selected for the April term of the circuit court. These articles will be found under the head of "Wheaton" on this page.

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Illinois Press association will be held in the Lexington hotel, Chicago, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1896. The executive committee has prepared an excellent business program for this meeting, and the indications are that one of the best meetings the association has experienced will be that of 1896.

Lent was ushered in yesterday by a genuine mud storm—caused from a mixture of dust with the falling snow, though where the dust came from is an unexplained problem. These unusual conditions of the weather were first noticed about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The darkness of the atmosphere being strikingly noticeable. The wind increased in velocity as the night advanced, and by yesterday morning the ground was covered with a coating of fine dust-mixed snow.

Mrs. T. S. Rogers attended the funeral of her friend, Mrs. O. H. Woodruff, in Joliet, last Friday. Mrs. Woodruff was alone at home at the time of her death—Mr. Woodruff being in Chicago on the Federal grand jury; her daughter, Miss Helen, was at a party, and her son, Frank, had stepped out for a few minutes. She was about to retire, when feeling that she was going, she raised a window and called. A gentleman who was passing came to her assistance, but before he could summon medical aid, she had passed away. Mrs. Woodruff had been ailing for some time, but no one suspected that she was so seriously in danger.

Mr. Blackburn is quite sick.

White Rose Gasoline at Nash Bros.

Ted Rassweller is sick with the mumps.

Mrs. Payden is reported as being quite ill.

La Grange now has a local telephone exchange.

Buckwheat flour and maple syrup—pure goods at Thompson's.

Fine buckwheat flour, 10 lbs. for 35 cents, at Bateman & Palmer's.

Mrs. S. E. Smart leaves to-day for a visit with her father at Vinton, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. David Blodgett of Chicago ate their Sunday dinner at C. B. Blodgett's.

H. F. Johnson is very ill with inflammatory rheumatism. He is under the care of Dr. W. A. Tope.

In groceries you want the purest and best to be had in the market. You'll find these at Thompson's.

Capt. Oscar Mosler and wife of Hinsdale drove over Monday night and called on Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Buck.

W. C. Bartle, who has been at work in the repair shops of the C. B. & Q. at Western Ave., is taking a vacation.

Prof. Cronce will preach at the M. E. church next sabbath, he is an eloquent and scholarly minister of the Gospel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack White entertained a company of friends last Saturday evening, at their home on the North side.

Mrs. Warren formerly a resident of East Grove, died Tuesday in Chicago, and will be buried here to-day in the west cemetery.

WANTED—A neat, intelligent girl for general housework, must be able to cook. Good place for satisfactory person. Apply at this office.

The Burlington fast mail train broke all previous records last Saturday, in covering the distance between Chicago and Aurora, a distance of thirty-eight miles, in thirty-six minutes.

Mr. Curtis of Downers Grove, was in town Monday. We hope his talk of building on his property here will materialize into a commutation of his plans.—Western Springs correspondence in LaGrange Call.

T. S. Lovell, our local piano dealer, has just sold Miss Lila Black a beautifully finished mahogany piano, with which she is very much pleased. Mr. Lovell is a reliable man to consult when you want anything in his line.

The Royal League had a royal spread at their hall Tuesday evening. Some forty visitors from Chicago, LaGrange and elsewhere, assisted in disposing of the tempting display of refreshments. Three new members were initiated. The names of two new candidates for initiation at the next meeting, were presented. In addition to the regular meeting and the refreshments, a comedian from the city, kept the risibilities of those present ever ready to recognize the witty sallies made. The program was greatly enjoyed by those present.

For the last week or two the smiling face of Master John Rassweller has been missed at his home, in school and around town. Two weeks ago, he went with his mother to spend Sunday with "Grandma" at Naperville. He seemed to be in his usual health and good spirits when he left home in the morning, but before noon he was taken seriously ill, and has ever since been in a precarious condition, suffering from pneumonia and other complications. At this writing however, he is reported as being some better, and Dr. Bell pronounces his case as hopeful. It will be some time however, before his condition will warrant his parents in bringing him home.

Another meeting was held at I. O. O. F. hall last Tuesday night pursuant to adjournment, taking further steps towards organizing and instituting a Babcock lodge here. There was a large attendance of both sexes and much enthusiasm and interest manifested. Officers were nominated and a name selected, viz: "Banner Lodge." There were about 50 present and the charter membership will consist of near that number with excellent prospects of large additions in the immediate future. Mrs. Harris, from Chicago, of the state organization was present, as was also Mrs. Mattice of Aurora, district organizer. Visitors from Chicago, Naperville, Aurora and Mendota were present and all the proceedings seemed to indicate the most happy and successful outcome for the future of the lodge. The institution and installation ceremonies will occur on Tuesday evening, March 3, under the direction of the district organizer, Mrs. Mattice, assisted by the staff of Superior lodge, Chicago.

## WHEATON.

### THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The first Farmers' Institute in DuPage Co. opened Tuesday morning, Feb. 18, 1896, with an attendance which was a surprise to most of those who were present, about 75 persons having put in an appearance before the forenoon session closed. Promptly at 10 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Middaugh, and the proceedings were commenced with prayer by Rev. R. C. Bryant of the Wheaton Baptist church. The music by the Wheaton high school quartette was a good selection and their singing was so well received that they were obliged to respond with another piece before the audience would be satisfied. The opening address by Hon. M. S. Slusser was very fine and was listened to with that careful and respectful attention which a good speaker who understands what he is talking about always commands. The response by the Rev. R. C. Bryant was in his usual pleasant and happy style and clearly showed that it is not always necessary for a minister to be in the pulpit to be instructive and entertaining. The music by Miss Bartlett was a very happy selection for an occasion of the kind. "The Market Day," and was so well received that she was obliged to respond to an encore before the audience would be satisfied. The recitation by Mrs. E. Bartlett, "The Ruggles' Dinner Party," was a good selection and was so well rendered that it served well the purpose for which it was intended—entertaining the audience. The Hon. S. A. Ballou not being present the time intended for him was used by Prof. R. T. Morgan in reading a paper on the value of the corn crop of Illinois and the best methods of caring for and securing the fodder, and its relative value. Prof. Jonathan Piper was then called on and in his usual pleasant manner entertained the audience. Among other good things he gave a definition between a farmer and an agriculturist, and some of his early experience in the dairy business. This closed the business of the morning session, the most remarkable feature of which was the entire absence of the editors of the various county papers during the entire session.

The afternoon session was commenced with music by the high school quartette which was well received. Dr. Trumbower not being present and N. E. Battelle, like the frog in the fable, "having such a cold he couldn't sing," an interesting paper on "The Relative Value of Feed for Beef or Milk" by Hon. C. D. Bartlett was read and considerable information in regard to the subject was brought out. A telegram was received from Chas. J. Kline saying he would be here to-morrow and to fill up the time allotted to him. Prof. Morgan was asked to again read the paper which he read at the morning session in regard to caring for the crop of corn stalks. This called out a great many inquiries and the discussion which followed was replete with instruction for those who are engaged in that line of business. The music by Miss Bartlett and the readings by Mrs. E. Bartlett were as usual full of good things, and the audience was somewhat surprised to learn that there were 55 products of corn that were non-alcoholic. He made a special point of having things arranged that the children of our public schools can be present at these institutes, as it would greatly advance the cause of education if they were allowed to attend. The attendance at the afternoon session was over one hundred.

The second day of the Farmers' Institute opened so cold and stormy that it was feared the attendance would be very small, but during the forenoon there were full as many present as there was in the forenoon of the first day. The high school quartette furnished the music at the opening, and was followed by W. B. Lloyd, who presented a paper on "Raising Boys on the Farm," which showed care in its preparation and an intelligent appreciation of the subject which he was handling. He was followed by Mr. Middaugh, the president, who in a very well written paper presented his views and gave his experience in drainage and tiling at considerable length and gave as his opinion that it was better to borrow money at ten per cent. interest to drain low places on the farm, than to leave them without tiling. Thomas Lewis, one of Wheaton's aldermen, were then introduced, and after declaring that he never made a speech in his life, proceeded to give his experience in dairying and in doing so made the statement (which was probably a surprise to nearly everyone present) that the first thing a young man wanted, when about to go into the dairy business was a good young wife. As he claimed to have made a success of dairying and never to have lost a can of milk, by souring or otherwise, his experience was well worth relating. The music by Miss Bartlett and the reading by Mrs. E. Bartlett, were fine and so well rendered that they were both obliged to repeat before the audience would be satisfied.

The afternoon exercises were opened by Dr. Trumbower, who presented the subject of tuberculosis. His views were received with a great deal of attention. After singing by the school quartette, Dr. Galbraith presented a few thoughts on the "Home," Chas. J. Kline of Rockford, then gave an address on the subject of "Our Public Schools." Mrs. W. B. Lloyd was then called for and presented the subject of "Household Economics," in a pleasant and well-written paper. Jas. McClintock of Hinsdale, presented his views on the subject of "Country Roads," and although his ideas might be considered as rather advanced, the results aimed at, found an echo in the heart of every one who has dragged through the mud of an Illinois prairie at its worst. J. C. Roberts of Chicago, gave his ideas on the condition of things in Illinois. G. B. Blodgett of Downers Grove presented a very well-written paper on the subject of "Poultry" which was well

received as it is pretty generally understood that he is about as well posted on that subject as any man in DuPage county.

C. D. Clark of West Chicago made a short address on general subjects which was well received.

Wm. Hammerschmidt read the poem of "A Submerged Section," which was well received and caused considerable merriment and applause.

H. C. Middaugh was elected President; A. D. Albro, 1st Vice President; Mrs. W. B. Lloyd, 2nd Vice President; Prof. R. T. Morgan, Secretary; John Christie, Treasurer.

The officers elected were made an executive committee and the matter of a date for a future meeting was left in their hands.

A resolution was offered extending a vote of thanks to the different persons who have favored us with papers, addresses, recitations and music, and also to the various county papers who by their advertising and notices have helped to make this, the first meeting of the DuPage County Farmers' Institute a success, and invite them to be with us and assist in making future meetings successful, was presented and unanimously carried.

Hon. John H. Batton made an address in his usual pleasant and happy style, which was well received and was a fitting close to one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings that the citizens of DuPage have had in many years.

### THE GRAND JURY LIST.

The following grand jurors were selected by the board of supervisors at their meeting on the 18th inst, for the April term of the circuit court: Addison, H. H. Franzen, Herman Schmidt; Bloomingdale, Wm. Porttiller, Geo. Benhard; Wayne, F. B. Pratt, John Blakely, Sr.; Winfield, Robt. Korman, Sr., J. H. Cragger; Milton, N. E. Matter, F. J. Hagemen, Walter Sablin; York, John Fischer, John Scharian, Aug. Tinks; Downers Grove, Chas. E. Colwell, D. G. Graham, Wm. Kuchty, Herman M. Fox; Lisle, Geo. E. Boyce, Saml. Mathew; Naperville, T. W. Baylor, Joseph Laner, Adam Kailer.

Capt. G. N. Roudy, one of the old settlers of the town of Winfield, was found dead in an outhouse at his residence in West Chicago on Monday afternoon. He was over eighty-four years old and his death was caused by apoplexy.

### CASS.

(Too late for last week.)

A. I. Smart is suffering with neuralgia.

Mr. Hathaway is recovering from his sickness, which has been very severe and dangerous.

Jerome Smart and family went to Chicago Tuesday to attend the reception at Alderman Madden's.

Wedding bells are going to ring right away. If you see a young man in a new suit and a broad smile on his face, you will know he is the happy fortunate.

Rev. Clifford of Evanston was in the pulpit last Sunday. Bro. Sedweek was not able to be with us. We are glad to hear that Mrs. Sedweek is recovering from her illness.

Elisha Smart left Cass, Friday last, for Chicago, where a reception will be given Tuesday evening, in honor of his 50th birthday, at the residence of his son-in-law, Ald. Madden.

Cold weather—result of shine on 2d inst.

J. F. Smart and family have returned from Chicago.

The question "Go home with (—?) seems to be quite popular.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Hearty are visiting Mr. Hearty's uncle at LaSalle.

We are glad to see that "Cass" extends nearly to the Grove on such occasions as last Friday evening.

Rev. Sedweek was again in his accustomed place Sunday and we listened to a good sermon. We are sorry to learn that Mrs. Sedweek has not fully recovered from her illness.

The box social finally materialized and was all that was expected, with the exception of the programme. Our chairman on literary work was absent. The boxes sold well as did the gloves last fall, and about \$20 was realized.

### WEDDING BELLS.

MARRIED—At Hinsdale, Wednesday, February 19th, by Rev. Geo. C. Moor, Mr. G. F. Hawkins of Downers Grove and Miss Myra Bark of Hinsdale.

This pretty ceremony took place at the palatial residence of Mrs. L. F. Fox, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends.

Mr. Hawkins is the much honored and trustworthy village collector and has a large business as a plumber and steamfitter. The bride is a charming and accomplished young lady and both are to be congratulated on securing such amiable partners. They will commence housekeeping in a residence prepared by the groom on Riverside avenue on the north side. The groom joins with many friends in extending hearty well wishes.

### ONLY FLOUR MADE IN ILLINOIS.

Nash Bros. are the exclusive agents in Downers Grove for the Duluth Imperial flour—the only flour made in Illinois and sold here. Only the best grade of No. 1 hard wheat used in its manufacture.

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FRESH, SALT AND SMOKED MEATS, GAME, FISH,  
VEGETABLES, BEST CORNED BEEF.  
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Oysters, direct from Baltimore twice a week.....  
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