

THE REPORTER.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I hereby give notice to the people of Downers Grove township, that I am a candidate for the office of tax collector, and will kindly thank the people for helping me get the office. GUS TOWNSEND.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of tax collector of Downers Grove township subject to the decision of the township caucus, and solicit the support of my friends. GEO. RUCHTY.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For State Senator 14th District—HENRY H. EVANS. For Representatives in General Assembly for 14th District—CHARLES P. BRYAN, M. S. HUNTER.

TOWNSHIP CAUCUS.

A caucus of the voters of Downers Grove township will be held in Thompson's hall in the village of Downers Grove, at three (3) o'clock p. m., on Saturday, March 14, 1896, for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for each of the following offices:

- Assistant Supervisor. Assessor. Town Clerk. Collector. Highway Commissioner, (three years.) Constable. And to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A NATIONAL MINT FOR CHICAGO.

Representative Hopkins of Illinois has introduced a bill for the erection of a national mint at Chicago.

"While there is not much encouragement to hope for its passage at this session," he remarked this afternoon, "because the policy of the House is to avoid all possible appropriations and unnecessary legislation I want to get the proposition before the committee so they can make a report and get it upon the calendar. It was barely possible that we may be able to get a clause in the sundry civil appropriation bill, and we will do our best. There are only four mints in the United States, at Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco, Carson, Nev. But there are smelting works at Kansas City, Pueblo, Omaha, Denver and other western states, and we might as well have a mint in the center of the country as to confine them to the seacoast.

"There has been no formal consultation on this subject," said Mr. Hopkins, "but when I go home again I shall talk over the matter with some of the Chicago people and have them arrange to lay the facts before the congressional committee."

FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT. JOHN HOLLAND.

The REPORTER's candidate for village president, as published last week—John Holland—is daily receiving many other endorsements from leading citizens of the village. They all say, "he is the man," and the only trouble lies in his refusing, so far, to accept the nomination at the hands of his friends. He must be prevailed upon to accept the nomination. It is the people's desire and it is hoped that weight enough will be brought to bear upon him that he will accede to their wishes. The deliberations of a board of trustees, presided over by Mr. Holland, cannot be but for the best interests of the village. No flaws can be found in his make-up. Honest, trustworthy, progressive, of good judgment, and ability, John Holland will make an ideal president of the village board of trustees. Listen to the voice of the people.

The annual town caucus is called to meet in Thompson's hall this village, on Saturday, the 14th, inst. Usually in this town the nomination is equivalent to election, and there is no reason to believe that it will be otherwise this year. For assistant supervisor, C. B. Blodgett will undoubtedly be returned—having made a good record while a member of the board. No one ever thinks of anyone in connection with the assessorship, but J. M. Barr, who has so faithfully conducted the affairs of the position for so many years. For collector there are two candidates from the eastern portion of the town—Gus Townsend and Geo. Ruchty—both good men, who will abide by the decision of the caucus. G. B. Heitric will probably have a clear field for highway commissioner, being the best man that could be found for this position. An excellent officer in this position, he can be relied upon in the future. As this election there should be a vote taken on doing away or retaining the poll tax system. It is an unjust and costly system and there are so many reasons therefrom that only a few pay, the Legislature provided at its last session that all townships could vote on this matter at the town meetings, and if decided, it was to be binding for all time.

It is said that the Cook county "machine" which appears to be running State politics is against McKinley, and will endeavor to compass his defeat so far as receiving a delegation from this state is concerned. The machine is an organization that is especially after the leaves and fishes, and in such pursuit appears to have been so far successful, but should it undertake to defeat the will of at least three quarters of the Republicans of the state who are in favor of McKinley, it will be ground to pieces by the overwhelming force of public sentiment.—Aurora Beacon.

Gus Townsend has announced himself as again being a candidate for the office of tax collector of Downers Grove township. He has once before held this position and having conducted the affairs of the office in a proper manner, feels justified in again presenting his name to the township caucus for consideration. He is a very favorably known resident of the town.

Geo. Ruchty has entered the field as a candidate for collector of Downers Grove township and has an announcement to that effect elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Ruchty has long been a resident of the township, and will present his name to the township caucus and feels that he is entitled to consideration at their hands.

VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Downers Grove, Ill., Feb. 3, 1896. The regular monthly meeting for the month of February, 1896, was called to order by Trustee Bunge, President Carpenter being absent. It was moved and carried that Trustee Wetten take the chair as president pro tem.

The roll call noted present Trustees Bunge, Chilvers, Gallup, Moss and Wetten; absent President Carpenter.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Report of village treasurer read, approved and ordered placed on file.

Report of superintendent of water works for month of January read and ordered placed on file.

Report of street commissioner read and ordered placed on file.

Sidewalk ordinance No. 15 requiring a sidewalk to be built on the north side of Randall street, between Church and Washington streets, was formally read. It was moved and seconded that said ordinance be put upon its passage and the clerk instructed to see to its proper publication. Same was carried.

Claim ordinance No. 31 was read and was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes J.D. Fowler (\$60.00), F.W. Hoffert (30.00), M. Slusser (15.00), Mertz & Mochel (9.00), White & Williams (6.95), Globe Light & Heat Co (120.88), G.F. Hawkins (3.90), Geo. Kaaky (90), Horace T. Aldrich (4.78), Wm. H. Mertz (27.08), A.H. Wetten (8.75), F.A. Brode & Co (37.62), Frank Reich (1.35).

Upon a motion being regularly made and seconded the said claim ordinance No. 31 was placed upon its passage and carried. Those voting aye were Trustees Bunge, Chilvers, Gallup, Moss and Wetten, nays none.

The following resolutions were then presented and read.

Resolved that the sum of \$2.24 be rebated to John Oldfield, said amount having been paid by him to the village collector in error as special assessment No. 1 on lots 48 49 50 and 51 in block 11 of Gostyn and found by finance committee to have been previously paid by M. Czchowski.

Resolved that the sum of \$9.18 paid by George Hoffert as special assessment No. 1 on lots 3 4 and 11 of Hoffert's sub of lot 47 of assessors sub of sec. 7 and 8 33 11 to be transferred from special assessment No. 3 fund to special assessment No. 1, said amount having been entered and paid into the former fund by error.

Resolved that the sum of \$9.20 paid by W. Deveraux as special assessment No. 1 lot 15 block 1 E. H. Prince addition to Downers Grove be transferred from special assessment No. 2 to special assessment No. 1, said amount having been entered and paid into the former fund by error.

It was moved and seconded that the resolutions be adopted as read. Carried. A communication was then read from Charles D. Wright of Chicago, setting forth, what he said Wright would do if granted a franchise to maintain and operate an electric light, heat and power plant in the village.

The application of said Charles D. Wright for franchise having been referred to the ordinance committee for disposal at the regular January meeting, the following resolution was presented and read.

Whereas your ordinance committee in whose hands was placed for investigation and disposal, the application of Chas. D. Wright for a franchise to operate in the village an electric light power and heat plant, believes that it has been thoroughly demonstrated to the members of the board that the citizens of our town are positively opposed to giving away of any such franchise unless the village is directly interested in the operation of same, therefore be it

Resolved that the said application of Chas. D. Wright be refused and the Clerk instructed to so inform said Wright or his representative.

Upon motion of Trustee Bunge, seconded by Trustee Gallup the resolution was adopted as read. Those voting aye were Trustees Bunge, Chilvers, Gallup and Wetten—Trustee Moss not voting. The matter of opening the drain running west from Main street between

Perfect Digestion



Warren avenue and Franklin street was brought up. A motion was made by Trustee Bunge, seconded by Trustee Moss that the street and alley committee be instructed to have ditches opened where necessary and notify the property owners to remove obstructions in ditch through their premises. Same was carried.

Trustee Moss then present application of the Standard Oil Co., for the privilege of laying certain water mains. Upon motion by Trustee Bunge seconded by Trustee Moss, it was moved that the Standard Oil Co., be granted privilege of laying a 2 1/2 inch wrought iron main in Belmont street, from Oakwood avenue west to corporation line, the village reserving right to remove same at any time when found necessary. Motion was carried.

A request of E. H. Prince to tap water main at end of Chicago avenue for use of house outside of corporation limits, was refused by the board.

Report of finance committee on auditing of books of John M. Wells, as village collector, from July 26, 1894, to March 2, 1895, the summary of which was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Errors in cash book footings (20), Errors in special assessors' books (91.48), Am'ts rec'd from Dec. 16, 1895, to date of collector's resignation not yet paid to village treas'r (33.22). Total, \$124.90.

This auditing shows errors and amounts due village as per collector's books so far as the committee is able

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W.C.T.A. Column.

By Mrs. M. Slusser.

EFFICIENT TEMPERANCE WORK.

Ravena (O.) Republican: The railroads of the country are becoming effective champions of the temperance cause. On most of the roads, at the present time, knowledge that an employee touches strong drink, in any form at any time, is likely to cost him his position. Not long ago the Baltimore and Ohio discharged some trainmen—not for drunkenness, for they were sober men; but because it was understood that they took a glass now and then. A policy of this nature is severe, but it only needs a moment's thought to perceive that it is founded in reason. The railroad business is one of exceeding responsibility. Life and property are constantly in the keeping of those who carry on this business. Mental clearness is all important in the performance of its duties, and strong drink tends to the confusion of the faculties. It is true that some men may use alcoholic beverages in such moderation as not to injure their efficiency; but the instances are comparatively rare, and it is hard to draw the line. The railroads are dealing with the matter in the most practical way, by instituting the rigid policy of having only those men in their service who "touch not, taste not;

A MOSLEM PRAYER.

At the Mosque of Azhar in Cairo there is a missionary university where between six and eight thousand Mohammedan students are assembled for the purpose of receiving the necessary training preliminary to teaching the Moslem faith in Asia and Africa. As a part of their training these students offer the following prayer each evening:

O Lord of all creatures! O Allah! destroy the infidels and the polytheists, thine enemies, the enemies of thy religion. O Allah! make their children orphans and defile their bodies. Cause their feet to slip, give them and their families, their household, and their women, their children and their relations by marriage, their brothers and their friends, their possessions and their race, their wealth and their lands as booty to the Moslems. O Lord of all creatures.

Comment is hardly necessary on this awful prayer. What can we expect of the disciples of such missionaries of a faith that was first established by the sword.

And now in striking contrast with this let us take the following translation of an Armenian prayer. The Lord's Prayer in Van, by Alice Stone Blackwell. From the Armenian of Raphael Patkanian:

Our Heavenly Father, hallowed be thy name, Restore to us our kingdom here on earth. Thy will be done in all things, but let not Armenia groan beneath the Turkish yoke. We ask not now for bread, or soft or hard: Only give weapons to us every one. We do not pray to-day, "Forgive our debts," Only take off the taxes of the Turk. Lead us into temptation, even of war, So thy Armenia may again be free.

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The Name of the Next... President of the United States. The New York Weekly Tribune OF NOVEMBER 4th, 1896. Public interest will steadily increase, and the disappointment of the men whose votes turned the scale at the last election, with the results under the administration they elected, will make the campaign the most intensely exciting in the history of the country.

W. H. BARNHART. THE HOLIDAYS are over and now that we are started on the new year, I wish to say that I am headquarters for PURE FOOD. Read my list of articles that are guaranteed strictly pure: Horse Heads Buckwheat, California Breakfast Food, Wheatall and Quaker Oats, Also headquarters for the celebrated DIAMOND and McLAUGHLIN Java and Mocha Coffee. Warranted Pure.

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SOCIETIES. Grove Lodge, 824, A. F. & A. M. Meets every second and fourth Friday in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. E. L. Godfrey, Sec'y.

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