DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

THIRTEENTH YEAR. DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1896. NUMBER 50.

A BUSY MEETING FOR THE BOARD.

Village Fathers Find Much to Occupy Their Attention Monday Evening.

The regular monthly grind of the board of village trustees occurred Monday evening. All members were present. The most important point of the regular routine business was the report of the village treasurer. The report showed balance on hand at last report $3,030.85, total receipts $695.30, total expenditure $464.28, leaving a balance on hand of $3,261.87, divided in the various funds as follows: Water, $668.25; general, $990.37; street and alley, $1,009.09; fire, $.39; various special assessment funds, $593.77. This is the best financial showing ever made by the village.

The new business taken up included a petition for a street lamp on Summit and Webster streets, which was granted. The matter of opening the street between the Mackie and Aldrich properties through to Curtiss street from Maple avenue, was referred to street and alley committee for consultation with Attorney Slusser, to report at next regular meeting. A sidewalk ordinance was passed for a walk on the west side of Elm street.

Trustee Schultz opened a discussion in regard to village ownership of street lighting arrangements, but the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

President Carpenter wisely suggested the idea of taking some action regarding putting street signs on street corners, stating that a town possessing the progressive and intelligent spirit of the citizens of this village, should have this improvement. Trustee Wetten suggested that a Chicago firm would do this for the village if an advertising privilege was accorded them, but this suggestion was not considered in a favorable light. No action was taken in the matter, it being lost sight of in the discussion of the report of Superintendent Fowler on the results of the tests made with the air compressor, which occupied the board's attention until adjournment.

The report showed in pumping 158,000 gallons of water by the Hooker deep well pump, 4,800 pounds of coal were consumed and the time used in pumping it was 14 hours and 30 minutes. With the air compressor in pumping the same amount of water, 4,001 pounds of coal were consumed, the time required being only eight hours and 40 minutes. This shows a saving in favor of the air lift of 779 pounds of coal, or 16⅔ per cent; and in time required, a saving of five hours and 50 minutes, or about 40 per cent.

Considering purchase of the air lift, was left until the adjourned meeting to be held Dec. 21. In the meantime further test and investigation will be made. Members of the water and finance committees will visit Waukesha, Wis., in the meantime and examine an air lift working there, pumping from three wells at the same time.

The board are proceeding in the matter with the utmost caution and until they are satisfied this is the most economical pump to purchase and will fill all requirements, no action will be taken toward purchasing it.

The board adjourned until Monday evening, Dec. 21st.

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Monday, December 7th, occurred the inauguration of the new county officials at the court house at Wheaton. The ceremonies of swearing in the new officers, while simple, were impressive. The event passed off without a hitch, and business at the county seat went on as usual. The official roster of county officials is now as follows:

Treasurer	J. W. McKee
Recorder and Circuit Clerk	A. H. Wiant
County Judge	George H. Brown
States Attorney	Mazzini Slusser
County Clerk	H. F. Lawrence
Sheriff	Clinton H. Hoy
Superintendent of Schools	R. T. Morgan
Surveyor	Geo. I. Herrick
Coroner	N. E. Matter

These were retired: John H. Batten, Louis Ellsworth, Dr. Heiderman, and Allen T. Russell. All with the full consciousness of having, during their tenure of office, served their constituency faithfully to the best of their ability. Here's success to the new officers in their conduct of county affairs.

After the ceremonies of inauguration were concluded the board of Supervisors, accompanied by several of the new county officers, adjourned to the poor farm, where a "turkey and trimmings" dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boldebuck are called upon to mourn the death of their little seven months old son, who died last Friday after a brief illness. The funeral occurred Sunday and the remains laid to rest in the West cemetery. The grieving parents have the sympathy of their friends.

..Local and Personal Paragraphs..

Additional local news on fifth page.

Mrs. Bradbury is slowly convalescing.

Sale bills printed at this office. Get our prices.

Mrs. J. E. Blackmore of Aurora, is visiting here.

Genuine New York buckwheat at Nash Bros. Guaranteed pure.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Diener, on Friday, Dec. 4, a daughter.

Lewis Roth is on night duty in the tower at Millard Ave. for the winter.

Editor Hamilton of the West Chicago Journal, was in town a few hours Monday.

Everybody invited to the mass meeting at the M. E. church, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. A. Siddons and daughter, Miss Emma, were visiting in the city this week.

Malt or soft feed will not affect those baskets for sale by Brode & Co. Call and examine.

Don't forget the ladies' bazaar and supper at Thompson's hall this, Thursday, evening.

D. B. Fuller who has been ill the past week is reported very low with some kidney difficulty.

BARN FOR RENT:—Corner Curtiss and Washington streets; $1.50 per month. Enquire of L. Mertz.

Mrs. Hugh M. White returned Monday from her visit with Mrs. P. E. Holp at Rogers Park.

A sidewalk is being laid on the south side of Belmont street, near the waterworks pumping station.

Mary Diener is selling an excellent chocolate drop at 15 cents per pound. Just the thing for the holidays.

Oscar Howland, formerly residing here, but who left several years ago, is now a resident of Fullersburg.

A. R. Heckman has commenced the erection of a residence on Curtiss street adjoining Chas. Curtiss property.

Harry Courtright is suffering seriously with a sore eye, in which he accidentally dropped some paint one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pilz of LaGrange came over Sunday to attend the funeral of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boldebuck.

George Edward White has been taking a vacation the past week and has gone down to the wilds of LaSalle county on a hunting expedition.

One authority states that in keeping your head cool and your feet warm lies the secret of good health. For the feet try Thompson's warm footwear.

Mrs. Martin and Miss Ida Martin, Mrs. Bucks of Naperville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Piltz of LaGrange attended the funeral of baby Boldebuck last Sunday.

W. J. Herring with his force of men has nearly completed the new house he is building for J. T. Fish west of the village to replace the one destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. Fred Fink will occupy it.

A little son of Chris Schultz was buried Monday, having died of diphtheria. The same dread disease also carried away a little son of Mrs. Chas. Wenzel this week. The funeral occurred yesterday.

The States Att'y of DuPage County now resides in Downers Grove and we also have a member of the State Board of Equalization again. Well Downers Grove ought to come to the front in the way of offices. The splendid republican majority in this township made Du Page the banner county in the state.

There will be an Epworth League sociable at the Methodist church next Monday night. Refreshments are to be served and it is expected that Hugh D. Atchison of Wilmette will be present to render several numbers on the organ. No admission will be charged. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

On Sunday at 3 p. m. there will be a great mass meeting in the M.E. church. The Hon. L. S. Coffin, ex-R. R. commissioner of Iowa, will speak. Mr. Coffin is the founder of a great R. R. temperance organization how numbering many thousands of men, and is widely known and greatly loved throughout the west. Railroad men are especially urged to be present and everybody is cordially invited. It is expected that the house will be crowded.

The course of popular scientific lectures delivered in the Auditorium last week Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, were fairly well attended and were a source of delight and instruction to those present. The lectures were given under the auspices of the high school and the proceeds will be used for the equipment of a much needed laboratory. Prof. Richards' experiments were all exceedingly successful and pleasantly entertained the audiences assembled.

Colville for groceries.

Kindling at F. A. Brode & Co's.

Extra fancy candy, in boxes, at Mary Diener's.

Call at Exchange Office and get a calendar for 1897.

Fresh Christmas candies, 8 cents per pound and up, at Mary Diener's.

Wm. Straube is building an addition to his office at the piano factory.

Mrs. G. E. White was visiting relatives at Yorkville, the past week.

D. G. Graham has two or three cottages which he will rent cheap till May 1st.

F. A. Brode made a business trip to Princeton Tuesday to be gone several days.

Mrs D. H. Naramore and Mrs. E. O. Stanley are still sufferers from chronic disease.

Engineers Corah and Scule of the Chicago yards visited in the Grove Sunday.

The piano factory will shut down temporarily Tuesday to repair a leak in the boiler.

Miss Helen and Laura Hatch of Chicago visited over Sunday with Mrs. Chauncey Goodrich.

Perhaps your stock of canned goods is exhausted—Thompson's isn't. Best quality and lowest prices.

List your houses for rent with D. G. Graham. He has secured quite a number of tenants the past month.

Mr. Fuller, proprietor of the greenhouse in the north east part of town, is very sick with Brights disease.

Mrs. J. T. Escher and daughter Annie of Chicago spent yesterday visiting friends and relatives in the Grove.

Quarterly meeting at the German Evangelical church, Sunday, Dec. 13. Presiding Elder Kiest will be in attendance.

W. H. Colville the North side grocer, has no "leaders," but you will find, on the whole, it is the cheapest place to buy groceries.

The ladies of St. Andrews church, Episcopal, will have a sale of homemade bread every Saturday from 2 to 4 p. m., for the benefit of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Hotchkiss, of North Dakota, visited this week with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wells. Mrs. Hotchkiss is a niece of the worthy gentleman and lady whom she visited.

Elton Escher, who has been at the Presbyterian hospital in the city, taking treatment for appendicitis, had a successful operation performed upon him and is reported improving.

E. Thatcher received a visit Saturday from his son, J. H. Thatcher, of Chicago. Mr. Thatcher is a collector on one of the Riverside trains and was recently married to a Lawnsdale lady.

The book commitee of the Ladies Library Association consisting of Mrs. Wm Straube, Mrs. P. C. Gallup and Mrs. F. A. Root, went to the city Tuesday to purchase new books for the library.

Warren Devereux is canvassing the town with a patent paper bag holder and has disposed of quite a number to our business men. The article is a good one.

Mrs. Frank Shears and children left Tuesday night for their new home in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Shears leave many friends in Downers who will wish them success.

Lewis J. Gordon of Chicago, representing the Slayton Lyceum Bureau, was in the village Tuesday. An effort is being made to secure a course of entertainments here this winter from this popular bureau.

Will the patrons of the Library please bear in mind the days of book distribution holiday week? Saturdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, the hour not changed. The association hope to put in a few new volumes about the first of the year.

Episcopal Church, St. Andrews Mission—Services on Sunday, Dec. 13, as follows: Morning prayer with sermon and celebration of the Holy Communion, at 10:30 a. m. Every member of the Mission is earnestly requested to be present. Stangers always welcome. Sunday school at the usual hour, 2 p. m.

A practical woman remarked the other day that the most interesting matter in the newspaper to her was the advertisements. "And long ago," she said, "I quit buying from those who do not advertise." It always seems that the merchants that advertise, ask me to trade with them, while the one who does not advertise impresses me with the idea that he does not care enough for my trade to ask for it. Then, too, I have found that the man who advertises has fresher goods for the reason, I suppose, he sells more.

SCHOOL NOTES.

A study excursion is being planned for the physical geography class. All but one of the class are girls and you may therefore depend upon it that they will be quite proper as they tramp over hill and dale, contemplating the wonders of Mother Nature.

Master Melville Downer, the little lad, who for two months has been so seriously ill, has, we are glad to say, come back to school. He has shown his mettle by making a grade of 100 in a test on the first day of his return to school. Melville will be heard from some day.

The Downers Grove high school football team went to Naperville last Saturday to play a return game with the team they defeated on Thanksgiving day. They were met, however, by a team that was much heavier and older than themselves and were in consequence beaten by a score of 14 to 0. E. Johnson carried off the honors for Downers Grove with his fine kicking and tackling.

Our school entertainment did not turn out as we expected. We made a worthy effort, but the people did not support it by their patronage as they most surely should have done, and, as a consequence, instead of raising any money for the laboratory apparatus we are somewhat short. Our laboratory is in an exceedingly needy condition on account of the lack of apparatus, a laboratory of which the inhabitants of a village of half the size of ours would justly be ashamed.

A number of Mr. and Mrs. George Barr's neighbors and friends pleasantly surprised them Friday evening, by coming in unawares to give them a house warming. Refreshments were taken along, and the self invited guests were gladly welcomed by the hosts. The evening was greatly enjoyed by the participants in the surprise.

Colville has added a fine line of gloves and mittens to his stock of goods. He purchased direct from the factory and is therefore enabled to dispose of them at prices that are remarkably low. See for yourself.

The Masonic organization elect officers Friday, Dec. 11th; Odd Fellows next Monday evening, Dec. 14th; while the Rebekahs hold election Saturday evening, Dec. 12th.

FINED THIRTY DOLLARS AND COST

E. H. Prince Found Guilty of Illegally Using the Village Water.

Judge Graham rendered his decision, in the case of the Village vs. E. H. Prince for illegally tapping village water mains, Tuesday evening. He was found guilty on the counts as charged. Upon the findings Prince was fined $30 and the costs of the suit. He will take an appeal to the Circuit court.

The case came up for trial last Saturday afternoon. Chas. C. Carnahan appearing for the village, and Judge Geo. Brown of Wheaton, for the defense. The specific charges were: Making an illegal tap in the basement of the house known as the McIntosh property situated on Oakwoods avenue, and conveying water to defendant's residence, without a permit or authority; also turning on and using village water without authority, both in direct violation of village ordinances passed in December, 1894, and July, 1895.

The defense introduced as evidence these ordinances, and witnesses proving an illegal connection existed; also three witnesses swearing that Prince had admitted to them he had used the water on two or three occasions.

The defense objected to the prosecution under the ordinances submitted; first, to the 1894 ordinance as having been repealed; and second, that the 1895 ordinance had never been properly passed or published. These objections were not sustained by the court. Defense showed that previous to the village water being introduced in the McIntosh property, the alleged illegal tap had existed, but the testimony also showed that a new faucet had been inserted subsequently. Superintendent Fowler testified to having placed a meter in the basement of the McIntosh house on June 18th last, connecting with Prince's private pipe, and that on June 18th the meter showed that 12,600 gallons of water had been used.

The decision arrived at by Justice Graham was directly in line with the evidence, and the village officials, while they do not consider the fine sufficiently heavy, are nevertheless greatly pleased at the outcome, inasmuch as the principle involved has been sustained. They have no fear that Judge Graham's decision will be reversed in the higher court, when the case is tried.

Fine Hosiery

We have lately received a complete line of the famous Rockford Chicago socks and hose. In the line are the popular

"Leather Stockings"

For Boys and Girls.

Not Leather, but Wear Like Leather.

Fast Black, Sizes 6 1-2 to 9 1-2. **Price 25c.**

Men's Burlington Half Hose, Fast Black. Good and durable	25c
Kenosha brand half hose, Fancy colors. Two pairs for	25c
Good Woolen Hose, 25 to 40c.	
Ladies Fancy Cotton Hose -	25c
Ladies Fine Fleece Lined hose -	35c
Ladies Wool Hose, good quality	25c

GROCERIES

PURE BUCKWHEAT.

Direct shipment from T. R. Peck Milling Co., Morseheads, N. Y. Best flour in the world.

GENUINE MAPLE SAP

Curtiss Bros. Brand. Quart tins, 40 cents.

A fine assortment of California evaporated fruits:

Peaches, Pears, Apricots and Prunes.

New Figs, Dates and Nuts—all fresh goods.

Monarch Brand Canned Corn and Tomatoes,

Best goods ever placed in cans.

NASH BROS.

Make a Useful Selection for a Holiday Gift

Holiday Bargains:

We have an endless assortmen of articles suitable for holiday gifts that combine beauty and utility. Come in and examine our stock; it will appeal to the eye as well as the pocketbook. For the little folks we have sleds and skates in profusion. Look at some of the prices offered:

Neatly Painted and Strong Hand Sleds	from 25c to $1.50
Good Club Skates. All Sizes	per pair 50 cents
Nickled " " "	per pair 65, 75, $1.15, $1.50
Ladies' Skates " "	65 to $1.50
Good Stag Handle Carving Sets	50 cents
Fancy " " " "	from 75 to $2.00
Rogers Best Triple Plated Knives and Forks	per set $ 3.00
Bissel's Best Quality Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers.	each $2.50
Good Bracket Lamps all complete	each 50 and 75 cents

Also a nice selection of **Fancy Stand Lamps** at Bottom Prices

Come in and examine this stock. We have them in the latest styles and can surely please you.

Mertz & Mochel.

We offer Special Bargains in

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During This Month

For Cash Only:

4 Drawer NEW HOME Machine latest style with full set attachments	$26.00
4 Drawer DOMESTIC same as above	26.00
4 " NEW CROWN " "	23.50
4 " Low Arm SINGER	10.50
4 " High Arm SINGER	13.00

You certainly cannot select a more useful present as a holiday gift than one of the above Sewing Machines. You will find above prices lower than same makes have ever been offered at before.

Lower Figures Than Ever Offered Before