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A MONKEY AND PARROT TIME.

Postoffice Aspirants Decide to Call a Citizen's Caucus for Saturday Evening.

Eight aspirants for postoffice honors met at the village hall last Friday evening, and spent nearly two hours in a senseless wrangle among themselves, before coming to any conclusion regarding manner of holding an election.

Candidates present were Messrs. Stanger, Courtright, Palmer, Colwell, I. P. Blodgett, Wm. Blodgett, Block and Dixon. A. L. Palmer was chairman. Wm. Blodgett was made secretary to fill vacancy, caused by the withdrawal of Lee Singletery. Members of the executive committee of the republican club, who were present, refused to take a hand in determining who should be eligible to vote at the election. Therefore the decision devolved upon the candidates themselves, four of whom favored excluding the silver vote, and four favoring every legal voter having a voice in the matter, irrespective of party.

Again, four candidates wanted a caucus of the citizens held to select two candidates only to be voted on for postmaster. Four others objected to this mode of procedure. The jangling over these two differences, caused the citizens present to give vent to the feelings the ludicrous and ridiculous character of the proceedings warranted. This quite naturally incensed one of the candidates, who moved an executive session of the candidates be held the following evening, when they would not be disturbed by spectators. Before the chairman could put the motion the crowd in attendance retired.

The candidates thereupon, after considerable discussion, decided to call a caucus of citizens to meet Saturday evening, March 13th, to select from their number two candidates to be voted on for postmaster, at an election to be held at some later date. It was also decided to hold another executive session Tuesday evening to decide whom should be permitted to vote.

At the meeting held Tuesday evening, it was decided that the caucus to be held Saturday evening, should be limited to McKinley voters alone. All the candidates agreed to abide by this decision, and the method of procedure was arranged as follows: Ballots to be taken and on each successive ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes to drop out, and so on until but two candidates remain.

The selection between the two candidates will be made at an election to be held March 27th. The election to be also limited to McKinley voters.

BUILT A NEW CHURCH.

The Aurora papers had the following Monday, regarding the successful efforts of Rev. J. F. Heilner in building a new church at that place:

If any man in Aurora was thoroughly happy Monday, it must have been Rev. J. F. Heilner, pastor of the Claim street Institutional Baptist church, whose handsome new house of worship was dedicated with fitting ceremonies on Sunday, March 7, 1897. The building, beautiful throughout with its splendid windows, tasty frescoing, comfortable seats, nice carpets and generally cheerful appearance, was filled to its utmost capacity at the forenoon service with people rejoicing that the structure was completed.

Seventeen months ago, Rev. J. F. Heilner came to Aurora from Downers Grove to take charge of the Claim street Baptist church. He left a prosperous society for one that was struggling to get a footing in a community not overburdened with wealth.

It was no small task to undertake the construction of a six thousand dollar building in such time. But the work has been prosecuted with great energy by both pastor and people, and Sunday the pretty new church was dedicated free from debt.

EPISCOPALIANS TO BUILD.

The Episcopal society has about completed arrangements for building a small church structure on their north side property, at the corner of Foote and Franklin streets. Their plans contemplate a frame structure 25 x 50 feet, to occupy the center of their lot, facing south on Franklin street, and is designated merely as a temporary affair. At some future day when their finances are in better shape the building will be enlarged by an addition on the Foote street side. Room on the west end of their lot is reserved for the erection of a rectory when deemed advisable. Work will be commenced on the church about the first of April.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

I offer for sale my grocery—a complete stock—together with fixtures—all up-to-date and a bargain.

W. H. BARNHART.

DANCING CLASS GIVE A GERMAN.

The german given last Thursday night was a fitting finale to the series of lessons which have engaged the attention of the dancing class for the last three months.

The class together with a few friends assembled early at the A. O. U. W. hall. At 8:30 the strains of the first waltz swept across the hall and following it two-steps, polkas and quadrilles, alternated with the vespertine valse, lanciers, schottische, etc., as the hours passed swiftly by unnoticed by the merry dancers.

At 11:00 the first figure of the german—the grand march—was announced, quickly followed by a succession of novel and intricate numbers in which the promenade by company and the "chassez allez" were especially noticeable. The "May pole" in the fifth figure and the "hand spell" of the sixth produced a hearty laugh.

All too soon the mellow notes of the Home Sweet Home waltz dispersed the joyous company.

The course has been one of exceptional pleasure to the young people and will be long remembered by them. An effort is to be made to continue the course which has been such a pronounced success.

BOYS' BRIGADE.

Last Friday evening the Boys' Brigade met at their usual time, and after a short drill at the hall, received the command to put on their caps and follow where their captain ordered. So with Floyd Farrar as drummer the procession started: first up Main street, over to the North side, then to Saratoga avenue, then to Prairie avenue, to Prince avenue, where they were ordered to halt. They were pleasantly entertained at their destination until 9 o'clock when they returned to their hall and then home. There were twenty-four boys in line and they attracted considerable attention as they passed through the streets on their line of march.

OLYMPIC THEATER.

John Kernell and the vaudeville club will come to the Olympic theater next Monday, March 13, to stay a week. There is no comedian who goes quite so directly to his point as does Kernell, and no one except Ezra Kendall is so little given to telling long stories, or so addicted to short and crisp jokes. His points come so fast that it would be difficult to follow them except for their Irish-American bluntness, and their rich humor. Fields and Lewis, the rapid working comedy team; the Stewart sisters, double-dimpled dancers and sweet singers; Joseph J. Dowling, and Signor Francellis are other members of the strong aggregation.

HOME FOR THE HOMELESS.

The Illinois Children's Home Society seems to be an institution doing a great work for humanity. Their object is to provide suitable homes for homeless children, where they will have the advantages of christian and refined influences and education suitable to their conditions and circumstances of life. The families who accept these children either have to adopt them legally or sign a special contract with conditions satisfactory to the society that the child will be tenderly and affectionately cared for and given a permanent home until maturity. The headquarters of the society are at 167 Dearborn street, and Geo. K. Hoover is state superintendent.

FINAL TAX NOTICE.

For the accommodation of the tax payers, I will be at the Postoffice one day more, Saturday March 13, to receive taxes, and I urge all who have not paid personal property tax, to make a special effort to do so on this day, as I must close my books after Saturday.

FRANK J. PRENTISS, Collector.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd installment on special assessments No's. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the 1st installment on special assessment No. 5 for water works, are now due and payable at the office of the village collector.

V. SIMONSON, Village Collector.

EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

Through tourist sleeping cars for California leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m. every Wednesday via the Burlington. These cars are in charge of a conductor who goes through to the end of the route looking after the comfort of the passengers. For full particulars enquire of G. H. BUNGE, Agent.

PRESERVE YOUR MAGAZINES.

Bring your world's fair views, art reproductions, magazines, papers, etc., to the Reporter office and have them bound substantially to preserve them. First-class work in cloth, library or full leather. Prices reasonable.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

IT is coming soon after Easter.

Additional local news on fifth page. Lennox soap—3 cents per bar, at Thompson's.

Choice fish at Steere's market, for the Lenten season.

For fine bakery goods leave your order with Mary S. Diener.

Finest bread in town, fresh every morning, at Mary S. Diener's.

Did you see those "Search Light Matches" at Nash Bros. store?

Jas. Hunt and wife of Naperville, visited his sister, Mrs. Bond, yesterday.

Misses Ella and Lucy Bartle are numbered with those on the sick list this week.

A few choice bargains in damaged goods can still be found at Bateman & Palmer's.

A choice piece of crockery free with every package of Clipper coffee, at Thompson's.

It will interest every man, woman and child in Downers Grove. Watch for it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellingwood, with their family moved to the city last Thursday.

Lee Singletery and David Blodgett, are boarding at Mr. Cornelius' on South Main street.

Mrs. Prince and Mrs. Foote are still at Federal Point, Fla. They will return some time this month.

If in need of a sewing machine don't fail to call on Mertz & Mochel and get prices before purchasing.

High-class ladies' and misses' shoes at Thompson's, at low-class prices. The latest lasts and toes in the fashionable leathers.

Leave orders at Hughes & Gallup's for hauling trunks, freight and express. They will be promptly attended to.

The old laundry building adjoining Bush & Simonson's drug store is being torn down and the laundry moved into the Dixon house, east of the drug store.

Thompson is giving an opportunity for all to secure gloves and mittens at less than wholesale price. The whole stock will be reduced in price to suit yourself.

Orders for the Imperial American dress patterns may be left at Thompson's. All the newest fashions and fancies in ladies' costumes will be cheerfully shown in fashion plates to all who desire to see them.

A. J. Thompson, Dr. Geo. B. Tope, Fred Hoffert, Dell Oldfield and John Dwyer, with their hunting paraphernalia, are in the Indiana marshes this week, enjoying the duck shooting which is reported good this season.

Conductor Wm. Tobin was taken ill last Sunday, immediately after taking his train to the city. He is at present in one of the hospitals where he is improving somewhat. Conductor Maloney has charge of his train during his sickness.

J. W. Worley's premises were raided Tuesday night and a considerable quantity of valuable tools stolen. This is one of a series of thieving raids that has occurred in the vicinity recently, and there is strong talk of organizing a vigilance committee.

Young Frank Patryk added to his reputation as a young tough last Thursday by being detected in the act of stealing meat from Steere's market. He was arrested and taken before Justice Graham, who bound him over to the grand jury in bonds of \$100.

Martin Brossman, an old resident of Naperville, was accidentally killed at his residence there last Thursday by falling from a tree which he was pruning. He struck on the back of his head, which caused a partial dislocation of his neck. Death resulted in a few hours. The funeral was held Sunday from the DuPage church.

A. H. Saxon has commenced shipping his greenhouse products to the city. His specialty this season is violets, of which he has several choice varieties. His double English violet is a choice and fragrant flower, and the California variety is deservedly popular. Mr. Saxon will have his usual supply of pansies this year, which are well known as the finest that are raised.

John Oldfield is making preparations to erect a modern building on his property at the corner of Main and Curtis Street in the near future. Mr. Oldfield is as yet undecided whether he will build two or three stories high. He is negotiating with the Downers Grove club, with a view to finishing off one story for their use. If he is successful in securing the club as tenants, the building will be three stories.

Colville for groceries.

Crockery given away at Thompson's. C. S. Ellinwood has moved to the city to live.

Mertz & Mochel sell the Pocahontas smokeless coal.

Sack Goss, postal clerk of Chicago, visited here last Tuesday.

Col. Dan. Munn of LaGrange, called on friends here last night.

Figs, dates, oranges, bananas, etc., fresh and nice, at Thompson's.

Miss Helen Woodruff of Joliet, is visiting with Capt. and Mrs. T. S. Rogers.

Washburn-Crosby's Gold Metal—best patent flour made—sold by Mertz & Mochel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mochel returned Tuesday morning from their southern trip.

A. B. Brode of Huntington, W. Va., is visiting his brothers, F. A. and A. W. Brode.

An experienced nurse wants confinement cases. Address Miss Wilms, care J. D. Fowler.

Miss Marby Henning from Plano visited at D. G. Graham's last Thursday and Friday.

Miss Mattie Vernon of Ottawa, is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. F. C. Lancaster.

Miss Sadie Smith, with a friend from the city, visited her cousins, Alice and Dell Stanley, Sunday.

Miss Madge Shepard of Mason City, Iowa, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. A. Shepard, for a few weeks.

For Rent—New modern cottages at East Grove, with two, four and five acres of ground. For particulars apply to D. G. Graham.

FARM FOR RENT—A farm of 100 acres. Part of fall plowing done and some manure hauled. Barn room for 20 cows. Inquire of D. G. Graham.

The ladies of the Baptist aid society will hold a fair at the Auditorium on the afternoon and evening of April 1st. Come out and see the goose fly east and north.

Thompson has about the finest line of ladies' shoes that ever came to the village. See the dainty Oxfords in black, tan and ox-blood—the very latest ideas in footwear.

The Downers Grove Club will entertain the ladies of their members and friends at a card party, next Saturday evening. Handsome prizes have been secured for the winners.

Parties having desirable vacant houses to rent will do well to list them with us. We have a number of clients who are anxious to secure good houses. HUGHES & GALLUP.

Mr. and Mrs. Radell entertained Mr. Melville M. Fowler and bride at dinner last Saturday, the bride being a cousin of Mr. Radell. Mr. Fowler is superintendent of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

A Lenten tea was given at the home of Mrs. George Gileney by Mrs. Ellen A. Smethurst, on Monday afternoon, to the ladies of the Episcopal Guild. Luncheon was served with appropriate souvenirs.

Bateman & Palmer are now prepared to supply their customers with nice fresh goods at the old popular prices. New goods are still arriving and the stock is now as complete as ever, with new and fancy goods.

A large order of the celebrated Neenah ladies' and misses' shoes has just been delivered at Thompson's. The line consists of the latest things in black, tan and ox-blood, button and lace, and range in price from \$1.75 to \$2.45. Ladies are invited to call and examine our stock.

Mrs. Benson, who lives in the city, and who owns the property where Steere's market is located, is contemplating the erection of a two-story brick structure on her lots, in the spring. Such a building would be a great improvement to Main street and a profitable investment to the owner.

W. C. Cooper, the dairyman, is the latest victim of the chicken thieves. His poultry house was broken into Tuesday night and about fifty chickens and five ducks composed the booty which the robbers carried away. The operations of these miscreants are becoming extensive in this vicinity.

The Fortnightly Club held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, at the Congregational church. Officers were elected as follows: Howard Jones, president; Miss Sessie Edwards, vice-president; Will Moor, secretary; Wm. H. Blodgett, treasurer. Executive committee: Miss Edith Graham, Miss Maude Bateman, Miss Lou Smith and C. E. Graves. The next meeting will be held at Geo. R. Smith's residence, Monday, March 22d.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The literature class was subjected to a test in literature last Monday morning.

Many of the scholars of the several rooms are absent on account of the measles, either being sick themselves or others of the family being sick.

The Porte Lumiere, which the school recently purchased, was not tested until Wednesday morning, because of bad weather. It was found to be entirely satisfactory, working with admirable ease and simplicity. This piece of apparatus is very useful in the laboratory work and we are unanimous in declaring that the money was well spent.

The Downers Grove schools, though they could not go to Washington, participated nevertheless in the inaugural ceremonies. At the suggestion of the superintendent the regular work of the forenoon, after 11 o'clock (12 o'clock Washington time) was laid aside. The hour was spent in an appropriate and we are sure, profitable manner. "America" and other national hymns and patriotic songs were sung. The nature of the inauguration was discussed by the teachers to the pupils of the lower grades. The oath of office and its significance were studied and made clear. The name of the chief justice who administered the oath was given. The imagination was appealed to, to picture in the mind the scene in our national capitol. Some of the rooms, especially those in the Maple avenue building, were nicely decorated with flags and pictures of the president and vice-president. In short, it was a very helpful hour to all pupils who were fortunate enough to be in charge of wide-awake teachers who did not fail to seize the opportunity to teach very important lessons on this eventful day.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Charles Carpenter met with a serious accident Wednesday, which resulted in breaking two ribs on his right side. He was making a call on his neighbor, Wm. Griffiths, and was descending the stairs leading to the basement. One of the boards on the steps had become loosened, and when Mr. Carpenter stepped upon it the nails pulled out and he was precipitated to the foot of the stairs, striking heavily upon his right side. He arose and reached home without assistance. Dr. W. W. Gourley was called, who upon examination found two ribs broken. Mr. Carpenter is resting comfortably at present, and will no doubt shortly recover.

NOTICE.

To the patrons of the postoffice of Downers Grove: At a meeting of the candidates for said office, held March 9th at the residence of C. B. Blodgett, it was decided that no one should be allowed to vote for a candidate who did not vote for McKinley. I am in favor of every legal voter that patronizes the said office having a vote if he so desires, therefore, I withdraw my name as a candidate before the caucus, to be held on Saturday, March 13th, and will call on the legal voters of Downers Grove and vicinity with a petition to be appointed to said office.

I. P. BLODGETT.

NOTICE OF CAUCUS.

Notice is hereby given that a caucus of legal voters of Downers Grove, who at the last presidential election cast their vote for Wm. McKinley, will be held at the Auditorium, Saturday evening, March 13th, 1897, at 8 o'clock, to select two candidates for postmaster, to be voted on at an election to be held Saturday, March 27, 1897, from the following named persons: M. E. Stanger, James Dixon, W. R. Colwell, D. J. Block, H. P. Courtright, Wm. Blodgett, A. L. Palmer.

NOTICE.

Is hereby given of the fifth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Downers Grove, Ill., to be held Saturday, March 13, 1897, in the directors room of the bank, at 2 o'clock p. m., to hear the reports of its officers, election of directors, and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

W. H. EDWARDS, Secretary.

Episcopal Church—St. Andrew's mission: Owing to a misunderstanding as to the date, the confirmation service will not take place until Friday evening, instead of Wednesday as announced last week. Services on Sunday, March 14th, as follows: Morning prayer with sermon and celebration of the Holy Communion, at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. All are welcome.

Groceries that are fresh and clean are wanted by everyone. Colville's stock will never disappoint you.

NOT IMPLICATED IN OTT MURDER.

DuPage County Authorities Unable to Identify King and Fletcher.

The DuPage county authorities last Thursday relayed Lawrence Cottrell of any part in the killing of young Ott. C. H. Hoy, the DuPage county sheriff, the ex-sheriff and a neighbor of Mr. Ott, were in Aurora investigating the matter. Mr. and Mrs. Ott were not present, it being unnecessary. The neighbor entertained the two murderers of young Ott over night and was familiar with their personal appearance.

Frank King and Merritt Fletcher, who were implicated in the murder by the supposed confession of young Cottrell from Ceylon, went to Aurora voluntarily to meet Sheriff Hoy and the others of the party. The Wheaton man as soon as he saw them said that they were not the men who stopped with him. He was afterward shown a picture of young Cottrell and was equally emphatic in saying that he was not one of the men.

The sheriff thereupon gave a written release of Cottrell. Frank Knight will start for Washington in a day or two and arrange with the assistant secretary of state to have Cottrell sent home.

PROHIBITION CONFERENCE.

The DuPage county prohibitionists have a rich program for their conference in Wheaton, Thursday, March 12. It will be called to order by Chairman B. Loveless at 11 o'clock a. m. The opening prayer will be made by Rev. F. B. Hardin of West Chicago. Music is promised, according to the program, by the Warrenville quartette, the Composite quartette, Naperville Concert club, a College quartette, and the Wheaton string band. The first paper is by Prof. Wm. Greenwood: "The Proper Attitude of the Christian Vote in Politics." The second paper is by Mrs. Calvin Stock of Naperville: "What Can the Individual do to Help the Prohibition Cause." The third by W. B. Lloyd of Glen Ellyn: "Why I am a Party Prohibitionist." The last by Schuyler Reber of Wheaton: "The best plan for work in this county."

Each paper is to be followed by a free discussion. At 2:15 p. m. an address, "The Prohibition Party in Illinois," will be given by Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the state executive committee. Mr. Stewart also gives the address of the evening.

There will be a grand basket dinner of Prohibitionists and their families at 12 o'clock. At 1 o'clock occurs the election of the county central committee. All temperance men and women are cordially invited to the conference and mass meeting. Each session will be held in Wheaton college chapel. The day meetings in the small chapel, and the evening meeting in the large chapel.

PETIT JURORS.

For the March term of circuit court, which convenes at Wheaton, March 20, Addison—William Chasman, W. F. Franzen, Gustav Fischer, William Barth, Jr.

Bloomington—Barney Brokes, Wayne—Fred Engelking, Winfield—Henry Hawbecker, W. V. Lambe, C. W. Gary, Joseph Hahn, Dan. M. Cummins, J. H. Cragger, Milton—E. A. Garrity, J. A. Congleton, Wm. Christian, Samuel Barlow, York—Theo. Surges, Fred Bushman, F. Weigand, Wm. Comey, Downers Grove—Geo. H. Bush, H. L. Roth, C. F. Davis, Wm. Eversden, Geo. H. Mitchell, Conrad Bushman, Frank W. Kuhn, Walter Davidson, Dale—Wm. Correll, W. O. Briggs.

OBITUARY.

DIED—At his residence in this village March 10, at 12 o'clock m., Wm. Griffiths, beloved husband of Mrs. Mrs. Griffiths, aged 77 years. Mr. Griffiths was born in Abertown, North Wales, October 13, 1819. He had been a resident of Downers Grove for the past sixteen years. He had been in Chicago prior to moving here and was among the many who were brought out in the great fire.

During his residence in this village he had gained the respect of all who knew him and was highly respected and loved by all who knew him. His wife died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1870.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock m. on Monday, March 11, at the residence of Mrs. Griffiths, 100 North Main street. Burial will be in the cemetery at 11 o'clock a. m. Friends are cordially invited to attend. Chicago papers please publish.

LIBRARY NOTICE. All books loaned to the library April 1st, and so on, will be given out on that day. The purpose of having the books given out on that day is to have the books in the library by the first of the month.