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STANGER AND BLODGETT.

WIN OUT AS NOMINEES AT REPUBLICAN POSTOFFICE CAUCUS.

WAS A REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING.

Six Ballots Necessary to Determine the Choice—Stanger Declared a Nominee on the First Ballot.

The Auditorium was packed Saturday night at the caucus called to select two nominees to be voted on for postmaster. Fully 400 persons were present. Of these there were 260 voters present eligible to participate in the caucus according to the call issued by the candidates.

Capt. T. S. Rogers, at the request of the candidates, acted as chairman. He appointed a committee of judges consisting of M. Slusser, D. G. Graham and Chas. Mochel. It was announced that the method of voting should be that upon each ballot taken, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes, should be dropped on the succeeding ballot, and not be considered further as a candidate. Those eligible to vote were McKinley voters only.

The caucus proved very orderly. Those silver people who had previously stated that trouble would result should they be prevented from participating in the caucus, wisely concluded to keep out of the matter.

The first ballot resulted in 358 votes being cast, of which Stanger received 147, Block 34, Blodgett 24, Colwell 23, Courtright 15, Dixon 9 and Palmer 6. A motion was made and seconded that Mr. Stanger, having received a majority of all the votes cast, be declared one of the nominees for the postmastership. The motion was carried by an overwhelming vote. According to the agreement A. L. Palmer having received the least number of votes, retired from the race after this ballot.

The second ballot resulted in three gentlemen, Messrs. Block, Courtright and Dixon, being a tie for the lowest vote, each having 23 ballots to their credit. A new ballot was therefore necessary. This resulted in Jas. Dixon being dropped.

On the fourth ballot H. P. Courtright was the low man, with Wm. Blodgett in the lead, which he retained until the last ballot. D. J. Block gracefully withdrew, leaving the field to Wm. Blodgett and Wm. Colwell.

The sixth and last ballot was taken after considerable hustling by the friends of the last named gentlemen. Speculation was rife as to whom the Polish vote would be cast for. Blodgett succeeded in capturing it and came out a winner by a vote of 111 to Colwell's 76.

Chairman Rogers announced that Messrs. Stanger and Blodgett were the nominees, and stated that whichever of the two should receive a majority of the votes cast at the election to be held March 27th, would be recommended by the republican organization for postmaster of Downers Grove for the next four years.

Following is a map of the disaster by rounds. The defeated candidates may find some consolation in perusing it, and perhaps gain some idea of how the result came about.

Ballot	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
Stanger	147	104	63	28	85	111
Blodgett	24	23	23	23	23	23
Colwell	23	23	23	23	23	23
Block	23	23	23	23	23	23
Courtright	15	15	15	15	15	15
Dixon	9	9	9	9	9	9
Palmer	6	6	6	6	6	6
Totals	258	191	189	188	184	187

NOVEL BAPTIST SOCIAL.

Miss Cora Echer entertained her many friends in a delightful little gathering, last Friday evening.

The entertainment was a decided innovation and was voted by all an immense improvement over the usual slow church social.

All were arrayed in costumes of childhood—matrons wore the bibs and caps of their younger days and the gentlemen present rejoiced in the broad collar, short jacket and "Knicks" of boyhood's happy time.

"Ring Round Rosy," "London Bridge is Falling Down," "Drop the Handkerchief," "Puss in the Corner" and other oldtime favorites, together with appropriate selections from Mother Goose, filled the evening, and proved to all present at least, that fond memory holds in dear remembrance the halcyon days of youth.

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.

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

HOLD AN ADJOURNED MEETING.

Village Board Met Monday Evening to Revise General Ordinances.

The village board met in an adjourned meeting Monday evening. When Clerk Bert C. White called the roll the following were present: President Carpenter, Trustees Wetten, Bunge, Mochel and Schultz.

The contemplated improvement of Maple Ave. from Main street east, was discussed. The estimated cost of improving this thoroughfare, was placed at about \$900.00. This would provide for an 8-foot crushed stone roadway, eight inches deep. The condition of Main street was also considered. The general opinion appeared to be that, if the accumulated dirt was removed from the surface of the street, sufficient gravel would be found to insure a good roadway without further expense, except for top dressing. This matter was referred to the street and alley committee, with instructions to secure estimates of the cost of improving both streets and report at next meeting.

A claim ordinance, providing for the payment of sundry outstanding water bonds and interest thereon, was passed. The plat submitted of the property of Gary Wallace on Maple avenue, near the east corporation line, was upon motion, accepted.

A petition from residents for the opening of Washington street, over the railroad tracks, through to a junction with Warren avenue, was laid on the table.

The remainder of the session was devoted to a consideration of the revised general ordinances, prepared by Village Attorney Slusser and the members of the ordinance committee. Upon motion White & Williams were instructed to prepare proofs of the ordinances for submission at next meeting, for passage, preparatory to printing same in pamphlet form. Upon motion board adjourned.

EPISCOPAL CONFIRMATION RITES.

The Right Rev. Bishop Seymour, of Springfield, confirmed a class of fifteen at St. Andrew's Mission, last Friday evening, March 12th. The chapel was beautifully decorated with lilies and white roses and presented a charming appearance. The capacity of the hall was taxed to the utmost, many being unable to find seats. Evening prayer with scripture lesson opened the services at 7:30 o'clock. Special singing by St. Andrew's choir, led by Mr. Jas. Lee, was a feature. Following Bishop Seymour administered the rite of confirmation to the class, after which he delivered a short, but impressive address. Those who were confirmed were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller, Miss Stella E. Demler, Mrs. Robert Buck, Mrs. T. Kennison, Misses Emily Jackson, Flossie Rando, Mary Heartman, Agnes Stewart, Dollie Weir, Harriet Burnette, Mrs. J. G. Morton, Mrs. E. A. Smethurst, Monte Lee, Grenville Pridham.

WHEATON.

Charles A. Moses, contractor on the new court house, took a day off yesterday and got married.

The friends of Wm. Johnson will be pleased to learn that he has sufficiently recovered as to be able to walk down town.

L. W. Mills, town clerk, reports the receipt of 1489 sparrow heads, while the city clerk gave orders on just one-half that number.

The Golf Club is making preparation for the laying out and leveling off of a piece of ground 175x250 yards to be used for the game of polo.

Witnesses are being summoned from Belvidere for the murder trial of Edward Shannon. Mr. Shannon has been in jail here the past six months on a charge of venue to this county.

It seems strange that the two outgoing members of the board of education have died within a few months. They were both lovers of school work and educationalists of rare ability. It will be hard to fill their places.

A curfew bell that would call home at any time of the day or night, those persons, who go from house to house, from neighbor to neighbor, carrying idle tales of gossip, besmirching the character of decent people, and ruining the credit of solid business men, would be a mighty good thing.

The members of the DuPage county band are justly indignant at the way they were treated relative to the trip to Washington. The boys went to considerable expense in getting ready for the trip, and no one seems to be at the head of the thing to whom the boys can go for reimbursement.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

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

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

IT is coming soon after Easter. Additional local news on fifth page. Harry Johnson's health is improving quite rapidly.

Wm. Roth has been ill with the grip the past week.

James Drew contemplates a journey west, this summer.

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

Mrs. D. H. Naramore has not been as well for the past ten days.

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

Mrs. P. E. Butler, of Naperville, was a visitor in Downers, last Friday.

Henry Spiegler will move his family into the rooms over his store next week. Gustav Roscher, of Chicago, attended to business interests here, last Tuesday.

Nash Bros. make low prices on cakes and crackers in their new ad this week. Read it.

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

Mrs. Robbins has rented the Bush place on Carpenter street for the spring and summer.

J. B. Moss will take quite a force of Downers Grove carpenters with him to work on his Morris job.

An ordinance will be introduced in the council to prohibit burying in the old cemetery on Main street.

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

The Fortnightly Club meets at the residence of Geo. R. Smith, Monday evening, Mar. 23d. Subject, James Whitcomb Riley.

F. E. Mayer attended services at the Hinsdale Sunday schools last Sabbath, in the interests of a county Sunday school convention.

FARM FOR RENT:—A farm of 160 acres. Part of fall plowing done and some manure hauled. Barn room for 20 cows. Inquire of D. G. Graham.

Miss Clara A. Mason, who was recovering from her recent serious illness, suffered a relapse Saturday, and Monday was taken to a hospital in Chicago for treatment.

Jacob Klein, Jr., purchases large quantities of stock from the farmers in this vicinity. They all like to sell to "Jake" as he deals on the square, and pays honest prices.

The March term of the circuit court convenes Monday at Wheaton. The docket is a voluminous one and embraces 18 people cases, 113 common law cases and 134 chancery cases.

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.

The patrons of the library will please remember to return all books on the first Friday in April, as the library will be closed for a week after that time, in order to look over and take an inventory of the books.

FOR SALE OR RENT:—One of the best houses in Straube's addition, with lot 50x200, the former residence of C. C. Carnahan. Will sell to reliable party on monthly payments and very small amount down. F. A. Root.

Rev. Truman R. Green and others from Downers Grove attended the first convention of the Burlington Suburban Union Epworth league at LaGrange, last Thursday. An effort will be made to have the next convention held in the M. E. church here.

It is hoped that the people generally will arrange to attend the union religious services which commence here the first Sabbath in April. A distinguished gospel singing evangelist will lead the music and our home pastors will conduct the preaching exercises.

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.

Circuit court convenes at Wheaton this year on Monday, March 22. Court will be held in Masonic hall, Central block. Among other prominent cases which will engage the attention of the court is the case of Edward Shannon, the Belvidere wife murderer. He will be defended by W. L. Pierce, of Belvidere. The defense will probably be insanity, as there is no question as to his guilt, as he shot his wife while on the train, she being on her way to the home of her son in Chicago.

Colville for groceries. Crocker given away at Thompson's. Lennox soap—3 cents per bar, at Thompson's.

Mertz & Mochel sell the Pocahontas smokeless coal.

C. H. Cushing was over from Hinsdale, Monday evening.

A. E. Cross and wife spent Sunday with friends in the Grove.

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

The Wheaton Illinois will publish the delinquent tax list this year.

Liberty Lyman, of Salt Lake, Utah, is visiting his mother and sisters here.

John Yahres, of Chicago, visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth Carnahan, Sunday.

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

James Pentoney returned last Friday from a visit to New Orleans and other points in the south.

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

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

Collector Prentiss closed his books Saturday and is busy preparing to return them to the county treasurer.

Mrs. M. H. Bates, who has been visiting with her sister, Mrs. McNaught, returned to her home in Galesburg, Saturday.

The Q division of Christian Endeavor will hold a convention at Berwyn Friday evening. The train leaves here at 6:55 p. m.

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

Mrs. A. Shepard left Monday for Oconomowoc, Wis., to visit her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Boundey, who is quite seriously ill with pneumonia.

Jas. McClintock, W. B. Carleton, Chas. E. Hinds, Frank E. Ayers, and C. H. Holden were over from Hinsdale Sunday discussing the local political situation.

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.

LOST:—Monday, Mar. 8th, a pair of gold bowled spectacles in black case. Liberal reward will be given upon return of same to Mrs. T. S. Rogers; or, M. E. Stanger at postoffice.

Central Illinois Teachers' meeting will be held at Galesburg, Ill., March 26 and 27, 1897. For this occasion the C. B. & Q. R'y will sell round trip ticket at one fare and a third for the round trip.

The Downers Grove club entertained the ladies at a progressive euchre party last Saturday night. Owing to other attractions occurring the same evening the attendance was light, though the occasion was a source of considerable enjoyment for those present.

Episcopal church—St. Andrews Mission. Services on Sunday, March 21st as follows: Early celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a. m., Sunday school at 2 p. m., evening prayer with sermon by the Rector at 3:15 p. m. On Friday evening, Mar. 19th evening prayer with lecture by the Rector at 7:30 o'clock. All are welcome.

Thomas Bickford, western manager for the Jones and Lamson Machine Co., has purchased the LeDuc property on South Washington street—will remodel it and occupy it as a permanent home. They are strangers here, but had heard much of Downers as a good residence community and our good people will be glad to welcome this nice family among us.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a fair at the Auditorium, April 1st. The bargain table will be a great attraction, as also will the Easter table. Do not buy your Easter presents until you have examined our stock. The children should begin to save their pennies. We have dolls of all sizes and styles, also an orange and lemon tree, just loaded with fruit.

Mrs. J. D. Fowler was quite seriously burned about the face Monday evening, about 6 o'clock, from gasoline. Mr. Fowler had been fixing the gasoline stove preparatory to getting supper, and she, thinking he had finished, lighted the oven burner. An explosion followed, the flames of the gas and oil, severely burning her face and singed her hair. Fortunately she was attired in a woollen dress at the time, otherwise her clothing would have taken fire and more serious results followed.

GONE TO THEIR REWARD.

Two Residents of the Village are Called by the Death Angel.

Mrs. Roselle W. Bond departed this life on Monday, March 15th, 1897, at the home of R. W. Bond, on Railroad street.

She was the widow of a half-brother of R. W. Bond, and his wife was reared under the care of the deceased lady to whom she had been all that a mother could be. She had made her home with Mr. Bond and family in this village for the past few years.

She formerly resided at Somanauk, where she spent the greater portion of her life, living a quiet life of Christian usefulness. She was ever known as a woman of many excellent and loveable characteristics.

Mrs. Bond was 79 years of age at the time of her demise, and had been ailing for some time.

The funeral occurred Wednesday morning and the remains taken to Somanauk for burial.

DEATH OF O. AMUNDSEN.

Died, at his home in this village, on Saturday, March 13, 1897, O. Amundsen, aged 64 years.

Deceased leaves a wife and five children to mourn the taking away of a kind husband and loving father. He had been an employe at the piano factory for the past two years and was respected by his co-workers for his many fine traits of character. He was a skillful mechanic and a conscientious workman.

The funeral occurred Monday afternoon and the services conducted by Rev. Geo. C. Moor. The remains were laid to rest in West cemetery.

JACOB VEITH, SR., DIES.

The death of Jacob Veith, Sr., occurred at his home near Lacey, Sunday evening, March 14th, 1897. He was 93 years of age, and one of the oldest settlers of the county. Funeral services will be held today, and interment made in the Lutheran cemetery near Casa. Obituary will appear next week.

FOUND ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE.

Winwood Marshall was arrested Friday on complaint of Will Smart, on the charge of robbery. Marshall was arrested by Constable Dixon and the hearing was held before Justice Graham Friday evening. From the complaint it appeared that young Marshall had requested the loan of Will Smart's rifle Thursday, which was refused.

The plaintiff claimed that during his absence from home, Marshall went to Smart's parents' residence on Carpenter street, and told Mrs. Smart that Will said he could take his gun. She, not suspecting anything wrong, let Marshall have it. Then Smart claims Marshall took the gun to Chicago and pawned it. The suit was brought to recover the gun. Marshall admitted having taken the gun, but claimed that Will had loaned it to him. The defendant also asked for a continuance until the following day. This was granted and Marshall not being able to furnish bonds was locked up over Friday night. On Saturday, when the case was called, the plaintiff was not able to furnish sufficient evidence that the gun was stolen and Marshall was discharged. Monday Young Marshall returned the gun to Justice Graham.

Not satisfied with the outcome of this case, and evidently looking for more trouble, young Marshall returned home Saturday and calmly announced that he intended to kill his step-father, Mr. Bumstead, at the very first opportunity. This was because his step-father had refused to go on his pined. Becoming alarmed, Bumstead caused Marshall's arrest again Tuesday. The trial came up before Justice Graham that evening, who bound Marshall over to keep the peace, in bonds of \$100. Not being able to furnish bonds Marshall was sentenced to three months. Constable Dixon took him to the county seat Wednesday.

A FINE RESIDENCE.

Philip Binder's new residence on Curtis street, near Carpenter, is rapidly nearing completion and adds materially to that thoroughfare's residence structures. It contains ten rooms and a bath room, and will be occupied by Mr. Binder about the first of May. Everything is to be strictly modern. The large basement will be utilized for the laundry and provide room for the boiler which will operate a hot water heating system. Mr. Binder's present residence, adjoining the new building on the west will be rented when vacant.

The Sales of Hood's Sarsaparilla are the largest in the world because the cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla are wonderful, perfect, permanent. Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine.

TO OCCUPY FINE QUARTERS.

JOHN OLDFIELD TO ERECT A MODERN THREE STORY BUILDING.

WILL BE BUILT OF PRESSED BRICK.

Bush & Simonsen to Occupy the Corner More and the Downers Grove Club the Entire Second Floor.

Architects are busy preparing plans and specifications for a modern three-story and basement building, to be erected by John Oldfield, on his property at the corner of Main and Curline streets. Work on the excavations for the basement will begin as soon as the present frame structure can be moved to the lot south.

The building contemplated will be of Menominee pressed brick, of a shade a trifle darker than the Farmers and Merchants bank building. The structure will be 44 x 74 feet and three stories in height, exclusive of the basement.

Bush & Simonsen have leased the corner store on the first floor, (and the Downers Grove club will occupy the entire second floor. Everything will be strictly modern. The interior furnishings will be of hardwood. A handsome plate glass front will furnish light and ample display facilities for the occupants of the store rooms.

The second floor will be fitted especially for the exclusive use of the Downers Grove club, in the latest models of architecture, and will be a paragon of elaborate modern conveniences, calculated to give the club the most handsome quarters of any between Chicago and Aurora. The suite will consist of a reception hall, two parlors, a billiard room, smoking room, dining room, kitchen, bath room for club members, besides ladies' and gentlemen's toilet rooms. There will be sewer and water connections on each floor. The building will be heated by steam or hot water. All the furnishings will be of hard wood and everything strictly up to date.

The third floor will probably not be finished off at present, but will ultimately be utilized as halls for lodge organizations.

Bush & Simonsen will have splendid hardwood fixtures of very elaborate character, and include many modern innovations in store fixtures. Their portion of the building will be lighted with electricity. They will have one of the finest drug stores, outside of Chicago, in the state.

Mr. Oldfield states that the work of moving the old building now on the corner will commence next week, after which the work on the new structure will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The building will be an acceptable and substantial addition to Main street's business structures, and will add greatly to the appearance of that corner.

WRECK AT LAGRANGE.

Five men were injured, two perhaps fatally, in an accident on the belt line of the Chicago, Hammond & Western railway, near the 47th street crossing, at LaGrange, yesterday afternoon. A sharp curve and an old-fashioned locomotive caused the wreck and demolished three of the cars, of which the train was composed. The train, bound for Hammond, Ind., was loaded with meats for the Hammond Packing company. As it rounded an abrupt curve shortly after leaving LaGrange the engine jumped the track, carrying the train with it. The first three cars, becoming detached from the rest of the train, plunged down an incline, and piled one on top of the other. The others came to a standstill without being damaged to any great extent.

BAPTIST CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The Baptist church society will shortly make extensive improvements on their church property. The interior will be brightened by frescoing the ceiling, while the exterior will receive several coats of paint. Aurora painters have the contract for the interior decorations. The outside work will be done by home artists. And by the way, Downers Grove painters are keeping busy because they were not allowed to do the interior work. They are ever ready to change never fail to call upon you when looking for subscriptions.

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LIBRARY ROOM.

All books must be returned to the library April 1st. Books given out on loan for the purpose of taking them to the library.