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BOSSSES PACKED THE CAUCUS

RUTH SUPPORTERS STEAL THE DOWNERS GROVE DELEGATION.

LOYAL MEN BATTLE FOR THEIR RIGHTS

But an Unfair Count of the Votes Deprives This Village of the Right to Select Her Own Representatives.

According to the anticipated program Ruth's Hinsdale supporters packed the caucus at that place Saturday, and the Downers Grove end of the township had her delegation stolen from her. It was all prearranged. The bosses of our aristocratic (?) suburb on the east, held the whip hand and the gang fell gracefully into line. It mattered not whether they were republicans, democrats or silverites, if they would vote for Ruth and to shut out a Downers Grove delegation, they were hustled to the caucus, and no questions asked.

The caucus was held for the purpose of selecting 15 delegates to the county convention, to be held in Wheaton, May 5th, for the purpose of nominating a successor of County Judge Geo. W. Brown.

Hinsdale had a candidate in the person of one Linus C. Ruth, and Bosses Carleton, Hinds and others said he must receive the backing of the whole Downers Grove delegation, no matter what the cost. With this end in view they set to work to bring about that result. They knew Downers Grove favored Batten for judge, and therefore this end of the township must have no voice in selecting delegates.

The caucus met in the Hinsdale village hall at 4:15 o'clock. Immediately after Chairman McClintock read the call, the prearranged program was inaugurated, by the nomination of E. P. Hinds as chairman, and Geo. H. Williams as secretary.

T. S. Rogers moved that according to the long established custom, a recess of ten minutes be taken for the purpose of each precinct selecting their quota of delegates as follows: Hinsdale 7, Downers Grove 6, and the south precinct 2. The motion was seconded by M. L. Raftree. The vote was taken by raising of hands and was very close. The crowded condition of the hall made it impossible to render a just decision. This made no difference to the chairman who declared the motion lost. A division of the house was called for, but was declared out of order. Mr. Rogers thereupon appealed from the decision of the chair. Before the question of the appeal was put, a motion to adjourn to a larger hall was carried and the caucus proceeded to Assembly hall.

Here a rising vote was taken on the appeal and the chairman declared the appeal sustained by a vote of 100 to 93. This was a surprise not looked for by the Hinsdale bosses. They immediately proceeded to call the chairman down, and notwithstanding the objections of M. L. Raftree, R. A. Childs and many other prominent citizens of their own town, easily bullied him into going back on his own decision and calling for a new vote. John Reed and L. P. Conover were appointed tellers. R. A. Childs and many others moved a division of the house, but the chairman refused to recognize the motion. The Hinsdale faction feared an honest counting of votes would defeat their purpose. The vote taken was declared to be 121 for sustaining the appeal, and 160 sustaining the decision of the chair. This was so evidently unfair to all present as to call for bitter denunciation from the many men loyal to a fair and impartial caucus. In many instances Hinsdale voters who voted to sustain the chair in one part of the hall, moved to the other side and were again counted. By this means they secured the supremacy, and the chair declared itself sustained.

The Downers Grove representatives and many of the honorable citizens of Hinsdale, altogether fully two-thirds of those present, immediately withdrew from the caucus.

After this it was plain sailing for the Ruth bosses. An instructed delegation was selected as follows: James McClintock, Wm. Duncan, L. P. Conover, Geo. Boger, Chas. E. Hinds, W. B. Carleton, Carl H. Thayer, Chas. Curtiss, Rollo M. Cole, A. R. Heckman, E. M. Bentley, R. O. Curtiss, Walter Whiffin, Geo. B. Heart, Peter Liebenguth.

This ticket had been prepared by the gang at Hinsdale beforehand and was printed ready for rushing through.

That the men selected for Downers Grove village do not represent the feeling here, is evidenced by the fact that other than themselves, there are not a dozen Ruth men in Downers Grove. Mr. Ruth's complicity in allowing such dishonorable proceedings to secure him endorsements from a packed and manifestly unfair caucus, will do much more to hurt him with the honest

voters of the county than a divided delegation could possibly do.

Downers Grove village should hold a caucus and elect six contesting delegates to represent her at the convention. They would vote for John H. Batten for county judge.

SERVICES DOING MUCH GOOD.

The series of union revival services still continue and with excellent results. This is the 4th week—large audiences are in attendance and intense interest is manifested. There have been a large number of converts and all the indications are that it is the work of the Holy Spirit—lasting and abiding. Many of the young people have made a public profession of their faith in God—found peace and started on the road to a better and a higher life. An earnest christian singer leads the music and our faithful pastors alternate in conducting the preaching services. They are held at the Methodist church again this week.

STOP AND THINK.

If your local paper has not pleased you in every particular in performing its mission, says an exchange, don't get angry and abuse the editor, but stop and think if you cannot remember some favor he has done you in the past, and then reflect that it may not be many days before you want another favor. No other person finds so many occasions to say complimentary things of his neighbors, and he says them publicly so that thousands may hear them. Yet it often happens that the one on whom these words of praise have fallen most lavishly is the first to find fault when something crosses his way of thinking. Newspaper readers are quick to censure, but slow to praise. Stop and think.

GERMANS PREPARING TO BUILD.

The German Evangelical church society are contemplating arrangements preparatory to building a place of worship within the next month. The site selected is the Bush property, just west of the Auditorium on Grove street. The ladies of the aid society have undertaken raising the purchase price of the lot, and have already secured about \$100 for that purpose. They will hold a church fair in the Auditorium May 13th, and from that source expect to realize the balance of the amount necessary for its purchase.

In addition to the amount which the ladies will raise, a sum of \$750 has already been subscribed toward the building fund. An active canvas for funds will be made by the trustees, who by the middle of May expect to have a sufficient amount on hand and subscribed, to warrant the immediate commencement of building operations.

HINSDALE.

The village election Tuesday was an unimportant event in local history as there was only one ticket in the field. Only 157 votes were cast and the old board was re-elected.

Several shrubs planted in the grounds of the Central school building bear witness to the fact that the schools celebrated Arbor Day, Tuesday. The exercises were well planned and excited the praise of a large number of the patrons of the schools who attended.

With little demonstration and much hard work the Suburban Electric is gradually extending its tracks toward LaGrange and will soon be reaching out toward Hinsdale. Substantial progress is being made and the several legal matters that have been pending in the courts are being settled satisfactorily to the company.

An epidemic of measles is causing consternation among parents and teachers of the public schools. The disease is quite wide spread and in West Hinsdale alone there are 12 cases. It has affected the attendance at the schools, in so much that the lower grades are only half full. The epidemic is not due to improper sanitation, but to the changeable weather, etc.

If the plans of the village council are executed Hinsdale will not lack for paved streets. A measure was introduced before that honorable body Monday evening that will pave every unimproved street, with the exception of one, within that portion of the village lying between Lincoln street and the county line and the railroad tracks and Sixth street. In addition there will be several north side streets paved, making in all not less than five miles of pavement to be made this year.—Doings.

ALL ABOUT NEBRASKA.

An illustrated pamphlet has recently been published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., giving complete information about the farm lands of Nebraska. Copies may be had without charge upon application to P. S. Eastis, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill., elsewhere.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. Onion sets and tops at Thompson's. "Man is ever weary, weary waiting for the May."

C. H. Dicke made a business trip to Aurora yesterday.

Miss Powell of Somanauk is visiting with Mrs. R. Bond.

Orrin Brown will shortly move his family to New York.

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

Geo. Radecke is employed with Geo. Downer for the summer.

Mrs. Nargney visited Dr. and Mrs. Smith in the city Monday.

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

G. E. White has moved into the Brown cottage on Middaugh avenue.

W. H. Barnhart will move Saturday into his residence on North Main street.

Leonard's bulk seeds at Thompson's, all kinds and none better. They will grow.

A sister of Henry and John Woelfersheim was married in the city last evening.

A nice variety of bedding plants for sale at wholesale prices at C. S. Foote's greenhouses.

Thompson is furnishing wheelmen with a nice bicycle shoe at a very moderate price.

Mrs. Theodore Aldrich has returned home from South Carolina, where she spent the winter.

Miss Edith Graham visited Wednesday and Thursday with Miss Jessie Potter in the city.

If you have houses for sale or rent list them with W. H. Barnhart; office with Prince & Co.

U. G. Elliott is papering and decorating the interior of A. H. Saxon's house on Washington street.

Anyone wishing dentistry done by Melze & Sons of Chicago will do well to see A. W. Brode first.

The dog poisoner got in his work Tuesday, and there are now four canines less in the village.

Miss Smith of Princeville has been visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Thomas, on Saratoga avenue.

The work of improving Maple avenue has been commenced, and will be pushed rapidly toward completion.

Dr. R. D. McKinney severely strained his back one day this week and is now laid up for repairs for a few days.

Fred Binder's new house on West Curtis street, will be one of the most elegantly finished residences in the village.

For sale at a bargain—Chambers' Encyclopedia in ten volumes, as good as new. Call and see them. Exchange Office.

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

Messrs. Gurnea and Brewster, of Wheaton, were visiting the Downers Grove Tuesday, and made this office a pleasant call.

A census of Oakwood avenue discloses the fact that over thirty children have their homes on that populous thoroughfare.

Thompson's for seed potatoes. We have Wisconsin Burbanks, Early Ohios, Beauty of Hebron and Early Rose, Choice stock and fine.

Alex. Beidelman, Al. Nash, Levi Mertz, A. J. Cooper and Tommy Hopkinson visited J. Ward Ellis lodge, I. O. O. F., Chicago, last evening.

Have just received a lot of granite ware from factory, which we are selling out very cheap. Don't fail to call and get prices. Mertz & Mochel.

A new carpet was laid in the Baptist church Saturday, thus completing the extensive improvements recently made in that house of worship. The interior presents an attractively handsome appearance.

A construction train and a gang of men were at work yesterday laying a side track to Straube's piano factory. This will give Mr. Straube much better facilities for handling the output of his manufactory.

Wm. H. Johnson, of Wheaton, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. F. Davis, this week. Mr. Johnson has been in very poor health during most of the winter, but we are pleased to say is regaining his old time vigor.

The DuPage County Democrat's Elmhurst Itemizer says: Our neighbors at Naperville and Downers Grove are figuring on getting Seigel & Cooper's cannery. They will be disappointed, however, as it is settled that it will go elsewhere.

National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Bedding plants at Saxon's greenhouse.

Geo. Lewin is at present located at Lake Geneva, Wis.

It is about time for the local baseball freaks to appear.

Chas. Bitney moved a family out from the city Wednesday.

Choice lot for sale on Gilbert avenue. Enquire of D. G. Graham.

Mrs. J. L. Leath, of Chicago, visited with friends here this week.

Wm. Straube made a business trip to Michigan during the past week.

The Burlington people will soon put village water into the depot here.

Money to loan, from \$300 up, on good real estate security. Exchange office.

Jacob Klein, Jr., paid \$37.50 per head for a lot of milch cows one day last week.

M. E. Stanger attended a club entertainment at LaGrange last Thursday evening.

A nice variety of bedding plants for sale at wholesale prices at C. S. Foote's greenhouses.

The best coal to use in grates or fireplaces is Birdseye Cannel. Sold by Mertz & Mochel.

The Downers Grove club will hold election of officers Saturday night for the ensuing year.

Put Armour Fertilizer on your lawns, gardens and flower beds. Get free pamphlet at Brode & Co.

After May 1st the meat markets of the village will be open each Sunday from 7 to 10 o'clock a. m.

W. H. Barnhart has opened a real estate and renting agency in the building with E. H. Prince & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Slusser returned yesterday from their visit with relatives at Independence, Kan.

J. B. Moss returned to Morris, Wednesday. Mrs. Moss has recovered rapidly in the past few days.

An ordinance requiring a license fee of \$100 from dealers in cigarettes will pass the council Monday evening.

House for sale or rent on North Main street, two blocks from the depot. Good barn. Enquire of W. H. Barnhart.

Now is the time to sow lawn grass seed. You can get same in any quantity at reasonable prices at Mertz & Mochel's.

Chester Oswalt, who occupied the position of drug clerk at Carpenter's last year, visited in the Grove the first of the week.

Attorneys Welke, of Lemont, and Goodrich, of Naperville, expounded the law in a case in the police magistrate's court last Tuesday.

Already bicyclists are using the sidewalks for cycle paths. Officers should see that the ordinance relating thereto are rigidly enforced.

E. H. Huntington's parents have taken a house at Hinsdale and will move there next week. He will reside there after that time.

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

Charles Commons and family moved out from the city the fore part of the week. They occupy the Cossett farm again and will remain during the summer.

There will be no session of the county court of DuPage County on Monday, May 3rd, but the court will be in session on Tuesday, May 4th. Judge Donnelly will preside.

A German social organization has been formed and will occupy the old Downers Grove club rooms when that association's new quarters are finished in the Oldfield building.

John Devine, one of the oldest superintendents of construction in the Burlington's service, died at Streator Sunday. He was an old and intimate friend of Patrick Corcoran of this place who was employed with him in road construction away back in 1862.

J. B. Moss and his force of workmen left yesterday for Morris, Ill., where he has several large building contracts. Those who accompanied him were Shepley H. Moss, John Brown and Walter Wells. The former two will move their families to that point for the summer.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oldfield, who moved from here to Vandalia last fall, states that the season is much farther advanced there than here. Crop prospects are good and they are well pleased with their new home. Their many friends in Downers wish them a great measure of health and prosperity in their new location.

READY TO COMMENCE BUILDING.

John Oldfield has received the plans and specifications for his new store building from Architect Ayars, of Chicago, and as soon as possible after the contract is let work will commence thereon. The building will be of moulded brick, 44x70 feet, and contain three stories exclusive of the basement. The lower story will contain two store rooms, the corner one to be occupied by Bush & Simonson's drug store. The second floor will be especially fitted up for the Downers Grove club, while the third floor will be finished off as a hall for parties, dancing, etc. The entrance to the drug store will be on the corner, and the stairway leading to the upper floors will be in the rear on Curtiss street. The building will be finished and ready for occupancy some time in August, and will be much the handsomest and most convenient business structure in the village.

DELAYED THE WEST MAIL.

The Burlington's No. 13, the west-bound mail train due at this station at 9:07 a. m., was delayed here an hour yesterday morning, on account of a slight mix-up on the west-bound freight, which was switching in the yards at the time. The freight had pulled up on the mail train's right of way to do some necessary switching, and in the hurry to accomplish it the engineer applied the air to the brakes too suddenly, with the result that several drawbars were dislocated. It required about an hour to straighten matters out. A suburban train due here at 9:50 was held at Grossdale.

POPULAR SUPERSTITION A FAKE.

V. Simonson, Downers Grove's jeweler, tells a good story about opal superstition. The other day a discouraged looking man came into his store and throwing down a ring, asked how much it was worth, after which he went on to tell that it had been a present to him, but he never wanted to see the unlucky thing again. The man who gave it to him had lost a big sum of money while it was in his possession and now, after he had accepted it, he had an awful row with his sweetheart. And when the jeweler examined the ring he found it wasn't an opal at all—just a common cat's-eye.

A POINTER FOR THE BURLINGTON.

The Northwestern railroad company has gone into the floral business on an extensive scale. It has completed two large greenhouses, and in the future patrons of that road may expect to see a lavish display of flowers about the stations as well as in the parlor and dining cars. One of the conservatories is located at Waukegan and will furnish decorations for the Milwaukee division. The other, at West Chicago, will raise flowers for the Galena division. This plan is not entirely new in the railroad business, as some of the big eastern roads own conservatories.

FORMER RESIDENT MARRIED.

Married—April 20th, at 6 p. m., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burgess, 236 Sixth Ave., LaGrange, Ill., by Rev. Dr. J. F. Clancy of the M. E. church, Mr. Merton Forest Hill and Miss Emily Rosamond Burgess. Merton Hill was born and passed his boyhood days in Downers Grove. All his old friends extend congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will reside at the above number in LaGrange, where they will be glad to receive their friends after May 3.

A NEW MAIL.

All mail for the east accumulating in the postoffice between 5:30 p. m. and 7 p. m., which was heretofore detained until 1 o'clock p. m. the next day before starting for its destination, will hereafter be pouched at 7:30 p. m. and sent west at 9:30. It will return to Chicago the following morning at 6:45, arriving in time to go east on the morning mails—a gain of six hours. This service will commence next Monday.

BRYAN GETS A PLUM.

It was unofficially announced at Washington, that the President would send to the senate Monday the nomination of Colonel Charles F. Bryan for minister to the Netherlands. The Colonel will probably find that field much more satisfactory than his present position in the Illinois legislature, where he has made a fine record.—Aurora Beacon.

SEED POTATOES.

I have a limited supply of pure Maggie Murphy seed potatoes, which I offer at the following prices: Peck 40; half bushel 75c. Parties desiring change of seed would do well to investigate. Samples may be seen at the Exchange office. W. C. BARNES.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION

WILL TAKE THE REINS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEXT MONDAY.

FOUR NEW FACES IN THE COUNCIL.

The Old Board, Before Adjourning, will Pass the General Ordinances as Recently Amended and Revised.

The old board of trustees of the village will hold its final session and finish up its business at the next regular meeting, Monday, May 3rd. Among other things to be considered will be the improvement of streets, and the passage of the revised general ordinances recently prepared by the village attorney and the ordinance committee. Everything will be left in excellent shape for the new board. A meeting of the trustees was held last Thursday evening to canvass the vote of the village election held April 20th.

Immediately following the adjournment of the old board, the new officials will be sworn in. They are President Guy L. Bush, Clerk Bert C. White, and Trustees F. A. Root, J. M. Barr and Frank E. Mayer.

The retiring officers are President C. V. Carpenter, and Trustees Wetten, Bunge and Chilvers. Trustees Mochel, Hughes and Schultz hold over.

In addition to the appointment of the standing committees for the ensuing year, which are finance, improvement, water, street and alley, and ordinance, President Bush will have the following appointive offices to fill: treasurer, collector, constable, pound master, street commissioner, fire marshal and assistant, superintendent of water works, regular policeman, and health officer. It is not probable that many changes will be made in the present roster of appointive officers.

The new officials assume their duties under the most favorable conditions. There will be no unfinished business hanging fire. There is a splendid balance in the treasury. The people confidently look for a wise and judicious administration of village affairs.

LISLE NEWS.

The Lisle teachers visited the Hinsdale schools last Friday.

Mr. Giesler and family visited relatives at Batavia, Sunday.

Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday evening. Mr. Teel was our leader.

Quite a number of Lisle folks are attending the union meetings at Downers Grove.

Sunday evening a collection was taken to aid the suffering people of India. All contributed freely, and the collection amounted to \$9.65.

J. C. Hatch, who has not been feeling well of late, enjoyed a pleasant visit Sunday. His daughter, Mrs. Christholm and family of Elgin were his visitors.

John H. Batten captured the Lisle delegation to the county judicial convention over H. H. Goodrich by a large majority, Batten receiving 181 votes and Goodrich 66 votes. The primaries were held Saturday.

THE "Q" WINS.

The United States circuit court has rendered a decree of foreclosure in the case of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad company against the St. Louis United Elevator company and W. E. Burr, trustee. Isaac H. Lionberger is appointed special master to sell the property, which consists of five immense elevators in St. Louis. The indebtedness amounts to \$700,000, principal and interest due on bonds and certificates of indebtedness amounting to \$42,000. Bondholders have agreed to reorganize.

FROST DID NO DAMAGE.

There was a white frost in place Tuesday morning, but probably not heavy enough to do special damage. Fruit trees are showing blossom buds, and if the frost holds off the prospect is fair for another good fruit yield.

DOG TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual dog tax is now due and payable and must be paid on or before June 1st or all dogs not licensed at that time will be shot. By order of the village board. EARL C. WARR, Clerk.

The C. B. & Q. Ry. will sell excursion tickets on January 20, 19th, February 20 and 21, March 20 and 21 and 19th, April 20 and 21, May 20 and 21, June 20 and 21, July 20 and 21, August 20 and 21, September 20 and 21, October 20 and 21, November 20 and 21, December 20 and 21.

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