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## THE NEW COURT HOUSE.

GRAND TIME ANTICIPATED AT THE BASKET PICNIC AND

DEDICATION SATURDAY JULY 31ST.

Good Music and Speeches by Prominent Residents to be Features of the Day—The Public Invited.

Saturday, July 31, 1897, promises to be one of the red letter days in the history of DuPage county. On that date the new county building will be entirely completed and occupied by the various county officers. The county board of supervisors will, in honor of the event hold a picnic—a sort of house warming—that the taxpayers of the county can see what they are getting for their money, and to this end have invited the whole county to Wheaton on that date. There will be music, and good speaking by prominent residents of the county, and a general jollification meeting.

Built at a time when materials were never so cheap, there is scarcely a taxpayer in the county who regrets the expenditure of the \$70,000 for the building so greatly needed for the transaction of the county business.

Speaking of the new structure a neighboring paper gives the following descriptive write-up of the building and its interior:

Surrounded by lofty maples and the lesser county buildings, the new court house rises in silent impressive grandeur over the city of Wheaton, a monument to the industry of a fertile county and laudable efforts of its supervisors. Few erected in Illinois excel in convenience and beauty of design. DuPage's new court house.

Romanesque in style of architecture, it possesses dignity and character that gives it an imposing appearance. Pennsylvania pressed brick, terra cotta and Lake Superior red limestone is used throughout in the construction, while every portion is rendered fire proof by extra iron work.

Nearing the building one is impressed with its immensity, then with its architectural beauty. Entering beneath the arch of the main entrance, the eye wanders to the large highly polished granite columns, the delicate half life work and finally to the tablet bearing the names of the supervisors instrumental in the erection of the edifice. Supervisors Blodgett, McClintock and Anderson are among those who will have their names perpetuated in county history. Mr. Blodgett had charge of the construction and to his efforts are due many pleasing improvements over the original plans.

On the first floor are spacious quarters for the supervisors, superintendent of schools and coroner. Two fire proof rooms for the storage of valuable books and documents are on this floor, but can only be reached by passing through the recorder's and clerk's offices on the second floor. Here also is the splendid memorial hall, dedicated to the memory of DuPage's heroic slain.

The first floor is finished, as is the entire court house, in antique oak, with the walls daintily frescoed with a vine design. Ornamental iron stairways connect the large, marble wainscoted halls of the different floors, while spiral stairs lead to the tower. From the tower a magnificent view may be had of the city below and the verdure covered country round about.

The county court room is located on the second floor and is a model of its kind. Abundantly lighted and tastefully furnished with heavy oak furniture, the hall of justice is one of which Judge Batten may speak words of praise. Connecting with it are the judges' and witnesses' rooms and the recorder's office. The circuit court room on the third floor is the palace hall of the building. Frescoing of elaborate and rich design, with a touch of gold and silver here and there, dazzle the beholder, while the convenience of the arrangements appeal to the practical. This room is also lighted with electricity and gas. In easy access to the court room are the law library, grand jury and hall's rooms, together with the apartments for the witnesses. The present circuit court room alone is the size of the old court house. Depending to the basement, we find tunnels leading to the jail and old office building. Everywhere we find convenience and abundance of space, and one is amazed that the cost did not exceed \$70,000. In addition, there was several thousand dollars expended upon furniture, lighting, etc.

Residents who are awake to the interests of the county should be among those who attend the dedication on the 31st. A tour of inspection through the court house alone, is worth the day's trip.

I have a good spring wagon for sale, with both tongue and shafts. Will sell cheap. D. G. Graham.

## OLD VETERAN IS DEAD.

General Farnsworth Passes Away at His Washington Home.

Gen. John F. Farnsworth, the veteran soldier and ex-congressman, died at his home in Washington D. C. Wednesday night, age about 78 years, after a long illness. He was first elected to congress, from this district in 1858 and served in all seven terms, or 14 years, continuously except the two years he was in the army. He was an early and earnest abolitionist, and backed up his belief by raising and taking to the field the 8th Illinois Cavalry, one of the finest regiments the world ever saw. He was present at its last reunion in Aurora and his feeble condition was then plainly noted. He was beloved by his men, and was a soldier of whom the state and country were proud.

His record in congress was that of a leader. His defeat for renomination by Stephen A. Hurlbut, in 1872, and his subsequent espousal of the Greeley cause, marked his political downfall. In 1880 he was defeated for congress in a Chicago district by George R. Davis, and then retired permanently from politics. He has since practiced law in Chicago and Washington, and his home for years has been in the latter city.

He located in St. Charles in 1843, and made that place his home for nearly 40 years. The fine residence built just before the war burned in the spring of '65 and was never rebuilt. It was then the property of C. I. Minard. The General's remains were taken to St. Charles for burial. His parents are buried there in the old cemetery.

General Farnsworth has many friends among the old soldiers in DuPage county who were under him during the troublous times of the war.

## WHAT THEY FOUND.

We are indebted to the Illinoisian for the appended summing up of results as found on the assessors' books of the various townships in DuPage county:

The assessor of Milton township found 254 horses, 1,663 cattle, 9 mules, 182 sheep, 894 hogs, 5 steam engines, 19 safes, 1 billiard table, 171 pianos, and 66 melodeons and 252 dogs. He found the cash value of personal property to be \$25,028.00; the total fair cash value of lands is \$338,690.00; lots \$284,911.

Addison has 145 horses, 3,374 cattle, 5 mules, 65 sheep, 1,016 hogs, 12 steam engines, 4 safes, and 291 dogs.

Bloomington, 653 horses, 2,572 cattle, 1,047 hogs, 1 steam engine, 1 safe, 188 dogs.

Wayne, 645 horses, 213 cattle, 2 mules, 541 hogs, 2 steam engines, no safes, 94 dogs.

Winfield, 696 horses, 2,123 cattle, 3 mules, 109 sheep, 865 hogs, 10 engines, 6 safes, only 6 watches and clocks, 123 dogs.

York, 735 horses, 1,807 cattle, 5 mules, 26 sheep, 433 hogs, 19 steam engines, 6 safes, 113 watches and clocks, 412 dogs.

Downers Grove, 1,015 horses, 2,422 cattle, 15 mules, 521 sheep, 1,139 hogs, 16 engines, 175 watches and clocks, 216 pianos, 492 dogs.

Liste, 783 horses, 3,601 cattle, 30 sheep, 1,553 hogs, 5 engines, 4 safes, 231 watches and clocks, 147 dogs.

Naperville, 784 horses, 2,523 cattle, 5 mules, 70 sheep, 2,340 hogs, 11 engines, 11 safes, 3 billiard and pool tables, 134 dogs.

## WILL CALL UPON YOU

This week we are sending out statements of subscription accounts to all those who are in arrears for six months or more. Should you be called upon by H. P. Jones and presented with a statement you will confer a favor upon him and upon the REPORTER by promptly making settlement of same. The bills are in the main for but small amounts, but in the aggregate amount to several hundred dollars, and in order to get up a first-class paper we must have money. Therefore our subscribers are asked to contribute the amounts they owe. Subscription accounts are often neglected by debtors, merely through carelessness. We ask you to treat Mr. Jones with due consideration, if you can, when he calls upon you. If you can't—well, treat him anyway, only above all, deposit with him the amount of your bill.

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Hood's Pills aid digestion, prevent that feeling of fullness or distress and gently, yet effectively, assist in the assimilation and digestion of food. They do not grip or pain and they do not weaken the body. On the contrary they have a strengthening and stimulating effect. They rouse the liver, prevent sickness and cure sick headache. Hood's pills are purely vegetable, perfectly harmless and may be used safely by delicate women and children.

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## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. If you wish fence of any sort go to Brode's.

All the garden hose that Brode & Co. sell is guaranteed for one season.

Summer fabrics for the ladies' shirt-waists in many pleasing patterns at Thompson's.

Now is a good time to get a scythe and take a whack at the weeds before they go to seed.

C. A. Prout of Wheaton was here Tuesday in the interest of his new DuPage county map.

Miss Cora and Elmer Escher are visiting with Miss Elizabeth Chatfield at Adams, Wisconsin.

Mrs. J. J. Kimball who has been visiting in Denver for the past month returned home last week.

Craig's Pennsylvania gasoline burns best, burns longest and is more economical. Try a can. 74 degrees test.

Misses Lizzie and Ruby Strong have returned from a three weeks' visit with relatives at Rankin and Champlain, Ills.

The annual picnic of the Royal League council of Chicago and suburbs will be held at Burlington Park next Saturday.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy weed burner has started out on its annual scorching tour over the lines of the road.

Thos. Kidder and Miss Crandall of Aurora, rode down this morning on a tandem and spent a part of the day with Miss Carrie Colwell.

Shooting the Chutes" was indulged in Friday by Jan. Rutherford, C. R. Caldwell, W. S. Carpenter, W. H. Edwards and their wives, together with Baby Bliss.

The board of supervisors of DuPage county have secured the Aurora military band to furnish music at the dedication of the new court house, Saturday, July 31st.

Ice cream and cake will be served by St. Andrew's altar guild, at the home of Mrs. H. C. Hodler at the corner of Gilbert and Foote avenues, on Tuesday next from 2 until 4 p. m.

The superb new Burlington train being built by the Pullman company for service between Chicago and Omaha is nearly completed and will be shortly placed in service on this line.

The merchants of Downers Grove, almost without exception, report an improved condition of trade. This is especially noteworthy, coming as it does in one of the usually duller months in the year.

Work on the Oddfellows building is progressing rapidly. G. F. Hawkins, who has the contract for the heating and plumbing, has a large force of workmen employed. W. E. Farrar is wiring the building for electric lights and bells.

Naper Post, Grand Army of the Republic, has received a special invitation to attend the dedication exercises of the new court house at Wheaton Saturday, July 31st. A memorial hall has been set aside for the use of the G. A. R. in the building. The veterans will attend.

Judge Payne in the Superior court Saturday decided in a suit for damages that the Humane Society had the right to arrest a man when he puts a child's life, limb or health in danger by carrying such child on the handle bars of a bicycle. The case is a decided victory for the society, and the officers feel that the publicity concerning the case will to a certain extent bring about an abolishment of the practice.

How is your stationery? Are you nearly out? Look and see—right now; don't wait until you have used up your very last envelope, letter-head or bill-head before you order some more. Make it a point to order your printing before you have exhausted your supply—so that the printer will have time to turn out a good job. Another good point to bear in mind is that your printing should be taken to the REPORTER office. Our practical printers have a reputation for turning out first-class work.

Public spirited and energetic citizens have added a pleasing touch to the depot grounds around the station at Downers Grove in the way of a beautiful parkway with a large fountain and the name of the place laid in cement on a terrace. In order to accomplish this the citizens invited the railroad officials to be present at the inspection of the old grounds and view their unsightliness. The effect was as desired and the road combined with the people and did a little toward bringing Downers Grove out of the wilderness of anti-diluvian civilization.—Doing.

National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Thompson's fruits and vegetables are always fresh and nice.

Get your lawn fertilizer and easy running lawn mowers at Brode & Co.'s.

Walter Wells left Monday for Morris where he will be employed by J. B. Moss.

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

Mr. and Mrs. John Graves started Wednesday morning for a week's visit in Knox county.

Geo. W. Glenn started last Friday for Buffalo, N. Y., and Baltimore, Md., on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Leo have moved back to Downers to the delight of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Morton leave next week for a visit with friends and relatives in New York.

Light underwear season is at hand, Thompson has the better grade goods at the bargain price.

Messrs. John Rutherford and Walter Whiffin left Saturday for a month's tour through the west.

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. J. D. McVEAN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Heckman of Chicago rode out on their wheels Saturday and spent Sunday with his brother, A. R. Heckman and family, returning home Monday.

Excursions to Yellowstone Park, Hot Springs, R. D. Deadwood, Denver, Colorado Springs, St. Paul and Minneapolis at greatly reduced rates. Enquire of G. H. Bunge.

Hugh M. White returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives at Traer, Iowa, where his daughter, Bernice White, has been quite ill with malaria. His mother Mrs. Josephine Dupuy, of Plankinton, Mo. Dak., returned with him and is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. E. Holp at Rogers Park.

Rev. Chas. H. Hobart of Oakland, California, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Hobart was a resident of Downers Grove many years ago and received his early education here, afterwards attending college and later going west to California. He is a brother of Mrs. W. S. Carpenter and A. J. Hobart of Downers Grove.

The annual Odd Fellow's picnic will be held at Burlington Park, Friday, July 23. Among the attractions will be an address by Grand Master Geo. C. Rankin, and other prominent members of the order. Music by the Odd Fellows Orphans' band, Patriarch Militant drill and a grand review of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Baseball, athletic, games, dancing, boating and a good time generally.

The ladies of the home and foreign missionary society of Downers Grove gave an interesting and instructive entertainment at the Baptist church last evening. The truly wonderful results of christianity in foreign lands were set forth vividly by readings from letters from those who are laboring among the heathen. An especially fine feature were the recitations by Bessie Cornelius and Alice Nouris.

Nearly, if not fully, four hundred members of the Illinois Division Century road club passed through here Sunday on their annual run over the Elgin-Aurora course. The route extends along Washington boulevard past Garfield Park to Oak Park, and then strikes north-west through Broomingdale and then meanders on to Elgin. Swinging over the river the road is directed down the west bank to Aurora, then northeast, south of Naperville, Downers Grove, north towards Hinsdale and through La Grange and Riverside and back through Garfield Park to the start.

The Dicke Tool company is always on the lookout to secure the latest improved machinery for turning out their improved electric linemen's construction tools and hardware specialties, and to this end have lately added a large amount of wood-working machinery, such as saws, lathes, planing machinery, etc. Mr. Dicke, the president, states that business has never been better at this time of year, and he considers this fact a convincing evidence of returning prosperity. A new specialty which this company is successfully placing on the market is a patent lock-ferule screw driver, of which Mr. Dicke is the inventor.

## ANOTHER FALSE ALARM.

Fire Companies are Given a Little Exercise Searching for a Fire.

An alarm of fire Tuesday night about nine o'clock, brought out both hose companies and firemen who wildly chased around looking for flames to subdue. The blaze was finally located at C. H. Hartman's residence on the corner of Foote and Franklin streets, but by the time the North side hose company arrived on the scene the fire was out. The fire originated from a bracket lamp, left lighted while the family was absent at a neighbor's. In some manner the fastenings of the bracket had become loosened, allowing the lamp to fall on a table where it exploded, the oil running over the table and was blazing when discovered by W. J. Colwell, who gained entrance through a window and with a few pails of water had the fire out before much damage was done.

## JUST ABOUT DOGS.

For the information of people who keep dogs or other animals to the annoyance of their neighbors, we publish the following from Chapter 7, Section 14, of the village ordinances: "No person in said village shall keep any dog, or other animal, shut or tied in any yard, house or other place, which by barking howling or other noises, shall disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, family or person, and every person violating the provisions of this section shall forfeit and pay a sum of not less than one dollar, nor more than five dollars for every offense."

## GETS A DUCKING.

Dr. R. N. Hughes, the dentist, is something of an epicure and being so, is naturally very fond of the delicacy known by the plebeian name of "frogs legs." Tuesday evening, after dark, in company with a young married couple of Hinsdale, he repaired to Salt creek to spear some of the green-backs. Entering a boat they pulled out into stream. The doctor occupied the prow and was handling the spear, and a torch for blinding the frogs. He had splendid success, and finally speared a beauty with legs that would put to blush the sides of a military corps officer. He poised himself for the stroke. Unfortunately just as he was about to cast the prongs through the back of the croaker, his feet slipped on the wet bottom of the boat and he was precipitated head first into about six feet of slimy mud and water. His companions by strenuous efforts, and with the assistance of a boat hook firmly fastened in the loose portion of the doctor's clothing, managed to land him. Not, however, before he had been thoroughly drenched. The doctor says somehow he didn't enjoy the frogs' legs at breakfast Wednesday morning.

## WHEATON.

The townships of Liste and Addison are to be divided into two voting precincts.

Time cannot be passing in Winfield as the assessor found but six watches and clocks in the entire township. County Treasurer McKee is finishing up his annual business and will soon make office hours once a week.

Charles Brown our catcher went to Chicago last Tuesday at the invitation of Captain Anson, of the Chicago Base Ball Club, and practiced all forenoon with that club. He was put behind the bat catching Korwan and Callahan and caught both of them beautifully. He was then put in to bat and knocked both pitchers all over the lot. He will continue playing with the team every forenoon this week.

The census of school district No. 3 of Milton township has just been completed and shows 524 males under 21 years of age; 497 females under 21 years of age; 366 males between the ages of 6 and 21 years; 235 females between the ages of 6 and 21 years. There are 510 pupils enrolled in the graded schools, 12 teachers being employed to instruct them. There are four school houses in the district, two public and two private. There are 58 pupils attending the private schools, three teachers being employed. The estimated value of school property and furniture is \$41,500.

While Judge Prendergast's two sons were playing ball at their home last Saturday evening, John accidentally got hit in the mouth, knocking out three front teeth. Doctor Ashely was called and assisted in replanting the teeth, which will grow fast. Dr. Brophy of Chicago, drilled a hole in the jaw where a tooth has been missing for several years, and placed a tooth there, which it is expected will grow fast. Dentists are watching the case with a great deal of interest, as few successful cases of a like nature are recorded. This is the third time Mr. Prendergast has had teeth knocked out in a like manner, and he will abstain from soup for some time to come.

## WAS A PIONEER SETTLER.

MRS. ELIZABETH BRAYBURN DIED SUDDENLY SUNDAY NIGHT.

OLDEST WOMAN SETTLER OF CHICAGO.

Settled in Chicago in 1836—Death Due to Heart Failure—Funeral Wednesday.—The Death of Joseph Schreka.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brayburn who came to Chicago with her first husband John Ray in 1835 was found dead in bed at her home in East Grove Monday morning. She was 80 years old, but was in excellent health when she retired Sunday night. The physician ascribed her death to heart failure. The funeral was held Wednesday, Rev. T. R. Green officiating. Interment was made at Downers Grove west cemetery.

The Chicago Tribune Wednesday, has the following regarding Mrs. Brayburn's death:

Mrs. Brayburn was born in Halifax, N. S., but removed with her parents to New York in 1817 and there married John Ray in 1834. Next year they came to Chicago in a "prairie schooner" and lived a long time in a log cabin at Market and Randolph streets. Four years later they built a new home on the west side. This house is still standing, No. 100 west Quincy St.

Mr. Ray with his partner, John McGraw built St. Mary's church in 1839 the first Catholic church of worship in the city. He died during the cholera epidemic in 1845. In 1847 his widow married William Brayburn, who survives her, with three children—James Ray, 100 Quincy street; William Ray, 1430 West Twelfth place; and Mrs. Adeline Wilson, 1380 West Van Buren street.

Three years ago Mrs. Brayburn was awarded a gold medal at the Old Settlers picnic for being the oldest woman settler in Chicago.

Joseph Schreka died at his home in Gostyn last Saturday evening. His death was somewhat unexpected, although he had been sick a week or ten days. The funeral occurred last Monday.

## PUCKERVILLE PARAGRAPHS.

The news of the discovery of gold in fabulous quantities in the Klondike region, British America, reached the little village of Puckerville the 13th of July and threw the town into the wildest excitement.

The corner legislature immediately resolved itself into a committee of the whole to investigate the matter. Old Silas Peckham got down the pan and cradle that he used in '49" and showed the boys how to wash gold. The street school with sage comments on the relative value of placer and quartz mining and the different grades of pay dirt were fully discussed. In the excitement the new fountain in the little park, which had been the nine days wonder of the village, was forgotten except when used to illustrate the best method of hydraulic mining. The old forty-niners enjoyed the discussion and told tales after tale of wonderful adventures of the mining camps of California, and expressed their intention of braving the dangers of the frozen north in a second wooing of the yellow fairy. Some of the solid business men talked of "grub-staking" a prospector or two. Several small boys heard of this plan and begged hard to be taken along, believing that "grub-stake" could mean nothing but an extended picnic with unlimited provisions. The frenzy of excitement was at its zenith when the following call for a mass meeting was issued:

Puckerville, Prairie Co., July 26. To whom it may concern: The citizens of Puckerville are invited to be present at a meeting to be held in the Coliseum July 24th, 1897, at 8 p. m. The object of this gathering is to organize a company to be known as the Puckerville Consolidated Placer and Quartz Mining Co. This company is to fit out and dispatch three expeditions to the Klondike country, the first expedition to start Feb. 1, 1898. Come and bring your best with you.

HON. BARBARA PUCKER, SEAS FERRAN, JACOB JACKSON, Committee.

A glance at the names of the committee, Silas Peckham, the old miner, Jacob Jackson, the richest man in all Prairie county, and the Hon. Barbara Pucker, is enough to convince every intelligent Puckerville that the P. C. & Q. M. Co. is surely something more than a dream.

## DUPAGE COUNTY FAIR.

The forty-second annual county fair will occur at Wheaton August 21 and September 1. Many attractions in the way of livestock and fancy exhibits, etc. interest and admiration of the complete program may be addressed Lewis B. Wheaton.