

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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DEDICATE THE COURT HOUSE.

ELABORATE CEREMONIES HELD AT WHEATON SATURDAY.

FULLY 3,000 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT.

Many interesting speeches made by prominent citizens recalling the old days of the County Seat Fight.

Saturday, July 31st, was a gala day for the city of Wheaton. Fully 3,000 citizens of the county from far and near, assembled to witness the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the new DuPage court house, and to inspect the building as it stood completely finished and furnished. The day was observed as a holiday at the county seat. Nearly all the stores were closed and the day given over to general celebration of the occasion. Everywhere were flags and bunting displayed. It was the event in the history of Wheaton and the county,

money, in the best county, of the best state, in the grandest nation on the globe."

Little Master Archie Schatz of Wheaton sang a clever solo, written for the occasion, which was followed by "Lead Kindly Light," by the Naperville quartette.

Mr. Gates of Hinsdale spoke in behalf of the contractors, Messrs. Chas. A. Moses & Co. He was followed by the older residents of the county, who told many pleasant reminiscences of the early days. They were Messrs. J. J. Hunt, David R. Givler and Mayor Willard Scott of Naperville. Their remarks were fraught with interest. Circuit Judge Geo. W. Brown, closed the afternoon's exercises with a short address.

In the evening the court house was brilliantly lighted with electricity, and a concert given by the bands in attendance, in the magnificent circuit court room.

The dedication of the new court house at Wheaton Saturday settles for

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

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

Lee Stanley is enjoying a two weeks vacation.

Miss Etta Alford was visiting relatives in Aurora for a week.

Miss Clara Wheeler of Fulton, Ill., is visiting Mrs. F. C. Lancaster.

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

Call and see us before buying a blue flame oil stove. F. A. Brode & Co.

Mrs. John Morton writes she is having a pleasant time visiting in New York.

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

National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Mrs. H. F. Parke is reported as being quite ill.

Mrs. Mary A. Johnson has moved to the city.

Thompson's fruits and vegetables are always fresh and nice.

Rev. H. H. Rood leaves to-morrow for Michigan to visit old friends.

Ed. Graves and Harry Bateman are confined at home by sickness.

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

Mrs. George Foster, of Mt. Carroll, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Miller.

Miss Bessie Nash returned Tuesday from a month's visit with relatives at Oneida.

Charles Roe is promoting "good country roads" up in the vicinity of Brush Hill.

Elmer Escher returned yesterday from a few weeks visit with his sister at Adams, Wis.

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

Mrs. Helen Mattison, and children of Owosso, Mich., are visiting her mother, Mrs. T. C. Marsh.

Rev. W. T. Ream, of Plano, visited at D. G. Graham's Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

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

Geo. W. Glenn returned Saturday from a business trip to Detroit, Baltimore and Washington.

Samuel Gaggy, book-keeper for the N. W. college at Naperville, made us a pleasant call last Monday.

Mrs. Josephine Dupuy of Plankinton, So. Dak., is here for a few week's visit with her son, Hugh M. White.

Miss Mabel Graves, of Macomb, Ill., is spending the summer with her aunts, Mrs. D. K. Craig and H. F. Parke.

Miss Anna Myers has moved into the second story flat in the Binder residence, corner Curtis and Carpenter streets.

Mrs. John Pinches, of Brooklyn, New York, and Miss Millie Howland, a niece, are visiting Mrs. L. P. Naramore.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lempke with Mrs. D. C. Stanley and Miss Allie Stanley, drove to Turner last Sunday and spent the day.

J. H. Griffith and Hugh Morgan attended the picnic of the Welsh benevolent society of Chicago at Burlington Park last Friday.

Mr. Loomis, a former pastor of the Congregational Church, is spending a few days at Mrs. Thomas Lyman's, and calling on old friends.

We hear considerable talk of building this fall. This should be encouraged as it is such permanent improvements that add to our prosperity.

Mrs. Charles Blodgett and sister, Mrs. Randall, visited in Wheaton the past week. Mrs. Randall will go to Elgin before she returns to Downers.

There will be no preaching service at the Congregational church Sabbath evenings during August. There will be preaching every Sabbath morning and all other services will be as usual.

Postmaster Gordon, of Chicago, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Heckman last week Wednesday and Thursday. Messrs. Gordon and Heckman were formerly partners in business, and thus formed such a pleasant acquaintance that a warm friendship has continued ever since.

Kind friends have engaged to care for eight children and others, for a week or more each, in connection with the Fresh Air work. It is hoped that many others will open their homes and so richly bless these deserving ones. Kindly confer with Mrs. M. Sussner in this matter.

The death of H. H. Clark of Linscott avenue occurred Tuesday evening. His death was due to consumption. Deceased was 38 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. The funeral will occur to-morrow and interment will be made in the West cemetery. Obituary next week.

W. J. Herring has material on the ground and has commenced the erection of a large two-story frame building on his lot just north of Sine's restaurant. The school board has leased one room for school purposes. It will be finished and furnished entirely for that purpose and will be much more convenient as to construction and location than the one occupied last year in the Hathaway building, and will cost less. Mr. Herring puts in water and furnace and there is ample playground for the children.

WHEATON.

Rev. R. C. Bryant, former pastor of the Baptist church of Wheaton, was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jewel, of Platte Center, Neb., were at the dedication of the court house on Saturday.

R. B. Taylor is said to have contracted the gold fever and is making arrangements to go to Alaska.

Mrs. Frank T. Johnson and children, who have been enjoying country air for the last three weeks, returned to their home in the city Saturday.

The smiling face of our former townsman, Hezekiah Holt, was seen on our streets by his numerous friends, last week. He has been spending his time at Harrison, Tenn., where he and his nephew, E. H. Holt, are engaged in the hardware business.

That queer looking thing made of brass, galvanized iron, red-cedar and broken bricks, which was set up in the yard of Wm. H. Johnson last week, is a U. S. rain gauge furnished him by the weather bureau, and not as some supposed a new fangled fly trap.

In the thunder storm which passed just south of Wheaton Monday night, three barns were struck by lightning and burned. One on the Frankenheim farm, about half a mile east of Westbrook's corners on the Butterfield road. One horse, about thirty tons of hay and considerable grain were burned in the barn and corn crib adjoining. Two horses were badly burned and one of them will probably die. The tenant on the farm had \$2,000 insurance on the contents which will cover or nearly cover his loss. The next was about half a mile south of Westbrook's corners, owned and occupied by John Herrick. It was a large barn 30x90 feet and was burned to the ground with some 30 to 40 tons of hay. The live stock and most of the tools were saved. Mr. Herrick had \$1,000 insurance on the barn and \$1,000 on contents. The next was west of Warrenville, near Big Woods, owned by Wm. Manning, of which we have no further particulars. Since writing the above your correspondent finds that two barns were burned in the north part of the county Monday night, but can give no particulars.

AN EXCURSION UP THE LAKE

The various secret societies of Hinsdale and Downers Grove are planning an excursion to Milwaukee on the splendid steamer, Whaleback, Wednesday, August 11th. It will be under the direct auspices of the Knights of Pythias, who have invited the lodges to participate in the excursion with them.

States will be low. All who go can feel assured of a good time. One desirable feature that will commend itself at once to the people of the suburbs is that the crowd will be a select one, consisting of the lodge members, their families and friends. There will be none of the city riff-raff common to all lake excursions. The steamer will leave Chicago at 9 a. m., returning arrives Chicago 9 p. m. sharp. The fare for the round trip from Downers Grove is \$1.25. Tickets for sale by members of the K. P. lodge and at the depot. Don't miss it.

A TENNIS TOURNEY.

Commencing Saturday, August 7th, the Country Tennis club will inaugurate a tournament which will include the best teams from Naperville, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, LaGrange and Riverside to decide the question of supremacy along the line of the Burlington, between Aurora and Chicago. It is expected that twelve teams will enter the contest and as each town will send "rooters" to brace up their representatives a lively time may be looked for.—Hinsdale Doings.

On her physician's advice Miss Susan Edwards has resigned her position as teacher in our schools for the coming year. Miss Edwards has taught here for the past three years, has been capable and efficient and it is with regret on the part of the board that they accept her resignation. It is hoped that the coming year's rest will fully restore her health and strength.

Miss Emma Smith received sad news last week, in the death of her brother, Bert Stuckney, who had started from Dawson City, Alaska, with supplies for his brother, Frank. When he had traveled about 400 miles with his dog team, he died from exposure and the intense cold. His remains were taken back to Dawson City by one of his comrades, the other going on with the provisions. His death is a sad blow to his aged father, mother, sisters, and the brother, for whom he gave his life.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

The fourth installment on special assessments No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and second installment on special assessment No. 5 are now due and payable to V. Sussner, Village Collector.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST SESSION HELD LAST MONDAY EVENING.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS CONSIDERED.

Reports of Officers Accepted—Several Petitions for Sidewalks Presented—Village Treasurer Rogers Resigns.

Every member of the village board was present Monday evening when President Bush called the board to order and responded to their names at roll call. The minutes of the last regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved, and the monthly reports of Superintendent of Waterworks Fowler and Village Collector Sussner were read and approved. On account of being called away from home Treasurer J. W. Rogers deferred making his monthly report until the adjourned meeting to be held August 16.

Among the bills allowed in the claim ordinance No. 16 was one from F. A. Brode & Co. for coal, that was considerably discussed by the board. Mr. Brode's bid to furnish coal for \$1.89 per ton was raised to \$3.00 per ton on the last two cars furnished, on account of the raise in the price of the article, due to the strike. In consideration of all the features of the case and in view of the fact that Mr. Brode submitted his invoice of the fuel the board allowed his bill for the coal at \$3.00 per ton, being the exact cost.

Sidewalk ordinance No. 24, providing for a walk on the north side of Prairie avenue in Glastyn was passed and approved. The full text of the measure will be found in another column.

Petitions for sidewalks on the east side of north Main street, near Chicago avenue, and for walk on the west side of Lane Place to end of block, were referred to street and alley committee.

A communication was read from the Farmers & Merchants bank refusing to give bond as a bank a village depository was read. Trustee Root stated that from inquiry made in Chicago, the demand for bond from depository was not unusual, and therefore moved that the action taken by the board at the previous meeting, requiring Treasurer Rogers to deposit funds in Farmers & Merchants bank, be reconsidered, and that the board would hold him personally responsible for the funds, together with his bondsmen, until further arrangements could be made.

Motion was seconded and carried. Attorney Sussner explained the new law regarding levying special assessments, that requires a board of local improvement, consisting of the president of the board and an engineer and superintendent of streets, to be appointed by ordinance. A committee was appointed consisting of President Bush, Attorney Sussner and Trustee Root to draft the ordinance creating the office.

Trustee Mochel reported that the fire apparatus was being placed in good condition and repair. In this connection the board voted to refuse use of fire hose to be used in filling cisterns.

Permission was denied E. H. Prince to use water at his house through a meter and connected with tap in the McIntosh property on Oakwoods avenue. It was the sense of the board that hereafter on no account would more than one house be allowed to be connected with a single tap. A motion to this effect was passed.

Policeman Kearney called the attention of the board to the absence of a water closet on the village hall property, and recommended that one be built. The matter was referred to improvement committee with power to act.

The matter of improving the west end of Maple avenue with gravel was left with the street and alley committee.

President Bush, and Trustees Schultz and Root were named as a committee to confer with the Globe Light and Heat Co., regarding lighting streets for the coming year.

The resignation of Village Treasurer J. W. Rogers was read and upon motion referred to finance committee.

Upon motion the water committee were instructed, for the present, to purchase their supply of coal for the pumping station on the open market.

The report of committee appointed to invoice the number of connections with the waterworks, was read and action deferred until adjourned meeting to be held Aug. 16th.

Upon motion board adjourned until that date.

THE WONDER OF THE CENTURY.

The following extract is from a letter received by A. M. Cornelius from Dr. L. C. Millspaugh of New York city: "Ayer's Remedy for Diplopia should and probably will be put down in history as the greatest medical discovery of the nineteenth century."

The New DuPage County Court House.



and her citizens made the most of it, especially in view of the fact that this is the first court house built by the county, the previous ones having been built by private subscriptions.

The exercises began at 10 o'clock a. m. with address of welcome by Mayor Pieronnet of the city of Wheaton, which was responded to by L. C. Cooper of Glen Ellyn. Following were addresses by Colonel Chas. P. Bryan of Elmhurst, member of the general assembly from this county, and Pres. A. Blanchard of Wheaton college. Chairman Bartlett of the county board read a statement of the cost of the new structure, which will be found in his speech, following this article.

Following the morning exercises, dinner was served in the large and commodious supervisor's room on the first floor of the building.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, the program as arranged was continued. M. E. Bell, the architect of the building opened with a short address. County Judge John H. Batten followed in a short speech in which he stated there was not a dishonest dollar in the building and this was mainly due to the efforts of Assistant Superintendent of construction Chas. B. Blodgett of Downers Grove, for whom Judge Batten proposed three cheers, which were given with a will.

Supt. R. T. Morgan read a letter from Judge Hiram H. Cody, expressing regret at his inability to attend the dedication. Judge Cody is one of the oldest residents of the county, now living in Chicago, and was the clerk of the first board of supervisors, in 1847.

States Attorney, M. Sussner, followed in a short address and touched briefly upon the history of the bar of the county and in doing so paid a fitting tribute to the honesty and integrity of Representative Chas. P. Bryan of this district, who he said came out of the last general assembly, which was notoriously corrupt, without the faintest suspicion of 'boodle contamination. "DuPage county," said Mr. Sussner, "has the best court house for the

all time to come the question of a permanent location for the county seat of DuPage county. This, like many other counties, has had one of the bitterest contests that was ever waged for a selection of a county seat, and which terminated on the night of June 30th, 1868, when a party consisting of citizens of Wheaton and residents of the north part of the county, under command of General Sweet of Lombard, Colonel Huff of Bloomingdale, and Dr. Alfred Waterman of Wheaton, proceeded to Naperville under cover of darkness, where the county seat was then located, and succeeded in securing the county records. The village of Naperville refused to consent to their removal to Wheaton after an election had been held which was authorized by an act of the legislature, and resulted in favor of Wheaton.

The present court house, which is Romanesque in style of architecture, has been fully described in these columns before. It possesses dignity and character which gives it an imposing appearance. Pennsylvania pressed brick, terra cotta, and Lake Superior red lime stone are used throughout in the construction, while every portion is rendered fireproof by extra iron works. The interior is finished in antique oak, with the walls frescoed. Iron stairways connect the large marble wainscoted halls of the different floors. From the tower a magnificent view may be had of the city of Wheaton and surrounding country.

CHAIRMAN C. D. BARTLETT'S SPEECH.

At the morning exercises Chairman Bartlett made the following address, showing the cost of the new building:

Fellow Citizens:—You have been called together today by your county board of supervisors, to dedicate a building that has been under their supervision and management.

It is but meet that you should know the amount of money that has been expended by your supervisors, who are your representatives, having been elected by the people of the various towns, to look after the interest and welfare of the several towns, as well

Mrs. Lillie Siddons returned Sunday after an extended visit in Iowa. She contemplates making her future home in the city.

A. H. Marvin has moved his family into the Shepley Moss house on the North side, which he purchased of Lee Singletary.

Frank F. Foster and family have moved out from Chicago and will occupy one of the Farrar cottages on Carpenter street.

Frank Sutherland and family from Chicago, have moved into Philip Binder's residence at the corner of Curtis and Carpenter streets.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Drake, who have been visiting their daughter Mrs. A. E. Williams, for some time past, left Thursday for their home in Plankinton, South Dakota.

Burglars made an ineffectual attempt to enter the house of D. J. Block on Maple avenue, Tuesday evening, but were frightened away before they gained entrance.

Chas. Lacey reports his small grain harvested and in good condition with a fine prospect for corn. Charley is one of our most progressive young farmers—always up-to-date and a constant reader of the REPORTER and other leading literature.

Ed. Wootton went to Yorkville on a business trip last Wednesday. Ed. is one of the best story-tellers that ever came down the pike, but he won't have any walk-away if he encounters some spell-binders we know of in Kendall county.

A party consisting of Messrs. and Mesdames H. F. Parke, D. K. Craig, Fred Schofield, and Eugene Reed, of Chicago, and Misses Mabel Graves and Mamie Robinson and Samuel Parke, went to the Jones farm east of Fallersburg, one day the first of the week, on a picnic and fishing excursion. The day was spent pleasantly; a picnic dinner was served, and the party returned home in the evening. D. K. Craig managed to land a fine pickerel which weighed seven pounds.

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