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DUPAGE'S OLD DUTCH MILL.

PICTURE OF COLONIAL DAYS TO BE SEEN AT YORK CENTER.

GRINDS CORN AS IN BYGONE DAYS.

Farmers Only a Few Miles From the City Bring their Grain Here to Grind "Fritz" Lunge too Miller.

Only a few miles from Downers Grove farmers still take their grain to an old fashioned Dutch windmill for grinding. Like a scene of the colonial days appears the spot on which is situated this relic. It is at York Center, five miles north of Downers Grove, and the patrons of the mill live within a radius of ten miles of the place.

Situated upon a slope so that it may be seen for miles around, the windmill presents the outlines with which an artist is fond of filling the perspective of a landscape painting. But though distance lends enchantment to the Old Holland Mill at York Center, it does not lessen the effect of the picture to draw nearer. "Fritz" Lunge, the miller, may be seen leaning against the heavy timbers of the doorway, his beard and face decorated with flour. Fritz does not often smile, according to his neighbors, but he has a pleasant way of taking for granted that you come with the best of intentions. Through the doorway may be obtained a glimpse of massive stones, revolving, one upon the other, and crushing the grain, while aloft may be seen the outlines of immense wooden wheels.

For more than a quarter of a century this landmark has existed in York Center. A curious thing about the neighborhood, which immediately attracts attention, is the fact that at first sight it appears as if one of the old Dutch colonies which flourished on the Hudson during Father Knickerbocker's time had been moved to the neighborhood. Even while the old miller is greeting his visitors with a curious mixture of the English language and his native tongue, Muehlke, an old resident, pipe in mouth and wearing a broad rimmed Quaker-like hat, drives up to leave a half dozen sacks of wheat to be ground into flour. To the north is a little cottage in which Fritz Brockman, the former owner of the mill lives.

Within half a mile to the left stands the former residence of Fritz Beckhaus who died years ago. Mr. Beckhaus was "Fritz der Erste, who built the mill, which is an exact replica of the mills still in use in Holland and Germany. The present owner has been grinding the last twelve years, and if his neighbors are to be believed, he has not smiled once during that time. But he is the typical miller necessary to complete the pleasing picture. "Ach, Ja, was should I say; der wind drives the sails, der wheels go round and dat is all I can say about it," said Fritz the Third, when asked to explain the mechanism of his mill. "If der wind does not blow, der sails go not round and der wheels go not round neither."

A glance around the lower floor of the mill shows that Fritz the Third has no taste for modern inventions. The only feature which might be characterized as modern about the mill is the hopper elevator used in carrying the raw grain to the second floor and through the various processes. The miller dumped Farmer Muehlke's half dozen sacks of wheat into the mouth of the chute, through which it was conveyed to a preliminary cleaner in the basement. After being purged of dust and black stems the wheat is carried on hoppers to the second floor and let down to the millstone.

It is this millstone which is interesting. With the exception of a smaller mill at Bloomingdale this is probably the only mill in this part of the country which still uses the millstone instead of the modern roller to grind grain. Muehlke's wheat comes out of the chutes and goes through a hole in the center of the upper stone. There are two cylindrical stones from French quarries, one of which is firmly fixed in its bed and is known as the "bedder," while the other is suspended over this with its face parallel to the other and revolving. This is known as the "runner."

After the grain is admitted through the hole in the "runner" it is caught up between the revolving and stationary stones and ground to dust. It escapes through the outer edges. Each of the stones weighs 3,000 pounds. When the flour escapes it is caught up in another hopper elevator and carried upward to be cleaned and made into fine flour, middlings and bran. The separation is obtained with what is known as the "silk bowl." It is a circular apparatus, probably ten feet long and covered with silk. The crushed wheat enters above and is caught inside. The bowl is divided into three

compartments, in each of which is a cylindrical sieve. Flour comes out first because it is the finest, then comes middlings, and last bran. Each follows its own course and is carried through separate hoppers to receptacles on the first floor, where Muehlke's erstwhile wheat comes out as flour, middlings and bran.

Through a square hole in the ceiling the visitor sees the maze of wheels. Going up to the second room, which one might easily mistake for a belfry of the middle ages, a large grooved wooden wheel is seen vertical in position and revolving upon a wooden pole attached to the sails of the outside. The wheel is twelve feet in diameter and transmits its power to a smaller one placed horizontally. This, of course, revolves with greater speed and connects with a third and smaller wheel eight feet in diameter. It is this which drives the millstones and furnishes power for the "silk bowl" and hopper elevators. The four arms which constitute the wheel without are forty feet long. Each quarter carries 115 square feet of sail. When business is active and the wind strong sails are spread on all four arms and the two sets of millstones with which the mill is equipped are set to work. On an average 400 bushels of corn, wheat, bran and rye are ground at the "Old Holland Mill" daily. The mill has an annual capacity of 240,000 bushels, but lack of wind or grain brings the average down to 60,000 bushels.

Miller Lunge is a Hollander who has taken on little of American manners. Nothing but Dutch is heard spoken in the vicinity. Downers Grove and Lombard are hidden by the hills which enclose York Center. The nearest railroad is five miles distant and there is nothing to disturb this quaint settlement. It seems as if the old mill had attracted the Hollanders to the locality and certainly they have made York Center an interesting place and well worth a day's journey to see.

CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS.

Judge Brown mounted the new throne at the court house last Monday morning in a manner which showed that business was to be transacted. The gavel in the hand of Sheriff Hoy rapped out the warning for quietness and the first term of court in the new temple of justice was opened. Bouquets had been arranged by deft hands to show that flowery language was still admissible, and the attorneys looked wise.

The grand jury was sworn in and escorted to their lynx-eyed room, where the walls give forth not an echo. The docket was called and over one hundred cases marked for trial. Cases not ready for trial will either be continued or dismissed. It was found that some cases had been pending so long that death had summoned all parties concerned to a higher court.

On Wednesday morning the grand jury reported indictments against a portion of the prisoners now in jail. They were arraigned and the negro girls who stole clothing of Mrs. Hancock were each sentenced to ten days in jail and a fine of one hundred dollars. The latter part of the sentence was a hardship to them and brought forth tears in abundance.

Patterson, the Middaugh horse thief, will stand trial, and Knowles of Downers Grove, charged with rape on his step-daughter, is also going to weigh evidence with the state.

Monday Judge Bishop took charge of the court. The petit jury arrived on that date and two weeks will be spent in trying law cases. On October 25, Judge Willis opens court with a new panel of jurors and the criminal cases will be tried. The first case will be that of Shannon of Belvidere, charged with murdering his wife. This case will take about one week for trial. H. H. Goodrich and Chas. Cooper have been appointed as attorneys for Shannon, and States Attorney Slusser will be assisted by R. W. Wright, the states attorney of Boone county.—Illinois.

LYONS VS. DOWNERS.

The football teams of Downers Grove and Lyons met on the latter's grounds last Saturday, and the result was a tie, the score being 6 to 6 at the end of the last half. The game was a fierce struggle from start to finish with considerable wrangling on the decisions of umpire and referee. The Downers Grove team is much strengthened since last year and will undoubtedly have several well-earned victories to their credit at the close of the season. Following was the line-up last Saturday:

| Downers | Position | Lyons |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sagher | Right End | Garber |
| Puffer | Right Tackle | Anderson |
| Callender | Right Guard | G. White |
| Wells | Center | Strebing |
| Platt | Left Guard | Russell |
| Lehman | Left Tackle | Long |
| Needham | Left End | R. White |
| Bartle | Right Halfback | Smith |
| Escher | Left Halfback | O'Neill |
| Moore | Fullback | F. White |
| Kellogg | Quarterback | Schoemaker |
| Referee, Rob. Darley; | Umpire, Fred Schwartz; | Timers, Brown and Curry. |

Waples & Miles' oysters are delicious.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. Excellent coffee at Thompson's for 25 cents.

Lee Stanley visited in West Chicago last Sunday.

Order your stove repairs of the Brode Hardware Co.

Mrs. T. S. Rogers, who has been quite ill, is slowly improving.

For Waples & Miles' oysters leave your orders with Hughes & Gallup.

Harry Johnson is moving into a house in Straube's subdivision.

Mrs. Bert C. White, who was quite seriously ill last week, has recovered.

Mrs. Harry Courtwright is enjoying a visit from her cousin, Mrs. French, of Iowa.

Hughes & Gallup—The cash grocers on Foote street are making low cash prices.

J. B. Bryce has the contract for painting and decorating the Ducat residence.

There will be a Harvest Home Festival at the Baptist church next Sunday morning.

All kinds of good second-hand heating stoves cheap at the Brode Hardware Company.

Thompson has a full line of gents and ladies' shoes in latest styles, guaranteed to fit.

E. Hopeman of LaGrange transacted business with the lumber merchants here yesterday.

Rev. A. E. Saunders has been assigned to the Lincoln street Methodist church in Chicago.

L. D. Brode of Janesville, Wis., visited over Sunday with his brothers, F. A. and A. W. Brode.

Who said oil stoves without wicks would be a good thing? Brode Hardware Co. have them.

Spiker & Salfsberg of Aurora, will build a cement sidewalk around the new Oldfield building.

P. H. Kalman has moved his family into the flat at the corner of Main street and Maple avenue.

The O'Neil Sketch Club at the Auditorium, Saturday evening, October 16, Downers Grove Club benefit.

Colville the north side grocer, sells all kinds of hay, straw, and feed at the very lowest prices. Buy of him.

The Burlington road still continues to do business. Yesterday the road was one thousand cars short of filling orders.

Miss Myrtle Cleveland, who has been ill for the past two months, has recovered and resumed her duties at the Baptist church.

Mrs. David E. McKee and daughter of Boston, Mass., arrived Tuesday for a two months visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar.

The Downers Grove football team will meet the Clydes on Downers field next Saturday. Game called at 3:30 sharp. The game will be a good one.

Rev. and Mrs. Rood, Mrs. Giddings and Miss Jennie Lyman attended the wedding of Miss Julia Lyman and Rev. Wm. Day, in the city, on Monday afternoon.

For Rent—A first-class eight room house, with furnace and water on Fairmount, near Maple avenue, at low rate to desirable tenant; or will sell on easy monthly payments. F. A. Root.

The Burlington division of the Epworth League held a convention in the Methodist church here last Saturday evening. Many prominent workers in the organization were present.

Wm. E. Holland M. D., has opened an office in the Columbus Memorial building in Chicago for the practice of medicine. Dr. Holland is a son of John Holland of Downers Grove and is well known to many of our citizens.

For the benefit of those attending the O'Neil Sketch Club entertainment at the Auditorium Saturday evening, from Chicago and the eastern suburbs, the train scheduled to leave Downers Grove at 10:23 p. m. will be held 15 minutes. The entertainment will begin promptly at 8 o'clock; curtain at 10:30.

Your coffee doesn't suit you. Why don't you let me supply you with my choicest brands of good coffee at reasonable rates? Have all grades and all the best of their class. Tea is also in my line and I furnish a first-class article at reasonable rates. Save your orders. I will call in a few days, or drop me a card and I will call the same day. Yours for business, ROBERT BUCK.

Wonderful are the cures by Hood's Sarsaparil and yet it is only because as the one true blood purifier, it makes pure, rich, healthy, life-giving blood.

Hood's Pills for the liver and bowels, act easily, yet promptly. 25c.

National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Hughes & Gallup—The cash grocers. Thompson has reasonable fruits and vegetables.

Miss Cassia Graves visited in the city over Sunday.

Waples & Miles get their oysters from first hands.

Have you tried Waples & Miles' oysters? They are fine.

Waples & Miles will send their oyster wagon to your doors.

Leave orders at Mertz & Moehl's for all kinds of stove repairs.

Mr. and Mrs. DeMill entertained Miss Hard of Chicago last Thursday.

Henry Paul is improving his recently acquired residence property on Curtiss street.

Miss Flora Compton of Normal, Ill., spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. F. A. Brode.

A nice variety of outing flannels in all the latest stripes and colors at Thompson's.

We have just received a new line of fall underwear. Prices very reasonable, at Thompson's.

Mrs. Tom Marsh is placing a stone foundation underneath her residence on Curtiss street.

Circuit court attracted a large number of Downers Grove residents to the county seat this week.

Marshall Roth of Hinsdale is contemplating opening a billiard hall in this village in the near future.

C. Cooney has opened a boot and shoe repairing shop in the Burnette building, next door to the bank.

J. A. Kinley and wife and Geo. Lawrence and wife of Aurora spent Sunday with J. W. Rogers and wife.

The Downers Grove Club benefit at the Auditorium Saturday evening, Oct. 16th. High class entertainment.

Miss Susie Edwards entertains a number of young ladies at her home on Maple avenue this Thursday evening.

The ladies of the Congregational church have engaged Thompson's hall for December 9th, the date of their annual bazaar.

Mrs. Washington Badgley returned to her home last week after spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Colliver.

The management of the C. B. & Q. Ry have decided to erect a \$15,000 depot at Hinsdale in the spring. Downers Grove next.

Judge John H. Batten of Naperville, was here for an hour between trains last night, shaking hands with his numerous friends.

The high-class entertainment of the O'Neil Sketch Club at the Auditorium next Saturday evening. Benefit for the Downers Grove Club.

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

The dancing class will begin its series of lessons on the 28th of the present month, under the direction of Prof. A. G. Sweet of Aurora. The hall in the third floor of the Oldfield building has been secured.

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

Do not fail to attend the piano recital to be given at the Auditorium next Tuesday evening, Oct. 19, by the pupils of Miss McCarty. Everyone should mark the progress of the young people in music by attending this entertainment.

The ladies of the Congregational church are making special arrangements for their art exhibition to be given some time in the near future. The date will be given through the columns of the REPORTER next week. Watch for it.

Rev. Truman R. Green has been returned by conference to his pastorate in the Methodist Episcopal church at Downers Grove, a fact which his many friends here will appreciate. Since coming to Downers Grove a year ago, Mr. Green has done excellent work in the church.

A Memorial meeting in honor of the late Prof. J. K. Rawsweller was held at Wheaton Friday. Rev. Truman R. Green the pastor of the Methodist church here, delivered the address. C. E. Congleton spoke of the Professor as a teacher. M. Slusser, D. G. Graham, J. W. Rogers, Dr. Tompkins, E. W. Fisher, Prof. J. B. Russell, H. A. Fisher, A. D. Oyer and others delivered short addresses.

WILL BID FOR DUNKARDS.

Dunkard Publishing House will be Offered Inducements to Locate Here.

The Dunkard Publishing house located at Mount Morris is seeking a new location nearer Chicago, with better mail and shipping facilities. This fact coming to the knowledge of Messrs. Prince, Straube, Edwards, Nash and other prominent business men of the village, they held a meeting and decided to try and secure the establishment for Downers Grove. A committee consisting of J. A. Nash, W. S. Carpenter and W. H. Edwards was sent to Mount Morris to meet with their locating committee last Monday. The committee gained a hearing and received a promise from the Brethren to visit Downers and look the field over the last of the week.

Naperville, Aurora, Polo, Freeport, Plano and many other towns also had representatives at Mt. Morris Monday, and these towns will make bids for the concern. The Dunkards publish sectarian papers with an immense circulation. Their postage bills run into the thousands each year and their bank deposits are over a hundred thousand per annum. About thirty persons are employed in the plant and the business is increasing each year. Should Downers Grove be successful in securing this institution it would mean much for the village in many ways. Her business men should do all in their power to secure this desirable acquisition to her industries.

They require a building 50x125 feet, three stories high, to be built of brick and stone; the size of building is not as yet settled with them.

CASS NEWS.

It seemed rather odd Sunday to have no preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Heartt went to LaGrange last week and remained over Sunday.

James Craigmile, who lives north of Luce, will soon move onto the beam farm at Lower.

Quite a number are beautifying their places here in Cass by cutting down the hedge fences. We think this a good move.

Not one could have wished for a better evening than was vouchsafed for the concert given by Bacon's cornet band Tuesday evening. The church was nearly full when the band and about forty people from our eastern suburb arrived. Everyone was in the best of spirits and the program was excellent. Too much credit or praise cannot be given to Mr. Bacon, and we were not surprised to see so many appreciative friends when his youthful pupils handled their instruments, behind which some of them could scarcely be seen. It seems that if this work is carried on as these boys grow up one of the finest bands in the country will be found at Hinsdale. Another thing which shows Mr. Bacon's good judgment was the selection of pieces for the occasion and we would especially notice the duet, "Nearer My God to Thee," with variations. The selections recited by Mr. Higgins were appreciated by everybody, and the scenes in one of them, "The Yankee in Love," seemed to be familiar to many. The Sunday School realized a good sum from the entertainment, \$24.00 being the exact amount. The event was voted a decided success by all.

Benjamin Colwell of Downers Grove and Miss Josephine Kostrezi of Chicago were married at the residence of the bride's parents at 845 West Madison street, Chicago, Tuesday, October 12th, at 4 o'clock. The groom has a large number of friends in the Grove who will be pleased to hear of his marriage, and extend congratulations. The bride formerly resided in East Grove and also has many friends in this vicinity. The young couple will reside in the city.

A GOOD MEMORY. A good memory often saves money and also good health. If you are troubled with constipation, indigestion or any form of stomach trouble remember to take home a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and health will be restored to you. Trial sizes 10c (10 doses 10c) large size 50c and \$1.00 of W. S. Carpenter.

LETTER LIST. Following is a list of unclaimed letters in the postoffice in Downers Grove: Mary Goby, Annie Madden, C. Meyer, E. M. Howland, Marin Hastile, Ella Drees, P. Carlson, E. W. Davis, H. J. Waislon, Mrs. C. W. Leffer.

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. S. Smeaton, Village Collector.

COUNTY BOARD'S MEETINGS.

SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS AT THEIR LAST TWO SESSIONS.

OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORTS ACCEPTED.

Purchase Tower Clock for Court House—Many Claims Allowed—Board Accepts Resignation of Poor Farm Supt.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at its annual meeting held at the court house in the city of Wheaton on Tuesday the 14th day of September, 1897, in accordance with the provisions of the statutes. C. D. Bartlett in the chair. On roll call all members were present.

Proceedings of last meeting were read and on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt were approved as corrected. Upon motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt the board adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

On convening for afternoon session the matter of purchasing the typewriter left on trial was considered, and on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt it was voted not to buy same.

The following report of the committee on claims was read and on motion of Supervisor McClintock was approved: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee on claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

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| W. P. Fullmer carpenter work | \$103.67 |
| Chas Vogel labor | 2.50 |
| Carbaugh & Stevens hardware | 2.50 |
| C. B. Gorham summoning witnesses | 3.45 |
| J. C. Mergat plumbing | 22.10 |
| James C. Wheaton labor and material | 42.35 |
| C. H. Hanson aluminum plates | 16.25 |
| Frederick Jackson 40 days work | 60.00 |
| C. B. Blodgett sept Aug 12 to Sept 12, '97 | 119.62 |
| Brown Bros marble covers | 11.60 |
| A. J. Christie 4 days county court deputy | 12.50 |
| N. S. Strayer attending papers | 3.75 |
| Kimball & Chicago express Co 3 cars stone | 45.35 |
| Wheaton Electric Co lights for July Aug 9 '97 | 4.50 |
| W. A. Marvin 40 days for insane man | 3.50 |
| W. J. Laird care of insane man | 10.00 |
| Russell & Frost 5 maps | 5.00 |
| A. L. Pearson Justice fees | 3.00 |
| Northwestern railway freight on stone | 21.25 |
| Chas Vogel cement | 4.24 |
| Billard & Gurney hardware | 2.00 |
| Chicago Legal News stationery | 1.80 |
| J. C. Vanhook labor and material | 11.60 |
| White & Williams printing | 21.05 |
| W. R. Guilds' Sons lumber | 22.21 |
| Jan A. Dixon bill for 50 lbs not allowed | 11.60 |
| Callaghan & Co vol of appellate reports | 3.50 |
| H. T. Morgan supplies and postage | 11.60 |
| C. H. Roy boarding prisoners | 40.00 |
| H. E. Matter burial expenses | 14.00 |
| C. B. Gorham livestock Bloomington | 44.00 |
| H. M. Plummer coal | 50.00 |

Hills of Dr. W. W. Gourley and Fred Brewster referred to full board. We recommend that the claim of R. T. Morgan be allowed. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. N. MURRAY, Chairman.

Moved by Supervisor Blodgett that the claim of James C. Dixon be allowed to the amount of \$4.50, that sum having been paid by him for board and livery hire. Carried.

Moved by Supervisor Barnard that the claim of Dr. W. W. Gourley be allowed and paid, and that the clerk of this board be instructed to make claim for same amount against Cook county, and the states attorney asked to make due effort to collect same. Motion carried.

On motion of Supervisor McClintock the bill of Fred Brewster was referred to committee on court house and grounds as was also the matter of employment of assistant jailer, the same to report at next meeting. Carried.

The following report of the committee on fees and salaries was read and upon motion of Supervisor McClintock was approved: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of examining the report of the county treasurer, also the settlement with the Eisworth estate, would beg leave to submit the following report on matters before them: We have examined same and recommend that bill of Clinton H. Hoy of Sept. 14, 1897, attached hereto be allowed and paid. Amount of said bill ninety-three (\$93.00) dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted. JAMES MCCLINTOCK, Chairman.

The finance committee made the following report, on motion same was adopted. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of examining the report of the county treasurer, also the settlement with the Eisworth estate, would beg leave to submit the following report on matters before them: We have examined the books and accounts of the county treasurer and find the same correct. We recommend that the effect of the Eisworth estate be not allowed. All of which is respectfully submitted. G. A. FISHER.

The report of the committee on court house and grounds was read and on motion same was approved.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: Your committee on court house and grounds respectfully report that since their last report to this board we have paid out to the Western Granite Co., \$1296.71, this amount being granted in full for 2976 feet of granite corner walls.

To John H. Kamp \$495.35 for furnishing.

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