

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1900.

NUMBER 1

ROOT IS NOMINATED.

NAMED ON FIRST BALLOT FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT.

G. H. Bunge, W. S. Waples and E. C. Kuenzel Nominated for Trustees—Bert C. White Named for Clerk

Harmony was the dominant feature of the citizens' caucus held at the auditorium Saturday evening to nominate village officers for the coming year. A representative body of citizens attended and nominated representative men to govern the affairs of the village. The ticket nominated is as follows: For village president..... F. A. Root For village trustee, north side..... G. H. Bunge For village trustee, south side..... W. S. Waples For village trustee, north side..... E. C. Kuenzel For village clerk..... Bert C. White

The caucus was somewhat late in being called to order, though after business was inaugurated matters proceeded smoothly to the end. Chairman W. B. Towles, of the caucus committee, called the meeting to order and read the call. Upon motion of Guy L. Bush Capt. T. S. Rogers was nominated as chairman. Bert C. White was made secretary, and C. E. Graves and H. J. Snyder elected tellers. Captain Rogers, in assuming the chair, made a short address, urging upon the citizens the necessity of nominating good, competent business men to conduct the affairs of the village.

Upon motion an informal ballot was taken for village president. The unanimity of opinion was shown in the result. The total number of votes cast was 125, of which F. A. Root received 124 and J. B. Huling 1. On motion of J. W. Rogers the informal ballot was made formal, and Mr. Root was declared the unanimous choice of the caucus for president.

The balloting for trustees began with the selection of a candidate to fill the expired term of Charles Mochel. An informal ballot was taken on motion of Hugh M. White. The result was a total vote of 138. G. H. Bunge received 137 votes and William Straube 1 vote. M. Stusser moved Mr. Bunge's nomination be declared by acclamation, which carried.

Upon motion of Guy L. Bush the caucus proceeded to select a nominee to fill the office held by J. W. Hughes. The total vote on this ballot was 145. W. S. Waples received 131, A. G. Prince 11, T. N. Kennison 2, Christ. Helzlsouer 1. The ballot was declared formal and Mr. Waples the nominee.

A ballot for candidate for trustee to fill the position held by A. G. Prince was next in order. Out of total vote of 151 E. C. Kuenzel received 123, A. G. Prince 23, A. Lister 1, James Pentony 1, James Meehan 1 and A. E. Courtright 2. Mr. Kuenzel was made the nominee.

For the office of village clerk Bert C. White was the unanimous choice. People in all parts of the hall fell over each other in their efforts to nominate him. C. V. Carpenter was recognized by the chair and, in few words commendatory of Mr. White's official record, moved that Mr. White be awarded the nomination by acclamation. The motion was carried unanimously.

The closing business of the caucus was the selection of a caucus committee. J. W. Graves, Dr. W. W. Gourley and Guy L. Bush were nominated and the caucus adjourned.

DEKALB INSTRUCTS FOR ROGERS.

The delegates from De Kalb county will go to the republican state convention unaffiliated, the vote of the majority to be the vote of the delegation. This was the sense of the county convention and so expressed by resolutions. The resolutions further indorsed the administration of President McKinley, but no reference whatever was made to the state administration. Judge Carter was present and spoke, his address and appearance making a favorable impression. The delegates to the congressional convention are instructed for A. J. Hopkins, of Aurora, for congress; Capt. T. S. Rogers, of Downers Grove, for member of the state board of equalization, and Col. I. L. Etwood for delegate to the national republican convention from this district.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Downers Grove Loan and Homestead Association.

The twelfth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Downers Grove Loan and Homestead association for the election of three directors for a term of three years, and one director for two years to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. H. Edwards; to receive the secretary's annual statement and to transact such other business as may properly be presented, will be held in the directors' room of the bank building on the 10th day of April, 1900, at 8 o'clock p. m. The presence of all shareholders is urged.

JOHN HOLLAND, President.
GUY L. BUSH, Secretary.

RATHBONE SISTERS INSTALL.

Grand Lodge Officers Institute Local Temple Monday Evening.

Grand Chief Margaret D. Mitchell of Aurora, assisted by a team of grand lodge officials, installed the Downers Grove Temple No. 88 Rathbone Sisters, at Carpenter's hall Monday evening. The lodge is a social auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias and starts out with a charter membership of over thirty. The ladies and knights are enthusiastic over the organization and as a consequence the lodge will probably prove as successful as has its brother organization.

Grand Chief Mitchell made a short address on the benefits and purposes of the organization and urged the members to use their best efforts in forwarding the work of the order. The installation of the officers followed. Those who will govern the organization the present year are:

Most Excellent Chief..... Mrs. C. W. Weber
Senior Chief..... Mrs. A. C. Eddler
Junior Chief..... Mrs. E. W. Otto
Manager..... Mrs. C. A. Hall
Protector..... Mrs. J. W. Nash
Guard..... Mrs. Geo. Glenny
Mistress of Finance..... Mrs. Bert C. White
Mistress of Records and Correspondence..... Mrs. Wm. Roth
Trustees..... Mrs. H. H. Woelfersheim
Mrs. E. J. Vore

After the installation of officers the initiation of a candidate was performed by the grand lodge officers to exemplify the work, the other members having previously been initiated at the afternoon session. The members of the lodge and Knights of Pythias were called on for speeches, after which refreshments were served. The lodge will hold its regular meetings the first and third Thursday evenings of each month in Carpenter's hall.

Among the grand lodge officers present at the meeting were Grand Senior Kate Kaeper of Chicago, Grand Mistress of Finance Mrs. John Schults, Grand Junior Mrs. Ed. Clancy, Grand Manager Mrs. Wm. Clancy, and Grand Protector Mrs. Arthur Reed, all of Aurora.

VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Downers Grove, Ill., March 5, 1900. The regular monthly meeting for the month of March was called to order by Clerk White. No quorum being present board adjourned to meet Tuesday night, March 6, 1900.

BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

Downers Grove, Ill., March 6, 1900. The adjourned meeting for March 5 was called to order by President Gallup. Roll call noted Trustees Bush, Hughes, Mochel, Pearsall, Prince and Woelfersheim.

The minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved. Report of village treasurer was read and ordered placed on file.

Claim ordinance No. 89 providing for the payment of the following claims was then read:

P. J. Kearney	\$20.00
M. Stusser	15.00
New York Baking & Packing Co.	2.50
White & Williams	16.00
P. A. Lord Lbr Co.	7.00
Merts & Mochel	116.41
Globe Light & Heat Co.	23.83
Bert C. White	8.70
Wm. Devereaux	4.50
Geo. C. Barr	25.00
W. H. Mertz	3.00
J. D. Fowler	75.00
James B. Clow & Sons	1.44
N. Lawson	3.00
Geo. Hoffert	10.00
G. H. Pearsall	5.25
Hughes & Gallup	11.33
H. Adrick	2.00
Dicke Tool Co.	7.85
General Electric Co.	24.47
J. W. Rogers	100.00
F. O. Smith	2.00
J. W. Rogers	14.00

It was moved and carried that claim ordinance No. 89 be put upon its passage. Said claim ordinance No. 89 was then put upon its passage and carried. Those voting aye were Trustees Bush, Hughes, Mochel, Pearsall, Prince and Woelfersheim; nays none.

A petition was read from A. J. Lundberg, asking for electrician's license for balance of fiscal year. It was moved and carried that petition be granted soon as applicant furnished suitable bond.

An ordinance permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors by druggists when written order is presented, was read. Upon motion ordinance was referred to village attorney.

The matter of purchasing the brick stack at the pumping station, owned by H. H. Woelfersheim, was discussed. It was moved and carried that the village purchase said brick stack for \$125 to be used in case of emergency at the lighting plant.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's National Light oil at Buck's. Artistic wall paper at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Miss Ida Reader visited in Casa Sunday.

Annual township election will be held next Tuesday. Mrs. M. H. Bates entertained friends from Galesburg the past week. Communion at the Congregational church next Sabbath morning.

Try a can of those famous Genesee apples at Rang's—30c per gallon can. The April meeting of the village board will be held next Monday evening.

For Sale—A good driving mare, top buggy and harness. Apply at Huff's studio. Charles Wells is experiencing the pleasure of a well-developed case of the mumps.

Misses Alice and Clara Cole of Ottawa have been visiting in Downers this week. Dick Davis has been confined with a severe attack of rheumatism for the past two weeks.

A number of residents who own hard maple trees have been gathering sugar water during the past few weeks. County Treasurer Ayers is settling with the tax collectors, making transfers which represent about \$150,000.

Mr. Thor. Anderson of Omaha, wife of a former Baptist minister here, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bond. Miss Lucy M. Barber, of Wheaton, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Calla E. Bush, 125 Carpenter street, this week.

Deacon Josiah Pope and wife, of Osage, Iowa, are visiting their son, Rev. C. J. Pope, and family for a few weeks. Do not forget to attend the administrator's sale at the Griffith place on the grounds, Saturday this week, at 11 o'clock a. m.

The event of the season—the prime masquerade ball to be given by the X-Rays club at Oldfield's hall Monday evening, April 16th.

Services at the Baptist church as usual Sunday. In the morning Rev. C. J. Pope will speak on "A Message to Discouraged Workers."

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will give a luncheon next week—Thursday, April 5th, at noon, in the basement of the church. All invited.

D. G. Graham will be in his office at 6:30 on Wednesday morning, April 4th, and all day for the transaction of pension and any other business that may come before him.

E. T. Naylor, president of the Rapid Manufacturing and Introduction Co., with offices at 167 Dearborn street, Chicago, is seeking a location and may decide on Downers Grove.

W. H. Barnhart has just received new sample books of wall paper. It contains the latest effects in silver, gold gilt, embossed and ingrained paper. Look at his samples before purchasing.

The Methodist and Congregational choirs, under the direction of Carlisle Tucker, will give Stainer's "Crucifixion," April 13th, at the Methodist church. This work has never been given in Downers Grove and promises to be a treat to music lovers.

The excellent features about our hardware have convinced many people of the advantage of buying here. It is because C. S. Hughes gives a little better quality and a little more satisfactory prices, from high-grade Stoves to tacks and other small necessities.

The painters, paperhangers and decorators of Downers are all busy at present. If the contractors, carpenters and masons were also employed 'twould look like 'boom' days in the village. The prospects for much building operations this spring are not very alluring, however.

In their work of wiring the streets the workmen found it necessary to remove many large branches from the stately old maples that ornament our thoroughfares and which are the pride of the village as well as the admiration of visitors. It is to be hoped, however, that no serious loss will follow, inasmuch as such trees are not produced in a year or so.

William Sucher, son of Gertrude and the late Officer Sucher, died at their home in Chicago last Thursday, March 23d, aged fifteen years and ten months. The funeral was held from the residence, 1102 West Madison street, Sunday, at 10:30 a. m., to St. Malachy's church, and thence to Downers Grove, where the remains were interred in the village cemetery.

Oil. Family Safety. No smoke; no more dim chimneys. The best oil in town, only 14c per gallon, at C. S. Hughes & Co.'s hardware store.

Dish washers for sale at Miller House. Price, \$3.50. Miss Edith Graham visited in Plano over Sunday. J. B. Moss visited in Morris, Grundy county, last week.

W. B. Hartman of Naperville was here Tuesday on business. Mrs. L. P. Naramore is entertaining a friend from the city this week.

Apples in gallon cans, for pies and sauce, 30 cents per can, at Rang's. Mrs. Brode has sold her place on North Main street to James Wallace.

Miss Carrie Newport of Chicago spent Sunday with Miss Laura Hughes. Miss Gertrude Frankel was the guest of Miss Lottie Winters, in Chicago, Sunday.

J. R. Wallace is moving into the Brode property recently purchased by him. For Sale—A good driving mare, top buggy and harness. Apply at Huff's studio.

Rev. G. T. Holcombe of St. Louis visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Tuesday. Mrs. Frank Gregg of Irving Park was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Maxwell, Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. T. Hughes gave a luncheon to a small party of friends from Chicago on Monday. Wm. Straube started east on a business trip last Tuesday to be absent a week or ten days.

March is giving us a parting snow-storm to-day. It is to be hoped that it is the last snowfall of the season. Selig's Millinery store is now open for business and keeps everything in the millinery line at reasonable prices.

A. Lincoln Kirk, the impersonator, at the Congregational church on the evening of April 14th. Give him a full house. Samuel Curtiss was up from Diamond Thursday on matters connected with his father's estate, of which he is administrator.

It is stated by leaders in the no-licence movement that no temperance ticket will be placed in nomination for the municipal election.

The Congregational choir will give their regular monthly sacred concert Sunday evening, April 1. Miss Jessica Waters of Chicago will sing. H. Raymond McMains, of Davenport, Iowa, is visiting his mother, Mrs. M. J. McMains, and his sisters, Mrs. J. L. Rounds and Mrs. A. K. Steele, of East Maple avenue.

Don't fail to attend the social to be given April 5th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin, on Grove street, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church.

Prof. Wm. Morris, a customer from Chicago, will be at the masquerade ball at Oldfield's hall Monday evening, April 16th, with a full line of costumes for rent at reasonable prices.

The X-Rays club will give their masquerade ball at Oldfield's hall Monday evening, April 16th. A large number of prizes are to be awarded, and a good time is guaranteed to all who attend.

Helen, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Morrow, died at their home in Hinsdale Saturday. Private funeral services were held Monday and interment made in Wright's cemetery.

Services at the Congregational church next Sabbath as usual. Morning, communion service, "Herein is Love." Evening, "Come, for All Things Are Now Ready." Mr. Carlisle Tucker will sing morning and evening.

A good and thoughtful citizen makes the suggestion that, while we are blessed with neither electric lights nor moonshine these dark nights, the residents leave their window blinds up after dark and let their lights so shine that pedestrians who are compelled to go abroad after nightfall may not founder in the mire.

The Salt Lake Tribune of recent date prints the following in reference to a well known and popular gentleman who formerly resided in Downers Grove: "Lee Stanley, stenographer to Chief Clerk Asper, in the Rio Grande Western passenger department, has resigned his position. He proposes to indulge in an open-air life, and has accepted an offer from E. L. Falcon, United States inspector of surveys, to accompany him on his Utah tour. The work will probably extend throughout the summer months, after which Stanley proposes to return to his home in Chicago."

PLAN FOR NEW CEMETERY.

Steps Being Taken to Organize Cemetery Association.

For years the crying need of Downers Grove has been a cemetery commensurate with her position among other towns in the immediate neighborhood, and one laid out and conducted in such a manner as to prove an attractive spot for the final resting place of the dead. Every few years the question has been agitated with a view to removing from the main thoroughfare of the village the cemetery which year after year menaces the progress of the town.

A meeting was held in the bank Monday evening to discuss ways and means for forming an association to purchase some suitable tract of ground and secure subscriptions to stock in the proposed company. Owing to the limited attendance no definite line of action was taken, but the matter was deferred until some date in the near future. Among citizens who have interested themselves in the movement are the Rogers, Blodgetts, F. D. Lindley, T. T. Thompson, Levi Mertz and many others, and they intend to push the matter if possible to a successful issue.

While past attempts have not accomplished what their attempters had hoped, they may have their lessons for future ones. The idea of those who tried to incorporate a cemetery association was to put the ground in good condition, to provide a caretaker, and to have not alone a burial ground that our citizens would use, but one that would be profitable as an investment to its promoters. It may be that the venture failed because of lack of public interest, or because the movement was not general enough, for there certainly could be no tenable objection to the scheme. If so, then the next time the project should be put in such a form that everybody would be attracted. That is, give preference in the selection of lots to the shareholders. This would not prevent the wealthy man from going in, and it would enable the humblest to take an interest.

WILD RIDE TO CHURCH.

The following, from the Hinsdale Doings, has reference to a former resident of Downers Grove, Rev. Thomas Bickford, who has accepted the pastorate of the Congregational church there: "Slightly disheveled in appearance and mud-stained from an exciting twenty-two mile ride across Cook county from Chicago, the Rev. Thomas Bickford made his first appearance in the pulpit of the Congregational church last Sunday morning and accepted in person the call to the pastorate of that church. A serious delay on his way from his city home to the Union depot caused Mr. Bickford to miss the early Sunday morning train; but, undaunted by this misfortune, the doughty preacher hired a rig and set out over bad, mud-burdened roads for Hinsdale, where was assembled a large congregation awaiting his arrival. Rapid driving covered the twenty-two miles in one hour and forty minutes, and at 11:20 the Rev. Mr. Bickford, chilled with his ride, splashed with mud, yet cool and self-possessed, drove up to the church doors. As he ascended the rostrum no trace of his exciting adventure appeared, and, dismissing his experience with a brief apology, Mr. Bickford accepted the pastoral call the church had extended to him in a few concise, earnest and modest sentences. He then proceeded with the service."

BASEBALL TALK.

Along with the spring weather has come a revival of baseball talk, and two or three schemes for a team in Downers Grove this year have already been proposed. For some reasons the old timers in the game think a campaign year is the best possible time to put out a team, and more interest than usual is manifested at this time. The old baseballists declare Downers Grove is still ready to give loyal support to a winning team, and that one of the reasons the game has not been engaged to any great extent the last two or three years is because the nine has been made up of players who came only for one game, and then left and gave the fans no opportunity to get acquainted with their work. With men who will enter at the opening of the season and stay through the summer, if they prove good players, it is said there will be no lack of enthusiasm.

The forty-ninth series of stock of the Downers Grove Loan and Homestead association will be open for subscription without limitation on April 11th, 1900, and will remain open until July 3d. New series are opened upon the first of the months of January, April, July and October of each year. Any one desiring to subscribe or make other inquiry regarding the association may make application of Guy L. Bush, secretary.

READY APRIL TENTH.

ELECTRIC PLANT TO BE IN OPERATION BY THAT DATE.

All Machinery and Materials Now on Hand for Completion of Plant and Work Will Be Finished.

John T. Burks, of Omaha, the contractor of the municipal lighting plant, stated at a special village board meeting, held Monday evening, that the village could confidently expect the new electric lighting plant to be in operation by the 10th of April, provided no untoward complications arose previous to that time. All the materials and machinery for the completion of the plant, with the exception of the lamps, are now on the ground ready to be installed, and the work will be rushed to completion. Mr. Burks is here to remain until the completion of the plant and its occupation by the board of trustees, and will have personal supervision of the remainder of the work.

The dynamo, switch board, battery and all instruments and appliances arrived Tuesday morning. The last set of poles are being set and, with the completion of the side streets, all the street wiring is completed. The ammeter is being raised, and the connections of the boilers and engines will be made this week. The dynamo is a General Electric single-phase type, alternating generator of 95 kilo-watt capacity. The switch board is an elaborate affair of marble, paneled, with all the latest and most improved appliances.

The street lighting service will consist of twenty-one arc and eighty incandescent lamps. The arc will be of 2,000 candle power, while the incandescent will be thirty-two candle power. Main street and Maple avenue will be lighted by the arc lamps. The eighty incandescent will be placed at points where they will give the best possible service. Six arc lamps will be placed on the north side—one at Main and Warren, one at Main and Franklin, one at Foot and Belmont, one at Highland and Rogers, one at Foot and Franklin and one at Belmont and Highland.

Three arc will light the power house. In connection with the improvements being made at the power house the village board has decided to give the pumping station a thorough overhauling. A new brick floor has been laid in the boiler and the coal rooms, and a new hard maple floor will be laid in the pumping station. In addition, the building will be painted inside and out to correspond to the new addition. The contractor has kindly agreed to present the village with a new fire whistle of the "siren" pattern, which is guaranteed to make enough noise to wake the dead.

Of one thing the village may rest assured, and that is that they are getting the very best lighting plant money can buy. The contractor is taking special pains to install a plant which he can use as an advertisement when bidding on future contracts, and any changes or extras the board has asked have been cheerfully granted.

The masons and carpenters will finish their work at the power house this week, and the building will be turned over to the machinists and electricians to install the appliances and connections.

COLLECTED THOUSANDS IN TAXES.

After several fortnights tedious labor and the burning of midnight oil, Collector H. Geo. Prouty turned over his tax books to County Treasurer Ayres on Tuesday. Of the \$65,908.28 general taxes due in Downers Grove township, Mr. Prouty turned over \$51,478.87, leaving delinquent \$14,429.41. Frivolous times and the energetic work of the collector has much reduced the aggregate sum of delinquents, no recent year recording such a small proportion. Mr. Prouty has been ably assisted by Jas. McClintock and Misses Pond and Clintock. Though Downers Grove township covers one and a half as much as any other township in the county and consequently levies a proportionately greater tax, the collector's books were among the first returned to the treasurer. Withal, H. Geo. Prouty has demonstrated his official capacity and proven himself amply qualified to the second term for which he has been nominated.—Doings.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 17th day of April, 1900, at the village hall in the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois, an election will be held for one president of the village board for one year, two trustees of the village for two years, and one clerk of the village for one year; and that the polls will be open at 7 o'clock a. m., and will close at 5 o'clock p. m. Dated this 17th day of March, 1900.