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PLANT IS ACCEPTED.

BOARD VOTES TO ACCEPT LIGHTING PLANT MONDAY.

When a Few Minor Details are Completed the plant Will Be Turned Over to the Village—Its History and Cost.

The village board, acting as agent for the Downers Grove Electric Lighting company, at a meeting held Monday night unanimously voted to accept the recently completed electric lighting plant.

An adjourned special meeting of the village board of trustees was held Saturday evening to consider matters pertaining to the acceptance of the electric lighting plant. All members were present, together with the contractor, John T. Burke, of Omaha, and the consulting engineer, C. A. Chapman. Mr. Chapman reported on his examination of the plant and, with a few minor changes, favored its acceptance by the village. The questions incident to its acceptance were discussed at length, among them the subject of the guarantee provided for in the contract to save the village harmless in case of any defect in the workmanship or material entering into its construction. Later the board adjourned to the power house to personally view the machinery in operation, and finally adjourned to meet Monday night.

President Root and Trustees Bunge, Waples, Woelfersheim, Kuenzel and Pearsall were present Monday night. The latter, in the absence of Clerk White, acted as clerk. The question of the forfeit of \$5 per day to be paid by the contractor for every day the plant was incomplete after April 1st was discussed, but, in view of the fact that the agents of the village were directly responsible for much of the delay, the forfeiture was waived. Trustee Bunge introduced a resolution to the effect that the plant should be accepted by the village, provided that said Contractor John T. Burke shall execute a bond in the sum of \$1,000, conditioned that he should make good any part of said work, either in material or construction, which shall prove defective within a period of six months from date. The resolution was adopted unanimously upon roll call, all voting aye.

This practically puts the plant under village control. There are still several details to arrange before the village comes into the title, and a special meeting will be called to pass an ordinance providing for the purchase of the plant, subject to its mortgage indebtedness, for the sum of \$1, together with an ordinance concerning the regulation and operation of same. Then the lighting company will transfer the plant to the village. The transfer will occur this week.

In connection with the acceptance of the plant a little of the history of the same, together with its cost, will prove interesting. Early last year the then village board decided to entertain proposals for lighting plants. Several were made, both for municipal ownership and for franchise to private concerns, but none were accepted. The board thought better arrangements could be made by erecting the plant with money secured at home, and finally effected an arrangement with the Farmers and Merchants' bank to secure \$16,000 for that purpose at the rate of 7 per cent. for twelve years.

In order to accomplish the construction of the plant a franchise for twenty years was granted November 27th to D. G. Graham, who in turn assigned the franchise to the Downers Grove Electric Lighting company. This company, in turn, was authorized to mortgage all the rights granted in the franchise, together with its machinery and other property, for a sum not exceeding \$16,000, the indebtedness to be evidenced by bonds, secured by trust deed, of the denomination of \$500 each, payable \$1,000 in the year 1901, and \$1,000 each year thereafter until \$6,000 should have been paid, and \$2,000 each year thereafter until the remaining sum of \$10,000 shall be paid, all to bear interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum; the plant to be sold to the village at its completion for the sum of \$1, subject to its mortgage indebtedness.

C. A. Chapman, of Chicago, was secured to draw plans and specifications, and have general supervision of the plant until its acceptance by the village, for \$350. The contract was awarded to John T. Burke, of Omaha, December 9th, 1899, for the construction of the plant, complete in all details, for the sum of \$15,013, and at no time has the village any cause to regret its action in awarding him the work.

Work on the erection of the addition to the pumping station began at once. W. J. Herring took the sub contract for the carpenter work, and H. H. Woelfersheim the mason work contract. J. D. Bryce had the contract

for painting. C. A. Snyder was the superintendent of construction for the contractor and had general charge of the work.

The new addition is, in architecture, in conformity to the water works. The power is furnished by a Buckeye horizontal single-cylinder engine of 110 indicated horse power, capable of developing 15 per cent. in addition without straining. It has a speed of 300 revolutions. Steam is furnished by two horizontal tubular boilers of 60-horse power, with flush fronts, made by the Phoenix Iron works, and are equipped with shaking grates. The stack is a gaged steel stack, 48 inches in diameter and 110 feet in height. The dynamo is a General Electric, 90 kilo watt, 2,900 volts, 7,200 alternations, single-phase alternating current generator, with a capacity for 2,000 lights. The switch board, upon which are mounted the regulating instruments for the generator, is of Tennessee marble, highly polished, and fitted with the latest improved appliances.

The street-lighting service consists of twenty-one Manhattan series arc lamps of 2,000-candle power, of the enclosed type, and eighty incandescent series street lamps of the General Electric company's manufacture, and are of 32-candle power. The cost of operation in fuel consumption is five pounds of coal per hour for each ten lights of 16-candle power, and the same amount per hour for each arc lamp.

Taken as a whole, the plant is the most complete of its size of any in existence. The material and appliances entering into its construction are of the very best money can buy. The most improved electrical machinery and apparatus only has been used, and these have been selected only after the most careful investigation to determine their adaptability to the needs of Downers Grove.

In the fulfillment of his contract John T. Burke, has proven himself not only an honest man, but a gentleman with whom it has been a pleasure for the board to transact business. Every change or suggestion made by the board has been cheerfully acceded to by Mr. Burke, oftentimes to his own detriment and loss; and his experience has been of great value in securing the village the best and most complete electric lighting plant of its capacity in the country.

The plant has been operated for the past two weeks by the contractor, pending its acceptance by the board, and the machinery has been carefully adjusted, so that now the station is in complete working order. The village will probably assume control this week.

TAKE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

Five Downers Grove Masons took the Royal Arch degree in that order at Naperville last Friday night. They were Charles Mochel, C. E. Graves, John H. Griffiths, A. P. Hosmer and J. O. Olson. W. E. Thomas, of Naperville, was also initiated into the degree at the same time, thus completing two teams. Carl Nichols, grand lecturer of the state chapter, conducted the work, while F. J. Allen, roadmaster of the Chicago division of the "Q." presided as high priest. After the rites of the degree were completed those present were invited to a banquet prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star, at which the Downers Grove Masons were honored guests and received every attention. Dr. J. A. Bell, of Naperville, presided as toastmaster and filled the position in his usual happy manner. Toasts, music and speeches occupied the remaining time until the visitors departed, after enjoying an evening of rare pleasure and experiencing the most generous hospitality of the people of Naperville.

WILL VISIT PARIS EXPOSITION.

C. H. Dicke will leave late next month for Paris to attend the exposition and superintend the exhibit of the Dicke Tool company in the United States section. This company now has a large export trade in the electric construction tools they manufacture and their exhibit at the exposition is to further demonstrate the merits of their tools to the foreign buyers. While absent Mr. Dicke will visit his parents at his birthplace in Cologne, which he has not visited in twenty years. He will be away about two months.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Hugh M. White and A. E. Williams, of Downers Grove, Ill., under the firm name and style of White & Williams, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent, Hugh M. White continuing the business and A. E. Williams retiring therefrom. All bills due by the said firm will be assumed by the said Hugh M. White, and to whom all bills due the said firm are payable. Said dissolution to take effect May 28th, 1900.

HUGH M. WHITE,
A. E. WILLIAMS.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Cream flour at Haller's. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Burn Muzzey's Pennsylvania oil. Additional local news on fifth page. B. N. Hughes was over from Hinsdale Tuesday.

James Dixon was here from Benton Harbor, Mich., this week. The best and largest assortment of home baked goods at Rang's.

Mrs. Archie Marvin of Naperville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. W. Stone. A new cross walk is needed at the intersection of Maple avenue and Mackle place.

The organization of a village improvement association is being strongly urged.

Charming and dainty effects in spring and summer millinery at Selig's millinery store.

Haller's cash merchandise store has a new advertisement this week which is worthy of perusal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McKee have taken the L. W. Stanley residence, on Gilbert avenue, for the summer.

Leo Turney and John S. Hershey of Chicago were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pearsall Sunday.

The residence of Dr. W. A. Topp, on Curtis street, is being freshly painted. Colville and Parker are the artists.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stanley and Misses Mabel and Louise Stanley are at Netherwood, N. Y., where they will spend the summer.

Word comes from Lace that John Oldfield is much improved in health, which is a cause of rejoicing to his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Henderson have rented the Bond cottage, on Foote street, and will make their home in Downers Grove.

Orders for Pennsylvania and Standard oils and gasoline may be left at Bush & Simonson's drug store. Muzzey will promptly fill your cans.

Angel's Dainty Dyes won't stain the hands. Each package dyes silk, cotton and wool. For sale by W. S. Carpenter, Central Block drug store.

A nice variety of bedding plants, including geraniums, heliotrope, ageratum, coleus, etc., at wholesale prices, at C. R. Foote's greenhouse.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Library association, which was postponed one month, will be held the first Monday in June at 2:30 o'clock.

Golden weddings are taking place all over the country. The old couples evidently took Rocky Mountain Tea in their young days. 35 cents. At drug-gists.

Will. Graham, a student at Princeton, N. J., visited at his uncle's here last week. His aunt, Mrs. Orcutt, who has been here since last fall, accompanied him to his home in Tarkio, Missouri.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Libby, of the Congregational church here, are in attendance this week at the fifty-seventh annual meeting of the Illinois General Congregational association, now in session at Oak Park.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Passon, sister of Congressman A. J. Hopkins, shot and killed herself at her home in Maple Park Thursday. Despondency over the death of her husband over a year ago was responsible for her act.

The Dicke Tool company is contemplating a number of improvements at its factory, to be made during the next month. The building will be enlarged by the erection of an addition on the southwest corner, near the railroad side track, to be used as a warehouse. Another addition will be built, fronting on Belmont avenue, which will be utilized as an office.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Archie Marvin's little daughter, Edna, while playing on the porch at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. William Stone, received a fall which resulted in the breaking of the small bones of the right wrist, and it was found necessary to call in a surgeon, who did all that was possible to set the injured member to rights and alleviate the sufferings of the little one.

When the census man goes around counting noses next month he will wear a german silver badge in the form of a shield surmounted by an eagle and bearing the inscription, "United States Census, 1900." This will distinguish him from a book agent, and we hope will insure him prompt and courteous replies to the questions his duties require being propounded to you. Remember, he is complying with the law, not doing it for idle curiosity, and assist him without any evasion or hesitation.

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.

Mrs. J. B. Manwell left Friday afternoon for Irving Park.

Mrs. R. T. Davis returned from Burlington, Iowa, Saturday.

Silver polish and window cleaner, 20 cents a box, at Haller's.

A dance and raffle will be given in Oldfield's hall Thursday evening, June 7th.

Finest uncolored Japan tea, 35 cents per pound, three pounds for \$1, at Haller's.

For Rent:—Six room house for \$7.00 per month, on South Main street. Inquire of Geo. Hoffert.

Mrs. H. M. Courtright returned Monday from a several-months' visit with relatives in California.

Send in your news items. Stop us on the street and tell us the personal items you know that are of interest.

Mrs. E. Martin and Miss Charlotte Winters, of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. William Franckel Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Paul came out from the city Wednesday to remain a day or two with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Caskey.

An itinerant Dago with his family and a trick bear was on the streets Saturday, gathering in a few pennies.

Mrs. Kate Berner and the Misses Bateman are having brick pavements laid in front of their premises on Maple avenue.

The Lucas place, on Maple avenue, recently purchased by W. J. Herring, is being neatly painted. J. D. Bryce has the contract.

E. J. W. Dietz and O. M. Searles will attend the alumni banquet of the DePaul university at the Leland, in Chicago, Friday evening.

For Sale or Rent:—Eight-room house, newly plastered and painted; 60 feet of ground. Price, \$1,000; will rent for \$9 per month. G. H. Bunge.

The Congregational ladies will sell ice cream and cake on Decoration day in the building on South Main street formerly occupied by Mrs. Manwell.

Wanted—Girl for general housework; small family; good home, good wages. References required. Mrs. E. E. Stevens, 158 N. Main street, Downers Grove, Ill.

Rev. P. W. Raldbaugh, pastor of the Friends' church at Western Springs, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday evening. All are cordially invited to attend.

Lost or Stolen—A gold ring set with five turquoise; lost in the school room above A. J. Thompson's store. Finder will please notify or return to Miss Bernice Smith and receive suitable reward.

R. R. Livingston, of the Livingston Seed company, Columbus, Ohio, visited at D. G. Graham's Tuesday and Wednesday. He is a delegate to the N. P. general assembly, now in session in Chicago.

Under a new ruling of the board of education orders for materials or supplies for the district must be accompanied by a voucher or requisition signed by some member of the schoolhouse and grounds committee.

The ladies of the Congregational Aid society will sell ice cream and cake on Decoration day in the building on Main street formerly occupied by Mrs. Manwell. They will also sell at the home of Mrs. Saunderson, on Maple avenue. An invitation is extended to the general public.

The Illinois republican committee is now in the hands of the friends of Richard Yates, candidate for governor. Last week the committee was reorganized by the election of C. H. Rowe, of Jacksonville, as chairman, and Walter Fieldhouse, of Chicago, as secretary—he displacing that able but Tanager-machine man, James Robert Burns Van-Cleave.

At the Methodist church to-morrow (Friday) evening Mrs. Albright, of Chicago, will address the Home Missionary society. There will also be singing by a quartet of colored girls from the Home Missionary school in the south. These singers have been heard in several of the churches in the city, and they come well recommended. Come and bring your friends. Admission free.

Rev. Louis Pinch, D. D., entertained quite a number of his young friends at a coaching party last evening. The swiftest vehicle in the town was chartered for the occasion, and a very quiet (?) and enjoyable time was had by those who were fortunate enough to receive an invitation. Refreshments were served en route. It's a wonder the bunch wasn't "pinched."

PREPARING FOR COMMENCEMENT

Class of Nine to Graduate from the High School This Year.

Preparations are under way for the annual commencement exercises of the Downers Grove High school, and from now until Friday, June 15th, the schools will present a busy scene. The commencement exercises will be held in the Methodist church on that date and a class of nine will graduate. They are Hibbard Spencer Green, Thomas Harry Slusser, Florence Adelaide Spohr, Franklin Stiles Spohr, Caroline Helen Martin, Nellie Hobart Carpenter, David Lewis Hclland, Frank Baker and Lillian Abby Bennett.

There will be no eighth grade class day exercises this year. This is in line with a general movement all over the county to abolish the practice of holding graduating exercises for students who close their work in that grade to enter the high school, and is a very desirable change.

A new feature to be inaugurated here this year is the observance of a field day. The field-day sports and games will be held Saturday, June 9th, and various athletic exercises will be indulged in, including games of all kinds, races and feats of skill and endurance. The place for holding the sports has not yet been decided upon, but Downers' field will probably be selected.

READY TO TAKE CENSUS.

The census enumerators for Downers Grove township have all received their commissions, and next Friday will begin their labors gathering together not only the figures on which to base the population, but a vast amount of other data which the government requires of them. Alonzo E. Courtright is the enumerator for the village of Downers Grove, W. J. Pollock for Hinsdale, and John Heart has all the township lying outside of these corporations. They will be compelled to gather facts regarding the nationality, age, marriage and personal history of each individual, his wealth, business, etc. If he has ever been arrested that fact must be stated. A farmer must tell all the facts regarding his crops and real estate holdings. The manufacturer must divulge the annual amount of his business and the amount spent annually for raw material, and so on through all occupations the census enumerator must glean accurate and exhaustive information.

SUPPORT THE BALL TEAM.

The Downers Grove Baseball club will play their first game at Burlington park Decoration day with the Naperville club. The boys are going to try and have games at home every Saturday on Downers' field, and it is hoped they will receive better support than they did last season. Any player wishing to try for the team can do so by reporting at the grounds on Saturday, May 26th, at 3 o'clock p. m., for practice. There is no good reason why Downers Grove should not be represented by a good ball team this year. There is plenty of excellent material, and, if the people show the proper spirit of encouragement and contribute to its support, the boys will do their share. The past few years the players have become discouraged, owing to non-support, but this year are again enthusiastic and willing to put up a good team if the least encouragement is shown them.

ASK FOR GREEN POLES.

The Ladies' Wednesday club has petitioned the village board to use olive-green paint on the electric-light poles in preference to the gray and black, which have been used by the telephone company. Towns more ambitious than our own, though possessing no more natural beauty, have adopted the green poles as a matter of artistic forethought. The poles are not ornamental at best, but the green paint renders them scarcely detectable among the trees, while the gray and black paints discord with everything and are always conspicuous.

TRIM THE TREES.

Many of the trees on Maple avenue need trimming. They not only interfere with pedestrians on rainy days when the branches are hanging low, but obstruct the view and prevent the rays of the street lights from penetrating any great distance. If the owners of adjacent property do not attend to the matter the village should instruct the street commissioner to do the work.

WANTED—A GOOD MAN.

A Steady Position.—Wanted, a live man who can give a No. 1 reference, to represent an old established life insurance company in Downers Grove. First, commission, to show ability; later salary. Address R. H. Footberg, Am't Supt., LaGrange, Ill.

WILL HONOR HEROES

NAPER POST TO OBSERVE DECEMBER DAY.

Services Memorial Sunday at the Auditorium—Judge Batten the Guest of the Day.

Memorial and Decoration days will receive their customary observance by the Napier post, Grand Army of the Republic, here this year, and the veterans request all loyal citizens to join with them in doing honor to the fallen heroes who served their country so nobly in the time of peril. Sunday the post will attend services at Hinsdale in the morning.

Union Memorial services will be held in Downers Grove by the members and friends of the Grand Army of the Republic at the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, May 27th, at 3 o'clock. All the churches of the village and vicinity are cordially invited to participate, with their pastors and choirs. Rev. Edgar H. Libby will deliver the address. His subject will be "The March of Truth, or the Puritan in History." The music will be rendered by the united church choirs under the direction of Mr. Carille Tucker.

Wednesday, Decoration day, the veterans will go to Hinsdale and march to Fullersburg cemetery, where the soldiers' graves will be decorated. Returning to Downers Grove at 6:00 a. m., dinner will be served at 3 o'clock, after which they will form ranks and march to the cemetery, where the usual ceremonies incident to the decoration of the soldiers' movement will be held.

The day's observance will close with the oration of Judge John H. Batten, of Naperville, at the Auditorium at 8 o'clock. At these exercises special music will be a feature.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE FAIR.

Speed—Purse, \$100—Three-mile trot or pace. Purse, \$100—3:34 pace or trot. Purse, \$175—Free-for-all trot. Purse, \$100—3:26 trot or pace. Purse, \$150—3:30 pace or trot. Purse, \$125—Free-for-all pace.

Plowing Match, Friday, September 7. Entries close at 9 o'clock at that date. Entrance fee, membership money. The plowmen must plough one-half acre within three hours, ploughing to commence at 9 and close at 12 o'clock. Boys under eighteen compete for all premiums. Ploughing must be between five and seven inches in depth. Men and boys from adjoining counties are cordially invited to compete. Decision of judges will be rendered from the grand stand at 3 o'clock p. m. Walking Plows—First, \$5; second, \$3. Boys under eighteen—First, \$5; second, \$4. Riding Plows—First, \$5; second, \$4. Boys under eighteen—First, \$3; second, \$4.

Bicycle Races—One mile. Open to residents of DuPage county. First prize, gold medal; second prize, silver medal. One mile, open to residents of DuPage county. Boys under sixteen years—First prize, gold medal; second prize, silver medal. The above races are only open to those having been actual residents of DuPage county for at least six months previous to the opening day of the fair.

Ball Game—Confined to DuPage county players—First premium, \$10; second, \$5.

PROHIBITION CONVENTION.

The prohibitionists of DuPage county will meet in the college chapel, Wheaton, on June 2d, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following county offices: County clerk, state's attorney, coroner and surveyor; also to elect delegates to the fourteenth Senatorial district convention, and twenty-eight delegates to attend the prohibition state convention to be held in the city of Chicago on June 28th and 29th, and also to transact such other business as may properly come before the convention. There will be several distinguished speakers to address the convention. The college brass band and Wheaton quartet will furnish the music for the occasion.

WANT ALL THE NEWS.

The REPORTER desires to print all personal notes of interest. If you are entertaining or visiting friends, let us know. We would appreciate the favor if our readers would drop us a note or leave the item in the REPORTER box at the entrance to the office.

DOG TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs within the limits of the village of Downers Grove that the annual dog tax is now due and payable to the office of the village collector, and that the sum of one dollar for each and every male dog and two dollars for each and every female dog must be paid by June 1st. HENRY C. WARR, Collector.