

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

SEVENTEENTH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1900.

NUMBER 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

ADJOURNED NOVEMBER SESSION HELD MONDAY EVENING.

Pay Bills Amounting to \$1305—Appoint Committee to Readjust Electric Light Meter Rates—Proceedings.

The adjourned November meeting of the village board was held Monday evening. President Root, Clerk White, and Trustees Bunge, Klein, Waples, Woelfersheim and Kuenzel were present at roll call. After the reading of the minutes of previous meetings the following reports were read and placed on file. Treasurer Rogers' showing balance on hand at last report \$3018.40; receipts \$419.86; expenditures \$504.23; present balance, \$2944.03. The collectors report showed the following sums collected during the month of October:—Water rates \$40.39, meters \$55, wiring \$46.26, material \$3.85, electric lights \$106.24, total collections \$260.74. Claim ordinance No. 97, providing for the payment of claims against the Village, to the amount of \$1,305.94 was read and passed including an item of \$60 for interest on the electric bonds. Trustee Bunge of the committee appointed to confer with the railway company in regard to the protection of the Maple avenue crossing, reported having secured the promise of Supt. Judson that the company would place and maintain automatic signals at that crossing to warn persons of the approach of trains. He further reported that the company had agreed that if the signals were not satisfactory the company would replace such service with gates. On motion of Trustee Bunge the president and clerk were authorized to renew lease with the railway company for the ground occupied by the north side house for a term of five years at a rental of \$1. The matter of revising the rates charged consumers of electric light current on meter basis, was referred to the water and light committee to confer with the village collector to establish new system of discounts. Trustee Bunge being of the opinion that the present system of meter rates was inequitable with the flat rate and he recommended establishing a system of discounts which would place the meter rates on a more equitable footing. The finance committee reported the funds low in the water and light fund owing to the fact that electric light plant construction bills to the amount of about \$1300 had been paid from this fund. The board deemed it necessary to transfer \$300 from the street and alley fund and \$300 from the general fund to the water fund to meet payment of interest on electric light bonds and a resolution making this transfer was passed. A report was read from engineer C. A. Chapman concerning condition of electric light plant and recommending some minor repairs, which was referred to the water and light committee, after which the board adjourned.

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OFFICIAL OCTOBER PROCEEDINGS

Downers Grove, Ill., Oct. 1st, 1900: The regular meeting for the month of October 1900 was called to order by President Root. Roll call noted present Trustees Bunge, Klein, Waples and Woelfersheim. Absent Trustees Kuenzel, and Pearson. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved. Reports of Treasurer and Supt. of water and light read and ordered placed on file also report of Village Collector. A petition was read asking that measures be adopted to protect lives on Maple avenue west of East Grove station. A committee consisting of Trustees Klein, Bunge and Waples was appointed to confer with railroad company in regard to matter. A communication was read from Attorney Slusser recommending that a committee be appointed to confer with township authorities in regard to policy to be adopted for payment of expenses of quarantined persons where such persons are not able to make payments themselves. Trustees Kuenzel and Woelfersheim were appointed to act with Village Attorney as such committee. An application was read from R. V. Loehr of Hinsdale for the position of assistant engineer at pumping station and referred to water and light committee. Matter of operating lighting plant all night was discussed and water and light committee instructed to make necessary arrangements for so doing. Claim ordinance No. 96 providing for the payment of certain claims was read and was as follows:

W. H. Mertz	35.20
Mertz & Mochel	2.75
Robert Wells	7.50
Chas. Johnson	2.00
Peter Conroy	4.16
D. G. Graham	76.60
W. H. Edwards	6.65
Hughes & Galling	6.75
The Fred Ringley Co.	7.00
L. E. Sloat	13.81
Hert C. White	10.50
J. W. Nash	5.10
R. O. Curtis Treas.	25.00
First National Bank	37.50
Hugh M. White	10.00
Robert Farragut	2.36
M. Slusser	15.00
Cora Mandell	22.00

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Sidewalk ordinance No. 56 was then read providing for a brick sidewalk on the south side of Maple avenue 40 feet in front of lot 2 block 4 of Straubs addn. It was moved and carried ordinance be put upon its passage, said ordinance No. 56 was then put upon its passage and carried. All voting aye.

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Trustee Klein presented a communication from the Ladies Library Association asking the village board to donate \$5 per month for the payment of rent of library rooms. The village having no jurisdiction in matter. No action was taken. Upon proper motion board adjourned.

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Men and nothing but men form all the committees including invitation, reception, decoration and program. The program to be as follows:

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SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is the report of the various rooms in the Downers Grove schools for the month ending Nov. 9th, 1900:

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Agatha Sweet	20	24	44	40	94
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Ada M. Sparks	25	17	42	38	95
Flourca Webb	27	14	41	40	99
Sarah A. Holland	27	27	54	54	97
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Mrs. P. J. Kearney was brought home from St. Lukes Hospital Wednesday, accompanied by her nurse.

Mrs. J. M. Millett has gone from Des Moines to Omaha, where she will spend the winter with her daughter.

The tabulated official returns of the vote of Du Page County cast at the general election, November 6th, will be found on the eighth page.

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The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. H. Rood (parsonage) Thursday afternoon, Nov. 22.

Do you need new gutters or repairing? Now is a good time to have them looked after. Leave your orders and we can attend to same promptly. Mertz & Mochel.

The "Bauch" is arranging to give its fourth annual Thanksgiving dancing party at Oldfield's hall, Thanksgiving night, Thursday, November 29th. Invitations will be sent out this week.

Sabbath services at the Congregational Church. Subject—"The National Songs of Israel." Morning—"The Song of Moses." Evening—"The Song of Deborah." Miss Anna Wetten will sing morning and evening.

Rev. E. S. Stucker of South Bend, Ind., will preach at the Baptist Church each evening next week beginning Monday night. Mr. Stucker is a man of marked personality and is a very strong and pleasing speaker. A cordial invitation is given to the public to attend the services.

Tickets are selling fast for the third annual dance, to be given by the Fire Department at Oldfield's hall, Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, Nov. 29th. No more worthy object of patronage can be found than the fire ladders. Their parties are always pleasant affairs. Give their efforts your support. They are always willing to tender their services when occasion demands.

The office has just received a new and handsome line of fancy stationery samples comprising the very latest effects in wedding stocks, invitations, announcements, anniversary cards, folders, birth and birthday cards, programs, society cards, menus, literary and dance programs, correspondence stationery in 1/2 room lots, dainty score cards and hundreds of novelties in this line. The stock is far superior to any heretofore shown and we cordially invite your inspection, feeling confident that the artistic merit of the designs will insure your consideration.

Mr. W. S. Whedon, Cashier of the First National Bank of Winterset, Iowa, in a recent letter, gives some experience with a carpenter in his employ that will be of value to other mechanics. He says: "I had a carpenter working for me who was obliged to stop work for several days on account of being troubled with diarrhoea. I mentioned to him that I had been similarly troubled, and that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy had cured me. He bought a bottle of it from the druggist here and informed me that one cured him, and he is again at his work." For sale by Bush & Simonsen, druggists.

Persons who called on the weather man today and complained that the temperature was more than they could endure, found consolation. A promise of rising temperature was sent out with the first rays of dawn. The forecaster not only conceded moderation in temperature, but admitted that the present cold wave is unjustifiable and has no business here for a month more. "It is 20 degrees colder than it ought to be," said he, "but we will have a change in a few hours. The mercury was at 15 above zero at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Today at that time it registered 15. We are, in all probability, getting back to normal weather. Today we expect showers of rain or snow."

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.

Theo. Jeter is spending several days in Chicago this week.

R. D. Parker has been employed in Aurora the past week.

Fresh cream puffs every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Rang's.

Bring the baby and get a perfect picture for holiday presents at Huff's Studio.

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JACOB SUCHER DIED IN DENVER.

Brother of Jas. Sucher and Former Old Resident of Downers Grove.

Jas. Sucher has received notice of the death of his brother Jacob D. Sucher at Denver, Colorado, November 4th. Jacob Sucher will be remembered by many of the older settlers here. His death was the result of an operation at the County Hospital in Denver to preserve the partial use of one of his limbs. Many years ago he injured his ankle by a fall, but was able to work until a few weeks ago. He was a member of Veteran Post, No. 43, G. A. R., of Denver, who conducted his funeral services last Wednesday and the remains were buried in their plot at Riverside cemetery in Denver.

Jacob D. Sucher was born in Shepherdsville, Kentucky, October 15th 1849, and came with his parents to Illinois four years later, settling at Chicago. About a year later the family moved to Downers Grove. When the war broke out in 1860, Mr. Sucher enlisted as a private in Company K, Thirtieth Illinois Infantry and served through the civil war. After the war he returned to Downers Grove and followed his business—that of a building contractor. In 1877 he went west to Kansas, spending several years in that state, and about 20 years ago he moved to Denver, where he has since resided. At the time of his death he was employed as overseer of the large Meters Fisher ranch near Denver.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

It has pleased Almighty God to bring our nation in safety and honor through another year. The works of religion and charity have everywhere been manifest. Our country through all its extent has been blessed with abundant harvests. Labor and the great industries of the people have prospered beyond all precedent. Our commerce has spread over the world. Our power and influence in the cause of freedom and enlightenment have extended over distant seas and lands. The lives of our official representatives and many of our people in China have been marvellously preserved. We have been generally exempt from pestilence and other great calamities and even the tragic visitation which overwhelmed the city of Galveston made evident the sentiments of sympathy and Christian charity by virtue of which we are one united people.

Now, therefore, I William McKinley, president of the United States do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 29th of November next to be observed by all the people of the United States, at home or abroad, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Him who holds the nation in the hollow of His hand. I recommend that they gather in their respective places of worship and devoutly give Him thanks for the prosperity wherewith He has endowed us, for seed time and harvest, for the valor, devotion and humanity of our armies and navies, and for all His benefits to us as individuals and as a nation; and that they humbly pray for continuance of His divine favor, for concord and amity with other nations, and for righteousness and peace in all our ways.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twenty ninth day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and one of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty fifth.

WM. MCKINLEY.
JOHN HAY,
Sec'y of State.

MACCABEES ENTERTAIN.

A delightful entertainment was given by the Maccabees Wednesday evening in their hall in Central Block. Music, addresses, recitations, and refreshments constituted the program after which those who were inclined tripped the light fantastic. The two lodges of that order here are in a flourishing condition. New members are being received constantly and the social and insurance features of the order are all that could be desired.

THE DANCING CLASS.

Prof. Anderson's dancing class meets at Oldfield's Hall every Saturday evening. Instruction begins promptly at 7:30 p. m. Reception 8:30 to 11:30 p. m. Admission 30 cents a person, 50 cents a couple. Personal attention given to beginners. Children's class from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. Please note the change.

COLORADO.

That is the title of a very beautiful seventy-two-page book published by the C. R. and Q. railroad. It is most entertaining and informative, besides being illustrated with exceptionally fine engravings. The rates to Colorado are so cheap this year that many will take their vacation there. They will not only enjoy the scenery, but they will also have a most interesting and profitable trip. The C. R. and Q. railroad agent for this district, Fred C. Smith, has the book for sale.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED HERE THURSDAY.

Annual Meeting Held in the Methodist Church—History of the Society Given by the Secretary.

The annual meeting of the DuPage county Bible society was held in the Methodist church here last Thursday afternoon and evening. Delegates were present from all parts of the county. Among the interesting features of the convention was the history of the organization given by the secretary, W. Mills of Wheaton. He said:

On this sixtieth anniversary of the DuPage county bible society, I have the pleasure to present to you a brief history of the same. In doing so I find no record of its first meeting. At whose suggestion it was called, or who participated in the organization we are not informed, as these minutes are lost. We are assured, however, that the first meeting was held at Naperville. The minutes of the first anniversary indicate that Rev. John Freeman was the first president, and leave us to infer who were his associates in the organization.

Naperville, Feb. 8th, 1841.—The society met at the office of Esquire Hester and was opened by prayer by Rev. J. H. Prentiss, president. The annual meeting having failed, the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Rev. Orange Lyman, president; Rev. Caleb Lamb, Hart Cob, E. Thayer, Eli Notheram, T. Paxton, vice-presidents; Rev. J. H. Prentiss, secretary; Aylmer Keith, treasurer; Lewis Ellsworth, depository. J. H. Prentiss, A. Keith, Pomeroy (Goodrich), James Clark and Alex. Underwood, executive committee. Adjourned to meet at Naperville on the fourth Tuesday of January 1843, at one o'clock.

At the second annual meeting the following resolution was passed: Resolved that the first article of the constitution be so altered that the name of the society shall be the DuPage County Bible Society, thereby indicating that it had a local home. At this meeting we had the first report of the treasurer as follows: "The treasurer reported that there is now in the treasury \$25 cash, and as far as can be ascertained, \$12.50 worth of books."

In 1848 the treasurer reported eight bibles and three testaments, valued at \$11.75, also \$5 cash, \$5 of which was contributed. We may charitably suppose this precious money found its way into the Lord's treasury by some means. The first fifteen years the society held its annual meetings at Naperville, the sixteenth year at Wheaton. For years ago we met in Downers Grove, this beautiful temple. Today we celebrate the society's sixtieth anniversary.

The recollections of other years crowd upon me. The memory and association of many now living as well as those "gone to the home over there" during a residence in the county for 64 years is pleasant. We write the history of the departed today—who will write ours 64 years hence? All of the early workers have gone to their reward. Nineteen venerable men have presided over the deliberations of the society and eight recorded its doings. Of the nineteen presidents, only two are now living, viz., L. F. Haskell, of Hinsdale, and our present chairman, R. J. Blake, of Naperville. Of the eight secretaries all gone except the writer of this brief history.

We are not able to give definitely the financial history of the society, but from the best sources at our command, it has received and disbursed about \$15,000, the smallest sum received in any one year being \$5.25, the largest \$946.15.

AN OLD VIOLIN.

C. F. Davis has an old violin which if it could talk would probably tell many interesting tales. One day last September while Davis was at Naperville, his attention was attracted by the sounds of a violin from within the store of Mr. Struble. He stopped to listen to it and before leaving purchased it for \$16. (Mr. Struble chuckling to himself.) Davis knowing he had a treasure took it to expertise in Chicago, who pronounced it as being made by Eugenio Klein in the year 1675. This Klein was claimed among the old Cremona makers and his violins are very scarce. Mr. J. C. Henderson of Chicago who received the offered Davis \$275 for it.

THE SELECT BARNYARD.

Rufus Red, Florida Glass, and other fine books, stationery, and other goods, at the lowest prices. The books are all new and of the best quality. The stationery is of the most elegant and useful designs. The goods are all of the best quality and at the lowest prices. The store is located at the corner of Main and Second streets, in the city of Downers Grove, Illinois. The store is open from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock in the evening. The store is a most desirable place for the purchase of books, stationery, and