# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1901.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL MONDAY.

Session a Short One Only Routine Business Being Considered-Proceedmgs of the Meeting.

Absentees from the February meeting of the village board Monday evening made it almost impossible for the meeting to be held. However, Trustees Bunge, Klein, Woelfersheim and Waples were present, constituting a quorum. President Root and Trustee Pearsall were of course absent owing to their business elsewhere, Clerk White Trustees Bunge, Kuenzel, Klein, Wawas sick and Trustee Kuenzel was oth. ples and Woelfersheim. Nays. none. erwise engaged.

chairman pro tem; Trustee Waples of examine the druggist's registers as a surprise party. ficiated as clerk, and the business of provided by village ordinances. Trusthe meeting proceeded.

read and placed on file. Treasurer Rog- placing an arc light at Lake for the ers'report showed a balance on hand at benefit of skaters was referred to water last report of \$1669 97, received since, and light committee with power to \$290.25, expended \$459.52, cash balance act. Attorney Slusser of committee on hand, \$1500.70.

and light department reported having township authorites in regard expense pumped 1,803,582 gallons of water dur- to be incured in cases of quanantine month of January. Coal consumed at | reported as having met with said officthe plant was 784 tons, together with | ials and the understanding arrived at 32 gallons of oil.

for the payment of claims aggregating | time of quarantine and that it would \$1,011 37 was read and passed. From be the duty of the Health officer to water and light fund \$813 87, general notify town athorities at once and they fund \$153 37, streets and alleys \$44 63 to pay other expense during quaran-This includes the payment of \$37.50 tine. Attorney Slusser was instructed semi-annual interest on general im- to draw up necessary blanks to be Friday afternoon. provements Nos. 1, 2, and 3 for \$500 used in such cases. Upon motion the each for purchase of air compressor.

Trustee Bunge, of the committee lage Clerk. appointed in the matter of placing an electric light on the lake, reported that the committee did not deem it advisable to do so in yiew of the fact that the skating season was practically closed.

against placing an additional street feeble and very sick. Mr. Boesteder, lamp on North Main street, between fatigued by the cares of the sick-room Warren ave. and Franklin street, for was sleeping in an adjoining room the reason that lamps are now needed when the fire broke out and had it not In many places and the funds of the de been for the timely arrival of a neighpartment are very low, therefore it bor, John Mc Mann, the occupants of was thought best to place no addition. the house would have been burned to al lamps at the present time. Trustes death. On breaking open the door he Klein reported on having examined found Mr Boesteder on the kitchen the liquor registers of the druggists floor almost suffocated. After getting and having found same to comply him out he made another attempt, at with the ordinances. In view of some the peril of his life, and succeeded in contention with the local manager of rescuing Mrs. Boesteder from the burnthe Chicago Telephone company re- ang building. Fournately reither regarding village use of the lines with- ceived any burns but Mr. Boesteder cut out toll charge, Supt. Sloat was ap- his hands severely in breaking a winpointed as representative of the village dow to get out. He lost everything to use same on business appertaining with no insurance. Mr. Mihm carried to the village free of charge as provid insurance on the house in Downers company. There being no further business the board adjourned.

# OFFICIAL JANUARY PROCEEDINGS

Downers Grove, Ill., Jan. 7, 1901 ers street. The matter was referred to Josephine Wrobleweski and the hus-Attorney Slusser to draw necessary band survive her. papers. The following communication addressed to the Clerk was then read: Owing to business arrangements which desire to assure you of my continued at the end of the third round. Follow spectfully, (signed) F. A. Root.

for special election in cases of vacancy new names were added to the club's and the short time until regular vil- membership rolls. lage election the Board not deeming it wise to call special special election upon proper motion resignation was laid on the table. Claim ordinance for \$50 and costs from a jury in Justice day evening. They are to meet in the weeks ago, had a hard pull of it for a of certain claims was read.

S. Hoffert	10
Hugh M. White	5
Bert C, White	
M. R. Stanger	
Thos. Bunning	4
Geo. C. Barr	1
P. A. Lord Lumber Co	20
W. H. Mertz	
M. Slusser	
P. J. Kearney	

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1	George Hoffert	45
۰.	V. Simonson	
k	Bush& Simonson	
	E.L. Sloat	75
	Dau Lattimer	40
-	Chas. Bitney	
	Peter Conrody	
	Mgaie Bros	
	E. W.Slatchford	66.
	Aldea Electric Light Co	21.
- 1	Mertz & Mochel	35.
1	National Refining Co	43.
	General Electric Co	2.
-	Hughes & Gallup	2.
-	Neptune Meter Co	14.
•	Manhattan Steel Const. Co	86.
	M. K. Brauson	1.
3	Burlington Coal Co	
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It was moved and carried that ord nance be put upon its passage. Claim ordinance No. 99 was then put upon its passage and carried. Those voting aye It was moved and carried that the pres-Trustee Woelfersheim was made the ident appoint a committee of two to tees Klein and Kuenzel were appointed The reports of village officers were as such committee. The matter of consisting of himself and Trustee Superintendent Sloat of the water Knenzel appointed to confer with was that the village would only pay board adjourned. Bert C. White, Vil-

#### **NEARLY BURNED TO DEATH.**

A fire Thursday morning totally destroyed a tenement house of Charles Mihm's on his farm 4 miles south of Hinsdale. It was occupied by George The same committee also reported Boesteder and his aged mother who is the franchise granted the Grove Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co.

# MRS. MIKE WENDLOWSKI DIES.

Mrs. Mike Wendlowski died suddenly at her home in Gostyn early Monday morning aged 56 years. Mrs. Wend The regular meeting for the month lowski had been troubled for many of January, 1901 called to order by years with rheumatism and had been Clerk White. President Root being ab. ill but a week previous to her death. sent it was moved and carried that About eight o'cleck she walked out in Trustee Woelfersheim act as president the kitchen where she had been of meeting. Roll call noted present preparing breakfast. A few minutes Trustees Bunge, Kuenzel, Klein, Waples laster she fell to the floor and died at and Woelfersheim. Absent, Trustee ten o'clock. It is thought that the Hearsall. Reports of Village Treasure rheumatism had affected her heart. Collector and Supt. of Water and Light Funeral services were held this mornwere read and ordered placed on file, ing at 8:30 o'clock at St. Mary's A petition was read from Mr. F. D. church. Rev. C. J. Votypka conduct- mittee was appointed to confer in re-Lindley asking permission to take ingmass. The body was taken to Chiwater from Mains on Highland Ave. | cago for interment in the Polish Boheto his houses on Warren Ave and Rog- mian Cemetery. One daughter, Mrs.

# CLUB SPARRING MATCH.

will necessitate an extended absence monthly meeting of the Downers from the Vidage and the probability Grove club Saturday evening, which that I will be unable to attend any fur- was occasioned chiefly by the attract- Wetten will sing. Special music by lington and Missouri line, the success ther meetings of the Board during my ion which followed the meeting. This the choir. term of office. I beg to tender this as was a friendly sparring match between my resignation of the office of the C. O. Brown and Jack Kelley of Chicapresident of the Village of Downers go, both lightweights. Joe Burnstein Grove and request you to communi- of Chicago refereed the bout which cate it to the Board of Trustees at its consisted of three rounds. Brown was next regular meeting. I very much much the quicker of the two and more regret the necessity of this action and scientific. He was given the decision sincere personal regards. Yours re- ing the bout several local boxers entertained the crowd with exhibitions of Owing to the ordinance providing thier skill with the gloves. Twelve

# JUDGMENT FOR FIFTY DOLLARS

No. 99 providing for the payment of Mackie's court Saturday against Ber- small lecture room of the church while, but is now getting along nicely. nard Vix for the value of a horse in- which will be warmed, promptly at He lost his left hand entirely, as it jured while being driven by Vix some 7:30. Sleighs will be provided and take was cut off at the wrist. Those shredweeks ago, and which resulted in the the merry crowds to La Grange and ders cost more in human life apparentdeath of the animal. The case was return We understand that no charge ly, than they are worth. This very originally brought before Judge Gra- is made for the ride and that all young machine had taken off two hands beham and was taken to Justice Mackie people will be welcomed mutil the fore Mr. Williams lost his. The foron a charge of venue. M. Slusser was sleight are filled. Those who desire mer owner, Frank Prentise of Downers to & Bunge represented the defendant, | Emma Fletcher.

# ..Local and Personal Paragraphs...

Sage cheese at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Mrs. R W. Bond is able to be out af-

ter her long illness. New York buckwheat flour. The Rang's. same old kind at Nash's.

Thos. Potter received the news of the death of a brother in the west Tuesday. terday looking after his property inter- Sunday.

Wilbur Anderson was in the village over Sunday, the guest of his uncle N. address.

DeMiln. A number of the friends of Master the guest of friends in Downers Grove John Huling Tuesday night gave him Tuesday.

Mrs. O. J. Daily, has returned to her the past week. home at Ivanhoe.

ing the bed-side of her brother in Chi. in Chicago last week. cago, who is dangerously ill.

Tom Drew, Chet Kellogg, Oliver Beidelman and Frank Zimmerman are

employed at Fullersburg cutting ice. which won the horse raffled off by Ed-

win Frank. His ticket was number 26, The Ladies of the Congregational Claim ordinance No. 100, providing for what things were necessary at church will give their regular luncheon Sunday add interment made in the at twelve o'clock Thursday, the 14th. West Cemetery. All are invited.

Assembly hall, Hinsdale, tomorrow, Libby, at dinner last Saturday evening.

students enjoyed a sleighing party last Weddesday evening, to the Lacey property—called on the associate edifarm, where a party was given.

Glenn W. Edwards and Will H Biodgett attended a Welsh rarebit party at the home of the Misses Wunder at Naperville Tuesday evening.

Several polishers, tuners and varnishers have been temporarily laid off at the piano factory on account of the wood workers being behind with their work.

John Ward, a former resident here and who moved to Oregon, Ogle county, a few years ago, is now a resident of Chicago and occupies a good posttion in the Cable Plane factory.

Misses Lula and Anna Heintz left on limited Tuesday evening for Denver where they will make their future climate will benefitthe former's health.

The Knights of Pythias will entertain its members and prospective memfurnish the music.

FOR SALE-CHEAP. -Singer Sewing machine, good as new; latest improvements-drop head; all new attachments party last evening for the benefit of a warranted good as new and in first class condition. A bargain in every sense of The young men each donated a sum in the word. Inquire Reporter Office.

Anton Olsen of Gostyn, is quite sick cles of household necessity. and gradually growing weaker. He is a sufferer from Brights disease and

At the official board meeting of the M. E. Church, Monday evening, a comgard to making some general repairs Hughes while here. He was formerly on the church such as putting in elec- an old associate of Mr. Hughes while tric lights, frescoing, and renovating the latter was engaged in the associathe carpets and pews.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church, morning-"The Debt of paring to adopt the system of electric Love." Evening-"Annual Lincoln headlighting for all of its passenger very little appreciation of such efforts. There was a large attendance at the Memorial Services,"-7 o'clock. Mem. and freight locometives. For some bers of the G. A. R and Downers Grove time experiments with the electric Guards have been invited. Miss Anna heedlights have been made on the Bur-

> Saturday was "ground hog" day and The Wednesday Club held its regular not till then according to tradition, semi-monthly meeting at the Downers could the weather question for the Grove Club rooms yesterday afternoon. next six weeks be settled beyond dis- Response to roll call was "Current pute. Residents here are at variance Events," After music Mrs. Lillie B. as to whether the animal saw his shad- Frey conducted the Russian course and that we will have the full six "Ancient Sculptors and Their Work," weeks more of hard winter, while oth- Mrs. C. F. Davis gave a paper on "Camers declare not. The present indica- paign year. tions, however, favor the outlook for considerably more winter.

Quirrin Schmidt secured a judgment sleigh ride and social to morrow, Fri- lost his hand in a corn shredder a few attorney for the plaintiff, while Gray futher information inquire of Miss Grove, sold it because of those acct- or correspond

Oil. Family Safety. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Fancy California fruits at Nash's. Fine lot of Valentines and Masks at

Several new members received their first degree in Pythianism last night. Mrs. Bert Hodler entertained a large J. L. Ward of Chicago was here yes party of friends from Chicago over

> Alfred Millet of Springdale, Iowa, writes to have the Reporter sent to his Miss Lottie Winters of Chicago was

Miss Payne, who has been a guest of entertained company from Galesburg, solo. R. D. Parker attended the annual

Miss Elsie Patterson has been attend- meeting of the Illinois Press association

Sleighing parties and coasting have precedence just at present over al other forms of amusement.

Miss Ethel Edwards leave Tuesday Geo. Hoffert held the lucky number for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras and to visit the Deming family. well given. Chas, Keller, son-in-law of I, B.

Blackburn died at his home in Chicago al ease. Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Narmore enter. the pleasure of all.

The Hinsdale and Downers Grove tained Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Libby, Mr. Basket ball teams will play a game at and Mrs. Bartle, and little Marrian

John Ward of Chicago, J. A. Skarin Two sleigh loads of Eighth Grade of Lemont and Wm. Busch of LaGrange -all interested in Downers Grove tor Wednesday. Mrs. O. J. Daily left Thursday for

Gray's Lake where she will visit a few weeks. It is understood that the family contemplate moving to Lake county in the near future.

Mrs. D. E. McKee, who was injured by a fall at her home in the city, is in the hospital and improving rapidly. Mrs. W. E. Farrar, her mother is with for, a part of the time."

We met Rev. A. E. Saunders Tuesday. He made kindly inquiries about the people in Downers Grove and evinced his old time interest in the welfare of all his former acquaintances here.

Mrs. John Schultz died at her house south of Downers Grove Monday noon home, in the hopes that the mountain after a short illness. The funeral services were held Wednesday and interment was made in the Case Cemetery.

The record annual Firemen's masning. Lauletta Bros. of Chicago will Prizes will be awarded for the best and and at Christmas a generous shipm the boys a good house,

> Miss Lilian Hancock gave a donation deserving family in want in the village. cash and the young ladies present arti-

The Ladies Library Association held their monthly meeting with Mrs. John has been confined to his bed all winter. Stanley, Tuesday afternoon. They de-Later—Death relieved the sufferings of cided to give a little entertainment Mr Olson this morning. He died at for the benefit of the Library, in their room, some time during the month.

> Walter S. Hart, who spoke in the churches Sunday on the Y. M. C. A., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S tion work.

being marked in every instance.

ow or not. Some maintain that he did Miss Fannie L. Stewart gave a paper on

The Plainfield Enterprise tells of corn shredder with a record hereaboute The young people of the Methodist which has added another victim to its churh are to give an Epworth League list: "Steve Williams of DuPage, who dent-he believed it an unlucky affair. Downer Place,

ZENDA ORCHESTRA CONCERT. Third Concert Given at the Auditorium Tuesday Evening.

The third concert of the Zenda Orchestra was given at the Auditorium on February 5th. The program, as published, was rendered complete and every number was worthy of applause which the small but appreciative audience, gave them.

The selections by the Orchestra were in the rural communities, and the ci harmonious and entertaining; played ation of larger and better schools, in a style which exhibited talent, ac- subject that is receiving concomplishment and pleasure.

Puffer and Frey was well sung. Fred some other territorial devision of Sodeburg, solo cornetist of La Grange county, there could be established Orchestra, was introduced to the audi- larger graded school with a come ence by the Leader, to fill the part ous building well equipped for the purgiven John Shurte, who is confined to pose, to take the place of the numer his bed. Sodeburg was given a hearty ous small country schools, the cha Mrs. Bates and Miss Florence Bates, encore for the artistic execution of his would be a desirable one if the difficult

was a decided bit. He won his audi- is easy of demonstration that such a ence entirely and gracefully responded school, while much better and more to three encores, each of which were so desirable, can be conducted well given, that they were an evenings | cheaper than several small schools, a entertainment of themselves. Mr. | that economy as well as a bettermen Greene desires all the praise given him of the opportunities for acquiring edufor he is an artist in his work.

Merry Minstrels, by Voebker was a high class orchestral piece and was made and it is giving much satisfac-

deserving of better patronage.

#### RIVERSIDE DEATH MYSTERY.

Lying in clump of bushes by the Desplaines river a mile north of Riverside the body of Elmer K. Mills, No. 2134 West Congress street, was found Sunday afternoon. From the appearance of the remains the man has been dead several days. The discovery it is very apparent. was reported to the marshal of hiverside, and he notified the parents of the young man in Chicago after having the body taken to an under taking establishment in Riverside. The body was found by Charles Southward, while the latter was buntles rabbits. He stumbled upon the remains in the shrubbery. The body was in a reclining position and in the lap was a revolver There was a builet wound in the temple and the remains looked as if the man had been dead for at least two

# SEW FOR CHARITY.

A number of East Grove ladies have for some time met at each others resiidences semi-monthly to prepare clothbers and ladies with a dancing party querade ball occurs at Oldfield's hall ing for distribution among the needy in Carpenter's Hall this, Thursday, eve- next Wednesday evening, Feb. 13th, poor of Chicago by the Salvation Army striking costumes. Turn out and give was made and another is nearly ready. Clean cast off clothing of any description will be thankfully received by the ladies and any such contributions may be left at the office of D. G. Graham, That this charity reaches a worthy class may be seen from the following letter to Mrs. H. E. Saunders from A M. Damon, the general secretary: The barrel of clotheng which you sent was received for which we thank you very much; let me assure you they were very welcome and were distributed among the slum dwellers.

# CARD TO THE PUBLIC.

The Zenda Orchestra as men of Downers Grove have striven to please their storms that has visited this part of the people with pure uplifting evening state in recent years. From early i entertainments, asking only sufficient the morning until bed-time the suor compensation for the cost of music and fell, almost without interruption .an expenses. The small audience in at-The Burlington management is pre- tendance at the third concert in the or about their business were well con-Auditorium, Feb. 5, proved there is tent to stay in their homes and let the As musicians we have devoted time, talent and money to form a musical of all out doors. In consequence, the organization which would find response size of church congregations suffered in enjoyment and encouragement. When such efforts are not supported they will be directed to other ends. We certainly appreciate the patronage Saturday night and Sunday, and driver given Feb. 5th, and sincerely thank yau for your attendance. Yours Truly, S. H. Frey, Director.

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There will be a masquerade ball give at Oldfield's hall Saturday evening. Feb. 23rd for the dencing class and its friends. Admission 80 cents a person Dancing will begin at 8 p. m. Prize march at 10 p. m. sharp. Ladies' and gentlemen's prizes will be awarded for to be given at the Anditorium will be the following, in the order named: on sale at the drug ste Two most elaborate, two most comical, the week. The number of table two most original. The class meets placed on sale will be li every Saturday evening at Oldfield's and sold at 30 cents each. hall. Instruction from 7:30 to 8:30. the program only and not i Reception 8:30 to 11:30. Admission the supper will be sold at 30 cents a person, 50 cents a couple, each until all the seats are taken Children's class meets every Saturday full program will a

# FOR CONSOLIDATI

CONSOLIDATED COUNTY SCHOOL BEING URGED IN ILLINO

Rolarged School Districts Propos Central Graded Schools where Pup can be Brought.

The consolidation of school district in Illinois and one that deserves got The one vocal number by Mesdames. eral attention. If in each township. ty of getting the children to and from The elecutionst, Harold J. Green such a school could be overcome.

cation renders the change desirable. In some states this change has been tion. Covered wagons, provided with James I. Rounds played with his usu- oil stoves to make riding in them comfortable, are used with which to con-"The Holy City" by L. R. Puffer, as vey the children to and from school a trombone solo, was interpreted to The wagons are large and accommodate twenty or more cuildren. They The program so well rendered was are propelled with four horses when the road make the draft too heavy for two horses. The expense of running these conveyances, including the pay of the drivers, is defrayed by the enlarged school district, but this cost is saved in despensing with the many small schools. The plan has passed the experimental stage but in Illinois is has not been put in use. The need of

There are 357 districts in the state where the enrollment of pupils is less than ten to each school; seventy-sight of them where the enrollment is less five pupils. In Downers Grove town ship there are twelve districts when the encollment ranges from five poorer showing is made. In some die

tricts the number of children to

small that no schools are mantained

during some years.

There are over 400 teachers in the country schools of the state where the average attendance at each school is less than six pupils. It is impo to advance education with any degree of satisfaction in such small solid and the money invested in the scho buildings and what is required to pay the teachers and man'a'n the sell is almost an absolute waste. This so ject of consolidating school districts and giving the children of the rural communities the advantage of grade schools, where the higher studies can be economically taught, is one of de interest, and deserves to be taken hold of earnestly by the law-makers and all persons who want to see Illinois plan on a par with New England and other parts of the country where the improved system is in vogue.

# SUNDAY'S BIG STORM.

Downers Grove shut its doors Sunday, shoveled coal into her stoves and furnances and then sat down to awall the passing of one of the worst snowpeople not obliged to be on the street driving wind and swiftly falling snow fight out their battle for the pr and several pastors found less than score of people in their night ar ces. Fully sleven inches of anow fell before a northeast gale filled ever and crevice, piling in huge which made walking nearly im Monday morning, pessengers on early trains, were compelled to we through drifts almost two feet depth before the snow plow and show elers cleared the walks.

# WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

The tickets for the patriotic bang