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AROUND THE COUNTY

INTERESTING NEWS NOT TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

Matters of Prominence Concerning Places and People in DuPage County and Surroundings.

The municipal election at Elmhurst Tuesday was a warm one. There were two candidates for the office of village president, H. L. Glos and young Hiedeman. Glos won out by a majority of thirty-two.

Following are the appointments made by the Illinois conference of the Congregational association just closed at Naperville for churches in this neighborhood: A. Zahl, Bensenville; C. R. Freidrich, Downers Grove; F. F. Jordan, Naperville, German; W. B. Rilling, Naperville, English; and J. Alber, Plainfield.

The delinquent tax list will be published in the West Chicago Journal this week and will make about twenty-four columns, set in solid nonpareil type. The list is smaller than for several years past, owing in no small degree to the prosperous times, enabling real estate owners to settle their obligations. Last year the list filled 27 columns.

Assessor Rogers and deputy have practically completed their work in Hinsdale and turned their efforts to unearthing the wealth of the country districts and Downers Grove. Mr. Rogers has discovered grounds to raise the assessments of several Hinsdale wealthy gentlemen, and the board of review will finish several others to the enriching of the county coffers.

The woman's club of Aurora has set about the task of beautifying that city, and has appointed an improvement committee for that purpose. The city will put two men and a team at the disposal of the women for two weeks. They will clean river banks and plant decorative vines and plants in waste places. A local florist will donate a large number of plants and oversee the planting of them.

Albert West of Austin, met Miss Elizabeth Burgess, of Elmhurst, and their acquaintance ripened into a warm friendship. While West was calling on her one evening he removed from her finger a ruby ring and placed it upon his little finger. Several days later Miss Burgess asked for the return of her ring and West refused. An arrest followed and West had time over Sunday to consider the lawful part of the case in a cell at the Oak Park police station.

On Sunday, at ten o'clock in the morning, Mrs. James Swartout, one of Hinsdale's early settlers, passed away at the advanced age of 88 years. She died at the home of her grandson, W. R. Jeffers, corner of Front and Third streets, with whom she had passed her declining years. Mrs. Swartout was born in Dutchess county, N. Y., December 11, 1813. In 1832 she was married, and in 1838 came to Hinsdale. There was no village then, only great stretches of farm land. Mr. and Mrs. Swartout at that time resided on the Robbin's farm, in the house which now belongs to Mrs. A. L. Pearsall, but which has been enlarged and modernized until the former residence is quite lost sight of. Later they built the house now owned by Carl Thayer, where they lived until 13 years ago, when they gave up house-keeping and made their home with their grand-son, W. R. Jeffers.

Benjamin J. Hamm of Chicago, the "Turkey King," was pardoned Friday, by the President. Two years ago Hamm attempted to corner the turkey market, and in doing so, he used the mails for fraudulent purposes. He was convicted and sentenced to serve a term of two years in the DuPage county jail. Last November Hamm showed signs of mental derangement, and was removed to the government hospital for the insane at Washington. A short time ago Representative Mann made an appeal to the department of justice in behalf of Hamm, and the Attorney General recommended favorable action. Friday the President signed the pardon. The mental condition of the prisoner is improving, and he will be retained in the hospital until he is fully recovered. His sentence expires on June 15, so that the pardon is chiefly valuable as a restoration to citizenship and to help along the prisoner's recovery.

\$30.00 TO CALIFORNIA.

One way colonist excursion tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego, February 12, 19 and 26, and special dates in March and April. All so very cheap one way second-class settlers rates to Salt Lake City, Ogden, Minnesota, Manitoba, North Dakota, Montana and North Pacific coast points. Enquire at ticket office for further particulars. A special tourist sleeping car will leave Downers Grove every Tuesday on train No. 3 at 11.42 P. M. for San Francisco and Los Angeles. This will enable one to enjoy a comfortable and interesting trip to California, at a trifling cost.

Choice mixed lawn and white clover seed at Mertz & Moehel's.

ASSAULT ALMOST A MURDER.

Fred Pierra Dangerously Wounds Mrs. Wm. Springer at West Hinsdale.

Hovering between life and death lies Mrs. Wm. Springer, sister-in-law of A. H. Meyer, at her humble home in West Hinsdale, struck down by an assassin's bullet last Monday. In the Wheaton jail is incarcerated Fred Pierra, under a \$3,000 bond for assault with intent to kill. He waived examination before Judge Duncan Thursday, and the same day Slueth Nicholson took him over to Wheaton. He came to Hinsdale with murder in his heart and went straight to the residence of Mrs. Springer, who had in her charge the two young children of Fred Pierra, who is a widower. It is said over \$200 board charges had accrued, over which a dispute arose. Mrs. Springer, being somewhat deaf and difficult to understand, made the dispute all the more aggravating to Pierra, who in his anger drew his revolver and held up two fingers twice indicating he had two shots each for his intended victim and himself. Mrs. Springer turned to escape from the bullets when one of them struck her in the fleshy part of the hand, tore through the bones and came out the wrist. The second bullet entered her hip and went through the body. The assassin then turned the weapon upon himself and fired a shot to his brain; his hand was unsteady, however, and the shot glanced from his skull, inflicting a slight flesh wound. Officer Nicholson was soon on the ground and arrested the would-be murderer, who offered no resistance when taken to jail. Dr. Scott has the patient in charge, and says the case is a typical one for lockjaw, which is the only complication to be feared, as both bullets made ragged wounds.

VILLAGE ETCHINGS.

And it came to pass after the days of the caucus that a great excitement fell upon Peaceful Valley, and the inhabitants thereof stood agog. Now the manner of the commotion was this: Certain men had arisen at the caucus when all the people were gathered together and had explained the affairs of the district, which so wrought up the people that they were spell-bound and offered no objection. Neither did they ask any questions but did even as the spell-binders desired. The women also which were present clapped their hands and the spell-binders chuckled and exclaimed, "Go to, this is where we score. Lo we have stood by these many years and behold we have captured the caucus."

Then did others of the village, which were of much wisdom, commune together, saying, "Verrily this thing is not pleasing, let us nominate a man and give the wise ones a chase for their shekels."

And it was so, and two tickets appeared, and behold on the one were the caucus nominees and on the other were also the caucus nominees, save one which was marked for the slaughter. Then did the spell-binders accelerate their speed and journey from house to house crying with a loud voice: "Oh ye people, know ye not that the high school is in danger? Should ye not vote for all the caucus nominees your children must to the hill tribes and the dwellers of the plains go for all their learning beyond the three R's." Other fabrications also did they invent and circulate, hoping to prejudice the people and save him, which was marked for the slaughter.

Now when the day of the election was at hand all the people had been advised of the situation, nevertheless a certain parchment was distributed declaring in large type, even letters discernable without glasses, that him which was marked, was opposed to vivisection, which also caused much merriment.

Then did certain women and, him, which was marked, stand at the polls from three o'clock even till the setting of the sun, and it was cold, for there was no fire before the voting place. But the others which meant business hustled. And the carriages, even the hired rigs and those which were donated, kept moving and many which before knew not what it was to vote, cast their ballots.

And the night fell and the ballots were counted and the judges declared that him which was marked for the slaughter was snowed under, for the candidate which came last on the field received over him in votes, six scores and ten.

COLORADO.

That is the title of a very beautiful seventy-two-page book published by the C., B. 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 should ask the C., B. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 6 cents.

New patterns in negligee shirts, 50 cents up at Nash's.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Sage cheese at Nash's. Try Rang's coffee cake. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Garden seeds in bulk at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. S. F. Haller has a new ad in this issue.

The collar exchange system is a success. J. W. Nash.

Choice French mustard in tumblers, 5 cents at Gerwig's.

Mrs. Caroline Griffith was a visitor in Downers last week.

Naperville also had an exciting school election Saturday.

Chas. Meadall has purchased the Faul place where he has resided for many years.

Mrs. Jennie Moon of Lockport, Ill., is visiting with Mrs. M. McNaught this week.

If you want the best garden seeds and the largest stock to select from go to Nash's.

Mrs. W. F. Shurte of Lowell, Ind., visited with her son John H. and family the fore part of the week.

The newly elected board of education organized Tuesday evening. Prof. O. M. Searles was re-elected secretary.

The new village board of trustees elect, held an informal meeting Monday night to outline its policy for the year.

Miss Henrietta Woelfersheim gave an informal party to a number of her little friends yesterday afternoon from 4 until 8 o'clock.

FOR RENT—No. 100 Curtiss street, 7 room house, barn, large lot, \$9 per month. Call or address owner, 104 N. Main street, village.

J. A. Wibe, florist, 151 South Washington street. Funeral designs a specialty. Early cabbage plants 10 cents a dozen, 50 cents a hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stanley and Miss Louise left last night for Netherwood, N. Y., where they will spend a year with their son A. F. Stanley.

Archie Marvin is here this week visiting relatives and old friends. He is located at Crawfordsville, Ind., and came to ship his household goods to that point.

The woman's guild of St. Andrews mission will hold their annual bazaar Saturday, May 4th, in J. W. Rogers vacant store on North Main street near Warren avenue. Ice cream and cake will be served and all are invited.

S. McDole, a Chicago purchasing agent, of Aurora, had an experience Monday evening that he would not care to have repeated. He was seated in a C. B. & Q. train enroute home.

When the train was passing through Clarendon Hills, some one shot at it. The bullet barely escaped his head and lodged in the window sill of the car.

Notwithstanding the excitement of the election Saturday, a goodly number of the Stanley family met at the home of E. O. on Maple avenue, in the evening for a farewell visit with L. W. Stanley and family, as they leave today for Netherwood, N. Y., the country home of their son A. F. Stanley, where they intend remaining a year. Their home on Gilbert avenue will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson during their stay in the east.

The pastor of the Methodist church will begin a series of four sermons on "Social Righteousness" next Sunday. The topics are as follows: Sunday evening, April 28th, "Social righteousness from the standpoint of citizenship." Sunday evening, May 5th, "Social righteousness from the standpoint of the family." Sunday evening, May 12th, "Social righteousness from the standpoint of capital and labor." Sunday evening, May 19th, "Social righteousness from the standpoint of the church." Yourself and friends are cordially invited.

The board of directors of Naperville district, east end, camp meeting association held their regular annual meeting at Salem United Evangelical church in Aurora. Many business matters of importance were disposed with of which the following may be of interest to the public: "Inasmuch as we consider it advisable to give our attention to the holding of tent meetings at various points in the district during the coming summer, we deem it wise to defer the holding of general camp meetings on the east end of the district this year, and we instruct our executive committee to secure the use of a tent for said purpose and ask our Presiding Elder to arrange for a series of tent meetings in the district."

"You May Bend the Sapling, but not the tree." When disease has become chronic and deep seated it is often difficult to cure it. That is the reason why it is best to take Hood's Sarsaparilla when disease first shows itself. Hood's Pills the favorite family cathartic.

Oil. Family Safety. Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. Fancy California fruits at Nash's. Sweet garden peas 15 cents per can at Nash's.

A. B. Watson was over from Hinsdale Tuesday evening.

Fresh lot California apricots, peaches and pears at Gerwig's.

Mrs. E. Schultz has gone to Olmsted Falls, Ohio, for a two months visit.

W. H. Barnhart and family now occupy their cottage on East Curtiss street.

L. Edwards has moved his family out from the city and become a Downers Grove resident.

The Economic League meets for organization this, Thursday, evening, at the Congregational church.

Jonas Foster was called suddenly to Iowa on business last week. He may remain there several weeks.

Mrs. H. W. Marvin and Mrs. Herbert Rood attended the Chicago Western district missionary meeting at Berwyn Wednesday.

The Congregational choir will give a fete at the Auditorium during the early part of the month, for the benefit of the music fund.

The families of W. R. Stevenson and M. McKenzie moved out from the city Friday and occupy their homes in the Straube subdivision.

The new village officers will be installed in their several places at the next meeting of the board which will be held Monday, May 6th.

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

H. E. Johnson of Eau Clair, Wis., who has finished his course of piano tuning under H. G. Hodler returns to his home on Friday a competent tuner.

Bert C. White will not occupy the Escher house on Curtiss street as announced last week. He will continue his place of residence on Warren avenue.

John Gollan has rented Flat No. 1, in W. J. Herring's building on North Main street. These 2 flats are finely arranged for residence purposes with all modern conveniences.

Miss Anna Roe has a card on the eighth page of this issue as a teacher of the piano and organ. Miss Roe is a pupil of the celebrated August Hylsted of Chicago, and is well equipped as a teacher of instrumental music.

Mrs. W. N. Hannum and son Clyde wish to express their thanks to the friends and neighbors who by their loyalty and sympathy have shown to them their love, during their sad bereavement in the loss of husband and father.

By proclamation of the governor Friday is set apart as Arbor day. Following the suggestion of the State Teachers association last fall, the state superintendent of public instruction suggests that the day also be observed as Bird and Flower day, and that flowers be planted and steps be taken to protect "those most beautiful of all Nature's children," the song birds. The day should be more generally observed than it is, and the suggestion of the Superintendent would not come amiss.

The Methodist people are contemplating making extensive repairs on their church. The proposed improvements, which will shortly be begun, are as follows: The putting in of electric lights, the frescoing of the ceiling and walls of the church, the repairing of the carpets and the general cleaning of the auditorium, and if possible the painting of the exterior of the church and parsonage. These improvements will cost about \$500. Some \$300 have already been subscribed. The pastor or the committee will be glad to see any one interested in helping on this good work.

County Superintendent of schools Morgan has received from State Superintendent Bayless an official announcement of the examinations of candidates for scholarships in the University of Illinois, to be held at each county seat in the state on Saturday, June 1. The examination for DuPage county will be held that day, beginning at 8 a. m., at the DuPage county court house, under the supervision of Mr. Morgan. Cook county is entitled to fifteen scholarships, one for each senatorial district. DuPage and the remaining counties in the state are allowed but one scholarship each. The subjects in which the candidates are examined include English history, algebra, plane geometry, foreign languages and sciences. Over sixty scholarships were awarded to pupils of high schools last year.

C. E. GRAVES A BENEDICT.

Marries Miss Laura Whittisey of Omaha last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Graves arrived in Downers Grove last Thursday evening from their wedding trip from Omaha, and will be at home to their friends at 45 South Washington street.

C. E. Graves of Downers Grove, and Miss Laura E. Whittisey, daughter of T. B. Whittisey of Omaha, were married at the home of the bride at that city, Wednesday, April 17th, 1901, at eight o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. I. P. Johnson, rector of St. Martins Episcopal church, the bride being given away by her father, Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Byron Smiley. After the ceremony refreshments were served. The couple left the following morning for their future home in Downers Grove.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received, including a number of handsome cut glass pieces sent by the "boys" of department 27 of Marshall Field & Co.'s wholesale establishment, where Mr. Graves is employed.

The bride is a charming young lady well known to many in Downers Grove where she has visited at various times, and is a niece of Mrs. J. W. Graves. The groom is the son of C. U. Graves and favorably known to every one in Downers Grove. The REPORTER joins their many friends in extending best wishes.

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Downers Grove, Ill., March 4, 1901. The regular meeting for month of March, 1901, was called to order by Trustee Bunge, President Root being absent. Trustee Woelfersheim was chosen president pro tem. Clerk White being absent Trustee Kuenzel was appointed clerk pro tem. Roll call noted present Trustees Bunge, Klein, Kuenzel and Woelfersheim. Absent, Trustees Pearsall and Waples. Minutes of last regular meeting were then read and approved. Reports of Village Collector, Treasurer and Supt. of Water and Light were read and ordered placed on file.

The following was then read and ordered placed on file: To the president and members of the village board, your committee on water and light beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the village collector and have found the same correct.

Signed: O. H. Bunge, } Com.
W. S. Waples, } Com.

Claim ordinance No. 101 providing for the payment of certain claims was read and was as follows:

C. S. Hughes & Co.	32
Mertz & Moehel	1.25
Hartford Steam Boiler Co.	68.00
The Goodlett Packing Co.	2.40
Peter Conrady	14.77
L. E. Stout	3.00
D. Latimer	40.00
Chas. Bittney	76.46
F. L. Stout	42.80
Burlington Coal Co.	262.21
W. B. Clow Sons	26.15
Leonard & Ellis	45.00
George Hoffert	25.00
P. J. Kearney	20.00
Mertz & Moehel	4.50
J. W. Rogers for McVean	18.25
H. P. Maxfield for Conrady	6.52
Thos. Banning	4.25
Martin White	4.00
Geo. Billings	2.00
Thos. Drew	2.00
P. A. Lord Lumber Co.	6.04
H. T. Aldrich	1.00
Geo. C. Barr	2.29
W. H. Mertz	20.00
J. D. McVean	6.85
V. Simonsen	7.91
M. Stasser	15.00

It was moved and carried that claim ordinance be put upon its passage. Said claim ordinance No. 101 was then put upon its passage and carried, those voting aye were Trustees Bunge, Klein, Kuenzel and Woelfersheim. Nays none.

It was moved and carried that warrant No. 2400 issued June 7, 1901, to the Manhattan General Construction Co. for \$38.18 be cancelled, account of same bill appearing in claim ordinance No. 100.

It was moved and carried that claims of village against A. E. Courtwright be placed in the hands of the village attorney for collection.

It was moved and carried that the village clerk be instructed to communicate with the Chicago Telephone Co. as to why the village is required to pay toll on messages between the village and Chicago on matter appertaining to the village.

Upon proper motion board adjourned. E. C. Kuenzel, Clerk pro tem.

PNEUMONIA CAN BE PREVENTED.

This disease always results from a cold or an attack of the grip and may be prevented by the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. That remedy was extensively used during the epidemics of LaGrippe of the past few years, and not a single case has ever been reported that did not recover or that resulted in pneumonia, which shows it to be a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has gained a world wide reputation for its cure of colds and grip. Bush & Simmons.

WHITE WINS EASILY

DEFEATS PROF. E. H. NOURSE BY A MAJORITY OF 129 VOTES.

The People Take a Hand in the School Contest Saturday and Emphatically Disapprove of the Caucus Nominees.

Saturday's school election was the warmest contest ever inaugurated in Downers Grove school matters. It eclipsed even the wonderful Heckmann-Gibbs contest of years ago. A total vote of 788 was cast in the four hours the polls were open, and Bert C. White was elected as a member of the board of education over Prof. E. H. Nourse by a handsome majority of 129 votes. Following is the vote in detail:

W. B. Towler, president	129
H. H. Woelfersheim, president	62
Bert C. White, trustee	62
E. H. Nourse, trustee	24
Geo. P. Luce, trustee	23
J. W. Worley, trustee	23
Harry S. Wheeler, trustee	20

Several reasons led to the selection of Bert C. White as a candidate to contest the position held by Prof. Nourse. Chief of which was the latter's position negative to the employment of local applicants as teachers in the schools, the alleged lax methods by which school matters are governed, and the fact that the board needed an available member to act as secretary of that body, as well as a "watch-dog of the treasury" to see that the shortage in school funds caused by the reduction of the school taxes should be met with retrenchment.

The school caucus held the week previous endorsed every act of the board without hearing both sides of the contest, and the result was the placing of Mr. White in the field by the conservative tax payers as an opponent to the board's chief candidate and spokesman, Prof. Nourse. The people loyally supported him and he won easily by a vote of 465 to Nourse's 225.

Every means was brought to bear to accomplish White's defeat. On the morning of the election disputes by the thousands were scattered broadcast throughout the village, leading to the "People versus The Politicians" and calling attention to the superior qualifications of the Professor as a member of the board, and branding White as a "candidate of political bosses," as well as making other misrepresentations, among which was one to the effect that White favored abolishing the high school—a rank falsehood.

The caucus nominees worked against White to a man and they were ably assisted by many men and women members of the Baptist church—those of the caucus nominees being members of that organization. A prominent North side woman also fought valiantly for the professor and made flaming remarks to some of White's supporters whom her eloquence failed to move. The opposition to Mr. White polled every vote they could secure by any means, but had occasion demanded fully a hundred more votes could have been secured by Mr. White's friends.

Women friends of both candidates took an active interest in the election, many casting their first vote. The balance of the caucus ticket except Prof. Nourse was elected, though J. W. Worley's name was scratched on a number of ballots. H. W. Martin received two and Miss Sarah A. Holland one vote for members of the board.

WILL ORGANIZE TONIGHT.

The members of the Downers Grove Center of the economic league will hold their first meeting at the Congregational church this, Thursday, evening at eight o'clock sharp for organization. Officers are to be elected, committees appointed, and the time and place of regular meetings are to be agreed upon. It is to be hoped that the entire membership will come out to hear of the purpose and proposed work of the league, and others who are interested are invited. Following is a list of the members to date:

M. Stasser, R. J. Darley, J. W. Graves, E. H. Libby, C. J. Pope, W. J. Herring, J. S. Wallace, F. A. Dawes, L. W. Winchester, Chas. E. Leach, J. B. Hailing, C. C. Graves, J. W. Hughes, M. B. Downer, John R. Retter, F. E. Dowse, Joseph S. Tyler, A. S. Washburn, John Ratterford, C. S. Hughes, W. E. Tomney, S. P. Jones, H. T. Wheeler, Herbert Root, O. M. Searles, Wm. Bryce, Hugh M. White, C. M. Caldwell, G. E. Bunge, W. J. Caldwell, E. J. W. Dietz, H. M. Beteman, P. F. Jones, F. A. Berner, A. C. Wiegand, T. B. Watson, G. E. Garraux, G. P. Luce, J. W. Worley, D. G. Graham.

LAGRANGE DANCING CLASS.

Prof. Anderson will give a white reception at the town hall, LaGrange, April 27th. Admission 50 cents. On Friday evening, May 3, a grand dancing reception and May party will be given at LaGrange. The children's dancing party will be given April 27, from 5:30 to 8:00 o'clock. The children and parents of Downers Grove are invited. Free of charge.