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## OBITUARY—R.T. DAVIS

### SKETCH OF FORMER WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF DOWNERS GROVE.

The Following Obituary From the Galesburg Register of July 13th Gives History of His Life.

R. T. Davis, for years a resident of Galesburg and formerly division freight agent of the Galesburg division of the C. B. & Q., died in the infirmary at Watertown Thursday evening of last week. Death came as a peaceful messenger after a long illness. The last three or four days Mrs. Frank Ward, a daughter, was present with her father. Mr. Davis was failing for several years and his decline was noticed by his friends here. Over three years ago Mrs. Davis was prostrated by a paralytic stroke and a very few days later Mr. Davis suffered a similar affliction. The stroke left him in a helpless condition. He was taken to Watertown, to the infirmary in which he has had the best of care. He was a friend of Dr. Taylor, the superintendent, and the doctor was very kind and helpful to him. Mr. Davis became worse three days ago. He knew his daughter the first day, but after that sank rapidly. The end was peaceful.

Mr. Davis was 63 years old. He was long in the railroad service, and had an extensive acquaintance. For years he was the C. B. & Q. agent at Abingdon, where he rendered such excellent service that he was promoted to a similar position in Buda. He afterwards held a higher position in the Chicago office. In the eighties he was made division freight agent of the Galesburg division, a position that he satisfactorily occupied for several years. After leaving the C. B. & Q. he entered the employ of the Santa Fe and was for some time its traveling freight agent. When he resigned from this, he led a leisurely life. His ailment then came upon him, a fact that all his friends sincerely regret.

Mr. Davis was a good man, a man of fine character and high principles. Formerly a member of the Christian church, he became here a member of the First Baptist church and while his health failed, was a prominent and useful factor in its affairs. He was at one time a member of the Masonic fraternity. He belonged to the Royal Arcanum lodge of this city and the lodge entertained so high an opinion of him as a brother and citizen that they, during his stay at Watertown maintained the payments on his insurance in the organization, a kind and friendly act on their part. Mr. Davis as a citizen was much esteemed for his pleasant qualities.

Mr. Davis leaves a wife of Downers Grove, his daughters, Mrs. Frank Ward of Burlington, Iowa; Mrs. Harriet Mitchell, Miss Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. E. C. Stanley, and a son, R. H. Davis, all of Downers Grove.

Funeral services of a tender and touching nature were held last Saturday afternoon in the First Baptist church, over the remains of R. T. Davis, and were attended by a large company of the friends of the deceased formed during his long life in this city. Present from out of the city were the following friends and relatives: Mrs. R. T. Davis of Downers Grove, his wife, and the daughters, Mrs. F. C. Ward of Burlington, Iowa, accompanied by her husband; Mrs. E. C. Stanley, Miss Elizabeth Davis and Mrs. Harriet Mitchell of Downers Grove, with her sons, Richard and Calvin, accompanied by her housekeeper, Manda Johnson, and R. H. Davis of Chicago, his son; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bradburg of Abingdon, brother-in-law and sister-in-law; Lorenzo Ferris of Oneida, a cousin; Mrs. Henry Schroeder of Rio, a cousin; Capt. Wm. Gray of Quincy, another cousin; were present, also the nieces from Alton, Misses Mannie, Snow and Sadie Heaton.

From the home in Downers Grove the pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. G. J. Pope, accompanied the family and in the absence of Dr. T. G. Soares pastor of the Baptist church of this city Rev. Mr. Pope and Dr. C. A. Vincent, pastor of the Central Congregational church of this city, conducted the funeral services. After the reading of the 23rd Psalm and chapter seven of the Revelations, the sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Pope and was particularly fitting for the occasion. He delivered a very able address, speaking in beautiful language of the life of Mr. Davis. He spoke in brief as follows: R. T. Davis was born in Oquawka in 1838. In the year 1862 he commenced his railroad career in the capacity of station agent at Cameron, and with the railroad he remained for a period of 27 years, being all of this time in the employ of the C. B. & Q. After leaving Cameron in 1889, Mr. Davis was station agent at Malden from 1889-94, when he went to Abingdon, where he was until

1878 as station agent for the same road. From 1878-80 Mr. Davis worked in the same capacity at Buda, when he was made division freight agent of the Galesburg division with headquarters in Chicago. There he remained until 1885, when his offices were transferred to this city and here he remained until 1889, as long as he was with the company. He was married November 23, 1859 to Mary Brunson in Abingdon.

Mr. Davis was a man deeply attached to his wife and children and the love with which he cherished his home was proverbial. He was a Christian man. When in Downers Grove, where he lived for some time, Mr. Davis united with the Baptist church and in this church he continued when he was transferred to this city. He loved his Bible and that Book bears many marks made by him in the use of it. He was philanthropic and was an advocate of all of the work of the railroad Y. M. C. A. He was charitable and benevolent. His life was an exemplary Christian one and now he is verifying that which he believed.

The number of handsome floral tributes which the casket bore, were evidences of the love and esteem in which the deceased was held. A large spray of lilies was the gift of the widow, a beautiful spray of sweet peas and carnations came from the grandsons, Calvin and Richard Mitchell; Marion and Logan Stanley, two grandsons, sent a beautiful spray of pink and white roses. The emblem sent by the children: was a handsome pillow of roses, lilies and other flowers and bearing the word "Father." The Order of Eastern Star of Downers Grove sent a spray of rose buds, and friends in this city and the home of the wife in Downers Grove sent many others.

### LAGRANGE FACTORY CLOSED.

P. A. Lord Lumber Company Opens New Plant at Kankakee.

Commencing July 2nd the P. A. Lord Lumber company of Downers Grove and LaGrange began operating their new Riverview factory at Kankakee. On the same date the factory at LaGrange was closed down and hereafter all the cabinet work orders will be filled from the Kankakee factory.

The LaGrange factory will not immediately cease operations, however. The cabinet makers will remain there until they finish their work and after the cabinet makers are transferred to the Riverview factory; the finishers will remain at LaGrange until there is nothing for them to do. About the latter part of July or the middle of August the Kankakee plant will be in full operation with in the neighborhood of 100 men on the pay roll—men who receive good wages, for the manufacture of church furniture requires skilled labor for the main part.

The Riverview factory began sawing last week and by the time the cabinet makers complete their work at LaGrange they will have plenty to do here. Motive power for the plant is furnished by a 250 horse power Corliss engine. In the engine room is a dynamo for the 350 incandescent lights of the factory and a pump for the factory's artesian well.

Most of the lumber used by the factory consists of the various varieties of oak. Before it is ready for use it must be kiln dried. There are two Andrews' dry kilns, with a capacity of about 36 cars of lumber, the cars being run into the kilns and from thence into a large shed until the stock is needed. There is at present 65,000 feet of lumber in the kilns.

There is no more complete factory in the world and it could not more admirably answer the needs of the Lord Lumber company if it had been erected to their order. There are two acres of floor space in the factory, or about 80,000 square feet, and fifteen acres of ground.

### PEDDLER SECURES JUDGMENT.

Israel Mem, a Hebrew peddler, who claims Chicago as his residence, secured judgment for \$25.50 and costs against Aaron Meadel in Justice Graham's court last Saturday. The trial brought out the story as follows: Mem drove into Meadel's yard July 1st to dispose of his wares. In leaving his wagon tipped over and damaged a wagon belonging to Meadel. The latter demanded \$10 for the damages. This the peddler refused to pay though he stated he would have the broken vehicle repaired and settled the bill. Meadel demurred to this arrangement and it was stated, he forcibly detained the peddler, finally releasing him, but appropriating a quantity of the Hebrew's stock. Mem brought suit against Meadel for the value of the goods with the result as stated. Gray & Bunge were attorneys for the plaintiff.

FOR RENT—Farm of 180 acres in York township, known as the David Thurston farm. Enquire of R. O. Curtiss.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Fresh ripe watermelons at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Mrs. G. E. White is visiting relatives at Ottawa.

A ladies fair will be held at Wheatland during September.

Mrs. Mary B. Davis returned Tuesday from Abingdon and Galesburg.

Miss Winnie Laughlin is spending a few days with the Willard family.

Mrs. Delt Moseley of Ainsworth, Neb., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. J. Pope.

Miss Ella Smith of Chicago is visiting Wm. Woodson and family this week.

Lemon, cherry and raspberry phosphate, full pint bottles 10 cents at Gerwig's.

Henry Paul is improving his residence with the addition of a new porch.

FOR SALE.—A new steel range. First class in every respect. Enquire at this office.

D. J. Miley and family, in company with Hinsdale friends, spent Sunday in Lincoln park.

Mrs. Gus Johnson is entertaining a friend from Chicago.

J. G. Barber, who has been employed at C. Penner's has returned to Chicago with his family.

Walter Dunn left yesterday for Utah for the benefit of his health. He will make an extended stay.

Mrs. L. B. Fletcher and daughter, Miss Hattie Fletcher, are spending a few weeks at Otsego, Mich.

M. E. Stanger attended an old soldier's campfire of the Union Veteran's Union in Chicago Monday night.

Will Brown of Chicago, has given most of his time to his brother, Frank Brown, who still continues in a serious condition.

Watch this column for date of entertainment to be given by the Military company. One of the best ever given in Downers Grove.

An inmate of the county asylum died suddenly Tuesday. He hailed from Addison and was eighty years old. An inquest was held by the coroner.

Scorched and suffering vegetation was revived by the drenching showers of last night. Humanity also appreciated the relief brought by lower temperature.

The subject of the sermon at the Baptist church Sunday morning will be "The Centuries before the Flood;" the sermon anticipating the Sunday school lesson of next Sunday.

Mrs. R. O. Curtiss, accompanied by her sisters, Mrs. T. E. Sedgwick of York, Neb., and Miss Mahala Thurston of Chicago, visited their sister, Mrs. Henry Wright, at Waukegan the past week.

The postponed installation of officers of the Knights of Pythias was held last night. Deputy Grand Chancellor, J. W. Nicholson assisted by H. T. Kimball and Jos. Jefferson of Hinsdale, conducted the ceremonies.

Miss Selig announces a clearing sale at cost of all spring and summer millinery including her entire stock of trimmed and untrimmed hats and bonnets; also childrens caps, hats, and bonnets; to make room for new fall stock.

A class of children under the direction of Miss Daisy Dale gave an entertainment at the Auditorium Monday evening. A number of clever drills were given and the program included recitations, postings and musical features.

The village improvement committee of the Downers Grove Woman's club is endeavoring to interest residents in the way of improving the general appearance of the village, and to that end are securing personal pledges from house owners and tenants to keep their premises free from weeds and rubbish.

Matthias Stroebel has brought suit in Justice Graham's court against Joseph Yackley to recover a sum claimed to be due for mason work in building the foundation of the latter's new house and barn at Lisle. The case will come up for hearing Saturday afternoon. Gray & Bunge are attorneys for the plaintiff, and M. Slusser for the defendant.

The great dailies go to the stores and banks and great office buildings. The merchant, banker, corporation manager or attorney glances hurriedly over the financial column or market report; but even the city business man turns the pages of the little sheet that comes once a week from the village where he was born, with an interest not mixed with dollars and cents or idle curiosity but with emotions that stir the heart's memories, that bring back the days of his boyhood.

Oil. Family Safety. Ice cream salt at Rang's. Halter keeps Lipton's teas. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. W. C. Wansor was here a few days last week.

Miss Julia Rehm of Lisle, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. L. P. Naramore is confined at home with rheumatism.

Mrs. Wm. Fraenkel entertains a party of ladies at luncheon today.

Geo. Sadler of Toulon, Ill., was the guest of the Davis family this week.

FOR SALE.—Piano self-binder; good condition, \$15. Box 118, Downers Grove.

C. H. Smiley of Omaha, was here yesterday. the guest of Mrs. C. E. Graves.

Last night's rain will benefit corn and pastures; almost too late for hay and oats.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Straube and son are spending July and August at Lake Geneva, Wis.

Mrs. Catherine Rickerick has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Fred Mochel, at Lisle, the past week.

Charles Blodgett of Elgin is spending a few days with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Blodgett.

Miss Ottilia Kessel of Shawnee, Okla., is visiting her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Kessel.

Mrs. Bertha Willis and children returned this week from Detroit, Mich., where she has spent her months vacation.

Miss Rosa Side, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wells, has returned to her home at Fulton, Ky.

The annual national convention of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union will be held next week, July 24 to 28, at the Coliseum, Chicago.

Madame R. O. Curtiss, Olive Frank and T. E. Sedgwick attended a gathering of the Thurston family at the home of I. B. Coe at Fullerton yesterday.

President Burton of the Republican Editorial association of the eighth congressional district is arranging for a picnic at Riverview park in the near future.

Brown, barren pastures discourage farmers, many of whom find it necessary to feed hay or green oats daily to their herds in order to keep up an ordinary milk supply.

The Chicago Telephone company has recently placed long distance transmitters on all of the business men's telephones in Downers Grove, thus giving a much better service.

That grain is being harvested by self-binders is evidenced by the many bales of twine seen on farmers' wagons as they drive homeward. Oat straw is short but can be tied in bundles and will yield per straw if not per acre.

Letters from Earl Herring who is located at Phoenix, Arizona, announce his steady improvement in health, which will prove clearing intelligence to his many friends here. Miss Anna Herring who is with him will not return home for about a month.

The date of holding the next county fair will probably be postponed indefinitely. The late fire which destroyed the fine arts building, burnt the bottom out of what little zeal and enthusiasm there was left in the officers of the association who will settle up its affairs and say adieu.

There will be a union service of the Congregational, Methodist and Baptist churches Sunday night at the Baptist church. Rev. H. H. Rood, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach. It is expected that these evening union services will continue through July and August, alternating between the different churches.

The announcement and Program of Institute, Young People's Alliance Convention, Woman's Missionary Society Convention and English and German Campmeetings of the Evangelical Association, August 7th to 26th, 1901, has been published. These meetings will be held in Naperville Park east of Naperville. The grounds are especially adapted for the purposes for which they are used, lying high and dry and nicely shaded by natural forest trees. A spacious tabernacle, properly enclosed for inclement weather and so arranged that it can be opened all around, accommodates several thousand worshippers. Hotel accommodations are ample and lodging quarters are being provided for transient visitors. Lot owners have constructed cozy cottages, so that nothing of a material character seems to be lacking necessary to make this this annual gathering a desired success.

## NEIGHBORING NEWS NOTES.

### Interesting Items of DuPage County People and Places Taken from Exchanges

One hundred and four marriage licenses were granted in DuPage county the past six months.

Warrenville parties will try again to have a free delivery route established for that town and vicinity.

The village of Shabbona will expand \$2,200 during the next municipal year for a new city well and extending water mains.

The corner stone of the LaGrange convent and school was laid Sunday afternoon, July 14th, at 3 o'clock. The situation of the new building will be on the corner of Brainerd and Ogden avenues.

The Coral postoffice, near Huntley, McHenry county, just closed because of establishment of free delivery, was the first postoffice to be located between Chicago and Galena. It was established in 1836 with W. M. Jackson as postmaster.

A resident of DuPage county who has been keeping tab on the weather the past twelve years, reports that there had been only two hotter days than the 30th ult the past twelve years when it was 103 in August, 1891. There were thirteen days in June when the thermometer registered ninety and over.

The board of review met last Monday and organized and mapped out the daily routine of their work. C. D. Bartlett was elected secretary of the board and Mr. McClintock chairman of the board of supervisors, in by law and virtue of his office chairman of the board. The clerical force will be obtained from the office of the county clerk.

On Wednesday July 3rd at high noon at the residence of Mrs. A. J. Fredenbagen, St. Charles, Ill., occurred the marriage of her daughter Miss Adda Marie, to Mr. Walter Ray Curtis of Clarendon Hills, Ill. Rev. Smith of Wheaton College officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis left for a two weeks trip East. They will be at home after August 7th at St. Charles, Ill.

Myron Hoeler, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoeler of Naperville, was knocked down and run over by a horse and buggy last Wednesday evening. He was about to cross the street in front of his father's grocery store when the accident occurred. The buggy passed over his body, and outside of a few bruises on his head, he escaped without serious injury.

That the Naperville horse market is retreating is not doubted by people who inspected the trading stock brought to town last Saturday, says the Clarion. The owner of a decent looking animal was ashamed to exhibit his \$150 dollar horse among such a motley array of scare crows as was seen here all day. Hereafter the number of salable animals will be scarce indeed unless the cadavers are kept away.

Carriers of rural free delivery mail in the United States must hereafter refrain from other business while performing their regular duties as such carriers. Complaints have recently been received at the department stating that many rural free delivery carriers in different sections of the country have been making it a practice of delivering or selling goods along their mail routes, becoming so zealous in this, that they have neglected their mail duties. Hence an order is to be issued prohibiting the practice altogether.

Aurora is making elaborate preparations to entertain thousands of visitors during the entire week commencing Monday, August 5th. For six days there will be a grand Elks Free Street carnival to consist of various free entertainments, magnificent parades, industrial displays and other features. In conjunction with this unusual event the Aurora lodge of Elks have entered into a contract with the Great Bostock shows, which, instead of being placed upon a single large lot will be scattered throughout the business section of the city. The Bostock shows in themselves are greater than any traveling circus and consist of a number of novelties.

The Glen Ellyn village board at their last regular meeting made arrangements to have a plan for water works, with estimated costs and specifications submitted to them for consideration. The plan proposed will cost approximately \$20,000, to be paid for in 25 years. A Chicago company agrees to put in the system and rent enough hydrants to the town for the first two years after completion to amount to 5 per cent of the cost. After two years the town is to use enough water to come to \$500 more than 5 per cent on the cost. This amount is to be deducted from the cost and interest stopped on the amount. This process is to be continued till the first cost of the plant is worked out in water rentals, then the company is to give the village a deed to the property.

Following is a digest of the amendments governing the board of review: 324. Board of Review. In DuPage county the chairman of the county board, and two resident citizens of the county to be appointed by the county judge, shall constitute a board of review to review the assessments made by the county supervisor of assessments. The chairman of the county board shall be the chairman of the board of review.

328. Meeting of the board.—Power of. The board of review shall meet on or before the second Monday in July in each year for the purpose of revising the assessment of property. At such meeting the board of review, upon application of any taxpayer, or upon its own motion may revise the entire assessment, or any part thereof of any taxpayer, and correct the same as shall appear to them to be just, but in none of these cases provided for in this act shall the assessment of the property of any person be increased, unless such person or his agent, if either be a resident of or has a place of business in the county, shall first have been notified in writing and been given an opportunity to be heard. Such meeting may be adjourned from day to day as may be necessary.

MANY NEW BRICK WALKS. East Maple avenue will be well provided with permanent walks soon. The Blodgett, Stanley, Berner, Bateman, Daily, McVean, Woolfeisen and Lyman properties already have cement or brick walks and now permanent walks are being laid on the north side of the street from the Mackie place to the creek, in front of the Mackie, Coates, Hans, Strong, Bryce and Wallace properties.

VIOLATIONS ARE EXPENSIVE. Quite a number of the violators of the water ordinances are paying Collector Simonson a dollar each to learn that the village officials mean business when they say the use of lawn sprinklers out of hours will not be countenanced.

## BOARD OF REVIEW

### NOW IN SESSION AT WHEATON REVISING ASSESSMENTS

Rules Adopted Governing the Board of Review of DuPage County for 1901—Digest of Revenue Laws.

The DuPage county board of review met last Monday and organized for the business of reviewing the assessments of DuPage county. The board is composed of Jas. McClintock, chairman, C. D. Bartlett secretary, and H. M. Plummer. The following rules have been adopted for the governing of the board.

Rule 1. The regular meeting of the board of review shall be held on or before the second Monday of July, and shall adjourn from day to day as may be necessary. The hours of meeting shall be 10:30 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. unless otherwise specially set.

Rule 2. Order of business. 1. Reading and approving of record of proceedings of last meeting. 2. Presentation of petitions and complaints. 3. Reading of petitions. 4. Considering petitions to increase or reduce assessments of individuals or corporations. 5. Hearing of owners or their agents.

Rule 3. The chairman of said board shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the board to meet, and shall immediately call the members to order, and proceed with the transaction of business as provided in Rule 2.

Rule 4. All persons or corporations having complaints to offer, shall make same in writing, sign same, give their address and file said complaint with the clerk of this board before the first Monday in August.

Rule 5. The clerk of this board shall keep a docket showing the number of each petition or complaint filed with said board for the reduction or increase of the assessment of any person or corporation.

Rule 6. Each petition and complaints shall be numbered by the clerk and filed in regular order as received, and when acted upon, shall be taken up in same order as far as may be. Provided that any complaint or petition when reached on the docket may be specially set for hearing at any time designated by the board.

Rule 7. Any member of the board may notify this board of any property that may come to his knowledge that is unassessed or that in his opinion is assessed to high, or low, and the clerk thereupon shall issue notice to the person or corporation affected thereby that they may appear and show cause, if any they have, why such assessment should not be changed, but no action shall be taken thereon for three days after giving or mailing such notice.

Rule 8. Every person or corporation shall have the privilege of being heard before the board, either in person or by agent or attorney.

Rule 9. The board may hear petitions for reductions of assessments at the time of the filing or may fix a day for the hearing thereof.

Rule 10. These rules may be amended at any time by giving one day's notice, specifying the proposed amendments.