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CONTRACT AWARDED

C. A. IGLEHART & CO. WILL BUILD HIGHLAND AVENUE EXTENSION

September Meeting of the Board of Trustees Held Last Night—Many Important Measures Passed.

Many important measures were considered at the September meeting of the village board held last night, chief of which was the awarding of the contract for the Highland avenue water extension. President Moehl, Clerk White and Trustees Klein, Kuenzler, Stevens, Waples and Martin were present. Trustee Towles was absent.

The reports of village officers were read and ordered placed on file. The collector's report showed a total of \$146.03 collected as follows: Water rates \$23.30, materials \$2.31, electric lights \$87.56, meters \$20.85, license \$3. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at last report of \$4170.81, receipts \$393.90, expended \$759.71, present balance on hand \$3708.00.

Claim ordinance No. 107, providing for the payment of various bills to the amount of \$782.90, was passed. C. McLannan of Chicago, submitted an estimate of the cost of taking levels making profiles and establishing street grades, and devising a plan and estimate of cost of construction of a sewerage system, embracing maps, etc., all of which he agreed to furnish for \$4.50. The matter was referred to the improvement committee.

Sidewalk ordinances Nos. 59, 60 and 61 were read and passed, ordering new brick walks as follows: On the north side of Belmont street, between Foote street and Middaugh avenue; also on the north side of Curtiss street, between Bolden avenue and South Washington street; also on the east side of North Washington street between Rogers street and East Prairie avenue.

A resolution was read and adopted transferring \$300 from the general fund to the water and light fund. The board of local improvement considered bids for the Highland avenue water main extension, and awarded the contract to C. A. Iglehart & Co., for the sum of \$1,536.36, their bid being the lowest among three bidders. The notice of awarding contract will be found following this article.

An ordinance amending the ordinances governing the water department of the village of Downers Grove, and providing for placing the system on a meter basis, was read and discussed at length. The ordinance was referred back to committee and the village attorney to make changes, and will come up for passage at next meeting.

Bids for painting village hall were opened and read as follows: Wm. Bryce \$45, L. P. Sucher \$46.50. The bids were referred to improvement committee with power to act.

The street and alley committee was instructed to make necessary repairs on the flag staff in the park, after which the board adjourned to Sept. 16.

NOTICE OF AWARDED CONTRACT

Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois—Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the bids for the laying and constructing of cast iron water mains in and along Highland avenue of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, were opened on the 26th day of August A. D. 1901 and C. A. Iglehart & Co. being the lowest responsible bidder, the contract was awarded to said C. A. Iglehart & Co. on the 30th day of August A. D. 1901. Said bid is for the work as a whole and is as follows: \$1536.36 furnishing all necessary pipes, hydrants, valves and shut off boxes, digging trenches and filling the same. The owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands upon the said line of improvement on Highland avenue where-in said work is to be done may, within ten days from the date hereof, elect to take said work and enter into a written contract to do said work at ten per centum less than the price at which the same has been awarded. CHAR. MOEHL, WM. S. WAPLES, W. B. TOWLES, Board of Local Improvements.

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 should ask the C., R. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 6 cents.

In the fiscal year which has just ended 5,770,994,309 cigars were made in the United States as against 4,900,000,000 in 1900, the largest previous record. It would appear that the anti-tobacco crusade, at least in the matter of smoking, is not growing as rapidly as its advocates might wish.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

Large Crowds Attend Labor Day Event of Local Fire Department.

Had a "4-11" alarm been turned in no bigger crowd would have assembled than that which attended the Firemen's second annual picnic Monday. From shortly after noon until past midnight the crowds surged through the picturesque grove on E. E. Downer's farm, and drank red lemonade and patronized the various refreshment stands, cane racks, baby racks and dancing platform.

First on the program of events came the races. Boys, girls, young ladies and young men, married ladies and married men, fat men and lean men, competed for the prizes hung up for the races. The crowd cheered the winners and howled at the ludicrous features and altogether got as much enjoyment out of the affair as was possible. Everything was conducted in the smoothest manner by the firemen and no friction resulted. The two most laughable were the fat men's race between H. H. Woelfersheim and Jake Klein, and the pie eating contest. Klein weighs close to 300 pounds and though carrying top weight came down the stretch and won cut by a length in a drive.

Following the races came the pie-eating contest. Six boys with their hands tied behind their backs fought blueberry pie with their mouths and incidentally daubed their countenances with the juice.

In the evening the dancing platform was the center of attraction, and here the dancers made merry until a late hour. The various booths were well patronized and as a result the Fire department will add about \$75 to their funds in the treasury.

ALLEN H. BARNHART MARRIES.

The marriage of Mr. Allen H. Barnhart of Downers Grove, to Miss Clara McNeas of McPherson, Kansas, was solemnized at the home of the bride's sister, at Naperville, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 4th. The service occurred at four o'clock and was performed by the Rev. W. H. Faulke. Only the intimate friends and relatives of the bride were present. Following the ceremony a wedding collation was served, and the young couple left for a week's trip to Michigan resorts. Upon their return from their wedding trip they will come to Downers Grove and reside temporarily at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnhart, while arranging to begin housekeeping. The bride is highly spoken of as an intelligent young woman of charming personality. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnhart of Downers Grove, where he is well and favorably known. For several years he has held a responsible position with the Wear Commission company of Chicago. Many friends unite in extending congratulations and good wishes.

HORSE SHOW TONIGHT.

Prof. Southworth's old fashioned one ring pony and wolf circus that was at the Firemen's picnic will continue to exhibit at the corner of Chicago avenue and north Main street. In addition to the regular program a free illustrated lecture on horsemanship, and "Just as the Sun Went Down" illustrated with stereopticon views, will be given outside the tent. In addition to the regular performances of the animals attached to the show, will be all the fun and excitement that can be forced from a herd of wild broncos. The Professor agrees to drive without bridle or lines, in 30 minutes, any horse that may be brought to him. The Professor owns the only performing black timber wolf in the world. This wolf will ride, bare-backed, any bronco that is brought into the ring. Our entire performances free to anyone buying a copy of our 10 cent illustrated booklet. Anyone buying a copy of our larger book, "The Electric Horse Tamer, Trainer and Educator," shall be entitled to have his horse broken to drive single or double free of charge.

That there are perils in newspaper advertising as well as advantages is forcibly illustrated by the case of a New York farmer who advertised for a wife. The advertisement appeared in print Saturday and Sunday, and on Monday morning a bargain day rush began with the advertiser's farmhouse as the bargain counter. They came with bag and baggage and filled the house and the yard and drove the advertiser and his two hired men out into the kitchen, where they stood at bay until the farmer mustered up enough courage to eject all the applicants and then stand guard over the front door with a gun and a bulldog. The moral of this little story is this: If you don't want to do business, don't advertise.

Cremo and Childs five cent cigars 7 for 25 cents at Haller's Saturday.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair.
White Rose gasoline, Nanh's. Additional local news on fifth page.
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Milley visited with friends in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Frank O. Dowe left yesterday for a few days visit at Dixon, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Bush will return today from their Buffalo exposition trip.

Mrs. J. Moore of Berwyn, was the guest of the family of R. E. Lacy last week.

The New Century club will meet Sept. 5, at the home of Miss Lillian Dawes.

Dr. Gray of Chicago, was the guest of his brother, A. J. Gray, here several days this week.

Mrs. W. A. Tope and children are spending a few weeks at the Pan-American exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley left last night for a two weeks visit with relatives at Hawkins, Mich.

The Misses Emma and Mary Fletcher left Tuesday for a vacation trip to the Buffalo exposition, Boston and New York.

Misses Clandle and Dot Wheeler returned Wednesday from Remington, Ind., where they have been spending the past week.

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

F. R. Owens and family left Monday for their new home in the city. They will reside at 754 Talman avenue, which is near the Millard avenue station.

Frank G. Brown who has had an extended siege of illness has recovered sufficiently to be out. An abscess in the head which had given him considerable trouble discharged Tuesday, giving him great relief.

Pronounced among the weddings of the early autumn will be the marriage of Miss Cora Hearty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. Hearty of Cass, to Rev. Lewis B. Lott of Wilton Center, Ill. The date set for the wedding is Tuesday, September 17th.

Special matinee will be given at the dog and wolf circus tomorrow, Friday afternoon for ladies and children only. Tomorrow evening by special request Prof. Southworth will handle a vicious horse in a 30 foot enclosure, showing his great gunpowder methods. Every horse for tomorrow night has been specially selected and a number of "high kickers" are on the program. Admission 10 cents.

The grand opening of S. F. Haller's new store Saturday afternoon and evening attracted a large crowd. The store was decorated in a pretty manner and each lady and gentleman attending was presented with an aluminum souvenir. In the evening the Schubert orchestra club gave a musical program of merit, which proved a drawing attraction. Altogether the opening was attended with success and many have commented on the enterprise of the proprietor in thus giving publicity to his establishment.

The Modern Woodmen society has more experienced field men, or soliciting agents in its service than any other fraternal benefit society in the United States. Its field working system is the creation of Hon. W. A. Northcott, head consul, and under his direction during the past two years the society has made a net gain of 211,370 benefit members, carrying \$248,087,500 insurance. The increase in the number of local Woodmen camps, or lodges, during the same period has been 3,363. The record is a marvelous one and the "old time" life company's recent offer to Mr. Northcott of a salary of \$15,000 per annum and take charge of its affairs was warranted. Mr. Northcott, however, remains with the Woodmen.

W. S. Carpenter, after six years of service as local manager of the Chicago Telephone company, has resigned his position and the company will be compelled to secure other quarters for the Downers Grove central office. Several locations have been under consideration by the company, among them the office room over the central block drug store, and the room on the second floor of the bank building adjoining the Reporter office. Neither is exactly suited to the company's needs, the former is too small, and while the room in the bank building is of sufficient size, it is feared the jar of the machinery in the Reporter office will affect the instruments. As to who will be the company's manager, no decision has been reached. Mr. Carpenter was offered special inducements to retain the position, but the duties took so much time from his own business he felt compelled to relinquish it.

Oil. Family Safety.
Ice cream salt at Kang's.
Haller keeps Lipton's tans.
Rest oil in town at C. S. Hughes.

Mrs. Millie Davenport is spending several weeks at LaGrange.

Mrs. E. E. Easton gave a luncheon to a number of her lady friends Tuesday.

Haller will sell all the popular brands of advertised cigars, 7 for 25 cents Saturday.

Usual services morning and evening at the Congregational church next Sabbath.

Miss Rose M. Bunnig is spending several weeks visiting relatives at Louisville, Ky.

Miss Anna Roe was a guest at the home of Wm. Taylor, in Chicago, Monday and Tuesday.

If you want your clothes to be clean and white, use Maple City soap as directed on the wrapper.

Henry Spiegler of Elgin, was here over Sunday and assisted S. F. Haller at his opening Saturday.

L. M. Parker, who recently purchased the J. L. Reed farm, has gone to Texas for an extended visit.

Miss Anna Patten and her mother left Tuesday for Winetka where she has accepted a position as teacher in the schools.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Will Moore and Miss Estella Dixon, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Handy, Wednesday, Sept. 18th.

FARM FOR SALE.—113 acres within 14 miles of Downers Grove corporation, good land, fair improvements and on easy terms. Enquire of C. K. Rok.

School will commence Monday, Sept. 10th and preparations are being made for the reception of the scholars. A number of changes have been made in the staff of instructors.

The Congregational Sunday school picnic will be held at Brush Hill Saturday, Sept. 7th. Conveyances will leave the church at 9 a. m. A bus will be at Hinsdale station on arrival of the 10:05 a. m. train from Downers Grove and the 1:30 p. m. train from Chicago.

Mrs. Alvira Blanchard died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nancy DeArmond, in Missouri, Monday, Sept. 2. Mrs. Blanchard was the widow of Capt. Walter Blanchard, and was for years a resident of Downers Grove, where she made her home with her son William. Two years ago she went to live with her daughter in Missouri. She was born in Orange county, New York, April 8th, 1821. Mrs. Blanchard was the mother of four children, Franklin, William, Elizabeth and Nancy.

From last Sunday until the first day of October, it will be lawful to kill prairie chickens and the sportsmen are expecting four weeks of very fair shooting, as the chickens are said to be fairly plentiful in the fields four or five miles from the city and the conveyances have not been thinned out so extensively as in former years by the men who persist in killing them out of season. Part of the credit for stopping this indiscriminate slaughter is due the farmers who have taken a determined stand against trespassers, and have served notice that they will prosecute all offenders.

Prof. Anderson will give an opening reception at Carpenter's hall, over Carpenter's drug store, Saturday evening Sept. 14th, from 8 to 11 p. m. All arrangements will be made with a view to making this reception a pleasant event. The music will be furnished by Chicago musicians and the evening promises to be a most enjoyable one. Prof. Anderson will personally conduct the classes and receptions this season and he cordially invites all patrons and friends of the school to attend. Admission 35 cents a person. Term of 10 lessons \$2.50. Childrens class will open Saturday, Sept. 14th, from 3 to 4 p. m.; admission 25 cents. Term of 13 lessons \$2.00. He will give special parties for the children this year.

Fifty-nine veterans of the old 105th Illinois Volunteer Infantry met in reunion at Naperville Monday. They listened to speeches, told stories and had a good time generally, which included an exhaustive discussion of the banquet provided by the ladies of Naperville. The next reunion will be held at the Sherman House in Chicago, Sept. 2nd, 1902. The officers elected were: President, Capt. Geo. Bender; vice-president, Capt. T. S. Rogers; secretary, M. B. Grombina. Among those from Downers Grove who attended were M. E. Stanger, T. S. Rogers, M. Helms, T. M. Leach, D. Klein, Wm. Beldeman, A. L. Palmer, Allen Wheeler, V. Wetten, Frank Rogers, R. S. Winer, E. W. Farrar, Geo. B. Hearty, A. Straube and Gerry Wallace.

PASSING OF THE COUNTY FAIR.

Agriculture Society Decides to Abandon DuPage County Fair.—Some History.

At a meeting of the vice presidents of DuPage County Agricultural Society, last Friday, it was decided to rescind the action of a former meeting and not hold a fair this year says the Illinoian. A few months ago the fine art hall was struck by lightning and burned to the ground, and as the association is without funds it is hard to conceive ways and means to provide suitable buildings for the housing of exhibits.

The Fair Association held its first meetings at Naperville in the fifties and afterwards was located at Wheaton, it being a more central point. Before the county seat fight the exposition was largely attended, the present grounds being surrounded by pens and sheds for the housing of live stock, and the country had exhibitors those days who were after the premiums. It was no uncommon event to have five thousand in attendance in one day.

After the county seat fight the southern tier of townships gave the fair the cold shoulder and from that time on the interests waned. Of late years no one wanted to take exhibits but all who attended wanted to view the fine stock and handwork of others. None being on exhibition there, was a great deal of criticism and bad feeling. As the attendance decreased it was almost impossible to pay premiums in full.

When the grounds were procured the warranty deed set forth that if at any time no fair was held for five consecutive years the ground should revert to the original owner, J. C. Wheaton. Four years ago a fire destroyed all the horse stalls and the buildings were all in such poor shape that new ones had to be provided. Two thousand dollars was borrowed from the Wheaton heirs and a trust deed given. The following year the fair receipts were short and three hundred dollars additional was borrowed from the same source.

The fair has been poorly patronized since and last year only 25 cents on the dollar could be paid on premium. With the burning of the fine art hall came the last straw to break the camel's back and foreclosure proceedings will now undoubtedly be instituted and the grounds revert back to the original owners.

County fairs have had their day and age and it was only by persistent work of a few that the exposition has been kept alive to the present time.

LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BEQUEST.

By the provisions of the late John Oldfield's will the Ladies' Library association of Downers Grove participates in the distribution of the estate to the extent of \$2,000. This sum is given outright and may be used to purchase a site or as a building fund. The amount is available at any time, and the association is now considering the method of utilizing the bequest to the best advantage. It has been suggested that the sum be used to purchase a suitable site for a library building and then apply to Andrew Carnegie, of library endowment fame, to donate \$5,000 for a building. This method hardly meets with the approval of the ladies of the association, inasmuch as it would necessitate the transfer of the library to the village, and this they are not prepared to do. They feel, and justly too, that since they have labored so faithfully against overwhelming odds to establish, develop and maintain the library here, when their own efforts succeeded in keeping the library alive, that they should retain the management of the institution when its affairs are on a more prosperous footing. Several plans are under consideration for carrying out the provisions of the bequest, though none has been adopted as yet.

NEW SIDEWALK NEEDED.

To the Editor of the REPORTER: The sidewalk commencing at the corner of Elm street and Prairie avenue on the south side of the avenue and running west one half block has been torn up for nearly a year and children going to school have in a wet time to wade through water or take the roadway through a low muddy place. There has been a clay bank raised where the sidewalk should be built. School will soon begin again, and in a wet time this will be a miserable place to get through. Why does not the village board see that the way is made passable. A great many children have to pass here from East Grove and Gostyn and should have as good facilities for reaching school as those living in more favorable localities.

Annual reunion, Soldiers and Sailors Association of northern Illinois, at Polo, Sept. 18th and 19th, 1901. Fare and one third for round trip. Tickets on sale Sept. 17, 18 and 19; return limit Sept. 20th. Enquire of ticket agent.

COUNTY NEWS NOTES

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

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

The board of supervisors have a meeting on Sept. 10, when the grand jury for the October term of the circuit court will be drawn.

The county soldiers and sailors reunion is to be held on the court house grounds, Wheaton, September 28. Jasper Johnson, of Glen Ellyn, is president of the association and Jas. Straw, secretary.

A visit to the poor farm will repay all it costs to make the trip. Comparatively few of our people know anything about the ample provisions provided for the care and comfort of paupers and insane people of this county.

A man working for John Abramson on the Glos farm at Wayne met with a serious accident last Tuesday. While hauling large black walnut logs from the timber to the car, one fell upon him crushing one leg so that the bones protruded through the flesh.

The Wheaton Golf club has incorporated under the state laws and leased the Hiram Hadley farm on the Wheaton and Warrenville road for a term of five years. The farm consists of seventy-five acres. The club is to have possession on March 1. The house will be converted into a club-house.

On last week Wednesday lightning struck within two hundred feet of Wm. Yackley's barn stunning horses near by so that they staggered for some fifteen minutes. Holes an inch in diameter were made in the ground and the earth blackened for six feet around. A neighbor had a cow killed in the same storm.

Arrangements are being made for the opening early next month of the new trolley line between Joliet and Chicago, built by the American Railway company. The road is now finished from the postoffice city to a connection with the Archer avenue line of the Chicago City railway at West 44th street. A bridge is being built across the drainage canal at Sag, and when this is completed, which will be in a few days, through service will be inaugurated.

The Aurora city council met Tuesday evening to consider the granting of a franchise to the Chicago Telephone company to connect the new building of the company with wires strung on poles and thence through underground conduits. It was voted to refuse the franchise unless the city is paid \$1 per pole annually. It was also voted to allow the company's vault, built on city land, to remain only on condition of a land rental of \$5 per month.

The board of review adjourned last Friday to Sept. 4, when they will put the finishing touches on the assessment list. During the time that the board has been in session it has found an aggregate of \$600,000 worth of personal property that the several township assessors were unable to find. The board will be in session this week and close up matters and sign the books, when it will be up to the county clerk to spread the assessment as per the valuation.

A fire at Wayne early last Thursday morning did about \$400 worth of damage. The losers are Robert Henderson and Mrs. H. H. Hewitt, owner of the house. The origin of the fire is not known. It was discovered before it had made much headway and the citizens of Wayne, by organizing a bucket brigade, succeeded in putting the fire out before the house was entirely destroyed. The Henderson family lost all of their clothing and part of their furniture. There was \$2,000 insurance on the house and \$500 on the furniture.

Herbert Shauer the boy so seriously hurt a month ago while diving at Brush Hill creek, is still under the care of Drs. Senn and Fenger at the Presbyterian Hospital, who are now hopeful of his ultimate recovery. When he struck the hidden rock he not only cut an ugly gash in his head, but besides broke the fourth, fifth and sixth vertebrae, causing paralysis of the lower limbs and internal organs. When the boy was brought to the hospital no hopes were entertained for him but so much time has elapsed and the case has progressed so far that all concerned in his recovery feel very cheerful over the final result.

Tuesday night is always a busy one for the Burlington people, the run of stock being unusually heavy. To facilitate the movements of trains both tracks are often used in the early morning hours to move trains east. Such was the condition of things Wednesday morning. Two freight cars were moving east at 6 o'clock at a fast rate of speed. Several cars of the train on the north track left the rails just after passing the Sandwich Main street crossing and started down the side track. When the cars broke loose from the engine the side track was instantly stopped, and the cars being thrown into the ditch and across both tracks.