DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

NINETEENTH YEAR. DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1902.

TWO JUDGES PRESIDE

JUDGES BROWN AND BISHOP CLEAR OCTOBER COURT CALENDAR.

Other Matters of Importance Concerning DuPage County and Surroundings Taken From Exchanges.

Judges Brown and Bishop have been more busting as often and as successfully—for a consideration—that they enjoyed having two courts in session on the same day. They were both here on Monday and as they are powerful built fellows some of the scrawny, measly looking attorneys did not get inside the door before they concluded to let their cases go by default rather than face them. The air was full of chancery business and the cases were tossed about as a juggler would toss up balls. If one judge didn't suit you a trial of the other would, perhaps, leave you in a low march. The rapid transaction of business reminded one of the Chicago Board of Trade. There would be a din of voices from witnesses and sparring attorneys, followed by a unanimous voice which was the court's decision. Talk about rapid transit in chancery cases—Judges Upton and Kellum would have fainted away to see such a pace in their time. Circuit Clerk Hall was the busiest man in the court house as he had two judges to look after. He entered up decisions and verdicts in a manner which kept his end of the procession up with the men in the hand wagon. Court adjourned from Monday to Wednesday when the submitted cases were disposed of and the term was adjourned. The first Monday in March will see the beginning of the next term.—Illinoisan.

Clarendon Hills was the scene of a destructive fire last week which consumed the house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Brown. Mr. Brown was attending a church service at the time and Mrs. Brown with the four children were occupied in the kitchen. The first intimation they had that anything was wrong was a fierce roaring noise and on investigation the sitting room was found to be ablaze. The supposition is that the lamp exploded, but the family is unable to state certainly how the fire originated. The furniture was a total loss as the fire had made such headway when discovered it was impossible to save anything. The [illegible] of insurance, five and six hundred dollars in bills which was hidden away where there was no possibility of reaching it.

Ten years ago a young man named Vanderlip left his employment in an Aurora machine shop to work for L. A. Constantine, on the Aurora Post, at a salary of $6 per week. That was but ten years ago. The young man availed himself of every opportunity and seldome was an ambition more quickly realized. He became interested in finance and soon attracted attention. Lyman Gage appointed him assistant secretary of the treasury and today he is vice-president of the City National Bank of New York at an annual salary of $20,000.

William Blume, of Itasca, was before Judge Bishop Monday to answer the charge of not having paid alimony to his wife—$20 per month as ordered by the court. Blume had procured a letter from a physician setting forth that he was unable to work. The Judge allowed Blume to depart with the injunction that if he did not make a better showing towards helping support the five children by March first, there might be a jail sentence imposed.

Alone in the depot at Somonauk early Friday morning, William Moore, landlord of the Somonauk House, was stricken with apoplexy and died. Mr. Moore had been to Chicago and Aurora on the previous day and reached home on the midnight passenger Thursday night. Instead of going home he stepped into the depot. In the morning the agent sent for friends to come and get Mr. Moore, when it was found his body was lifeless.

Congressman Hopkins, his wife and daughter, were passengers on the east bound Baltimore & Ohio train which was wrecked on New Year's morning at Glenloe, Pennsylvania, but escaped uninjured. Two of the trainmen were killed and seventeen passengers were injured. The wreck at once caught fire and the entire train was burned.

The season of winter's gaiety will be shorter than usual this year, as Lent will begin the 12th of February, a week earlier than last year. Easter comes this year March 30th. The early beginning of Lent will crowd most of the society affairs into the time between the first of the new year and the middle of February.

The Hotel Bishop property of Aurora, which has been owned for several years back by E. C. Paffe for the Hotel Bishop company, has been sold to Riley D. Crosk and Oakley Curry who will in the future conduct the institution.

The jury term of County court convened Monday when a jury will be in attendance, there being fourteen cases to be disposed of. This is the largest trial calendar the County court has had to dispose of for some time.

HINSDALE LOAN ASS'N QUITS.

Stockholders Vote to Place Business in Hands of Committee for Liquidation.

The board of directors of the Hinsdale Building and Loan association passed a Resolution at their last meeting, calling a special meeting of the shareholders, for the purpose of declaring the question of winding up business. The meeting was held on Wednesday evening last at the office of the association, in Proscher building. The total number of shares in force at the date of the meeting was 869, of which 722 were represented either in person or by proxy. A resolution was presented, which was adopted without a dissenting vote, placing the affairs of the association in the hands of William Duncan, Deming H. Preston, and John G. Bohlander, Jr., for settlement. They were given ample power to do everything required to speedily convert the assets of the association into money, and distribute the proceeds among the shareholders. A statement of the assets of and liabilities of the association shows it to be in excellent condition. There is every reason to believe that the gentlemen named, to close up its business, will be able to pay every shareholder the full amount paid in, together with a liberal rate of interest. No more payments are to be received from the members, and it is said that possibly within thirty days, a dividend will be declared about fifty per cent. The association was organized nearly fourteen years ago and during its existence it received, loaned out and repaid its depositors over a quarter million dollars. Many persons who were depositors have succeeded in acquiring homes or in saving money enough to engage in business for themselves.—Doings.

FIREMEN'S DANCE FEB 6TH

Owing to Lent beginning on Feb 12 the Downers Grove Fire Department has changed the date of its masquerade dance to Thursday evening Feb 6th, at the Auditorium. A list of eighteen prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and a big time is promised. Stark's Naperville orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. The prizes to be awarded are as follows: Ladies [illegible] $5.00, by the Fire department; Flower girl, shirt waist set, by S. F. Keller; Fattest lady, oak rocker, by C. F. Davis; Tramp, one pair vases, by F. G. Rose; Smallest lady, bottle perfume, by Bush & Simonson; Indian squaw, fascinator, by A. J. Thompson; Farmer's wife, half barrel flour, by Mertz & Morbel; Witch, medallion picture, by W. S. Carpenter; Carrie Nation, Toilet soap, Sam Hoffert. Gentlemen's prizes: Best dressed Gentleman, $5.00, by the Fire department; Fattest gentleman, box cigars, by Geo. Bateman; Negro, Pocket knife, by by Hughes and Curtiss; Dutchman, pipe, by Fred Gerwig; Indian, fancy suspenders, by J. W. Nash; Clown, $1 in trade, by A. H. Marshall; Tramp, one ham, by L. Klein; Cowboy, one box cigars, by H. I. Snyder.

GRAND ARMY OFFICERS.

The following officers were installed at the last meeting of Naper Post, G. A. R., Thursday January 9th, with G. B. Heartt as installing officer:

Post Commander	Capt. T. S. Rogers
Senior Vice Commander	F. A. Rogers
Junior Vice Commander	M. E. Stanger
Adjutant	Geo. T. Hughes
Quartermaster	David Kline
Surgeon	Dr. T. F. Leach
Chaplain	Alton Wheeler
Officer of the Day	E. W. Farrar
Officer of the Guard	A. L. Palmer
Sergeant Major	Chas. Carpenter
Quartermaster Sergeant	V. Wetten
Musical Director	Morel Fuller
Judge Advocate	R. A. Childs
Delegate to State Encampment	G. B. Heartt
Alternate	R. A. Childs

SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is the report of the various rooms in the Downers Grove schools for the month ending Dec. 20, 1901:

TEACHERS	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	DAILY AV.	PER CENT.	TARDY.	VISITORS.
Sarah A Holland	29	25	54	49	91	4	0
Lulu Rasweiler	18	24	42	40	95	1	4
Sadie A Thompson	27	22	49	45	95	1	12
Elsie Patterson	24	22	46	42	91	4	2
Susie R. Wickel	26	30	56	54	97	1	2
Agnes T Dexter	20	20	40	35	91	0	2
Martha Prince	22	20	42	38	95	12	0
Maude Nicholson	32	23	55	49	89	4	0
Agatha Sweet	16	20	36	29	88	10	0
Cassa B Graves	21	32	53	37	90	4	0
Mabel Messner	18	21	39	34	91	5	0
Totals	253	279	532	477	92	49	23

Total enrollment 538

O. M. SEARLES, Sup't.

TRAINMEN PLANNING BIG PARTY.

The trainmen are promising the very best party of the season for their dance next Thursday evening at Illinois hall in Chicago. In addition to a splendid program of dances to music furnished by Bonnell's superb orchestra the Lyric quartette has been engaged to give vocal selections during the evening. An unusually large number are planning to attend from Downers Grove. A special train will leave the Union depot at 8 sm after the dance.

..Local and Personal Paragraphs..

Bargains at the Fair.

White Rose gasoline. Nash's.

National Light oil at Nash's.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Mrs. A. B. Cole, of Ottawa, Ill., spent Monday with her parents.

Mrs. Tilly Kinney has been seriously ill with pneumonia for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lempke entertained a friend from the city over Sunday.

Ernest Baker is down from La Grange assisting in the Reporter office this week.

Mrs. S. B. Crandall who has been a guest of Mrs. K. Creecy, has returned to Chicago.

Frank Zimmerman is now a resident of Hinsdale having gone there last Saturday.

R.D. Parker is papering and decorating Mrs. E. Smith's house on Gilbert Ave. this week.

A lecture will be the feature at the Economic League meeting Thursday evening at the Congregational church.

Capt. and Mrs. T. S. Rogers entertained at dinner last Saturday night, Mesdames D. C. John, L. W. and E. C. Stanley.

The tenant house on the farm belonging to James McKee near Elm, was burned a week ago Saturday afternoon.

Lewis Roth, formerly of Downers Grove, is now engaged in the grocery business at Prophetstown, having given up farming.

Mrs. J. C. Cobb of South Englewood is visiting her daughter Mrs. A. C. Wiegerver. Miss Glenna Leach who has been visiting there has returned to Chicago.

The octogenarian chess and checker club has discontinued meetings during the strenuous winter season. Fireout is popular with the members at present.

Lost—Pocket book between the post office and the depot last Thursday; contained $1.50 and vaccination certificate of Mildred Brady. Finder please return to Rev. H. Rood.

C. Morris, costumer, of Chicago, will be at the Auditorium on the afternoon and evening of Feb. 6th with costumes for rent for the Firemen's masquerade ball.

L. C. Brown has been appointed as postmaster of Wheaton for the ensuing term; J. H. Creager, of West Chicago, and Wm. Grone, of Elmhurst have been re-appointed.

To-night the Knights of Pythias and the Rathbone Sisters will hold joint public installation of officers. Music, cards and dancing will be features of the evenings program.

I have for sale or trade a desirable cottage of six rooms with bath and all modern conveniences. Good location, three blocks from depot. Can be bought on easy terms or will trade for live stock. Enquire of A. E. Courtright or D. G. Graham.

"It seems to me" said the lady with a severe glance, "that the newspapers print some dreadful things." "Yes," answered the reporter, "it often makes me sad to think that people insist on doing shocking things and compel us to write about them."

Mrs. John Vance Cheney of Chicago, will address the Downers Grove Woman's club on "The Relation of Psychology to Music" Wednesday afternoon January 22nd. The meeting, which will be a public one, will be held at Carpenter's hall. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

Chapman Pierce, an old settler of DuPage county, died Saturday morning at the home of his nephew, Eugene Pierce, in Elgin. He was born in Boon county, New York, in 1820, and came to Illinois in 1854 with his parents, settling near Naperville. He had lived in Wayne township until two years ago.—Aurora News.

Sergt. Eph. Brown formerly of 64th N. Y. Vol., who captured the flag of the 9th Alabama at the battle of Antietam and was wounded six times and had ninty six bull holes through his clothes in different engagments during the war, is visiting with Capt. R. D. Parker with intentions of moving here if he can make the transfer of property he has in view.

The first annual dance of the Downers Grove Drill Corps occurs to morrow, Friday evening at the Auditorium. The boys are making preparations for an elaborate time. A Chicago orchestra of five pieces has been engaged to furnish the music. The boys will appear in their uniforms, and will have charge of all arrangements. During the evening refreshments will be served. Tickets for the dance are $1.00.

Oil. Family Safety.

Haller keeps Lipton's teas.

Best oil in town at C. S. Harlan.

A pail of peanuts for 5c at Kemp's.

W.C. Bartle, is visiting his brother, Walter Bartle in St. Louis.

Rev. W. Graham of Tarkio, Missouri, made a short visit in Downers Tuesday.

A. E. Courtright has purchased the J. B. Moss cottage on Middaugh avenue.

Miss Elizabeth Davis left Tuesday for a few days visit with friends at Galesburg.

J. B. Moss accompanied by his brother-in-law, E. F. Cryder, was here from Norris, Tuesday.

R. D. Parker, 71 Gilbert Ave. has the finest stock of paper decorations ever seen in Downers Grove.

Mrs. W. S. Brown of Potsdam N. Y. and Mrs. Chas. Rhoden of Chicago visited at W. H. Barnhart's last Friday.

Archie Farrar is laid up with a sprained ankle cause by a fall while at his duties switching in the Burlington yards in Chicago.

The pastor of the Methodist church will preach Sunday evening on the topic: "The Young Man; His Mission and His Message".

The Wayne and Hanover Protective society has been in existence 39 years, has 125 members and there is $500 in the treasury.

Maple City Self Washing soap not only saves the wear on your clothes, because less rubbing is required, but it saves fully half the labor.

Collector Davis doesn't expect to to receive his tax books before Feb. 1st. Unless the time is extended some tall hustling will be necessary all along the line.

C. E. Graves returned from Iowa last week where he has been traveling selling rugs for Marshall Field & Co., on a two months trip. He reports an excellent trade.

The meeting of the Economic League for Jan. 16th, has been postponed [illegible] when a lecture will be given. Subject and speaker will be announced later.

Buy Wrinkly's white borax and Old Country soap, and get the latest art pictures for the wrappers. The only genuine white borax soap on the market for sale at Nash's.

Policeman Hoffert, backed by the strong arm of the law and a rapid firing gun is doing considerable destructive work among the canine tribe—His vengeance is directed particularly directed against the unlicensed, stray variety.

Every indication points to an early spring, according to local weather prophets. Squirrels are numerous, robins have already been seen, and prairie dogs have come out of their holes, something unheard of at this season of the year. All of which presages the passing of cold weather.

In DuPage county railroads paid 15.28 per cent of tax for 1900; 13.45 per cent for 1899; 15.86 per cent, for 1898; and 15.8 per cent for 1897. With the additional help of the electric roads and telephone lines that are gridironing the county in every direction taxes to the average property holder ought soon to be easier.

A. E. Courtright announces that he will open a furniture store in connection with his undertaking business about Feb 1st. A general line of furniture, carpets, rugs, wall paper, picture frames and mouldings will be carried and furniture repairing and upholstering will be done. He is negotiating a lease of the Atzel building adjoining the Miller house.

For Sale—On easy payments or might rent to desirable tenant the "white cottage" 45 Belden Place. Eight rooms with bath, furnace, complete in every detail and all in perfect condition. Lot has frontage of over 200 feet and house was recently rebuilt at an expence of $1900. Inspection invited and particulars furnished by V. Fredenhagen or on premises. Mrs F. A. Root.

In view of the many railroad accidents caused by an apparent neglect of signals, the new invention of Mr. A. C. Miller of Aurora should come in common use. This apparatus is fixed in the engines cab and gives a white or red light, as the occasion demands, for the information of the engineer. He does not have to depend on semaphores, as the electric connection with the rails shows him the condition of his rein. Mr. Miller has resigned his position in Aurora as chief train dispatcher and will devote his time to this much needed improvement. He is a railroad man of high capability.

JUST A "HEART TO HEART" TALK

Two Hundred Dollars Stolen by The Reporter by February First.

The first of the year has passed and many who are delinquent on our subscription books have failed to remember the fact that we have money to run a newspaper and have neglected to remit. We need just $200 to make some additions and changes in the Reporter office equipment and are going ask those of our newspaper family who are indebted to us to make an extra effort between now and the first of February to help us raise this amount. If all who owe us respond promptly we will have much more than this amount by next Saturday night. But $200 will satisfy present demands and this is the amount we expect those indebted to us to help raise. It is only a matter of two or three dollars each and we will have the cash needed. Some of you owe more than this amount. If you can pay all, so much the better; if you can't, half a loaf is better than no bread. Bring what you can. Now this is a personal appeal and we expect it to bring results. To those of our subscribers who are already paid in advance this article is of course not intended nor applicable. They are the salt of the earth and the newspaper man's mainstay. But the others—those in arrears—are badly needed at the captain's office. We want just $200 yearly subscription paid before the first of February. There are 2000 such at $1.50 each will give $2607.50. Of course if a few more settle we shall not object but it will be disappointing if the number falls short. Do not carelessly read this article and forget the invitation. Keep it in mind—ponder over it until you have called and settled your account with the newspaper office.

We have confidence in the integrity and honesty of our subscribers and feel sure this appeal will not have been made in vain. With the funds we thus hope to raise it is our intention to purchase needed new materials for the Reporter for its betterment, as well as to settle outstanding accounts against it. It is a small matter to most of you who owe us, but a big sum in the aggregate to us. We want it all in by the first of February. Remember one of those to hand in promptly.

EXCITING CHASE FOR PORK.

According to stories told by his friends "Charley" Wells is fond of pork, and had an exciting chase after a porker Thursday which ended disastrously. It came about this way. "Charley" was on his way home when he observed a stray shoat near the railroad track. Thinking it had fallen from a passing train enroute to the packing house, he gave chase, intending to start a little packing industry of his own. This member of the swine family was perverse and refused to be caught, leading the young man a lively chase, and finally ended by running into Gary Wallace's yard, where "Charley" succeeded in capturing it. He was bearing off his prize when the "owner from the building" appeared demanding the reason for the seizure of his property. Mutual explanations followed, revealing the fact that the hog was Mr Wallace's property. "Charley" retired great fallen but serene in the knowledge that he out sprinted the shoat.

EOLA SUPPLY YARDS.

A crowd of about thirty men are kept busy in the supply yards of the Aurora, Wheaton and Chicago railway at Eola. They are storing a large amount of material for their power house at Batavia in these yards at present, and have several car loads of the third rails on hand which if the weather permits they will lay soon; those on the Batavia branch they will lay first. They have done away with their boarding camps and have a car now in which these men live which is much more comfortable than the tents at this time of year.

WOODMENS' HEALTHY GROWTH.

Maple Camp, Modern Woodmen has made an enviable record during the year 1901. At the beginning of the year the camp had 121 members. Seventeen new members were admitted twelve by adoption and five by card. Six members were lost; three by death and three by withdrawal, leaving a net gain of eleven members, making a total of 132 members in good standing. Benefits paid by camp direct amounted to $40.00. Amount distributed to beneficiaries was $5.00. The total insurance in force in the camp is $[illegible].

CONSERVATOR APPOINTED.

Charlotte Franson, of Addison, aged 81 years, has been ill for several years with paralysis and with the progress of the disease her mind has become so affected that it was thought advisable on Monday to appoint a conservator for her. Her son [illegible]

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING

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While attempting to do a good charitable deed and have two little orphan girls, Bessie Ann Phoebe Ruth DeBolt, his success in a comfortable home for Jessie F. Summers of La Grange succeeded upon himself, was taken into custody by the Austin police, the latter being arrested by Lt. Gregory on a warrant charging abduction. He was finally set right in the eyes of the world Tuesday, when Justice of the Peace Cutting of the Cook County Court committed the two children to the care of the Orphanage at Auburn Park.

The Chicago American of Tuesday had the following story concerning the alleged kidnapping of Bessie and Ruth DeBolt of LaGrange, children of the late John DeBolt, formerly of Downers Grove: "'Look out for two little girls; they have been kidnapped,' was the message sent over the telephone to the Austin police Monday. A patrol wagon and a half dozen policemen were hurried from the station to the street car line leading to La Grange. Two off-duty officers stopped a car and arrested James Summers and two little girls. At the Austin police station, where they were detained, Summers had Bessie and Phoebe Bolt, his and seven years old, with him. He says the girls are his cousins and he was taking them to the Probate Court.

"The girls are orphans. Last Tuesday their grandmother Mrs. P. A. Summers died and since then the children have been in want. According to Summers' statement to the police, he intended to place the children in the Washington Orphan Asylum and was taking them to the public institution to have the act made legal. The man who telephoned the alleged kidnapping to the police declared that the girls would be kidnaped if the police did not take prompt action. Summers and the girls were detained at the police station until the man who made the charge came to the station. An hour, the police released Mr. Summers, explaining that they had acted on the information received over the telephone. Mr. Summers says he knows the man who telephoned the information and that the persons who did it did not want the children taken to the orphan asylum. In the meantime the children were sent back to a neighbor's house in LaGrange."

The trouble was all ended and explained Tuesday afternoon, when at the request of the LaGrange Baptist church minister and with the consent of Summers the children were taken to the Baptist Orphanage at Auburn Park.

WOODMEN BENEFIT BALL.

The Modern Woodmen are preparing to give a big benefit dance at the Auditorium, Friday evening, Jan. [illegible] and the members of camps along the line of the Burlington are expected to attend. The dance will be given for the benefit of Geo. Rayner a member of the order who was injured last summer and now at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago. Stark's orchestra of Naperville has been engaged to furnish music. Refreshments will be served. Tickets for the dance are $[illegible]. The arrangements are in charge of a committee consisting of Henry [illegible], Frank Briggs, Walter Farrar, Jos. [illegible] and Frank Hemmeter.

DON'T ASK TOO MUCH.

Don't beg so much the business man. There is seldom a week passes, sometimes hardly a day, when you meet some who are engaged in business who are not called on to contribute money for charity's sake. It is always the merchants who are asked to share this varied and gratuitous giving. Some people seem to think that those who are in business can pick up a dollar anywhere and ought to contribute willingly every time it is asked. They just say as a rule dollars are as plentiful with business men than with any other vocation. Just remember that they have troubles of their own.

LADY MACCABEES OFFICERS.

The officers of Downers Grove Tent No. 115, L. O. T. M., for the ensuing year were installed by Past Lady Commander Stanger, Friday evening, Jan. 10th.

Past Commander [illegible]

Lady Commander [illegible]

Lieutenant Commander [illegible]

Record Keeper [illegible]

Finance Keeper [illegible]

Chaplain [illegible]

Sergeant [illegible]

Sentinel [illegible]

Picket [illegible]