

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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GESNER WINS OVER MOCHEL.

NOMINATED BY THE CAUCUS SATURDAY NIGHT ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

Geo. B. Heardt for South Side Trustee by Acclamation—E. C. Kuenzel and J. W. Graves Nominated—Clerk White Re-nominated.

There were a number of surprises in store for those who attended the village caucus last Saturday night. L. B. Gesner who had been "touted" as a candidate for trustee from the north side, was sprung as a candidate for president and won out on the first ballot over Chas. Mochel by a majority of nineteen votes.

The caucus was called to order in the Auditorium by John W. Graves, the chairman of the caucus committee, and C. V. Carpenter was chosen as chairman, and Bert C. White as secretary. Nominations were at once made for village president. W. S. Waples nominated W. B. Towsey; H. P. Jones performed a like office for Chas. Mochel; and Harry Snyder named L. B. Gesner. Previous to the balloting Mr. Towsey withdrew his name and an informal ballot was taken on the other two candidates. A total vote of 177 was cast of which Mr. Mochel received 79 votes and Mr. Gesner 98. On motion of M. B. Downer the informal ballot was made formal and Mr. Gesner declared the nominee for president.

For the south side trustee Capt. T. S. Rogers presented the name of Geo. B. Heardt and ask that his nomination be made unanimously. The caucus took this action and Mr. Heardt was nominated by acclamation.

For the north side trustee, three nominations were made. W. S. Waples placed the name of E. C. Kuenzel before the caucus; John Woelfersheim named C. H. Staats; and H. S. Wheeler named John W. Graves. An informal ballot was taken resulting in 198 votes being cast. Of these Kuenzel received 78, Staats 49 and Graves 76. At this point Mr. Staats withdrew his name, and the caucus proceeded with a formal ballot. A total of 166 votes were cast in this ballot. Graves received 87 votes and Kuenzel 79. Mr. Graves was declared the choice of the caucus. W. B. Towsey then rose and stated that it was the wish of a large number of the members of the caucus that Mr. Kuenzel be returned to the board as a member from the north side and he therefore moved that the caucus declare Mr. Kuenzel its candidate for the remaining position by acclamation. The caucus unanimously accepted the motion and Mr. Kuenzel was declared the nominee.

For village clerk, Capt. T. S. Rogers presented the name of Bert C. White, the present efficient officer, and his nomination was made unanimously by acclamation.

A caucus committee consisting of Messrs. J. W. Graves, Dr. W. W. Gourley and C. V. Carpenter was chosen and the caucus adjourned.

DOWNERS GROVE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Harmony was the dominant feature of the Downers Grove Republican caucus which was held at the Hinsdale village hall last Saturday afternoon. The caucus was held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention which will be held at Wheaton next Saturday. Capt. Rogers of Downers Grove was made chairman and Wm. Coffeen of Hinsdale was the secretary. J. N. Redfern offered a list of delegates agreed upon by the Downers Grove candidates for office, Messrs. Guy L. Bush and L. C. Ruth, who are candidates for the legislature and county judge, respectively, and the delegates were chosen unanimously by proclamation. They are, M. L. Raffree, Jas. McClintock, W. B. Carleton, Geo. E. Smith, J. N. Redfern, Wm. Duncan, Carl Thayer, C. V. Carpenter, T. S. Rogers, Levi Mertz, Geo. Heardt, M. Slusser, Hugh M. White, F. H. Cramer and Christ Warkentins.

YOUNG BOY CHOKES TO DEATH.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chaplin, who live at the corner of Carpenter street and Maple avenue, were called upon to mourn the death of their three-year-old son, which occurred Sunday morning. The child had been subject to choking spells and was taken suddenly with one of them Sunday. Before five minutes the child was dead, all efforts to relieve it were unavailing. The funeral was held at the M. E. church Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock and burial was made at the Cass cemetery.

BUYS THE ROOT RESIDENCE.

J. E. H. Wright has purchased the F. A. Root residence property on Belden place and will occupy it after the first of April. Mrs. Root will arrive here from Buffalo some time during the present week to pack their house hold effects preparatory to shipping them to that point where they will make their future home.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES.

Resume of the Principal Discourses of the Downers Grove Pastors.

"How shall we bring our every day lives into harmony with God?" was the subject of Rev. E. H. Libby's Sunday morning sermon. His text was "The forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." He said: "Jesus Christ said very little about heaven, but he did say much concerning this earth life. He said very little about the soul's employ in the great beyond; he did say much concerning how to live in this wonderful present. Our great problem is how to bring the forces of this world and the forces of our lives into obedience to God? First let us strive to make men feel that business, the carrying on of the world's great enterprise is a sacred calling, and may be held as a trust from God. Second—let us make religion popular so that the forces of the great social world shall be given to Jesus. Third—let us turn the forces of home Godward and heavenward. God is indeed gathering up the material forces of the world to slightly advance his kingdom and bring in the perfect reign of righteousness upon this earth."

At the Baptist church Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. C. J. Pope, preached from the words, "Come unto me" and "Follow me." He said: "Many inquire the way to become Christians. Jesus taught the way in these expressions which he frequently used. By the expression 'come unto me' he meant that he could supply man's deepest needs which can not be satisfied anywhere else. The expression 'follow me' was taken from the ancient custom of pupils following the philosophers from place to place to be taught by them, and therefore meant not only taking Christ as an example, but more specially letting him be the instructor, teacher and guide in all matters of life and duty. Both expressions imply all that is meant by faith and trust. Every man who has heard of Christ has some idea of Him. It may be an inadequate conception. All men, indeed, necessarily differ in their conceptions of Christ. To some He is a larger Christ than to others, but men who do not pretend to be Christians have not only an ideal Christ, but that ideal is a very exalted one. The thing for them to do is to come to and follow the Christ of their own conception—their own ideal Christ. If they sincerely do this they will gain truer souls and better ideals. Christ was at first to Nicodemus a teacher, but before three years he became a senior. Has Jesus that which will satisfy your needs? Do you find one point of contact between yourself and Him? If so, join with him at that point, come to the Christ you know, and follow him and you will be guided right."

Rev. Herbert Rood of the Methodist church took for his text the declaration of Jesus found in Matt. 6:11. "Give us this day our daily bread." He said in part: "In this text we find the highest authority for praying for temporal mercies—for anything we really need. When any man begins to connect his daily needs and blessings with God's love and power, he does more than well. The first proposition that comes to us from this text is that inspiring fact that God anywhere and always in His word recognizes and emphasizes the personality of each individual life. And so every man, woman and child in this wide world can look up into God's face and with no violence to the truth can cry out with the Psalmist, 'The Lord thinketh on me.' God has not created this universe and all that is in it and then taken His position in some remote sphere 'to watch things go.' Let Jesus speak his message into your ears this morning. 'Not a sparrow falleth to the ground without your Father; ye are of more value than many sparrows.' In the light of this truth every home becometh something more than a mere house—every meal something more than a mess—every grave something more than a pit; for 'every man shall give an account of himself unto God.' Now the second thought of this text, the obligation of the individual to society. When the lawyer asked Jesus: 'Who is my neighbor?' The Master replied in substance that every man who needs is our neighbor though he lives ten thousand miles away from us. What do you think that Christ meant by putting that 'us' of our text right in the center of the Lord's prayer and 'our Father' at the very beginning. Surely he did not mean less than this, that in some large sense every one of us is no less responsible for the life about us than for the life within us. As Dr. Gladden has most truly said: 'There is need among us of emphasizing the social side of our Christian work—of pointing out the fact that Christianity gives a law to society as well as to the individual.'

Something new in prayer: Ruby prunes, 10 cents a pound at Gerwig's.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Bargains at the Fair. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.

D. W. Thoma of Elmhurst was here on business last Tuesday. For sale cheap—A second hand cook stove. Enquire of W. H. Barnhart. Mertz & Mechel sell Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal flour. None better. Mr. and Mrs. Breden of Denver are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Waples. See the fourth act from "Damon and Pythias" at the Auditorium Saturday night.

J. W. Morford is putting a new roof on the Berner house on Maple avenue this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kuenzel are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday, March 25th. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oldfield are in San Antonio, Texas. They expect to return about the first of May. Chas. B. Dean, "the Iowa cyclone" a popular lecturer on reform subjects will speak at the Auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock.

If you haven't as yet installed your water meter get a hustle on you; the first of May is fast approaching. No meter, no water. Max H. Schachner, head decorator of Marshall Field's retail establishment, has moved out from the city and occupies the Luce residence. Mrs. Wm. Waples will give a tea for the benefit of St. Andrews Guild at her home Thursday, April 3rd, from 3 to 5 p. m. Price 10 cents. All are welcome.

Baby Hall at the Olympic this week is one of the brightest children now before the public. Her act is one of the most clever bits on the bill.—Chicago Daily News. The Baptist service Sunday will be in keeping with the spirit of the day. The pastor will preach upon the resurrection and special music will be rendered by the choir.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. W. H. Radell the Easter tea will be given at the home of Mrs. B. Curtis, corner of Washing and Curtis streets tomorrow, Friday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. P. J. Kearney has lots of 300 foot frontage on Railroad and Curtis streets east of Washington street which he offers for cash or reasonable terms as he needs the money to build a home.

Letters from Mrs. T. S. Rogers to her husband announce her steady improvement in health. She is visiting at the home of Mrs. Eva Blanchard at Auburn, Cal., and is now able to take long walks daily. An interesting Easter program will be carried out at the Methodist church Sunday evening by the Sabbath school. Flags representing the different nations will be used and appropriate music will be sung. The public not worshipping elsewhere are cordially invited. The program opens at 7:30.

At a meeting of the Downers Grove Dramatic club it was decided that the hearty appreciation and thanks of the club be extended to F. E. Miller, to whom they were indebted for the electrical effects and whose efficient work materially aided in bringing the performance to its present standard. Hon. W. E. Trautman of East St. Louis speaker pro tem of the last house of representatives and chairman of the steering committee of that body, and Hon. E. C. Brown of Sparta, member of the house for several sessions and now clerk of the United States district court at Springfield, were the guests of their colleague, Guy L. Bush Monday.

The Downers Grove delegation to the DuPage county republican convention were the guests of Hon. L. C. Ruth of Hinsdale, candidate for county judge, at luncheon at the Grand Pacific yesterday afternoon. Many prominent republicans of DuPage county were present, and the candidacy of Judge Geo. W. Brown for the congressional nomination was announced and received with the utmost enthusiasm. Speeches were made by Judge Batten, Judge Brown, Howard Goodrich, Guy L. Bush, Capt. Rogers, Dr. Bell, M. L. Raffree, Judge Rata and others.

The Saturday Evening club held the third party of its series at Carpenter's hall last Saturday night. Cards were the chief means of amusement. Progressive chess was the game played. Nine tables accommodated the party. The first prizes were awarded to Miss Mitchell and Fred Featony. Mrs. Wm. H. Radell and J. B. Haling were awarded the consolation prize for having the least number of games to their credit. After the closing of the card games supper was served in the anti-rooms after which dancing followed until midnight.

Miller keeps Lipton's tea. National Light oil at Nash's. Out of town at Curtis & Heardt's. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Tweedie Monday. The auditing board met and finished up business on Tuesday at Hinsdale. Miss Gertrude Fraenkel has been ill the past week with an attack of neuritis. Rev. Herbert Rood will address a missionary society meeting at LaGrange this evening. Mrs. Josephine C. Austin returned home last Saturday from a month's visit at Blitmore, North Carolina.

According to the Hinsdale Doings Frank J. Prentiss has recently purchased the old Gager homestead in Downers Grove. J. W. Hughes is having a month's vacation for the benefit of his health which has been rather poorly since his accident some months ago. P. J. Kearney has a large female St. Bernard dog which he found on Main street Tuesday evening. Owner can have same by calling on him. "Decision day" was held last Sunday in the Baptist Sunday school. Fifteen of the pupils in the intermediate department indicated their desire to lead Christian lives.

The Chicago Telephone company's employees are stringing a new cable on their poles for the purpose of bettering the service of the exchange on the north side. Misses Pearl and Maude Consett, who have been attending college at Mount Carroll, Ill., are spending their spring vacation at home with their mother, Mrs. Joseph Haas. The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Library association will be held in the library room, Tuesday, April 1st, at 2:30 o'clock. Several new members will come in at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cole of Ottawa, were guests of her parents last Saturday to celebrate their twentieth wedding anniversary. Miss Alina Cole was in Downers Monday for the day. Vern Hall, a child prodigy, held the attention of the audience for a short time and demonstrated her ability to sing and dance as good, if not better, than her elders.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

FOR SALE—By F. A. Root, 45 Belden Place: One 3-burner gasoline stove with oven, 1 50-gallon gasoline tank, 1 50-gallon oil tank, lot garden tools, steam boiler, tools, work bench top, 1 mounted grindstone, 1 lever feed cutter gasoline lamp, hanging lamps and 1 woven wire single bed spring. A letter from the secretary of the Yates Boer relief committee requests the REPORTER to insert a warning to the people of this vicinity against trusting Boer agents and lecturers with money for Boer widows and orphans and recontracting camp sufferers. Some of these agents and lecturers use high-sounding civil or military titles.

The Downers Grove Women's club held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Downers Grove club rooms for the purpose of forming a county federation. Each club in the county was represented by its president and two delegates. Instructive speeches and excellent music composed the program and the meeting closed with its usual cup of tea.

The annual school supper given to defray the expenses of the graduating class will be held at the south side school house this, Thursday evening. Supper will be served commencing at five o'clock. An elaborate menu has been provided and the scholars have spared no pains to make the affair a success. Supper is 25 cents; ice cream and cake will be served for 15 cents.

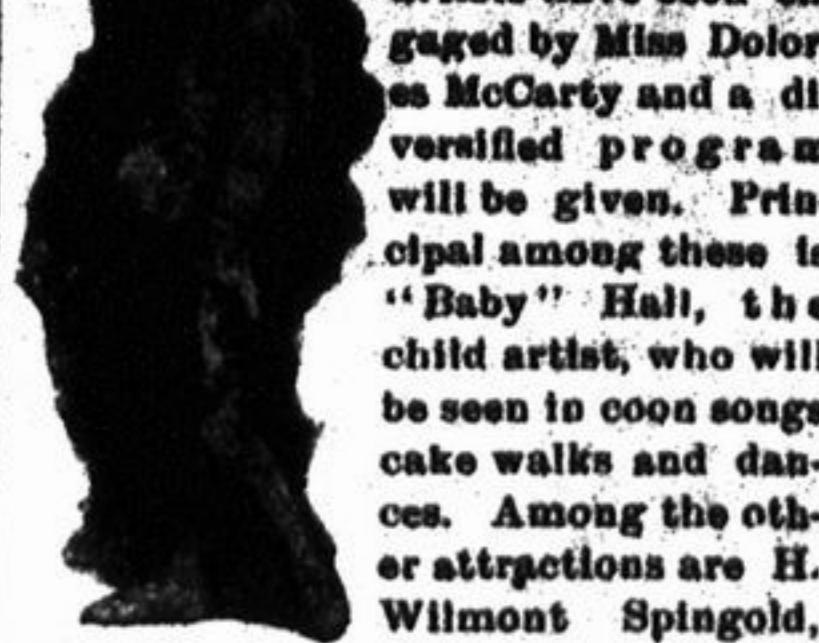
At the Congregational church East-er exercises will be observed by the Sunday school. For Sunday evening a good program has been arranged, among which the exercises entitled the Pilgrims vision will be given and also the parable of the ten virgins, and numerous other exercises with good music. The primary department will give their exercise during the Sunday school hour. All are welcome.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING. The fourteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Downers Grove Loan and Homestead association for the election of three directors for a term of three years and to transact such other business as may properly be presented, will be held in the director's room of the bank building on the 8th day of April, 1902, at 8 o'clock p. m. The presence of all shareholders is urged. John Holland, President.

VAUDEVILLE ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY.

Splendid Program Arranged for Saturday Evening at the Auditorium.—Many Attractions.

The vaudeville entertainment to be given at the Auditorium Saturday evening promises some excellent features. Several clever artists have been engaged by Miss Dolores McCarty and a diversified program will be given. Principal among these is "Baby" Hall, the child artist, who will be seen in coon songs, cake walks and dances. Among the other attractions are H. Wilmont Spingold, impersonator and character artist; N. V. Hinchaw, of the Hinchaw school of drama in Shakespearean readings; the Dixie male quartette, whose work has made them famous all over the country. In addition to this musical number by Miss McCarty will form a feature of the bill. The fourth act of "Damon and Pythias" will also be given by Miss McCarty, Mr. Spingold and "Baby" Hall. Tickets for the entertainment are on sale at the drug stores, where seat reservations may be made. In addition to the above outline of the program a sketch, entitled, "Unappreciated Talent" will be given by Messrs. King, Browning and Miller. Budd Kellogg will give a monologue and J. R. King will sing.



RAVENSWOOD CHOIR CONCERT. The arrangements for the concert to be given at the Auditorium on Thursday evening, April 3rd, and which notice was given in last week's issue of the REPORTER are completed and the citizens of the town may look for a grand musical treat. It will be an unusual event, a concert of such large proportion having never been given in the town before. The program which follows needs no recommendation. Chorus—"In Memoriam" Gabriel Duet—"Holy Father" Wallice Miss Lucia and H. T. Stone. Now the roll of the lively drum.—Domestic Chorus. Solo.—Mrs. Martha Louise Chorus—"The Song of the Lark" Walter Solo and Chorussing of the children—De Gruy E. T. Stone. Male Quartette—"Breath of night" Lamotha Messrs. Thomas, Stone, Preeson, Hobart. Chorus—"Italia, O Italia" Donnetta Ladies Chorus—"Songs of Glory" Abt Mrs. Ella A. Carleton. Part songs—"O hush thee my baby" Hallivan "Spring song" Pirbright Solo obligato—"His three Shallop" Kucklen Lucia Stone and Male quartette. Tenor Solo.—Selected Bishop The tramp chorus. Mrs. Ella Carleton, Soloist. Solo—Irish talk. H. T. Stone. Halliwell. Chorus. Concert begins at 8 o'clock. Admission to all parts of the house 25 cents.

REV. PEET SECURED RELEASE OF MISS STONE.

A special from Eldora, Iowa, to the Record Herald last Friday, says: The honor of securing the release of Miss Ellen M. Stone from the brigades belongs to W. W. Peet, a former Grinnell boy, who graduated from the Iowa college at Grinnell. Selecting a Mr. Houte a missionary and an interpreter, Peet took his life in his own hands and went to the Balkan mountains, treated the brigands in person or by their agents, took the sole responsibility of paying over to them \$75,000 apparently without one shred of authority, and then returning to Salonica patiently waited two weeks until the wires flashed the news that Miss Stone was free. Peet accomplished this act, it is said, after Consul General Dickinson, the attache of the legation at Constantinople and a special envoy from the czar had failed. Mr. Peet is the only nephew of Mrs. D. Naramore bearing the family name. He, with his wife and son spent the summer in Downers Grove two years ago and made many warm friends.

WHY TAXES ARE HICHER THIS YEAR.

EDITOR REPORTER:—I have noticed in a number of our local papers various reasons given why taxes are higher for 1901, than for previous years, but thus far none of them have given the correct explanation therefor. It is as follows: Our last legislature, 1901, so amended the revenue law that the county clerks were required to extend the county, town, school, road and corporation taxes upon the assessment as returned by the local assessor, and no taxes except the state, which was fixed for 1901, at 80 cents on the one-hundred dollars, assessed valuation should be computed on the equalized value as returned by the board of equalization. Therefore, any decrease or increase made by said board, this year would only affect the state tax. Respectfully, T. S. Rogers, member board of equalization, 8th district.

BARNES' BEST PERPETUAL GREEN LAW.

Also white clover and blue grass seed at Herk & Mochel.

DEATH OF PIONEER RESIDENT.

ELISHA SMART SUCCEEDED TO PARALYSIS AT THE HOME OF HIS DAUGHTER.

Came to Illinois in 1836 and settled on the Home Farm at Cass—Remained here at Cass Church last Sunday afternoon.

Elisha Smart, one of the pioneer settlers of Downers Grove township, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amelia Leonard, in Chicago, Friday, March 21st, aged 87 years. Death was due to paralysis and the infirmities of old age.

The funeral services were held at the Cass church Sunday afternoon and burial made at the family burial plot at Cass cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Amos W. Patton of Evanston, an old and intimate friend of the family.

Elisha Smart was born in Bedfordshire, England, February 10th, 1815, and was the son of Joseph and Mary Smart. With his parents he came to America in 1835, they settling in Monroe county, New York. For a time he worked at the cooper's trade and at the age of twenty he bought a farm of 100 acres in that state.

He was married in 1835 to Miss Ellen Fell, whose death occurred about ten years ago. Eight children were born of their union. After three years residence on the New York farm they sold out and came to Illinois, settling on a farm of fifty acres, in Downers Grove township. In 1853 Mr. Smart went to the California gold fields; where he remained about seven years, and was somewhat successful. During his absence his wife purchased the home farm, where he lived the balance of his life until a few years ago, when he made his home with his children. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Of the children born to him, six are living. Mrs. Mary Fries of Lemont, Mrs. Amelia Leonard, Mrs. Fannie Gilbert, Mrs. Celia Worden and Mrs. Josephine Madden of Chicago, and Jerome F. Smart who occupies the home farm south of Downers Grove.

In behalf of myself and family I desire to thank the friends who so kindly rendered us so much sympathy and assistance during our late bereavement. *James Smart.*

ATTEND PYTHIAN JUBILEE.

Local members of the Knights of Pythias, last Thursday attended the jubilee convention of the order at the Coliseum in Chicago. The third rank—the rank of knight—was conferred on candidates of national note. The work of the order usually so impressive was rendered doubly so by the members present and the spacious hall in which the rite was administered. Possibly never before in the history of secret organizations has an assemblage of such imposing numbers attended the initiation of candidates to the order. Fully 16,000 Knights were present. The degrees were conferred by three teams, one from Milwaukee, one from Cincinnati and one from Chicago. Among the Downers Grove Knights who attended the convention were J. W. Nash, Samuel Curtis, Henry Legenhausen, M. K. Bush, C. W. Weber, W. B. Fry, Levi Mertz, H. M. White, E. C. White, Geo. Hoffer, C. S. Owens, B. M. Buxy Geo. Houk, C. P. Scott, James Downers, Dick Uhlhorn, Peter Johnson and Chas. Caldwell.

FALL WEDDING ANNOUNCED.

The REPORTER has received from a correspondent in Chicago an announcement of the engagement of Miss May Consett of Chicago, who is well known in Downers Grove society circles, to Mr. Cornelius Van De Meyer of New York. Mr. Van De Meyer is the son of the late Cornelius Van De Meyer, the Hoboken millionaire. The family originally came from Holland in 1758. The great grandfather of the young man fought in the war of the revolution and his father in the war of the rebellion where he was taken prisoner at the battle of Bull Run. The family wealth has been amassed through the purchase and reclamation of lands in the Hudson valley during the early days. The wedding is expected to take place in the early fall.

ROAD CASE DECIDED.

Residents of the southern part of the township recently petitioned the highway commissioners of Downers Grove township for a road to be established in that territory. The request was denied and the petitioners appealed from the board's decision. The matter was taken as required by law, to three supervisors outside of the township. Having nearest the contemplated site for the road, the supervisors held a meeting last Monday, visiting the site and hearing the petitioners in regard to their contentions that the road should be continued. Attorney A. Gray represented the petitioners. A road was designated, the petitioning agreed on a road furthering the