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ALFORD-WAPLESCASE CLOSED

CLOSING OF CELEBRATED CHURCH CASE IN COUNTY COURT.

Case is Dismissed Upon Each Party Paying Their Costs of Suit—Other County News From Exchanges.

Judge Balfon held a busy session in the county court Monday, the 17th. There were two special assessment cases, 48 probate cases and 8 law cases, that claimed his attention. It was one of the busiest days in this court in many months. One case of considerable importance was on the law docket and was one in which Wm. W. Alford of Downers Grove, brought suit against Wm. Waples, et al; for labor performed in the building of an Episcopal Mission in that village a few years ago. It appeared from the evidence in the case that Alford did not have any money to give toward the erection of the church in question and agreed to donate his labor. After the church was completed Alford demanded pay from Waples, one of the trustees, and was refused. He brought suit in the county court, and at the June term, 1901, the jury allowed him \$247.50. Waples, asked for, and was granted a new trial. The case was tried again at the January term, 1902, and the jury gave Alford a judgment of \$60. Waples again asked for a new trial and was refused, whereupon he appealed to the Appellate court. This case came up again and was dismissed by stipulation, each party to pay his own costs. Alford, without question, spent more in time and money than his original bill amounted to, and still he gets nothing, not even satisfaction.

The town of Sandwich, DeKalb county, has been worked up into a high pitch of excitement the past few days and it resulted in an outbreak of indignation Wednesday night wherein one of their residents came very near "seeing his finish," as the boys say. The story of the case of the excitement is as follows: On Christmas eve the wedding of Jarvis Coley and Miss Christine Heisinger, each aged about 20 years occurred. Marriage to them has been an utter failure as they were no sooner married than Jarvis took the reins of power in his hands and has been, so it is stated, a regular tyrant ever since. He has heaped all kinds of abuse on his poor young wife until life became a burden to her greater than she could bear. Tiring of this existence so full of remorse and abuse from one who had promised to love and cherish her, etc., the poor girl driven to desperation purchased some carbolic acid and Sunday evening drank the contents of a two ounce bottle. She died about one hour later in terrible agony.

When returning from school at Grendale last Monday noon Lillian Elvira Johnson, the almost 9 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Johnson, crossed some recent lots, the grass of which had been set on fire. Together with some other school children she started to play with the fire. Swinging a burning stick around her head she ignited the flames she started on a run for home, which was only a block away. This made matters worse and soon she became enveloped in a flame of fire. Upon arriving home all her clothes had been burned off her body, and the frightened mother severely burned her hands in trying to extinguish the flames that were feeding on the small remnants. The poor, unfortunate girl lingered for thirteen hours, when she departed from this life. Although medical aid was immediately procured, nothing could be done as about two-thirds of her body had been burned.

Wednesday morning Chas. Ober, while attempting to jump on a moving engine on the Hammond railroad at the Ogden avenue crossing, missed his footing and fell under the wheels, sustaining fatal injuries. Ober was about 80 years of age and was employed by the LaGrange Gas company. An inquest was held Thursday at 10 a. m., the jury returning a verdict of death from injuries inflicted by an engine, and recommended that the railroad company station a flagman at this dangerous crossing.

The Burlington road on Tuesday made public details of a record-breaking run from Eckley to Wray, Col., made on March 24, a distance of 148 miles which was covered at a rate of 98.6 miles an hour. An official investigation was made by officials of the Burlington, who have received a personal report from Conductor J. H. Barnes, who was in charge of the train. The run is said to beat any former record for this distance.

A barn on the Earnest Schroeder farm west of Itasca burned to the ground last Friday night with contents, the other out-buildings also being consumed. Neighbors formed a bucket brigade and saved the house. A new tenant was just moving on the farm. Origin of the fire unknown. The buildings were insured.

The father of Joseph Hiser died very suddenly of heart disease on April 9, aged 78 years. Mr. Hiser had been a resident of Winfield township for many years and was highly respected by the entire community.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS AT THE CHURCHES.

Sketches From the Principal Sermons of the Pastors of the Downers Grove Churches.

At the Baptist church Sunday evening, Rev. C. J. Pope delivered the last in a series of six sermons on the life of Jesus. He considered the resurrection. He stated the different appearances of Jesus to His disciples and showed how rightly they are spoken of as positive proofs of his resurrection. But the greatest proof is in the changed character of the disciples whose views, hopes, spirits and motives underwent so radical a change that nothing short of so great an event as the resurrection of Jesus could account for it. Jesus rose with his glorified humanity, and during the forty days manifested himself in such ways to his disciples as to show that he had the same feeling as before his death. This shows that he is the same today, the same sympathetic friend and Savior as during the days of his ministry. He ascended to heaven leaving the assurance that he would come again in the same manner as he departed. The church waits in hope the fulfillment of that glorious promise.

The pastor of the Methodist church took for his text the words of Paul to the church at Corinth: "For I determined not to know anything among you except Christ and Him crucified." He said in part: "It was Emerson who said that the name of Christ had not so much been written upon history as plowed into it. That declaration is true only in a lesser degree of him who gives us our text for the morning hour. Paul's whole career from the time of his conviction at the gates of Damascus till he wrote his farewell letter to Timothy in his dungeon prison at Rome, finds its basis and explanation in this declaration to the church at Corinth—'For I determined not to know anything among you save Christ and Him crucified.' Every despatch of man's soul finds its answer wrapped up in that phrase, 'Christ and Him crucified.' The incarnation, the new birth, the atonement, the resurrection and the basis of a righteous social order in the sermon on the Mount, and the Golden Rule—all this is there. This is not a narrow gospel; it fills the sky of man's needs as the sunlight fills the noon. I never more fully realized how grandly true is Paul's great affirmation, 'Christ is all and in all.' If I could talk with him this morning and ask him 'How he bore up against the awful indifference at Corinth, the murderous assault at Lystra, the mob at Ephesus and the damp, dark horror of that Roman dungeon, four wards, I think, would give his answer, 'Christ and Him crucified.'"

Rev. E. H. Libby of the Congregational church preached on "Immortality." Text, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job. 14:14. If men are getting hold of the idea that this life is all that there is to it, then the question raised by old Job, 1500 B. C., is a burning and vital question today. Our belief in the immortality of the soul must ever rest as its sure foundation in our faith in a personal God. What if it should actually be flashed around the world—"God is dead." But men believe more in God than they sometimes imagine. As the French Infidel said: "I thank God that I am an atheist." If then there be a future life, all men ought to live in view of, and in preparation of that certain life which is to come. But life at its largest and best in the beyond, just the same as here, is to be obtained through effort and strong striving. In the very nature of things no one can be "Wafted to the skies on flowery beds of ease." What wonderful beings are we which require an eternity to come to maturity; more than century plants are we. Working upon the perfect! Won't you begin today if you have not already started? Never mind what your neighbors say or do, compete with yourself. Let each tomorrow compete with its yesterday. Be a stronger, better man, a more gentle, beautiful woman today than you were yesterday, better tomorrow than you are today. And each tomorrow with its "new beginning," and clearer light and holier, higher ways shall compete with our ladder which touches the sky. "If a man die, shall he live again?" God's word answers, yes; Jesus Christ answers, yes; our hearts, our hopes, our faith answers, yes.

The C. B. & Q. have just published a very handsome little book about the suburban towns along the line, and we are requested to say that a copy will be sent without charge to the address of anyone who may be influenced to look for a home in this village. Our people are urged to take an active interest in the matter and send name and address of any such persons to P. B. Eastie, general passenger agent of the C. B. & Q. at Chicago and he will attend to the rest.

A book about the suburbs.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Bargains at the Fair. White Rose gasoline, Naah's. Pasture for cattle, with good water; rates reasonable. PETER BUTLER. Lieut. H. W. Stickle of Leavenworth, Kans. is visiting his sister, Mrs. B. M. Muzzev.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday afternoon.

J. W. Hughes is at home again after a several weeks vacation trip, somewhat improved in health.

Ernest Pattison of Chicago Heights, visited his mother, Mrs. E. R. Pattison, the latter part of last week.

The German Evangelical conference which met last week assigned C. Ott to the church in Downers Grove.

J. K. Wilson of Will county and A. H. Mack of Chicago, were here Wednesday attending to real estate interests.

W. H. Edwards was summoned to Southern Pines, North Carolina last week by the dangerous illness of his father.

Harry M. Courtright returned Sunday from his trip to California. He was accompanied by his sister-in-law and her husband.

Dr. W. A. Topp returned Monday from New Philadelphia, Ohio, where he went to attend the funeral of his mother whose death occurred there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Curtis entertained this week Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and Miss Thurston of Chicago, Mrs. E. Newcomb of New York and Miss Philo M. Sedgwick of York, Neb.

C. B. Armstrong of LaGrange moved into one of the Farrar cottages on Carpenter street Tuesday, and a family of the name of Hanson will occupy the Ward place in Straube's addition about May 1st.

Rev. H. G. Warren, the popular pastor of the Methodist church at West Chicago, will preach in the Methodist church here both morning and evening. Pastor Hood goes to West Chicago for the day.

Twenty of the young friends of Gertrude Riddler surprised her Tuesday with a party on the seventh anniversary of her birthday. The young folks had a merry time with games and during the afternoon refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Choice variety of bedding plants, including verbena, petunia, coleus, geraniums, heliotropes, argeratum; also fine selection of pansy plants, large flowering varieties, ready now for transplanting. Special prices made on cabbage and tomato plants. C. S. Foote.

The Saturday Evening club held one of its pleasant dancing parties in Carpenter's hall Saturday evening. About fifty attended and found pleasure dancing to music furnished by the Naperville orchestra. Cards were also a feature and refreshments were served. The club will hold but two more parties this season. Preparations are being made to give an elaborate May party as a closing event.

The successful man is the hustler. He does not let the grass grow under his feet. He realizes that anything worth having is worth going after, and he goes after it at once. The growing city is also a hustler. It does not let the grass and weeds grow in its streets. It believes in cleanliness and you do not see piles of rubbish, brick bats, tin cans, etc., littering business and residence streets.

Whatever one wants to buy, a round of the business houses will convince the intelligent and observing that it pays to trade in Downers Grove. Compare the stocks and prices with those in neighboring cities and you will find the comparison in favor of this city. Even the so-called "cheap" mail order houses would get very few orders from this section if people could only see the goods offered, and not take the glowing but delusive descriptions in catalogues for facts.

Haller keeps Lipton's team. National Light oil at Naah's. Mrs. G. H. Fearall was here from Chicago this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gorman rejoice over the birth of a daughter last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collier are the parents of a boy baby born last Wednesday.

Mrs. F. W. C. Hayes returned Tuesday from her winter visit at Orange Hill, Florida.

The Misses Jennie and Ruby Smart spent Sunday at the home of their uncle, A. L. Smart, in Cass.

J. W. Nash left Saturday for Cadiz, Ohio, in response to a message telling of the death of his father at that place.

Rev. C. J. Pope was at Joliet, Tuesday at a meeting of the ministers of the Aurora association, where he delivered an address.

The Village Improvement committee of the Women's club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. C. Kuenzel next Monday at 2:30 o'clock.

R. C. Granberry made a trip to St. Louis this week. The railroad boys say this has a very significant look of contemplated matrimony.

W. B. Towley spoke at the last meeting of the boys' club on the topic "Elements of success in business life." As might be expected the subject was well treated.

D. G. Graham attended the congressional convention in Pease last Thursday, and was one of the many recipients of the generous hospitality for which the people there are noted.

The Prohibition club will hold its regular monthly meeting in Carpenter's hall next Tuesday evening. Everyone who desires their influence to be cast against the saloon will be cordially welcomed.

Next Sunday is young people's day in the Baptist church. The occasion will be observed by appropriate services in the evening. The pastor will deliver an address and others will take part in the program.

Very few voters took sufficient interest in the school election Saturday to go to the polls inasmuch as there was but one ticket in the field, and an extremely light vote was cast. D. J. Graham for president, and Messrs. C. B. Blodgett, L. W. Winchester and F. E. Dowe as trustees were elected without opposition.

Why go out of town for anything in the line of household goods, clothing, footwear, hardware, or anything of the kind? Downers Grove merchants carry a complete line of all these goods and the prices will always be found as low or lower than the out-of-town concerns, and then, too, the home merchant is the one that patronizes you. Why not patronize him? Think it over.

Those who are putting up new houses for rental, or who contemplate building operations in the near future should avoid the mistake of erecting houses without modern conveniences. It costs very little more to provide conveniences in a new house, while its desirability and renting capacity is increased far more than the interest on the expenditure. It is not a matter of sentiment—it is a business proposition, pure and simple. And this should be borne in mind by those who wish to make their property as profitable as possible.

The board of education met Tuesday evening and declared the result of the election and closed up the remaining business. The board have reason to be proud of their record as the affairs of the district have been administered in an efficient, economical and satisfactory manner and the schools are being conducted admirably and the management is commended by the patrons and taxpayers of the district. The members constituting the incoming board were all present and after the final adjournment of the outgoing board, it met and organized with the election of Prof. Searles as secretary, after which President Graham submitted the following list of committees, which on motion was confirmed by a unanimous vote of the members: Teachers and schools, H. B. Wheeler, J. W. Worley, F. E. Dowe; Finance, B. C. White, L. W. Winchester, J. W. Worley; Buildings and grounds, C. B. Blodgett, F. E. Dowe, L. W. Winchester. The members, like their predecessors have a deep interest in the schools and community are here to make their permanent homes and are anxious and determined to so conduct the affairs of the district and schools as to get the best obtainable results with the funds at their disposal. Another meeting will be held soon to consider the report of the committee on teachers and schools and transient other necessary business. The regular meeting will still continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Proceedings of the Opening Session of the New Board Held at Wheaton Tuesday.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county, Illinois, at a special meeting held at the court house in Wheaton Tuesday, the 16th day of April, A. D. 1902, pursuant to the following call, which was duly published: WHEATON, ILL., April 5, 1902.

To H. F. Lawrence, county clerk and ex-officio clerk of the board of supervisors of DuPage county, Illinois.

DEAR SIR—You are respectfully requested to call the board of supervisors of DuPage county together in special session to convene at the court house in Wheaton on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, A. D. 1902, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of organizing and appointing the various committees for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may come before them.

The board was called to order by the clerk and, on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, Supervisor Fischer was chosen temporary chairman.

The credentials of the newly elected members of the board were then examined, and being considered in due form as by statute required said newly elected members, having qualified and filed their bonds, were, on motion of Supervisor Churchill, declared members of the board of supervisors of DuPage county, Illinois, the full board consisting of the following members: Supervisors George A. Fischer, Jacob E. Bender, C. D. Bartlett, A. H. Wiant, John Christie, Amos Churchill, Wm. Hammerschmidt, James McClintock, C. B. Blodgett, Frank R. Cramer, A. W. Kohley and Thomas Betts.

On call of roll all members answered and to their names except Supervisor Christie.

On motion of Supervisor Bartlett, an informal ballot was taken for chairman for the ensuing year and the clerk was appointed teller.

On the informal ballot the vote was as follows: Betts, 7; Bender, 1; Bartlett, 1; McClintock, 2.

Supervisor Betts, having received a majority of the votes cast on the informal ballot, was, on motion of Supervisor McClintock, declared the permanent chairman for the year following.

The minutes of the last preceding meeting were read and, on motion of Supervisor Bartlett, declared approved.

Supervisor McClintock was called to the chair by Chairman Betts to allow him to retire to make up the list of committees for the year following.

All bills on file were then read to the board.

On motion of Supervisor Bartlett the board took a recess to 1 o'clock.

On reconvening the chair presented the following list of committees for the ensuing year: Finance, William Hammerschmidt, A. H. Wiant, G. A. Fischer; claims, Amos Churchill, F. H. Cramer, John Christie; fees and salaries, C. D. Bartlett, A. H. Wiant, A. W. Kohley; court house and grounds, F. H. Cramer, C. B. Blodgett, Wm. Hammerschmidt; county farm, J. E. Bender, A. W. Kohley, Amos Churchill; special, C. B. Blodgett, John Christie, C. D. Bartlett; judiciary, John Christie, A. H. Wiant, James McClintock; license, Geo. A. Fischer, Wm. Hammerschmidt, F. H. Cramer; counsel, A. W. Kohley, F. H. Cramer, C. B. Blodgett; county supplies, James McClintock, C. D. Bartlett, J. E. Bender.

The bills that were read to the board at the forenoon session were then referred to their respective committees.

The committee on claims made the following report, which, on motion of Supervisor Churchill, was approved: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors.

Your committee on claims would beg to report that they have examined all claims presented and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the amounts, to-wit:

C. Blodgett, committee work and mileage \$12 20
C. D. Bartlett, same 17 20
Jacob E. Bender, same 12 10
Callaghan & Co., Illinois report 2 75
Wheaton Electric Light Co., light for March 12 40
Chicago Telephone Co., toll to March 20 and rent for April 20 20 00
John Stettin, sewer pipe 1 20
George H. Thomas, rent for typewriter 10 00
Fred H. Ball, livery hire 7 00
W. J. Hilliard, services as deputy at coroner's inquest 12 50
John Mulcahy, constable and deputy fees 23 75
H. Ward Mills, photographing for coroner's ribbons 3 50
Elliott & Hatch Booktype-printers Co., dos. ribbons 8 00
Walton, James & Ford, transcript in People's case 54 20
H. W. Bixby, meals for jurors 12 20
A. L. Hamilton, printing for county oil 44 25

The claim of John W. Nicholson for \$10.25 we refer to the full board.

On motion of Supervisor McClintock the bill of John W. Nicholson, \$10.25, was allowed for \$1.35.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt the board adjourned to call of chair.

H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.
The Episcopal church will hold its annual banquet at Thompson's hall on Tuesday, April 23rd.

NOTABLE MASONIC BANQUET

LOCAL LODGE ENTERTAINS VISITING BRETHREN IN ELABORATE MANNER.

Special Communications Held in Center Degree Upon Fred L. Eastie, Following Which Eastern Star Serves Banquet.

Friday evening was made memorable to Downers Grove Masons by a notable gathering, such as seldom before has graced the lodge rooms. The occasion was the conferring of the third degree in Masonry upon Fred L. Eastie, who is well known in the village.

Members of Grove Lodge No. 684, A. F. & A. M. attended in unusual numbers and under the guidance of the new master of the lodge, John H. Griffin, the impressive secret ritual of the order which marks the initiation of the candidate to the mysteries of the third degree of Masonry was presented with due solemnity.

With Grove Lodge were visiting Masons from Aurora, Naperville, LaGrange, Chicago, Batavia and Riverdale and in honor of the occasion after the stated communication the home lodge and the visitors were tendered a banquet by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

The banquet was spread in Carpenter's hall and no effort was spared by the ladies to make the affair enjoyable. The long tables heaped with delicious viands were tastefully decorated with cut flowers and with willing hands the hostesses performed their gracious duties.

At the conclusion of the banquet M. Bluser as toast-master, called on Dr. J. A. Bell of Naperville to respond to the sentiment "The Ladies of the Eastern Star." Dr. Bell in his usual graceful periods spoke feelingly of the sister order and complimented the ladies of their hospitality.

"Masonry and the Church" was the toast to which Rev. Tull of Naperville responded pointing out that in the separate fields the Masonic order and the church performed noble missions. His remarks were punctuated by applause.

Past Master, F. J. Allen of Aurora, toasted Grove Lodge and had only words of praise for the manner in which the work of the lodge was conducted. "My experience in Masonry is large," he said, "but I have yet to see a master who more thoroughly understands his work, or members who show more interest in the performance of their duties."

C. W. Commons of Grove Lodge and a former resident of Downers Grove spoke of "Man diverted of that with which he had been invested."

J. R. Maus of LaGrange, who has long been a friend of Grove Lodge, spoke of Masonry and also referred to the excellent work of the master of the lodge.

Rev. E. H. Libby of the Congregational church in response to the toast "Dearest" spoke of the mission of Masonry and its influence for good among men.

The closing address of the evening was made by Grand Lecturer, C. M. Babbitt of LaGrange, who spoke of Ceremonial Masonry.

The oldest mason present was E. K. Downer and the youngest mason was the newly initiated member, Fred L. Eastie.

BURLINGTON MAKES LOW RATES WEST.

Burlington Route Excursions \$50 to California. Cheap one-way excursions rates to California every day during March and April. Second-class tickets will be sold to San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and intermediate points at a rate of \$35. One-way second-class settlers' rates to points in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington daily during March and April. One-way second-class settlers' tickets will be on sale to many points in Montana, Utah, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Rates to a few of the more important points are as follows: Billings \$24.14, Salt Lake \$20.14, Ogden \$26.14, Butte 26.14, Helena \$20.14, Missoula \$29.14, Kallispell \$29.14, Spokane \$20.24, Ellensburg \$20.24, Wenatchee \$20.24, Umatilla \$20.24, Portland \$22.74, Tacoma \$22.74, Seattle \$22.74, Vancouver \$22.74. To Minnesota and North Dakota. One-way second-class settlers' rates to Minnesota and North Dakota on March 18, April 1, 15, and May 6, 1902. Tickets on sale at greatly reduced rates to many points in Minnesota and North Dakota. For further information apply at depot, C. & N. Scott, ticket agent. Telephone No. 2.

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