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GESNER IS NOT SUSTAINED.

CHARGES REFERRED BY VILLAGE PRESIDENT AGAINST OFFICER HOFFERT FALL.

Board Votes to Not Confirm President's Action—Lively Time at Meeting Saturday and Session Ends in Confusion.

President Gesner stirred up a big bunch of trouble for himself when he dismissed Policeman Hoffert. Another chapter was added to the story Saturday evening when the village board met to investigate the charges of cowardice preferred by President Gesner against that officer. And the president failed to make good. Instead he provoked a bitter war which threatens the peace of the board of trustees, made charges of "ring" rule against members of the board, accused the "villainous secret society gang," as he termed it, of being sworn to stand by Hoffert and altogether made things so interesting that he will have a jolly time squaring himself with sensible people.

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It was by far the "hottest" meeting ever held by the village trustees. The spirit of war was in the air and war prevailed to the end of the meeting, when President Gesner, beaten at every turn, without a single witness to substantiate the charges he had brought, left the hall, vowing that no business should be transacted until he was accorded the right to nominate Hoffert's successor. Trustees Martin and Roe retired also. The hall was crowded and scores of persons unable to get inside watched proceedings from the outside through the windows.

President Gesner stated the object of the meeting, which was to consider the charges against the Policeman Hoffert, and stated that any one knowing anything about the case could come forward and testify. No one volunteered and the president called on Night Policeman Kearney. He merely recited the facts of arresting two men who were creating a disturbance by fast driving on the night of June 18, but he gave no testimony regarding Hoffert.

Trustee Stevens failed to see why Kearney's testimony should be considered, and he and Trustee Kuenzel both asked that the charges against Hoffert be presented. It developed that the only charges were those brought by President Gesner, that Hoffert was dismissed for cowardice and conduct unbecoming an officer on the night of June 18. R. D. Parker came forward and told of a couple of incidents happening a year or so ago in which he thought Hoffert had failed to do his duty. During his remarks he took occasion to score Hoffert in a personal manner.

Attorney Bunge called attention to the fact that the testimony considered must be confined to the charges specified in the call for the meeting, and as Parker's evidence had no bearing on the case it was thrown out. No one seemed to know anything about the charges or of Hoffert's failing to do his duty.

W. S. Gharet testified that he had seen Hoffert make two attempts to stop Klein and Prentiss, but they were going too fast for him. Gesner said he failed to see why Hoffert was unable to stop them, and that other means failing he should risk his life or use his gun. No other person appearing anxious to testify, Gesner stated that he had anticipated such an outcome. Numerous persons, he said, had complained to him that those who knew that Hoffert had failed in his duty were intimidated and afraid to testify against him. Everybody present seemed to think that if the alleged persons were too cowardly to bring their charges personally their evidence didn't have much weight.

About this time Trustee Klein made a motion that the action of President Gesner in dismissing Hoffert be not sustained. This brought Gesner to his feet in a moment. He declared that no such motion would be considered and ordered the clerk to make no record of it. Trustee Kuenzel, acting as clerk, declared he would make a record of it. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kuenzel and the war was on. Gesner nearly twisted the ends of his whiskers off in his excitement and charged the members of the board with gang rule to defeat his nominations. He said a "villainous secret society was sworn to stand behind Hoffert and see him through." Kuenzel took exception to this remark, as well as did Graves and Klein. Gesner stated the board would drop the matter and pass on to the consideration of other business. Trustee Kuenzel told Gesner he had better resume his chair and put the motion. Gesner refused and Kuenzel appealed from the decision of the chair, and stated that the board had met to settle this business and was going to take action on the matter. Other members said the same thing and things got decidedly interesting. Gesner was furious. He cried, "You can't appeal from the chair. The chair will

recognize no appeal," and was so overwrought he became furious. The crowd, catching the trend of his remarks, howled with laughter and hooped at him. Gesner yelled out, "The board is adjourned, no action can be taken." Away over in the corner somewhere Martin took the cue and moved to adjourn. The motion was not seconded nor the question put, yet Gesner kept repeating, "The board is adjourned." Other members thought otherwise, and Trustee Klein put the motion and it carried. Klein, Kuenzel and Graves voting aye, Trustee Stevens having previously withdrawn during Parker's harangue. The roll was called as Gesner, Martin and Roe left the hall, finding themselves beset, amid the howls and jeers of the crowd. Roe remarked that the board's action was wrong in appealing, but later returned and acknowledged he was in error. The two trustees leaving broke the quorum and the meeting ended.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEET.

County Dads Pass on Bunch of Claims at Meeting Wednesday.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county, Illinois, at a meeting held in the court house at Wheaton, Ill., on Wednesday, July 9, A. D. 1902, pursuant to adjournment. On roll call all members answered to their names except Supervisors Fischer and Christie. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All bills and communications on file with the clerk were read and referred to their respective committees.

On motion of Supervisor Hammer-schmidt, the communication of Gates & Papenguth with reference to undertaking work and patronage distributed by the board was referred to the committee on county farm.

On motion of Supervisor Hammer-schmidt, the following report of committee on claims was approved: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors,

Your committee, to whom have been referred the claims, respectfully 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 several amounts, to-wit:

Scott Valve Co., pump.....	\$ 14.42
Downers Grove Reporter, publishing proceedings from Jan. to July 1, 1902.....	7.50
H. W. Schardt, pulverizer.....	20.00
Wheaton Electric Light Co., light for June, 1902.....	9.20
Callaghan & Co., Illinois reports.....	2.75
W. W. DeWolf, deputy fees.....	6.00
John W. Nicholson, deputy fees, People's case.....	10.10
John W. Nicholson, care of dependent infant.....	4.70
Geo. Faslihaber, constable fees, coroner's case.....	1.45
A. J. Christie, deputy fees.....	20.00
C. B. Gorham, clerk hire to July 5, 1902.....	130.00
Mars Neal, laundry work.....	5.85
Pieronet & Co., coal.....	124.08
Thos. Betts, committee work and mileage.....	3.30
D. B. Givler, publishing proceedings, July 1, 1902, to July 1, 1902.....	15.00
Illinois Northern Hospital, care county inmates to July 1, 1902.....	104.65
P. F. Pettibone & Co., books and blanks for county officers.....	159.71
The bill of E. B. Howe, superintendent, \$37.64, which has previously been paid, we have examined and found correct.	

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS CHURCHILL, Chairman.

On motion of Supervisor Churchill, the court house and grounds committee was authorized to repair and paint the fence surrounding the court house grounds.

On motion of Supervisor McClintock, the abatement list, as presented by Frank E. Ayres, county treasurer, was abated, except items marked "collect."

On motion of Supervisor Hammer-schmidt, the board adjourned to call of chair. H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

CASS ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sinyard were seen on Willow avenue Sunday.

Miss Laura Palmer has gone to the home of her parents at LaFayette, Ind.

Lost.—Part of a buggy wheel. Finder will please notify Ewin Oldfield of Cass and oblige.

Mrs. George Pierson and son George of Chicago are spending a couple of weeks visiting Mrs. J. E. Oldfield in Cass.

Misses Lillie Keating and Marian Rees of Chicago have been spending their vacation at Mrs. Charles Oldfield's in Cass and returned to their homes Thursday.

For Sale.—Furniture and household effects, at the residence of J. E. H. Wright, 45 Belden Place. Call on or before Friday, the 18th.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Max Schachner is spending his vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lempke returned from Michigan Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Soule have a son, born yesterday morning.

Miss Hazel Rommeiss is spending the week in the city with relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Maxwell of Irving Park is visiting Mrs. McNaught this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher of Gray's Lake spent Monday at Mrs. O. T. Daily's.

George McNaught is taking his vacation with relatives in Weatherford, O. T.

Mrs. F. S. Wallace of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stevenson over Sunday.

Prof. Robt. B. Dickle of Kenosha visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Stevenson last week.

C. S. Hughes left last Thursday on a business trip to Little Valley and other points in New York.

Frank Reichenmacher was over from Naperville Tuesday on business connected with his property interests.

A good assortment of ladies' and children's hats sold now below cost. It will pay you to investigate. Miss Selig.

Hugh Colville and his daughter, Mrs. M. E. Stanger, leave today for a visit with Will Colville and family at Fenton.

Mrs. F. W. C. Hayes writes to have her paper sent to Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., where she is spending the summer.

Miss Julia Sapp has returned from her extended trip to Arizona and was the guest of Miss Mabel Rutherford over Sunday.

Miss Ida Welch did not return with her sisters as stated in the REPORTER last week. She will come some time during the fall.

Straube pianos for sale either for cash or on time by E. Herzberg, vice-president Straube Piano company. Fine toned instruments in all latest cases.

A union young people's service will be held by the Christian Endeavor, Epworth League and Baptist Union at the Baptist church at 6:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

A warm wave, which has spread over a good portion of the western territory, is expected to cause a rise in temperature today. The day will be probably fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wood and son, who have been residents of Downers Grove the past two years, bade adieu to their Naperville friends and relatives Monday, before leaving for Lewiston, Ill., where Mr. Wood will take charge of the editorial and reportorial work of an enterprising newspaper.

Among the later things to be done by a central plant is that of house heating. In some places it is by a corporation which secures a franchise by laying hot water pipes through the streets just as gas pipes are laid. In other places it is done by the city itself, the exhaust steam from the water or electric plant being used. Aurora has quite a down-town system of this class, while three or four cities in the state are making a municipal matter of it. In Clinton, Iowa, has just put in a system of this kind, which supplies residences as well as stores, as we understand it.

Fire destroyed the residence of John Paprzyca at the corner of Kostreaski street and Fairview avenue in Gostyn early Monday morning. The fire was not discovered until the whole upper story was in flames and the family had barely time to escape in their night clothes. Materials which caught communicated the fire to the partitions and it spread until the whole upper story was ablaze. The house and contents were a total loss. Insurance to the amount of \$1,500 was carried in D. G. Graham's agency and the loss was adjusted in full Wednesday. Mr. Paprzyca will build again this summer.

Members of the republican newspaper fraternity of the republican congressional district met at the Great Northern hotel Saturday morning and organized the Republican Editorial association of the Eleventh congressional district of Illinois. About twenty papers were represented by their editors. The following officers were elected: C. B. Mead, president, Geneva Republican; Ed A. Brewster, vice-president, Joliet Republican; M. F. Walsh, secretary, Harvard Herald; H. M. White, treasurer, Downers Grove Reporter. The following executive committee was chosen: C. B. Mead, Geneva Republican; N. E. Matter, Wheaton Illinois; A. L. Hall, St. Charles Chronicle; Charles Scofield, Marengo News; J. C. Adams, Pontonsa Yellette.

National Light oil at Nash's. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearts's. J. D. Bryce spent Sunday in Milwaukee.

C. W. Miller was over from Utopia Tuesday.

Mrs. C. W. Weber spent Sunday with relatives in the city.

Misses Alice and Clara Cole returned home to Ottawa Tuesday night.

Miss Isabel Stevenson is visiting with friends in Chicago for a few days.

J. B. Thompson of Mayfair was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Belden, over Sunday.

Miss Belle Snyder of Fulton, Ill., is spending the week with Mrs. F. C. Lancaster.

Miss Mary Hizer of Corning, Iowa, was the guest of her cousin, L. P. McNamora Sunday.

Miss Anna Adams of Kenosha is making an extended visit with W. R. Stevenson and family.

Mrs. H. M. Plummer, of Wheaton, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Rogers.

O. J. Dally and family, are again residents of the village and occupy their residence on East Maple avenue.

The ladies of the Library association will sell home baking in the library room Saturday afternoon, July 26.

Mrs. E. W. Deming and daughters who have been visiting her parents left Tuesday for New Rochelle, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. White, who have been visiting their niece, Mrs. G. H. Bunge, returned to York, Neb., yesterday.

Mrs. A. P. Parsons and Miss M. S. tower of Chicago, visited Mrs. L. Brandenburg Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. C. C. VanHorn of Dubuque, Iowa, and Mrs. A. H. Cole of Ottawa are spending the week in Downers Grove.

Mrs. I. Brandenburg's sister who lived in Cumberland, Md., died, and was buried last Saturday, July 13, at the above place.

Wm. Drullt, a nephew of Mrs. J. H. Bateman, who has been here for several months past has gone to DeKalb where he will practice osteopathy.

J. D. McVean writes to ask about things in Downers Grove and says he would like to be here for a few months, but says California is the only place in winter.

Mrs. Marlon Ansell, known to Downers Grove people as Ella Merrell, from Little Valley, N. Y., with her daughter, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Parker this week.

The democratic senatorial convention for the Forty-first senatorial district met in Wheaton last Friday and nominated W. A. Bowles, an attorney of Joliet, for minority representative in the next general assembly. Charles Schwartz of Naperville was nominated for state senator to oppose Robt. Barr, the republican nominee. Schwartz is a lumber dealer.

Byron L. Streeter of Aurora has been paid \$9,195.80 for back pension and hereafter will receive \$72 a month from the government. This is said to be the largest voucher ever issued for a private pension. Mr. Streeter has been totally blind for several years, but has been drawing only \$12 a month. His claim was re-rated, the lump sum being for back pay under the new schedule. Mr. Streeter was a union soldier and enlisted in the civil war in 1863 in company G, 36th Illinois infantry. During the war he was taken prisoner and for nine months was incarcerated in Andersonville prison. Here he contracted a disease which affected his eyes and fourteen years ago he was stricken blind.

The Epworth league social held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin last Thursday evening was a splendid success. Nothing equal to it has been given in Downers Grove for many months. Fully one hundred were present and enjoyed the evening to the full. It was promised that the music would be fine and it was as testified to by the hearty applause and many expressions of approval. Miss Phoebe Atkinson, of New Orleans, is truly an artist, on both piano and violin, and plays with a grace and power that completely charms the attention and moves the heart. The audience was delighted with her work. Mr. Schachner has a magnificent voice and sang to the delight of the whole company. Mrs. Schachner also rendered a very pleasing violin solo. Miss Carrie Martin played the accompaniments for Mr. Schachner and added to her reputation as a musician, whom Downers Grove people are always glad to hear.

Mr. John DeGroot gave a number of readings, which were most heartily appreciated. The ice cream and cake were all right.

CLEVER SWINDLER AT NAPERVILLE.

Man Purporting to Be Representative of the Reporter Gulls Professional Men.

The REPORTER learns through the publisher of the Naperville Clarion that a man purporting to be a representative of this paper has canvassed that town for a special edition of the REPORTER and secured funds for writing sketches of professional men. The man, whose name we have been unable to learn, is a dead-beat and a fraud and should be promptly handed over to officers of the law wherever found as a swindler. The REPORTER has no knowledge of the man and has not had nor has it now any intention of getting out a special edition.

The Clarion, speaking of the matter, says: "Recently a man of medium height, well built, dark hair and eyes, rather slovenly attired, sunburnt and rather poor in grammar, came into our town and represented himself as the reporter for the Downers Grove REPORTER, and desired to write up Naperville, especially the professional part of it. He appeared in several offices of the profession late in the evening, flourished some blank sheets of paper on which he presumed to make extensive notes and at the close of the interview he remarked: 'Now, doctor, how many copies shall I send you? This will be a convenient way to advertise yourself among your friends, as I shall give you the best write-up possible.'

"After receiving the request for twenty or thirty copies at 5 cents a copy, a good cigar or two, and with a profuse flow of thanks the 'reporter' disappeared. The profession has been anxiously waiting for the purchased copies of the Downers Grove paper, where they hoped to read glowing reports of their abilities as physicians and success in practice, but, alas! no papers yet.

"On inquiry it was learned that neither the editor nor managers of the Downers Grove paper is in any way responsible for the presence, conduct or monies collected by the 'reporter,' nor were they in any manner aware that any one was using their paper to extort money by deception or otherwise from any one.

"It would not be unwise in these days of 'deceptions to turn down' all agents and 'reporters' and representatives who are not supplied with proper credentials when such are necessary."

A GREAT TEMPERANCE MEETING.

The union service next Sabbath evening will again be held in the Baptist church. This service will take the form of a temperance mass meeting and promises to be one of the most notable meetings of its kind ever held in Downers Grove.

Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, chairman of the National Prohibition committee, will deliver the address. The address will not be a partisan one, but will appeal to the head and conscience of all good citizens who love their country and desire to see her cleansed from the shame of the drink curse. Mr. Stewart is one of the best all-round platform speakers in this country and honored from one end of the land to the other. He is not able to fill one-tenth of the calls upon him for addresses and it is the rarest good fortune that the committee were able to secure him for next Sabbath evening. No one, young or old, should fail to hear this man of nation-wide reputation.

METHODIST EXPERIENCE SOCIAL.

Next Thursday afternoon and evening, July 24, the ladies of the M. E. church and congregation will hold their annual experience social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin, on Grove street. The ladies who are willing to do so will relate their experiences of many weeks, funny and otherwise, in earning the money which they bring. Musical and literary features will add spice to the evening's entertainment.

Ice cream and cake will be furnished free to all those who bring a dollar or more. Others, with the gentlemen, will be glad to pay the usual amount for such cooling refreshments. The people of all churches and no church are most cordially invited. The presence of the gentlemen is most heartily requested. The proceeds of the social will be applied in liquidating the pledge recently made on the church debt. The ladies cleared about \$150 last year. They hope to do as well this year.

On the following dates, July 1 to 13 inclusive, Aug. 1 to 14 inclusive, Aug. 23 and 24, Aug. 30 and 31, and Sept. 1 to 10 inclusive, train No. 3, leaving Chicago at 11 p. m., will carry a tourist sleeper for Denver. Rate for double berth, Chicago to Denver, in this sleeper will be \$2.50. Round trip Colorado excursion ticket rate on above dates is \$95. This car will return to Chicago on train No. 2, G. E. Scott, agent.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

JAMES CRAIGMILE DIES AT HIS HOME IN LAGRANGE FUNERAL THURSDAY.

Mrs. Hugh Campbell Acquitted on Charge of Insanity in County Court—Other County News From Exchanges.

The funeral services of James Craigmile, a former resident of Downers Grove township, who died in LaGrange July 8, were conducted by Rev. H. A. Bushnell in the Lyonville church Thursday at 9 o'clock. The nephews of the deceased acted as pallbearers. James Craigmile was born in 1814 in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he resided until 1836, when he went to Toronto, Canada. There he was a soldier in the Canadian army. In 1868 he came to Chicago and lived in and around the city till 1841, when he moved to a farm in DuPage county, three miles south of Hinadale, on the county road between the Joliet and Plainfield roads. During his residence near Chicago he helped build the Illinois and Michigan canals. For the last fifteen years Mr. Craigmile lived with his daughter, Mrs. John Whitson, at 18 Calendar avenue. He has been a widower since 1870 and left five children. They are John Craigmile, Tarkio, Mo.; Mrs. John Whitson, LaGrange; James H. Craigmile, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Henry Y. Craigmile, Farnhamville, Iowa, and Samuel A. Craigmile, LaGrange.

Not one time in a thousand is there any defense in an insanity inquisition. A case of this kind, however, has just been tried in the county court. The relatives of Hugh Campbell, of Wayne, believing that his life was in danger from the hands of his wife, whom they and the neighbors of Wayne considered insane, began proceedings to have her committed to the hospital at Elgin. Mrs. Campbell declared that she was not insane and demanded her right to have counsel. The court was adjourned until Monday at her request, when B. L. Rathje, of Wheaton, and Robert Wright, of Belvidere, appeared in her defense. A large number of witnesses from Wayne were examined. All swore that in their opinion she was insane, and told of instances that led them to the belief. It might be said in passing that Mrs. Campbell was in the hospital at Elgin, and, according to the reports, was discharged from there in September, 1901, on account of insanity. She was in her own defense and is a partially insane and coherent manner explained every detail that had led the citizens of Wayne to consider her insane. She declared that she was sane, she certainly looked it and the jury believed it, the first ballot being five "sane" and one "insane."

The coroner's jury at Lockport Saturday returned a verdict of accidental poisoning in the case of Miss Annie Miller, who died at that place last Thursday. Miss Miller occupied a high position in social and church circles and was to have been married soon. She was 28 years of age. She was suffering with a headache when her young sister went to the residence of Dr. C. M. Bacon on an errand and while there Mrs. Bacon gave the girl some strychnine to poison a sick dog. The girl knew nothing about the arrangement to poison the dog and understood that the medicine was given for her sister. When she went home she told her sister that the doctor's wife had sent medicine for her headache and Annie took the strychnine. Death ensued in fifteen minutes.

Sangamon county is to have the first complete rural free delivery system in the United States. P. H. Moore, special agent of the rural free delivery, has received orders to put in enough additional routes to make sixty in all, and they will be so arranged that every farmer in the county can have mail delivered by carrier. It will take from four to six months to make the additional routes.

The board of review will meet Monday next and examine into the assessments as returned by the several assessors. The board consists of Thomas Betts, Naperville; J. E. Bender, Bloomington, and E. H. McChesney, Glen Ellyn. The board of supervisors has fixed their compensation at \$5 per day, without trimmings, in the nature of mileage, etc.

One hundred and five licenses for automobiles have been granted by the city council of Joliet and it is expected that ten more will soon be asked for and probably granted.

PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS

Should look up information regarding lands along and contiguous to the line of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Ry. before buying. Professional and business men of all kinds should acquaint themselves with the many opportunities offered at the new towns along this railway. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month round trip tickets, at very low rates, will be on sale to points along this line. Call on your nearest ticket agent for full information and see that your tickets read via the B., C. & N. Ry. Folder sent if requested. John D. Farmer, G. F. S. T. A., B. C. R. & N. Ry., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.