

# DOWNERS GROVE PORT

NINETEENTH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1902.

NUMBER 1

## THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN WHEATON DECEMBER 10, 1902.

Annual Reports of County Officers Approved—Claims and Bills Audited and Ordered Paid—New Barn for Jail Planned

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at a meeting held at the court house in Wheaton, Illinois, Dec. 10th, 1902. Meeting called to order with Supervisor Betts presiding. On call of roll all members answered to their names. Minutes of last preceding meeting were read and declared approved. All bills and communications on file with the clerk were read and referred to their respective committees. The following report of the finance committee was read and on motion of Supervisor Churchill was declared approved:

Wheaton, Illinois, Dec. 9, 1902. To the honorable chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors of DuPage county: The members of your committee on finance beg to report that they met in the court house in Wheaton, and have checked the books and accounts of the county clerk, circuit clerk and recorder, sheriff, county treasurer and county superintendent of schools and find the same correct, as per their reports herewith presented, which we recommend approved and ordered of record.

County clerk's report: Mr. chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors: I herewith submit to you the following report of fees earned and received by me as county clerk for the half year commencing June 1, 1902 and ending Nov. 30th, 1902.

From what source	Earned	Rec'd
Probate fees	\$ 51 84	\$ 238 91
Same previously reported		323 86
County of fees	35 95	24 80
Insanity fees	39 95	
Same previously reported		58 10
Marriage licenses	141 00	141 00
Certificates of Magistracy	11 00	11 00
Certified copies	37 15	37 15
Recording certificates	2 00	2 00
Miscellaneous earnings	22 89	22 89
Naturalization papers	6 50	6 50
Fees tax sale	104 00	104 00
Court fees board meetings	100 00	100 00
Election fees	84 50	84 00
Redemption certificates		
<b>Balance due</b>	<b>\$1581 69</b>	<b>\$1369 22</b>
		<b>\$252 65</b>
		<b>4723 37</b>

Clerks salary 739 00  
Clerk hire 725 00  
1475 00

Respectfully submitted, H. F. Lawrence, county clerk.

Circuit clerk and recorder's report: To the chairman and board of supervisors of DuPage county—Gentlemen: I herewith submit to you the following report of fees earned and received by me as clerk of the circuit court and ex-officio recorder for the half year commencing June 1 and ending Nov. 30, 1902:

	Earned & Rec'd
Recording	\$1100 00
Court costs	434 00
Miscellaneous earnings	38 25
Naturalizations	50
<b>Balance due</b>	<b>\$1562 25</b>
	<b>\$687 00</b>
	<b>750 00</b>
Clerk salary	\$1437 00
Same June 1	124 85
<b>Balance due</b>	<b>\$251 45</b>

Respectfully submitted, T. M. Hall, clerk.

Sheriff's report: To the honorable chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors of DuPage county: I have the honor of submitting to you my semi-annual report of fees earned and received by me as sheriff of DuPage county for the half year ending Nov. 30, 1902.

Total miscellaneous earnings	\$1267 56
Fees collected	118 85
Same previously reported	28 00
Due county last report	27 71
Amount allowed by supervisors	122 50
Balance due county	1753 06

Charles B. Gorham, being duly sworn deposes and says that the above and foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief. Chas. B. Gorham.

Semi-annual report of county treasurer: To the honorable chairman and gentlemen of the board of Supervisors of DuPage county: The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures for the period beginning July 1 and ending Nov. 29, 1902.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand last report	\$3159 53
J. H. Bender	12 00
Interest col as penalty	22 27
H. E. Matter	12 00
Chas. Tordahn	500 00
Earnings of treas office & clerk hire	842 44
	3928 23

County orders etc. 18350 27  
1 per cent on money received 968 26  
Bal on hand 12810 20  
33228 83

Annual report of county treasurer and ex-officio county collector.

Commission on state tax 6618 48  
Other commissions 992 15  
Fees earned and rec'd 228 45  
1 per cent on money rec'd 516 94  
Same disbursed 451 42  
2788 44

of schools. To the honorable board of supervisors—Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the receipts and disbursements of the institute fund from Dec. 2, 1901, the date of my last report to June 2d, 1902, to-wit:

To balance at last report	\$27 18
Institute fees	93 18
Order to J. W. McKee	\$40 01
Bal on hand	58 18
	\$98 18

To the honorable board of supervisors—Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit my report of receipts and disbursements from fines and distributable school funds from Dec. 2, 1901, the date of my last report, to June 2, 1902, to-wit:

To balance	\$ 13 41
Fines W G Smith	4 00
J C Neltner	238 00
J H Senne	3 00
John Haight	9 00
D M Gurica	5 00
H C Strussman	24 25
O H Stange	9 00
School fund F E Ayres	341 32
School fund tax order	4625 84
	\$5318 82

To the honorable board of supervisors of DuPage county: I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements from the institute fund from June 1, 1902, to Dec. 1, 1902, to-wit:

Balance on hand	\$ 58 18
Institute fees collected	131 00
	189 18
C E Mann teaching	50 00
J M Frost same	50 00
Mrs M H Hines same	40 00
Adeline Churchill same	27 00
Bal on hand	22 18
	\$199 18

To the honorable board of supervisors of DuPage county: I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements of the distributable school funds from June 1 to Dec. 1, 1902, to-wit:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand	\$ 64 14
Fines from W G Smith	7 00
	71 14

DISBURSEMENTS.  
H M White adv 5 00  
D B Givler adv 10 00  
Balance on hand 56 14

Respectfully submitted, R. T. Morgan, County Superintendent of Schools.

The following recommendation of committee on court house and grounds was read and on motion of Supervisor Bartlett, was laid on table. Mr. chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors of DuPage county: Your committee on court house and grounds respectfully recommend to this board that the old barn be removed and a brick barn of suitable size and construction be erected in its place and that all sheds and yards be removed. We also recommend that the part of the lot west of the barn be filled to the proper grade and set with trees.

Moved by Supervisor Bartlett that the chair appoint a committee of three to procure plans and specifications for the erection of a barn for the use of the sheriff of DuPage county. Declared carried. Supervisors Bartlett, Bender and Hammerschmidt were appointed as such committee.

On motion of Supervisor Churchill the board took a recess to 1:30 p. m. On convening for afternoon session committee on claims made the following report which on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt was approved:

C D Bartlett com work and expenses	\$ 5 00
C B Blodgett same	22 21
Jas McClintock same	4 00
H B Adams same	8 00
J E Bender same	14 80
A W Kohley same	14 00
Amos Churchill same	6 60
Thos Betts same	14 80
G A Fischer same	14 80
Wm Hammerschmidt same	19 20
Churchill & Newton materials	43 50
Boyd Bros material	38 03
A L Hamilton printing	75 25
E W Bixby jurors meals	31 10
H H Hall postage etc	31 25
H L Edwards transcript of testimony	42 80
H F Lawrence clerk fees	15 60
Same postage etc etc	24 00
Chas Miller labor	50 00
Wheaton Electric Co	21 60
W B Cook calculating	35 00
M J Mansel Training school	20 00
D G Graham fees peoples cases	8 90
B W Mills photographing	6 00
Wheaton Bros grain harvester	100 00
D G Garfield justice fees	24 00
Chas Carpenter 500 postals	5 00
Downers Grove Reporter printing and publishing process figures	8 50
P F Pettibone & Co supplies	68 87
C B Gorham care of prisoners	1040 70
Ill asylum for the feeble minded	80 60

The bills of Miss Nichols, \$5, and Dr. Isherwood, \$105, we recommend to not be allowed. The claim of Supt. R. T. Morgan against the state for \$358 we have examined and believe correct and recommend paid.

The following report of committee on fees and salaries was on motion of Supervisor Bender approved:

C B Gorham sheriff's fees	\$ 108 23
A J Christie deputy fees	17 00
T M Hall clerks fees	166 75
H F Lawrence court fees	192 00
W C G deputy fees	24 00
C B Gorham sheriff's fees	1238 50

The bills of H. H. Goodrich and J. H. Batten for professional services in the Johnson case we refer to the full board. On motion of Supervisor Fischer the claims of H. H. Goodrich and J. H. Batten, \$250 each, were allowed and the clerk instructed to issue county orders for same.

On motion the board adjourned to call of chair. H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

Merry Christmas. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearlts'. Mrs. John Brown was quite sick last week.

Call and see Rang's goods. Prices are right. D. G. Graham was in Aurora on business Wednesday. Leave orders for Christmas trees at Rang's; fine home grown cedars.

S. D. Adkins has opened a novelty studio in the old photograph gallery. The post office will be open until ten o'clock and from four until six Christmas.

Farms for sale and wanted near Chicago. E. A. Reppert, Ogden building, Chicago. The Royal League's first annual ball occurs at the Auditorium New Year's Eve.

Burlington suburban trains will run on the Sunday schedule Christmas and New Year's. The post office and express office has been swamped this week with the Christmas rush.

Miss Minnie E. Cass who has been staying at the home of T. Raby has gone to Chicago. Miss Sara J. McCullough is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Margaria Saunders at Ottawa.

A leak in the water mains on Fairmont avenue flooded the surrounding territory the early part of the week. The spelling school announced last week has been postponed owing to conflicting attractions to the second week in January.

Deputy Supreme Commander Morning of Chicago will visit Downers Grove Hill on Friday evening, Dec. 26. A full attendance is desired. The Rathbone Sisters will give a dance Thursday evening, Jan. 15th, in connection with the ceremony installation of officers which occurs on that date.

D. G. Graham has legal blanks and all facilities for execution of wills and has had years of successful experience in that line. Give him a call. Charges reasonable. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Rommeiss and family will attend a holiday reunion this evening of Mr. Rommeiss' people at the home of his sister, Mrs. Clayton F. Summey in Chicago.

Geo. S. Taylor who moved to Clyde from Downers Grove but a few weeks ago was struck and instantly killed by a switch engine in the Burlington passenger yards Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. John Brown was very pleasantly surprised by a number of friends on the anniversary of her birthday, Dec. 21st. Games and refreshments were indulged in and all had a very pleasant time.

Miss Eva Piltz of LaGrange gave a dinner party one evening last week in honor of her cousin, Mr. Elbert E. Wolf of Hinsdale, and Miss Celestine Brazzeau of Austin, who are to be married on New Year's day. The dining room was prettily decorated with chrysanthemums and ferns. After dinner the evening was spent in music and merry-making. The party consisted of 20 relatives and friends from Chicago, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Quincy and LaGrange.

Miss June Bird was married to Frank Ashley Willard at Hinsdale on Monday, Dec. 15th, at 5 p. m. Only the immediate relatives from La Grange and Downers Grove, with the exception of Miss Mabel Robinson, an intimate friend of the bride, were present. Rev. A. W. Brodie performed the ceremony. After a wedding supper the young couple rode in a carriage to LaGrange to escape rice-throwing friends, and then took the train to Chicago. Announcements of the marriage were sent out Tuesday by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis D. Bird.

One of the best entertainments of burlesque and vaudeville ever given in this city will be presented by Harry W. Williams' imperial burlesquers at Hopkins' theatre for the week commencing Sunday matinee Dec. 28. The comedians are well known performers, the girls are all young and talented while the vaudeville contingent embodied in the olio company favorably within their respective line of endeavor. Two bright and scintillating burlesques written by Harry B. Marshall entitled "Two Old Sports" were arranged for this organization, they are lively in action and full of humorous situations, sparkling with very catchy music and filled with many marches and ensemble numbers.

Merry Christmas. National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Merchants all report a big holiday trade.

A very fine line of Christmas goods at Rang's. Cold and clear weather is promised for Christmas. H. D. Henning and family spent Christmas in Downers Grove.

Tuesday night's snow storm made the weather ideal for Christmas. The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held January 7—Fiction day.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pope will leave for their new home in Nebraska next Tuesday. Wm. H. Blodgett will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blodgett.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sharpe will eat turkey, Christmas, with his mother at Lowell, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stanger will spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Frid Entorf, at Naperville.

The Congregational church has purchased one of the Straube Piano Co.'s pianos for use in the church. John Davis has moved into the Smart cottage on Curtis street formerly occupied by Art Gregory.

Wanted—Girl for general household permanent place; wages \$5. Mrs. E. E. Stevens, 158 North Main street, Downers Grove. Mrs. W. B. Waples will give a tea Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 30, for the ladies' guild of St. Andrews church. A fee of 10 cents will be charged.

Several boys have had an unwelcome plunge in the lake the past few days while skating owing to insecure ice. The recent warm weather has made the ice unsafe. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Farrar, Attorneys Winchester and Slesser and D. G. Graham attended a session of the probate court at Wheaton Saturday, Judge Ruth presiding.

The Courtwright brothers' families who have been having a siege of scarlet fever and diphtheria were released from quarantine Tuesday, the sick people having fully recovered. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Mertz will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Jan 1st, and have issued cards for an at home or the evening of that date at their new residence on East Curtis and Washington streets.

W. F. Davis of Edmond, Oklahoma, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with his relatives here and at Fullersburg. Mr. Davis is a brother of C. F. Davis and was born and raised at Fullersburg. He now has a large farm at Oklahoma where he has resided for the past fifteen years.

First Church of Christ, scientists, at 102 Gilbert avenue; morning service at 10:45; subject for Dec. 28, "Christian Science." Sunday school for children at noon. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting first Wednesday evening of each month. Reading room open every Wednesday afternoon from two until five o'clock for use and benefit of the public.

Next Sunday morning Rev. W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American board of foreign missions, will speak in the Congregational church at the usual hour of service. Mr. Peet has been a resident of Constantinople for 12 years and will give many interesting incidents of his life among Turks and Americans. He was one of the principals in rescuing Miss Ellen M. Stone from the Macedonian brigands. A general invitation is extended. The choir has prepared special Christmas music for the morning service. In the evening the usual church service will be omitted to permit the congregation to attend a union service at the Baptist church, the farewell sermon of Rev. C. J. Pope.

Mrs. Thomas Walsh and daughter, Miss Edna, of Chicago, were visiting relatives in Cass, for a few days this week. G. E. Oldfield is staking a well. Miss Maud Cleveland and Miss Edna were calling on Cass friends last Sunday. Erwin Oldfield is dealing in live stock. The Cass people sent several barrels of poultry and boxes of clothing to the poor of Chicago Tuesday.

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### CASE ITEMS.

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## WILL BE A PALATIAL HOME.

Residence of Levi Mertz Which is Rapidly Nearing Completion to be a Commodious One.

Truthfully it is said that with the advance of civilization the apparel of the people keeps pace with their mental refinement. This result is probably more forcibly manifested in beautiful architecture than in the matter of clothing. Increased mental refinement leads to higher ideals and it is a natural result that such ideals should be realized in some form of beauty. Probably the greatest opportunity for the materialization of these artistic tastes is in the architect's work—that of planning and constructing the many beautiful buildings which dot our country.

Downers Grove is certainly blessed with many people of such ideals of artistic refinement, judging from the large number of palatial residences which grace our environs. Among this number must certainly be classed Mr. Levi Mertz, the prosperous merchant, whose large and commodious residence is nearing completion on East Curtis street.

That the foregoing is true will be fully realized on approaching this magnificent structure. One comes to a large porch, surmounted by colonial columns. Entering at this door the visitor is ushered into a cozy vestibule which leads through swinging doors into a spacious reception hall. When completed this room will be most inviting. The wood work is finished in oak. In a cozy nook to the right will be found inviting window seats, arranged in a half circle. From this hall the winding oak stairway leads to the second floor.

The next room which invites inspection is the drawing room, which is reached through an arched doorway to the left of the entrance to the reception hall. This room is also finished in oak, in a darker shade. This room is well lighted by windows on the south and west and a large bay window on the southwest corner.

At the north of this room is the double sliding door which opens into the sitting room and to the east of the sitting room through double doors is the dining room. These doors when opened practically convert the two rooms into one large hall. In the sitting room is a fire place and mantle furnished in oak. North of the sitting room is a large closet and sewing room. All these rooms are furnished in oak with polished oak floors. To the north of the dining room swinging doors lead to the kitchen. This room is supplied with every modern convenience, including pantry, sink, refrigerator, etc. The kitchen opens to the north on a porch. Side entrance to the house from the main porch opens into the dining room and sitting room. From the kitchen stairs lead up stairs, and to the basement where are situated the laundry, boiler and coal rooms and cellar. The basement is finished with cement walls and floors.

From the reception hall the wide oaken stairway leads to the second story and a long hall running the entire length of the house is reached. Four large bed chambers occupy the front portion of this floor. Each room has a large closet. Back of the bed rooms on the right is a large bath room and toilet rooms. At the left is the servant's room, and stairway leading to the third floor. The rooms on the second floor are all finished in Georgia pine in natural finish. The upper floors are of hard maple. The attic is arranged as a storage room and for soft water and heater storage tanks. Going through an arch the turret is reached. This affords a fine view of the surrounding scenery. Back stair cases lead to the basement.

The building is heated by hot water and lighted by electricity throughout. The exterior of the building is finished in a deep shade of cream with trimmings of chocolate and white. The whole structure is given an imposing appearance by the porches, gable and bay windows and the turret or tower on the south-west corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Mertz will possess one of the most beautiful homes in Downers Grove, comprising within its make-up all the modern conveniences and improvements—in fact a home which presents every opportunity for the display of home ideals, and which, when opened on New Year's on the 25th anniversary of their marriage, their many friends will be given the opportunity to enjoy.

The last services under the pastorate of Rev. C. J. Pope will be held next Sunday at the Baptist church. The pastor will speak in the morning, bringing more particularly a message to the members of the church. In the evening a union service of the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist church will be held at the latter place at which Pastor Pope will speak.

No meeting of the Woman's club was held Wednesday owing to the absence of Prof. O. R. Scoville, who was to have made an address on "The Outdoors." The "Day" program will be given later in the year.

During the Christmas season and Christmas is probably the day which is world wide in its observance—the hearts of old and young glow with feelings of joy or of pathetic sorrow, such as the advent of no other day in the whole year can bring.

The picture which presents itself to most hearts, however, is one of joy and gladness, as the season of gift-giving and kind wishes once more rolls around. But probably to the children Christmas day means more, when considered from a standpoint of a gift season, than to the older ones. To these innocent little ones it means visions of toys, evergreens, toys and the thousand and one pretty things and goodies which the enterprises of modern business methods has placed within the reach of all.

To the child, Christmas is always the same old day with its proverbial Santa Claus and childish mysteries. And we older ones the day brings up before the mind's eye pictures of the past, both happy and full of sadness—bygone scenes which do much to soften the hardened feelings in the twilight of the dying year.

Unfortunately, there is another side to the Christmas picture—that of the poor and destitute. To such houses and hearts which know no home, Christmas day oft calls up pangs of anguish and bitterness. Let those of us who are more fortunate not forget the less favored ones in the joys of our present abundance, but make some effort to transform at least one of these scenes into a picture of joy.

How many during the joys of Christmas day, stop to realize the deeper significance of this period—the natal day of the Babe of Bethlehem, Jesus of Nazareth? A realization of what the day commemorates fulfills the prophecy of the angels song, "Peace on earth and good will towards men." The peace and good will will wait gently every heart as the chiming bells ring out their Christmas greetings.

Christmas seems to be the only holiday that remains exclusively a family day. Foot ball has wrested Thanksgiving day from its seduction, fashion has turned New Year's into a day of social functions, but neither fun nor fashion has been able to tear down the traditional Christmas stocking, or to lure individuals away from the enjoyment of private pleasures. To be sure Santa Claus himself has been brought before stern ethical judges and the Christmas dinner has been criticized by hygienic ones. The Christmas tree has been called a firebrand and "the old time yule log" has been supplanted by the grate. But in spite of these changes and criticisms the day remains what it has always been, a day when family feeling runs high and when the power of fraternity is at its fullest. Business and politics are forgotten for once; it is not how business goes, but how his new muffler becomes him that interests man on that day, and it is the fate of prudings rather than that of politicians that he watches with eagerness. It is a matter for congratulation that, aside from its religious significance, Christmas still retains its rights as a day set aside for domestic observance.

## CHRISTMAS—THE FAMILY DAY

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Lesson of "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men"—The Day When Family Ties Are Particularly Strong.

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