

DOWNERS GROVE REPORT

TWENTIETH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1903.

ORDINANCES TO BE REVISED.

BOARD VOTES TO REVISE CONSOLIDATED ORDINANCES IN PAMPHLET FORM.

Class of Year Finds Finance Low and no Relief in Sight Until Taxes Come In—Proceedings of January Meeting.

The action of the board of trustees Monday night in appointing a committee to revise and consolidate the various ordinances of the village and to have them printed in pamphlet form will meet with the approval of every property owner and resident. The ordinances have been amended so frequently that the old general ordinances printed in 1897 have become obsolete and of no value whatever. Furthermore many of the more recent enactments are not included in the previous publication and the provision of these measures are therefore unknown to a majority of residents. Monday the board instructed the ordinance committee with the assistance of the village clerk and attorney to revise the ordinances preparatory to printing in book form.

The end of the year finds the finances of the village down to bed rock and no relief can be given until the 1903 taxes are collected. This, however, will be within the next two months. Only \$357.42 remained in the treasury Jan. 1st, and fully half of this is apportioned to special assessment and sinking funds. The balance Dec. 1st was \$1266.39, receipts during month \$265.70, expenditures \$664.67, leaving the amount first stated above as the balance on hand.

The receipts from the electric light department were more gratifying than at any time since the plant was installed. The collector's report for December showed \$363.18 revenue from this source; water rates \$119.98, meter rent \$1.75, materials \$19.50, licenses \$2.00, special assessment No. 6 \$41.77, a total of \$428.18. The water and light superintendent reported 346 lights installed in the past three months. Coal consumed during December was 109 tons.

The board voted to extend the time 80 days from date to Messrs. Naramore and Frenckenhagen in which to secure the 50 additional consumers for the electric light service as provided by resolutions passed at December meeting.

COLONEL BRYAN SHIFTED TO PORTUGAL.

A special from Washington says that Charles Page Bryan of Elmhurst, who was recently promoted from minister to Brazil, to be minister to Switzerland, has again been shifted. By the program announced Monday he is to go to Portugal. This change is made necessary by the action of the president in appointing Assistant Secretary of State David J. Hill to the Swiss post. The latter is regarded as more desirable than Portugal on account of its proximity to Paris. Col. Bryan will be more pleasantly situated in Portugal than Brazil, however. He is at present at his home in Elmhurst on a leave of absence, visiting his father Thomas B. Bryan.

D. K. FOOLE FALLS AND BREAKS ARM.

D. K. Foote lies at his home on Highland avenue with a broken arm the result of a fall on an icy sidewalk Saturday evening. Mr. Foote was going from his residence to the postoffice and was walking on the treacherous piece of walk between Nash's and Selig's stores. A slip on the icy covering of the walk caused him to fall and in throwing out his arms to save himself, in some manner the bones of the left arm were broken. Mr. Foote managed to return home without assistance. Dr. W. W. Gourley was called and reduced the fracture, which at Mr. Foote's age is quite a serious matter.

CASS ITEMS.

Miss Grace Palmer has returned from her visit to her parents at Lafayette, Ind. The Christmas tree and entertainment at Cass was a decided success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large audience. The ice carnival held New Year's at Homer's pond by the Cass skating club was especially fine. Chas. Oldfield and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Blayard. Jackson Littleford is reported on the sick list. The two sisters of Miss Matilda Zarn of the south part of town spent Christmas with her at J. E. Oldfield's. Mr. Atwood is visiting his daughter Mrs. Henry Smart.

WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY BANQUET.

The annual Washington birthday banquet will be held this year on Friday evening, Feb. 20, Feb. 27 falling on Sunday. Judge Orin C. Carter of the Chicago courts is expected to be present and speak. The complete program for this so well established and popular occasion will be printed in due time. Keep the date open.

RURAL MAIL CARRIERS NEED HELP.

Farmers Should Keep Roads Open to Aid Mail Delivery in Winter.

The postoffice department at Washington has sent out a communication relative to farmers keeping the high-ways open in order to facilitate in the delivery of mail by the rural carriers. It is hoped the issuance of this letter will be fruitful of good and that rural mail carriers will receive all possible help along the lines suggested in the letter, of which the following is a copy: "The department looks to the patrons of the rural free delivery service, who are receiving the benefits of the service to use their utmost personal endeavors and also to exert their influence with those officials who are responsible for the condition of the highways, to the end that the roads traveled by rural carriers may be always kept open and in such passable shape that the service can be regularly and punctually performed. Should the regularity of the service be needlessly destroyed as the result of inattention and lack of care bestowed on the highways, the permanent withdrawal of the delivery will very likely result. Rural letter carriers are required to serve the routes regularly at all seasons of the year and in every kind of weather, when it can be done without seriously imperiling their lives or endangering their conveyance of the U. S. mail which is in their custody. Patrons should clear away the snow drifts, so that carriers can drive up to and reach boxes from their vehicles without dismounting. It is not a part of the carriers' duty to break out the roads after a severe snow storm. Rural carriers are expected to energetically try to serve their routes even though the conditions may be extremely adverse, and any undue lack of zeal on their part should be promptly brought to the attention of this office for such action as the merits of the case require."

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CLEAR OF SOOT.

The tendency of pipes and furnace flues to fill with soot at this season of the year is so marked that any suggestion of a convenient remedy for that condition is worthy of consideration. A correspondent of the St. Paul Pioneer Press says that zinc turned in the furnace is very effective. Just throw up on the fire a handful of zinc filings or a piece of zinc as large as your hand and it clears away the soot as if by magic. Once a week will suffice. Shut the door quick after throwing in the zinc. The remedy is not expensive. A worn out zinc washboard will furnish enough of the metal for six occasions. And if you have to buy sheet zinc, 25 cents worth may suffice for a single fire all winter. Even when soft coal is used in hard coal stoves and furnaces the zinc will keep them open, so that those who have been unable to secure anthracite will not be seriously inconvenienced by the change. If this receipt is all that is claimed for it the inconvenience of using soft coal is reduced to a minimum, and its cheapness more than compensates for being deprived of hard coal.

GAVE A PROPOSAL PARTY.

Miss Edith Rankin and Misses Myrtle and Grace White entertained their young friends at a "proposal party" at their home on Saratoga avenue last Friday evening. This decidedly unique affair consisted of each young man making ardent love to each of the young ladies present and as a climax to "pop the question." There being over a score of young ladies present the boys had a very strenuous time, and were rewarded with a heart or mitten, accordingly as their pleas touched the hearts of their ladies and found favor or disdain. The winner of the most hearts received a prize, while a hooby prize consoling the gentleman who had the greatest number of mittens. During the evening refreshments were served.

ARM-BROKEN WHILE SKATING.

Bertha Mochel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mochel, suffering with a broken arm the result of an accident while skating on the north side lake Saturday. She was teaching one of her youngest companions how to skate when a mistep of the latter tripped her and she fell with her left arm doubled under her fracturing the bones near the wrist. Dr. W. A. Tope set the fracture which is not a serious one.

ISABEL GARGHILL REACHER.

The fourth entertainment of the Downers Grove course will be given at the Auditorium Saturday evening, Jan. 15. Isabel Garghill Reacher will appear in interpretive recitals. Her efforts call forth the strongest words of praise and she has the strongest endorsements of the press and from talented stars of the platform.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's, Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best whole pie at Rang's 10 cents. Best oil in town at Curtis & Hart's. School began Monday after the holiday vacation.

Mrs. D. O. Cole is now in Sacramento, Cal., for the winter. Klein's market offers beef for sale by the quarter at reasonable cash prices. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Worley entertained a number of friends at a party New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Curtis spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John Russell of Chicago.

Misses Alice and Clara Cole of Ottawa, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley.

Frank Briggs is now employed as travelling salesman for a Chicago mercantile house.

Last Tuesday evening Miss Holista Giddings entertained a delegation from the kindergarten.

Lost—Two small silver table knives. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at D. G. Graham's office.

Miss Dolly Christiansen of Chicago visited at the home of Miss Alice Nathan last Thursday and Friday.

Ruth, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Puffer, has a broken left arm the result of an accident Monday.

Arthur J. Gray returned last night from Springfield where he was attending the opening of the legislature.

W. R. Little has been nursing a broken arm in his right hand, an injury received in an altercation with a mule.

Maple Camp No. 898, M. W. A., will install its officers this Thursday evening. Let there be a good attendance at this meeting.

Mrs. Gus L. Johnson, living northwest of town, who has been having a severe attack of rheumatism, is somewhat improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Schachner gave a reception New Year's eve in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Eaton of New York who were here for the holidays.

The new local directory of the Chicago Telephone company which appeared this week fills a long felt want of the patrons. The exchange now has about 125 subscribers.

Marshall Field Jr.'s, two sons Marshall and Henry with their government agent three very pleasant days with Walter Scott Bryan and his niece Miss Annie Martin last week. They enjoyed riding and driving over the estate.

The annual masquerade ball of the Downers Grove Fire department will be held at the Auditorium Friday evening, Feb. 12. The boys have secured a large list of prizes which will be given to wearers of the most novel costumes.

Jay Littleford made an unsuccessful attempt to amputate his left thumb with an axe yesterday. He was splitting kindling and made a mistake with the tool, striking his thumb and severing an artery. Prompt attention prevented serious consequences.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Radke and family of Chicago spent New Year's with her brother, S. F. Hallie, and family. In the evening the guests were entertained with music and refreshments. Mr. Radke is superintendent of the pipe organ department of Lyon & Healy.

Capt. and Mrs. T. B. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lampke, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert G. Stanley, Misses Alice, Mabel and Louise Stanley spent Tuesday evening with John Stanley to remind him of his 85th birthday. Mrs. McNaught and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barber were also callers during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Frank planned a reunion of members of the Frank family at their home on Curtis street New Year's day. Among those present were his mother Mrs. Benj. Frank and brother William of Naperville; his brother Henry and wife and a niece, Mrs. W. A. Nelson of Riverside; his sister Mrs. D. T. Kohl and children of Sterling; and a niece Miss Nora Frank of Anita, Iowa.

Engineer Kelly of the fast mail, who is well known in Downers Grove railroad circles, was almost instantly killed as he was yesterday morning by a peculiar accident. One end of the right connecting rod of his engine, No. 1500 broke loose when the train was running at high speed, and acting as a flail, crushed in his side of the cab, striking the engineer and throwing him from the engine with fatal injuries. The broken connecting rod was flying in the air, and the train was flying down the tracks at a great speed. It was a most startling accident and had been in numerous collisions. Kelly was always a very cautious and experienced man.

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Miss Mabel Neuman's father is quite sick at his home in Naperville. Miss Florence Bates entertained a friend from Galesburg last week. Try Rang's Maltz bread, the sweetest and most home-like bread made.

Allen Barnhart is confined to his home this week on account of sickness. J. C. F. Rommels and family now occupy their new home on Fairview avenue.

Dr. Franklin Blair and wife took dinner with J. W. Nash and family last Sunday.

The young people at the Ball home on East Maple avenue gave a party New Year's eve.

Miss May Spach was called to Sandwich this week on account of the death of a relative.

James Pentoney and Eddie Gorman have embarked in the wholesale linen business in Chicago.

W. H. Radell expects to leave this week for Tennessee to look after property interests he has there.

A. W. Griggs has moved into the village from his home in Lisle township and will reside on the north side.

Frank I. Mason returned from Quincy Friday where he spent the holidays. His wife will not return for several weeks.

Mrs. A. J. Gray's mother, Mrs. Bayers of Marquette, Iowa, who has been visiting here for several weeks will return home today.

Archibald Farrar left yesterday for Memphis, Tenn. He will later go to New Orleans and other points in the south and west.

Fine oak bedroom set, marble top parlor table, rocker, refrigerator and dining table for sale cheap. Requires 17 West Curtis street.

Two thousand dollars has been levied in the Wheaton school district for building purposes, making a total school tax levy of \$15,000. The corporation tax has been increased \$500.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Simonson entertained the following guests at their home on Gilbert avenue, Dec. 29: Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nargney, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tope, and Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Carpenter.

Straube pianos are deservedly popular because these instruments combine superior quality of tone, fine workmanship, durability and finish. They are sold for easy payments or for cash by E. Herzberg, vice-president Straube Piano company.

G. E. White has a deep cut two inches long in his scalp due to an accident while hunting last week. A rabbit leapt into the old shed near Gregg's station and in pursuit of it he struck his head a terrible blow against a projecting beam.

Collector Davis has received notice from County Clerk Lawrence that the tax books will not be delivered to the collectors before January 10th and possibly later. The county clerk only got the state rate a week ago and nothing could be done on the books previous to that time.

The Baptist church has not as yet called a pastor, regularly officiate in that house of worship, but arrangements to that end are now being made with several able clergymen in view. Next Sunday Rev. D. B. Greedy of Dayton, Ohio, will conduct the services. This gentleman is a student of the Northwestern university, where he is taking a post-graduate course.

THE VOTE OF ILLINOIS FOR 1902.

The tabulated votes of Illinois at the last general election shows a total of 859,978 votes cast; the republican plurality was in round numbers on state treasurer, 86,776. Christopher C. DuFay, candidate for clerk of the appellate court, second district, had a plurality of 151,837 votes. Howard M. Snapp, candidate for congress from the 11th district, received 30,540 votes; James Monro, the democratic opponent received 9,968; while Schuyler C. Haber, the prohibition candidate received 927. For representatives in the general assembly from the 41st district, Samuel J. Drew received 14,992 votes, Guy L. Bush 14,380; Wm. A. Rowles, democratic candidate 14,587; John Diener, prohibition 1,388 and Asa F. Matzke, independent 3,144. For state senator from the 41st district Richard B. Barr received 9,801, Charles L. Schwartz 4,971, Lanson E. Ross 398, and Daniel F. Higgins, the independent candidate who was to cut so much ice, 978, of this amount only 87 came from DuPage county.

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Merz Married Twenty-Five Years on New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Merz completed a quarter of a century of married life January 1st and in honor of the event entertained a large company of friends with us at home New Year's night on their silver wedding anniversary. Their magnificent new home at Curtis and Washington streets, which had just been completed, was the scene of the event. The affair was also in the nature of a house warming and hundreds of prominent citizens of the village attended to offer congratulations and good wishes to the popular host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Merz received in the large reception hall and were especially gracious in having every arrangement for the comfort of their guests. The house was a blaze of light from top to bottom and the handsome rooms formed a pretty setting for the crowds that thronged them.

From a handsomely appointed table in the dining room, which was decorated with roses and ferns, frappe was served from a huge punch bowl, and during the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were dispensed.

In a room opening from one of the parlor a glittering array of presents was displayed combining a varied assortment of silver and cut glass, the gifts of friends of the couple. The party was a pleasant affair and many guests on leaving for their homes voiced the wishes of all that Mr. and Mrs. Merz would live to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Merz are natives of Downers Grove having both been born here and they have lived in Downers Grove all their lives. Mr. Merz was the son of Edward and Sarah Merz his mother is still living at Geneseo. Mrs. Merz was formerly Miss Lydia Paul and is the daughter of Henry Paul who for years has been a resident of Downers Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Merz were married at the parsonage of the West Side Baptist church in Chicago, Jan. 1st, 1878, by Rev. Ferrin. After a visit with Mr. Merz's parents at Geneseo, they began housekeeping in Downers Grove where they have since resided.

WOMAN'S CLUB FICTION DAY.

The Downers Grove Woman's club will occupy its old quarters in the former club rooms hereafter having accepted the proffer made by Geo. B. Hearts of the use of the rooms gratis, at its meeting yesterday afternoon. The use of the furniture of the Downers Grove club was also tendered and accepted. Yesterday was "Fiction Day" and an interesting program was given. Members responded to roll call with quotations from fiction. The program opened with a piano solo by Miss Lillian Dawes. American and foreign fiction were contrasted by Mrs. James M. Burns. Mrs. H. E. Saunders read an able review of the "Scarlet Letter" which was followed by a review of "Anna Karenina" read by Mrs. E. C. Lancaster in the absence of Mrs. Wm. Straube. The general discussion which followed was participated by all the members present. The next meeting of the club—"All Nations Day"—Jan. 21st, will be held in the club rooms and the members hope to make it all the same inspiring. They have been fortunate in securing the co-operation of Mrs. E. M. Helmsroth of the Chicago West End Woman's club who will present an exhibit of curios from Germany, as well also Mrs. W. J. Grotenhul of Rogers Park. There will be special music and the social committee of the club will serve novel refreshments.

MRS. W. A. TOPE'S CONDITION IMPROVED.

Friends of Mrs. W. A. Tope will learn with pleasure of the very material improvement in her condition since the successful operation to relieve abscess of the brain. The operation was performed by Chicago surgeons New Year's day. It consisted of cutting away a part of the scalp and trepanning the skull with a trepan about the size of a lead pencil and then with forceps making a horse shoe shaped incision in the skull which was laid back exposing the abscess for treatment. The operation was successful in every way and the exact location of the trouble found. The ultimate result of the treatment is still in doubt though the patient has a much better chance of recovery than previous to the operation which was performed only as a last resort.

ANNOUNCEMENT—TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for collector of Downers Grove township subject to the action of the township commanding primaries and subject to the support of the legal voters of Downers Grove township.

JUDGES ALL SEEN

JUDGES BROWN, WELLS AND MERRITT UNANIMOUSLY CHOOSE SAYRE

Convention Passes Resolutions Asking Legislature to Increase Circuit Judges to \$5,000 Per Year—Other Proceedings

Judges George W. Brown of DuPage county, Charles A. Bishop of Kane county and Henry B. Willis of Kane county were unanimously nominated to succeed themselves on the circuit bench by the sixteenth district republican judicial convention at Yorkville last Saturday. No other candidates presented themselves and those gentlemen were chosen by acclamation.

John C. Raymond of Kane county was chairman of the convention, which was held in the Kendall county court house at one o'clock. Chas. P. Barton of Aurora was made secretary.

Judge John H. Batten is an eloquent speech of eulogy for his service to the district presented the name of Judge Brown. Chas. Wayne of Elgin nominated Judge Willis, and D. J. Carson of Byronore performed a like service for Judge Bishop. All made speeches applauding the work of the judges of the circuit bench and extolling their virtues as jurists of high order. On motion of L. C. Cooper of Glen Ellyn these men were the unanimous choice of the convention for nominees to succeed themselves on the circuit bench.

Following the nomination each of Judges made short addresses. A judicial committee consisting of Howard H. Goodrich of DuPage, John A. Russell of Kane, John B. Marshall of Kendall and D. J. Carnes of DeKalb was chosen.

Resolutions were passed authorizing a reconvening of the convention in case of vacancy on judicial ticket or of any change which might possibly be made in the district by the general assembly before the judicial election next June.

Judge John H. Batten of DuPage offered a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, demanding that the salaries of the district judges of the state be increased by the legislature from \$3,600 to \$5,000 per year and that a bill be prepared with the emergency clause and introduced in the present general assembly seeking to bring this about. A committee will be appointed to take action with other districts in the state to accomplish this result.

DIETZ APPOINTED TRAFFIC MANAGER.

We are glad to learn and announce that E. J. W. Dietz has secured a position with the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago Railway company as traffic manager and will enter upon his new duties Jan. 15. In this position he will have charge of all traffic matters and especially look after arrangements for picnic and other celebrations in the parks along the line, as well as developing the new suburban territory along its right-of-way. Mr. Dietz has been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for over 12 years having entered the service as a clerk in the agent's office at the union station. From this position he was promoted to a clerkship in the office of superintendent of freight terminals and since June 1902 has had charge of the shipping of milk on the road, under the direction of Passenger Traffic Manager Eustis. This long service with one of the best managed roads in the west enables him to bring to the new road much ripe experience and we predict for him a successful career in his new work. We are sorry that this will make it necessary for him to change his place of residence, and Downers Grove will thereby lose one of its respected citizens.

UNION STUDY CLASS.

Next Tuesday evening a union study class will be organized for the study of the life of Christ. The class will meet one evening each week and will use as a text book, "Studies in the Life of Christ," which can be had for 60 cents. Everyone will be welcomed to membership in this class which will be under the leadership of Prof. C. E. Fletcher who so efficiently conducted a similar study class last winter. It is hoped that with those already pledged a class of at least fifty can be organized. The plan is to meet one evening a week, one of the churches, viz., Baptist, Methodist and Congregational. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Baptist church.

DUPAGE COUNTY TAX MAP

The tax rates have all been fixed by the county clerk and state auditor, making a comparison of the rates for this year and last year.

CHAS. E. BISHOP, CHAIRMAN.