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## Report of the Grand Jury

### WILLIAM GILHOVER OF NAPERVILLE COMMITS SUICIDE IN CHICAGO HOTEL.

#### Grand Jury Makes Report and is Discharged—Historic Hand Work Destroyed—Other County News From Exchanges.

Judge Brown opened the March term of circuit court Monday. The grand jury was impaneled with J. D. McConney as foreman, and Geo. E. Kuechy of Fullerton was elected clerk. In his instructions to the jury the judge informed the members that it was a punishable offense for any member to disclose any of the business of the grand jury room. There were 21 members answered the roll call and 16 members must be present in the room to transact business. Twelve affirmative votes are necessary to pass an indictment. The jury visited the county farm Tuesday, finding 38 inmates there, 12 of whom were returned from Elgin as mild insane, our quota there being full. Following is the grand jury report: The grand jury having completed its labors, begs leave to submit the following report: We have heard the witnesses to complaints in 14 cases, have found 6 true bills and 8 no bills. In accordance with the instructions given by the court, the grand jury has visited and inspected the county buildings, including the court house, jail and county farm, and find the same in good condition. We believe the board of supervisors have made no mistake in retaining E. B. Howe and wife as superintendent and matron of the county farm, as we find that the affairs of that institution are conducted in a very business like manner, and the condition of the buildings and farm and the discipline among the inmates reflect great credit upon the humane management of the institution, and the valuable services of the matron, Mrs. Howe, are evidenced by the remarkable neatness and cleanliness of this, our county hospital. The condition of the county jail under the administration of Sheriff Hiser shows that the same is being kept fully up to the high standard maintained in the past four years. Would call the attention of the board of supervisors to the stacks and breechings in heating plant at county farm, wooden floors and partitions having been built over and around the stacks and breechings which under some circumstances, such as the burning out of same, might cause a fire which would cripple the whole plant.

Pensiless, dependent—another of whisky's myriad victims—William Gilhoover of Naperville, stole a place where to die at South Chicago Saturday night. Slipping into the hotel, where he had been welcomed as a guest in his days of usefulness, Gilhoover made his way to a vacant bedroom on the upper floor and, locking the door behind him, turned on the gas and lay down to die. His presence in the hotel was not known until the odor of the escaping illuminant drew Night Clerk O'Donnell's attention to him. When the door was burst open Gilhoover was beyond medical aid. Gilhoover, who was 36 years old, returned recently from a year's stay at Naperville, where he went to start a barber shop. Business in that town, brisk at first, slackened when he began to drink whisky and, a week ago Sunday he returned to South Chicago, leaving his wife and children in the country, with nothing to show for the investment made for him by his mother at Naperville. He lunched about the steel town, drinking steadily until he was exhausted. He was seen at 107 the o'clock Saturday night, intoxicated, near the South Chicago hotel. His body was found at 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Fire destroyed the old stone mill which for years has been a landmark of Riverside. The structure has been pointed to with pride by the residents of that suburb and the blackened walls still stand, the ruin presenting a picturesque appearance. The mill was built in 1867 by D. I. Hough, now a professor in the Rockford College. There was a good millrace there, which has since been filled up, and the water power was a government grant to Mr. Hough. The mill was run by water until a few years ago. The present owner, Valentine Hoffman, of Hoffman Bros. Brewing company, had just completely renovated the place for occupation by an automobile factory. "If you will say that it's half a mile from the old Land tavern," said David J. Hill, "there's not an old head in the county but will remember it. The Land tavern is older than the mill and was frequented by Chicago residents before Riverside was ever thought of."

While a number of Joseph Reidy's family, postmaster at Lisle, was fixing the furnace fire recently, using soft coal, the gas exploded before the furnace door was shut, severely burning the face of two of Mr. Reidy's children aged 2 and 5 years. It was feared for a while that one of the children would lose its eyesight. James T. Bradshaw of Glen Ellyn, is bonding with the county in default of \$100 bonds. He is charged with assault with intent to kill. The bond is certainly light enough for the charge, but Justice Higley thought it would hold him. The case is continued until after the grand jury gets through.—Journal.

## DEATH OF HELEN F. HAWKINS.

### Succumbs to Heart Disease After an Extended Illness.

Miss Helen F. Hawkins for twenty years a resident of Downers Grove and prominent in Episcopal church and mission work, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. H. Emigh, 94 Highland avenue last Thursday afternoon after an extended illness. The cause of death was heart disease with attendant complications, from which she had been a sufferer for many years. Funeral services were held at St. Andrews church Monday afternoon and conducted by Rev. H. E. Chase. Burial was made at Graceland. Miss Hawkins had been a resident of Downers Grove for over twenty years and was one of the leading members of St. Andrews church and was also prominent in the Woman's Guild.

## CASS ITEMS.

George E. Oldfield lost a valuable horse this week. The telephone manager from Downers Grove was in this vicinity looking up subscribers this week. Isaac Cleveland is sick with the dropsy. John Palmer of Dwight, Ill., is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oldfield. Reuben Littleford has left Cass and is living with Mrs. Havens of Downers Grove—Harry Gregory is looking for a hired man. Miss Clara Oldfield now wears a solid silver chateleine bag as a reward for selling a few dolls. As a reward for mercantile abilities Miss Lottie Childers is the proud possessor of a handsome life size doll.

## POSTOFFICE TO REFUSE BOXES TO MINORS

Postmasters hereafter will not be permitted to rent boxes to minors without the written consent of their parents. The order was made by the postoffice department to correct an abuse growing out of the fact that minor girls rent boxes and open up correspondence with outside parties and in that way keep the correspondence a secret from their parents. This is a good ruling and will doubtless put a stop to much flirtation. It may also stop a more serious evil. When a girl has correspondence she is ashamed of her mother seeing, she is trading on quicksand that may engulf her.

## WILL ASK GAS FRANCHISE.

According to reports an effort will be made in the near future to secure the signatures of property owners to petitions asking the Downers Grove village board to grant a franchise giving the LaGrange Gas company permission to lay mains and service pipes for the purpose of supplying consumers with gas for lighting, cooking and heating purposes. The LaGrange company which is controlled by Col. I. C. Copley of Aurora, recently secured a franchise from the Hinsdale village board, and the mains will be laid there during the coming summer. Gas will be supplied from the LaGrange plant.

Requirements of the interstate-commerce act of the United States, with their agreements with each respecting said facilities for the change of traffic, and from inter-company in the carrying of the in accordance with its contracts with the United States and the laws thereto, to the end that by the acts or means aforesaid, the defendants, their agents, or servants shall not interfere with said rail-company from discharging its obligations with respect to interstate commerce, or prevent it performing any or all its duties and obligations imposed by the act of Feb. 4, 1887, and amendments.

## VILLAGE CAUCUS.

There will be a caucus of the legal voters of the village of Downers Grove at the Auditorium, Saturday evening, March 28, 1903, for the purpose of nominating the following village officers to be voted on Tuesday, April 21. One president of the village; three members of the village board of trustees for two years, and one village clerk; also to transact such other business as may properly come before the caucus. J. W. Graves, W. W. Gourley, C. V. Carpenter, committee.

## WANT TOWNSHIP OFFICES.

The annual township primaries to select candidates for the various town officers will be held Saturday, March 21st. There is only one ticket in the field and no opposition to the following candidates: Supervisor, Jas. McClintock; assistant supervisor, F. H. Cramer; town clerk, Nelson H. Webster; assessor, Frank A. Rogers; collector, Conrad Buschman; commissioner of highways, C. E. Warkentine; justice of the peace, J. W. Tucker.

Three fine girl babies were born Thursday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bayley Pilscher of Joliet. The babies will apparently live. Mr. Pilscher is a prominent business man.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts'. D. G. Robinson moved his family to Chicago this week. Mrs. M. E. Mitchell visited her daughter at Riverside Monday. Fine lot for sale on Oakwoods avenue. Address box 188 village. Try Rang's Maltex bread, the sweetest and most home-like bread made. Mrs. Chas. Blodgett has been spending a week with her mother in Sandwich. Geo. M. Brunson is here this week for a visit with his brother and mother. Mrs. A. B. Cole of Ottawa was the guest of Miss Jennie C. Lyman Thursday.

Thos. Costello of Naperville was here Tuesday looking after his real estate interests. E. Herzberg furnished a fine Straube piano for the entertainment Monday evening. Mrs. R. D. Parker returned Tuesday from a two weeks visit with her sister in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dowe will entertain the Oakwood Euchre club Thursday evening. John Cassidy's family have moved to Chicago but he retains his position in the piano factory here.

Miss Out of Chicago visited at D. G. Graham's and attended the Clayton concert Monday evening. Representative Guy L. Bush remained home from Springfield this week owing to a severe attack of the grip. Wanted—Good large place for cash, about \$5,000. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3785 Main. Downers Grove telephone 283.

W. S. Bryan shipped last Friday by way freight a carriage horse, valued at \$900, in charge of his son John to Chicago, from where where he goes to Michigan. New sample books of wall paper for 1903. Gold, silver, embossed and Ingrain patterns; handsome and cheaper than ever; your inspection invited. W. H. BARNHART.

Wanted—Cottage with large lot, about \$1,500; easy payments. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3785 Main. Downers Grove telephone 283.

Friends of Robt. J. Darnley will be pleased to learn of his promotion to a position in the Pittsburg office of the Burlington railroad. He will leave for that place Monday to assume his duties.

Will the parties who witnessed the accident Jan. 28, on the 4:05 train from Chicago, by which a lady who was leaving the car at Riverside, had her hand broken by the door slamming shut please send address to Mrs. I. C. Arnold box 280, Riverside.

The REPORTER was in error last week in stating that J. W. Worley was at the west side hospital. It should have said Chicago Homeopathic hospital. Mr. Worley is slowly recovering from the operation though is still very weak. He will come home in about two weeks.

The transfer of the interests of the furniture companies to the Downers Grove Furniture company was made last night and the equipment will be moved out this week. Stock certificates are now at the bank and subscribers should make immediate payment to secure discount.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Kellogg, Misses Ethel Edwards, Katherine Wermuth, Pearl Bonisteel, Laura Hughes, Crowl; Messrs. Lee Stanley, Will Lempke, Fred Innes, John Wermuth, Guy Earnest and Edmond Poetter composed a theatre party who saw Francis Wilson Saturday.

The friends of Mrs. Emigh and Miss Harriet Hawkins extend their heartfelt sympathy and regret in the death of their beloved sister, Miss Helen Hawkins, who had made her home in Downers Grove so many years. It was the wish of friends that she be buried from the little church she had loved and sacrificed so much for.

Death relieved the sufferings of Mrs. Sofus Browning early Sunday morning. She had been ill for several months with consumption and her death was not unexpected. Funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Herbert H. Rood conducted the last rites and burial was made in the west cemetery. Mr. Browning's fellow workmen at the piano factory acted as pall bearers and met formal offerings. Mrs. Browning was a native of Denmark and came to America many years ago. She leaves a husband and nine children.

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. John Haas is a rural mail carrier on a Naperville route. George Heintz was on the sick list the fore part of the week. Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday during lent at Klein's. Mrs. Edwin Frank is visiting her relatives in Naperville this week. Harry Walker who has been staying with his sister has gone to the city. O. H. Woodruff of Joliet visited at Capt. Rogers' last Friday and Saturday. Wheaton streets will be torn up this summer during the laying of sewers and drains. Miss Rosalie Wallace of Chicago has been the guest of Miss Isabel Stevenson the past week.

Rev. Herbert Rood was in West Chicago where he preached in the Methodist church Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Lindley left Thursday for California where they will spend several months. Mrs. J. W. Worley entertained her sisters, Mesdames Bull and Johnson of Chicago over Sunday.

FOR SALE—100 foot lot on Gilbert avenue. Must be sold within 30 days. Enquires of R. D. Parker. A Sandwich woman, Mrs. Nancy Townsend, celebrated her one-hundredth birthday last week.

Six pullets and six cockerils—Browns leghorns—for sale cheap. Enquire of F. J. Littleford, 23 Beiden place. Attorney Gray does not recover his health very rapidly and talks of taking a vacation as soon as he can arrange his business affairs.

Rural mail carriers are having their full quota of trouble during the present season of bad roads. Some of the routes in the county are almost impassable. Wanted—Two lots on the north side for a cash customer. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3785 Main. Downers Grove telephone 283.

Wanted—An eight room modern residence with 100 foot lot; about \$4,000 for a cash customer. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3785 Main. Downers Grove telephone 283.

Reduction of 15 per cent on entire stock of furnishing goods this week Friday and Saturday at Vic. Thellin's. These will be big bargain days and everyone in need of gentlemen's furnishings should take advantage of them.

There was a large attendance at the union meeting of the young peoples societies at Carpenter's Hall Tuesday evening and a very enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter gave the young folks a royal welcome. Quite a number from out of town attended.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds regular Sunday services at the Masonic hall at 10:45. Subject for March 1st, "Matter." Sunday school for the children at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

The marriage of Miss May F. Worley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Worley of East Grove, to Mr. Robert Ollinger of Marion, Iowa, was solemnized last week. Owing to the illness of the bride's father the wedding was a quiet one. The bride and groom are cousins and in consequence could not be married under the laws of Illinois, which necessitated a trip to Michigan where the ceremony was performed Tuesday, March 3d. They returned home Friday, and Saturday evening were given a reception at the home of the bride's parents by relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ollinger will reside on the Wallace farm south of the village.

"The Bachelor Maids" have made every preparation for their masquerade ball which will be held in Carpenter's hall next Saturday evening and nothing else is being talked about among the young ladies who are giving the party. Costumes unique, elaborate or dainty will be worn with masks which will hide the identity of the wearers and cause all sorts of fun until the hour of unmasking. Not to do anything by halves the ladies, it is said, will provide favors for the most striking costumes worn. Decorations in the hall will also be a feature. About fifty invitations have been issued and no one will be admitted without a card or who is without a mask.

## PROFESSIONAL KNOCKERS AND KICKERS.

### Downers Grove Has a Number of This Class of Unpleasant People and They Keep Busy.

There are all kinds of mortals in this world of ours and it is hard to tell just which kind is entitled to the cake, but now and then we meet with a specimen that makes us tired. He can, in the language of the Oregon Republican, be recognized by the hangdog expression of his face, by the way he injects himself into a conversation and immediately cuts loose with a holler about the weather, the crops, the town and the way it's run. If some one says a kind word about a friend he proceeds to rip him up the back and tell all the mean things he can think of about him. He kicks about paving Main street and the next day comes around and kicks because the village board does not compel the paving of said street at once. He roars about the way the city and towns are managed, yet he himself is a dismal failure in every place he has tried to fill. He kicks because its a part of his nature—he has to kick or he would't feel right. He kicks on religion and would not give a cent to help under any circumstances, yet he would just as soon live in hades as in a town without a church or religious people. His ideas of consistency are about as pliable as rubber.

He is a fellow who is always wanting to make a change and the first to kick if he gets it. We have met his long suffering wife and wondered how she could ever get used to his complaining. It must be a good deal like getting used to eating Limberger cheese. They say if you keep trying you will eventually get so you can keep it down, put its poor truck as an article of food, just as a chronic kicker is a blamed poor citizen.

## INSOLENT TRAMPS ARE NUMEROUS.

Not for many years have tramps been so numerous or so insolent in their demands as they are this spring. They do not confine their operations merely to a house to house canvass for "hand-outs," but in many instances demand a warm breakfast, and in the outskirts of the village many thefts are reported by these lazy knights of the road. Bold, insolent and insulting, most of them refuse to work when it is offered them. East of Downers Grove in the old deserted Wohlhuter place near the brick-yards they maintain a hangout where, it is said, dozens of them congregate at night and prey on the residents of East Grove and Downers during the day. Robberies of the boldest character in broad day-light are frequent occurrences and many house-wives live in daily fear lest worse depredations may result. No delay should be made in cleaning out the loafers by the authorities.

## RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Whereas, H. B. Wheeler, who for several years has been a member of the board of education of the schools of Downers Grove, and who by his deep interest in the welfare of the schools and in his helpful advice and support, has contributed in a large way to their progress and efficiency and has endeared himself to his associates on the board and to the teachers in its employ, has recently died; and, whereas, his death takes from us a cherished friend and valued counsellor and strikes a deep sorrow to our hearts; be it resolved that this board of education, through its secretary, express to the widow stricken with grief, its profound sympathy with her and its abiding sense of the loss they and all feel in his untimely death. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the board of education and be published in the REPORTER. O. M. SEARLES, Secy.

## Want Hughes to Lead

### CONCERTED EFFORT TO BRING HIM BECOME CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

Would One Village Business Administration and Work in Harmony With the Board? S. North Montreal for Trustee. The business men of the village and many of the influential residents are united in their solicitations for J. W. Hughes to become a candidate for village president at the coming election. With the primaries but a few weeks of available candidates are being discussed and Mr. Hughes appears to be the man a majority of the leading citizens want to head the village ticket. Mr. Hughes served four years as a member of the board of trustees and his record is greatly to his credit. He is a strong, level-headed business man and one who will give the city's business administration.

Speaking of Mr. Hughes as a candidate for this position a prominent business man said yesterday: "What Downers Grove needs is a man who will give the village affairs a business administration and who will work in harmony with the village board in pushing such public improvements as are obtainable. Mr. Hughes is that kind of a man. He has had wide experience and is resourceful, and if he will accept the nomination would be an ideal candidate. Nothing has been accomplished during the present administration simply because the members of the board and their president could not work together harmoniously. Put J. W. Hughes in as president and people will see something accomplished."

This appears to be the general view of the case and a strong effort will be made to induce Mr. Hughes to become a candidate. Every voter unconsistently support him and know that the man of their choice has the best interest of the village at heart.

For one of the members of the board of trustees to be chosen next month, G. B. Harritt is being prominently mentioned. Mr. Harritt was nominated last year but his name was withdrawn from the ticket owing to the fact that he was disqualified by insufficient length of residence in the village. He is a prominent property owner, capable and clean, and favors improvements. No other candidates for trustees have so far been announced. The terms of Trustees Stevens, Klein and Martin expire. Trustee Klein will not again be a candidate. While not declaring themselves candidates for the present positions it is stated by Trustees Martin and Stevens' friends that they might accept the nomination. They have both been valuable men to the village in these positions. Bert G. White, the present village clerk, can hold this position as long as he cares to accept the nomination. No other candidate ever enters the field against so capable an official.

## A GREAT SPORTING NEWS JOURNAL.

The illustrated sporting section of the Sunday Record-Herald thoroughly deserves the attention of everyone interested in sporting news. It is always beautifully illustrated and embraces four full pages, covering with the thoroughness that satisfies to the utmost the whole realm of sports: Baseball news, racing news, bowling news, cycling news, pugilistic news, golf news, yachting news—all the sporting news is given with the greatest degree of fullness and interest. The sporting page of the daily issue is also exceptionally popular—a self evident fact to those who have noted the general vogue of the Chicago Record-Herald among sporting men.



Rev. W. F. Oldham, D.D., one of the secretaries of the missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, will speak at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Oldham is one of the ablest men in the Methodist church. He has had a remarkable career. He is the son of a British soldier, was born in India, was for years a missionary in Malaya and has held some of the best pulpits in this country, where he received his college training. Dr. Oldham is still a comparatively young man and is a very attractive speaker. The pastor counts it a great good fortune that he could be secured at this time, as he is in the prime of his life.