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NUMBER

Building Debt Liquidated

This Year Sees Last \$13,500 of County's Indebtedness Paid.

How DuPage County Spent \$20,000 and the Tax Payers Didn't Realize Any Burden—Many Fine Buildings Erected.

DuPage county has achieved the phenomenal things in county financing and is today a marvel to the other counties in the state.

In seven years over \$190,000 was expended for new buildings, a 125 acre poor farm purchased, a magnificent court house erected, together with as fine a set of poor farm buildings as exists in the state today. This was done without a single issue of bonds, warrants on the annual revenues of the county being issued to meet the cost, and at no time in that period of seven years has the limit of 75 per cent. on \$100 assessed valuation, the levy allowed for county purposes, been exceeded. The current running expenses of the county were in the meanwhile promptly paid, and in April and July of 1903 DuPage county pays its last cent of debt, \$13,500, on its magnificent county building unsurpassed by any small county in the state. In the meanwhile, other counties which were bonded for building purposes, are still laboring to meet their obligations.

The history of this remarkable feat of county administration is of timely interest, now that the great debt is about paid and the policy of the officials in refusing to bond the county has been demonstrated in wisdom.

Never in DuPage county's history has it had one cent of bonded indebtedness. Not until the present court house has it ever built a county capital with its own money. When the county seat was at Naperville, the people donated the building; the same was the case when the county seat was moved to Wheaton.

Fourteen years ago the board of supervisors decided a jail was needed. A well arranged and thoroughly sanitary building was erected, paid for in warrants, and today DuPage has a jail that is one of the finest in the state, where the United States sends government prisoners, whose sentences are desired to be lenient.

August 28, 1889, the board decided to purchase the 125 acre Curtis farm, two miles west of Wheaton at \$70 an acre. In September \$3000.76 was voted to erect suitable poor farm buildings. Later a 20-foot addition was built, but in December, 1895, the overcrowded condition of the Elgin insane asylum compelled the return of 15 mild patients to the care of the county, and the board of supervisors convened on the 15th to consider the providing of quarters for the increased number of paupers and insane inmates at the poor farm. Consultation with eminent legal talent made clear the right of the county to increase the county levy to the limit, 75c, and issue warrants thereon for building purposes. A building was planned by E. M. Bell, large enough to meet the needs of the county for years hence, and the contract let Feb. 26th, 1899, to the Campbell Construction company, for \$38,325. A driveway, wind-mill, tank, and heating apparatus added \$2,500 to the cost. Warrants were issued in payment, \$13,500 falling due in each year in semi-annual installments, for a period of three years; the last payments being in April and July of this year.

In 1896, the old brick court house having outlived its period of usefulness, work was commenced on a magnificent structure of Pennsylvania pressed brick and Lake Superior red sand stone, modeled after the court house at Alton, Ill. Its cost was about \$70,000, and \$10,000 more was expended in furniture, etc. Four years were allowed for its payment in warrants for current taxes, and it is safe to assert that few taxpayers realized that the previous county levy of 85 cents had been increased to 75 cents during those years to pay for what, in most counties, 10 or 20 year bonds are issued. In deciding to resort to the warrant method, the board of supervisors realized that before issuing bonds to erect the splendid building, now built, owned and paid for by the county, it would be necessary to submit the proposition of the new court house, new poor farm, etc., to a vote of the people. Had that been done, the taxpayers who do not today realize that they have wiped out a \$125,000 debt so easily, would have promptly voted it down, staggered by such a stupendous sum.

This immense amount passed through the hands of County Treasurer Ayres, and his assistant and present treasurer, Knight, two of the best county officials ever elected in DuPage county offices. Not a cent was misappropriated and this county stands today one of the few in the state, unstained by political and financial scandal.

CELEBRATES EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

Henry Faul Located in Downers Grove Town Sixty Years Ago and Now Hale and Hearty

Henry Faul, who celebrated the 85th anniversary of his birth last Thursday, was one of the sturdy pioneers who located in this township when Chicago was but a small trading station and the country raw prairie and forest land. Notwithstanding his advanced age he is in excellent health, with the exception of rheumatic twinges in his limbs, and his many friends hope to see him round out a full century. Mr. Faul has been a resident of Downers Grove township for sixty years. He was born in Bavaria, March 19, 1818, and came to America with his parents when a young boy. They located at Buffalo, New York, where he remained until the fall of 1843, when he came to Illinois and purchased 160 acres of wild land of the government, the place east of town now known as the brick yards. He remained there until moving to the village in 1870.

PLAY INDOOR BALL.

Indoor base ball just now is interesting the members of the Downers Grove Drill Corps. Two teams have been organized and a series of five match games is being played. The first occurred last Friday evening and resulted in a victory for the team being captained by F. D. Lempke, over the team led by E. H. Huntington by a score of 13 to 8. Each evening after the weekly drill the time is given over to the game. The companies intend to give an exhibition drill on the date of the closing game of the series and play the last game in public. Following are the members of the teams and their positions.

E. H. Huntington, Pitcher	E. L. Kellogg
C. Foster, Catcher	W. B. Lempke
Arthur Hughes, Right short stop	R. E. Bateman
Ed Giddings, Left	W. W. Heletz
Elvis Sacher, First base	F. D. Lempke, Capt.
Geo. Kelsner, Second base	C. Latham
Gay Earnest, Third base	H. M. Bateman
R. J. Darvley, Right field	F. Ed Innes
Left field	Billy Lawson

FIRE IN GOSTYN DESTROYS HOUSE.

Fire completely destroyed the residence of Julius Samborski, 256 East Prairie avenue, in Gostyn, early yesterday morning. Samborski is employed in Chicago and is not home except over Sundays. His wife and three children were alone in the house. The first they knew of the presence of the fire was when they were awakened by the crackle and glare of the flames about four o'clock. Mrs. Samborski hurriedly took the children to a place of safety and gave the alarm. The fire company responded but the flames had gained such headway nothing could be done except protect adjoining property. The house and contents are a total loss. The building was a two story frame affair and burned fiercely. A defective chimney is supposed to have caused the fire.

Pencil club called on Archibald to express their gratification and appreciation of his stand in their race. Remarks were made by Henry P. Slaughter, president of the club; L. M. Hershaw, Green and Judson W. Lyons, of the treasury. Archibald in responding, said that to Stars and Stripes had no whatsoever unless they brotherhood of man. The distinction being made in political matters because of language or color, he decried as un-American. He urged to have patience, and said:

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.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds regular Sunday services at the Masonic hall at 10:45. Subject for March 29, "Unreality." 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 108 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

WANTED—POSITION ON FARM.

A young man who is not afraid of work would like a position on a good farm with a practical farmer, where a thorough knowledge of the practical side of farming could be obtained and where strict attention to business would be appreciated. Can take position April 1st. Address Judson Hancock, Downers Grove, Ill.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heart's. Easter chickens and rabbits at Rang's. Frank G. Gorman left Thursday for St. Louis.

Miss Marie Winterton is spending a few weeks in Chicago. The best home baked goods at Rang's—the baker—always fresh. Township Clerk Nelson H. Webster was here on business yesterday.

J. W. Worley returned from the Chicago Homeopathic hospital last Thursday. The wind Monday night caused the collapse of a barn on the J. M. Reil place.

Harry M. Courtright has purchased a new wagon to add to his express equipment. Barn for rent—suitable for two horses; address box 190, Downers Grove.

All kinds of grass seed, white clover and mixed lawn seeds at Mertz & Moche's.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dexter of Chicago spent Sunday with his brother, Elmer Dexter.

Peter Johnson has the contract to build a barn, 36x52 feet, on the farm of I. G. Heart at Cass.

Misses Maurine Sayers and Una Zaiser were guests of the former's sister, Mrs. A. J. Gray, this week.

Fred Corey, a medical student of Rush Medical college, is spending a week's vacation with Dr. W. A. Topa.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurd who have been living at East Grove will leave this week for New York state where he has large farming interests.

Wanted—Good large place for cash, about \$5,000. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3785 Main. Downers Grove telephone 263.

The delinquent tax list will be published in the REPORTER this year, about the 20th of April. Owing to the prosperous times the list will not be as large as usual.

Wanted—Cottage with large lot, about \$1,500; easy payments. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3785 Main. Downers Grove telephone 263.

The "Boys Oward Club" will meet tonight, March 6, at the home of Ralph Herring. The club meets every other Thursday and will hereafter hold its meetings in a hall, owing to its rapid increasing membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin White entertained a party of friends Saturday evening at their home on Warren avenue. Games and other amusements made the time pass pleasantly. During the evening refreshments were served.

Mrs. R. L. Richardson is in a serious condition, as a result of an accident which befell her Thursday afternoon. The casualty occurred about five o'clock at Wheaton. She started to cross the electric line, but for some reason did not notice a swiftly approaching car. Before she could get out of the way, or the motorman stop the car, she was knocked down and run over.

Have you placed your order for a Vassar Skirt, tailor made from measurements? If not, why not? The quality, workmanship and style are the very best and the prices are most reasonable. Call at Haller's look over the samples comprising two hundred of the latest effects in spring and summer dress goods, choose your style and leave your measurements. The result—A perfect fitting, stylish tailor made walking or dress skirt at a very low figure in time for Easter.

The stock of the Dicus furniture factory recently acquired by the Downers Grove Furniture company has been moved to the company's factory here in the Hathaway building, eight carloads coming during the past week. The factory is crowded for room and as soon as its affairs are in a settled condition steps will be taken to erect a building. Several employees of the Dicus concern will move their families here as soon as they can secure houses to live in.

Township Collector Davis finished his duties and returned his books to County Treasurer Knight last week. Out of a total tax of \$70,055.81 he collected \$56,248.24, leaving delinquent \$13,807.57. His commission amounts to \$1,124.96. The school tax is the heaviest burden of the taxpayers in this township being \$39,925.06 for the fourteen districts. Of this amount the Downers Grove district pays \$11,224.10 and Hinsdale district \$14,522.99. Downers Grove's corporation tax is \$5,000.94 while Hinsdale's is \$10,207.03.

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Miss Maude Cossett is at home from school at Mt. Carroll.

Would you like to use the best? Then use Maple City White soap. Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at Klein's.

The schools will have a week's spring vacation commencing April 6th. A. J. Gray left Monday evening for a visit with his parents at Traer, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Russell will occupy the E. O. Curtis house on Maple avenue.

A. E. Williams a former employe of the piano factory has gone to Kibbie, Mich. Mertz & Moche, T. F. Potter & Co. The Fair and Sam Moy have new ads this week.

For sale—One first class moving outfit. Inquire of J. W. Worley, Downers Grove; box 180.

Mrs. Harry Adorn of Beloit, Wis., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. H. Barnhart, this week.

Mrs. D. K. Fouts, who has been seriously ill, is steadily improving and expects soon to be out.

The state hatchery has arranged to plant thousands of black bass in the DuPage river the coming season. For Rent—Seven room house, with bath; furnished or unfurnished; all or part. 332 Prince avenue, Downers Grove.

Edwin Baker, the son of Fred Baker, arrived here yesterday from Russia. He reached New York Monday on the steamer Pretoria.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Colliver will move to Berwyn the first of April, where he has purchased a residence. The change is made to enable him to be nearer his work.

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The funeral of the late John F. Schachner was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his son, Max H. Schachner, 108 Gilbert avenue. Rev. Weber of the Lace Lutheran church conducted the services and burial was made in the West cemetery. Mr. Schachner was 63 years old.

Miss Martin, niece of W. S. Bryan, took tea at Marshall Field's, Jr., last Saturday afternoon to wish them good-bye, as they all leave for Europe on Tuesday a. m. and will not return until October, when the two boys with their governess will make their usual visits to Downers Grove, spending two or three days with W. S. Bryan and his niece.

The Verdi Musicale given by the Woman's club last Thursday evening drew a large attendance of music loving people to the club rooms. Mrs. Harriett G. Winslow read a paper on the life and work of the composer, Giuseppe Verdi, which was illustrated with selections from his operas by Miss Anna Roe. Other features of the program were violin solos by Charles LaBerge of LaGrange and vocal selections by Miss Mabel Messner and Chas. K. Roe.

Mrs. A. J. Gray entertained a party of young ladies with an informal Saturday afternoon in honor of her sister Miss Maurine Sayers and her friend Miss Zaiser, both students of Northwestern university. The young ladies were entertained in a novel manner. They were ushered into the dining room where all the ingredients necessary for candy making were placed at their disposal, and the afternoon was spent in the manufacture of French bon-bons.

The township primaries to nominate candidates for town offices were held Saturday afternoon. There being but one ticket in the field the vote was extremely light. Only half a dozen votes were cast here and a like number at Hinsdale. The Lace precinct rolled up 25 votes. The following officers were nominated: Supervisor, Jas. McClintock; assistant supervisor, F. H. Cramer; assessor, Frank A. Rogers; collector, Conrad Buschman; clerk, Nelson H. Webster; commissioner of highways, C. H. Washburn; justice of the peace, J. W. Tucker and Edgar L. Davis. The township election occurs Tuesday, April 7th.

ROADS NEED MUCH IMPROVEMENT.

Residents of the Township and Village Alliance Would Derive Great Benefits.

The mud and rain so prevalent the last few weeks have left the public highways in such a deplorable condition that the people who study the matter have an object lesson of how essential it is to have a system of good roads. The township as a general thing has good roads, but this spring they have been put severely to test. Many of the highways are in a frightful condition and it will take a large outlay of money to put them in proper condition. Town and village people should work together in the movement for better public highways, for both are benefited alike. With highways kept in good condition there is more travel to the village and consequently more money spent among the merchants. If the subject of hard roads was taken up and a few miles built each year it would not be long until each town would be covered, and because of the permanency of this kind of highways the people would soon see that it is the only kind of material to use. The dairying interests that require so much teaming make it essential that the highways shall be kept in good condition. And then the introduction of rural free mail delivery, so essential to the farmers, is another reason why the highways shall be looked after, for unless we have good roads there is a possibility of losing free delivery. Farmers should exert themselves to see that nothing is left undone this spring to repair and build up the roads. In order to make them good the highway commissioners in each town should be given liberal allowance by each town board to be used in road work. No money can be expended in a better cause than for the improvement of the public highways.

Last Saturday night about 11 o'clock Mrs. Albert Vill of North Greenfield, shot and seriously wounded her husband, Albert Vill. On account of previous trouble Vill occupied a room upstairs apart from the rest of the family, and during one of his ugly moods he put his foot through the ceiling and began firing his revolver at the occupants in the room below. Mrs. Vill returned the fire and a bullet entered the lower part of his stomach, glanced off and lies imbedded in his thigh. Vill was removed to the county hospital Sunday morning, where the doctors gave hopes of his recovery.

One man was instantly killed and another so seriously injured by a fast mail train on the Northwestern railroad near Maple Park at an early hour Saturday morning, that he may die. The injured man gave his name as John Fall, a Swede, whose father, he said, owned a farm in Oonka, Minn. He was on his way to Chicago to visit an uncle. The name of his companion he professed not to know. Fall said that the two were put off the train at DeKalb and started to walk.

While the family of Prof. F. E. Sanford of LaGrange, were at supper Tuesday evening thieves entered the house and carried away a valuable gold watch and chain belonging to Mrs. Sanford. The watch was taken from a sleeping room upstairs and entrance to the room was gained through a window which was reached by a ladder which had been left standing against the house by some carpenters who were engaged in making repairs.

Henry Neimeyer, who lived in Proviso, was struck and instantly killed by a North western train last Friday evening while walking on the track near 25th avenue. Mr. Neimeyer went to Melrose Park early in the evening to pay his taxes, and on his way home started to walk down the track. Just how he met his death is unknown, as the train crew did not see him and were ignorant of the accident, which it is thought happened about 7 o'clock.

The Winnebago county jail at Rockford and the McHenry county jail at Woodstock are among those in the state which have been condemned as unsanitary by the state board of public charities. The other jails in the state which have been condemned are in the counties of Adams, Alexander, Dewit, Effingham, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Johnson, Masonic, Morgan, Putnam, Vermillion and Washington.

At the caucus of the town of Lisle voters representing the democratic party, held Saturday evening, Adam W. Kohley presided and Alex McDowell acted as secretary. The following ticket was placed in nomination: Town clerk, A. E. Gorman; assessor, George Turner; collector, Albert Pfaff; commissioner of highways, Ernest Roth; school trustee, Kintler.

John Skelley of Naperville is in the Wheaton jail in default of a \$500 peace bond. While intoxicated he smashed in the door of his father's home and assaulted him, and later beat his sister in a brutal manner. Three months in the county jail, the justice thought would tame him somewhat.

If you buy coats separate from soap it may benefit you in some way, but it is no good in soap. Maple City soap contains no rosin.

Ideal Homes In Suburbs

Good Reasons Why City People Should Move to Downers Grove

Village People Almost all the Advantages of the City With None of the Disadvantages—Country is the Place For Children.

It is not too early in the season for those who are likely to move to consider the question whether they shall not find a home in the suburbs this spring. Some of the greatest advantages of human life are due to the crowding of people in the cities. Every crowding is a necessary growth of certain occupations, but in a great majority of cases it is not a necessary result of the growth of the human animal. Of all the things having occupations in the city of Chicago 80 per cent would be much better off than they are now if they could move out into the open country, to one of the well known suburbs or some locality where settlements of general people could be built up. It is not necessary to discontinue all the best features of city life—the heated air, lack of room, bad associations, noise and the general vulgarity. These things are too well known to every intelligent person. City life is especially bad for children, who grow poor in blood, in morals, in nervous stamina, in purpose, and perhaps even in morals. Once a boy or girl gets a taste of rural or suburban life, the child will fight with all its power against a return to city environment. It is nature's protest. Nor are the slums or the most crowded districts the only evil places for residents in the city. The apartment houses, the tenement houses, or whatever you may choose to call them, constructed by which ten or twenty or fifty families are packed away under one roof, are a menace to the health of the city. These man pens are imprudent in architecture, elegant in equipment and convenient. The whole thing is so removed from nature as to be productive of physical and mental ailments. It is particularly bad for children. The feet scarcely ever touch the earth. The obtrusiveness have been considered necessary. Very possibly they are a limited number of people. It is true that some people must be employed in match factories and lead works, who are unhealthy, nevertheless, and so few people as practicable should be obliged to breathe their fumes.

The city government has recently recognized the evils of the collective dwellings and has enacted an ordinance designed to abate these evils as far as possible. The restrictions are such as to discourage many builders from entering on new enterprises of that kind. This is a matter of satisfaction. Let those same builders now look the suburban field over and see if there are not opportunities for profit. There is room for a million people within easy reach of the downtown district. In localities where pleasant homes might be established, and the dwellers would have plenty of air, plenty of space, and practically all the conveniences which they now enjoy within the city. From most parts of the downtown area it is as easy to reach the suburbs as to reach 25th street. And if the ordinary man or woman is not attracted for his or her own sake by the beauties of these suburban settlements, that man or woman should bear in mind that the next generations, the children, will have to their own persons in years to come the effects of bad city air or poor country air, as the case may be.

A NEW BOOK ABOUT NEBRASKA.

The best and most comprehensive work on Nebraska ever published has just been issued by the Harrington-Routledge Co. It has 48 finely illustrated pages packed full of just the sort of information a prospective settler wants. In addition there is a large sectional map of the state which is accurate in every detail. There is no country under the sun where man of just and energy have a better chance to succeed. It is a paradise for "good riskers." If they will not be compelled to read this book, Nebraska. Send today for a copy of the book. No charge. P. A. Easton, Passenger traffic manager, 109 Adams street, Chicago.

CASE ITEMS.

John Stayer was visiting in Lisle last Saturday. N. E. Madden of Chicago was seen on our streets last Friday. George Derry and Frank Gory were calling on their way last Friday. G. E. Harrison was visiting the people in Oak Grove last Sunday. The One Springs club gave a free social at the home of Gregory last Saturday. The members of Remington, Ill., are returning to the city this week. The One Springs club gave a free social at the home of Gregory last Saturday. The members of Remington, Ill., are returning to the city this week.