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Board Does Routine Work

April Session of the Village Board Barren of Special Legislation.

Board Appoints Judges and Clerks of Election—Engineer Advises Forty-two Foot Pavement on Main Street.

Aside from the regular routine work, the acceptance of reports and auditing of claims, there was little business of importance transacted by the village board at its meeting Monday night. All members were present except Trustee Roe.

The village treasurer's report showed a better condition of the village finances, the increase being due to the payment of corporation taxes by the township collector. The totals of the report showed a balance on hand at last report of \$2,807.48; receipts, \$3,216.78; expenditures, \$1,160.35; present balance, \$4,953.91. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Claims and bills to the amount of \$915.28 were audited and ordered paid from the various funds as follows: From the general fund, \$267.89; street and alley fund, \$89.38; water and light fund, \$567.01.

President Gesner appointed the following judges and clerks of the village election to be held April 21, which appointment was approved: Judges, G. N. Jones, J. W. Tucker and W. H. Barnhart; clerks, Hugh M. White, A. E. Courtright and E. Woshrel.

Trustee Graves reported that the residents on the west side of Highland avenue, between Prairie and Chicago avenues, desired to lay a permanent cement walk along the block, but that the present line of the walk was encroached upon by trees on property contiguous thereto and asked the board to permit the sidewalk to be laid a short distance nearer the street to prevent destruction of the walk by the roots of the trees. The street and alley committee was empowered to act in the matter.

A report was read from Engineer Carl Mendius advising the adoption of a forty-two foot roadway for the entire improvement in the paving of Main street, with a twelve foot walk. The petition calls for a fifty foot roadway from Warren avenue to the village hall and a thirty foot roadway from that point to Maple avenue. The difference in cost will be slight compared to the great improvement a uniform width of the paving would make in the appearance of the street.

There being no further business the board adjourned to Friday evening, April 24, when the election returns will be canvassed.

OFFICIAL MARCH PROCEEDINGS.

Downers Grove, Ills., March 23, '03.—Board met in special session called by President Gesner to consider the following business mentioned in call, said call being on file in the clerk's office: To take action or pass resolution to lower the sewers on both sides of Main street in accordance with the ideas expressed at the public meeting held in the village hall a short time ago.

Meeting was called to order by President Gesner. Clerk White being absent Attorney Bunge was appointed clerk pro tem. Roll call noted present: Trustees Klein, Martin, Roe and Graves; absent, Trustees Stevens and Kuenzel.

The following resolution was read: Resolved that the present sewers on the east and west sides of Main street between Railroad street and the creek be lowered at the expense of the village, to a depth sufficient to drain the basements of the abutting property, or to such a depth as may be agreed upon by the street and alley committee, and the property owners. Interested. The work to be done immediately after sufficient signers have been obtained to pave Main street.

Resolution as read was upon motion adopted, all voting aye.

The following resolution was read: Resolved that a 12-inch sewer tile be laid at the expense of the village connecting with the sewer tile on the east and west sides of Main street southerly along Curtis street to empty into the creek at some point to be determined by the street and alley committee. The work to be done immediately after sufficient signers have been obtained to pave Main street.

Resolution as read was upon proper motion adopted, all voting aye.

On proper motion board adjourned. G. H. BUNGE, Clerk, pro tem.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Downers Grove Loan and Homestead association will be held in their room in the bank building on April 14, 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of receiving the annual statement, the election of three directors and such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting. It is earnestly requested that all stockholders attend this meeting.

PAVING AN ASSURED FACT.

Property Owners Sign Petition for Brick Paving on Main Street.

Main street property owners are jubilant over their success in securing a sufficient number of signers to the Main street paving petition and now that needed improvement is an assured fact. With but three exceptions every property owner interested has signed their frontage, and a brick pavement from Warren avenue to Maple avenue will be the result.

The petition asks the board of local improvements to build a street fifty feet wide from Warren avenue to the village hall, and twenty-seven feet wide from the village hall to Maple avenue. The pavement to be of brick and equipped with brick or stone curbing, to be paid for by special assessment against the property benefited.

The preliminary steps will take about sixty days after approval by the village board before improvement bonds can be issued. Commissioners must be appointed to spread the assessment, which must be confirmed by the county court before active work can begin.

BURGLARS RAID THOMPSON'S STORE.

Burglars boldly entered A. J. Thompson's store in broad daylight Sunday afternoon and made a raid on the cigar, tobacco and shoe stock of that business house. The party or parties entered the place some time between noon and five o'clock. Entrance was gained through a window in the west end of the building. Just how much stock is missing is not known. A quantity of cigars and tobacco was taken as well as several railroad tickets. The thieves also helped themselves to several pairs of shoes and overalls. They left the building through the basement. Mr. Thompson was at the store Sunday noon and everything was all right. Returning at five o'clock he found the window forced and the stock in disorder. There is no clue to the robbers but it is believed to be the work of members of the group of tramps who have overrun the village this spring.

LECTURE COURSE HAS SURPLUS.

The report of Treasurer Simonson of the entertainment course committee shows receipts of \$421.51. This includes a balance of \$26.01 turned over by Treasurer Edwards last year. The disbursements are \$380.70, leaving a balance of \$40.81. Last year we had five entertainments in the course and this year six at the same price per seat. The committee desires to thank the patrons for their liberal support, thus enabling them to furnish first class entertainments at a price within the reach of all. The disbursements consist of actual necessary expenses only, and no member of the committee has been paid anything on account of services, mileage or other expense. The report in detail is in my office and I will be glad to have any one call and inspect it. D. G. GRAHAM, president.

BURLINGTON SHORT OF FIREMEN.

The officials of the Q. in Aurora, says the Beacon, are confronted by a bad state of affairs, for conditions existing in the local yards are such that the road is unable to secure the services of firemen to fire the yard engines and freight engines. The men complain that the tonnage is too heavy and that the style engines now in use on the road are such that the firemen on one of these engines are compelled to work every minute the engine is traveling. As a result of the conditions the local street railway has secured the services of a number of the firemen of the Q. and these employes are learning to become motormen. It was reported from the yards that five or six of the engines were without firemen and the engineer was compelled to fire his own engine.

WOMAN'S CLUB GENTLEMEN'S MEETING.

The gentlemen, husbands of the members of the Woman's club, were entertained Thursday evening by that organization and had a part in the program. The gentlemen responded to roll call with quotations. The program consisted of recitations by Mr. Niemeyer of Chicago, vocal duets by Messrs. B. L. Kellogg and F. B. Towley and mandolin solos by C. H. Blunt of Western Springs, accompanied by Miss Lillian Dawes. Following the program refreshments were served. The club held a special meeting Monday to consider the question of remaining a member of the state federation, and upon vote of the members present decided to do so.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION.

The annual election for township school trustee will occur Saturday afternoon. The board is composed of three members, R. O. Curtiss of Downers Grove and Messrs. Merrill and Ditzler of Hinsdale. Mr. Curtiss' term expires at this time and he will again be a candidate for the position.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.

Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heart's. Easter chickens and rabbits at Rang's. Karl Kraft has moved his family to Chicago.

Esquire Oldfield of Lace gave us a pleasant call Monday.

Mrs. H. I. Snyder is able to be out after a serious illness.

F. G. Rang has been laid up the past week with an abscess in the ear.

Mrs. M. K. Crescy will occupy her cottage on Gilbert avenue next week.

Geo. R. Cross has moved into the Clifford house recently vacated by C. L. Sharp.

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

John Kessel has moved his family to Hinsdale in order to better attend to his business.

For sale—One first class moving outfit. Inquire of J. W. Worley, Downers Grove; box 189.

Young man wants position as gardener. Experienced. J. McCarthy, 173 Linscott avenue.

Mrs. Charlotte Hoffert expects to return from her extended California visit within a few weeks.

Geo. Karnatz, W. J. Nelson and H. G. Nelson have all moved to Hinsdale within the past week.

For sale—Two dozen full blooded white Wyandottes. Enquire of L. W. Stanley, 112 Gilbert avenue.

Gust Nelson has purchased a team of J. G. Wallace and will use it in his business delivering nursery stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dexter will move out from Chicago this week and occupy the flat in the rear of Ahrens store.

The first strawberries of the season have appeared in the local market. They are of good quality and come from Tennessee.

Mrs. A. G. Prince expects to move to Iowa City, Iowa, this month to join her husband, whose business interests are at that place.

The Baptist ladies will serve a noon luncheon at the home of Mrs. A. G. Prince today. Every one come and bring some one with you.

Now is the time to fix up and beautify your place by putting on the carriage drives and paths and under the open porches a good top dressing of crushed stone. For sale by the Illinois Lumber and Construction Co.

We hear talk of some arrests of boys for hanging around the depot and jumping on and off the trains. The ordinance is strict in regard to this and the magistrate will issue warrants promptly when proper complaints are filed.

School caucuses at the south side school house next Tuesday evening to nominate two members and a president of the board, to be voted on at the annual school election which occurs Saturday, April 18th, between the hours of four to seven o'clock p. m.

Elon E. Downer has received a handsomely framed testimonial of appreciation from the Downers Grove Fire Department, which he has hung in his parlor. He is proud of the consideration shown him by the boys and desires to convey his hearty thanks to the department.

The Woman's club will have an elaborate program at their next meeting April 15th, which will be their arbor day. The subject of trees will be treated exhaustively in selections and papers, and a tree will be planted in the school yard and named in commemoration of the Woman's club.

The revised general village ordinances have been issued by this office and any party desiring one can secure a copy at the village hall. The book comprises 116 pages and contains all the ordinances of the village now in force. Better secure a copy. You will probably be surprised to find the number of ordinances and provisions which you and your neighbors may be violating.

Mrs. Salome Lehman Hoffert, wife of Samuel Hoffert, died at the family residence on Grove street yesterday morning at four o'clock after an illness of only a week's duration, aged 33 years. The immediate cause of death was pleuro-pneumonia. She was taken ill a week ago Wednesday and the progress of the disease was rapid. Funeral services will be held at the house at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon and burial will be made in the West cemetery. She leaves a husband and three young children to whom the death is a terrible shock and bereavement. Obituary notice will be published next week.

National Light oil at Nash's.

California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Attorney A. J. Gray returned Friday from his Iowa trip.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday during lent at Klein's.

Dan J. Miley left last night for Minnesota on a short vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Naramore entertained Dr. Stephen Peet, Sunday.

Will Winters of Chicago spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. A. Kramps.

Mrs. Josephine Austin and son Delbert will return from California next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Hurd left Saturday for their future home at Silver Springs, New York.

Mrs. Mary Wertler of Chicago was the guest of her sister Mrs. Fred Wertler this week.

Next Sunday is Easter and appropriate services will be held in all the local churches.

Martin Fry and little son, Edwin, of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Tucker last Saturday.

J. R. Wallace and sister started Tuesday for a two weeks visit in Oklahoma and other points in the southwest.

Mrs. John H. Shurte attended the wedding of Miss Blanche Holland to Albert Heineman at Fullersburg last night.

V. Fredenhagen has negotiated a lease of the Crawley place in East Grove to Chicago parties who will move here soon.

The Ladies' Library association has recently added about fifty new books which will be catalogued and ready for distribution soon.

If you want a paint that not only looks well but wears well try Patton's Sun Proof paint. For sale by the Illinois Lumber and Construction Co.

The young people are arranging to give a dance in Carpenter's hall Saturday evening, April 18th, which will probably be the final one of the season.

"Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. 'Force,' a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates."

Next Sunday morning the Baptist Sunday school will render Feibel and Lehman's Easter program entitled "Palms of Victory." There will be no evening service at the Baptist church.

Lew F. Edwards will occupy the Kennedy place at Railroad and Washington streets, the residence formerly occupied by him on Prairie avenue having been sold to a Chicago party who will move here this month.

A representative citizen's caucus nominated a representative citizen's ticket for village officers. By a large majority that caucus said the nominees were popular and capable men for the positions chosen for. That ought to be good enough for most citizens to support on election day.

Naper post, Grand Army of the Republic will hold a camp fire at their hall tonight and will have as guests the members of Lincoln post, Chicago, Naperville post and a large number from Aurora. Speeches, songs and stories with cigars and refreshments will entertain the veterans attending.

St. Andrews Episcopal church services on Easter day: Holy communion at 5 a. m.; Sunday school festival at 2:20 p. m.; evening prayer with sermon at 8:15 p. m. Seats free, all are welcome. On Good Friday evening prayer and lecture at 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested on this evening; a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Although Mayor J. S. Pieronnet of Wheaton, had expressed a desire to retire from public affairs some time ago, the citizens of that burg "do not want a change," and have again nominated him for the office. The nomination was unanimous in spite of his refusal to serve longer. J. S. Pieronnet has served in the capacity of mayor for 21 years, and has been president of the board of education for a like period. He was a member of the Chicago board of trade for a number of years.

Slight interest was taken in the township election Tuesday in any of the precincts and a light vote was cast. There was but one ticket in the field—the regular township primary ticket—and of course all the nominees were elected. They are supervisor, James McClintock; assistant supervisor, F. H. Oramer; assessor, Frank A. Rogers; collector, Conrad Buschman; town clerk, Nelson H. Webster; highway commissioner, C. H. Warkentine and justice of the peace, J. W. Tucker and Edgar F. Davis.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.

High School Student's Athletic Association Establishes a First Class Gymnasium.

The students of our High School have been very lively lately and have organized an athletic association and now have a good gymnasium in running order. The boys have been working hard for this for a long time, but have been unable to accomplish anything until this year. They owe most of their success to Wm. Straube, who has kindly contributed \$100 to its support. Mr. Straube's kindness will long be remembered by the boys and he has their heartfelt thanks. Contributions have also been thankfully received from various other business men. This proves that the men must take an interest in the welfare of our High School. Professor Searles believes that students should have physical as well as mental training, and the gymnasium would not have had such a good start had it not been for his valuable services in the work. The teachers have also shown great interest in the efforts of the boys. The Athletic association will give a field day this year and the program will include running, jumping, vaulting, etc., which will be published later in the REPORTER. The gymnasium will be opened for use the 13th of April. The following is some of the apparatus now on hand: Indian clubs, dumbbells, boxing gloves, punching bag, parallel bars, horizontal bars, trapezes, traveling rings, etc.

CASS ITEMS.

Charles Oldfield has retired from farming and is building a house in his pasture for a man and family to live in and work for him in the gardening business. Messrs. Harry Gregory and Taylor attended church last Sunday night. Mrs. Anna Heurt is spending a few weeks with her brother, Harry Gregory. Mrs. Ida Chivers and Mrs. Anna Heurt of the central part of town visited Downers Grove last Saturday on business. Elmer Oldfield was seen on Main street last Sunday. M. B. Madden of Chicago will move his old house on his farm to another location this week. Henry Welch's baby is very ill with pneumonia. Mrs. Frank Andrus visited her mother, Mrs. Davey, last week. Clinton Cheese has some very fine blooded Scotch collie puppies. J. F. Smart will move across the street until the house he now occupies is moved. The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Welch has been very sick with lung fever but is now recovering. The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brier is on the sick list. Will Andrus is hauling hay from J. E. Smart's. The new telephone line is near completion and the subscribers are Chas. Geo. and Jesse Oldfield, Henry Leibunguth, James Littleford, Albert Schlatta, Merritt Chivers and Wm. Reader. John Stuyard is doing some carpenter work for Chas. Oldfield. Frank Prentiss has been buying horses in this vicinity. B. R. Andrus, manager of the Grand Union Tea company, died at his home in Kansas City, of pneumonia at 5 o'clock March 25th. Mr. Andrus became ill about a week ago. He was 35 years old and had lived in Kansas City 14 years and conducted a tea business. He was formerly manager of the Union Pacific Tea company in Leavenworth. A widow and a 4-year-old daughter survive him. Miss Phoebe Andrus also lives there. The funeral was under the auspices of Odd Fellows lodge, No. 257. Burial was made in the family lot in Forest Hill cemetery. B. R. Andrus was well and favorably known in Cass, having lived there many years. When quite young he was employed by the Grand Union Tea company as office boy and by faithfulness and close attention to business he arose to be general manager of the store. His short illness and death came as a surprise to his many friends here.

FEARLESS AND INDEPENDENT.

The Chicago Record-Herald is a conspicuous example of the success with which the public rewards fearless non-partisanship in the columns of a great metropolitan daily paper. It is an independent newspaper, in which men and measures are invariably viewed wholly from the standpoint of the public good and not from that of the interests of any particular political party. It is the very reverse of neutral—fearless and outspoken on all the great questions of the day, but presenting its editorial opinion upon independent judgment and entirely regardless of political affiliations. Partisanship is barred as strictly from the news columns as from the editorial pages. All political news is given without partisan coloring, thus enabling the reader to form correct conclusions for himself. In the ordinary partisan newspaper political news is ordinarily colored to such an extent as to make it difficult, if not impossible for the reader to secure a sound basis for intelligent judgment.

Whiffin to Run on Stump

Boils the Caucus and Comes Out on Independent Ticket.

President Gesner Abides by Decision of Caucus and Will Not Be a Candidate—No Further Petitions Filed.

Arthur K. Whiffin will make a second attempt to break into the village council. The defeat, he met, at the representative citizen's caucus was not sufficient to cool the ardor of his friends or disabuse their minds of the belief he would make good aldermanic timber. As a consequence he refused to abide by the decision of the caucus and a petition was filed Saturday nominating him for member of the board of trustees. Many of the young man's friends are surprised at this action. Chris. H. Staats defeated him handily for the caucus nomination more than a week ago by a vote of 141 to 87, a majority of 54. In the face of this overwhelming sentiment against him he has boldly endeavored to run on the stump, independent and alone.

Though there was considerable talk of President L. B. Gesner adopting a like course and running independent this action has not been taken and he will not again be a candidate for president.

Under the law Monday was the last day upon which petitions for nominations could be filed and Mr. Whiffin's was the only one which had been presented to the village clerk. Therefore there will be no opposition to the caucus nominations with the exception of Mr. Whiffin who would like to become a member of the board of trustees.

The regular caucus ticket is composed of Charles Mochel for president, Geo. B. Heartt, Chris. H. Staats and C. F. Davis for trustees and Bert C. White for village clerk. These men were chosen fairly and squarely in a caucus of representative citizens and will without doubt receive the cordial support of voters on election day who dislike the idea of candidates ignoring the action of caucuses in which they are defeated.

GENTLE SPRING.

Come, gentle spring, and with you bring the crocuses and daisies, bring balmy air and weather fair, I long for you like blazes. I dream of lambs, which with their mams, are in the meadows skipping. I awake to find the winter wind is still at me a nipping. The old ground-hog has slipped a cog, but that is no good reason why spring should wait and get here late, and come all-out of season. The barnyard hen gives now and then a premature cackle, the roosters proudly crow long and loud, and then their rivals tackle. The old bull frog down on the bog is clearing out his swaller; his waders why the spring is shy, I know he wants to holler. Then, gentle come, come and bring us breezes warm and vernal, I'm tired to death of winter breath, and roads that are infernal. Exchange.

WOODMEN TO ENTERTAIN NEIGHBORS.

Local Woodmen are preparing for a big meeting tonight and will entertain a delegation from the Naperville camp. Their degree team will accompany them and will exemplify the work on several local candidates. The clerk, W. H. Barnhart, urges Woodmen to let no other engagement keep them from being present. The representatives to the county camp will report proceedings of the season tonight. The entire camp has been constituted a committee of the whole to receive visitors on the 5:28 train and entertain them till meeting hour. There should be at least fifty at the meeting to make a favorable showing.

FOOT CRUSHED BETWEEN COUPLERS.

Andrew Szopyhonski of Gostyn had his foot severely bruised early Friday morning while attempting to pass between two cars of a freight train. Szopyhonski works for the Burlington and was on his way to the East Grove depot to take the 6:25 train to the city. A freight train stood on the north track and he attempted to climb over the couplers between two cars. As he did so the train moved forward and his foot was caught between the buffers and severely injured. The unfortunate man was taken to his home where Dr. W. A. Topp treated him. While the injury will lay him up for some time he will not lose his foot.

NEW SERIAL TELEPHONE.

Linemen of the Chicago telephone company are building a line south of Downers Grove to meet the demands of the farmers for service. The growth of the country has been very rapid and the change has been very noticeable. The change has been very noticeable.