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New County Farm Rules

Supervisors Adopt New Regulation Governing Alms House.

County Farm Committee Asks Increase for Care of Township and County Paupers—To Call Road Improvement Convention.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at a special meeting held in the court house in Wheaton on Wednesday, the 20th day May, 1903, pursuant to call of chair. Meeting called to order with Chairman Betts presiding. On roll call all members answered to their names. Minutes of the last preceding meeting read and declared approved. All bills on file with the clerk read and referred to their respective committees. The following report of the committee on county farm was presented by Supervisor Churchill and on his motion was declared approved and adopted.

To the honorable chairman and board of supervisors: Your committee on county farm would respectfully report that the cattle bought September 18, 1902, for \$1171.06 were sold April 29, 1903, for \$1690.15, making a gain of \$519.09; and the heifers bought April 11, 1902 for \$186.02 were sold at the same time for \$283.37, making a gain of \$97.35; total gain on cattle \$616.44; 31 hogs sold at the same time for \$398.43. Your committee would report further that the proceeds derived from inmates at county farm does not meet the expenses of keeping, therefore, by a unanimous vote we recommend your honorable board to authorize an increase for township paupers from \$2.10 to \$2.50 per week, and that of bonded from \$3.00 to \$3.00 per week, and the county paupers from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per week. Said increase to go into effect from and after May 1, 1903. We would report further that the leak on the new building that has been a source of trouble has been repaired and now our buildings and everything pertaining to the county farm is in a satisfactory condition.

The committee on rules presented the following set of rules governing county farm for the ensuing year, which on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt were approved and adopted:

1. That hereafter all transient cases where the county may become liable for medical services and care the supervisor of the township where the case may be, must be notified as soon as possible and in case he cannot be found, then the nearest supervisor in the county shall be notified by the persons having the case in charge. And that hereafter all bills for transient paupers must be accompanied by verified statements setting forth facts and circumstances by the county agent authorizing such expense, and further that all allowance will be based on prevailing prices and fees.

2. No supervisor shall send to the county poor farm, nor shall the superintendent thereof receive, any person who has any contagious or infectious disease, nor any person who has been exposed to such disease until after a reasonable time has elapsed since such exposure.

3. No pauper or paupers shall be admitted to the county poor farm without a written order from the supervisor of the township from which the pauper or paupers may come.

4. No bonded incurable insane person who may have been sent from DuPage county to any public institution in the state of Illinois and turned out by such public institution shall be received by the superintendent of the county poor farm unless an order to admit such person to the county farm is received from the proper authorities of said county.

5. The conservator, relative or friend of a bonded incurable insane person shall, before such person is received into the county poor farm, file with the county clerk a bond in the penal sum of \$500 with two good and sufficient securities. Said bond running to the people of the state of Illinois for the use of DuPage county and conditioned for the payment of all charges for the board, at the rate of \$8 per week, clothing and funeral expenses of such bonded incurable insane person, and for the removal of such person when so ordered.

6. When the said county poor farm shall become full and there is any pauper who is entitled to be placed in said poor farm, then the committee may notify the conservator relative or friend of any bonded incurable insane person then in said poor farm, to remove such person from said farm within such time as the committee shall name. It shall be in the discretion of said committee to determine which of the bonded incurable insane persons shall be so removed from said farm.

7. A competent physician shall be employed by the county board by the year to attend to all persons needing medical services at the county poor farm. The clerk of the board shall advertise once in any newspaper published in Wheaton for bids, and the county board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

8. The superintendent of the county poor farm shall send to the supervisor of each

ROOSEVELT DAY AT AURORA.

City Will be the Center of Attraction June 3—Splendid Opportunity to See the President

Aurora is making great preparations to entertain President Roosevelt on the occasion of his visit to that city June 3, and its citizens are especially congratulating themselves because the President will be in the city two hours instead of the customary half hour. Aurora is the only city in northern Illinois where the president will remain more than half an hour. An unusual opportunity will thus be afforded every one to see and hear our strenuous president. From all towns within a radius of 25 miles the people are preparing to help swell the crowd which will journey to Aurora on Roosevelt day. It may be the only opportunity residents of this vicinity will have to see and hear this great man and the distinguished company of statesmen whom his presence will draw to Aurora.

On arriving in Aurora President Roosevelt and several members of his cabinet who are expected to be with him will be placed in carriages and driven to the residence of Senator Hopkins where lunch will be served. The parade proper will commence at the Hopkins home. A line of March nearly three miles long has been arranged in order to give the thousands who will visit Aurora a chance to see the president. No matter how large the crowd may be all will have an opportunity to see Roosevelt. The parade will be large and interesting. The central feature, of course, will be the president himself. There will be a large number of distinguished men of state and national note, men whom the newspapers talk about and all will want to see. There will be several companies of rough riders, several of the state military companies, grand army veterans, veterans of the war with Spain and other attractions. During the course of the parade the president will stop at the Oak street school on the west side, the Center school on the east side to speak to the children, and in Lincoln park to address the large crowd which will assemble there. At the conclusion of his visit the president's train will be switched over to the E. J. & E. and will be hurried across the country to Joliet, thence to Bloomington.

CASS ITEMS.

Harry Gregory has some South American Telephone sweet corn which last year grew so big that his son had to climb the stalks to get the ears. J. P. Smart and hired man had a narrow escape in a runaway accident last Saturday. Their team became frightened, turning the buggy over and throwing the occupants into the ditch. They escaped with a few bruises. Masters Orville, Ross and Miss Lottie Chilvers went fishing in Heart's creek last Monday. Miss Katie Hannis of Lemont, Gust. Fisher of Rochelle and Mrs. Anna Heart of St. Louis, spent last Sunday with the family of Wm. Reader. Charlie Lamb says he will certainly break his buggy springs unless the roads are repaired around the flatiron. There will be a social Friday evening at the home of Elbridge Andrus. Ed Cheese has several loads of charcoal on hand the result of having accidentally set fire to ten cords of wood. Miss Lottie Graves and Mrs. Albert Littleford, who have been visiting their cousin, Geo. Littleford, returned to their home in New York Saturday. The members of the Pochontas club were pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Lottie Littleford May 19th. The "After Sunset" circle give a farewell party Friday evening in honor of Miss Nellie Ransom. Patrick Dallman of Lemont has moved into Chester Heart's house and will assist him on the farm this season. Miss Jerusa Heart is visiting at Frank Gregory's this week.

ORIENTAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Phares Behanessy of Damascus, Syria, will give an Oriental entertainment under the auspices of the Downers Grove Woman's Club, Wednesday afternoon, June 3rd, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Behanessy is working in the interest of free reading rooms throughout Syria. His effort is wholly un denominational and he solicits any good literature, books or whole year's magazines. Besides the interesting program of manners of Oriental people and costumes worn, much needle and fancy work done by Syrian women will be shown and offered for sale. All are invited. A charge of 10 cents admission will be made. Mr. Behanessy's fame is world wide and the club feels flattered to have secured this novel entertainment. He has given it for many city clubs and throughout the United States. Next week he gives a Richeff benefit for the Chicago relief committee at the Coliseum.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heart's. E. Woehrel left for Streator yesterday on a business trip. Deputy Sheriff Gorham was here from Wheaton Monday. Several "scraps" have enlivened matters in the village the past week. H. J. Hawkins is moving into his recently purchased residence on Prince avenue.

Mrs. H. O. Lloyd of Keithsburg is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. H. Hannum, this week.

The condition of Matthew Diener, who has been seriously ill for some time, remains about the same.

H. M. Courtright accompanied by his father-in-law, James N. Shafter, of Sandwich, spent Saturday at Long Lake, Wis.

Mrs. Hugh M. White, who has been at the Garfield Park sanitarium for two weeks has almost fully recovered from the effect of her operation and will return home the early part of next week.

For Sale Cheap—Must be sold at once 7 acres of timber land, inside of corporation for \$3,500; also 7-room house with 1/2 acre of land one block from depot for \$2,800. P. O. box 334, Downers Grove.

R. D. Parker is painting, papering and decorating the house on the Lindenwald estate. Mr. Parker decorated the same house 21 years ago this spring and some of the decorations are still the same. Much improvement will be made in this residence.

There are some things it is worth while to remember, and one of them is the annual thank offering and social to be given by the ladies and friends of the Methodist church on the evening of June 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin on Grove street. The public is cordially invited.

The storm Monday afternoon was especially severe in a strip of country two miles wide south of Downers Grove. Unusual electrical activity attended the down pour, accompanied by a wind strong enough to prostrate Albert Pfaff's new wind-mill tower. Farmers were thankful for the soaking shower as it materially increased the prospects for an abundant yield of grain.

The Elgin branch of the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago electric road opened Tuesday, running a distance of sixteen and a half miles between Wheaton and Elgin. The Elgin branch crosses five railroads and runs over a private right of way 100 feet wide. It has two substations, which furnish 500 volts for the third rail, and at Elgin it runs along the Fox river. Out of forty-two property owners the management acquired the right of way from forty without going to court.

Effects of the general strike mania were felt in Downers Grove in a slight degree last Saturday when the teamsters of the Illinois Lumber & Construction Co., and Mertz & Mochel demanded time off after five o'clock Saturday afternoon. When asked what the result should be should their employers refuse their demand they stated that the teams would not be taken out Monday morning. Both firms acceded to their employees' demands and the threatened strike was averted.

LOTUS CLUB PATRIOTIC CONCERT.

Those who had the pleasure of hearing the Lotus club in their last concert will no doubt be pleased to learn of the patriotic concert to be given Decoration evening, May 30, at the Auditorium. The club has worked faithfully and has strived to make this concert even better than the last and has expended considerable time and money in preparation. We are advised that the G. A. R. will attend in a body and it is sincerely hoped that every patriotic, country-loving person will endeavor to attend this entertainment. The club will be assisted by Miss Marie Bonfield, the talented harpist of Chicago. Seats may be reserved at both drug stores. Following is the program:

1. Martial Hymn.....Gomes
2. a. Marching Along.....White
b. Roses in June.....German
J. R. King
3. Meditation.....Oberbar
Miss Marie Bonfield
4. The Vacant Chair.....Root
a. Bay Billy.....Gassaway
b. Our Folks.....Lynn
B. L. Kellogg
6. Illinois.....
7. Flag Without a Stain.....White
a. Our Flag.....West
b. Life's Lullaby.....Lane
J. R. King
9. Brave Heart, Sleep On.....Parke
Mazurka.....Schoecker
Miss Marie Bonfield
11. Keenan's Charge.....Anon
B. L. Kellogg
12. a. O Stars Old Land.....Batford
b. America.....

OLD RESIDENT PASSES AWAY.

Mrs. Mary L. Harmon Succumbs at the Home of Her Daughter, Sunday.

Mrs. Mary L. Harmon, a resident of Downers Grove since 1844, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Sunday noon, aged 73 years. For some time Mrs. Harmon had been in feeble health and her death was due to old age and a nervous disorder with which she had been affected for years. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the house. Rev. Herbert H. Rood conducted the services and burial was made in the West cemetery. The pall bearers were her brothers, Capt. T. S., J. W. and Frank A. Rogers, her sons-in-law, J. W. Tucker and E. H. Andrews, and her cousin, T. O. Aldrich. At the services Chas. K. and Miss Anna Roe sang. The floral offerings covered the casket and testified to the love of her family and friends.

Mary Lucinda Rogers was the eldest child of Joseph Ives Rogers and was born February 21, 1830, in St. Lawrence county, N. Y. At the age of 14 years she came with her parents to Downers Grove where she has since resided. She was married November 6th, 1850, to Chauncy Harmon whose death occurred some years ago, and since which time she has made her home with her daughter here.

She is survived by two daughters Mrs. Isabel Tucker, wife of J. W. Tucker of Downers Grove and Mrs. Velonia Andrews, wife of E. H. Andrews of Bakerfield, California, also by three brothers, Capt. T. S., J. W. and F. A. Rogers of Downers Grove, and one sister, Mrs. Sarah M. Kinley of Aurora, all of whom were present at the funeral.

RECORDS FALL AT ATHLETIC MEET.

An ideal day, an enthusiastic gathering of spectators, and an eager, ambitious list of contestants made last Saturday's high school field day what its managers hoped for—a record breaker. The track, thanks to the energy of those interested, was in splendid condition and each event went off smoothly, leaving everybody satisfied that the best man won. Many surprises were sprung by the winners, several men coming to the front that had not been picked as winners. Time made in running was much better than that made two years ago. This is accounted for by the condition of the men taking part and also the improvement in the track. Lemonade and peanuts were dispensed by the young ladies and a nice sum was realized. The results of the program was as follows: Low hurdle, 220 yards, time .34, G. Pridham. 100-yard dash, time .11, F. Huling. 220-yard dash, time .26, H. Foster. 440-yard dash, time .57, G. Pridham. 880-yard run, time 2.11, J. Littleford. Running broad jump, 17 ft. 9 in., R. Bradbury. Running high jump, 4 ft. 2 in., A. Laung. Hammer throw, 99 ft. 3 in., E. Diener. One mile relay race, time 4.19, J. Littleford, V. Fredenhagen, L. Beldemann, A. Laung. The winners of the events will each receive a handsome silver medal. Referee B. C. Davis. Judges Messrs. Winchester, Pridham and Palmer.

DEATH OF REUBEN HYDE.

Reuben Hyde, who had been a resident of Downers Grove for nearly 18 years, died at his home on the south side Saturday morning. The cause of his death was diabetes from which he had suffered for several years. Reuben Hyde was born in Fredericksburg, Va., in 1850. Dec. 26, 1872, he was united in marriage to Miss Susa Barbridge, at Williamsburg, Va. Two children were born to them, both of whom died in infancy. In September, 1885, he came to Downers Grove where he has since made his home. He was a faithful and active member of the Baptist church and was much devoted to church work. The funeral services were held in the Baptist church Monday at 2 o'clock, Rev. E. W. Annable, of Amboy, Ill., officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the West cemetery. He leaves a widow and one brother, Wm. Hyde.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

The customary memorial services were held at the Auditorium last Sunday afternoon by the Grand Army at which Rev. Charles Reynolds delivered the memorial sermon. He spoke of the brave deeds of the union soldiers and eulogized the men who gave their lives that their country might live. Music was furnished by the Lotus club. In the morning the post attended services at Hinsdale. Saturday Decoration day services will be held at Hinsdale in the morning and at Downers Grove in the afternoon. Col. Jas. Davidson will deliver the address in the Auditorium at 2 o'clock. Friday afternoon memorial exercises will be held in the public schools and veterans from Napier post will visit each room and make short addresses on the significance of the observance of the day.

Lightning's Fatal Feat.

Shaw Brothers Meet Instant Death From Bolt Monday.

While Talking With Jake Klein in His Barn Bolt Descends Killing the Brothers While Klein Escapes Serious Injury.

Without an instant's warning and while unconscious of danger, Howard and George Shaw were struck and instantly killed by a bolt of lightning during the storm Monday afternoon shortly after two o'clock. By a singular chance Jake Klein, who stood scarcely ten feet away, between the brothers, and was talking with them, escaped uninjured. To what peculiar freak of the lightning's prank Mr. Klein owes his life is beyond explanation. His escape from death is little short of miraculous.

The Shaw brothers who are farmers and live with their widowed mother, Mrs. Harriett Shaw, on the Andrew Wehrill farm, a mile and a half south of Naperville, were at Klein's farm south of Downers Grove, buying stock. With Mr. Klein they entered his barn to escape a drenching when the thunder storm broke early Monday afternoon. Howard Shaw stood at the south barn door holding the reins of his team. George Shaw was watching the antics of a drove of cattle through the north door thirty feet away. Klein leaned against a stallion somewhere near the center of the barn. The three men were talking together when suddenly a blinding flash of lightning struck the barn knocking all of them down.

Klein, while severely shocked was only slightly dazed. He scrambled to his feet remarking, "That was a pretty close call, boys," and looked around to see how it had affected his companions not dreaming that they were more seriously injured than himself. His words met with no response. Howard lay quiet while his brother was making an ineffectual effort to rise. Klein went to George who gasped in whispers, "I can't speak." Stripping off his coat Klein placed it under George's head, and thinking he would be all right in a few moments, turned his attention to Howard on the opposite side of the barn. Going to him Klein was horrified to find his body lifeless. Again directing his attention to Howard, Klein found he, too, was dead.

Dr. W. A. Tope was summoned from Downers Grove and immediately went to the scene of the catastrophe, but the brothers were beyond medical aid. The bodies were removed to the house and Coroner Matter came over from Wheaton and held the inquest at six o'clock. The verdict was death by lightning.

The bolt which caused the Shaw brothers' death was one of the most peculiar freaks of lightning ever known. It struck the west gable of the barn and divided following down the roof on either side along beams and iron braces to the iron tracks of the doors on each side of the barn. Following down the hangers it tore large splinters out of both doors and leaped from the wood to the bodies of the men as they leaned against the doors. Howard has a small round mark over his right eye and his beard, face and breast were slightly burned. A great hole was also torn in his shoes. There were no marks on the body of his brother.

George and Howard Shaw were sons of the late Albert Shaw, and were 34 and 26 years old respectively. They were well known in this vicinity as honest and reliable young men. Both are unmarried. They were both members of the Modern Woodmen. The bodies were taken to the home near Naperville Monday night where the funeral was held yesterday.

Jake Klein, who was not seriously injured by the bolt, nevertheless suffered severely from the shock to his nervous system. Suddenly, he said, the barn seemed filled with fire and the first he knew he found himself struggling to his feet. He went to the aid of his companions not knowing that the bolt which he had miraculously escaped had proved fatal to them. Fortunately fire did not result from the stroke and scarcely any damage was done to the building.

DEATH OF MRS. SIBLEY MANN.

The many friends of Frank Sibley Mann, a former resident of Downers Grove, will regret to learn of the death of his young wife, who died in Denver, Col., May 23, of tuberculosis. She was the daughter of Miss and Emily L. Breeden, well known in Chicago society. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church, Chicago, Rev. Mr. Fawcett officiating. Mr. Mann lived in Downers Grove for about eight years during which time he made many friends, with whom we join in extending sympathy.

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