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Copely Makes Proposal Asks Permission to Lay Main Street Gas Mains Previous to Paving.

Head of the LaGrange Gas Company Tells Village Board His Wants—Proceedings of the August Meeting.

Colonel Ira C. Copely of the LaGrange Gas company appeared before the board of trustees Monday evening and requested permission to lay gas pipes and service stubs in Main street previous to the paving of that thoroughfare. He also made a statement of what he expected to do for Downers Grove in connection with the gas franchise, which he will later ask for, and backed his request for permission to lay the Main street pipes with a petition signed by every property owner on the line of the proposed Main street paving, praying that the board grant a franchise.

Since the conception of the plan to extend the mains of the LaGrange company from Hinsdale, this is the first official meeting between Mr. Copely and the board. He stated that the time was too short before the paving would be laid to secure signers of the entire frontage of the village, consenting to the passage of a gas franchise, and without which, under the law, no franchise could be granted. The people, he said, were giving their approval to the matter and he thought it was desirable for all parties, if the board was favorable, that these mains be laid now.

Mr. Copely presented a resolution, and asked its passage, granting this permission, pending the time when the balance of the frontage could be secured and the franchise asked for according to law. The resolution also granted the same permission to lay pipes in other streets as soon as frontage was presented in accordance with the general ordinance, which will be asked for, granting the franchise. Mr. Copely desired this measure passed as an expression from the board as to its attitude toward the franchise before spending several thousand dollars in laying the Main street pipes and securing the additional frontage. The resolution also provided for a bond in the sum of \$10,000 to be furnished by the company, holding the company liable for all damages through accidents in connection with the work.

The board discussed the matter, exhaustively but deferred action until next Monday night pending a report of the village attorney upon the status of the village in the premises should the request be granted.

The treasurer's report showed the following amounts: Balance on hand at last report, \$2,948.53; receipts since, \$2,925.28; expenditures, \$1,324.23; present balance, \$4,549.58.

The village collector reported a total of \$307.88 collected for the month of July as follows: For electric lights, \$162.56; materials and labor, \$45.13; meter rent, \$2.50; tapping fees, \$21; water rates, \$26.69; licenses, \$15; dog tax, \$42.

A resolution was passed transferring \$300 from the street and alley fund to the general fund.

Claim ordinance providing for the payment of claims and salaries, aggregating \$2,068.54, was introduced and passed appropriating \$1,059.38 from the general fund, \$109.35 from the street and alley fund and \$900.91 from the water and light fund.

A statement was read from County Treasurer Knight reporting the collection of delinquent sidewalk tax amounting to \$339.55 and other delinquent taxes amounting to \$194.76.

A communication from Supt. W. B. Troop of the Burlington road was read signifying the willingness of the company to station a flagman at the Maple avenue grade crossing, if the board would state the hours it was necessary for a flagman to be employed. Referred to the street and alley committee.

W. R. Abbott of the Chicago Telephone company entered a complaint concerning the unsanitary condition of the creek near the local office of the company and asking the board to abate the nuisance. Referred to the village attorney.

The water and light committee reported on having renewed the insurance on the boilers, engines and machinery at the water and light station, and also on having closed a contract for coal with the Weaver Coal company at \$3.25 per ton.

Owing to an error in the call for the special election to elect a successor to Trustee Kneuzel the board passed a new resolution calling the election for Tuesday, Sept. 1. President Mochel appointed Geo. N. Jones, J. W. Tucker and C. R. Caldwell as judges, and C. H. Staats, E. Wehrle and Geo. Hoffert as clerks of election.

The board adjourned to Monday evening, August 10.

FRESH AIR NOTES.

Many Downers Grove People Giving Aid to This Charitable Work.

Seven children and a mother returned to the city last week after a week of rest and kindly care in the homes of our people.

The following friends have been caring for these needy ones this past week: Lucy Craig, two little girls; Mr. Spohr and family, two little boys; Mrs. Anna Dunn, a mother and baby and a mother and baby at the parsonage. These will return to the city today.

This week and for two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Batterham will extend their kind hospitality to one who is near breaking down under the severe strain of his very arduous toll in the city, increased by the nursing of his sick wife.

Next week Geo. B. Heatt will provide for the care of six needy children for a week in two of our kindly homes.

All those who come out from the city are specially selected because of their individual need.

Mrs. F. C. Kaiser gave some of our fresh air guests a pleasant ride about town last Monday morning.

The Fresh Air committee are indebted to Mrs. Thos. Stevens and Howard Jones for contributions of cash for this fresh air work. Others wishing to help in this way can hand money to Miss Emma Fletcher, Carpenter street.

"The Mercy and Help" department of the Epworth league desire to most heartily thank Miss Jessie Lyman for the free use of the beautiful Lyman grove, for the outings for the groups of fresh air children that are being brought out from the city. Aside from those who have been cared for in homes, ninety-five have thus far been fed and given a happy day in the woods.

CASS ITEMS.

The ice cream social at Henry Smart's will be held Thursday evening.

There will be an ice cream social at Albert L. Smart's Saturday evening.

The suit between Fred Gansberg, the lacemercant and Geo. Schuster before Justice Courter at Hinsdale last Thursday, was dismissed upon Schuster paying five dollars damages and the cost of suit. John Heatt's house on the Godfrey farm was struck by lightning Monday night; damaging it slightly. Several young couples from Downers Grove attended church at Cass Sunday night. Among these being Ray Cromer, Nina Thomas, Pearl DeGroot, Geo. Maercker, Miss Daisy Paden, John Brier, Jayson Littlefield and Miss Adams. Miss Grace Palmer arrived Monday from LaFayette, Ind., for a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Walton. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Oldfield and daughter, Miss Mabel, spent Sunday with Chester and Miss Jerusha Heatt. Miss Myrtle Drew, who was seriously ill last week, is now greatly improved. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oldfield have been quite ill the past week but are now improving.

Dick Craig of Willow avenue is building a combined corn crib and granary. Threshing has commenced in Cass this week. Miss Jessie Walton, who has been treated by an oculist, is improving. Andreas Brier has purchased Isaac Cleveland's farm in Cass and will take possession in the spring. Mr. Cleveland will probably make Lockport his home. Cass people will regret to lose the Cleveland family as Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland have lived here many years. It is reported that Harry Gregory is going to Wisconsin in the near future to purchase a farm, and that Rindolf Zielke is to occupy the farm where Mr. Gregory now lives.

August Swanson and family, who have been spending the week with Mrs. Elmer Oldfield, return to Chicago Sunday. It is stated that Will Andrus is looking for a farm to rent. Ira Heatt arrived from St. Louis Monday for a short visit with relatives.

Jack Taylor who has been employed by Harry Gregory has purchased a team and wagon and will engage in general teaming. Henry Fischer lost a valuable trotting horse Tuesday.

A NEW BOOK ABOUT NEBRASKA.

The best and most comprehensive work on Nebraska ever produced has just been issued by the Burlington Route. 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 men of push and energy have a better chance to succeed. It is a paradise for "good reaters," for they will not be compelled to rent long in Nebraska. Send today for a copy of the book. No charge. P. S. Eustis, Passenger traffic manager, 209 Adams street, Chicago.

Orders for Pennsylvania and Standard oils and gasoline may be left at Bush & Smonson's drug store. Massey will promptly fill your cans. Telephone 431.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heatt's.

A pony and dog circus delighted the small folks Friday.

Mrs. John Davis is entertaining her cousin, Miss Edith Brown, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stanton of Chicago, visited with John Davis and family, Sunday.

L. A. White has leased the cottage at 163 South Washington street and now occupies it.

Judge Ewing and wife of Chicago, were guests of their nephew, L. W. Winchester, Sunday.

Mrs. John Soergel and Miss Lottie Karro of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. Wm. Fraenkel Monday.

G. P. Hawkins is here for a visit with his mother Mrs. E. Hawkins and his brothers H. J. and Frank Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Foote left yesterday for St. Thomas, Canada, for an extended visit. Mr. Foote will go on to New York.

Miss Jennie Lacey, who has been in State Center, Iowa, for the past two years, has returned home for an extended visit.

Messrs. and Madames W. R. Wells, H. M. and A. E. Courtright and Bert C. White formed a picnic party at Brush Hill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gorman are rejoicing over the arrival of a ten pound boy which joined that happy household yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Len B. Parker entertained a small party of friends at their home Wednesday evening previous to their departure on their theatrical tour.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving G. Heatt and Mrs. J. K. Rasmussen and sons attended the wedding of Miss Harriett C. Miller to Sherman H. Stevens at Naperville Tuesday.

Miss Sarah Dunn, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Horton, the past two weeks, returned to her home in Nebraska, Tuesday. Dr. Dunn left Thursday of last week.

A. Scott, Jr., and Attorney Smartz of Naperville, were here last Monday. They represented the plaintiff in a suit before the police magistrate which was settled before time set for trial.

The Downers Grove east-bound suburban train which leaves here at 2 o'clock ran down a buggy at Sixteenth street and Ashland avenue and killed its occupants—three persons—Friday.

Rev. A. T. Lacey, pastor of the Congregational church of Spring Green, Wis., who with his wife and little daughter, is visiting his father, will speak at the Lisle church, Sunday afternoon, August 9.

The Baptist Sunday school picnic will take place at Brush Hill next Saturday. If it rains the exercises will be held in the auditorium. Wagons will leave the church at 9:30 sharp. All members and friends of the school are invited.

Samuel Nash of Oneida, a brother of John W. Nash of this village, died at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago Saturday from a complication of diseases. Mr. Nash went to Oneida Sunday with the body of his brother where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. H. E. Chase of St. Andrews church, is taking a three weeks vacation in Wisconsin. The Rev. Thomas D. Phillips of Chicago, will officiate during his absence. Services next Sunday as usual. Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 3 p. m. All are welcome.

The new Downers Grove directory is now in the hands of its subscribers—the business men of Downers Grove, whose advertising patronage made the issuing of the directory possible. Copies may be secured of almost any of the merchants or at the Reporter office. The book contains over 900 names.

Mr. and Mrs. Josef Vilim of Riverside were the guests of M. H. Schachner on Sunday. Mr. Vilim is head of the American Violin school and Mrs. Schachner acquired her knowledge of the viola from him. Mr. Vilim played for the Christian Science church in the morning on Mrs. Schachner's viola to the great pleasure of all who heard him.

Bruce E. Richie, who was appointed by President Mochel to spread the special assessment for the Main street paving, has finished his labors and the assessment roll was filed in the county clerk's office at Wheaton yesterday by Village Attorney Winchester. Application will be made for confirmation of the assessment on Monday, September 7th.

Watermelons at Gerwig's. National Light oil at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.

Genuine Pochahontas coal sold at Mertz & Mochel's.

A capitalist from LaGrange was looking up investments here this week.

Mrs. Florence Forkel of Jackson, Mich., is here visiting her father, M. E. Stanger.

Monday's storm was responsible for considerable damage to crops in this vicinity.

David Coates of Guthrie county, Iowa, spent Sunday with Capt. T. S. J. W. and F. A. Rogers.

Mrs. A. B. Cole, with her daughter, Miss Clara Cole, of Ottawa, spent Monday with her parents.

The meat markets close today to allow the proprietors and clerks to attend the butcher's annual picnic.

The annual reunion of the 105th regiment will be held at the court house grounds at Wheaton, September 2.

Mr. Ellen Vial of Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Foster of St. Joseph, Mo., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Emma J. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Griffiths and Mrs. John Brown and families, attended the Masonic picnic at Riverview park in Aurora, Thursday.

Mrs. D. G. Graham has gone to Plano for a couple of weeks, to make the acquaintance of a new grandson, at the home of H. D. Henning.

A Zaslowski of Chicago has commenced suit against J. G. Wallace in the DuPage circuit court to recover damages of \$5,000 for an alleged assault.

Owing to an error in the call for the special election to choose a successor to Trustee Kneuzel, the date of the election has been changed to Tuesday, September 1st.

Attorney Slosser leaves tomorrow (Friday) for a trip of several days duration. Attorney Gray and wife contemplate a vacation trip west in the course of a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willard who moved to Aurora last year, contemplate returning to our village to reside again. They have both been in poor health since they left here.

Chas. Mochel received a dispatch from Fred Klein at Ormsby, Minn., yesterday stating that their little 2-year-old son accidentally fell into the water and was drowned before he could be rescued. The funeral was held Wednesday.

Misses Edith and Addie Atwood came up from Vandalia Saturday for a visit with their sister, Mrs. John Brown. Miss Addie returned home Sunday night but her sister was taken suddenly ill with an attack of peritonitis and will now make a longer stay.

The agitation of the dangerous Maple avenue grade crossing question has at last borne fruit and the Burlington officials have promised to station a flagman at this point. With a subway out of the question the people will be pleased to note any other efficient means of protection maintained at this dangerous point.

After the heavy rain recently on the farm of Henry Oakes on section 38 in Naperville township, live fish were found in large numbers in the meadow, some weighing three and four pounds each. They were gathered by the younger Mr. Oakes and distributed among the neighbors. This is a question for scientists to explain.

The Board of Education made the annual levy for school purposes at its meeting Tuesday evening. The total levy was \$18,075.00. For teaching and miscellaneous expenses, \$9,175.00; for building purposes, \$8,900.00. The last named sum will be used to pay the bonds and interest issued for building the new Maple avenue building.

W. H. Barnhart received a remittance of "conscience" money Tuesday in a letter from an anonymous writer who confessed to having stolen three cheroots valued at five cents from Mr. Barnhart when he was in the grocery business several years ago. The writer stated he made restitution "because he was a Christian and Christ has commanded us to pay our debts."

The negro who is taking care of the paraphernalia of Reno Bros. circus, which is stored in Naperville, was paid a visit by an old acquaintance last Thursday. They bunked together and had breakfast together, after which the visitor took his departure and \$12 in silver certificates which he had extracted from the host's trunk. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the burglar, and Deputy Sheriff Strubler went to Downers Grove where it was thought the guilty man had gone, but he could not be found.

AURORA CHAUTAUQUE NEXT WEEK.

Splendid Program Arranged for Meeting Which Commences Next Friday at Riverview Park

The program of the Aurora Chautauque assembly, to be held August 14 to 20th, is one of the strongest that has come to our notice this season. A careful study of its pages makes clear the fact that this assembly will be an enjoyable place to spend ten days in August, and the possibilities of an outing under such pleasant surroundings while enjoying this splendid program should make Aurora the Mecca for students, lovers of nature and those who enjoy entertainment that is elevating and instructive. A very noticeable feature of the Aurora Chautauque is that in no case has any attempt to overcharge been made. The price of each entertainment to holders of season tickets actually figures less than two cents each. The rent of tents is lower than the price usually charged as is also the cost of special study courses. Also might be mentioned in connection with the study courses the uniqueness of their arrangement. Each one is complete in itself though co-relative to the others, and the course is so arranged that those taking it may continue the study after the course has been finished without the aid of an instructor.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

For the week ending August 3, 1903—The warm weather of the previous week continued until the 30th of July, when a decided fall occurred, and rapid growth of vegetation was retarded. The average temperature was below normal. The rainfall, while ample in many localities, was not distributed with regard to locality and amount. In some places it was excessive, while in others it ranged from heavy to light falls. At St. Charles a fall of 8.25 inches was recorded in ten hours. The greatest need of rain is experienced in the southern district. Plowing is progressing in many localities. Corn has not made satisfactory advancement during the week. While benefited in sections where rain occurred, the nights during the latter part of the week have been too cool for rapid growth. The characteristic of the crop is unevenness. Estimates of reduced yield are being made. The harvesting of oats is practically finished, and threshing is in active progress. The crop has been secured in good condition, but the output is generally below average. The grain is of good quality but light in weight. Barley and rye are giving good results, but wheat is uniformly disappointing. A large crop of hay has been secured, and it is mostly in the stack.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE IN AUGUST.

Prof. Royal T. Morgan, county superintendent of the schools of this county, is arranging for one of the best institutes during the month of August ever held in DuPage county. Among the instructors that will be present may be mentioned Prof. C. E. Mann, of Batavia; Prof. J. M. Frost, of Hinsdale; Mary B. Holmes, of Paw Paw, Mich. and Miss Adeline Churchill, of the Pratt Art school, of New York City. The institute will be held the last week in August, commencing Monday, the 24th. Every school teacher in the county should avail himself or herself of the opportunity of attending during the entire session. Every teacher who desires advancement and a better equipment with which to meet the questions that are constantly arising will take advantage of the splendid opportunities offered at this institute.—Journal

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove having ordered that Main street in said village from the south line of Warren avenue to the north line of Maple avenue together with all street and alley intersections be improved by excavating, filling, grading, curbing and paving the same, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the Village Clerk of said village, having applied to the County Court of DuPage county for an assessment of the costs of said improvements according to benefits, and an assessment therefor having been made and returned to said Court, a final hearing thereon will be had on Monday, the 7th day of September, A. D. 1903, or as soon thereafter as the business of the Court will permit. Said assessment is payable in ten (10) annual installments, and all deferred payments bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum. All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day and may appear at the hearing and make their defense.

Dated Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, August 5th, 1903.

BRUCE E. RICHIE, Person appointed by the President of the Board of Local Improvements to make said assessment.

Alexander Foster Dead

Succumbs to Paralysis After Illness Extending Over Several Years.

Dies at the Home of His Daughter in Downers Grove Early Monday Morning—Grand Army Conducts Last Rites.

Alexander F. Foster, one of the founders and builders of the First Methodist Episcopal church in Downers Grove, and who first came here early in the Forties, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Emma J. Miller, 57 South Washington street, early Monday morning. Death was due to paralysis and the infirmities of age. He had reached the remarkable age of almost 88 years. At his bedside were all of his sons and daughters, who ministered lovingly to him in his last hours. His death came suddenly and without pain at 8:40 o'clock.

Mr. Foster had been in broken health since the war, during which he served in Company B, 105 Illinois Infantry. A severe fall broke his shoulder and while lying in the hospital, was captured together with a number of other union soldiers by Bragg's guerrillas and exposed that time brought on typhoid fever. Thrown into a rebel prison he suffered from improper care and when finally exchanged and sent north his health was shattered. Six years ago he suffered a paralytic stroke from which he never recovered. Three years ago an attack of rheumatism aggravated his affliction since which time he has been a helpless invalid and confined to his bed.

The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Edgar H. Libby of Englewood and Rev. Charles Reynolds of Downers Grove conducted the services. Rev. Libby gave an address, spots eloquently of the many virtues of the stricken man, dwelling on his genial and kindly nature and other characteristics which made him beloved by his fellowmen. Burial was made in the village cemetery, to which the remains were escorted by members of Naper Post, Grand Army, which had charge of the last rites and conducted the services at the grave.

Born in Middleton, Conn., October 17, 1815, Alexander Foster while still a lad went with his parents to Lewis county, N. Y., where he lived until he was 17 years old. Subsequent to that time he lived in Toronto, Canada, three years where he learned the carpenter's trade. In 1838 he came to Illinois and settled on government land at Plainfield where he remained until coming to Downers Grove in 1848. He was married to Nancy O. Adams at Downers Grove in July, 1858. Mrs. Foster died in March, 1893, and her husband went to live with his son at Morrison. There he remained until again returning to the village to make his home with his daughter three and a half years ago.

Mr. Foster was one of the founders of the local Methodist church and assisted in building the first church of that denomination in Downers Grove. He was a member of Alphaeus Club, Post G. A. R. of Morrison. A staunch republican, it was Mr. Foster's proud boast that all his sons, sons-in-law and grandsons were republicans. At the last presidential election it was a great pleasure to him to witness three generations of his family cast the republican ticket.

Four sons and two daughters survive him—Mrs. E. J. Miller and Eugene E. Foster of Downers Grove, Mrs. E. G. Vial of Odell, Iowa, A. A. Foster of Chadwick, Ill. and Harry D. Foster of St. Joseph, Mo.

LIGHTNING'S SECOND VISITATION.

Jake Klein's premises appear to be a mark for the elements. Yesterday morning during the storm lightning struck his large slaughter house building and damaged it slightly. The bolt struck on the gable and took almost identically the same course as the shaft that struck his barn and killed the Shaw brothers two months ago. The old saying that lightning never strikes twice in the same place comes pretty near being disproved in Mr. Klein's case.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1903, at the village hall in the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois, a special election will be held to elect a member of the village board of trustees to fill the unexpired term of, and vacancy on said board caused by the resignation of E. G. Kneuzel. The polls will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. Dated this 4th day of August, 1903.

BERT C. WATSON, Village Clerk.

Best of all Flour made from the very best northern grown hard spring wheat makes more bread and better bread than any flour in this market.