

Gas Franchise Granted. Village Board Acts on Ordinance for LaGrange Gas Co.

Three Paving Bids Received, But All Exceed Estimate—Paving Likely to Go Over Till Spring—Text of Franchise.

The Downers Grove village board passed an ordinance Monday night granting a franchise to the LaGrange Gas company to lay down and operate a system of gas mains and to supply gas to its inhabitants for heating, lighting and power purposes for a term of fifty years. The ordinance went through without a dissenting vote. By its provisions the company agrees to begin operations of laying mains the first of next May and have completed and ready to furnish gas at least four miles of mains by the first of next October.

Only three bids were received for the paving of Main street and these were all slightly in excess of the estimate. None of the contractors would undertake to finish the work before winter and in consequence the improvement will now necessarily have to go over until spring. The bidders and the amounts of their bids are as follows: John H. Roach, \$13,946 10; Charles M. Porter, \$13,812 00; J. E. Heiman & Co., \$14,097 80.

For many months, or since the installation of meters, it has been seen that the water rates were too low and the board Monday night instructed the water committee to revise them and report at the next meeting.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of gas for heat, light and power purposes, and for such other purposes as gas and its by-products are, or hereafter may be used for, and also authorizing the laying down and operating of a system of gas mains in and upon certain streets, avenues and public places in the village of Downers Grove, county of DuPage and state of Illinois.

- Section 1. That permission and authority are hereby granted to said The LaGrange Gas Company, its successors and assigns, to sell gas for light heat and power purposes, and for such other purposes as gas and its by-products are or may be used for, and to lay down, maintain and operate a system of gas mains for the distribution of gas for a period of fifty years from the date of the passage of this ordinance, in and along the following named streets, avenues, alleys and public places, within the village of Downers Grove, county of DuPage and state of Illinois, to-wit:

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“FORGIVENESS.”

Rev. H. Booth Hazen Gives Sixth Sermon in Series at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Rev. H. Booth Hazen spoke Sunday evening on the subject of “Forgiveness.” The word is often used in a much narrower sense than Jesus used it. If Jesus could put the comment he does in Matthew 6:14 and 15 upon the words, “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,” he certainly meant the forgiven one was to be changed or redeemed man. The forgiven must forgive.

In man's coming to God he sees how God looks upon him, so is contrite and humble. He repents of his sin and true repentance is the abandonment of sin. So salvation in its true sense means saved from sin rather than saved from the penalty of sin. He that seeks the forgiveness of God in order that the penalty of sin may be averted is a moral coward, but if in seeking forgiveness, as the true repentance does, he is getting rid of sin, he is a true moral hero.

There is another side to the problem. When a soul is forgiven is there anything short of the very Divine himself entering in that can take care of evil consequences of sin? For me there is but one hope, that is to look to Jesus and his atonement. Every soul must start on the way upward from where he is, trusting God and His grace for help to walk the “Jesus way” and trusting the burden of the past with God.

It seems to me as I look about me and see the wilful sin against innocence, love and trust, the cloud is so dark that nothing save that solemn event on the cross is equal to the sins of the soul. This is the only hope. He died that we might live. He, the son of God, became the “son of man” that we, sons of man, might become the sons of God. If we will become sons we will find Him a Father. If we are prodigal and return we shall find a welcome. “And whensoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against anyone: that your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” Mark 11:25. Therefore our forgiveness is dependent upon our forgiving spirit.

CASS ITEMS.

Mrs. Thos. Atwood expects to return to her home in Vandalia Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Milton and daughter of Chicago spent several days last week with Miss Lottie Littleford. Mrs. Alice Schlattka, who has been quite ill the past week is reported much better. At the graphophone concert on Friday a very pleasant evening was spent and a great deal of fun when it came to voting. Miss Cora A. Rander was awarded the prize for being the most popular young lady and Ray Cramer for being the most popular gentleman. The ladies of the Cass Epworth league desire to announce that owing to an accident to their phonograph last Friday night the program was not as complete as desired, therefore the concert will be given again in the Cass schoolhouse Friday evening, Oct. 23. Two prizes will be given, one each for the most popular lady and gentleman present. Refreshments will be served. Admission, 10 cents; children under 12 free.

CLEVELAND’ NEW THEATRE.

Cleveland's new theatre at Wabash avenue and Hubbard court, Chicago, a complete and admirable equipped theatre, safe, spacious and sumptuous, has secured for the opening attraction the very queen of her art, Miss Nancy O'Neil. The season will begin Sunday, October 31, the support being supplied by Cleveland's company of dramatic stars, to which is added the prominent players accompanying Miss O'Neil. E. J. Ratcliffe and McKee Rankin, Mr. Rankin supervising all of Miss O'Neil's productions as he has done in all her grand tours. The opening bill will be “Magda,” one of the strongest and most exacting of the roles assumed by the lady. Mr. Cleveland being a manager of very large experience, has selected for the season the very best of the most capable actors of repute, and his theatre will achieve deserved success on the lines of high art, combined with reasonable prices.

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 settlers,” for they will not be compelled to rent long in Nebraska. Send today for a copy of the book. No charge. P. S. Eastis, Passenger traffic manager, 209 Adams street, Chicago.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Lyon is coming. The Woehrel Cigar. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Klein's market sells fresh beef by the quarter.

Piano for rent, enquire of W. Straube, Downers Grove. V. Fredenhagen is in Michigan this week on business. Arthur J. Gray left last night on a business trip to St. Louis. Harry Blanchard has been visiting at Capt. Rogers' the past week. Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley returned Monday from their Ottawa visit.

John Watts has returned from a three weeks' visit in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of Chicago visited friends in Downers last week. Miss Daisy Hodson of Aurora was a guest at the home of James Soper last week.

Henry Bellig's new barber shop is now complete and one of the finest in the county. Friday evening is the dance at the Auditorium given by the Ideal Dance orchestra.

Postmaster Carpenter left last night for a visit with his son Walter at Creston, Iowa. Henry Faul was able to drive to L. R. Puffer's Monday where he will visit a short time.

Mrs. W. I. Wolfe of Chicago was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. William Bonnell, Saturday.

Mrs. A. Krambs entertained a party of friends from Chicago and the village Monday at a coffee klatch. J. W. Rogers has had a cement walk laid in front of his block on Warren avenue greatly improving his property.

Geo. Downer was awarded the contract for painting the water works standpipe and is now engaged on the work.

Geo. T. Hughes started for Wisconsin last Sunday morning on receipt of a telegram announcing the sudden and unexpected death of a brother there.

Members of the entertainment committee who pledged the sale of tickets for the course will deposit the money with V. Simonson, treasurer, at the bank.

Julius Johnson will promptly fill your orders for Pennsylvania and Standard oils and gasolines. Orders may be left at Bush & Simonson's. Successor to B. M. Muzzey.

Mrs. F. A. Root and Mrs. A. P. Daniels who will represent the Downers Grove Woman's club at the state Federation meeting, left last Tuesday for Carle where the session is being held.

Guy L. Bush has been appointed national bank examiner for North and South Carolina and will spend the winter there. Mrs. Bush and the children will accompany him. They expect to leave about Nov. 1.

Owing to the pastor's participation in the consecration of St. Mary's church in Chicago, there will be no services here next Sunday. Parishioners are requested to attend neighboring churches. C. J. Votyjka, Pastor.

“Japan Day” was observed by the Woman's club yesterday afternoon and the members had the pleasure of listening to an interesting address by Mrs. A. W. Waterman of Chicago on “Japanese Women.” Items of Japanese history were responses to roll call. Music was furnished by Miss Grace Huling.

The annual reception of the Woman's club to its incoming and retiring officers was held at the club rooms last Thursday evening. A short program of readings by Miss Irma Dunn of Nebraska and vocal musical numbers by H. J. Hodgeman of LaGrange and piano selections by Mrs. W. S. and Miss Nellie Carpenter were given. During the evening refreshments were served.

Next Wednesday evening there will be a union prayer service at the Congregational church, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock and lasting one hour. The various churches will unite in this service and the Christian people and the public generally are most cordially invited. This service is preparatory to the Lyon meetings which are to begin in the Auditorium Nov. 1.

Dr. A. S. Washburn having disposed of his Osteopathic practice in Chicago will devote his time to the practice of Osteopathy in Downers Grove and vicinity. His many years of successful practice in the city have given him a high standing in the Osteopathic world. Those contemplating taking treatment and who know nothing of the work can, by special arrangement, be given one treatment free.

Lyon is coming. Ideal dance Friday evening. National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heatta's. Supervisor Blodgett is entertaining a stray cow. Miss Edith Graham visited in Plano over Sunday. Mrs. Cora Hancock's mother is visiting her this week. Miss Florence Bates was home from Waukegan over Sunday. Geo. R. Luca of LaGrange was a visitor in Downers Tuesday. Relatives of A. P. Tholin of Nebraska are visiting here this week. Mrs. Joseph Haas left Monday for a several week's visit in Colorado. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Tyler, 96 Oakwood avenue, Oct. 16, a son. Mrs. H. A. Adams of Beloit, Wis., visited Mrs. W. H. Barnhart last week. Mrs. Cora Hughes of Chicago is spending a few days with Mrs. Jonas Foster.

Frank M. Rood of South Dakota visited in the family of Rev. H. H. Rood this week. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Fuller of Fullersburg were in Downers on business Wednesday. C. L. Cassiday of the Rio Grande Valley Land Co. was here this week on business for his company. Vesper services at the Congregational church every Saturday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock. Everybody invited. Roy Andrus, who has been spending several months in Missouri, Iowa and the Dakotas, returned home last week. For Sale Cheap—The Weir property on North Foote street, 6 room house, lot 125 foot front, 132 feet deep. Price \$1,500. Mrs. May MacGregor, nee Ducat, of New York, was here this week being called by the death of her aunt, Mrs. C. E. Morse. Do not forget the first in the entertainment course next Saturday night, the 24, at the Auditorium. Lulu Tyler Gates and company. A. G. Prince arrived Thursday from Iowa City to complete arrangements for moving his family to that place for which they departed Tuesday. Mrs. H. W. Stickie and son Donald of Fort Leavenworth, Kas., who have been spending some time with Mrs. B. M. Muzzey left last week for Anamosa, Iowa. Do not forget the New England dinner this, Thursday, evening from 5 to 8 p. m., in the basement of the Congregational church; only 25 cents. Every body invited. Having disposed of my oil business, all parties indebted to me are requested to call at 81 Carpenter street and make immediate settlement of their accounts B. M. Muzzey. Dr. Chas. Reynolds was called to Minneapolis Thursday by the dangerous illness of his father. The elder gentleman is 95 years old and slight hopes are entertained of his recovery. Mrs. Lucia Brown of Sandwich has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rood and family here. She starts this evening for the Pacific coast where she will spend the winter with other daughters and relatives. Friends of Miss Bertha Remington will be interested in the announcement of her marriage at Nelegh, Neb., on Wednesday, Oct. 14, with Mr. G. Whaley of Columbus, Neb. Mr. and Mrs. Whaley will reside at Columbus. The Ladies' Altar Guild of St. Mary's church gave a social at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Meehan last Saturday evening. Almost two hundred people from Downers Grove and Chicago attended and listened to a program of musical numbers and readings. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. G. G. Cooney, the optician, who has successfully fitted many Downers Grove people with glasses, fell from a step on Tuesday night and injured his knee, which will confine him to the house for several days. He requests all parties desiring work to call at the residence of I. P. Blodgett on Warren avenue. Best of references furnished. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. O'Neill of Downers Grove presented a comedy in one act, “The Silent System—Dryfus,” before the Colonial club, 4445 Grand boulevard, Chicago, Saturday evening. They were assisted in the evening's entertainment by the Weber quartet, of which Sam Davis, well known in Downers Grove, is a member. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill expect to put on several of their plays here during the winter and hope to secure the co-operation of the quartet on one evening.

THE COMING RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

Rev. M. H. Lyon Will Begin Series of Union Revivals in Auditorium November 1st.

Rev. Milford H. Lyon will preach the first sermon of the coming evangelistic campaign on Sunday evening, Nov. 1, in the Downers Grove Auditorium. The congregations of the churches in the village will close the usual meetings on that evening and unite in the union service. Mr. Lyon will not only bring his own singer and leader of music with him—H. C. Coulties—but expects a large chorus from the choirs of the village to assist in the meetings. That the churches and the general public may expect an aggressive and successful effort is warranted by the results from similar meetings in different cities where Mr. Lyon has been invited to labor. The last place to which he has been called before coming to Downers Grove is Palm Beach, Fla. These meetings will be held every night of the week except Saturday from the beginning to the close. Everybody is invited. Seats free!

LOCKPORT BANK GOES UNDER.

Four hundred depositors in the Exchange bank, the only one in the town of Lockport on the drainage canal, midway between Chicago and Joliet, were dumbfounded yesterday morning to learn that the bank had closed its doors and that its affairs were in the hands of a receiver. All day the only topic of conversation on the streets, in the stores and wherever the opportunity offered was the crash that had overtaken the institution and the losses that had been sustained by the citizens of the town and the surrounding country. Before night State Bank Examiner Heath of Champaign had prepared a statement showing liabilities aggregating \$111,000 and assets nearly \$60,000 less, some of the assets being of the most doubtful character. Speculation in the stock market is the explanation offered by practically everybody for the bank's failure.

WHEATON COLLEGE NOTES.

The book for the lecture course is just out. It comprises five entertainments as follows: An address by Congressman Littlefield of Maine; concert by Miss Jennie Osborne, Miss Marie Josefa, Frank Hanna and the eminent pianist, Mr. Seeboeck of Chicago, an evening with Karl Germaine the magician, a lecture by Dr. Thomas E. Green and readings by Leland Powers. The lecture course of last year was very successful, and it is anticipated that the present one will surpass it in quality and attendance. Seats may be secured and reserved at Mr. Tollison's, Residents of Glen Ellyn, Lombard, Elmhurst, West Chicago, Geneva and St. Charles who choose to take advantage of the course can do so very conveniently, the Northwestern trains and the electric road furnish convenient method of transportation. Persons who desire to take advantage of the course might address Prof. Straw at the college.

COURSE OPENS SATURDAY.

The Lulu Tyler Gates company will open the entertainment course Saturday evening with a concert at the Auditorium. Mrs. Gates is a reader of popularity and merit. The remarkable charm of her personality, the charm and richness of her voice, her enthusiasm as an artist, and her high appreciation of the best things in literature, all contribute to assure her unbounded success as a public reader. The company will consist of Helen Carter McConnell, contralto; Marie Ludwig, harpist and accompanist; H. Benne Henton, clarinet and saxophone. These three delightful artists will, with Mrs. Gates, give a program, unique, novel, popular and artistic.

ORCHESTRA DANCE TOMORROW EVENING.

Tomorrow, Friday, evening is the dance at the Auditorium, at which the lovers of the measured step will find an evening of amusement; a program of 24 dances, both round and square and refreshments may be had in the “annex.” Wm. H. Lee, Riverside's dancing master, will act as floor manager, and the Ideal Dance orchestra will furnish music. Come out and enjoy a good time.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds Sunday services on the top floor of the Oldfield building at 10:45. Subject for October 25th, “Everlasting Punishment.” Sunday school at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Oldfield hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited. Will sell my well improved farm in southern Minnesota for half price; must sell, see home. Write me at once. Andrew Olson, Danvers, Minn.

Two Autumn Weddings

Marriage of Miss Amy Louise Soper to J. H. Lipsie Tuesday. Nuptials of Miss Ethel Collier and Mr. Walter Chessman Celebrated at Bride's Home Tuesday.

The marriage of Miss Amy Louise Soper, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Soper of Downers Grove, to Mr. John Henry Lipsie was celebrated at St. Andrew's Episcopal church last Thursday evening at 5 o'clock. The church was decorated with autumn leaves, with white flowers at the altar and on the chancel rail. The bridal party entered the church to the strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, played by William Lipsie of Chicago, a brother of the groom. Proceeding the bridal party came two little flower girls, Mable Peares of Chicago and May Patrick of Riverside, throwing flowers in the path of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. E. Chase in the presence of about eighty guests. The bride wore a gown of white silk mull, trimmed with white Valenciennes lace. She was attended by Miss Mary Gage of Riverside as maid of honor. The latter wore a dress of pink silk mull. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the church parlors and later in the evening the bridal party was entertained at the bride's home. Mr. and Mrs. Lipsie left Thursday night for a southern trip to Florida and other points and will be at home after Dec. 1 at 194 South Main street, Downers Grove. Both parties are prominent socially in Downers Grove. Mr. Lipsie is commercial freight agent of the Illinois Central railroad in Chicago.

COLLIER-CHESSMAN NUPTIALS.

The wedding of Miss Ethel Collier of East Grove and Mr. Walter A. Chessman of Downers Grove was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Collier, on East Maple avenue, Tuesday evening, Oct. 20, at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Herbert H. Rood of the Methodist Episcopal church officiated, using the ring service. About forty guests were present from the village and Chicago. The bride was attired in a gown of white silk trimmed with white satin ribbon and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemum. Her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Heinz, was matron of honor. Autumn leaves and chrysanthemum were the house decorations. Miss Ella Wertzier played the wedding march. Mr. and Mrs. Chessman are spending their honeymoon in Chicago, and will reside at the home of the bride's mother when they return.

REV. H. H. ROOD TO REMAIN HERE.

Stronuous measures on the part of the leading members of the Methodist church secured a concession from the powers that be whereby Rev. H. H. Rood will, after all, be returned to Downers Grove and not sent to Normal Park, as stated. The church here was so dissatisfied over his being assigned to the latter charge that a committee was appointed to wait on the bishop in regard to the matter. They insisted on a change being made so that Rev. Rood could stay here, and talked to such good advantage that the bishop consented to Mr. Rood's remaining here. All of which will be pleasing news to the clergymen's many admirers in Downers Grove.

UNION SERVICES AT A. E. CHURCH.

Next Sabbath evening there will be a union service at the M. E. church. Each of the pastors will speak. It is expected that a union choir will sing. Everyone is cordially invited. This service will be preparatory to the special meetings which are to open at the Auditorium Nov. 1st under the leadership of Rev. M. H. Lyon, the well known evangelist, and his singer. Mr. Lyon is at present holding successful meetings in Florida, but will be in Downers Grove on the evening of Nov. 1.

FUNERAL OF MRS. C. E. MORSE.

The funeral of Mrs. C. E. Morse whose death occurred last Thursday, Oct. 15, was held from the late residence Monday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Rev. H. E. Chase conducted the services and burial was made at Rose Hill cemetery. Mrs. Morse had been a resident of Downers Grove for more than 15 years. She was born at Kingstown, Ireland, in 1826. She was the widow of Dr. Morse.

HOW IS YOUR EYESIGHT?

The optical business heretofore conducted by E. O. Durrain, Master of Optics, will from now on be transacted at our store. Your eyes will be scientifically and properly tested and fitted. E. O. Durrain, M. O. will be retained as the head of the optical department. Henry J. Durrain, Optician, will be an assistant to Collins & Durrain.