

DOWNERS GROVE REPORT

TWENTIETH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1903.

Board's Annual Meeting

County Supervisors Held Annual Meeting Last Tuesday.

Annual Report of County Officers Approved - County Farm Committee Reported on Construction of Vegetable Cellar.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at a special meeting held at the court house on Tuesday, Dec. 23, pursuant to call of chair.

Meeting called to order with Supervisor Betts presiding. On roll call all members present, except Supervisor McClintock. Proceedings of last preceding meeting read and declared approved. All bills and communications on file with the clerk read and referred to the respective committees.

The following report of committee on finance was approved: To the honorable chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors: Gentlemen: The committee on finance beg to report that we met at the court house in Wheaton on Dec. 15 and 16 and examined and checked the books of all the county officers and filed the same correct as per their report herewith proposed, which we recommend approved and ordered of record.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Earned and Recd. (e.g., From what source, \$980.00; County clerk fees, \$2.50)

The chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors: I herewith submit my report of fees earned and received by me as county clerk for the half year commencing June 1, and ending Nov. 30, 1903.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Earned and Recd. (e.g., County salary June 1 to Dec. 1, \$300.00; Cash hire same, \$25.00)

The chairman and board of supervisors of DuPage county: I herewith submit to you the following report of fees earned and received by me, as clerk of the circuit court and ex-officio recorder, for the half year, commencing June 1st, 1903, and ending November 30th, 1903.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount (e.g., Recd. from fees, \$1068.70; Disbursed, \$118.50)

I hereby certify that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. F. J. KENT, County Treasurer.

To the honorable chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors: I have the honor to herewith submit the following report of receipts of fees for the DuPage county school fund from June 1 to Dec. 1.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount (e.g., Total receipts from June 1 to Dec. 1, \$323.95)

To the honorable board of supervisors of DuPage county: Gentlemen: I have the honor to herewith submit the following report of receipts of fees for the DuPage county school fund from June 1 to Dec. 1.

DuPage county: Gentlemen: I have the honor to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements for the institute fund from June 1 to Dec. 1.

R. T. Morgan, Co. Supt. of Schools. On motion of Supervisor Churchill a recess was taken until 2 p. m. to visit the county farm. At the afternoon session the following report of committee on claims was approved.

ARGADIAN CLUB DISCUSSES "PARSIFAL"

The regular meeting of the Arcadian club was held at the home of Miss Evelyn Simonson Saturday evening Dec. 26th. The regular program of the evening consisted of selections from the life and works of Mark Twain.

The Arcadian club is a literary society for young people of the village and has for its object the advancement of its members in literature, music and science.

CASS ITEMS

Miss Nellie Andrus is at home for the holidays. Guy Oldfield of Vandalia is in Cass visiting relatives.

Eliza Nelson is helping Homer Oldfield for a few days. Mrs. Caroline Baker, who has been quite ill is now around again.

Wesley Kesser, the man who was severely frozen three weeks ago, died Sunday. The funeral was held Tuesday.

The entertainment at the Cam church Christmas eve was fine. The children gave their parts in a splendid manner.

Adam Menche of Kewanee, deputy state factory inspector, was here yesterday on official business looking for violators of the child labor law.

U. H. Balcum with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Huff had a family gathering on Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Palmer, J. A. Richards, Louise, May and Spencer Palmer.

Next Sunday at 5 o'clock Rev. H. Rogers will install the Christian Endeavor officers for 1904. They are: Endeavor, Martha Downer; vice-president, John Gray; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Allan Bergman; recording secretary, Iga Hall; treasurer, Daisy Faden; organist, Tillie Hermann; chorister, C. H. Graves.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Happy New Year. The Woolrol Olgar. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.

Charles K. Roe visited relatives in Ogle county over Christmas. For sale—2-teated, square box cutter \$10. Enquire of E. Wootton.

John Gray is spending the holidays with his parents at Traer, Iowa. Mrs. Della Wilcox is spending the holidays with friends in Chicago.

M. K. Bush was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. McKee at LaGrange Sunday. The Odd Fellows smoker will be held in their hall Saturday evening January 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shurte spent Christmas with relatives at Irving Park.

Dr. W. C. Barber will attend the wedding of a cousin in Oak Park tonight. Great reduction in millinery, closing out the winter season. Miss Goodspeed, bank building.

Mrs. M. H. Bates and Miss Florence Bates entertained company from Galeburg over Sunday. H. M. Bateman left Sunday for a two months trip through the south for Marshall Field & Co.

Frank E. Jarret, one of the Burlington employees recently locating here has returned to Lincoln, Neb. Geo. Welch who has been visiting at Wm. Bryce's is spending the holidays at his former home in Colchester.

There are fifty-three Thursdays in 1903 in consequence of which our subscribers will receive an extra paper this year. Mrs. Irwin Brandenburg entertained the Forget-me-not social club of Chicago Tuesday afternoon from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Mr. Robert M. Foster of New Berlin, Ill., and Dr. Fanny H. Lee of Harvey, visited their brother, J. D. Horton, last Sunday.

Mrs. H. H. Osgood and Mrs. Robert Smythe of Edgewater, were guests of their cousin, Mrs. Lavara Hanson Saturday.

Miss Jessie Nolan and Mr. John Nolan of Chicago spent Christmas day with their aunt Miss Kate Nolan in Downers Grove.

Dr. L. A. Beaton will give up his dental practice in Downers Grove and expects to open an office at Michigan City Ind., the first of the year.

Rev. Rogers of Hinsdale will conduct the vesper services at the Congregational church next Sunday evening at five o'clock and meet with the Endeavor society at six.

Miss Iva M. Dunn, sister of Mrs. J. D. Horton, who has been here three months pursuing her studies in education, left last Wednesday for her home at Syracuse, Neb.

Friday, Jan. 1st, being the Feast of the Circumcision, there will be a celebration of the holy communion at St. Andrew's Episcopal church at 11:15 a. m. All the members of the mission are requested to be present.

Chas. Mochel has purchased V. Simonson's Shetland pony. Mr. Simonson has since purchased a handsome team of these little animals, together with an elegant carriage, and now has the swiftest turnout in town.

Adam Menche of Kewanee, deputy state factory inspector, was here yesterday on official business looking for violators of the child labor law. He found no evasions of the statutes in any of the factories visited.

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The Women's club devoted its program yesterday to a consideration of Eugene Fields and his works. Mrs. M. A. Bookholder and Mrs. Wm. Stranbe read selections from the author's works.

The Christmas giving entertainment at the Methodist church was a gratifying success. About four hundred of people were received in addition to those who were present at the previous Christmas.

Most Appalling Catastrophe

Over Six Hundred Men, Women and Children Meet Death at Iroquois Theater.

More than six hundred men, women and children met a fearful death at the new Iroquois theater yesterday afternoon—tortured and incinerated by fire, suffocated by smoke and gas, and crushed into nothingness by one another while struggling to escape the impending doom.

Hundreds of others are lying this morning between life and death, with limbs broken and burnt, at their homes and in hospitals, while every undertaking establishment in the city is filled with dead bodies, many of which will never be identified.

The disaster, the most appalling of the character that ever has befallen Chicago, occurred in the middle of the matinee performance of "Mr. Blue Beard, Jr.," with fully 1,000 people in the audience, a large portion of them women, girls and little children.

A calcium light on a stand six feet above the level of the stage exploded, and in a moment a little streak of flame had caught the tinsel of the stage settings, flooding everything back of the footlights in a wave of fire.

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 2, 1903.—The regular meeting for the month of November, 1903, was called to order by President Mochel. Roll call noted all present expect Trustee Heardt. Minutes of last regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

Reports of village treasurer and collector were read and ordered on file. Report of superintendent of water and light was referred to water and light committee.

Claim ordinance No. 128 providing for the payment of certain claims was read and was as follows: J. M. Dieter, \$33.00; G. C. Babler, \$1.00; Jan Raby, \$1.00; C. E. Cook, \$2.00; G. C. Babler, \$2.00; W. Eckhoff, \$2.00; H. J. Hawkins, \$1.00; Gregory Electric Co., \$12.00; Weaver Coal Co., \$12.00; Garlock Packing Co., \$2.00; Dicks Tool Co., \$2.00; T. Benning, \$1.00; F. Hoffart, \$1.00.

It was moved and carried that claim ordinance No. 128 be put upon its passage. Said claim ordinance was then put upon its passage and passed, all voting aye.

A communication was read from Ira C. Copley, president of the LaGrange Gas company accepting the ordinance passed October 19, granting to the said company certain rights in the village of Downers Grove. Communication ordered placed on file.

On proper motion board adjourned. BERT C. WHITE, Clerk.

CLEVELAND'S THEATRE

A great and popular play and amusing and interesting series of vaudeville acts from the combination of attractions at this splendid theatre for the coming week. At a matinee on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3, the drama will be "Woman against woman," and the vaudeville will consist of some of the foremost artists known to the profession, including the dainty Constantine sisters, the physical culture act of the Francelias, Percival Price, harpist and vocalist, and others. The play has always been a popular one and no more successful work has ever been acted.

Its great heart interest holds an audience spell bound throughout. Mr. Cleveland has added to his company for this occasion, and will present the distinguished and emotional actress, Miss Florence Stone as "Bessie Barton" the heroine.

PRESENTED WITH LOVING CUP.

Capt. T. S. Rogers received a genuine surprise Christmas day when an elegant silver loving cup was presented to him by a number of his Aurora friends. The cup is nearly 15 inches high and is a beauty and is engraved with the date and the names of the donors. The cup was given as a remembrance by Senator H. H. Evans, Representative Charles Cherry, Capt. H. B. Douglas, W. J. Flower, J. L. Walker and L. A. Constantine. Coming annually unexpended it is a fitting token of the esteem in which the Captain is held by his Aurora friends.

John A. Schilling of West Chicago, proprietor of a saloon at Eight, was arrested by deputy sheriff Graham last Sunday, charged with receiving stolen property. Stolen goods were found in his saloon. He was in the county jail yesterday when he told from whom he had acquired the stolen goods, implicating other men, one of which is in custody.

Davey's family in Chicago. A copy of the Havana Post... the sale of the parcel of Mrs. W. H. C. and family, formerly of Downers Grove, who will locate there, who purchased \$200 worth of property in Chicago...

Mrs. Rose B. Johnson is preparing call at home and care for the... of the... of the...

Through the breaking of a wire of the Chicago and Detroit electric line at Chicago, Wednesday morning three railroad stations, situated miles apart, were cut off, those at Lemont and Spencer were destroyed, and telegraphic communication with Joliet was almost entirely cut off. The wire used to feed the power houses at Lemont and Spencer runs from the plant of the Economy Light and power company at the Jackson street end of the drainage canal in Joliet, where the wire runs six feet above the wire of the Rock Island railroad. When the wire was cut the current burned out every fuse in the Joliet office of the Western Union Telegraph office and ended communication between Chicago and St. Louis on the Chicago & Alton road, between Chicago and Kansas City on the Santa Fe, and in all points west of Joliet on the Rock Island. The current entered the telegraph station of the Santa Fe in Lemont and set it on fire. The station was deserted and when the fire was discovered the roof was falling. In the station at the time were about 500 pounds of dynamite awaiting shipment, and the residents realized the danger of the village. The pumping works were from, and in this emergency former Mayor Kaig, with others, set to work to remove the explosive. Though the dynamite was near the flames they carried in from the building. Two young men were slightly burned.

On Tuesday night J. G. Brown's jewelry store was burglarized at Wheaton, the goods obtained being valued at over \$100. The burglar buried a brick through the show window of the store, breaking a large hole in the window light. He then reached in and took watches, chains and holiday goods on exhibition in the window. The burglar was not discovered until the next morning. It is supposed the work was done while a train was passing, thus making it almost impossible for anyone to hear the crash. The window of Jeweler Hoess was also cut but not broken.

The new game law has developed many peculiarities and has been the subject of much expert opinion. But the most developed at Oaklawnford near Warsaw, in DuPage county, is an interesting one. The herd of deer now numbers about 100, and Mrs. Danholm wished to have eight or ten killed for holiday eating. In order to do this he had to secure a permit from the state game warden and take out a license. The permission for killing his own animals without this procedure is a fine and imprisonment.