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Judge Geo Brown Retires

DuPage County Jurist Sends Resignation to Governor Yates.

Declares He is Through With Politics—Not a Candidate for Governor—Expects to Devote his Time to Practice of Law.

Judge George W. Brown of Wheaton sent his resignation to Governor Yates last Thursday and stepped down from the bench of the Sixteenth Judicial circuit on which he had served seven years. According to Judge Brown's friends the resignation was prompted by his intention to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor. This the judge emphatically denies. He declares he is through with politics and will devote his entire time and attention to the practice of law, having formed a partnership with Clarence Knight.

Judge Brown came recently into the public eye in a very conspicuous way by denying the petition of Alderman Bennen for a writ of habeas corpus. He gave his reason for resigning in a letter to Chief Justice John P. Hand of the Illinois supreme court as follows:

"I have tendered the governor my resignation as circuit judge. This of course renders my position vacant on the bench of the third appellate court district. I take this means of notifying the supreme court that the vacancy may be filled. Please express to your associates my appreciation of the honor your court conferred upon me by appointment to the bench of the second and third appellate courts. My relations have been most cordial in both districts, and I regret to sever the ties, but I feel it my duty to myself to do so. I cannot afford to continue at the present unreasonably low salary."

Judge Brown is a native of Winfield township, DuPage county, and is 44 years old. He has lived in DuPage county all his life. After his education in the Wheaton public schools and Northwestern university he read law with Hoyne, Horton & House, Chicago, and was graduated from the Union college of law, being admitted to the bar in 1883. He began to practice his profession in Wheaton and in 1890 was elected county judge of DuPage county. In 1894 he was re-elected without opposition and in June, 1897 he resigned the county judgeship to become circuit judge of the sixteenth judicial district. Six years later he was re-elected circuit judge without opposition. In 1902 he was appointed to the appellate bench of the second district at Ottawa and was chief justice of that court when the appellate courts of the state were reorganized after the June election of 1903. He was then appointed chief justice of the appellate court of the third district at Springfield, which office he held until his resignation.

SAFETY MEASURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Alterations in the exits of school buildings were ordered by the board of education at its meeting Monday night, to render as free from danger as possible the lives of students in the event of a fire scare. Trustee L. W. Winchester brought the matter up in the form of a resolution and urged its passage. The resolution provided that steps be at once taken to alter and change the front entrance to the south side school building in such a manner that the steps leading from the first floor of said building to the ground will proceed in a straight line directly from said floor in a northerly direction to the ground, to the end that the necessity which at present exists of making a right angle turn in the vestibule in front of the front door of said building may be done away with. Also that all methods of ingress and egress to said building and all rooms therein be provided with doors which shall open outward from all rooms and buildings, if they do not already open in that manner. The building and ground committee was directed to take immediate action to see to the enforcement of the provisions of the resolution and the making of the repairs and alterations therein ordered. The committee was further directed to investigate in all other regards the present construction and arrangement of all the school buildings under their control and to recommend at next regular meeting of the board what, if any, other changes should be made to render said buildings better adapted for the preservation of the safety and well being of the school children.

FEBRUARY CLEARING SALE.

My annual February clearing sale is now in progress and low prices prevail on gentlemen's furnishings. Special line of shirts, \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00 values, all priced to go at 80 cents. My entire stock offered at corresponding reductions to close out in order to make room for spring goods. Early buyers will secure the choicest bargains and best patterns. V. Tholin, 48 North Foot street.

Additional local news on fifth page.

STRAUBE PIANO FACTORY TO MOVE.

Principal Factory in Downers Grove Given Site and Bonus to Locate at Hammond, Ind.

Negotiations were closed last week between the Straube Piano company and the citizens of Hammond, Ind., whereby that company will move their factory from Downers Grove and locate in the latter city during the coming summer. This deal has been under consideration for some time by the officers of the company. The facilities at their factory here are limited and they have been crowded for room. The citizens of Hammond offered them a four acre tract of land situated advantageously in the heart of the city and a liberal cash bonus as an inducement for the factory to locate there. The company will erect a brick and stone building fronting on two streets, 153x250 feet frontage with a width of 60 feet. The building will be three stories high and will have about twice the capacity of the factory here. The cost of the building will be approximately \$50,000. Architects are now preparing plans for the structure which is to be ready for occupancy about the first of July. The company employs about 80 men here during busy seasons. About 200 men will be employed at the new factory.

Manager Herzberg speaking of the contemplated removal said: "The growth of our business has made it absolutely necessary for us to secure more commodious quarters. The citizens of Hammond made us a liberal offer and as a business proposition we accepted it. The change is made for these reasons. Our business relations in Downers Grove have always been pleasant and I regret having to leave the village. Our pay roll here is between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a month and most of this money is spent with local merchants to whom the removal of the factory will be a serious loss. The citizens of Downers Grove knew our position in regard to the limited facilities of our factory but offered us no inducements to remain, hence when Hammond's offer was made we accepted."

ATTORNEY GRAY LOCATES AT SAVANNA

Arthur J. Gray will leave today for Savanna, Ill., where he will open an office for the practice of law. For several years Mr. Gray was attorney for the American Forwarding & Mercantile Co., later accepting a position as general counsel for the Sprague Mercantile Agency of Chicago, which position he relinquished to devote his time to establishing a private practice at Savanna. Mr. Gray is one of the prominent members of the local bar, is a brilliant lawyer and both he and his wife have many warm friends here who will learn with regret of their removal from Downers Grove. Mrs. Gray will remain here for the present and will join her husband at Savanna later.

ENTERTAINS AT PROGRESSIVE PIT.

Twenty-one ladies responded to the invitations of Mrs. Ada Anderson and Mrs. Samuel Curtis and were entertained at the home of the latter on Friday afternoon, Jan. 27. After an enjoyable time spent in paying progressive pit, the game tables were transformed into ones of repast and dainty refreshments were served. Those present: Mesdames Dawes, Dietz, Brown, Edwards, C. V. Carpenter, Rutherford, E. C. Statley, Radell, Bunge, J. Foster, Straub, Caldwell, Wheeler, H. Foster, Winchester, W. S. Carpenter, Barr of Crown Point, Ind., and Berry of Groversville, N. Y.; Misses Davies of Hinsdale, Goodspeed and Lyman.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE MEETING.

The Domestic Science department of the Downers Grove Woman's Club will hold a meeting Feb. 10 at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. F. A. Root. Mrs. A. P. Daniels has charge of the meeting and will demonstrate how to make a light and wholesome omelet. There will be a paper on eggs and their nutritive value by a member. As this is a special meeting of the club non-members are cordially invited to attend and will be admitted upon the payment of 10 cents.

FIREMEN'S MASQUERADE BALL.

The annual masquerade dance of the Downers Grove Fire Department will be given at the Auditorium next Friday evening, Feb. 13. A large number of prizes will be awarded the best costumed ladies and gentlemen. Chas. Morris, a costumer of Chicago, will be at the hall Friday afternoon with a stock of costumes for rent. The Ideal Dance orchestra will furnish music, and refreshments will be served at the hall.

TAX COLLECTOR BEGINS WORK.

Conrad Buschman has received his tax books from the county clerk and will begin the collection of taxes this week, having been a week preparing an index. Downers Grove total tax is over \$77,000 this year.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woehrel Cigar. White Rose gasoline, Naah's. A large line of masks at Rang's. Fine assortment of valentines at Rang's. Miss Mae Spach is visiting relatives at Sandwich.

New laid eggs from my own flock. M. L. Root, 45 Belden place.

M. C. Remington of Noleigh, Neb., is visiting G. H. Bunge this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Slusser returned on Saturday from their trip to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Allan Barnhart is entertaining Miss E. Steinmann of Canton, Ill., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Schultz entertained the Marlin Rifle Club at cards Wednesday evening.

Miss Ruth Cornelius is here visiting while en route from New York to her home in San Francisco.

Miss Grace Peck entertained a small party of friends Thursday evening with cards and refreshments.

Lost—\$20 in ladies' waiting room at depot. Finder please return to Mrs. A. F. Beldelman and receive reward.

Collector Buschman begins the collection of taxes today and will spend a week visiting the farming district.

For Sale—8-room house, electric light, bath, furnace heat, a complete home, price \$5,000. Naramore & Foster, 57 South Main street.

The Illinois Press Association will hold its annual meeting at Galeburg Feb. 16, 17 and 18. An interesting program has been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lipsy, who have been staying with Mrs. Lipsy's sick mother, Mrs. J. Soper, have returned to their home at 184 S. Main street.

The DuPage County Farmers Institute is in session at Wheaton this week, beginning yesterday and closing with the afternoon session tomorrow.

Mrs. T. S. Rogers, accompanied by Miss Helen Briggs, will leave here next Wednesday for Pasadena, Cal., where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

The funeral of Lloyd, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Klein, was held from the residence of Peter Leibundt Friday afternoon and burial made in the West cemetery.

We understand that E. J. John Fisher of Lombard, who is well known in this vicinity, is very sick. Hopes are entertained of his recovery but he is considered in a dangerous condition.

Mrs. J. M. Horton and two children, who have been visiting J. D. Horton and family for the last two weeks, left Wednesday for a visit at Harvey before returning to their home in Omaha, Neb.

Invitations have been issued for a dance to be given at Carpenter's hall tomorrow, Friday, evening, F. A. Dawes, J. W. Hughes, M. A. Sacksteder and E. J. W. Dietz compose the committee of arrangements.

The railroads in DuPage county seem to pay their share of the taxes. There are eight railroads in DuPage county and the aggregate amount of taxes they will be called upon to pay this spring is \$45,615.88. It would seem, by this, that the railroads pay a fair share toward greasing the wheels of the government.

Mrs. H. H. Rood and son Allen will start for Los Angeles, Cal., next Tuesday evening. They expect to be away till about the first of July. They will visit a brother in Grand Junction, Colo., and a friend in Salt Lake City on the way out. This trip is being taken for the benefit of Mrs. Rood's health and in accordance with the urgent advice of her physician.

The opening of the new rest house for engineers and firemen at Western avenue and Nineteenth street is announced by H. D. Hetzler, superintendent of terminals for the Burlington. The company will maintain the house for the benefit of the men who do not live in the city and who are waiting for return trips. It is a modern brick structure, 120x40 feet, and cost \$10,000. It is equipped with reading rooms, bath rooms and sleeping apartments. The company pays all expenses and the men are permitted to make the rest house their home while in Chicago.

An overheated sheet iron breaching of the boiler in the Oldfield building nearly caused a fire in the basement of that structure Monday night. Wood is used for fuel and the fire was being brightened up before shutting down for the night. A strong wind created a fierce draft and the breaching became red hot. Floor joists were scorched slightly before the trouble was discovered.

National Light Oil at Naah's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts'. Room to rent with or without board. Address P. O. Box 592.

Harry M. Bateman has returned from his trip through the south.

Miss Anna Meyer left Saturday for a week's visit at Gardner, Ill.

Mrs. H. D. Foster is spending a few days at her former home in St. Joseph, Mo.

Supervisor Blodgett is in attendance at the Farmer's Institute at Wheaton today, Thursday.

Postmaster Carpenter has been confined to his home with an attack of sickness this week.

C. M. Lijedahl has sold his grocery business in Hinsdale to Henry Handcroft, formerly of Luce.

A number of the young ladies of the village will give a leap year sleighing party Saturday evening.

J. S. Miller, Alex. Beldelman and Mr. Johnson are night watch at the Automobile show in Chicago.

Attorney Winchester goes to New York and Boston the latter part of this week on important legal business.

E. C. Anderson of Chicago has rented W. E. Farrar's cottage on North Foot street and will occupy it this week.

The next entertainment of the course will be The O'Neil Sketch Club, Saturday evening, Feb. 20, in refined, high-class vaudeville.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Klein wish to thank their many friends for their sympathy and acts of kindness during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. M. J. Pinnay and son of Fredonia, Kans., who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. F. Beldelman, return to their home tomorrow.

For Sale—Modern home centrally located, very desirable. Monthly payment about the same as rent. Naramore & Foster, 57 South Main street.

The Thompson family wishes to extend its heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness during their recent bereavement.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Downers Grove Furniture company will occur on Monday evening, Feb. 8, at 7:30. The meeting will be held in Carpenter's hall.

Do not forget the dime social Friday evening, Feb. 5, at the home of Mrs. M. B. Downer. Come with a good supply of conundrums and a good time is assured. Refreshments will be served.

Pupils of Miss Ella Wertzler will give a public piano recital at Carpenter's hall Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The class is composed of Ella and Marguerite Reardon, Edna Hettlinger and George Szczepanski.

The provisions of the village ordinances forbidding the dumping of ash in public streets will hereafter be rigidly enforced. Many complaints have been made in regard to this nuisance and the board has ordered the practice stopped.

A week from next Sabbath evening Prof. A. A. Hopkins will speak at a union service at the Methodist church on "Christian Loyalty." Prof. Hopkins is an author of books, a poet and an author. He will delight the crowd who will be present to hear him.

The water works well at Naperville is practically finished, the final tests having been made and proven satisfactory. The total depth of the well is 1,425 feet, water rising to within 45 feet of the top. Drilling apparatus and fixtures will be removed forthwith and the erection of the tower commenced.

The Downers Grove Woman's Club is arranging for a banquet Feb. 11, to be held in the parlors of the Congregational church. The husbands and families of members are invited and a very pleasant time is anticipated. A reception will be held in the present club rooms at 7 o'clock. The dinner will be served at 7:30 sharp.

The annual banquet of the C. E. Society of the Congregational church here was held in the church building Tuesday evening. The members and invited guests numbered nearly 100 and it was considered the most entertaining and successful of these popular gatherings. Especially attractive were the decorations which were elaborate and beautiful. The whole affair was well managed and reflects great credit on the young people who had it in charge. The society here is considered one of the best in the "Q" division. Its weekly meetings are largely attended and the service interesting and helpful.

PAVING CONTRACT TO BE LET TONIGHT

Board Has Two Bids Lower Than Estimate of Engineer—Begin Work on Sewers.

Contractors have finally been secured who will undertake the main street paving job at a price within the estimate of the board of improvements. Bids for the paving of Main street were opened by the board Friday evening. Only three proposals were received and but two of these were within the estimate. Bids were invited on 2,710 lineal feet of concrete curb and gutter, and 6,414 square yards of brick pavement on macadam foundation, together with grading. A. E. Rutledge of Rockford had the lowest bid. His price was \$13,593.94. His proposal stipulated July 1 for the completion of the work. M. H. McGovern offered to complete the work within 60 days from the time of starting and named a figure of \$12,658.08. John H. Roach's bid exceeded the estimate and was \$13,424.98. The contract will be let this evening.

Active operations looking to the construction of a sewerage system were begun by the board of trustees Monday evening. A committee was appointed to confer with the Lyman estate relative to the purchase of a tract of land west of the village to be used as a site for the filter beds and septic tanks. While only two acres are needed, President Mochel and several members of the board favor purchasing the entire tract of 30 acres and making it into a village park. On the land is a gravel pit, which would also be of value to the village in improving streets, as well as a source of revenue.

Receipts for electric lights reached the high water mark, the revenue for January being higher than any other month since the plant has been in operation. The collector's report showed collections of \$465.18 as follows: Electric lights, \$376.10; material and labor, \$53.95; meter rent, \$35.00; water rates, \$32.08.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at last report of \$787.41, receipts \$465.13, expenditures \$332.05, present balance \$920.49. Bills aggregating \$794.69 were ordered paid.

A committee consisting of Trustees Graves, Staats and Hughes were appointed to inspect public buildings and report ordinances regulating same.

THE PATRIOTIC BANQUET.

The Washington birthday banquet which is to be held in the Auditorium Monday evening, Feb. 23, promises to be an occasion of unusual interest. For five years this annual patriotic occasion has been successfully observed until it seems to have become a thoroughly established feature of the uplifting social life of this community. The purpose this year as heretofore will be to develop a genuine good fellowship and emphasize the duty and privilege of Christian patriotism. On previous occasions the ladies have furnished the supper but this year a Chicago caterer, W. E. Thornton, will furnish the supper at 50 cent a plate at which price the tickets will be sold. The management hopes to sell enough gallery tickets, for those who only care to listen to the splendid program and not care for supper, to pay for the rent of the hall and the traveling expenses of the speakers, music, etc. These tickets will be sold at 15 cents. Both classes of tickets will be on sale at the drug stores next week Tuesday. Only a limited number can be accommodated at supper because of lack of space for tables. Those who come first will be sure to secure tickets. They are open to all and all are invited to purchase them until the supply is exhausted. The complete program of the speakers, toasts and menu will appear next week.

ENTERTAINING NEWSPAPER FEATURES.

Probably no other newspaper in the United States can show so brilliant an array of special features as is found in the columns of the Chicago Record-Herald. The daily and Sunday news and special features of the Chicago Record-Herald include the letters of Wm. E. Curtis and Walter Wallman. The Record-Herald's special New York dispatches, its unparalleled foreign news service, embracing its own special cables with those of the New York Herald, the New York World and the Associated Press; its pages devoted to the markets and financial and commercial intelligence—exhaustive to the most satisfactory degree—its popular sporting page, its extended editorial department, Kiser's humorous "Alternating Currents," "Stories of the Day," the departments of railroad and insurance news, music and drama, society and clubs, the column of book reviews, the continued story, the "Woman Beautiful" department, the daily fashion article, "Meals for a day," news of the great lakes, etc.—all uniting to furnish the people of Chicago and the Northwest a newspaper which commands itself in its own merits.

Slusser For Circuit Bench

DuPage County Will Support States Attorney for Judge.

Field Full of Candidates for Position Whose Longs of Right in DuPage County Slusser Popular in County and District. Mazzini Slusser returned from California Saturday and Monday announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for the circuit judgeship, succeeded Judge George W. Brown, who resigned Thursday. Mr. Slusser's judicial aspirations have received with encouragement throughout the county where his labors as state's attorney have won him renown for integrity, stability of character and stern justice. The sixteenth judicial district comprises the counties of DuPage, Kane, DeKalb and Kendall. Kane county has one of the judgeships; Judge Willis of Elgin; DeKalb one, Judge Bishop of Byramore. DuPage county is entitled to the other position to be filled on the unexpired term of Judge Brown.

Aurora has no less than five candidates for the position made vacant by Judge Brown's resignation. They are Messrs. Raymond, Goodwin, Southworth, Murphy and ———. Kane county has enough delegates in the judicial convention to control the situation should they concentrate their vote on any one candidate. They already have one judge and heretofore president has conceded one judge to DuPage county. Of course, should Kane county act the bog it would be an important matter by combining forces to secure the plum for an Aurora man. Nevertheless Kane leaders realize it would be a mighty poor political play to do so. As a matter of fairness and good politics the judgeship should go to a DuPage county man. The divided condition of Kane county, where they have the primary election system, makes an interesting and chaotic session at the convention, and to whom the choice will fall is a matter of conjecture. Mr. Slusser will enter the convention with the solid support of DuPage county and before that day expects to secure staunch support from DeKalb and Kendall counties, as well as from Kane county delegates who are actuated by a spirit of fairness. Therefore he has every reason to expect success.

Mr. Slusser is a member of the law firm of Carnahan, Slusser, Hawks & Cox of Chicago, and has resided in DuPage county for fifteen years, coming from Ohio. He was elected to the office of state's attorney of DuPage county in 1896, and re-elected to the position four years later. Mr. Slusser is well known in his home county, and in fact throughout the district, as an able lawyer of strong character—a character whose private and official side is unscathed by scandal, political intrigue or abuse of his political powers. As state's attorney of DuPage county he has made an enviable record. Mr. Slusser's legal qualifications will make him a worthy successor of Judge Brown. He is recognized as one of the leading consulting lawyers of the Chicago bar, a man of careful judgment and one thoroughly posted on all questions of law and equity.

ARCADIAN CLUB BANQUET.

The second annual banquet of the Arcadian club was held in the boys' club rooms Saturday evening, Jan. 23. The rooms were especially decorated for the evening and presented a very attractive and cozy appearance. The regular program was taken up as follows: Piano duet, Samuel Konstant and Emma Skinner, reading, Hollis Giddings; vocal solo, Alexander Duncan; current events, Louis Parks; piano solo, Helena Fishery; original story, Fred Dickinson; piano duet, Majorie Adams and Evelyn Skenson; impromptu, Harry Hall. In the dining room a table full of good things, satisfying to the inner man, greeted the members. The club president, Edwin Fridman, acted as toast master, and in appropriate remarks introduced the toast makers: Miss Grace Helling, "The Growth of the Club the Past Year"; Miss Holista Giddings, "The Origin of the Club Name, Arcadian"; Alexander Duncan, "Benefits of the Club to Members Not at Present Attending School." The success of the banquet was due largely to the committee, Misses Majorie Adams and Alice Burrows, and John Slusser.

STILL MORE WIDOWS—NOW 16.

Fred J. Miller is responsible for the statement that we neglected more than a score of the widows of Downers Grove in the recent exposition held in the REPORTER. We gave the names of 88 widows. He says the number fully 95 we did not mention. We can produce the names of the widows taken from the census of 1900. There were 100 widows in Downers Grove in 1900. There are now 16 widows in Downers Grove.