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Accuses Phipps of Fraud

John Walker Charges Fraudulent Transfer of DuPage Land.

Mrs. Brown of Clarendon Hills Drowns Herself in a Well—Other County News From Exchanges.

In a suit involving \$630,000, John Walker of Pittsburg in the circuit Tuesday accused Henry Phipps, Jr., former partner of Andrew Carnegie, of having had false deeds executed on land in dispute between them and having them filed in DuPage county on April 11. Charles L. Strobel of Chicago was an earlier plaintiff against Phipps. The contention is over the division of DuPage and Cook county property bought by a syndicate said to have been composed of Phipps, owning 60 per cent; Mr. Strobel, formerly general agent of the Carnegie company, 15 per cent; and Walker 25 per cent. Both Strobel and Walker allege that for convenience in sale they allowed the property to be held in the name of Phipps. They say Phipps has unjustly divided the property and ask an accounting. The following pieces are involved: Property between Kedzie and California avenues, West 47th and West 40th street, bought ten years ago for \$320,000. Sections 6 and 7 on boundary of Cook and DuPage counties and separated by 47th avenue, paid to be worth \$210,000. Downers Grove township, mile by a mile, near Hinsdale, \$100,000.

The city of Wheaton is about to enter into contract with the electric railway for the furnishing of electricity for lighting purposes. At the meeting of the city council Monday evening the situation was thoroughly canvassed and an understanding arrived at which will culminate in a contract later. About \$40,000 worth of machinery will be installed in the Lombard substation of the electric railway where the alternating current will be changed over to the product necessary for street and house lighting. It is expected that other towns along the line of that railway will want to install the same system. It would cost the city of Wheaton from \$8,000 to \$9,000 to repair and increase the capacity of the electric light plant to meet the demands of the increasing business. The present electric light plant lot might be utilized for the erection of a city hall, the lower portion to be used for the housing of the fire apparatus. That would give that building a central location.

With the opening of spring the gas company has proceeded to get busy at Hinsdale. Today 179 service pipes are in, and the gas being extended to Hinsdale homes at the rate of eight a day. A large force of gas fitters are busy setting stoves, laying service pipes and piping houses under the liberal terms the company is offering Hinsdale consumers. Foreman Waldron has 30 laborers digging for mains, etc. Friday the main in the alley west of the stores was put in, and the work of completing the mains in various parts of town will be completed as early as possible. In a few weeks a gang will commence the high pressure main to Downers Grove. It is expected that 400 consumers will be secured in Hinsdale this year.

Mrs. Brown of Clarendon Hills committed suicide Thursday night by drowning herself in a well. When her husband arose Friday morning he missed her and a search revealed her body in the deep well back of the house. The well was 40 feet deep and contained 30 feet of water. Mrs. Brown was 55 years old and had been in ill health for some time. Her husband and a son of 13 years survive her. The coroner's inquest was held Friday afternoon, the verdict being death by drowning while mentally deranged. She had shown symptoms of insanity on several occasions recently. A fall down stairs eight months ago together with her illness is believed to be the cause.

The question of granting a franchise to the LaGrange Gas company for the laying of gas pipes in the city of West Chicago was settled last Saturday evening by the city council, and Col. Copley has now completed his chain of cities to which he wishes to furnish gas. West Chicago is offered all of the gas needed for the city's consumption to light the town hall, water works and all public buildings now or hereafter erected, and gas will be furnished to the general public at a rate of \$1 per thousand feet.

CASS ITEMS.

Mrs. George Price, daughter of the late Elijah Smart, and sister of Jerome Smart of Cass, died at Lemont yesterday, the result of pneumonia. The funeral will be held at the Cass church on Sunday. Rev. Barclay will officiate. Mrs. Price was born in Cass in 1839 and lived there all her life until moving to Lemont nine years ago. Miss Pearl DeGroot and Cora Smart visited Miss Lottie Littleford Wednesday. Mrs. James West, who has been ill for the past three months, is now greatly improved in health. Charles Hawkins of Lemont was papering and decorating Mrs. Patrick Welch's house Tuesday. Harry Reehl visited relatives in Chicago over Sunday. Harry Gregory spent Tuesday in Cass.

BOARD ADOPTS SEWER PLANS.

Public Hearing on Proposed Improvement Will Be Heard Next Tuesday.

The village board held an adjourned meeting Friday evening to canvass the election returns and to take action on the proposed sewer systems. The board of improvements has decided upon three separate systems as being adapted to the needs of the village. Two storm water sewers, one each for the north and south sides, and a complete sanitary sewer covering the entire village, have been decided upon. The plans and estimates of the cost of the sanitary system and the north side storm sewer were passed upon Friday evening. The public hearing of the property owners will be held Tuesday afternoon, May 3, at 1 o'clock. The estimated cost of the sanitary system is \$54,000, exclusive of the site for the purification works and filter beds. The north side storm sewers will cost \$13,100. Detailed information regarding the route of the sewers, together with the itemized bill of the cost, will be found in the "Notice of time and place of public hearing" on the fourth page of this issue.

Plans for the south side storm sewers are still in preparation. This sewer will not be as extensive as the one for the north side and the cost will be under \$10,000. For this sewer the plan is to use the creek as the main and lay branches from it. The stream will be cleaned and straightened. Each of these systems is independent of the other and either may be adopted separately.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The temperature continued abnormally low until the 22 when a decided rise occurred. Maxima about 80 degrees were recorded generally toward the latter part of the week. A snow storm prevailed over the southern section on the 30. As fruit trees were in a somewhat advanced stage of budding, injury ensued, but the extent of damage is not yet manifest. The season is decidedly backward. The daily deficiency in temperature averaged about 7 degrees. Germination and plant growth made but little progress. The condition of wheat has not improved, and reports do not indicate an assuring stage at present. The oat crop is mostly sown, but not under favorable conditions. The soil has been cold and germination slow. Many fields will require replanting. Considerable plowing for corn has been done. Generally the work has progressed under favorable conditions, the soil being mellow and breaking well. On account of the backward season is becoming scarce, pastures not having attained reasonable growth. Clover has suffered on account of severe weather, many fields being winter-killed. The loss among young pigs has been considerable, owing to the cold, frosty nights. In the southern district much damage has been done to fruit, but in other sections no apparent injury ensued. Gardening is in a backward state.

REDIERS-MOCHEL WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Eva Mochel of Downers Grove to Mr. Frederick Rediters of Gower was celebrated April 20 at the home of the bride's parents. Promptly at 8 o'clock, Miss Clara Mochel, sister of the bride, began playing the wedding march, and to these strains the bridal party entered the parlor and took their place under an arch of ferns and roses during the ceremony which was performed by Rev. M. Weber in the presence of 30 relatives and friends. The bridesmaids were Misses Lulu Mochel, the bride's sister, and Anna Oestmann of Lacey. The groomsmen were Messrs. Louis Rediters, a brother of the groom, and Wm. Eggert of Gower. The bride wore a dress of white batiste, her veil was caught with sprays of lilies of the valley and she carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of pink roses. An elaborate supper was served and the evening was spent in dancing and other amusements. The bride possesses a sunny disposition which is sure to make friends and the groom is a man of good habits. Their many friends wish them a happy future.

A GREAT PIANO OPPORTUNITY.

Lyon & Healy, Chicago's largest music house, has just bought out the western house for the Weber piano and other celebrated instruments. Hundreds of beautiful pianos that crowded the big Weber salesrooms on Wabash avenue will now be sold by Lyon & Healy. Prices will be quoted that will make it possible for almost any family to secure a Weber or other high grade piano. All pianos are selected by experts. Pianos shipped anywhere. Write today for bargain list. It contains new pianos as low as \$125; and second hand pianos as low as \$100 and every instrument is an exceptional bargain. Write today to Lyon & Healy, 2 Adams street, Chicago.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Weohrel Cigar. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Manna bread at Rang's, the best made—try it. A. G. Prince of Iowa City visited here over Sunday. Miss Jessie Potter of Chicago was a visitor here over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Foster are spending a few days in New Orleans.

LOST—Black and white fox terrier on Tuesday; reward, 184 South Main. Herbert J. Tweedie will occupy A. J. Prince's residence on Saratoga avenue May 1.

Mrs. Otto Reichs and son of Naperville spent Thursday with Mrs. H. G. Hodler.

A. L. Smart entertained Mrs. E. M. Smart and daughter Pearl at his home last Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Austin and son Delbert returned last week from their visit in North Carolina.

W. H. Radell returned Friday from Arkansas where he was looking after his extensive timber lands.

The annual May fete given by the Congregational choir will be held at the Auditorium on Friday evening, May 30.

Charles Laberge will give a violin recital at the Baptist church May 12. He will be assisted by Miss Bessie Selbie, soprano, of LaGrange.

Furnished rooms for rent, in new and modern house with all conveniences; water, electric lights, bath room, etc. Apply at 93 Gilbert avenue.

FOR SALE—Carriages and several sets of single harness; property of the late Mrs. Morse. Apply to Walter Scott Bryan, or John Browning on the place.

Invitations will be issued for a May party to be given by the members of the dancing class on Saturday evening, May 7th, at Carpenter's hall. Shirt-waist costumes. A Maypole dance will be a feature.

It may interest you to know that the Illinois Lumber and Construction Co. has taken the Downers Grove agency for all kinds of building and crushed stone, and will keep a supply on hand for prompt delivery.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." There are other good things besides puddings. For instance—the O'Neil's Sketch Club! Don't be a "pudding-head" but go and see them at the Auditorium, Saturday evening, April 30th.

Call on Gollan & Wolf at Fuller's greenhouse for bedding plants. They have a nice assortment of geraniums, coleus, pansies, ageratums, verbenas and heliotropes; also vegetable plants by the dozen or hundred. Prices reasonable. Telephone 251.

The annual anniversary celebration of the founding of the Downers Grove lodge, I. O. O. F., will be observed at the lodge hall next Saturday evening. Installation of officers will be a feature. Refreshments will be served. All members are requested to attend.

Contractor Rutledge has commenced work on his paving contract for Main street. The matter of securing teams for the work has delayed the progress of the work somewhat and the contractor expects to be compelled to import Italian laborers from the city. The job of cutting the hills on South Main street and grading that portion of the thoroughfare is in progress.

Mrs. Ida Morton of 135 F. Foote street will entertain a party of friends Thursday evening in honor of her birthday. Among those present will be a number from Downers Grove, the out of town guests being as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and daughter of St. Louis; J. P. H. Perry of New York City; J. B. Juno of Schenectady, N. Y.; J. D. McLeod of Providence, R. I. and N. H. Ponnall of Waltham, Mass.

JERUSHA DOW'S FAMILY ALBUM.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will give an entertainment in the Auditorium, Friday evening, May 6. The entertainment will consist of Jerusha Dow's Family Album and a program of readings and music. Jerusha Dow's Family Album consists of a succession of living pictures in what appears like a large old time album. Miss Bock, who has charge of the affair, plays the part of Jerusha Dow and tells funny stories about each picture as it appears. Besides the family album the program of readings by Miss Bock and the musical numbers by the best talent will be a rare treat. The entire program will be very unique, something different from the usual and will no doubt receive the patronage which it deserves.

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearitt's. Just like home made, Rang's Manna bread. Try it.

W. E. Moberg and E. D. Otto spent last week at St. Louis.

For Sale—Five lots in East Grove. Apply to Wm. Straube.

Mr. and Mrs. Len B. Parker are home from their annual theatrical trip.

Mrs. A. J. Gray of Cabery was visiting her brother John Gray last week.

Mrs. W. W. Tucker leaves today for an extended visit with Des Moines relatives.

Mrs. Geo. Kelper of Streator spent a few days last week with Mrs. Allen Barnhart.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Henning and son Edgar of Plano visited at D. G. Graham's Tuesday.

J. A. Norpal has rented the Corcoran cottage on Highland avenue and will occupy it May 1.

Allen Barnhart has accepted a responsible position with the Corn Exchange National bank in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Coleman, who have resided in Downers Grove for the past year, will return to Chicago this week.

FOR SALE—Bantams; will sell in pairs or singly; also one white Wyandotte and Brahma mixed rooster. Apply 156 North Main street.

The LaGrange Gas company is preparing to commence laying its mains in the streets here. Some of the pipe has arrived and is being unloaded.

FOR SALE—My residence at 138 North Main street. Ten rooms, stam heat, electric lights, hardwood floors, etc. good barn. Price \$4,000. Any old terms. E. K. Stevens.

Julius Johnson sells high grade Pennsylvania and Standard oils and gasolines. Leave orders at Bush & Simonson's or telephone 484 and let him fill your cans. Prompt service guaranteed.

Maple City Self-washing soap contains no rosin, wood fibre, or other adulterations so common to laundry soaps. Those who follow instructions escape all useless drudgery at the washboard.

An exchange says the ideal newspaper has not yet arrived. No, or the ideal people for the ideal newspaper to write about, or the ideal world for the ideal people to inhabit. When these arrive we will also have the ideal newspaper.

Will the parties who returned the book *Life of Christ* and left the same at the front door of my house last Thursday will also please be so kind as to return the book on Pure Foods and how to cook them, and oblige. Yours truly, R. D. Parker.

Free sample to agent. Practical, ready call device for telephones. Saves brain work and hours of time. Sells itself; one sale sells dozens; seeing is believing; send stamp. The Telephone Appliance company, 1 Madison avenue, Dep. F. A. D., New York City.

The Straube Piano company is making sweeping reductions in piano prices to dispose of surplus stock before moving. Prices are lower than you can ever again buy these high grade instruments. Call on John O. Olsson at the factory and get prices and terms.

Six ladies accepted the invitation to attend Reciprocity day at the Naperville Woman's club April 30. Mrs. F. A. Dawes gave the report of the Downers Grove club. The reception was given at the beautiful new Goodwin home and was a delightful affair. Mesdames Daniels, Root, Radell, C. V. Carpenter and Straube were the other ladies in attendance.

By an amendment of the law concerning mortgages, passed by the last legislature of Illinois, the county judge is authorized to make acknowledgment of chattel mortgages, and to enter them, regardless of what part of the county the mortgagor resides in. This will obviate the necessity of going before a justice in the town where the chattels are situated, and is a convenience of which many will take advantage.

The Baptist church will observe the Lord's supper at the morning service. The subject of the morning service will be The Evils of Self-Separateness. The evening subject at 7:30 will be The Moral Aspect of the Atonement. The Lotus club will sing at the evening service and we are sorry to say this will be their last evening with us. The many and pleasant manner in which they have conducted the music of the evening service for the past ten weeks has been fully appreciated by the pastor. For such votes of song opens the way for the message of the word.

EPWORTH LEAGUE LECTURE COURSE.

Closing Lecture, "Utah and the Mormon Commonwealth," Next Tuesday Night.

The fourth and last lecture of the course will occur on Tuesday evening, May 3, the subject being "Utah and the Mormon Commonwealth." Mr. Brigham has spent several years in Utah in the capacity of a government official and has had excellent opportunity to make a careful study of the people and no doubt will throw light on some subjects of which ordinary people know very little. Mr. Brigham has spoken to unusually large and appreciative audiences in his first three lectures and we have reason to believe that this last one will be just as largely attended and fully as interesting and instructive as any of the others. If you desire to hear a sweet singer and an instructive lecture do not fail to attend the last one given in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening next. Single admission, 25 cents. Children, 15 cents.

PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 Mrs. Adah Anderson gave a children's party to sweeten the memory of the 6th birthday of her little daughter. It was an ideal day for such an occasion, and thirty-six of Helen's friends greeted her and enjoyed the games out of doors as well as in. Master Harold Farr of Crown Point Ind., little Miss Lucile Bush of Charlotte, N. C., and Laura Stevens of the North Side, sent their regrets in the form of a sweet note. Miss Grace Helling and Miss Thompson of Batavia took charge of the amusement of the children in their genial and happy manner. When tired of games and fun they seated themselves in their low chairs in the dining room and did ample justice to refreshments of sandwiches, ice cream and cake, and carried off the proverbial "stick of candy." Many were the tokens of remembrance left by the little friends. Among the useful and valuable presents one in particular is worthy of special mention. It was a solid silver teaspoon over one hundred years old, given by Mrs. Berner. The spoon had belonged to Grandma Aldridge and was given to her on her wedding day, bearing the inscription "J. R." May many such occasions brighten the sweet, innocent child life we all love so well.

DUPAGE COUNTY TEACHERS' RESOLUTIONS.

The DuPage County Teachers' association, at its last meeting held in Downers Grove, April 16, adopted the following resolutions: Whereas, in His infinite wisdom our divine heavenly Father has called from her earthly labors to a higher and more extensive field of usefulness, our esteemed and beloved co-worker, Miss Sarah A. Holland, who has been associated with us, the DuPage county teachers, for about 30 years and who has devoted the best energies of a pure, noble, bright mind and enthusiastic spirit in the cause of education, and who through her many years of service has always possessed our highest regards, therefore, while we bow in submission to the decree of a loving and all-wise Father, resolved, that as teachers of DuPage county, we deem it fitting and proper and desire to express the sense of loss we feel in her untimely removal from our association. Resolved, that we in convention assembled do hereby express our high regards for the efficiency of Miss Holland as a teacher, and our personal bereavement in her death; that we rejoice that her influence abides in the exalted characters of her pupils, which she has helped largely to form, and in the hearts of many friends who loved her, and that we desire to express our sympathy to the stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Holland, and to the family. Be it further resolved that these resolutions be sent to the family of Miss Holland and copies be furnished the Downers Grove Reporter and Wheaton Illinois for publication.

We, the teachers of DuPage county in convention assembled, deem it fitting to express our sense of loss in the death of Mrs. Minnie Johnson Davis. Therefore, be it resolved that this association tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and family and that we express our high esteem of her noble life and character. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the husband and that they also be sent to the local papers for publication. O. M. Searles, Janet E. (Turnes), Mattie H. Hall, committee.

The report of V. Simonson, treasurer of the entertainment course committee shows total receipts amounting to \$532.61, disbursements \$338.65, balance in treasury \$193.96. This includes the balance on hand from last year of \$40.81. The report is in detail in the office of D. G. Graham for the inspection of those interested.

Meeting of Supervisors

Official Proceedings of Organization of County Board.

Thomas Betts Elected Chairman and Committee Appointed for the Year—Board Passes on Claims.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at a special meeting held at the court house in Wheaton, Tuesday, April 19, pursuant to the adjournment of the regular meeting which was duly published.

The board was called to order by the clerk and on motion of Supervisor Hammer Schmidt Supervisor Fischer was unanimously elected chairman. The credentials of the newly elected members of the board were read and examined, and being considered in due form, said newly elected members having qualified and filed their bonds, on motion of Supervisor Churchill were declared members of the board.

On roll call all members of the board answered to their names. The full board consists of Supervisors G. A. Fischer, Fred Neddermeyer, C. D. Bartlett, A. H. Fairbank, W. W. Steven, Wm. Hammer Schmidt, Jas. McClintock, F. H. Cramer, O. B. Blodgett, Alvin Scott and Thos. Betts. On motion of Supervisor Churchill an informal ballot was taken for permanent chairman. On motion of Supervisor McClintock the chair appointed Supervisors Fairbank and McClintock as tellers. On the informal ballot the vote was as follows: Supervisor Betts nine votes, Supervisor McClintock one vote, Supervisor Fischer one vote, Supervisor Hammer Schmidt one vote. On motion of Supervisor Steven the informal ballot was declared formal, and Supervisor Betts was declared chairman of the new board for the ensuing year.

Minutes of the last preceding meeting were read and declared approved. All bills and communications on file with the clerk were read and referred to their respective committees when appointed. On motion of Supervisor Churchill action on communication in relation State Conference of Charities to be held at Quincy next October was deferred until the September meeting.

On motion of Supervisor Hammer Schmidt the board took a recess to 1 o'clock. On convening for afternoon session the following standing committee was appointed by the chair: Finance, Hammer Schmidt, Fischer, Bartlett; claims, Fischer, Cramer, Churchill; law and subjects, Steven, Neddermeyer, Fairbank; court house and grounds, Blodgett, Bartlett, Cramer; county farm, Churchill, Hammer Schmidt, Fairbank; special, Fairbank, Scott, Neddermeyer; judiciary, Cramer, Steven, Bartlett; licenses, Bartlett, McClintock, Steven; counsel, Scott, Steven; Cramer; county supplies, McClintock, Bartlett, Steven; rules, Steven, McClintock, Fischer.

On motion of Supervisor Hammer Schmidt the following report of committee on claims was approved: Your committee to whom has been referred the claims beg to report that they have examined all claims presented and recommend the payment of the following:

W W Steven, com work	\$ 5 20
A Churchill, same	6 00
R T Morgan, postage etc	12 00
Chas Vogel, labor	36 00
R B Stevens & Co, coal	40 26
Wheaton Electric Co, lights	56 00
Ill Industrial school, care inmates	60 00
Dr W A Topp, care transient	6 00
Chicago Tel Co, toll	12 00
W K Gold Sons, lumber	252 97
Ill Northern Hosp, care inmates	23 75
Boyd Bros, building material	177 49
W G Smith, justice fees	7 20
Pettibone & Co, printing	35 95
Peterson & Co, wood	8 00
H F Blodgett, care transient	5 00

On motion of Supervisor Churchill the board adjourned to call of clerk.

H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

A GOOD THING!

The entertainment to be given by the O'Neil's Sketch club Saturday evening, April 30, under the auspices of Maple Grove lodge, K. of P., promises to be one of the best ever given by that organization in this village. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil will appear in two comedies, "A Husband in Clover" and "A Figure of Speech." Miss Lucile V. Granger, the charming young lady who sang so delightfully at their former entertainment, will be with them again with new songs. Her's is real music, and those who heard her before know what a treat is in store. Miss Nellie Carpenter will preside at the piano; thus assuring the audience there will not be one dull moment during the evening. As there will be no more tickets sold than will fill the house it will be well to secure your tickets early.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

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