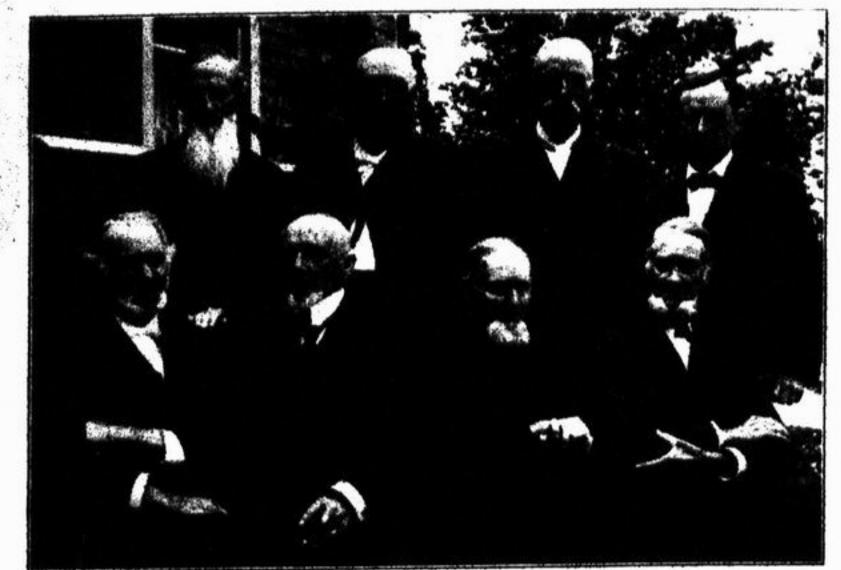
A Group of Illinois Pioneers



E. C. STANLEY Top Row-E. O. STANLEY JOHN STANLEY L. W. STANLEY Lower Row-D. C. STANLEY

The above is from a group photo taken a few weeks ago on the occasion of the visit of Judge Adams, of California, to Downers Grove. The faces are no doubt familiar ones, being nearly all connected with the early history of Downers Grove We propose to give a series of articles on different people who have been identified with the village in one way and another, and for this week we give a sketch on the life of Captain T. S. Rogers. Sketches on the others whose photos are shown above will follow later.

Life Sketch of Captain T. S. Rogers of Downers Grove

The subject of this sketch was born in Morristown, St. Lawrence county, New York, on Aug. 30, 1831. His forefathers previously lived in Massachusetts and were therefore of Old Colonial Bay State stock. In 1844 the family, composed of his father. Joseph Ives Rogers, his mother and his brothers, J. Warren and Frank, and three sisters, came to Illinois and settled on a two hundred acrehomestead about a mile and a half north of the limits of Downers Grove, near where Frank Rogers now lives. That trip in those early days was an event long to be remembered. It was made by steamboat up the St. Lawrence River to the mouth of the Genesee River, thence to Rochester and from thence by way of the Eric Canal to Buffalo, where a steamer was secured bound for Chicago. The trip occupied twelve days. Chicago was only a city of twelve thousand and a half and was the great city of the west then as it is now. Beyond was the boundless prairie.

When the captain's family located here the most of the regions round and about were in their natural state and a great deal of government land was sold after. Where now stand Hinsdale and La Grange was, as he terms it, "a howling wilderness," abounding with prairie chicken and other game fowls and animals. Deer was plentiful all about here. Freat forest covered this section and many of the trees were over four feet through.

The captain remained with his parents till attaining his majority, when he purchased a farm of his own near by. In 1855 he was married to Miss Helen M. Stanley, who comes from one of Illinois' early pioneer families. She had preceded him to Du Page county with her family in 1835. For five years the captain and his wife lived on the farm. In the year 1860 he was elected sheriff of the county and removed to Naperville, then the county seat. Before the term was over the great war between the north and the south broke out and the captain raised a company and went to the front. In fact during the conflict he raised four successive companies. He had a long and varied experience during that great conflict and it is exceedingly interesting to listen to his recital of those eventful days.

The writer was shown through the captain's beautiful home, surrounded by maples planted in 1866, and on the wall of his reception room hangs a nicely illuminated escutcheon chart, taken from the war records, that any one might be proud of. The long list of battles and skirmishes, advances, night attacks and death dealing experiences are recorded thereon in a column reading as follows: " "Attached to Ward's brigade, skirmish, Frankfort Oct. 9, 1862, Lawrenceburg Oct. 10 13, Bowling Green Oct. 24, Taylor Ridge May 7, 1863, Snake River Gap May 9 10, Sugar Valley May 11 12." These are called the preliminary and soldier making experiences by the captain and the gallant 105th Illinois. On May 13 till 15 the first great battle was experienced by him at Resaca. After that the record reads on: "Calboun May 17, Cassville May 19-22, Advance on Dallas May 23-25, Burnt Hickory May 25, Battle Dallas, Pumpkin, Vine Creek, New Hope Church, Allatoona Hills May 26 June 9." Then again in the Atlanta campaign we read: "Lost Mountain June 14, Golgotha June 15-16, Nose's Creek June 17, Pinc Knob June 19, Culp Farm June 22, Nickajack Creek July 25, Peach River Creek July 19 20 and siege of Atlanta July 22 and re siege Sept. 2." On Sept. 3 he resigned. receiving his honorable discharge. The captain returned to Downers Grove where he joined his wife in 1865.

He purchased a village property and creeted thereon his residence, which now is about the center of the village. He entered into a meat business in Chicago and for thirty eight years be conducted this business, twice suffering from fire, once that of the great holocaust of 1871. Only a few weeks ago he sold out his Chicago business and is now enjoying the retirement that should come after such a long and strenuous life.

The captain has been honored many times by the people of Du Page county with public office. He was for a number of years one of the township trustees and has held every office in the gift of the people of the township. He was a member of the village board first in 1873, and continued so for thirteen successive years, twelve of which he sat as president. At present he is on the board of equalization for the state.

Ever since the formation of the G. A. R. Captain Rogers has been identified with that organization. He organized Naper Post, located here, in 1884 and has been its commander ever since, except for one year. He has attended nearly every encampment of the nation and of the state of the G. A. R. and has a banner at his good farm security in northern Illinois. home, about six feet long by four feet wide, containing over a hundred badges worn by him at the different G. A. R. events.

The captain is of a genial nature, always ready for general and beneficial improvement of the village. He is highly respected and known generally not only throughout the county but the state in general. His wife is a very amiable lady, and though the couple have passed the "three score and ten" of man's allotted age, no doubt life has many happy years for them, as every one in Downers J.29, care The Reporter. Grove and hereabouts wish for them.

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charge of William Tucker (grandfather and referred to their respective com- ers Grove Reporter, and receive reward.

A writer in a Hinsdale paper has been chusetts, and charges "one Joel Fair care The Reporter. commenting on the pleasant drives banks, late of said Charlton, or otherabout the country, and incidentally gives wise, laborough," being of age, culpable, some descriptive matter about the dif- did on or about the 18th day of July, terent villages. Whether on purpose or 1781, take or carry away four sheep be Curtiss & Heartt's. not, the following is inserted in the ar longing to said William Tucker, valued ticle: "If one goes west he must pass at forty eight shillings." The paper was through the pretty little village of Clar. consequently nearly a century and a endon Hills, thrifty East Grove on the quarter old, is yellowed in color. One right and sleepy, old fashioned Downers peculiar thing is that no doubt the Grove (I had almost written it Grave) justices at that time had not become faa pleasant place to turn and drive home miliar with the new name of the country again." The writer must have taken for the United States of America does

Du Page Supervisors Meet

The Board of Supervisors of Du Page county, met at a special meeting held at careful attention to all orders of baggage the court house in Wheaton, on Friday, and expressing. Leave orders at Adams and can make very prompt deliveries. Posted up in J. W. Tucke's real estate the 15th day of July, A. D. 1904, pur Express Co., or 102 Carpenter St. office is a very unique document. It is suant to call of chair. All members a warrant issued by a Masachusetts were present except Supervisor Cramer. justice of the peace on February 29. The minutes of last preceding meeting Page River, tan coat. Please return to 1783. The wording is in quant old read and approved. Bills and commu- Mrs. J. C. Austin, 91 Maple avenue, English terms. It was issued on the nications on file with the clerk were read Downers Grove, Ill., or to office Down-

mittees. Petition of voters of the town of Bloomingdale to divide the precinct into two voting districts was, on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, referred to the special committee.

penses..... 10 00 W. W. Steven, committee work and ex-R. T. Morgan, postage, express, etc..... 12 95 F. J. Knight, publishing assessment list, Mullenix & Renton, gasoline Chicago Telephone Co., toll to June 20. V. L. Hawker, electrical repairs to jail... Wheaton El. Lt. Co., light for Jung..... D. B. figter, pub. proceedings to June 1 15 00 Am. Arithmometer Co., add'n machine. 375 00 Lumbard Brick & Tile Co., brick P. F. Pettibone & Co., books and blanks. 173 80 Der Beobachter, pub. proceed I year Illinois Industrial School for Girls Children's Home & Aid Society 150 00 R. B. Steven & Co., coal for county farm. 300 94 Boyd Bros., labor at county farm Thomas Bros., laundry work..... W. W. DeWolf, deputy fees..... A. L. Hamilton, blanks 43 00

J. M. Hiser, sheriff's fees 167 22 On motion of Supervisor McClintock the recommendation of Superintendent Morgan for the adoption of the Augsburg system of drawing for public schools, was declared approved and adopted.

W. W. Renton, gasoline..... 6 75

The county clerk recommended the purchase of one for each of the county offices of the DuPage county atlas, but recommendation was not concurred in.

The town of Bloomingdale's request to be subdivided into two precincts, was concurred in.

On motion of Supervisor Bartlett, the abatement lists for 1903, as submitted by County Treasurer Knight, was ordered abated, except where marked " collect."

Must Have Mail Signal

The ruling of the post office depart ment that rural mail boxes must now have signals attached to indicate whether there is mail in the box or not is of considerable interest to many. The order reads: "Ordered that the order of July 9, 1902, be and the same is hereby amended so as to provide that all approved fural mail boxes be equipped with a suitable signal for the purpose of indicating whether or not there is mail therein. That more than one family be permitted to use the same rural mail box; provided, that written notice of such agreement between two or more families is filed with the postmaster at the distributing post office. That post- and on motion Trustee Slusser was masters may order for prospective made a special committee to interview patrons any approved box selected by the general manager of the Chicago the patron and at the patron's request, Telephone Company and cite to him the but postmasters are prohibited from advantageous franchise the company receiving any compensation or profit has here and that we should have about

Rural Delivery Two Cents

venience to the postal authorities, as were made. The police authorities will kept. People should remember that all lookout for offenders in the future. residents of the village in which the ors doing work on the streets have been postoffice is located. Drop letters, where leaving the streets badly torn up at the recipients go to the postoffice for night, without danger lights, and as this their mail, is only one cent, but where may result in a tragedy the trustees delivery is made it is two cents.

Miscellaneous Lucals

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Village Board Meets

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Some of the trustees reported that there was considerable complaint about Many people are in the habit of bicycle riding on the sidewalks, and putting a one cent stamp on their mail Attorney Slusser said he was ready to for rural delivery, and this causes incon prosecute any against whom complaints records of "collect postage" have to be be given instructions to keep a sharp

who live along the rural routes are not. It seems that the different contract instructed the street commissioners to warn the different contractors against such dangerous acts.

The matter of the sidewalk building was discussed at some length. Some are having walks built that are not the full twelve inches in thickness and the attention of tax payers is called to the fact that they need not pay for any walks if they are not accepted by the street and alley committee.

The village board adjourned to meet on August 10, when several sidewalk ordinances will be put through.

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