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HAS GOV. DENEEN GIVEN DU PAGE COUNTY A SQUARE DEAL?

One of the numerous instances which show the ill feeling which Gov. Deneen entertains for Du Page County is found in his action with reference to the report of his State Board of Public Charities on the condition of the Du Page County almshouse.

That report referring to the condition of the institution for which every citizen of Du Page County entertains a just pride contains the following paragraph:

"Part of the basement rooms and the whole of the first floor were in a very filthy condition. One room in the basement, occupied by an old man, said to be insane, was alive with bed bugs, and beds and clothing were in a filthy condition. The first floor was in a still worse condition; the ceiling decorated with ropes of cobwebs, and floors and beds very dirty. One old man, who had 'no use of himself,' and was reported insane, was very dirty. His bed was infested with vermin. This man was reported as having consumption and probably a cancer."

This report was published in the Chicago papers and sent broadcast over the entire State of Illinois in the report of the State Board of Public Charities, thereby greatly injuring the reputation of Du Page County among those who do not know the facts.

The Board of Supervisors were justly indignant at this uncalculated action, and requested the Board of Charities to send the inspector back with a view to having the report corrected in accordance with the facts. The inspector returned and met the Board of Supervisors and county officers at the county farm, and when confronted by the Supervisors the inspector admitted that his report was false and made no satisfactory explanation of the influence which actuated him in making his malicious statement. At this meeting the inspector promised to correct his report so that our institution would be placed in its proper light before the people. He failed to keep this promise, however. Thereupon, at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the County Clerk sent a report of the matter to Gov. Deneen. This report embodied a specific denial of each of the false charges contained in the inspector's report, and was backed up by affidavits of the Superintendent and Master of the county farm, the county physician, and Charles Hapst, undertaker, as well as by the reports of the Grand Jury after making a careful personal investigation.

Up to this date Gov. Deneen has absolutely failed to take any steps whatever toward rectifying the false and malicious report placed on the records of the State of Illinois by his appointee acting as Inspector for the State Board of Charities.

It is pertinent at this time for the voters of Du Page County to weigh this question. Are you prepared to support a man at the primary for the office of Governor of the State of Illinois, who will, for political purposes, permit a report of this false and malicious character to remain uncorrected while it lies in his power to have the record made right and a square deal given to the people of Du Page County?

PICNIC.

K. O. T. M. picnic at Fullersburg, Sunday, August 23. Busses every hour from Hinsdale depot.

When woman meets woman, then comes a struggle for the last word.

BASEBALL.

Club.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Downers Grove	10	3	.769
La Grange	10	3	.769
Western Springs	7	5	.583
Hinsdale	6	6	.500
Clyde	2	9	.182
Riverside	1	12	.077

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.

Downers Grove, 9; Riverside, 0. (Forfeit.)

Hinsdale, 9; Western Springs, 8. (Ten innings.)

La Grange, 15; Clyde, 0.

Downers Grove at Clyde.

La Grange at Western Springs.

Hinsdale at Riverside.

Downers Grove won from Riverside last Saturday by forfeit, the latter team failing to show up to play their scheduled game.

Notice was received on Friday evening from Secretary Clark of the league that the Riverside team had disbanded for the season and that all of their games will be forfeited up to and including Aug. 1, their schedule to be dropped from that time until the close of the season.

It is to be regretted that this year's race should be marred by one of the contestants dropping out at this stage of the game, but Riverside would not support a losing team and their financial condition caused the management to abandon the team for the season.

The local boys are still tied for first with La Grange, but they stand an excellent chance to pass their hated rivals if Western Springs should happen to beat La Grange while our boys won from Clyde. The boys are confident of defeating Clyde and many of them believe that Western Springs will slip one over on La Grange.

I. O. T. M. PICNIC.

The Ladies of the Macraeb's picnic last Friday was a well-attended affair, the weather was bright, clear and hot, just the kind of day to go out in the woods and lay in the shade. But the ladies of the local Hive did not have very much chance to enjoy this luxury, being kept too busy supplying the means of refreshments and enjoyment for others. Among the out of town people who attended were Mrs. Mary Nichol, Lady Commander of March Hive, 126; Mrs. Lillie Blessing, Mrs. Hattie Young and Mrs. Parkinson, the Misses Toole, Francis Blessing and Mabel Young. The winners of the raves are as follows: Eight-year boys, Lyander McConkey, knife; 8-year girls, Bernice Hinder, doll; 12-year boys, John Mochel, book; girls, Thelma Latimer, book. Girls 15, Helen Zell, book; I. O. T. M. Nora Kleip, box of candy; Helen Hanson, hat pin. Married ladies, Mrs. Walberg, sink strainer. Officers of the Macraebes, Rose Kleib, box of stationery. Three-legged race, Hester and Jones; girls, Emma Wander and Hazel Stants. Potato race, Frances Blessing. Commodation race, Hazel Stants.

ANNUAL OUTING ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The annual outing day of St. Andrew's Episcopal church choir and Sunday school at Woodside Park last Saturday, was a perfect success, everything that could be desired, perfect weather, perfect surroundings and a desire to enjoy the day to the utmost, contributing to make it a pleasant, memorable affair. There were races of all kinds for the young people and grown-ups, too, and the afternoon passed all too quick, and a tired, but happy crowd wended their way back home.

WARNING.

Hunting on The Field Estate is positively prohibited; trespassers will be vigorously prosecuted.

WALTER SCOTT BRYAN.

DEATH OF MR. ELIJAH JORDAN

The citizens of Downers Grove and vicinity will regret to learn of the death of Mr. Elijah Jordan, of East Grove, Ill., who passed away on Sunday morning, July 26, 1908. Mr. Jordan was born at North Norway, Oxford County, Me., June 6, 1827, and was therefore 81 years old past. He was married to Miss Sarah E. Adams, of Monticello, Wis., in 1858, and resided in Monticello until 1888, when he moved to East Grove, Ill., where he has since resided. President Lincoln's second call for troops during the civil war found Mr. Jordan a ready volunteer as a member of Company D, Thirty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, having a good record and an honorable discharge. He was also a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic order at Downers Grove. His family connections are among the best. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams, of Superior, Neb., well known in G. A. R. circles, are brother and sister-in-law to Mrs. Jordan; Mrs. Norton, of Watertown, Wis., and Mrs. John Clevenger, of Chicago, Ill., are his daughters. A number of grandchildren are left to mourn the departed.

Mr. Jordan bears a local record as a lover of flowers; at early dawn and until late at night he could be found at work in his garden; he was most successful in this work of love, for flowers, and tulips, gladioli, peonies, dahlias and others responded to his loving care and bloomed in the greatest profusion. He was known and loved far and near for his gentle and friendly manners, as the large attendance at his funeral abundantly testified, while the floral gifts from sorrowing friends marked the loving remembrance in which he was held.

The funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Mrs. Elliott, of East Grove Chapel, appropriate music being rendered by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Covell and Miss Lettie Meyer, of East Grove, Ill. Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. and A. M. then took charge of the body and proceeded to the cemetery, where the beautiful Masonic ceremony was performed. Judge Slusser, who delivered the oration, did so in his usual solemn and impressive manner. After the last Masonic honors had been paid him the body was lowered to its last resting place.

Among the Churches

—Christian Reformed church will meet at Modaff's hall Sunday at 10:45 a. m.

—St. Joseph's Parish. Mass at 10:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Bollman.

—German Evangelical services at the Congregational church. Sunday school, 1:30; services, 2:30. Rev. Merbach, pastor.

—M. E. Church—Wesley Commons will preach the morning service. Sunday school as usual. No service in the afternoon.

—On account of Chautauqua services there will be no preaching in the Congregational Church next Sunday, but the Sunday school exercises will be held as usual at 12 o'clock. The Christian Endeavor will meet at 6 and close promptly at 7 p. m. in order that all may attend the evening Chautauqua services.

—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—During the months of August, September and October the services will be as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m. Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 7:30 p. m., excepting that on the third Sunday of each month there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m., and the evening service will be omitted. A cordial invitation to all.

LOS ANGELES WEDDING.

Mrs. Elsie A. Weaver announces the marriage of her daughter, Blanche Leone Weaver, to William Bernard Doyle, which was solemnized July 28th, at Los Angeles. The groom was formerly lieutenant of the constabulary in the Philippine Islands, and is a brother of the well known mining operator, James A. Doyle, of Denver, Col. The bride wore her going-away gown, a stylish tailored suit of sea green gray, with picture hat and shoes to match, gloves being omitted, as the ring service was performed. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle will be at home to their friends in Los Angeles, September 1st. Miss Weaver was a resident of Downers Grove for several years.

COUNTY SURVEYOR.

John S. Loster, who has announced himself a candidate for the office of County Surveyor on the Republican ticket, is well fitted by experience to qualify for the office. He has served the village of Downers Grove the past three years, and before that served two years as County Surveyor of Omanache County, Oklahoma, where he was also appointed by the authorities at Washington, D. C., as U. S. Mineral Surveyor.

Some men would rather go away back and sit down than stand on ceremony.

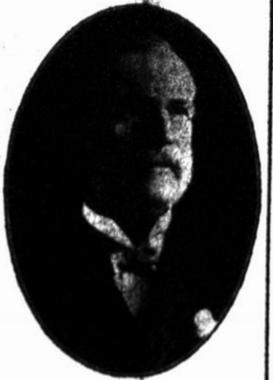
WILLIAM R. PLUM.

Republican Candidate for County Judge.

Mr. Plum was born in Ohio in 1845; attended high school, and having learned telegraphy, though not yet seventeen, joined the Union forces in the Civil War as an army operator, and as such was early entrusted with a cipher key or code by which all important telegrams were prepared so that the enemy could not decipher such as might be captured. He held during the war a copy of every one of the twelve different codes that were arranged in the War Department, and the last year he was entrusted with one copy of which only Grant's and Sherman's cipher operators and the War Department had duplicates.

It will be readily understood that while yet in his teens he, as chief operator with Gen. George H. Thomas, was trusted with secrets of immeasurable importance touching military operations.

He was with the army from February, 1862, to the end of the war, serving in part at the headquarters of



COL. WM. R. PLUM.

Gen. Buyle, Gordon, Granger, Negley, Asboth, Honecrans and Thomas; was in the field on the Atlanta campaign, participating in the battles of Jonesboro, Ga., and Nashville, Tenn., with his general, besides being in Fort Negley during a six weeks' siege.

When he resigned to re-enter school he was tendered a presidential appointment by Gen. Thomas to West Point, but being determined to become a lawyer, declined, and after attending college for a time, entered Yale Law School in New Haven, Conn. When his funds became insufficient he obtained appointment as night manager of the city telegraph office and so continued for two years, working from seven to nine hours every night in the week until he graduated.

He began his practice in Chicago and in 1868, having married, purchased a home in Lombard, where he has ever since resided.

So successful was he in his general practice of thirty-five years at the bar of Cook, DuPage and other counties in this State, as well as in other States and the United States courts, Circuit and Supreme, that he was able to retire and devote his attention to travel, literature and his own matters.

He and his wife, in a tour of fourteen months, visited nearly all of the European countries as they have also Mexico and all the States of the Union.

This is his first appearance before the people as a candidate for office. If ripe years, experience, travel and studious habits are calculated to fit one for the bench it would seem that the letter of Harry S. McCartney, vice president of the Hinsdale League—a lawyer of marked ability—to certain citizens of that place was a deserved tribute.

The letter is as follows:

"Chicago, July 17, 1908.

"My Dear Sir—Apropos of the coming primary for candidates for County Judge of DuPage county:

1. I believe that each voter should select upon merit alone. For he is in a sense a juror, sworn to pass upon the evidence.

2. I believe it a privilege and a duty for each one to testify as to the merits of the candidates whom he happens to know.

3. I happen to have known for a quarter of a century Mr. William R. Plum of Lombard, and consider him not only eligible to the office of County Judge, but to any judgeship in the gift of the electors. I think the public is to be congratulated when men of his reputation, experience and public ideals are willing to accept such an office.

I am pleased to be able to give this testimony for your consideration at the coming election. Truly,

"H. S. MCCARTNEY."

After a man dies he is soon forgotten—unless his name continues to adorn a page in the undertaker's ledger.

Probably more girls would take up stenography as a business if they didn't dislike the idea of being dictated to.

It is a poor preacher indeed who can't tell people more than they can practice.

Mathematics cannot determine the difference between one man and two.

Judge a man's ability by what he does, not by what he threatens to do.

If the saloon exists in your city, it is too close to your home.

THE LINCOLN CHAUTAUQUA.

As we go to press the Lincoln Temperance Chautauqua is running full blast. The opening day was a great success, especially in the evening, when our splendid village band gave a concert for nearly an hour, to the delight of our citizens. We are proud we have such a musical organization among us. The Melicks proved delightful entertainers. Their voices harmonized sweetly and Mr. Fozick has a fine lyric tenor voice. Hon. Mr. Reagan, both in picture and speech, was a magnificent success. His figures and facts fairly made some taxpayers hold their breath. It is a splendid opening, and if the first day is any index of this year's Chautauqua it is destined to surpass in excellence that most splendid gathering of last year. The Nevins Quartet, with Mr. Nicholls, are the attractions for Wednesday. The Nevins are delightful entertainers, and Mr. Nicholls' address on how to get rid of the liquor traffic is unanswerable. He is a profound thinker and presents his facts in such a logical fashion that it is very convincing. If those who are to follow keep up the pace, enthusiasm will be very high by Sunday. We know what Hector, the Black Knight, will be, and the Sulfins, as we had a good taste of them last year. So we are safe in saying the Chautauqua this year will be a great success. Much credit is due the young men who have so successfully and persistently engineered this assembly. All the little details were looked after with marked care, and Mr. Saunders and his excellent corps of workers are to be congratulated. Over 400 tickets were sold before the close of the first day.

Local Happenings

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author, and, if possible, by publication, but no address of good faith on the part of the writer. Write only on one side of the paper. Be particularly careful in giving names and dates, to have the letters and figures plain and legible.

—Do not fail to visit the Chautauqua.

—Mrs. Prince and Earl are back from St. Louis.

—For soap bargains, look up Gerwig's ad.

—Miss Lucy Schaub returned home on Monday.

—C. R. Hannum spent last Sunday in Cedar Rapids, Ia.

—CUTTING BERR for pickling, call Phone 807, E. E. Easton.

—Mrs. J. W. Rogers called on friends in Evanston last Friday.

—Watermelons and Rocky Ford muskmelons at F. Gerwig's.

—Miss Carrie Barmore has returned from her visit in Nebraska.

—Mrs. W. Jewell, of New York, is a guest of Mrs. J. B. Juneau.

—D. G. Graham has Downers Grove Village improvement bonds for sale.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McVean are entertaining friends from the West.

—Mrs. Gillespie entertained at lunch on Tuesday for the Embroidery Club.

—Mrs. Guy Bush and children are spending a month on a farm in Iowa.

—Mrs. Furlong and Dorothy have returned home from a trip to Vermont.

—If you wish good fresh milk, drop a postal card to Julius Johnson, box 501.

—The only place you can buy Fenway's candles in the Grove is at Modaff's Pharmacy.

—Captain and J. W. Rogers and John Howland spent Sunday in Plainfield.

—Mrs. Ernest Schultz will leave this week for a visit to her old home in Ohio.

—Joseph Batterham has been on the Grand Jury in Chicago the last five weeks.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Tripp, of Libertyville, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Easton.

—E. E. Bunge enjoyed a visit from his sister, Mrs. DeWitte, of Kewanee, last week.

—Misses Etta and Mennie Dickson are home from a trip to Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

—"Bechnut" Peanut Butter, 15c and 25c. "Bechnut" Bacon in glass, 25c, at L. Klein's.

—Rev. F. F. Farmbee will preach at the Hyde Park M. E. Church, Chicago, Sunday.

—Hon. John Fox, of Des Moines, Ia., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murphy on Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kuetemeyer are enjoying themselves at their old home in Louisville, Ky.

—Mrs. M. Vanderpool and daughter Mildred, of Englewood, were visitors at Mrs. Hannum's last week.

—Miss Bateman returned Monday from Modwaukee, where she was the guest of Mrs. F. C. Allen.

—Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin, of Chicago, spent Sunday with L. M. Cook and family.

—Men's Bible Class as usual next Sunday, and regular Sunday school session at Congregational Church.

—Elkay's straw hat cleaner certain-

ly makes an old hat look like new. For sale at Modaff's Pharmacy.

—Mrs. John Stewart entertained Mrs. Barker and friends from the South Bay Hotel, Indiana Harbor.

—Mrs. J. M. Riel returned from Boston on Monday. Miss Nettie and Fabe Riel are spending a couple of weeks in Chicago.

—"Bechnut" Dried Beef, 25c. "Bechnut" Catnip, 15c. "Bechnut" Baked Beans, large can 15c, small 10c, at L. Klein's.

—Mrs. Hargarten and daughter, of Milwaukee, were visitors at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Erzen, last week.

—E. E. Stevens recently returned from a trip to Kansas. He reports the corn crop far from promising in those sections.

—Horn to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Unterfoger (nee Gertrude Fliegler), a son July 1st, at their home, 314 Lincoln avenue, Peoria, Ill.

—L. M. Cook and E. G. Lemon are back from Virginia. They were very much pleased with the "old dominion," and report a pleasant trip.

—Modaff has the only National cigar stand in the village. Try a Black and White 5-cent straight.

—Mrs. T. S. Baldwin, 120 Saratoga avenue, entertained at luncheon in honor of her daughter, Miss Georgia, Thursday, July 16.

—On Friday, about 30 ladies of the Baptist Church Aid Society enjoyed themselves at a picnic dinner at the Puffer farm at Belmont.

—Miss Carrie Curtis, formerly of Downers Grove, was married last Sunday at Hinsdale. Miss Curtis is a cousin of Mrs. Sam Curtis.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Straube and Dr. Gourley and wife took a long, pleasant auto ride Sunday and then enjoyed a fine lunch at the Doctor's home in the evening.

—Fly time is here, protect your horses by buying a fly net; also good selection of whips and buggy harness at C. Penner's new location, 101 South Main street.

—Mrs. A. B. Tarr and grandson, Master Roger Tarr, of Mt. Vernon, O., left for home on Thursday, after three weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Murphy.

—G. S. MacDougal and family made a trip in their auto, last Saturday to visit friends at Big Rock, while returning Sunday they ran into the storm west of Aurora and were unable to get back home until Monday morning.

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DECISION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

On July 24 the Interstate Commerce Commission of Washington, D. C. handed down a decision which is of the utmost importance to all shippers throughout the country, and which is of special interest to a large number of residents of this village, by reason of the fact that all the offices of the American Forwarding Company and number of its employes are living in this village, the American Forwarding Company being one of the complainants in the case before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., and which case has just been decided in favor of the complainants. It is further of interest to the people of this community to know that the attorneys who carried this litigation to a successful issue before the Interstate Commerce Commission are residents of this village, special credit being due to Judge M. Stinner, who was the leading counsel in the case.

The railroad companies immediately concerned in this litigation were the following: The Wabash Railway, the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, the Baltimore & Ohio Railway. Beside these railroads a great many other interests joined at the final arguments before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C. Among them were the Adams Express Co., American Express Co., Wells-Fargo Express Co., Michigan Central Railway, Pennsylvania Line, and a number of other Eastern and Western trunk lines, all represented by eminent counsel, who argued against the contentions of the American Forwarding Company et al.

The Eastern lines above referred to had, some time before the proceedings were brought, adopted a rule which prohibited the application of the usual rate on goods the ownership of which was vested in two or more persons, the rule reading as follows:

"Carload rate shall only apply when the consignee or the consignee is actual owner of the property."

This rule prevented two or more shippers from loading their goods together into a car and obtaining the carload rate thereon. It also interfered to a great extent with the operations of the forwarding companies, of which there

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