

# DOWNERS GROVE REVIEW

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

Downers Grove, Ill., Oct. 12, 1908.

The regular meeting for the month of October was called to order by President Hughes.

Roll call noted present Trustees Matson, Dicks, Severus, Herritt, Gallup and Handy. Absent, none.

Reading of minutes was dispensed with. Report of Village Collector Curdiss was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Village Treasurer Rogers was read and ordered returned to treasurer for corrections.

Report of superintendent of water and light was read and referred to Water and Light Committee.

A communication was read from H. D. Judson, general superintendent of the C. R. & Q. R. R. regarding moving of stock yards. Mr. Judson stated that if suitable ground can be secured at East Grove and shippers agree to ship their stock from that point that this can be arranged, stating that he had instructed superintendent to go into this matter fully at once and he would advise further as soon as anything definite to report. Communication ordered placed on file.

Communication from W. R. Shields in reference to sewer system was read and ordered placed on file.

Claim ordinance No. 330 providing for the payment of certain claims was read and was as follows:

J. W. Rogers, \$40; G. H. Dunge, \$15; Bert C. White, \$25; Sara Curtis, \$30.10; Wm. Banker, \$70; Geo. Hoffert, \$33; E. M. Gallup, \$1.50; C. H. Dicks, \$5; J. W. Handy, \$4.50; E. J. Matson, \$4.50; Julius Severus, \$3; J. R. Herritt, \$37.40; W. H. Metz, \$30.50; H. E. Overholt, \$65; P. R. Stratton, \$40; Chas. Kretzer, \$65; Merts A. Mochel, \$296.70; H. J. Hawkins, \$12.67; Dicks Tool Company, \$6.00; J. W. Nash, \$1.00; Thos. Banning, \$8.38; H. Muller Manufacturing Company, \$22.84; Ludlow Valve Manufacturing Company, \$26.56; R. Nostad, \$32.90; Pacific Fish Tank Company, \$20; Modern Iron Works, \$12.80; Fowler & Frankenhoff, \$20.63; Lamson Lead Works, \$31.80; Brooks Coal Company, \$45.50; P. A. Ford Lumber Company, \$12.75; Electric Appliances Company, \$10.64; Leonard Manufacturing Company, \$13.75; Standard Oil Company, \$11.44; Huber Electric Company, \$27.44; The (Continued on page 2)

## STABBING AFFRAY AT GOWER.

At a dance at Gower Hall last Saturday night John Oestman, whose home is near Lacey, was probably fatally stabbed by a farm hand known in the neighborhood as Mike. Intoxicating liquor had been taken to the hall from Hinsdale and freely indulged in. Something occurred to anger Mike, who had been drinking, and he attacked young Oestman with a dirk knife, stabbing him five times. After the stabbing he broke away. Several of the men gave chase, but he discouraged pursuit by turning and firing at them. John Oestman was taken to the home of Charles Bedies, a neighboring farmer, where Dr. Lawton of Hinsdale is treating him. Little is known of the Russian, Mike, who did the stabbing, except that he worked for John Behm one season and for other farmers in the vicinity. He was taken into custody by the sheriff at Haska Monday night and is now in the Wheaton jail. Sheriff Gorham was on his way to Gower last Saturday night on account of rumors of illegal selling of liquor. He lost his way in the darkness and failed to arrive in time.

## THE LETTERS I HAVE NOT SENT.

I have written them, keen and sure, and with righteously wrathful intent. Not a stroke undeserved nor a sentence too strong; And some, alas, some of them went!

I have written them, challenging, eager to fight, All hot with merited ire; And some of them changed to be kept over night And mailed, the next day—in the eve.

Ah, blessed the letters that happily go On errands of kindness bent; But much of my peace and my fortune I owe To the letters I never have sent.

—Christian Educator World.

## AN INVITATION TO GROVE LODGE NO. 824, A. F. & A. M.

The officers and members of La Grange Lodge, No. 770, A. F. & A. M., would be pleased to have the officers and members of Grove Lodge, No. 824, join with them to attend services at the Episcopal church, in La Grange, Sunday, December 27, 1908. Members who convene at our lodge-rooms at 10 a. m.

N. L. ROWLEY, Secretary.

Woman can diet as easily as they can get over a love affair; but men can't do it.

## DU PAGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

The lawyers and judges of DuPage county met at the Morrison Hotel last Saturday and set down to an elaborate banquet in the Irish Village Annex of the hotel, which had been prepared for them. After doing justice to the excellent menu cigars were passed, and they proceeded to organize the DuPage County Bar Association. J. E. Cooper, of Glen Ellyn, was named as chairman, and Chas. Hadley as temporary secretary. The chair appointed a nominating committee of three, who, after retiring, submitted the following names for the respective offices: L. C. Cooper, of Glen Ellyn, president; L. P. Conover, of Hinsdale, vice president; Chas. Hadley, of Wheaton, secretary, and Chas. Clark, of West Chicago, treasurer. The committee's selections were approved and unanimously declared elected as officers of the association. Judge Raffree, of Hinsdale, took the floor and pointed out the benefits and good that could and would be done by the association for the county and the members. He took occasion to eulogize Circuit Court Judge Sumner for his able and powerful administration of justice in his judicial position, suggesting the advisability of the association giving him their indorsement and support at the election next spring. In order that DuPage county have a representative on the bench in this circuit, Mr. Childs, Mr. Conover, of Hinsdale; Mr. Snyder, of Wheaton, and others, also spoke, praising the ability and popularity of Judge Sumner, not only in DuPage county, but in all the counties of the judicial circuit. Upon motion the judge received the unanimous indorsement of the association.

## Among the Churches

—Christian Science church will meet at Madala'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. Bolman.

—Sweden B. R. and Bible class at 3 o'clock; preaching at 3:30, 54 Poole St., every Sunday afternoon.

—German Lutheran services at Congregational Church, 2:30 p. m. Rev. Nickle, Pastor.

—Services at Evangelical Church Sunday, Dec. 27: The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Junior meeting at 2:30 p. m.; Sunday School at 10 a. m. and Y. P. A. at 5:45 p. m. Special Christmas services. All are welcome.

—German Lutheran—The German Lutheran Emmanuel's congregation will hold their Christmas services Friday afternoon, at 2:30, in the Congregational church, Nickle, pastor. Visitors welcome.

—Congregational church—Morning worship at 10:30 a. m. Special music and sermon, theme, "Emmanuel, God With Us." Sunday school at 12 m. Men and Women's Bible classes, C. E. at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Xmas at the Congregational church.

—Methodist Episcopal church—F. F. Farnille, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Public worship at 10:30, subject, "Lost Opportunities." Sunday school at noon. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. No evening service. Union service at Baptist church.

—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.—During the months of November, December and January, the services will be as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 11 a. m., excepting that on the first Sunday of each month there will be evening prayer at 7:30 p. m., and the morning service will be omitted. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

—Baptist church—Sunday morning at 10:45. Rev. J. B. Thomas, D. D., of Chicago, will preach. Dr. Thomas is one of the ablest speakers in Chicago, and will greatly interest those who hear him. Sunday school at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. At the evening hour, 7:30, the choir will render some choice Christmas music. Helpful Christmas thoughts will be presented by the pastor. Rev. Prescott will take this opportunity of saying some parting words to the congregation before leaving for the South on the following Tuesday. The public invited.

## SALESMEN WANTED.

To introduce our New Commercial and Statistical State Chart for office and general use. The work is original and profitable, the earnings being according to your ability. A thorough training is given before the work is started. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

## PIANO PLAYING TECHNICAL AND ARTISTIC.

Arthur E. Fisher is in Downers Grove every Friday, and can take two more pupils.

Apply at the Downers Grove Reporter's office, or address 512 Kimball Hall, Chicago.

The best temperance society in England was formed by a Congregational minister a century ago. Out of 1,000 Congregational ministers there is only one who is still a teetotaler.

"The Abolition Crew" with the abolitionists was a certain



Phil Ketcham sings a laughing song, and if you don't laugh you may have your money back right then and there.

See the dancing room at the "Black-ville Wedding."

Oh, well, if you don't get a ticket in time and the weather is not very cold you can stand on Capt. Rogers' corner and hear the strains of laughter from the audience.

When the proposition to give a minstrel show with home talent was first suggested some of our friends and well-wishers said it couldn't be done in this man's town—Downers Grove was a queer town and all that sort of talk. But we did not believe that they were mistaken—our town and all that. Now, we know that they were wrong, but we realize that they meant well when they gave their advice. At the present time we are just sawing wood and saying nothing. But at the conclusion of the first performance—Thursday evening, Jan. 14—the audience will be delighted with the show and proud of their home talent.

When you hear Mrs. Perry sing that sultry song you will want to join the array.

Remember the date and keep the track clear. Thursday and Saturday evenings, Jan. 14 and 15, 1909, at Dicks's Hall. Tickets are now on sale at the drug stores and the spouses of the Athletic Association.

If the roof remains on the Dicks building after Mrs. Perry C. White sings "The Meanest Man in Town," don't blame it on the audience.

One of our prominent citizens, whose taste runs to poetry, has often been heard to repeat the words of John Burns, the Scottish poet, "O wad some power the gift give us, To see our ains as they see us."

Whether or not our townsmen was sincere in the wish, he will want to forget Burns after the Minstrel Show.

There will be two doctors and four nurses in attendance at the Minstrel Show, and if you don't laugh you will be removed to one of the side rooms and operated on for the "grouch."

Miss Mildred Briggs and Master Walter Stants are late additions to the talent of the Minstrel Show. Will they make good? The manager says, "Yes, and some more."

Walter Jasper Hansen wishes to announce that he is merely an amateur actor and that Alonzo P. Daniels says that he is a professional—therefore he is willing to leave it to the audience which of them is the best actor. Walter is a little bit ruffled because the impresario did not take very kindly to his plan to give all the show.

Now, there's John Lipsey. He's the man that's drilling the stagers, and doing it well. His suggestions are very much appreciated by the management, and the result of his efforts will add very much to the success of the show.

Fast and Furious Fun is the way it will come at you from the end men and women. There will be nothing too good for some of our citizens.

Some of the men and women who have been occupying the front seats in this town for many years—who have been making a bluff all their lives and apparently making good the bluff—are going to be called good and hard at the Minstrel Show.

A tip—come to the Minstrel Show and hear James Burns say, "Lads—and gentlemen, be seated." You will never know until then how much dramatic force can be gotten out of a few simple words.

Every man and woman has some point about their make-up in which they are absolutely weak. The other day a gentleman remarked, "Oh, if you will just jolly White he will give you all the money he's got." Now, this man White may be susceptible to jolly, and Jones may have some other weakness through the operation of which he could be induced to separate himself from his money. Then again different tactics would have to be applied to Edwards or Martin, and then there is Straube, who has been known to give away money. But we are all weak and therefore while we may take amusement in having Budget's, or Downer's, or Kline's, or Merts's, or Stanley's weaknesses pointed out, let us be charitable and remember that they are only human beings, and that we are built along the same lines and some day some one may point out our weakness. So don't get mad about it, brother.

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## A FRIENDLY SUGGESTION

If any citizen of the village is dissatisfied with the present condition of the schools, the members of the Board of Education will be more than pleased to talk over the situation, consider all complaints and seek to remedy any evil, if such is found to exist.

The members of the board, in common with all well-disposed citizens, have the welfare of the schools at heart, and in addition have knowledge of actual conditions in the schools which is evidently beyond the comprehension of the anonymous critic who condemns the entire school—scholars, teachers, superintendent and board.

The Board of Education is confident that the teachers are undervaluing of the comments so cheerfully broadcast under the caption, "A Friendly Criticism," in last week's edition of The Downers Grove Reporter, and considers a detailed refutation of the charges so covertly presented absolutely unnecessary.

JONAS R. PORTER, President of the Board. HOWARD F. JONES, F. C. LANCASTER, FRED E. DOWE, Executive Committee of the Board of Education.

## IF I WERE SANTA CLAUS.

If I were Santa Claus and might distribute things as I should please, I'd bring the sorrowing delight and hang on all the Christmas trees That in my travels I should find. This little motto: "Just be kind."

If I were Santa Claus I'd bring the presentist a hopeful heart, So that he might cease murmuring and humbly perform his part; I'd give to every lass and lad The wish to make some other glad.

To her who coddly sneers at those who, having stumbled long to flee From where defiled walls round them close, I'd give a little charity; For every stoical one I'd leave The wish to labor and achieve.

To them who are the slaves of greed, I'd bring the wish to turn from strife; The longing, when they've all they need, to lead the peaceful life.

I'd scatter chances o'er the earth, For all who long to prove their worth, of beauty for each soul, And hopeful ones for them to sing who sit dejected and afraid; And each should have in every land This little motto: "Lead a hand."

If I were Santa Claus I'd bring the gift of beauty for each soul, And hopeful ones for them to sing who sit dejected and afraid; And each should have in every land This little motto: "Lead a hand."

## Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this page should be accompanied by the name of the writer, and not necessarily his address, but on an envelope of good paper on the top of the letter. Write only on one side of the paper, be particularly careful in giving names and dates, to have the letters and figures plain and distinct.

If you have any news items for the Reporter for next week, please send them in one day earlier, as the paper will be issued Thursday on account of New Year's.

—Give willingly. —Give tactfully. —Merry Christmas. —Sweet elder at F. Gerwig's. —Don't consider return gifts. —Put thought into your giving. —Oh, yes, it will be a great show. —For howling news see page 5. —Fine large pineapples at Gerwig's. —New York Sweet Elder at Stanger's.

—To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste. —The unexpected gift insures a special appreciation. —Grandma Bentley has been very ill the last few weeks. —Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones spent Sunday in Indiana. —Try Francis' pure milk, 14 quarts for \$1.00; phone 472. —Inquire for lost and found articles at the Reporter office. —Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself. —Seiff's premium hams and bacon at Mochel & McCabe's. —Chester Winter of Clyde, Ill., spent Sunday in Downers Grove. —Beef at reduced price in quantity or by the quarter. L. Kleis. —Mr. and Mrs. La Charly spent Sunday in Chicago with relatives. —All business houses will be closed all day Christmas and New Year's. —Mrs. Leslie Gustin is entertaining her sister during Christmas week. —Miss Ada Perkins visited with Miss Jane Topp a few days this week. —Mrs. R. G. White will spend Christmas at her old home, Huntington, Ind. —Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving. —Miss Beulah Giddings of Tolson, Okla., is visiting friends in Downers Grove. —New York Sweet Elder from

J. A. Westblade and family will spend Christmas with the old folks at Galeburg.

The post office will be open Christmas morning from 7 to 10 o'clock.

—Festika Curry Powder, Celery Salt, Jack's Pure Horseradish, new, fresh goods, J. W. Nash.

—Canned goods, Richelieu brand, corn, peas, salmon, spinach, beans, lima beans and succotash by the can or case. L. Kleis.

Donald Stevenson, the 5-year-old boy wonder, will render a character song entitled "A Big Time To-night." This act alone is worth the price of admission.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Wells and Mr. McMaster of Montana are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Chessman.

—Sound oak wood delivered at six dollars a cord; sawed in stove lengths, \$7.00. A. B. Austin Nursery Co., phone 254.

—D. D. Kimball, who left Downers Grove last summer, has gone into the undertaking business in Fallman, Wash.

—Look for our clubbing offer on Page 2. We offer exceptional bargains on any and all magazines published. Call on us for information.

Mr. Daniels has so many good acts to put on that he is somewhat puzzled regarding what to omit. But leave it to Danny.

You will not be forgotten—so don't forget. There are some gifts you can afford to buy, and your home merchant will be pleased to sell.

A ten-cent package of Marvello Water Softener makes six hundred gallons of Downers Grove hard water as soft as rain water. Ask your grocer.

The person who is not taking an interest in what the stores have to offer these days—and their advertisements—is not taking an interest in anything on earth.

—Never give more than you can afford. Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost.

—You will not make any mistake in looking elsewhere first, but you would make a big mistake in buying elsewhere before you examine your home merchant's stock.

—Happy Christmas week from Paul of Springfield, O., and Miss Maud of Urbana, O.

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## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

Proceedings of the Village Board of Downers Grove, Illinois, for the month of December, 1908.

On re-consideration of the following report of the Claims was, on motion of Churchill, approved.

Mr. Chairman and Members of Board of Supervisors: Your committee to which referred the claim, has examined all bills recommended the payment of the same.

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## When Downers Grove don't fail to call on our new line of Stationery, Perfumery and Box Candles, which will make every home a Christmas home.

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PHARMACY

### NOT YOUR MONEY!

We just want to give you a SQUARE DEAL on FLOUR

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**BEST OF ALL**

is made from straight No. 1 Northern hard wheat and is the best FLOUR that science and skill can produce. We want your Flour Trade and expect to get it by giving you more QUANTITY and better QUALITY at the very lowest market price.

**BUY A SACK OF BEST OF ALL**

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**J. W. NASH**  
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Let the P. A. Lord Lumber Co. fill up your coal bin with Black Diamonds. It will enable you to enjoy Christmas in good cheer and comfort

**P. A. LORD LUMBER CO.**  
1111 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

### DOWNER'S GROVE FAIR

28 & 30 SOUTH MAIN STREET. PHONE 22

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS SHOW

The last day to buy your Christmas Presents, perhaps we have what you are looking for. You will have time till 10 o'clock Thursday night and closed all day Christmas.

### V. THOLIN

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