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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Du Page County at a special meeting held in the Court House at Wheaton, on Wednesday, the 10th day of March, A. D. 1909, pursuant to call of chair.

Meeting called to order with Chairman Fischer presiding.

Minutes of the last preceding meeting read and declared approved.

All bills and communications on file with the clerk were read and claims referred to the respective committees.

On motion of Supervisor Fairbank the Board took a recess of fifteen minutes.

On reconvening the committee on claims made the following report, which, on motion of Supervisor Neddermeyer, was approved.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: Your committee, to whom was referred the claims, beg leave to report that they have examined all bills presented and recommend the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants: to-wit:

The American Law Book Co., 1900 Civ. Annotations, 8 000
Collaghan & Co., Two Volumes appellate reports, 5.50
J. B. Grove, painting at jail, etc., 12.00
C. D. Bartlett, Supt., coal for county farm, 1907, 1908, 1909, 190.00
Geo. W. Hageman, painting at county farm, 278.00
Illinois Industrial School for Girls, care of county inmate for February, 1909, 9.00
C. R. Gorham, clerk hire to March 1, 1909, 150.00
City of Wheaton, light for February, 1909, 16.20
Lombard Brick & Tile Co., balance on team for county farm, 300.00
P. F. Pettibony & Co., election supplies, etc., 361.01
W. E. Smith, team, lumber for county farm, 38.41
Theodor Dowlik, repairing carts for jail, 28.00
E. Stark & Co., hitching posts, 28.00

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MARCH WEATHER.

It is not possible to say just what kind of weather Downers Grove will have when this is read, but however it may be, the weather in Southern California is sure to be excellent. That is why tourists who are about to return East regret to leave this clime.

March is not looked forward to here with dread. In fact, the opposite is true, for the winter rains having practically ceased, the fields and hills are taking on a beautiful shade of green. Lowell's expression in the Vision of Sir Launfal, regarding Eastern June weather, which reads: "Every cloud feels a stir of night, a something within it that reaches and towers," is especially applicable to Los Angeles weather at this time.

Recently James Gambrell and Franklin Huling made the climb up Mount Wilson, which is about seventeen miles from Los Angeles. This is a real mountain, being at least 5,500 feet straight up from the beginning of the trail and 6,000 feet above sea level.

The trail is between eight and nine miles long and it takes from three to four hours to make the ascent. But the scenes of the valley and snow-capped peaks on the way up and also at the top repay one ten fold for all effort and expense. On the summit they found considerable snow and enjoyed some of the pastimes of an Eastern winter, such as coasting, making snow-balls, etc., that are unknown here, except on mountain tops. The contrast is more marked when it is understood that laden orange trees are growing at the foot of the trail. The boys went up on foot, though many make use of burros, etc. When once this trip is taken, the lover of beauty in nature always hopes to make the climb again, and the proximity of the mountains, as well as the ocean, to Los Angeles, is one of the most attractive features.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 20th day of April, 1909, at the Village Hall, Precinct No. 1, and at J. W. Tucker's real estate office, Precinct No. 2, in the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, an election will be held for one President of the Village for two years, three Trustees of the Village for two years, and one Police Magistrate for four years; that the polls will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m.

Dated this 18th day of March, A. D. 1909.
BERT C. WHITE,
Village Clerk.

REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD SETTLER.

I. P. Blodgett left Amherst, Mass., in May, 1821, going by wagon to Albany, by canal boat to Buffalo, by steambot to Detroit, and by wagon across Michigan to Will County, about six weeks on the road, as compared to our up-to-date twentieth century mode of travel.

In February, 1830, they came to Downers Grove and spent the summer at the corner of Main and Maple avenue, moving to the old homestead in the fall of the year.

On the 10th of March, in 1830, just sixty years ago, Mr. Blodgett, in company with E. Wells and John and Charles Peck, of Lombard, started from Downers Grove with three yokes of oxen and a wagon loaded with victuals and camping outfit, for the long overland journey to California. Just to illustrate this slow mode of travel, the first night found them one and one-half miles past Naperville, the second day's travel brought them a couple of miles past Aurora, being tipped to the Fox River in crossing.

About twenty miles this side of St. Joe, Mo., owing to some slight disagreement, they decided to separate. Mr. Blodgett and Mr. Wells bought the wagon which was owned by the Pecks.

The Pecks took their yoke of oxen and one joined the Goodling company from Joliet, the other hiring out to drive a team. They camped in St. Joe about ten days, waiting for the grass to grow, so they would have feed for their cattle, as grain was scarce; while they they remodeled their wagon, and bought two cows, which they broke to harness and used as leaders of the team. They crossed the Missouri River on the 10th of May.

On leaving St. Joe they joined the Peoria company, and went with them to South Pass, where the road forked, one leading to Salt Lake, the other to Fort Hall. A part of the company wanted to take the Salt Lake road, but, although the argument was taken up after they went into camp for the night and again the next morning, they had not come to any definite agreement when they broke camp. Arriving at the forks, Mr. Blodgett turned his team into the Salt Lake road and sold his oxen, who went to Salt Lake, follow.

Two teams followed and the other twenty took the Fort Hall road.

Arriving in Salt Lake they traded the yoke of oxen and the two cows together with a bucket of lard and enough calves for a woman's dress for two yokes of oxen. Having a fresh team they left the rest of the party and went independent until they reached Black Rock, Nev., where they fell in with the Goodling Company.

I took them six months and four days to get to the Sacramento valley. From there they went up to Feather River, near the Oregon line, where Mr. Blodgett spent most of the ten years he spent in California.

So far as known Mr. Blodgett is the only man living who made the trip overland from this county, and the only man living who was in the Fort at Naperville in 1822.

He has a good memory and tells some interesting stories of Indians in the West, some of which we hope to be able to give to our readers.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Martha J. Towlesy Died March 10, 1909.

Martha Jones was born at Wadestown, Wayne County, N. Y., May 13, 1823. Attended female seminary at Fulton, N. Y. Came to Jackson, Mich., 1841. Married to Hiram S. Towlesy at Kinderhook, Mich., Sept. 12, 1847. Six children: Francis E. Towlesy, Elmhurst, Ind.; Hattie T. Wilson, Chicago, Ill.; Mary T. Skinner, deceased; Edward D. Towlesy, Ottawa, Ont.; Alice T. Culver, deceased; William R. Towlesy, Downers Grove, Ill. Thirteen grand children.

Mr. Towlesy died Sept. 23, 1889, since which time she has made her home with her son William. For over sixty years she led a very active Christian life, and at the time of her death was a member of the First Baptist Church of Downers Grove. She was blessed with a beautiful voice, and early in life consecrated it to her Master's use. She lost this ability during her latter years, but never saw the time when her heart did not respond to sweet music. She looked forward to the heavenly home, with the assurance that she should sing again.

She was very fond of young people, and was actively identified with the Sabbath school and Baptist Young People's Union. Funeral services at the home. Remains placed beside those of her husband at White Pigeon, Mich.

I wish to announce to my friends and the public that I am a candidate for Township Tax Collector.
SAM CURTISS.

I wish to announce myself as a candidate for road commissioner.
IRA E. HEART.

Among the Churches

—Christian Science church will meet at Modaff's building on Sunday at 11 a. m.

—St. Joseph's church, Mass at 9:30 a. m. High Mass at 10 a. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. These services will be held at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Neikie, Pastor.

—St. Paul's German Evangelical church, on Oppenheim street, Sunday school at 1:30 p. m. Church services at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Neikie, Pastor.

—EVANGELICAL CHURCH. —Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior meeting at 10:45 p. m. Young People's Alliance at 8:45 p. m. These services will be held at 2:30 p. m. These services will be held at 2:30 p. m.

—Methodist Episcopal Church, E. F. Farnaloe, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:45. Epworth League at 6:30. Junior Epworth League at 7:30. Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. General prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. On Sunday morning Rev. J. C. Crowther is one of the most forcible, scholarly and eloquent young preachers of the North Dakota conference. Pastor will preach in the evening.

—Congregational Church, March 21. Morning worship at 10:30. Theme, "Obedience and Obedience." Sunday school at 12:45. Epworth League at 6:30. Christian Endeavor at 7:30. Evening service at 7:30. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Special music will be rendered at all services. The evening service will be especially special singing and sermon. Welcome to all the services.

—Mr. Phillips expects to be at the Baptist church on next Sunday. His subject in the evening will be "The Psalmist's Song." In the evening, "Children of the Wilderness."

—There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 21, at 11 o'clock in the morning. The Rev. George Davis will be the celebrant. The pastor will be the celebrant. The pastor will be the celebrant.

—A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

There is an air of the romantic and picturesque that clings, icy-like, to the hills and lochs of Ireland and to its people, their history, songs and customs. And this atmosphere pleasantly pervaded the afternoon given at the Woman's Club. The audience was exceptionally large and was well pleased by the program, where participated some of the best talent of Downers Grove. The theme Wednesday was "Irish Folk Lore and Melody."

The answer to roll call was interspersed with a spice of humor, but was instructive and in itself carried exceptional interest.

The shamrock became the club flower.

"The Wearin' of the Green" was the most popular thing and the time itself was heard everywhere.

The program, which follows, was arranged by Mrs. Dietz and was very appropriate for the occasion.

Sketch of St. Patrick, by Mrs. Lemon. Piano diet, Miss Roe and Mrs. Lipsy.

Poem, St. Patrick's Birthday and St. Patrick Was a Gentleman, by Mrs. Sacksteder.

Vocal solo, an Irish Love Song, Miss Mae Potter, accompanied by Miss Hattie Bryce.

Poem, Dear Harp of My Country, Mrs. Burris.

Piano solo, Miss Roe.

Poem, The Harp That Once Thro' Tara's Hall, Miss Stewart.

Vocal diet, Roses, Roses Everywhere, Melodines Avery and Lucare.

Vocal solo, Orchard Love Song, Miss Mae Potter, accompanied by Miss Hattie Bryce.

After the program the president asked the ladies to adjourn to the dining room, where they were received by Mrs. Brandenberg, chairman of the social committee, and her force, who had plates laid for twenty-seven. The table was decorated in ferns and each lady was presented with a shamrock as a souvenir.

PRIMARY ELECTION. Saturday, March 20. Do not fail to vote at the primaries Saturday. There will be a contest for the office of Assessor, George Busby of Hinsdale and C. H. Staats of this village. For Collector, Sam Curtis and Fred Bushman are candidates.

ANNOUNCEMENT. The Great Northern Cleaners and Dyers will open up a branch office at 172 South Main street, where orders will be taken for carpet cleaning, ladies' garments, gents' clothes cleaned and repaired, curtains and draperies cleaned and dyed.

ANNOUNCEMENT. I wish to announce myself as a candidate for the office of Township Collector for this township.
FRED BUSHMAN.

DOWNERS GROVE RIGHT IN LINE.

The Sunday schools of Wheaton, Hinsdale, Naperville, Elmhurst and perhaps other towns of the county, are planning to take a census of their pupils by the help of an efficient corps of visitors, on Saturday afternoon, March 27, the object of the census being to make everybody acquainted with the church and Sunday school of their choice and to make the church and Sunday school acquainted with everybody. Through committees appointed by the different Sunday schools of the village this plan has been adopted by Downers Grove and on the same day, March 27, every home in the village will receive a call from one of the visiting committee, and a request for the information specified on the cards which the visitor will carry and which have been prepared by the International Sunday School Association.

The system of annual visitation has been practiced in most of the states for several years. The chairman of the International Visitation Committee is Mr. William Hamilton of Toronto, Canada, and his committee come from four widely separated states, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Kentucky. This will indicate somewhat the widespread use of this means of making the people of a community acquainted with each other and with the forces that make for morality and righteousness, which everywhere need every citizen.

In almost every instance the work has received the most cordial support and co-operation of the communities in which it has been undertaken, and the results have abundantly justified the effort. This system of house to house visitation has been an annual occurrence in Naperville for a number of years, and each year adds to the enthusiasm with which it is carried out. We bespeak a like experience for our own community.

—Miss Bertha and Cora Oldfield will be at home with Miss Letitia Childers.

—Meetings have been held in the Cass school house the past two Sundays owing to the store being out of repair.

—About forty-five young people gathered at Mr. and Mrs. Cies, March 6's home near Grove Station, last Wednesday evening. All report a good time, and report Mr. and Mrs. Maerck of royal hosts.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Childers are remodeling their new home on the farm recently purchased from Welch Bros.

—Mrs. J. Klein returned home last Sunday from the West Side Hospital, Chicago, where she underwent an operation the Monday previous. She is getting along splendidly at this writing.

—Mrs. Emil Eichhorst is still on the sick list; her many friends are hoping her condition will soon improve.

The annual meeting of the lot owners of Fair View cemetery, Cass, will be held at the cemetery on Thursday, March 25th, at 1:30 p. m., for the election of one trustee and such other business as may come before the meeting.

Edlie Schuetz, of Downers Grove, was assisting John Heurtl last week hauling drain tile.

Clark (oldfield), a "U" locomotive engineer of Chicago, is spending a few days shooting ducks on the flats.

J. E. Oldfield has been sick with a gripe for several weeks.

Local Happenings

TO CORRESPONDENTS. All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily his address, but as an evidence 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 distinct.

BEST OF ALL FLOUR IS BEST Mrs. H. E. Ware, modiste, 163 1/2 Main street.

Five or ten acre tracts for sale or rent. Wm. Straube.

Mrs. J. W. Brown has been sick, but is able to be around.

Miss Naomi Robin has returned from a visit to Iowa points.

Miss Hattie Biel is very proud of her new horse, Black Beauty.

Frank Bertolin has accepted a position with the Ketsmoff Press.

The Jewett family will remove to Denver, Colo., in a few days.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday during Lent. L. Klein.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Tholin are the parents of a baby daughter.

Mrs. Samuel Curtis entertained Mrs. Davis of Hinsdale last week.

Miss Nettie Riel entertained a cousin from Chicago for a few days.

Miss Latham, teacher in the S. S. school, has been ill for some time.

Jessie Aldrich of Chicago spent Saturday and Sunday with her father.

If you want the best in rubber footwear buy Beacon Falls brand.

Extra quality means extra wear. J. W. Nash.

—Do not forget to vote at the primaries Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p. m.

—Good mixed lawn seed at 15c per pound, at Metz & Mochel's.

—Mr. and Mrs. La Charty gave a most unique St. Patrick party Wednesday evening.

—Cobbles are a common thing among the children on account of the changeable weather.

—Have you tried Franets' pure milk? If not you had better call him up, Phone 472.

Mrs. Richard Lendrum is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. John Woelfer-Sheep.

—Mrs. Morton and Miss Loomis entertained Mrs. Libby Croule from Austin last week.

—Go to A. Hella for carpenter repair work. Orders taken for drain tiling, 54 North Foote street.

Village Collector S. Curtis has had to hire assistance to make out his delinquent list.

—Mr. and Mrs. Straube were called to Kingston, Ill., on account of the death of an aunt.

—White Rock Hoof Packing. M. Flecka & Co.

—Mr. Fuskett has been very ill. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he is improving.

—Mrs. C. V. Carpenter's party for the Neighborhood Club has been postponed until next week.

Blue Ribbon Cream Cheese, delicious Lunch Brie and a variety of other cheese, carried by Fred Gerwig.

—Another Downers Grove girl will soon be a bride, and make her home in St. Louis for the future.

The red side of the Philanthropicon will meet at the home of Miss Meyers March 22 at 8 p. m.

Boiling, spouting, the work of all kinds. Bring in your mending; done while you wait. M. Flecka & Co.

Special communication of Grove Lodge No. 824, A. F. & A. M. Friday (to-night) at 7:30. Work.

—Mrs. Capron Stanley returned from West Chicago, where she was called on account of a nephew's death.

—Sound oak wood delivered at \$5.00 a cord; sawed in store lengths, \$1.00 a cord. A. A. Smith, Naperville, Ill., phone 224.

—Mr. Harry Blodgett is feeling better the past few days and is attending to his jury duties in the city.

—A clergyman writes: "Preventives, those little Candy Cold Cure Tablets, are working wonders in my parish. Preventives surely will check a cold, or the Grippe, in a very few hours. And Preventives are so safe and harmless. No Quinine, nothing harsh nor unpleasant. Fine for feverish, restless children. Box of 48 at 25c. Sold by Bush & Simonson.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clover and family of La Grange were Sunday visitors at the Cook home last week.

—Clyde W. Biskeloe Cornerstone Lodge, Chicago, visited Grove Lodge No. 824, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening.

—Victory Council, No. 116, Royal League, are making preparations to have an entertainment the 20th of April.

—Dr. Crowther, field secretary of the Hammond Jubilee Committee for Africa, will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday.

Barnard's Perpetual Green, best mixed lawn seed, at 15c per pound, in lots of ten or more lbs per pound, at Metz & Mochel's.

—We understand several young men are again in trouble for millions miles on the north side. Will they ever learn to be good?

—Pink Pain Tablets—Dr. Shoop's—stop Headache, womanly pains, any pain, anywhere, in 20 minutes sure. Formula on the 2c box. Ask your druggist or doctor about this formula—It's fine. Sold by Bush & Simonson.

—Quite a number were greatly disappointed in not hearing Mr. Phillips on Sunday, but two very good sermons were heard nevertheless.

—E. E. Stevens and daughters Louise, Edith and Agnes left for Old

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THE ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

The members of the Downers Grove entertainment committee, herewith thank our patrons for their support and co-operation during the past season's entertainments of 1908 and 1909. It was the special aim of the committee to do the best they knew how in giving to the public of Downers Grove the highest class of entertainments at the lowest possible cost, and we believe we have accomplished that aim.

All who attended the entertainments have extolled them. The committee were rather discouraged when at their first meeting during the summer of 1908 the state of affairs was discussed and the committee faced a deficit of \$20.00, but they went ahead with almost confidence that the people of Downers Grove would support them, and would rally to the support of the committee. They have done so and the people receive our high appreciation.

We expect to keep up the high standard of these entertainments next season and we offer a suggestion to the people of our village that if the season is not excessively hot and the season is moderate in its demands and leaves you with a little small change, don't forget to lay it aside for the fall before the coal man arrives, when you can invest the amount saved from the tax man on six high class entertainments. —Mr. Woodruff writes us to get cold feet.

We hope that next season the citizens, including Republicans and Democrats and Suffragettes, will come and secure the perpetuity of our annual entertainments. Citizens of Downers Grove, again thank you for your patronage as Burns said:

"An' each look off his several wad Resolved to meet some other man."

RAMUEL JOHNSON.

HERE'S TO BE

We happened in a hard night and over the parties the motto worked in letters.

"What is Home Without a Mother?"

What's the matter with "Our Dad?" He gets up early, gets the fire, boils an egg, grabs his newspaper and wipes the dew of the lawn with his boots while every mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly bandon for the butcher, the milkman and the baker and his little pile is badly worn before he is home an hour. If there is a note in the paper during the night Dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs and find the burglar and kill him. Mother dreads the week but Dad bought the socks in the first place and the needles and yarn afterwards. Mother puts up the fruit; well Dad bought it all, and the jars and sugar cost like water. Dad buys the chickens for Sunday dinner, serves them and drives the milk from the ruins after everyone else is served.

"What is Home Without a Mother?" Yes that's all right, but what is home without a father? Dad, here's to you. You're not your faults—you may have lots of 'em, but you're all right and we'll miss you when you're gone.—E. C. HARRIS.

R. M. GIBSON TRANSFERERS.

R. M. Gibson, who has been the manager of our local telephone office for five years, has been transferred to Highland Park and Lake Forest. R. M. Patchen of the McHenry office has been transferred to take charge of the Downers Grove and Hinsdale offices.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

On Thursday, April 8, the Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational Church will be prepared to sell all sorts of good things to eat—home-made bread, cakes, pies, etc. There will also be placed on sale a number of plain and fancy aprons, and other articles. Thursday before Easter in the church basement.

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