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JUDICIAL PRIMARY.

With the Judicial Primaries to only a few weeks off, the question as to who are to be chosen for the three positions on our Circuit Bench for the ensuing term assumes an immediate importance. Two main considerations should affect the choice. First, it should fall on men of personal integrity and tried ability, and, second, and hardly less important, the judgeships should be fairly distributed among the counties of the circuit. The second consideration is more than a mere question of the apportionment of political plums. It is for the best interests of justice and an effective administration of the law that the judges be so distributed over the circuit as to be readily accessible to the citizens of all the counties alike.

There are a number of candidates in the field, among whom are the three present sitting judges. They represent perhaps as fair a distribution of the judgeships among the several counties as could be made. Their qualifications for the office have been quite thoroughly tested during their various terms of service and are more or less generally known.

Judge Carnes of DeKalb County has been on the bench about two years, and during that time has thoroughly demonstrated his ability and should be re-elected. Judge Willis of Kane County has served in his present capacity for several terms. His repeated return to the office is evidence of the confidence placed in him by the people and their approval of his discharge of his duties. Our fellow townsman, Judge Mazzini Stusser, DuPage County's candidate, is in point of length of service the junior of the two judges just mentioned, having occupied the office less than a year. In the short time that he has been on the bench, however, he has won a very strong following in those counties of the circuit where he was, before his appointment, less well known. His work in Kane County, where he has spent a considerable portion of his time, has met with universal approval. It goes without saying that he will have the solid support of DuPage County.

In this connection we wish to urge upon the voters the importance of every man casting his vote. The coming election should call for the full voting strength of the county. Every vote counts. A large vote in DuPage County means a smaller number of votes which must be won from opposition candidates in other counties of the circuit. Let us make the number to be made up as small as possible.

BURGERS MAKE A HAUL.

Last night, while the family of Mrs. J. D. Smith were out to dinner, burglars broke into the house and ransacked the whole place. It is generally believed they were professionals, as they did such neat and clever work. They ran a jimmy under the pantry window, raising it in such a way as to break the latch. The rest was easy, as there was something the matter with the electric light plant and there was not a light on any street in town. When Mrs. Smith came home, about 9:15, and saw the front door open, she knew at once something was wrong. Well, just what she found is better imagined than described. Everything was in the utmost confusion, all the drawers in the house were empty and the contents strewn around the rooms, likewise the boxes. The thieves got away with three gold watches, neck chain and locket, watch fob, two or three rings, stick pins and other small jewelry, also about \$15 in money.

A REMINDER OF VISITING DAY.

The Sunday schools have completed all plans for the proposed Visiting Day program, and but one thing remains to make the work a complete success, and that is the kindly cooperation of all the homes visited. If this were a new and untried experiment, there might be some questions raised, perhaps, by persons who question every new move of whatever kind. But the kindly welcome Visiting Day has received from people all over the United States and Canada, for the past five or six years, establishes its rightful place as one of the means of uniting the people of any community in action along progressive lines. We trust our visitors may find few, if any, "not at home" signs, on their rounds on Saturday afternoon. Please be at home between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, at least long enough to say, "How do you do," and give a few lines for the visitation record.

By Request of Committee.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. Josephine G. Goodspeed announces the marriage of her daughter, Idalia, to Mr. John Wesley Thompson, Saturday, March 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson left for St. Louis Monday, where they will make their future home.

A WORD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank all my friends (through this medium) for their kind support at the recent township caucus.

FRED BUSHMAN.

CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE.

Benjamin F. Harrington, the Yorkville attorney, is a candidate of Kendall County for one of the three judgeships.

To the Voters: There will be a Primary Election on Tuesday, April 13th, to nominate three Judges of the Circuit Court of this Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, comprising Kendall, Kane, DeKalb and DuPage Counties.

I am a candidate on the Republican ticket for one of these positions. Kendall County has never had a Circuit Court Judge, while Kane and DeKalb have had two for nearly thirty years, and DuPage has had one for nearly eighteen years.



BENJAMIN F. HARRINGTON.

I have resided in Yorkville, in Kendall County, for about thirty years, and during all that time I have had an extended law practice in all of the courts of this state, and I believe I am competent to fill the position of Circuit Court Judge, and I accordingly request the voters to aid in my nomination and election.

I am not the candidate of any railroad, trust, combine or clique, and if elected will do my share of the work, and in my turn will hold court in all of the four counties, and try and do out exact justice to all, without fear or favor.

I would insist upon the prompt dispatch of business, and would not permit terms of court to be prolonged, continued and adjourned unnecessarily. It will be up to the voters of DeKalb, Kane and DuPage counties to give Kendall county a "square deal" by voting for its candidate.

If they will vote for me I believe I will be nominated and elected, for I have received strong endorsements and favorable mention in thirty-seven newspapers in Kane, DuPage and DeKalb counties, wherein I expect a large vote from many people in favor of a "square deal" for Kendall county, and who are friendly to me, and who have kindly offered their assistance.

WILL YOU KINDLY ASSIST ME?
BENJAMIN F. HARRINGTON, ATTORNEY,
Yorkville, Ill.

Among the Churches

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

—St. Joseph's Parish, Mass. at 9:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Bolland.

—St. Paul's German Evangelical church, on Grove street.—Sunday school at 10:40 a. m. Church services at 7:30 p. m. Rev. Merbach.

—EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Junior meeting at 2:30 p. m. Young People's Alliance at 6:45 p. m. These services will be evangelistic. Every one is invited.

—Methodist Episcopal Church, F. F. Farnolce, pastor. Class meeting at 7:30. 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 on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. General prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

—St. Andrews Episcopal Church.—Services Sunday, March 28: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; evening prayer with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 7:30. During Lent services every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

—Congregational church.—Morning worship at 10:30 a. m., theme, "How to Get Right With God." Sunday school at 12 m. Special temperance program. Dr. Rebb will speak, special music. C. E. at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. A welcome is extended to all the services of the church. Junior C. E. Wednesday at 3:45 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. It will be the regular quarterly meeting of the church. Special reports will be made.

—At the Baptist church Sunday morning, Mr. Phillips will have as his subject "Christ and the Modern Man"; evening subject, "Lilies and Life." Beginning with the first Sunday in April Mr. Phillips will preach a series of Sunday evening sermons on "The Sea" as follows: "Out of the Depths," "The Ocean of Sin," "The Storms and Calms of Life," "The Haven."

LEMON

Where at its southern limit the village of Downers Grove fades away into the country, a dirt road, half hidden between the woods as if in shame, winds its way south. Judging by its physical appearance one would not know of this road, for its neglect shows that the people in this part of the township are of too small importance to engage any of our commissioners' valuable time and money. I mean the township's money, a combination necessary for bringing a road into passable condition.

I realize that it is of small importance if the farmers who must drive out of their way and lose more or less time in bringing their milk to the train. The farmers are philanthropic—very philanthropic—and are willing to endure both time and comfort, and, without grumbling, have noticed roads all around being gradually brought into good condition.

Of course we do not care that our taxes are raised; that's to be expected, but we should be even so much more contented in our muddled lot, if the road commissioners should some day sweep down on this road—but, say, don't make it crushed stone—it would blind us.

OLAF K. JORGENSEN.

FUNERAL OF M. D. CRAMER.

Mathias D. Cramer, who died at the home of his son, Adolphus J., at 494 New York street, Aurora, last Wednesday morning, was buried in Fairview cemetery at Cass, Friday, March 19th. Rev. F. F. Farnolce presided the funeral sermon at the grave.

OBITUARY.

Mathias D. Cramer was born at Mandan, N. D., April 10, 1832; he married Margaret Guthrie at Newark, N. J., in 1845; coming to this part of the country in 1855 he spent one year in Chicago and one year of the Walton farm, then located on what is known as the Cramer homestead south of the village.

Twenty-five years ago he moved to the village and the last two and one-half years he spent with his son Adolphus J., at Aurora. Four children were born to him: Adolphus J., Francis H., Augustus, who died in 1893, and Mrs. Emma Cramer, who died in 1894. Two sons, a daughter and his wife survive him and mourn his loss.

ARBOR AND BIRD DAYS.

The Governor has designated April 23d and October 23d as Arbor and Bird Days. The autumn date is more suitable for the southern end of the state. The State Superintendent will issue a pamphlet of about one hundred pages containing nearly one hundred pictures. It contains the following articles:

- "Plant Pets," by Fred I. Charles, of the DeKalb Normal School.
 - "Beautifying School Grounds," by Emt. DeWitt Edwood, of Charleston.
 - "The Economic Value of Some Common Illinois Birds," by J. O. Gross and S. A. Forbes, of the University of Illinois.
 - "Propagation and Protection and Distribution of Game Birds by the State," by Dr. J. A. Wheeler, State Game Commissioner, Springfield.
- These pamphlets will be ready for shipment upon request to county and city superintendents.

TWO KILLED BY TRAIN AT GRADE CROSSING.

Mrs. Maud Keller, wife of a well-known teaming contractor who resides in Chicago, was killed by a train at Western Springs, near Joliet, Wednesday afternoon, together with John Richter, manager of the Keller farm at Western Springs.

Their buggy was flung high in the air, its occupants being hurled 100 feet. Both Mrs. Keller and Richter leave a wife and three children.

Mrs. Richter will be remembered by Downers Grove people as Mrs. Geo. Ratner. Her first husband was injured about six years ago taking a load of feed into the barn of H. Woelfersheim, and died shortly afterwards.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS SALE.

For Sale—Household and kitchen furniture. Everything will go at a bargain. Sale will be private, and will begin Saturday, March 27, 1909. Best bargains always come first.

J. W. PEARCE,
83 Elm St.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Great Northern Cleaners and Dyers will open up a branch office at 112 South Main street, where orders will be taken for carpet cleaning, ladies' garments, men's clothes cleaned and repaired, curtains and draperies cleaned and dyed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

D. C. Francis announces his purchase of A. Alvin's milk business. Same delivery hours. Two trips after May 1. Your patronage respectfully solicited.

Phone 472.

\$5.00 REWARD.
\$5.00 reward will be paid for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of person or persons breaking street electric light lamps.

J. W. HUGHES,
Village President.

BASKET BALL.

Last Game of the Season.

Last Saturday night the Downers Grove and Seneca basketball teams fought bitterly for the suburban championship. It was the fastest and most exciting game ever played on the Downers floor.

The Senecas started off with a rush, scoring two field baskets in the first two minutes of play. They kept up their good work, and made the score 11 to 3 in their favor with only a few minutes of the first half left to play. Then the Downers team came back with the speed lever thrown clear down, making three field baskets and one free throw in the remaining few minutes; the score at the end of the first half being Downers 13 Senecas 11.

The second half proved even more exciting than the first, the great crowd of basket ball fans being kept in constant uproar. During the first part of the second half the score saw-sawed back and forth, both teams struggling madly for the honors. At last the awful pace began to tell on the Senecas, and the Downers team gradually forged to the front, the final score being Downers 29, Senecas 23. Torrey, the captain of the Downers, played a great game, making 23 points.

The line-up was as follows:
Downers Grove, Position. Seneca.
Wells R. F. C. Carner
Allison L. F. Carner
Torrey C. Puffer
Winters R. G. H. Carner
O'Mara L. G. Ambrose
Field baskets—Wells, 1; Allison, 2; Torrey, 5; C. Carner, 3; Carlson, 1; Puffer, 3; H. Carner, 1. Free throws—Torrey, 13; H. Carner, 4; Ambrose, 1; Carlson, 1. Points awarded—Senecas, 1. Referee—Gordon.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

The Senecas fouled 23 times and the Downers team 17; this alone shows the tenacity of the battle.

Torrey made as many points as the whole Seneca team.

Gordon was one of the best referees ever seen on the home floor.

The spectators rooted themselves hoarse, and then rooted some more.

MASQUERADE.

Downers Grove, Friday, April 2, '09.

There's never a one of us but likes to "dress up," as children nothing was quite so much fun—do you remember?

For that reason, when Friday evening, April 2, comes around, there will probably be a real "outpouring" of festive folks to the masquerade dance which will be given at Modaff's Hall under the efficient direction of Prof. F. B. Rowden.

Really, we never have quite such good times as when the unusual garb of a masque costume takes us out of our usual surroundings and we become free and frisky as children again. But there's more than childish pleasure in the allure of bright eyes behind concealing masks—the fascination of half-revealed identity calls to the masculine mind and heart, and as for the fair women, they are never as happy as when, alluring and mischievous, they compel the pleasant tribute of man's admiration and praise. Probably we will put a large red ring around this date in Downers Grove's social calendar. First, because we will anticipate the good time, and, second, because we really had it.

Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily the publication, 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. Geo. Foster is entertaining her sister.

—White Rock Hoof Packing, M. Plevka & Co.

—Everybody knows that other people make mistakes.

—Calumet; Sanitary Wall Finish, M. Plevka & Co.

—Mrs. R. S. White visited Mrs. Stanger this week.

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

—Sylvester Lyman is laid up with his old enemy—quinsy.

—J. S. Lozier returned on Monday from a three weeks' trip.

—Nobody admires a knocker, yet he can always get an audience.

—Miss Ethelyn Bartels has been on the sick list for a few days.

—Jennie Griffiths has been suffering with a cold for several days.

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

—Elmer Bateman, who has been on the sick list, is almost well again.

—Mr. Forsyth, a member of Dearborn Lodge, A. F. & A. M., visited Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Norton spent several days at La Porte, Ind., last week.

—Prof. Butler of Naperville has been selected by the School Board to superintend the school after the present

THE SCHOOL, ITS OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Sermon Preached at the Congregational Church by the Pastor, Rev. Allingham.

This is the second of a series of three sermons on the fundamental institutions of a community. It was our pleasure last Sunday to treat of the home, placing especial emphasis upon the value of parental supervision and a correct and wholesome environment.

The awakening of the social conscience which has aided considerably in lightening the conditions which exist between man and man, and compelling that a careful study be made in those branches in our schools and colleges, has disclosed a condition which is appalling in the volume of defectiveness and variety of conditions.

The student of Sociology finds so difficult in declaring that our modern home is weak and inconsistent. The average father has long since demonstrated his incompetence to govern the family, and a well-meaning but weak mother has added to the plight, thus the offspring grow up uncontrolled, uncontrolled, misdirected and lawless. It is not the children's fault, it is absolutely and wholly the parent's.

The family altar has passed away with parental control. There is no head to the modern home, and if there is any indication of one it is likely to appear in the form of a narrow-lashed hat, an extensively folded pair of trousers, a cigarette, a small head and a limited quantity of grey matter, or short skirts presided over by a large and cumbersome headgear, presenting a rather correct specimen for Darwin's theory by perpetually reminding us of a piece of chewing-gum.

The Bible had a place in the "old home" but not in the "new." It is the safest repository outside of the deposit vault for grocery bills and greenbacks, as there will be no fear of their being disturbed by any member of the family, and burglars are not the class of people who can be trusted with the sacred pages when on their rounds of filching.

This is a sad picture, but it is not untrue. It may be called a pessimistic view, but call it what you will it shall not alter the conditions any. Now the only optimistic note about it is, that it is revolting, ugly, shameful, and the moral stench will cause a hasty adjustment and a purifying influence to be brought to bear upon it. We believe that the indications now favor a return to the former ways and habits.

Passing out from the home the child passes into the school. What is the school? what can it do and what is it doing?

In our sermon on the home we said the "family" was the unit of society—what the family is, the school is, the society is. A good school and a bad family are antonyms. You cannot have a good school made up of children who come from disorderly, lawless homes.

The school and the family are interdependent and inter-related. They are too much so to be ignored. A disorderly, refractory, lawless family will make bedlam of a school, and all the teaching, and all the instruction, and all the moral discipline of the home may be undone ten times over by the school during the week.

The school, like the family, has no Bible. It is shelved by legislation. Pressure is being brought to bear upon our school system more and more to have it universally abandoned by all the States of the Union in our public schools, Jews and Roman Catholics are the opposing factors and are back of most of this opposition. It is not necessary to say much on this question other than to refer the intelligent reader and student of history to the nations where these people predominate. Death, moral, intellectual and physical, ignorance, disease and crime prevail, and it is only where the salt of Protestantism, otherwise a free and

—Mrs. H. D. Wyllie, of Gilbert avenue, has not been well for the past few weeks.

—Stated communication of Grove Lodge No. 824, A. F. & A. M., to-night (Friday).

—Spring vacation at the schools begins March 29th. School will reopen April 6th.

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

—Mrs. Kirchgasser is suffering from pneumonia and is under the care of a trained nurse.

—Mrs. M. W. Mills, of Middaugh avenue, entertained the Thimble Club on Tuesday afternoon.

—Make your furniture look new by using Japalac or Liquid Veneer. Sold by Mertz & Mochel.

—Farmers, don't contract your twine till you see us. We have rock bottom prices. M. Plevka & Co.

—Mrs. Telford Stevenson and son Donald, left on Friday for California, where she will join her husband.

—Roofing, spouting, tinwork of all kinds. Bring in your mending; done while you wait. M. Plevka & Co.

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

—Miss Ross, one of the south side school teachers, was confined to the home for a few days with a severe cold.

—Mrs. G. S. Murphy entertained the Junior C. E. of the Congregational church last Saturday afternoon at her home.

—If you want the best in rubber footwear buy Beacon Falls brand. Extra quality means extra wear. J. W. Nash.

—Barnard's Perpetual Green, best mixed lawn seed, at 25c per pound, in lots of ten or more lbs per pound, at Mertz & Mochel's.

—Ruth and Edgar Henning, of Plano, Ill., spent Saturday and Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Graham.

—Mrs. William Moore and little daughter Margery, who have been visiting Mrs. Handy and Mrs. Fred Towley, left for home on Saturday.

—Mrs. J. H. Griffiths visited Butler Chapter No. 36, O. E. S., in Masonic Temple, Chicago, Saturday night.

—Mrs. Gillespie entertained a card club at her home on Saturday evening. Dr. Rebb received the gentleman's prize, and Mrs. Wm. Straube the lady's.

—There has been a school of instruction of the R. A. M. at Aurora the last three days. Quite a number of Royal Arch Masons from here attended Thursday.

—Wm. Hodgett was taken quite ill on Tuesday night. Mrs. Hodgett thought it was caused by some canned meat he had eaten in a restaurant in Chicago.

—Logan Stanley left for Kettle Falls, Wash., Tuesday to join his brother Martin; he will probably spend the summer there, making improvements on the farm.

—The Woman's Guild of St. Andrews Episcopal Church will hold a bakery sale in the basement of the church Saturday, April 10, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. Prices reasonable.

—Mrs. C. A. Clement of East Maple avenue, was taken to a hospital in Chicago on Sunday. Mrs. Clement has been suffering with severe pains in her head for several days.

—Mrs. W. B. Knox, of Reokuk, Iowa, and Mr. Harden Smith, of Valdez, Alaska, are visiting their niece, Mrs. Lester Barr. Miss Knox, of Berwyn, is also a guest of the Barr family.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Blodgett, of Chicago and their eldest daughter, Mrs. Alexander, of Massachusetts, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Blodgett last week.

—Miss Mae Fairweather is expected home the latter part of this week. Her many friends will be pleased to know that she is getting along so nicely and will, no doubt, give her a glad welcome home.

—Pink Pain Tablets—Dr. Shoop's—

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