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JUDGES ARE CHOSEN FOR FIRST COUNT OF BALLOTS

GRAND SPECIAL BONUS OFFER.

Five Thousand Extra Votes for Every Seven Years New Subscription.

As announced in last week's issue, the names are now made known of the judges who will count the votes in the Reporter's Great Prize Voting Contest at the first count, which will be Friday, Nov. 26th, 1909, at which time the Reporter will award \$10.00 in gold to the contestant having the largest number of votes.

The citizens who have signified their willingness to act as judges are Messrs. Judge D. G. Graham, Marshall Geo. Hoffert and L. P. Naramore.

Every day there are strong assurances that the Reporter's Prize Voting Contest is growing rapidly and there are likewise strong assurances that the interest will continue to increase proportionately with each succeeding day until the names of the winners are announced.

From the large number of new subscriptions received, and from inquiries made by both telephone and letter, there is no doubt there is considerable work being done by the contestants and their friends, and those who are hustling now are working along the right line, for it is easier to gain a start and maintain it early in the game, than it is to come in as the "dark horse" and try to out-class all the others.

Don't forget the subscriptions. They are what count as well as merchants' coupons.

Remember, that the \$10.00 in gold will be given to the contestant having the largest number of votes on Friday, Nov. 26th, as a special prize offered by the Reporter. It will in no way effect the standing of the winner of the contest. A few of the contestants have thought that the winning of this \$10.00 would effect their votes for the piano, and we have been asked if they will vote with the piano. All votes found in the ballot box on Nov. 26th will be included in the final count, which will decide the winner of the piano and other prizes.

The Reporter has prepared post cards, which will be of material assistance to contestants in their canvass for new subscriptions and renewals. These, together with subscription receipt blanks, will be supplied to all contestants who will call at this office for them. If preferred, we will mail them to contestants upon request.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SPECIAL BONUS OFFER WHICH WILL HOLD GOOD UNTIL THE BALLOT BOX CLOSURES FOR THE FIRST COUNT ON FRIDAY, NOV. 26TH.

FOR EVERY 7 YEARS' NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS, FIVE THOUSAND EXTRA, MAKING A TOTAL OF EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED VOTES.

FOR EVERY 7 YEARS' RENEWAL OR BACK SUBSCRIPTIONS, FOUR THOUSAND EXTRA, MAKING A TOTAL OF SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED VOTES.

Remember and have your friends trade with the merchants who are giving the coupons. They are reliable trades people, and are as follows:

Miss Hattie Dierks, Miss Martha Stobben, Miss Elizabeth Sorenson, Miss Agnes Dunn, Miss Fannie Whitney, Miss Lillie Dierks, Miss Lucy Stobben, Miss Lena Schumaker, Miss Muriel McDonald, Miss Bessie McGinnis, Miss Marie Ahrens, HINSDALE R. F. D. No. 1, Annie Hogrefe.

For Further Particulars and Rules Governing Contest, See Page 3.

CORNER STONE LAYING

Although the weather on last Sunday morning threatened to make the day inauspicious for the laying of the cornerstone of the First Evangelical Church, yet in due time the showers ceased, the clouds scattered and the sun smiled forth graciously so that at the appointed hour the services could be held without any interruption.

The exercises were opened by the pastor with a few words of welcome. He also gave expression of the society's appreciation of the interest which the citizens of Downers Grove are taking in the edifice now under construction.

The congregation then joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord." After the reading of a scripture lesson and prayer the pastor read a brief sketch of the history both of the society and also of the old building.

The pastor then announced that owing to a severe cold the bishop who expected to officiate upon this occasion found it impossible to be present. But while this was a keen disappointment to all who attended these exercises, yet the disappointment was soon forgotten and the interest of all centered in the excellent address delivered by Rev. W. B. Hilling, P. E., who officiated in the absence of the bishop.

In his address the speaker laid special emphasis upon the fact that Jesus Christ is the only true foundation, both for the individual and also for the society. He clearly and very forcefully showed that all attempts to lay any other foundation are sad failures.

The choir of the society rendered two very beautiful selections. After the announcement of the contents of the box placed into the cornerstone the stone was laid by Rev. W. B. Hilling.

The following local pastors attended: Rev. Allingham, Rev. Merbach, Rev. Adams, Rev. Babcock and Rev. Lawler. Quite a number of friends from Chicago and Naperville attended these services. The large attendance of people from this city gave evidence of their interest in this project. The following is a copy of the sketch read by the pastor.

The beautiful cornerstone is a donation to the society from Mr. Arthur Beidelman of Naperville, Ill.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

In addition to carrying off the palm, horticulturally speaking, through one of its well known citizens growing real apples on a pear tree, our delightful little suburb, by the achievement of another of its worthy residents again has a niche in the temple of fame by accomplishing an impossibility.

For fear that too great exultation among his admiring townsmen will lessen the full credit which he deserves we will whisper it softly. "The great problem is solved—our friend and neighbor has succeeded where Archimedes and a host of illustrious successors failed—he has squared the circle."

The solution which for ages has been reckoned among the things impossible to finite man, is simple; to accomplish it you take the diameter of the circle or the diagonal of the square and—but, no! we will not rob the man whom we delight to recognize as a fellow citizen, of the glory of first describing his method in his own way. A forthcoming issue of a world famous scientific publication may contain over his own signature the long sought answer to the historic puzzle. Nevertheless, do not forget it, the circle is now squared and it shall so remain.

THE SUGAR BUSH.

"Of course the brick pavements, and the cement sidewalks, and the electric light, and all the gimcracks you have now are mighty nice and pleasant," said the old settler as he made himself comfortable beside the blazing fire in the corner grocery, "but somehow I seem to miss the old ways we used to have and the things we used to do before the village got so civilized."

"I don't suppose any of you know that we used to have a sugar bush west of town, down there where Gilbert avenue runs—and they're talking now of putting brick pavement there, too."

"What is a sugar bush? Well, I swan to man! Where were you raised not to know that? A sugar bush is a grove of hard maples—sugar maples we used to call them—where they make maple sugar."

"Yes, sir," continued the old settler, "that sugar bush was sure a dandy. I've seen as much as fifty pounds of sugar made there at one sugarin' off. None of your modern, maple sugar neither, with all the sweet refined out of it and no more maple taste than a piece of stick candy."

"The bush was run for years and years by Uncle John Stanley, as square a man as ever trod shoe leather. Seems like I can see him yet, a stooping over the old kettles where the sap was a boiling—he was nigh onto six feet tall and straight as an arrow. He used to have a curious way of putting a little piece of bacon, caught in a notched stick, into the kettles to keep the syrup from foaming over. Sorter pouring oil on the trouble waters like the scripture says. But say, I'm sorter setting the cart before the horse, as the saying is, talking about boiling and kettles when like as not you fellows don't know what he was a boiling."

ing out on the snow and the shadows of the trees waving to and fro like they was as live as a daisy just burst through the trees with the beams glancing on the snow and the whole face of nature just shinin'."

The story comes and for a time the old settler remained lost in thought. As he rose to leave the circle a question stopped him.

"How did he make the sugar? Why he just boiled the sap till it turned to syrup and then he boiled it some more till it was sugar."

LAMENT OF A PUNCHER.

There is many a painful thing which the passing moment brings; troubles crowd us which of times we'd fain refuse. Some are great and some are small, and they vex us one and all, but the limit is a pair of pinching shoes. We can suffer loss of biz, we may have the rheumatism in our bones, and never once our tempers lose. Fate may stretch us on our back—we may tread a rusty tack—but that's nothing to a pair of pinching shoes. We can lose our dearest friend and our choicest garment rent, be told that we are far too fond of booze, but in spite of all of that we can happy be and fat, if we never wear a pair of pinching shoes. In the dark and grim abode at the end of the broad road, there are rooms reserved for all those villains whose chief delight it is to place, 'spite of pocket and grime, on our feet those awful pairs of pinching shoes. S. Y. D.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

Nov. 10th was a very enjoyable day at the club.

Mrs. Lucinda Chandler was a guest and spoke before the club on the duties of the mother. Mrs. Chandler has passed her 80th birthday, and is as bright and young as most women at 60. She gave a piano solo, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Losier read a paper on "A Colonial Dame," which was written in Mrs. Losier's usual pleasing manner, and was listened to with much interest. The two vocal solos given by Miss Mae Pettit, accompanied by Miss Hattie Bryant, were appreciated as the happy ones of the occasion.

School Notes

Prof. Shirer, of the East Side High School, at Naperville, Ill., visited our High School Monday afternoon.

Our school was favored recently with a social visit from H. A. Hollister, High School visitor from the University of Illinois.

The first regular examination will be held next week. The school will be closed from Thursday until Monday for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Bessie E. Edsall, eighth grade teacher, will spend Thanksgiving at her home at Fort Atkinson, Wis.

We are all pleased with the excellent spirit of work manifested in all the departments. May the good work continue to strengthen from day to day.

Miss Manley, principal of the High School, will spend her Thanksgiving vacation with friends at Champaign, Ill.

Mr. C. E. Deetz will visit at his home in Wisconsin during the vacation next week.

Superintendent Butler went to Champaign yesterday to represent our school at the High School Conference, in session there. All phases of High School work will be discussed at this meeting.

Rev. Lawler addressed the High School, Wednesday morning, on the subject, "Worthy Ideal of Life." His talk was very much appreciated by both students and teachers.

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.

Jacob Brossman, Sr., of Wheatland, passed from this life on Sunday morning, Nov. 7, after an illness of a little more than a week, though he had been ailing for some years.

He realized that the end of his life was near and was very much resigned to his lot. He seemed to long for rest. His last hours were quiet and peaceful.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 11 a. m., at the Brossman home in Wheatland, Ill. Rev. McNutt, of the Du Page Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment was made in the cemetery at Naperville.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Brossman was one of the oldest citizens of the community, having reached the age of 72 years, and had lived at his late residence for forty-seven years.

He was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1837, and came to Preppert, Ill., in 1854. A little later he came to Naperville, thence to the vicinity of Du Page and Wheatland, where he lived the remainder of his life.

Mr. Brossman was a very prosperous farmer and leaves a large estate. He was a hard worker and a man of temperate habits. He lived a plain, simple life, was thoroughly reliable and honest in all his dealings with his fellow men. He was a good neighbor and was respected by all who knew him.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife and seven children, as follows: Jeremiah, of Chicago; James, John, William and Mary, of Wheatland, and Mrs. A. Sollenberger, of Plainfield, and Jacob of Naperville. There are also fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Brossman passed their golden wedding anniversary two years ago. This is the first break, by death, in the family circle.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD.

Downers Grove, Ill., Oct. 11, 1909. The regular meeting for October, 1909, was called to order by President Lindley.

Roll call noted present Trustees: Ellis, Handy, Dicke, Gallup and Riel; absent, Severus.

The minutes of September 12th were read and approved.

Report of Village Treasurer for month of September was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Superintendent of Water and Light for month of September was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Village Collector for month of September was read and ordered placed on file.

An ordinance amending section 1 of chapter 21 of the revised general ordinances and concerning licenses was read. It was moved by Trustees Riel and Handy ordinance was then passed. Those voting aye were Trustees Ellis, Handy, Dicke, Gallup and Riel; nays, none.

Claim ordinance No. 221, providing for the payment of claims, was read as follows: P. D. Lindley, \$10; G. W. Bunge, \$15; Bert C. White, \$25; J. W. Rogers, \$63; George Hoff, \$65; W. H. Banker, \$70; Sam Curtis, \$80.30; C. H. Dicke, \$1.50; Julius Severus, \$1.50; J. W. Handy, \$4.50; J. M. Riel, \$4.50; W. S. Ellis, \$4.50; E. M. Gallup, \$1.50; W. H. Mertz, \$58.50; P. J. Piper, \$104.30; Chas. Kester, \$65; A. Green, \$49.83; Wm. Nutting, \$65; E. B. Jewett, \$21.67; M. O. Donnel, \$725.91; Sam Hoffert, \$8; Brooks Coal Company, \$45.50; Fred Baker, \$16.55; Farmers and Merchants' Bank, \$735.91; Hoeller Coal Company, \$22.95; Thos. Dunning, \$2.70; Fred Gerwig, \$1.35; Dicke Tool Company, \$4.25; J. H. Hawkins, \$12; Standard Oil Company, \$12.54; Amber Electrical Manufacturing Company, \$18.83; J. W. Nash, \$1; Adkins, Young & Allen Company, \$7.39; General Electric Company, \$5; G. Burkhardt, \$4; the Vulcan Soap Cleaner Company, \$50; D. G. Graham, \$75; Phil Vix, \$1; H. Darnley, \$1; L. Klats, \$1; F. Leubundguth, \$1; Fred Blader, \$1; Phil Binder, \$1; Val Wander, \$1; Phillip Wauder, \$1; C. H. Staats, \$1; W. V. Deversaux, \$1; A. Baker, \$1; Wm. Dierks, \$1; J. M. Riel, \$1; J. M. Riel, \$1. Paid to Sam Curtis, Village Collector, to pay special assessment public benefit special No. 7, \$115.88; special No. 8, \$41; special No. 10, \$741.88; special No. 11, \$159.00; special No. 12, \$39; special No. 14, \$68; special No. 17, \$82; special No. 22, \$14.50; special No. 23, \$34.42; special No. 29, \$10.87; special No. 31, \$3.88; special No. 32, \$71.54; special No. 34, \$268.92; special No. 35, \$16; special No. 37, \$2.64. Total, \$1,465.10.

It was moved by Trustees Handy and Gallup claim ordinance be put upon its passage. Said claim ordinance No. 221 was then passed, those voting aye being Trustees Ellis, Handy, Dicke, Gallup and Riel; nays, none.

Local Happenings

Armour's butterine for sale at L. Klein's.

Miss Emma Fletcher is quite ill at her home.

Special offer in the Reporter piano contest this week.

G. F. Greenwood has gone to St. Louis on business.

Fine assortment of bread and cake boxes at M. Plevka & Co.'s.

Mrs. G. J. Verbeck suffered from a paralytic stroke last Saturday.

Mrs. Cook has been confined to her home the past week with a gripe.

W. D. Norton and wife entertained a cousin from Racine Monday night.

Guests from Canada were at H. D. Wylie's on Gilbert avenue over Sunday.

Fresh corn meal, graham flour, rye and wheat flour at M. Plevka & Co.'s.

Look up the bargains and watch the For Sale ads; it will be worth your while.

Levi Mertz attended the funeral of his uncle, Jacob Brossman, Sr., last week Wednesday.

Get a bottle of Liquid Veneer for your furniture; it's fine. At Plevka's hardware store.

Mrs. Ida Clark was called to Sheboygan Sunday morning to attend the funeral of her brother.

Mrs. E. E. Stevens is visiting relatives in Joplin, Mo., while E. E. Stevens has gone to Mexico.

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