

COMMUNICATIONS.

August 20, 1912.

To the Editor of the Downers Grove Reporter:

I notice in the official proceedings of the meeting of the village board held June 10, and published in your issue of August 10, exactly two months later, that Trustee Mahoney, a new member of the board, had the courage to object to the time-honored custom of our village treasurer appropriating to his own use the interest on the village funds, and to satisfy him the board immediately passed a new ordinance raising the salary of the village treasurer from \$50 to \$70 per month, and specifying that all interest on the cash on hand should go into the general fund of the village.

I admire Mr. Mahoney's stand in the interest of the taxpayers, but it is not apparent where he has brought any benefit to this village unless the increase of salary really means a reduction, but he has at least "smoked them out."

Those of our citizens who usually apologize for the Board of Trustees, and particularly the President, have always asserted that the interest on the village funds did not amount to anything and were "not worth talking about," but it is now as plain as the nose on a man's face that the Board of Trustees are paying the village treasurer \$240 per year in lieu of the interest on our money, and the citizens have Mr. Mahoney to thank for exposing that part of the deal.

Most men, in accepting such an office as President of the Board of Trustees of a village like Downers Grove, feel that they thereby obligate themselves to protect the interests of the men who pay the taxes. Evidently Mr. Ellis does not feel that he owes any such obligation to the citizens, but thinks that the reason he is President of the Board is simply because a few individuals wanted him, and that to them alone he owes obedience, a point of view which clearly illustrates the "invisible government" described at the recent political convention held in Chicago.

The payment of \$70 per month to the treasurer of this village is a deliberate diversion of the people's money into the pocket and solely for the benefit of an individual. It matters not who the treasurer is, nor how much work he makes out of a very simple task, there is no law of compensation that can show where he is entitled to any such sum per month.

I am well aware of the fact that a number of very respectable and very worthy citizens think it almost sacrilegious to criticize the compensation paid our village treasurer, but I am also aware of the fact that there are a large number of equally respectable and worthy citizens who have to struggle along an entire month for salaries that amount to but very little more than the treasurer receives from the village each month; also that a great many of these citizens are today engaged in work requiring just as much ability as the office of village treasurer, and they therefore will be unable to understand the "Reason Why" of this thing.

If the financial affairs of Downers Grove were conducted in a business-like manner the position of treasurer would be mere bookkeeping and \$25 per month would be ample compensation for the work.

If the Village Board is anxious to reduce expenses \$540 per year I will undertake to show them a business method of handling the village money and submit to them the names of a dozen or more capable citizens who will file a bond and gladly undertake to do the work of Village Treasurer at a salary of \$25 per month, letting the village take the interest.

If the treasurer's position is worth \$70 per month, what about the clerk, who now receives \$25 per month? He is everybody's bureau of information and has more work to do than the treasurer.

I don't think this letter will cause any reduction in the treasurer's salary, but I believe this act should not be allowed to slip by without directing the attention of the citizens to it. A few years ago the treasurer was paid \$25 per month, then \$40, then \$50, and now \$70, and the voters were never asked to approve of any one of these advances.

No wonder Mr. Ellis and his supporters worked like Trojans last spring to defeat the commission plan of government. Such a salary would not be permitted if the village were under the commission plan; the people would have known of it immediately and a petition would have been filed asking for a vote on the ordinance.

There is not a dollar in the public treasury to spend in improving the lake on the north side—or any work pertaining to the improvement of the village, outside of that derived from special assessments—and there never will be until the people elect a president of the board who realizes that he owes his election to them alone.

Mr. Ellis' disregard of the wishes of the citizens is something appalling. Last spring the voters said very decisively that they would not sell our electric light plant, and there is no indication that they will change their minds. A true servant of the people would then bestir himself to improve the equipment and service in order that the wishes of the citizens should be carried out. But here is nothing doing in that direction, although he knows that the day is not far off when the plant will break down and we will

treasurer, pass an ordinance raising the salary of that official, and then reappoint the same individual, all at the same meeting of the Board. Neither is it suggestive of publicity to publish the official proceedings two months later.

All of which goes to show that Mr. Ellis can hardly be termed the servant of the people.

Thos. M. Campbell.

Downers Grove, Aug. 21.

Dear Sir—A relative of mine wishing to locate in a clean, law-abiding community, upon my invitation came to our village for the purpose of "looking around," intending to purchase a house. But alas! here is what he experienced: Upon leaving the train he was chased a block by a yelping cur; next he was obliged to wade in a mud puddle because the walk was in the possession of a cow. After dinner he lit his pipe and was taking a comfortable smoke while seated in the swing, when he was struck in the right ear with a pebble shot from a "sling-shot" in the hands of a small boy about 17 years old. Being a man of even temper and very optimistic, he was quite willing to overlook these incidents, but when he decided to inspect my garden and found it occupied by a neighbor's cow, which beast was devouring the results of three months' labor, his optimism began to quake and he was about tempted to use language considerably stronger than the onions trampled by the aforesaid animal, out of sympathy for me. Having in the past only contributed toward the support of neighbors' cats, dogs, chickens and rabbits, the addition of a cow or so didn't ruffle me a great deal, but it left an awful impression upon the prospective resident. However, by a little diplomacy and considerable persuasion, he decided to stay until next day. What met his gaze the following morning when he arose killed for all time any intention he might have ever had to be one of us. Another cow was finishing what the beast of the night before had overlooked. He (the relative) immediately hid himself to the station, and with a deep sigh and a sad farewell, he fled from Spottsville never to return. I won't take up any more of your valuable space commenting upon those residents who have no regard for others' property; but say, Mr. Editor, after having suffered these conditions for several years, would a man still be considered law-abiding, though he keeps a loaded shotgun handy from now on?

EX-ENTHUSIAST.

15-MILE RACE FOR LOCAL STARS.

The Marathon game is to be revived in this city, the Physical Culture Instructors' Athletic Association being the body to again bring the sports to the front. Today plans are under way for a monster track meet with a fifteen-mile run as the feature. It is the plan of the organization to hold the events at the West Chicago Driving Club Park Sept. 7. Professor William Van Gelder will have full charge of the meet. The Hon. E. F. Dunne, J. E. Bidwill, Jr., Alderman Anthony Cermak and Dennis J. Eagan will act as honorary judges.

Although distance runners of national repute are expected to compete in the big race, the event is to be staged mainly for the athletes of local clubs, schools and municipal park athletic associations. In the past year considerable interest has been manifested here in distance running and the promoters are confident that the contest will uncover some hitherto unknown stars. In addition to the fifteen mile race, five mile, one mile and shorter distance contests will be on the program.

All amateur athletes, regardless of club affiliations, are eligible. Handsome silver loving cups and medals will be awarded place winners in all events. The trophies will be placed on exhibition in loop display windows in a short time.

Extra blanks may be obtained of Secretary Henry Anixter at the association headquarters, sixth floor Omaha building, and in Downers Grove of Walter Baker.

PLAN TO DREDGE DU PAGE

East Branch Petition Filed in County Court by S. L. Rathje, Attorney for District.

S. L. Rathje, attorney for this district, filed the petition in the Du Page River Drainage District (east branch) in the county court Thursday morning. The petition contains a majority of signers of land interested; the law stipulates that of a majority of either is sufficient.

The work involved will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and will be eleven miles in extent, and reclaims, it is estimated, over a thousand acres of land. It embraces the stream between the Illinois Central and Burlington roads. It will, it is said, do away with the swamp between Glen Ellyn and Lombard and give both villages a better and more certain outlet for sewerage. It will pass through the farms of both Joy and Mark Morton, both of whom are strong for the proposition. The idea of straightening and deepening the channel of the sluggish and meandering east branch is old enough to vote, it being thirty years ago that first plan was broached. One man has spent \$350 of his own money in getting the facts before the land owners. The work of surveying has been in charge of Arthur L. Webster. He will have charge of the proposition until it is

LEGAL NOTICE.  
AN ORDINANCE.

Making an Appropriation for Corporate Purposes for the Village of Downers Grove, for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1st, A. D. 1912, and Ending June 30th, A. D. 1913.

Be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois:

Section 1. That the following sums or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be, and the same are hereby appropriated for corporate purposes of the said Village of Downers Grove, as hereinafter specified, for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, A. D. 1912, and ending June 30, A. D. 1913.

Items of Appropriation.	Amount Appropriated.
For the maintenance of the Free Public Library.....	\$ 637.00
For lighting streets and alleys.....	2,430.00
For repairing streets and alleys.....	1,000.00
For salaries of President, Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Attorney, and Policemen of said village.....	2,000.00
For salaries of Board of Local Improvements.....	100.00
For wages of other employes and laborers and miscellaneous claims.....	840.00
For interest on general improvement bonds.....	750.00
For sinking fund, and payment of general improvement bonds.....	2,000.00
Total.....	\$9,757.00

Section No. 2. That all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any insufficiencies in any item or items under the same general appropriation, and for the same general purposes and in a like appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section No. 3. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed this 20th day of August, A. D. 1912.

Approved this 20th day of August, A. D. 1912.

Published this 24th day of August, A. D. 1912.

W. S. Ellis, President of the Village of Downers Grove.  
Attest: Bert C. White, Village Clerk.

THE SECOND-FOOT OF WATER.

"Second-foot," as defined by the United States Geological Survey, is an abbreviation for cubic foot per second and is the unit for the rate of discharge of water flowing in a stream 1 foot wide, 1 foot deep, at a rate of 1 foot per second. It is generally used as a fundamental unit in measurements of stream flow.

"Second-foot per square mile" is the average number of cubic feet of water flowing per second from each square mile of area drained, on the assumption that the run-off is distributed uniformly both as regards time and area.

An "acre-foot" is equivalent to 43,560 cubic feet and is the quantity required to cover an acre to the depth of 1 foot. The term is commonly used in connection with storage for irrigation work.

One second-foot flow equals 7.48 United States gallons a second, 448.8 gallons a minute, or 646,217 gallons a day. As a California "miner's inch" equals 0.187 gallon a second, there are 40 California miner's inches in 1 second-foot.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF ALAN McD. FRASER, DECEASED. All persons having claims against the Estate of Alan McD. Fraser, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to attend and present such claims to the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, for the purpose of having the same adjusted at a term of said court to be held at the county court room in the court house in Wheaton, in said Du Page County, on the first Monday of October, A. D. 1912, being the 7th day thereof.

Dated Downers Grove, August 5, 1912.  
JULIA A. FRASER, Executrix.  
Carnahan, Elsdon & Slusser, Attorneys.

ADVERTISED LIST.

Aug. 19, 1912.  
The letters and cards advertised below will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Aug. 26, 1912, if not called for prior to that date. A charge of one cent on all advertised matter:

Mr. Samuel J. Gavis, from South Bend, Ind.  
International Hotel, returned letter. Chas. L. Lambertson, foreign.  
Card: Master Warren Thompson, from Des Moines, Iowa.  
ELBERT C. STANLEY, P. M.

Dog True to Trust.  
The Olympia Serenade pavilion at Nottingham, England, having been broken into three times of late, the proprietor procured an Airedale terrier. Early the other morning, as a boy dropped over the fence, the dog seized him by the trousers and held him till the arrival of the watchman, who handed him over to the police.

Value of Letters.  
Letters has a soothing effect on the nerves and is excellent for such as have nervousness.

AMUSEMENTS.

MAJESTIC.

One of the big features of the bill at the Majestic Theater, Chicago, for the week of Aug. 26 will be the appearance of Thomas A. Wise, one of the most genial and popular of American comedians. Mr. Wise will appear in a condensed version of "The Gentleman from Mississippi," a great play with which he was most conspicuously identified. In conjunction with an excellent company he will present the character that made him famous and develop the fine comedy interest of this admirable play—now seen for the first time in a condensed form that omits all the necessary verbiage of an ordinary three or four act play. Camille Ober, the beautiful singing comedienne, with a voice of remarkable range and purity, will be the musical feature of the programme. Tom Linto, the comedian, and the Jungle Girls have a spectacular act in which dancing is happily combined with lively singing. Dolly Connolly and Percy Weinrich are celebrated for their lively songs and piano playing, the lady in particular being one of those magnetic personalities so much sought after by audiences. Lida McMillan and company will offer a lively comedy sketch; Lloyd and Whitehouse deal in ragtime of the comedy sort; and Fay, Two Coleys and Fay, blackface, singers, talkers and dancers. Still another great act is that of the Frey brothers, with their gymnastic feats and artistic posings.

"Putting it Over" a Good Comedy—Play Filled with Laughs at Olympic, Chicago.

A comedy which teems with laughter from curtain rise to curtain fall is "Putting it Over," the Lee Arthur and Frank Hatch play, which is entering upon its fourth week at the Olympic Theater.

The plot revolves about Amos Sterling, who is the guardian of the fortune of his ward, Ruth Noel. His son, Ross Sterling, becomes involved in a midnight quarrel with a college mate, because the latter attacks Miss Noel's character. To save his son from prosecution, the father utilizes the trust funds. The son in turn, unaware of his father's sacrifice, forsakes the law, his chosen calling, to play professional ball, and thereby prevents his father's financial ruin.

Edwin Holt, a seasoned actor, who has played many principal roles in recent successes and who has won laurels for himself on the vaudeville stage, plays the part of Amos Sterling, the father, while Harold Vought, who last season played in Belasco's "The Woman," plays the son. Miss Helen Holmes is the amiable Ruth Noel; Alison Skipworth portrays the part of Mrs. Stone, Ruth's aunt, and Miss Veda Steele, a young woman possessing great charm, plays the sleepy Miss Agatha Findley, whose affliction does not prevent her from making the best catch of the season.

FILM STORY

AT THE MOTIOPHOTOGRAPH.

THE BACK WINDOW.

Saturday, Aug. 24.

Harry and May McCloskey, a young married couple, go on a visit to friends. The friends are the happy parents of a lovely baby, and while the visitors are in the house, they pet and fondle the baby until it becomes tiresome to the young people. When they get home they promise never to have anything like that. Three years later they are unhappy, but don't know it is the sound of children in the house that they want. The door between the rooms of the couple is closed. Out of their window they each become interested in the back yard adjoining. In the yard they see an Italian couple; the man is working with his flowers, and the wife is hanging clothes on the line. One day they miss the couple of the yard, and they are both much worried. For several days they watch the yard, and one day they see a colored, mammy hang some tiny garments on the line. Harry and May (unknown to each other) decide to buy something for the baby of the Italians. Harry goes to a toy store and buys a rattle. May buys a baby dress. Harry gets home first and unwraps his package and lays it on the table and goes out of the house. His wife comes home, and unwraps her package and lays it on her table. She looks at her husband's door and slowly opens it. She is afraid he will come and surprise her, and locks the door leading into the hall. She sees the rattle on the table, takes it and holds it up and goes to the window. While she is standing there, Harry tries to come in, but find-

ing his door locked, he goes through her room, sees the little dress on the table and picks it up and starts to his room. May meets him and holds the rattle behind her, he holding the dress behind him. They each hold them out to the other. They read a world of understanding in each other's eyes as he takes her to his arms.

Novel Boudoir Clock.

Among curious clock novelties is the shadow boudoir clock. With it there is no need of getting up to strike a light or turn on the bulb. All that is necessary is to touch a button and the time is flashed on the wall, after the same fashion that signs are flashed on the sidewalk. When the owner of the clock retires he turns a night dial to the ceiling and when he presses a bulb the electric light reflects from the dial through the lens and appears, giving the correct time in shadow on the ceiling.

Saving the Babies.

In England and some other countries great progress has been made in recent years in the prevention of infant mortality. In this country an association has been formed, known as the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality. The object of this society is to coordinate all the sanitary agencies for the express purpose of reducing the number of preventable deaths of babies.

Got Back at the Judge.

A celebrated engineer, being examined at a trial where both the judge and counsel tried in vain to browbeat him, made use in his evidence of the expression, "the creative power of a mechanic," on which the judge rather tartly asked him what he meant by "the creative power of a mechanic." "Why, my lord," said the engineer, "I mean that power which enables a man to convert a goat's tail into a judge's wig."

Arsenic From Many Sources.

Arsenic has been found as a normal constituent in man and animals and now Jadin and Astrug, two French biologists, show that it may be derived from edible plants and fruits. They examined 39 vegetable substances, and obtained arsenic from all, the quantities ranging from 0.03 part per million in the leek to 0.25 part per million in almonds and beans.

Good Qualities.

He alone is worthy of respect who knows what is of use to himself and others, and who labors to control his self-will. Each man has his own fortune in his hands; as the artist has a piece of rude matter, which he is to fashion to a certain shape. But the art of living rightly is like all arts; the capacity alone is born with us; it must be learned, and practiced with incessant care.

Tears and Their Cause.

Tears have no more to do with sorrow than with any other emotion, and their persuasive powers should be nil. Weeping is merely the dregs of a used-up emotion of any character whatever. Children cry even more easily than women, because their nervous system is less stable; men cry less because theirs is more developed and in better control.

Only One More.

Senator La Follette, at a luncheon in Madison, listened with a rather weary smile to a magazine writer's exposure of the shameful means whereby a certain capitalist had amassed his fortune. "Oh, well," said the senator, "this is only another case of a profit without honor."

Help to Make World Better.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Imagination's Limitations.

"If an actor imagines that he is a fat man he will appear fat to the spectators," a leading tragedian tells us. It may be so, but we have seen an actor who imagines he was a good actor and did not appear so to the spectators.

Saving Old Trays.

When a japanned tray becomes old and chipped, give it two coats of white paint and one of enamel, the bottom as well as the top. Stand it on the edge to dry after each coat. It will be found as good as new, as well as very pretty. The enamel is easily renewed.

A WOMAN'S BACK

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Trade Terms.

Postmaster (of Punk Hollow)—"I see that a first-class waiter in New York gets only \$25 a month, and out of the small sum he has to pay his omnibus." Ezra Henhouse—"Hub! Why don't he live close to his job and walk?"—Puck.



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