

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., June 9, 1913. The regular meeting of the month of June, 1913, was called to order by Clerk White. Roll call noted present Trustees Heller, Handy, Heartt, Kellogg, Littleford and Mahoney. The minutes of regular meeting for the month of May were read and approved. The monthly report of Village Treasurer was read and ordered placed on file. The monthly report of Village Collector was read and ordered placed on file. The monthly report of Superintendent of Water and Light was read and ordered placed on file. The Trustees of the Downers Grove Free Public Library submitted a report showing condition of finances of the library as of June 1, 1913, which report showed cash on hand June 1, 1913, \$214.73; received from all sources, \$621.74; total, \$836.47. Paid out on warrants, \$462.92; cash on hand, \$373.55. Report as read was ordered placed on file. A proposition was submitted by the Fire Department for the purchase of 300 feet of hose to conform to the rules of the underwriters' association. The New York Belting Co. having submitted bid to furnish said hose for \$202.50, it was moved by Trustees Heartt and Haller that the Board authorize the purchase of necessary hose. Motion carried, all voting aye. Claim ordinance No. 271, an ordinance for the payment of certain claims, was read and was as follows: Anson Backus, \$10; J. W. Handy, \$1.50; Chas. Haller, \$1.50; B. L. Kellogg, \$1.50; Jason Littleford, \$1.50; I. G. Heartt, \$1.50; L. C. Mahoney, \$1.50; A. B. Snow, \$15; Bert C. White, \$25; J. W. Rogers, \$60; W. H. Blodgett, \$80; Geo. Hoffert, \$70; Fred Leverenz, \$71.25; Martin White, \$70; J. H. Frankenfeld, \$67.57; Lord Lumber Co., \$8.82; C. E. Baker, \$95.50; Mertz & Moehl, \$3.89; Dicke Tool Co., \$6.35; Northwest Ready Roofing Co., \$45; Lehmann & Michel, \$32.72; Northern Coal Supply Co., \$525.30; Marblehead Lime Co., \$2.30; C. B. & Q. R. Co., \$5; Morrison, Plummer & Co., \$10.96; Rex Oil Co., \$27.16; Nadelhoffer & Andrews, \$1.50; Adkins, Young & Allen, 75 cents; John B. Clow & Son, \$43.55; H. J. Hawkins, \$12.75; Thos. Bunning, \$4.38; H. Dalger & Co., \$1.75; Western Electric Co., \$27; Downers Grove Pub. Co., \$75; T. H. Wilburn, \$100; Wm. Stoner, \$70; E. Van Auker, \$70; John Harding, \$70; Peter Conrady, \$65; H. J. Hawkins, \$6.20; W. H. Blodgett, \$49.95; J. W. Rogers, \$14. It was moved by Trustees Handy and Haller that the ordinance be put upon its passage. Motion carried. Said ordinance was then put upon its passage and passed. Those voting aye were Trustees Heartt, Haller, Handy, Kellogg, Littleford and Mahoney; nays, none. An ordinance entitled an ordinance making an appropriation for corporate purposes for the village for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1913, and ending March 31, 1914, was read and provided for the following: For the maintenance of the Public Library, \$634; for lighting streets and alleys, \$2,400; for repairing streets and alleys, \$1,000; for salaries of President, Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Attorney and Policeman of said village, \$2,000; for salaries of Board of Local Improvements, \$100; for wages of other employes and laborers and miscellaneous claims, \$840; for interest on general improvement bonds, \$750; for sinking fund and payment of general improvement bonds, \$2,000; total, \$9,724. It was moved by Trustees Handy and Haller that ordinance be put upon its passage. Motion carried, all voting aye. Said ordinance was then put upon its passage and passed. Those voting aye were Trustees Handy, Haller, Heartt, Kellogg, Littleford and Mahoney. It was moved by Trustees Littleford and Handy that a committee of three be appointed to look into matter of improving Village Hall by having new floor, new table and chairs. Motion carried, all voting aye but Trustee Mahoney, who voted nay. President Backus appointed as committee Trustees Littleford, Handy and Haller. Attorney Snow reported as having interviewed the County Clerk and Treasurer with reference to the special assessment of sidewalks of D. P. Thompson and the delinquent list as against J. W. Rogers' property, and that they claimed it the fault of Village Collector, etc. No action taken. Upon proper motion Board adjourned. Bert C. White, Village Clerk.

Fell Victim to Octopus. A tragedy of the coast, the rough portion of western Tasmania, has been cleared up by a discovery by two young men, Goninon and Cooper, at Cornwall. They caught a monster octopus twelve feet six inches long, three feet thick from chest to back, and three feet across the back, and on opening the stomach found a man's shirt inside. The shirt was similar to that known to have been worn by a miner, Richard Shaw Burke, who was lost on the coast several months ago, and supposed to have been swept from trampeter rock, 80 yards distant from where the octopus was killed. The octopus is the largest known of on the west coast of Tasmania.

WEST SUBURBAN CHURCH LEAGUE

Standing of the Teams. Table with columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Brookfield M. E., 5, 1, .833. Congress Park M. E., 4, 2, .667. D. G. Congo, 3, 3, .500. D. G. Meth., 3, 4, .429. D. G. Baptist, 2, 4, .333. Hinsdale, 1, 4, .250. Downers Grove Methodists had the better of the Baptists Saturday and won by a score of 18 to 11. There was heavy hitting on both sides, together with several errors, which caused the large score. T. Shultz, Anderson, Statton and Payeske of the Methodists did the heaviest batting, and Voorhies, Fought and Coe of the Baptists each gathered three hits. There was a very small crowd out to support the teams, and Downers ought to waken up a little, as this is making a pretty poor showing. However, the fellows are looking for a better representation next Saturday afternoon. Do not forget that there is a game here every Saturday. The Congos gave Brookfield what we all have been trying to—the small end of the score. The final score was 14 to 11 in the Congos' favor. By making the pitcher for Brookfield put the ball across the plate and also some hard hitting the Congos got four runs in the second inning and ten in the third, which was enough to win the game. Whitney pitched a fine game and received support to equal his pitching. Games scheduled for July 19: Hinsdale Presbyterian vs. Congress Park M. E. at Congress Park. D. G. Methodist vs. Brookfield M. E. at Brookfield. D. G. Baptist vs. D. G. Congo at Downers Grove.

DIAMONDS AND OTHER GEMS MINED IN UNITED STATES.

Precious Stones Are Widely Distributed and of Various Kinds—Aggregate Value of Output Not Large. Gems and precious stones were produced in the United States in 1912 to the value of \$319,722 according to Douglas B. Sterrett, of the United States Geological Survey. The kinds of precious stones found in the United States are many, ranging from diamonds of fine quality to low-grade stones such as agates, but as is seen from the total value of the output there are no really large operations. The principal gem mineral mined in the United States during 1912 was Montana sapphire, of which there was a large output for use both as gems and in mechanical applications. The greater part of the gem sapphires came from the mines in Fergus County, where they occur in a rock matrix. The majority of these stones have the true sapphire-blue color. The bulk of the sapphire for mechanical use come from the placer deposits in Granite and Deer Lodge Counties and consists of varicolored stones. Fine Opals From Nevada. The development of the opal deposits of Humboldt County, Nev., was attended with much success, and a quantity of magnificent gem material was obtained. The opal is of an unusual type, consisting of dark translucent mineral with a variety of rich colors. The deposits promise to supply a gem equal if not superior in beauty to the opal from Australia. Prospecting and mining at the emerald mine in North Carolina were attended with only partial success. Two pockets or deposits of emerald were removed during the year; other developments consisted mainly of exploratory work, which has continued in 1913. The tourmaline output of southern California was small, but some magnificent specimen crystals were obtained. Especially fine gem crystals of kunzite were found and brought good prices. The production of turquoise was very small compared with some previous years. Beautiful amethyst was found in Warren County, N. C., and some fine gems have been cut from sample crystals. A few fine specimens of golden beryl were obtained from prospects in Alexander County, N. C. Beautiful gems were cut from some of these. The production of agate and associated varieties of chalcedony was again large in several western states. Diamond Mines in Arkansas. No great advances are reported in diamond mining in Arkansas during 1912. Several dozen diamonds were found and several diamond-washing plants were constructed for operation in 1913. It has been practically impossible to determine the quality and value of the diamonds found in the Arkansas field since the first discovery in August, 1906. Most of the stones are still held by the mining companies and few have been sold. It is estimated from the figures furnished the Survey and from reports in the press and those furnished by private persons that about 1,400 diamonds weighing nearly 550 carats have been found from August, 1906, through December, 1912. The total estimated value placed on this output in these reports amounts to \$12,108. Mr. Sterrett's report is a very interesting account of the various kinds of gems found in the United States. Revised by a Parvenu. Children rush in where climbers fear to tread.—Judge. Says the Old Grouch. We the people who have no children who like to write poems about 'em.

Legal Notices

ADJUDICATION NOTICE. ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. HERRING, DECEASED. All persons having claims against the estate of William J. Herring, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to attend and present such claims to the County Court of Du Page County, for the purpose of adjusting the same, at a term of said court to be held in the County Court Room in Wheaton, Du Page County, on the first Monday of September, 1913, being the first day thereof. Dated Downers Grove, June 16, 1913. RALPH B. HERRING, ANNE M. HERRING, Executors. Carnahan, Elsdon & Slusser, Attorneys. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of Peter Johnson, Deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Peter Johnson, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Du Page County at the Court House in Wheaton, at the September term, on the first Monday in September next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 7th day of July A. D. 1913. CHARLES MOCHTEL, Administrator. ALBERT F. WOLF, Attorney, 437 County Building, Chicago, Ill.

JUST ONE WAY TO GET EVEN

Accept "Call Down" for the First Mistake, but Resolve That It Shall Not Happen Again. Boss called you down, eh? Gave it to you hard and heavy. Feel sore and vengeful. Want to get even with him, quit, perhaps? You'll show him what's what. Well, now, just calm yourself. Hestitate a moment. Cool off a bit. Between us two, just you and me, didn't you deserve it? Had an excuse, eh? Come, you know better than that. What's the use of trying to get out of it that way. We know you, and I, there's only one way of making up for a mistake or for falling down on the job. Listen, let me whisper it. Never let it happen again. See? Anyone, the boss included, makes a mistake once. But the second time a similar occasion arises—there's the real test. Some high-brow philosopher has said that one of the characteristics that distinguish the reasoning human being from other animals is that he can profit by his mistakes. Now, then, grit your teeth, clench your fist. Now, Mr. Boss, see if you can catch me making a bull like that again! If you do you can hand me the blue envelope, and I won't murmur. But, believe me, you shan't have the opportunity. Not if I can help it, and I can!—Maurice C. Lipman, in Chicago Record-Herald.

First Civilization.

It was Egypt, in all probability, that the condition we call civilization had its rise at a time when the very idea of writing was unknown to other nations. An attempt is now being made to show that the idea of the settled and more or less orderly and peaceful social state to which we give the name of civilization came from Chaldea, or Babylonia, where that sort of thing existed long before it was brought to Egypt. But not as yet is the theory clearly proven, though its advocates are making some pretty strong points in its favor. So far, however, the "Land of Egypt" holds the title.

She Kept on Talking.

A ring at the telephone drew the office boy. "Lady to talk to you, sir," he said to the senior partner. The senior partner took up the receiver and stood at the telephone for several minutes. Then he laid the receiver down and went back to his desk. Twenty minutes later he raised the receiver, said a few words and presently hung it up. Then he turned to his partner. "It was my wife," he explained. "She was still talking and hadn't missed me."

Clerical Humor.

Laughter savors life and wit will endure long after many of the old priestly functions have fallen into desuetude; manners and ideas alter, but the basis of humor remains the same. Today Rabelais conceivably could have written the "Ingoldsby Legends," and in the fifteenth century Barham might have been the author of "The Inestimable Life of the Great Gargantua." Today a young cleric, preaching his first sermon, has the native wit to take for his text, "What hath this blabber to say?"

Sugar's Real Value.

A cane sugar solution injected directly into the blood is apparently unfit for assimilation, for it is eliminated by the kidneys unchanged. The real value of sugar seems to be that the carbon obtained from its disintegration is available for forming the gas known as carbureted hydrogen or methane, which seems indispensable to the growth and respiratory processes of all living organisms.—American Food Journal.

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NOT ALTOGETHER PIOUS WISH

Gardener's Appeal for the Elevation of Mrs. Stowe Did Not Mean Desire for Her Happiness. Recalling the days when the literary colony at Hartford, Conn., was acquiring fame, Dr. Joseph H. Twichell used to tell an amusing incident in the friendship of Harriet Beecher Stowe and Mark Twain. The Stowe and the Clemens premises were separated only by a fence, close to which, directly in the rear of the Stowes' house, was Mark Twain's large conservatory. Mrs. Stowe, ever a passionate lover of flowers, availed herself thankfully and liberally of his invitation to make free with its contents, much to the annoyance of the gardener, for she had a careless way of breaking off flowers from the stalk that vexed his soul. When he made complaint of this habit Mr. Clemens had numbers of pairs of scissors put at intervals here and there on the conservatory shelves, trusting that Mrs. Stowe would see and use them on her visits to it. But they seemed to escape her notice, and she continued to go on as before, till at length the distressed gardener begged Mark Twain to lock the door and keep her out. But no; he told the poor fellow that whatever she did the place must always be open to her and her liberty in it unrestrained. At that the much-tried man fervently exclaimed: "I wish the old lady was in Heaven!"

FIRST OF THE SUFFRAGETS

Tracts Recently Found Prove That English Women Sought Votes Many Years Ago. The title of a tract in a recent catalogue published at London, England, merits notice. It is: "Hey, Hoe, for a Husband; or The Parliament of Maides; Their Desires, Decrees, and Determinations. The principal members are Mrs. Beatrice Blinks, Mrs. Sarah Sale Woman, Mrs. Margaret Maunding, Mrs. Priscilla Prick-Song, Mrs. Dorothy Dowell, Mrs. Tabitha Triptoe, 4to, 1647." It begins as follows: "Not able any longer to forbear the very many inconveniences, occasioned by the general backwardness of men, who contrary to the law of God and nature, are wooed to that which instinct (were they not degenerate) would prompt them to proffer; we the maids and virgins of Great Britain have thought fit, to the end a speedy remedy of this evil may be attained, to choose members fit and able to sit in parliament." etc. So apparently the demand for "votes for women" did not originate with Mill. Another tract is as follows: "A parliament of ladies, with their laws newly enacted, 1647," and Mr. Bernard states that the title to the first edition, issued in 1640, is: "The parliament of women. With the merry laws by them newly enacted. To live in more ease, pompe, pride and wantonness; but especially that they might have superiority and domineer over their husbands."

GOLDEN AGE OF SPINSTERS

At This Day, and Hour in America, is the "Antient Mayde" to Be Seen at Her Very Best. That this is the golden age of the spinster no one will deny, and that America furnishes the soil in which these hardy plants put forth their finest bloom is equally indisputable, writes Agnes Repplier in the Century Magazine. How many years have passed since the "antient maydes" of Boston—which term included all unmarried women older than twenty-five—were pronounced by John Dunton to be a "dismal spectacle!" How many years since a few "acute and ingenious gentlewomen" in colonial Virginia had the temerity to remain single and cultivate their own tobacco plantations, for which unnatural behavior they were subjected to repeated "admonishments?" Now the "antient mayde" flaunts her freedom in the faces of those who are patiently doing their duty to the world. Now if a woman runs a successful apple orchard or dairy farm, her exploits are heralded far and wide, and other women write exultant papers about her, intimating that the day of the man agriculturist is virtually over. I am not sure that the attitude of our great-grandfathers, who jealously and somewhat fearfully guarded their prerogatives, was not more flattering to my sex than this enthusiasm evoked by achievements which in a man would not be found worthy of notice.

Wanted Useful Article.

A suit having been brought against a defendant, his counsel interposed a demurrer that had the effect to throw it out of court. Soon afterward the same lawyer was elected to congress, and while at his post of duty he was surprised one day to receive a letter from his former client, saying: "I am sued again. Please send me another one of them things they call demurrers."

Still Falling for It.

It's a great little world. The man who wouldn't pay a dollar for mining stock or invest in books that he'll never read or try to get the Spanish heifer out of prison in Madrid, is usually the first one up to crowd his money on the man who is selling tickets for the concert after the circus.—Detroit Free Press.

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