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WHOLE NO. 1033

BOARD MAKE APPOINTMENTS

Pass Ordinance Prohibiting Sunday Baseball and Football—Oust Fred Leverenz

The Village Board met in regular session Monday night the following appointments made by President Backus for the ensuing year: W. H. Blodgett, Collector; C. F. Davis, Treasurer; H. A. Gardner, Superintendent of Water and Light Plant; Martin White, Chief of Police; Frank Werner, Night Policeman.

The ordinance committee offered an ordinance forbidding the playing of football and baseball on Sundays in the limits of Downers Grove. All trustees voted aye with the exception of J. F. Kidwell, for which he should be given due credit.

An ordinance was introduced and passed raising the salary of the Superintendent of Water and Light to \$175 a month. An ordinance was introduced and passed raising the salary of Village Treasurer to \$30 a month.

A petition, signed by a great many business men and residents of the Village, asking that Fred Leverenz be kept on the police force, was ignored. President Backus appointing Frank Werner to that position and the board ratifying the appointment. All of the above ordinances are printed in full in this week's issue of the Reporter.

ORGANIZE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

At the close of the annual meeting of the DuPage County Agricultural Improvement Association, May 1, a group of breeders of pure bred livestock met and organized the DuPage County Pure Bred Livestock Breeders' Association. This association is open for membership to every breeder of pure bred horses, cattle, hogs, poultry, sheep or livestock of any other kind in DuPage County. The officers elected for the first year were: President, Francis Coleman, Wayne; Vice-President, J. K. Rathbun, Lombard; Secretary-Treasurer, E. B. Heaton, Wheaton.

The first thing to be done by this association is along the line of mutual advertising. Each member is to have his own letterhead on the back of which will be listed the names of all members of the association and the kind of livestock they have. Several meetings will be held yearly and the breeders will co-operate in every way possible to develop the pure bred industry in DuPage County. Those desiring further information should write to the secretary at Wheaton.

MASONS ATTEND CHURCH

About forty Masons of Downers Grove attended Ascension Day services at the Gary Memorial church of Wheaton on Sunday afternoon, May 9. All the Commanderies, Chapter and Blue Lodges of the surrounding towns were represented. The procession of over eight hundred formed at the Masonic Hall and marched to the church, where a most impressive service was conducted by the ministers of the various churches of Wheaton.

INTERESTING OLD INDIAN TRADITION

Tribal Myth Identifies Downers Grove Flower—Curious Blue and White Blossom Linked With Tragedy.

"So Chetawah buried her husband, the young chief, on the knoll in the woodland where he had fallen pierced by the arrows of his foes. Over his grave she planted little blue flowers which grew in abundance there, and as she planted the little blossoms she wept and her tears dropped on the flowers and where they touched the blue turned to white and since then the little blue flowers which she planted have come up year after year, half blue and half white in memory of Chetawah and her grief."

Old Chief Shabbona of the Pottawattamie tribe, years ago gave this old tradition to account for the particular flower, "Innocents," called by botanists "Collinsia Verna," which grows in the woods west of Downers Grove. His explanation was made in the old log cabin of David McKay, pioneer of DuPage county and for years the official interpreter of the government at Fort Dearborn, as Chicago was called in the early days.

The words of the old Indian, always the friend of the whites, were heard by Prof. Royal T. Morgan, DuPage county superintendent of schools, who as a boy often visited the home of David McKay on the edge of the Big Woods between Wheaton and Naperville. The place where the little blue and white flowers grow in profusion west of the village of Downers Grove in the Marshall Field woods was identified by old Chief Shabbona as "a knoll in the woods beside a little stream running into the east branch of the DuPage river."

The whole legend as recounted by Shabbona told of a great battle between the Pottawattamies and their hereditary foes, the Sacs, long before the celebrated siege of Starved Rock when a whole tribe perished. Among those of the Pottawattamies who escaped from the battlefield and started for their tribal home near the Wisconsin line was a young chief and his bride, Chetawah. With a small party of braves they made their way hastily through the prairies and forests north from the vicinity of Starved Rock. They were camped for the night in a forest beside a little stream east of the DuPage river when they were overtaken by a band of their pursuers. In the fight which followed the young chief was slain. Chetawah and his comrades succeeded in overcoming the attacking party and after burying the body of their leader continued their northward flight.

Shabbona's story was given when one of the McKay household while the old Indian was present told of seeing curious little blue and white flowers in the woods several miles east and south of the McKay homestead.

A similar legend differing only in placing the burial spot of the young chief many miles north of DuPage county, and making the flight of the Chetawah and her husband extend to Marquette, Michigan, has gained circulation.

Among the few places where the little blue and white flowers grow are Downers Grove and Marquette, Mich., but the details of Shabbona's legend seem to fit with more probability the southern habitat of the curious plant and Downers Grove children when they find the "Innocents" now carpeting the open spaces between the trees along the course of the St. Joe can think of the hapless Indian girl and her sorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.

Miss Rose Bunning entertained at a miscellaneous shower at her home on Gilbert avenue, on May 6, in honor of Miss Pearl H. Petrie.

The girls participated in the shower in the early part of the evening. Later the young men joined them and "500" was indulged in. Miss Clara Riedy of Lisle carried off the Ladies' 1st prize, while her brother, Mr. Martin Riedy, was honored with the gentleman's.

Refreshments were served at 11 o'clock after which the party broke up with many good wishes for the bride-to-be.

GRANDPAP OF MODERN METHODS.

By some durn fool scheme of tillin' John has dreamed the pesky slough in the medder. Now he's spillin' For some other trick to do, Durn his pictur! Him'n Lizzie Always has their elbows bent. All last winter John was busy Makin' fence posts of, so-ment.

Slick times, Lizzie she's a-helpin' John a right smart now and then, Spec'ly if the kids ain't yelpin', But when they need tendin', then John's gas on-fis does the wakin'!

And dinged if th' thing don't churn, Way John farms is sure a caution; W'y, them folks has gas to burn!

John has got a patent dingus Tu divide the milk and cream, And he's built a konkreet thingus Filled with some durn fodder scheme

Fer tu feed the drated cattle Tu increase their milk supply, He says half the farmin' battle Is the what, the when and why.

Has a rig for strainin' honey; Railroad on-fines hitched to plows, DOWNERS GROVE Reporter—4 A Just got through a-spendin' money Fer machines tu seek the cows. Bought an auto, Lix is steerin'— Speck she'll run it in the ditch, But they're both farm engineerin' And I guess they're gettin' rich! —Howard C. Kegley.

"THE SPOILERS" DELIGHTS AUDIENCES.

More favorable comment has been heard on the great photoplay, "The Spoilers," which was run at the Dicke Theater last week, than has ever been heard on any single thing ever run in Downers. Apparently every one who had the pleasure of viewing this great picture was satisfied. The work of William Farnum was the hit of the piece, while the many admirers of Kathryn Williams thought her portrayal of Cherry Malotte was a truly wonderful piece of acting.

If Mr. Dicke will give the general public more opportunities of viewing such wonderful pictures he will, we think, be rewarded for his efforts.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Illinois, March 12th, 1915.

The Board met in Special Session called by President Backus to consider business mentioned in call—said call being on file in the Clerk's office.

Meeting was called to order by Clerk Potter. Roll call noted present Trustees Kellogg, Littleford, Handy, Haller and Kidwell. Trustee Hearst absent.

After discussion of the business for which the Special Session was called, on proper motion meeting adjourned until next regular meeting, April 12th, 1915.

Downers Grove, Illinois, April 12th, 1915.

The regular meeting for the month of April was called to order by Clerk Potter. Roll call noted present Trustees Kidwell, Kellogg, Hearst, Haller and Handy. Trustee Littleford absent.

Hearst and Haller moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings be dispensed with. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Claim Ordinance No. 293,—an Ordinance providing for the payment of certain claims, was read, as follows:

Name of claimant and amount—C. F. Davis, \$25.00; Anson Backus, \$10.00; A. B. Snow, \$15.00; Oscar Potter, \$25.00; W. H. Blodgett, \$8.00; J. W. Handy, \$4.50; Chas. Haller, \$4.50; J. F. Kidwell, \$4.50; I. G. Hearst, \$3.00; F. J. Littleford, \$4.50; B. L. Kellogg, \$4.50; Martin White, \$75.00; Fred Leverenz, \$70.00; H. C. Dicke, \$1.00; Geo. Binder, \$1.00; P. W. Vix, \$1.00; Fred Heinke, \$1.00; Val Wander, \$1.00; Grant Dicke, \$1.00; Geo. Vix, \$1.00; C. M. Staats, \$1.00; Frank Werner, \$1.00; W. Lehmann, \$1.00; C. E. Blodgett, \$3.00; J. R. Foster, \$3.00; E. Woehrel, \$3.00; H. F. Legenhausen, \$3.00; E. L. Dickerson, \$3.00; H. L. Blodgett, \$3.00; Jonas W. Tucker, \$3.00; John Gollan, \$3.00; Geo. W. Jones, \$3.00; N. E. Mochel, \$3.00; L. B. David, \$3.00; W. J. Staats, \$3.00; J. W. Tucker, \$5.00; D. G. Pub. Co., \$38.40; Chicago Tel. Co., \$14.78; Lord Lumber Co., \$40.25; R. E. Kehler, \$1.00; C. E. Baker, \$65.75; J. D. Gillespie & Co., \$75.72; J. D. Gillespie & Co., \$7.96 Western Packing Co., \$4.50; Standard Oil Co., \$24.90; Central Electric Co., \$38.43; W. D. Allen Mfg. Co., \$28.18; Rex Oil Co., \$10.40; Scully S. & I. Co., \$109.22; H. Mueller Mfg. Co., \$45.02; Rex Oil Co., \$2.75; Crane Co., \$9.85; Mertz & Mochel, \$7.30; H. J. Hawkins, \$24.10; \$17.49; H. J. Hawkins, \$18.29; Houseman Drug Co., \$5.05; The Texas Co., \$13.85; D. G. Elec. Lt. Dept., \$3.00; D. G. Elec. Lt. Dept., \$3.00; D. G. Elec. Lt. Dept., \$1.00; D. G. Elec. Lt. Dept., \$6.75; Central Electric Co., \$5.25; D. G. Elec. Lt. Dept., \$416.40; W. H. Blodgett, \$3.00, \$109.56; Frances Rousee, \$19.00; Geo. E. Ruchty, \$109.50; C. F. Davis, \$150.00; Ted. Curtis, \$2.00; Kest R. Wyllie, \$4.80; Remington Typ. Co., \$5.00; J. H. Frankenfeld, \$6.00; Thos. Bunning, \$5.56; W. Stoner, \$70.00; F. Elchorn, \$1.75; G. Pfan, \$68.34; Wm. Cummings, \$79.75; Wm. Clark, \$73.50; A. Wolsted, \$94.50; M. Venard, \$61.85; E. A. Gardner, \$116.75.

Moved by Trustee Kellogg and Handy that Claim Ordinance be put



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on passage. Claim Ordinance No. 293 was then passed. Trustees Kidwell, Kellogg, Hearst, Handy and Haller voting aye. Nays, none. The following Resolution was presented by Trustee Kellogg and read by Attorney Snow: WHEREAS, The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company are desirous of lowering the grade of its tracks eastward to the Station Gregg, and WHEREAS, the regrading of said railroad tracks will necessitate the lowering of the grade at Maple Avenue one foot, and three feet eight inches at Fairview Avenue, which said work will require the tearing up and obstruction of said crossings in connection with said work, and WHEREAS, the said Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R. Co. have requested permission of said Village to tear up and obstruct said crossings by doing the necessary regrading, and grading of said railroad tracks, and

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