

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., Feb. 23, 1920. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Austin, Bryce, Haller, and Heartt.

Minutes of the meeting of February 16th, 1920, were read and Commissioner Austin moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Austin, Bryce, Haller and Heartt, and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Haller presented the following resolution and moved for its passage:

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That G. D. Knight and A. R. Patton be employed and associated with A. B. Snow, Village Attorney of Downers Grove, Illinois, for the special purpose of taking all necessary legal steps for the purpose of collecting forfeited Special Assessment taxes of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, and A. B. Snow is hereby requested to enter into the necessary contract with C. D. Knight and A. R. Patton; said contract to be submitted to the Mayor of this Vil-

lage for signature. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heartt, Austin, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bryce presented "An Ordinance Granting to the Chicago Telephone Company certain rights in the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois," and moved that same be received and that he would move for its passage on March 1st, 1920.

On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Austin, Haller, Heartt, and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heartt moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date March 1st, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Heartt, Austin, Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

The Orderly Pelican.

The pelican is not an attractive bird, but is commendably regular in its habits. The parent birds catch fish, and after eating their fill deposit the others in their pouches and carry them to their young. These pouches will hold from three to eight pounds of fish. They are elastic and when distended to their utmost nearly touch the ground.

GAS COMPANY APPLIES FOR RATE BOOST

A Petition Has Been Filed With Public Utilities Commission For 30c Raise.

A petition has been filed by the Western United Gas and Electric Company with the Public Utilities Commission of Illinois, asking that the Commission authorize that Company to add 30 cents per 100 cubic feet for gas to the present rate.

B. P. Aischuler of Aurora, the attorney who filed the application for the Company, stated today that the company has held off as long as it was possible for it to do so before making this application and that so far as he knows the Western United Gas and Electric Company is the only Gas Company in Illinois which has not increased its rates to the public within the past four or five years. He further said, "the Company now requires the increased rate because it is required to pay more for gas than it has in the past. The Company purchases its gas from the Coal Products Manufacturing Company of Joliet, under contract at a price which at the present day costs for labor, material and coal is from 20 to 35 cents less per 1000 cubic feet than it costs to manufacture the gas. In this contract made in 1911 it is provided that readjustment of prices may be made on application of either company to meet changed coal and labor costs, and a new agreement has been made which will increase the cost of gas to the Gas Company twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet. This necessitates an additional charge to the public of 30 cents per thousand cubic feet to meet this increased cost of gas to the Company, the additional labor costs, the increased cost of gas lost in transmission and the additional cost to the Company of making some of its own gas, and the Company must receive this increase if it is to continue to give good service to the public as it has in the past. The Gas Company will not profit one penny by the increased rate, the entire increase being absorbed by the additional costs referred to. The Commission following its usual course of procedure will duly notify all municipalities and hearing will be held at which evidence will be offered, setting forth the increased costs to the Gas Company."

In the petition filed with the Commission the Company states:

"7. That an additional charge of thirty cents per thousand cubic feet will not in the opinion of your petitioner, add any sum of money whatsoever to the net operating revenue of your petitioner, but will cover only the aforesaid additional costs to it and your petitioner will not profit by such increase, but will be enabled only to maintain its present operating revenues thereby.

"8. That your petitioner has maintained its present schedule of rates for more than six years last past and has not during the more recent years increased its rates, though it would have been entitled so to do because of the greatly increased labor material and coal costs to it, and that it now hereby makes its first and only application to this Commission for authority to increase its rates in conformity with the aforesaid new schedule, prompted solely by the considerations hereinabove set forth."

WE ALL AGREE THAT G. HOG SAW SHADOW

Cold Weather and Snow of Past Week Further Depletes the Coal Bins.

Did the Ground Hog see his shadow on Monday, February 2nd? The eyes have it.

The cold weather and snow flurries of the past week make one think the winter is just commencing, instead of the contrary. Yesterday morning the mercury in the old weather tube was down to zero.

It has been a long, cold winter and those who pay for the coal used to heat the homes of Downers Grove are looking at their depleted bins and sighing sighs of despair.

There is just one little ray of sunshine ahead of us. We have had such a winter that we surely deserve an early spring. This is our only hope.

Compensation in Age.

It is true that a poet wrote a famous hymn, "I Would Not Live Always," yet people are interested in living as long as they can, as that is one of the great laws of nature. Even advanced age, bringing dim sight, loss of hearing and general decline, is not without its compensations, and Longfellow proved that "age is opportunity no less than youth."

REWARD

The Village of Downers Grove will pay \$50.00 reward for information that will lead to the recovery of the Victrola stolen from the Public Library on the night of February 17; and it will pay \$200.00 additional for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons committing the theft. Village of Downers Grove By W. C. Barber, Mayor.

DEMAND SOLDIERS' BONUS

American Legion Will Proceed to Secure Legislation for War Service Compensation.

The American Legion will proceed actively and aggressively to secure legislation for adjustment of war service compensation on the basis of \$50 for each month served, Franklin D'Olier, national commander of the legion announced today.

"The legislative committee was instructed that the American Legion regards the fulfillment of this obligation as paramount," he said, "with the exception of any legislation still uncompleted affecting the rights of widows and orphans and of the disabled.

"The government saw fit to grant government clerks a bonus for war service in the safety of the national capitol. Workmen safely ensconced in shipyards and munition plants were rewarded for their war service by exceptionally high wages.

"The American Legion is not seeking a bonus. The American soldier does not want a reward for the performance of his duty as a citizen. His position is based upon simple justice—fair play.

"The American Legion was informed that congress awaited its views and consequently gave their expression, but left with confidence to congress the necessary steps to carry them into effect. Congress has taken no definite action since."

The computation from which the \$50 per month adjustment was derived, it was learned, was a comparison of savings bank deposits during the war with those of the pre-war period. The average deposit showed an increase of \$400 during 1917-18 it was said, and the average period of service of legion members was 8 months, indicating an "economic loss" for service men of \$50 per month.

MICKIE SAYS

"THE MAN WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE IN ADVERTISING" GENERALLY FALLS FOR AN "AD" ON THE ELEPHANT WHEN A CIRCUS COMES TOWN

"N THEN HE'S DISAPPOINTED BECAZ BUSINESS DONT PICK UP!"



Fred D. Heinke PLUMBING Steam Heating - Sewer Building Gas Fitting Telephone 53-R

They Will Stand It Two good numbers of Real Good Work Shoes for Father and for Son are now in stock. They will stand the hardest wear. RUBBERS AND RUBBER BOOTS Goodrich make rubbers and rubber boots. They are the best make. If you have one pair you will insist on having them always. MORRIS SHOE STORE 64 South Main Street. Downers Grove, Ill.

Thor Ironer advertisement with image of the ironer and text describing its benefits.

EAGLE "MIKADO" PENCIL No. 174 advertisement with image of the pencil.

ADVERTISE in the Classified Column of The Reporter if you wish to buy anything, sell anything, rent anything, find anything, hire help or just to let folks know you're still alive and on the job.

CURTISS THEATRE This Sat., February 28th MARIAN DAVIES "The Cinema Murder"

Tuesday, March 2nd The Big World Production "When Bear Cat Went Dry" BE SURE AND SEE THIS! Thursday, March 4th ETHEL CLAYTON "THE 13TH COMMANDMENT"

Bertolin & Pfeifer Undertakers advertisement with contact information.