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WHOLE NO. 1884

ART. FREDENHAGEN SHOT BY LAGRANGE EX-CHIEF OF POLICE

Douglass, "Hard Guy," Fired by the Board After Last Sunday Night's Affray.

Art. Fredenhagen, of East Grove, is in bed suffering from a wound in his right knee made by a 38 bullet from the gun of Chief of Police Ward Douglass of La Grange, last Sunday night, in one of the strangest cases ever happening around here.

Fredenhagen with four companions Mr. Bell of Chicago, Lawrence Dunn and Grant and George Dicke, had gone out late Sunday afternoon for a ride in Dicke's car. Their way led them to LaGrange and through the surrounding country.

After eating dinner at the Fifth Avenue restaurant, they were arguing about knowledge of the roads in the vicinity and one of the party made a wager that they couldn't lose him on any of the roads around La Grange. After finishing their meal they started out again thru Riverside and Lyons and down to Argo. On the way back from Argo they turned into 47th Street and came west on their way home. When nearly into LaGrange, in the stone quarry district, a car was seen ahead on the road without lights and a man standing on the running board. Just as they came opposite the car the occupants flashed the spot light on them but at the time they thought nothing of it.

Held Up.

The car followed the boys into La Grange and just as they reached 5th avenue at 47th street, drew alongside and the man on the running board flashed a gun at Grant Dicke. Who was driving, ordered him to stop and throw up his hands.

The first thought which naturally came into the minds of the boys was "hold up." And as there were four or five men in the other machine, all apparently armed, they complied with the suggestion. They were ordered to get out of the car, which they promptly did.

Fredenhagen Shot.

As they were lined up along the road the man with the gun showing was going through Ball's pockets and Fredenhagen thought he saw a chance to escape and get help, he still thinking it was a hold up. So he ran and as he did so, Douglass, then the Chief of Police to LaGrange, who it afterward proved to be, opened fire. The first shots went wild, though uncomfortably close, and Fredenhagen kept on running until he hit a barb wire fence, which he had not seen in the darkness. This threw him and as Douglass neared him, he fired again, the bullet striking Fredenhagen in the right knee. Then, with his pistol still at a threatening attitude, Douglass walked over to the fallen man and with several unprintable epithets said, "now get up—, or I'll finish you off where you lay." Crawling, for he could not walk, Fredenhagen got to the car and was helped in by his companions.

Douglass jumped on the running board and said he was going to take them to the police station. He made them drive to the city and then locked them up and right here is one of the peculiar incidents, the car in which Douglass had been riding disappeared, and so did the men with him and no trace has been had of them since.

The entire Village Board with their attorney were called and a hearing was promptly held in which they tried, to no avail, to "get something" on the boys. After hearing all they had to say, the Board released the local fellows with profuse apologies. Fredenhagen was taken to Hinsdale in John Nicholson's car, which happened to be passing, and there his wound was dressed by Dr. Lawton and he was brought home and put to bed.

Chief Fired.

After the LaGrange Board had finished with the case they began deliberating among themselves and evidently came to the conclusion that all was not right and Ward Doug-

TIME LOCK ON BANK SAFE BAF-FLED EXPERTS

First National Bank Did Business Under Difficulties Last Saturday.

The time lock on the big safe at the First National Bank took a vacation last Saturday and refused to work until it was good and ready.

In the morning, when Sam Curtiss, Cashier, went to the vault to open it for the day's business, he confidently turned the combination knob to the right numbers and then pulled on the handle. For some reason, the heavy door would not budge. Then thinking he had worked the combination wrong, he tried again, but with no more success than before.

As the time lock had been inspected but a few weeks previous, Mr. Curtiss thought that nothing could be wrong with it. He called the people in Chicago who do this work and advised them of the condition of the lock and they promised to send a man out in the afternoon. Meanwhile Fred Baker, the jeweler, who is somewhat of a genius when it comes to locks and clocks, was called in, but he could do nothing. Dr. M. L. Puffer was next called to diagnose the case. With his stethoscope he listened at the door and reported that the clock had stopped.

All this time patrons were coming in for change to cash checks and make deposits, and there was the bank force with thousands of dollars behind the big steel door and no money to work with. They borrowed some currency and bills from the Farmers & Merchants Bank and did the best they could with the money that came in during the day. In the afternoon an expert from the Chicago office came to the bank and after fooling around with the combination suggested that nothing could be done. So nothing was done.

When Mr. Curtiss returned at six o'clock to open the bank for the Saturday evening business, he caught hold of the handle and without effort opened the door. It was one on the cashier, from all we can learn, as he must have overwound the clock, and it was right on the job, performing its duties and would not open the safe until the proper time.

Since Saturday, the time device has worked perfectly and the bank employees think it was suffering from the prevailing malady—spring fever.

RECEPTION FOR BAPTIST PASTOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Stewart Will Be Welcomed to Their New Field.

Next Wednesday evening, March 31st, will be held the annual meeting of the First Baptist Church. About eight-thirty, following this meeting a reception will be held for the new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John Stewart. This reception will be open to the general public.

The Rev. John Stewart has accepted the call to the Baptist church and will commence his work Easter Sunday, April 4th. He held several successful pastorates in the east, and also at LaCrosse, Wis. His last charge was at Barrington, Ill. and he comes here from there.

Mr. Stewart was for about seventeen years secretary and superintendent in the Rhode Island Baptist State work. He is well known in his denomination and should prove a fine addition to the local ministerial body.

At this annual meeting and election of officers, the Rev. J. B. Little, who just left this church to take a larger field, will also be present.

INTERESTED IN POULTRY?

If you are, and where is the man living in the suburbs who isn't, turn to the classified ad section this week and you will see that a home poultry farm is advertising baby chicks and setting eggs for sale. Every week in the classified section is something of interest to everyone.

BUNNING AND PARTNER HIGH IN A. B. C. MEET

Rolled Into Fourth Place in the Doubles at Peoria With a Count of 1256—Bunning high

L. E. "Babe" Bunning of the Grove paired with H. Hoffer of Aurora, went into fourth place in the international meet of the American Bowling Congress at Peoria on Tuesday. This is the biggest bowling event in the world and entrants are received from every nook and corner of the United States at the annual event.

FOUR CHURCHES HOLD UNION SERVICES HOLY WEEK

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Evening Services to be Held in Three Churches.

At a recent meeting of the Ministerial Board arrangements were made for three union services during Passion Week. These will be held as follows: Wednesday evening at the First Congregational church Thursday evening at the First Evangelical church and Friday evening at the First Methodist church.

CANVASSERS NEAR QUOTA ON FUNDS FOR NEAR EAST

South Side Cash and Pledges Total Nearly \$400.00 With More Coming In.

Unavoidable circumstances have made it impossible to progress as rapidly with the canvass to secure Near East Relief funds as was anticipated. However, it is expected that it will have been completed by the end of this week. Rev. Nansen, director of the South side canvass reports the following receipts to date:

Ward 1—cash—\$170.45.
Ward 2—cash—187.15.
Pledges—\$5.00.
Total—cash—\$357.60 and \$5.00 in pledges.

In addition the County Superintendent has reported \$40.00 collected to date thru the public schools which is accredited to our township. East Grove will be canvassed this week and the director of the North side canvass expects to have his work completed soon. A complete report will be given when all teams have completed their work.

Downers Grove Township's quota for this worthy cause is \$1,500.00. Of this amount we suppose Downers Grove will assume half, leaving the balance for Hinsdale. On this basis of figuring the North side should easily carry us over, especially as all the pledges from the business men are not yet in.

DELIGHTFUL 500 PARTY AT J. R. SHAFFER HOME

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Shaffer was the scene of a most delightful St. Patrick's Card Party last Saturday evening. The home being beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion.

There were ten tables of "500." Mr. C. W. VanBeynum and Mrs. H. D. Pulsifer were the prize winners and Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert Jones were awarded the consolation prize. The delicious refreshments that were served were all that was needed to make it a most perfect party. The place cards were in keeping with the decorations which more than suggested that it was St. Patrick who made green the Irish color.

THE WHY OF THE RAISE OF THIS YEARS' TAXES

1. Valuation changed by act of July 1, 1919 from 1-3 to 1-2 of real value.
2. While the legislature in some cases changed the rate which might be levied on the new valuation (notably state and county) in others there was no change made so that the tax is levied under the old rate on the newer higher valuation.
3. The road and bridge tax and city tax, we are told, falls within the latter.
4. Running a school is much like running any other enterprise in these days. It costs more money. This is true from the cost of heating to the salaries of the teachers. Consequently the schools were of necessity forced to levy a higher rate. This is of course true of all taxing bodies.
5. When it is all said however, the rise in taxes does not near equal the rise in the cost of everything else.

Did you ever stop to think that the more you read the ads in the Reporter and let the local merchants know you do read them, the more and better prices they would advertise thereby saving you money? Think it over.

DO YOU KNOW THAT—

We are publishing today more advertising from local merchants than ever before in the history of The Reporter under our management. Do you know that our storekeepers are waking up to the value of advertising and quoting prices? Read every ad, every week, and keep yourself posted.

P. T. ASSN. MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Interesting Meeting Held at Kindergarten on Last Thursday Evening

The Parent Teacher Association held its March meeting last Thursday at eight o'clock in the Junior Elementary School Building (Kindergarten). The meeting was well attended and interesting. The speaker, the Rev. Wilbur Dean Elliott, of Gary, Indiana, spoke in detail of the school system of that city which is world famous and an ever-increasing interest to teachers and parents.

Another very interesting feature was the community singing and the singing of a chorus made up on the seventh grades under the direction of Miss Crane. The pleasure of hearing these boys and girls sing under able direction of our gifted teacher of singing is in itself worth the attendance at these meetings.

Mrs. L. Hannum on behalf of the D. A. R. called the attention of those present to a tablet which had been secured by that organization to be placed in the High School Assembly Hall in memory of the boys who had left Downers Grove for service in the Great War and did not return. The Association was pleased to have these patriotic ladies bring this tablet to the meeting to give the members an opportunity of viewing it before it is finally placed in the high school.

In accordance with the policy decided upon by the Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association composed of ten members including officers and committee chairmen, at its meeting held March 11th, a committee was appointed by the secretary for the purpose of securing the names of citizens who would consent to act on the school board if elected at the April election. The chairman of this committee, Mrs. E. H. Huntington, therefore announced the names of the following gentlemen who had agreed to permit the Association to use their names for this purpose.

President, A. C. Miskelly.

Trustees

N. R. Frasley
C. W. VanBeynum
C. A. Carlson

The Parent-Teacher Association takes pleasure in presenting the names of these citizens to the community believing that they will prove to be public spirited, conscientious and painstaking servants of the people if elected, and bespeaks for them the favorable consideration of the voters in the coming election.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in the Junior Elementary School Building (Kindergarten) on April 15th. Mr. Wm. B. Owen, Superintendent of the Chicago Normal School, will be the speaker. Mr. G. C. Bensley, will again preside at the meeting.

A good attendance is hoped for.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS AT M. E. CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

Trinity Commandary, of La Grange, Will be Here for Special Service April 4th.

Trinity Commandary, Knight Templars, of La Grange, will attend a special Easter service at the First Methodist Episcopal church here, on Easter Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock p. m. The Rev. Burton H. Fleming, pastor of the church, will preach the sermon, the subject of which will be, "The Knight of the 20th Century." Members of the Commandary, a great many of whom are Downers Grove residents, will be in full uniform. This is the annual go to church day of the order when the members attend in a body.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who care to participate in the service.

ON THE DOTTED LINE, PLEASE!



The pair counted 405, 409 and 442 for a total of 1256. This will give them a fairly large slice of the doubles money as the score will most likely be among the first ten at the finish of the meet.

Bunning is the best known bowler in Downers Grove. He rolls with two Chicago leagues and the local one and is in demand for team competition in tournaments.

The two men rolled as follows:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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| Bunning | 204 | 205 | 256 |
| Hoffer | 201 | 204 | 186 |

A strike by Hoffer in a certain place in the last game, when he made 186, would have put the team in first place.

There mark is only two pins under the leaders in the doubles event. Local bowling fans have figured that these were rather expensive pins as they meant about \$200 difference in the prize money. One hundred dollars a pin, is rather hard to lose.

BENSON—HUBBERT

Last Saturday, March 20th, Miss Ethel Benson and Mr. Walter Hubbert, both of Downers Grove, hid themselves to DeKalb, Ill., to be married at her father's home, thereby escaping a shower of old shoes, rice, etc., which they would have been kept busy dodging if they had remained here.

Miss Benson is a daughter of Mr. Charles Benson of DeKalb, and has been residing at the home of her brother, Mr. V. Handschug, here in the Grove, for the past three years. The groom is well known here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubbert will be at home to their many friends here in Downers Grove after April first.

The pastors will exchange pulpits for the message but each pastor will preside over the meeting held in his church. It was impossible for the people of the Baptist church to plan definitely for an evening of these services because their new pastor will not come until the following Sunday, however they will cooperate and furnish special music at some of the services. The public is cordially invited.

ALFRED HERBERT

Alfred Herbert was born April 11, 1828 in London, England and died at one o'clock in the morning on March 18th at St. Joseph's hospital, Aurora.

He came to America, a young man of twenty-one years of age, and settled in New York. Three years later he went back to England for his bride, Eliza Cherry, returning to America and making their home in New York City, Chicago, St. Charles, Ill., and for the last fifteen years has made Downers Grove his home. He was a man of sterling qualities, very just and fair with his fellow men and a loving husband.

Funeral services were held from Saint Andrew's church at three o'clock last Saturday, March 20th, the Rev. Hugh M. MacWhorter, pastor of the church officiating and burial was made at Forest Home cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his loss his widow, Eliza Cherry Herbert and two nieces, Anna Baxter and Nell Baxter Phelps, and one nephew, Wallace Baxter, of Denver, Colorado.

"My goodness," said a woman over the phone on Monday, "take that gas stove for sale ad out." "It was sold on Saturday and, if I'd had six more I could easily have disposed of them."