

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PIASA BLUFFS ASSEMBLY,
FOR
1893-94

Incorporated under the Laws of Illinois, in 1885.

OFFICERS, 1893 AND 1894,

J. B. ULRICH,	<i>President.</i>
FRANK LENIG,	<i>1st Vice President.</i>
COL. A. F. RODGERS,	<i>2d Vice President.</i>
R. T. BROCK,	<i>Secretary.</i>
GEO. H. DOUGHERTY,	<i>Treasurer</i>
COL. A. F. RODGERS,	<i>Supt. of Grounds.</i>
M. R. CRAMER,	<i>Supt. of Transportation & Advertising.</i>
C. W. YERKES,	<i>Supt. Ticket Department.</i>

DIRECTORS.

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GEORGE THOMAS.
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M. R. CRAMER.
DR. O. M. STEWART.
DR. J. B. YOUNG.

BOARD'S REPORT.

To the Stockholders of the Piasa Bluffs Assembly :

As required by our By-Law, we greet you with our Annual Report. The Secretary's Report, hereto attached, will give you the financial status of our corporation in detail, to which we refer you.

Last year the Board made sacred promises to lot purchasers and others, that they would make extensive improvements upon our grounds which were very much needed. Last year we entered upon said improvements, just before the "financial panic" came on. We had entered into contracts and could not draw back. We finished the waterworks system, including pipes and engine, at a cost of \$1,420.00. Sewer system, from near the big spring to the river, at a cost of \$850.00. We built the Storeroom and Fry Memorial Hall at a cost of \$1,480.00 ; beside other improvements costing over \$3,750.00. The panic was on, and we had incurred liabilities to the amount of over \$3,000.00 more than we had money to pay.

At this juncture it was not thought politic to call upon stockholders for an assessment on their stock, as a previous assessment on the stock had not all been paid ; whereupon the majority of the directors, in their individual capacity, signed a note to the Alton Savings Bank for \$3,000.00 and obtained that amount of money and paid off the balance of said improvement liabilities, said directors taking a lien upon our real estate to hold them harmless from finally having to pay said \$3,000.

Recently some of the St. Louis stockholders have made payment on the stock notes, and said funds were applied on note to State Bank, Jerseyville, amounting to nearly \$1,000.00.

Our last Assembly was very successful, financially and otherwise, yet there are many improvements to be instituted. We sadly need more hotel accommodation and better transportation facilities, and a better depot, all of which we hope to secure soon.

The following was the status of our business, October 6th, 1894, as shown by our Ledger:

FACE OF LEDGER.

Assets.

Storehouse and Hall.....	\$1482 58
Lumber purchased 1894.....	266 30
Furniture, except hotel.....	227 50
Amphitheater	2682 00
Hotel, furniture and fixtures.....	4916 19
Notes	4160 00
Waterworks	1437 69
Real estate, estimated	5221 24
Sewer cost.....	855 26
Personal accounts, good.....	42 50
Cash in Treasurer's hands.. ..	1335 96
	\$22,627 22

Liabilities.

Stockholders.....	\$12698 35
Bills payable.....	5700 00
Personal accounts.....	267 95
Surplus	960 92
Directors' Loan	3000 00
	\$22,627 22

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. ULRICH, *President.*

ROBERT T. BROCK, *Secretary.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

JERSEYVILLE, ILL., Oct. 9th, 1894.

To the President and Board of Directors:

GENTLEMEN,—Since my last Annual Report to you, the undersigned would respectfully report that he has collected and made payments as follows:

Balance on hand last report.	\$ 22 34
Collected on acct of bills receivable ..	1006 15
“ “ Interest.	172 05
“ “ Stock payments.....	294 50
“ “ Directors' Loan.....	3000 00
“ “ Admission to grounds	3255 15
“ “ Tent Rentals	1334 30
“ “ Program (Schools).....	12 25
“ “ Real estate, cash sales....	715 00
“ “ Miscellaneous sources	112 40
Total.....	<u>\$9924 14</u>

He paid out as follows:

For acct Program, 1894	\$2147 70
“ Gatekeepers and Supt.....	312 75
“ Personal accounts last year's expense	876 35
“ Expense account.....	560 11
“ Insurance on buildings	94 00
“ Labor and police.....	857 94
“ Interest paid	206 85
“ Orders drawn on Treasurer.....	3532 48
“ Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	1335 96
Total.....	<u>\$9924 14</u>

Vouchers for the several accounts forming the above amounts were furnished and were gone over by the Audit-

ing Committee and were found to be correct, as shown by the following certificate :

We, the undersigned Auditing Committee, do hereby certify, that on the 5th day of October, 1894, we made a thorough examination of the books of the Secretary, and also the vouchers for all expenditures, and find the same to be correct. We find the cash and cash account closed on Sept. 17th, 1894, with cash balance on hand \$1,336.41 in hands of Treasurer.

(Signed) JAMES M. GIBERSON,
NAT GREENE,
M. R. CRAMER,
Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT T. BROCK.
Secretary.

ADDITIONAL REPORT.

R. T. Brock will further report that since he closed and balanced his books for his Annual Report, Oct. 9th, 1894, he has received cash

On acct of Stock notes	\$860 00
“ “ Interest	215 85
“ “ Profit and loss	70 90
“ “ Real estate sold.....	25 00
“ “ Return pre'm from insur'ee canceled	63 25
“ “ L. Hallack.....	100 00
“ “ R. T. Brock.....	2 20
“ “ Bills receivable.....	159 00
	\$1496 20

He paid out :

State Bank on note, as principal	\$800 00
Interest, State Bank	150 00
Interest, National Bank.....	35 00
Expense account.....	23 15
Advertising, St. Louis	67 95
George H. Dougherty, Treasurer.....	420 10
	\$1496 20

Jerseyville, Ill., Jan. 1st, 1895.

ROBERT T. BROCK.

GEORGE H. DOUGHERTY, Treasurer,

In account with R. T. BROCK.		<i>Dr.</i>
Amount on hand last annual report	\$	22 34
Amount paid over to Treasurer this fiscal year,	4846	10
		4868 44
By orders drawn on Treas'r during fiscal year..	3532	48
Balance on hand at end of fiscal year.	\$1335	96
Since the end of last fiscal year the Secretary has paid over to the Treasurer.	420	10
	\$1756	06
He paid out since end of fiscal year.	1640	58
Balance on hand as shown by his books, in hands of Treasurer	\$115	48
One order out, not paid, is for		45
Bank books show balance of	\$115	93

Jerseyville, Ill., Jan. 1st, 1895.

ROBERT T. BROCK.

FACE OF LEDGER BY BALANCES.

AT JANUARY 1ST, 1895.

Assets.

\$115 48 Treasurer.

855 26 Sewer.

5,096 24 Real estate.

Directors' Loan \$3,000 00

1 00 Discount.

1,437 69 Waterworks.

4,035 00 Bills Receivable.

4,916 19 Hotel and fixtures.

2,682 00 Amphitheater.

114 38 Interest.

2 83 Program.

60 62 Labor.

227 50 Furniture.

266 30 Lumber.

723 91 Expense.

Bills Payable \$4,400 00

1,482 58 Store and Hall.

425 00 Salary account.

Taxes collected 1 00

Stockholders 14,060 06

Surplus acct. 955 92

Dr. Young 5 00

Dr. Stewart 20 00

\$22,441 98

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Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT T. BROCK.

THE GROUNDS, 310 acres in extent, are situated on the Mississippi River, 13 miles above Alton, Illinois, in Jersey County. The Bluff Line R. R. has a depot there, and runs through the grounds and connects at Alton with the Big Four R. R. and with the Chicago & Alton R. R. Large Pavilion, Hotel, and a never-failing spring of pure cold water are upon the grounds. Postoffice, Elsah, Ill.

OFFICERS, 1894 AND 1895.

L. HALLACK,	<i>President.</i>
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E. E. LACEY.
GEO. A. SLATERY.
F. J. McMASTER.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

DR. O. M. STEWART, Chairman, St. Louis.
REV. J. A. SCARRITT, Alton.
DR. J. W. C. COXE, Washington, Iowa.
DR. FRANK LENIG, Clifton Heights, St. Louis, Mo.

The Assembly Faculty.

DR. J. C. W. CONE, Superintendent of the Normal Work, and of the Open Parliament of Christian Workers, and DR. FRANK LEXIG, Superintendent of Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle Work, have both been actively connected with the Assembly for so long a time that they need no words by way of introduction.

MRS. W. P. KUHLE has again charge of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Work and is also well known to our people.

PROF. LEROY MOORE is our new Musical Director. He is a man of national reputation. Lately he had charge of the music in Trinity M. E. Church, Denver, and now is Director of the large chorus in Union Church, St. Louis. He is enthusiastic and successful as a teacher. Besides his other work at the Assembly he will also conduct a class in vocal culture.

PROF. EDWARD P. PERRY will conduct our School of Elocution. He has charge of this department in Washington University, St. Louis, and is meeting with great success in the classroom as well as on the platform. Students bring "Vision of Sir Launfal," "Evangeline," "Julius Cæsar," and book of selections. Persons desiring private lessons, write the Professor.

PROF. JAMES G. NEEDHAM, of Jerseyville, Ill., will conduct the School of Field Botany for at least two weeks. He will use Gray's "Tourist's Manual of Botany."

MISS HELEN L. MEADE will have charge of the Kindergarten. She is greatly attached to the little people and never fails to create much interest among her pupils.

MISS MATTIE E. BRADSHAW, an accomplished young music teacher, will be the accompanist on both organ and piano.

Board of Officers.

J. B. ULRICH (St. Louis), - - - President

FRANK LENIG (St. Louis), { First Vice-President and Super-
intendant of Instruction.

A. F. RODGERS (Upper { Second Vice-President and Su-
Alton), perintendent of Grounds.

HON. ROBT. T. BROCK (Jerseyville, Ill.), - Secretary

GEO. H. DOUGHERTY (Otterville, Ill.), - Treasurer

WM. ARMSTRONG,	}		
GEO. THOMAS,			
L. HALLOCK,			
J. A. FIELD,			
C. F. VOGEL,		- - - -	Directors
J. A. SCARRITT,			
J. B. YOUNG,			
M. R. CRAMER,	}		

		J. B. ULRICH, Pres't.	
Committee on Programme,	-	{ FRANK LENIG, Sec'y.	
		{ J. B. YOUNG.	

PROGRAMME

—OF THE—

Piassa Bluffs Assembly.



JULY 27TH—AUGUST 23RD,

1893.



sentinel-democrat Printing House, Alton.