

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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Lumber, Coal
Hardware

F. A. BRODE & CO.

Coal

Is steadily advancing but we are still able to take care of you at reasonable prices. We are furnishing several nice bills of.....

Don't fail to figure with us when in need of cutlery, tools, builders' or farmers' stock. In.....

Hardware.

Lumber.

We are in better shape than ever with a complete stock at prices which will satisfy anyone who knows when they are getting a bargain.....

Hughes & Gallup,

Dealers in

Artificial Ice.

COAL and WOOD is also in our line. If you leave your orders with us they will be promptly attended to, and prices will be right.

I Make My Corned Beef....

Oysters, direct from Baltimore twice a week.....

Geo. F. Steere.

C. B. & Q. RAILWAY TIME CARD.

East Bound.

LT. DOWNERS	D G Passenger	ARR. CHICAGO
6:30 a. m.		6:40 a. m.
6:36		7:45
6:42		7:45
7:07	Aurora Passenger	7:46
7:23	D G Passenger	8:10
7:38	Aurora Passenger	8:45
8:22	D G Passenger	9:12
8:30	Aurora Passenger	9:22
9:10	D G Passenger	10:00
9:57	Mail Train	10:25
10:05	D G Passenger	10:55
11:15	Aurora Passenger	12:16 p. m.
11:30 p. m.	D G Passenger	1:40
12:30	Mail Train	3:05
12:35	D G Passenger	3:25
1:18		4:05
1:25	Aurora Passenger	4:45
1:40	D G Passenger	5:20
1:50	Mail Train	6:10
1:55	D G Passenger	6:45
2:05		7:45
2:07		8:00
9:51	Through Express	10:30
10:19	D G Passenger	11:20

West Bound.

LT. CHICAGO	D G Passenger	ARR. DOWNERS
6:45 a. m.		7:30 a. m.
7:45		8:30
8:20	Mail Train	9:07
8:45	D G Passenger	9:30
10:15		11:00
11:05	Mail Train	12:07 p. m.
11:20	D G Passenger	12:11
12:01 p. m.	D G Passenger	1:02
12:55	Saturday only	1:47
1:30	Aurora Passenger	2:23
2:10	Mail Train	3:10
3:15	D G Passenger	4:05
4:05		4:54
4:10		5:31
4:11	Aurora Passenger	5:50
4:15	D G Passenger	6:05
4:30		6:36
4:40		7:05
4:50		7:40
7:30		8:30
8:30	Aurora Passenger	9:30
10:35	D G Passenger	11:35
11:30	Through Train	12:00
11:30	D G Passenger	12:30

Sunday Trains.—East.

LEAVE DOWNERS	D G Passenger	ARR. CHICAGO
7:35 a. m.		8:45 a. m.
8:30	Aurora Passenger	9:25
9:30	D G Passenger	10:15
1:10 p. m.		3:00 p. m.
1:30	Mail Train	2:05
2:05	D G Passenger	2:50
3:00	Aurora Passenger	4:00
4:35	D G Passenger	5:25
5:00	Aurora Passenger	5:50
5:55	D G Passenger	10:55

Sunday Trains.—West.

LT. CHICAGO	Aurora Passenger	ARR. DOWNERS
9:00 a. m.		9:55 a. m.
11:30	Through Express	12:11
11:40	D G Passenger	12:35
1:20	D G Passenger	2:30
2:10	Aurora Passenger	3:10
4:55	D G Passenger	4:00
5:05		7:30
9:45		10:48
10:45		11:48
11:30	Theater Train	12:03 p. m.

From the depot—8:07 am, 12:31 pm, 5:11 pm
To the depot—8:52 am, 1:28 pm, 5:28 pm.

DEPART ADVERTISING RATES.

SPACE	1WK	1M	3M	6M	1YR
1 LINE	\$ 25	\$ 75	\$ 150	\$ 250	\$ 400
25 "	50	150	300	500	800
5 "	100	300	600	1000	1500
10 "	200	600	1200	2000	3000
25 "	500	1500	3000	5000	7500

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Local advertising notices on irregular lines. News items, 10 cents per line, each week. Local notices with head under the head of "Business Notices" 5 cents per line each week. Display ads on first page double price.

DOWNERS GROVE.

A Review of Its Business and Manufacturing Institutions, their Success, and Its Brilliant Outlook and Advantages.

WITH this Thanksgiving issue of the REPORTER we submit to the general public a review of the business resources of Downers Grove; not that the subject matter is new to our readers, but to enable our people to take an inventory of stock, and to more fully realize the value of the foundation upon which the village of Downers Grove is being built and the resources at its command. It is as unwise for us to underestimate our ability as it is foolish to exalt them. The charge of "old foginess" and "being behind the times," when taken in connection with what actually exists, only brings out more clearly the fact that the village owes its stability to the integrity and conservatism of its citizens, and in consequence thereof is prepared to sail along with the prosperous breezes that are now filling its sails, or in case of a storm arising will be fully prepared to weather the gale. On all moral questions the people of Downers Grove have generally stood for right principles, and if necessary to maintain them have been aggressive. In the past our citizens have been, as a rule, prompt to meet the demands made upon them, and we have faith to believe that they will still continue so to do. The pathway of every human life is strewn along with mistakes that have been made, but a wise Providence has made provision whereby many of them can be rectified; what is true of an individual is just as true of a village made up as it is of a collection of individuals. These mistakes should not be magnified but should be remedied whenever the ability and opportunity to do so presents itself. Our churches and public schools should receive the heartiest support; religion and education, good morals and intelligence are elements that are second to none for the highest developments of the community. Our village board during the past year have done much efficient work in the way of improvement, and much more would have been done had the means at their command justified them.

THE TOWNSHIP.

Downers Grove township was settled in 1832, by Pierce Downer, father of Elon Downer. He settled near the edge of the timber, and the name of Downers Grove naturally followed. Among the early settlers of the township, along in the thirties, appear the names of Blodgett, Smith, Aldrich, Curtiss and Carpenters. In 1838 Maple avenue was laid out by Israel P. Blodgett and Samuel Curtiss by hitching six yokes of oxen to the trunk of a tree and driving them back and forth, a distance of over two miles, until the prairie turf was pulverized into a well beaten track. Then they planted on both sides of the road those beautiful sugar maples, which have now attained such large proportions and have given to the avenue its name, and reared a monument to their memory. On this thoroughfare grew up the village of Downers Grove, which was incorporated on the 31st day of March, 1873.

THE VILLAGE.

Downers Grove is situated in DuPage county, Illinois, 21 miles west of the Union depot in Chicago, on the main line of the C., B. & Q. railway. It is attractively located on rolling ground, in the midst of beautiful groves of natural timber, and contains a population of about 2,500. Handsome and costly edifices line its shaded streets and groves, and a wide-awake progressive people are its residents. Its religious and educational advantages are the best, its suburban train service all that could be desired. One of the finest systems of water works in the state furnishes the people with the purest of water. Telephone connection with the city is one of our conveniences. The population of the town has more than doubled in the last few years and many costly buildings have been erected. A healthy religious atmosphere pervades the community. Saloons are prohibited by law as well as public sentiment, and we challenge any town in Illinois to compete with us as a place to invest in either a home or a business location. The business of Downers Grove is in the hands of careful and honest men and their commercial standing is high, not so much for the amount of wealth represented as for their integrity and promptness.

The retrospect for 1895 gives us much to be thankful for, so let us this Thanksgiving day truly give thanks for past munificent blessings and work for continued peace and harmony and the general good of our village.

Following is a brief statement of our business firms.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK.

Among the most prosperous banking institutions in DuPage county is the Farmers and Merchants Bank situated in this thriving village. This bank was started in January, '92, and has always done a clean, flourishing business, to the satisfaction of its patrons of all classes. The officers are among our oldest and best citizens, men of integrity and business ability. They do a general banking and collecting business. They are located in their own handsome brick block in which is also the postoffice, REPORTER office and editorial rooms of the Columbian Magazine. The officers are Chas. Curtiss, president; Dr. W. A. Tope, vice president; W. H. Edwards, cashier. Charles Curtiss, the president, is one of the pioneers of the village and has long held the respect and esteem of our citizens. He was president of the village for many years and such was the confidence reposed in him by our people that he could have retained the position had he so wished, but the cares of business was so pressing that he declined further honors in that direction. Dr. W. A. Tope, the vice president, thoroughly enjoys public favor and as a physician is skillful and has a large practice. As a business man he is A. No. 1. W. H. Edwards, the general cashier, is a very pleasant gentleman to do business with and all business entrusted with him will receive his conscientious consideration.

THATCHER & BATEMAN.

The senior member of this firm until recently in copartnership with D. W. Cresy, is the oldest merchant in the village, having been continuously engaged in the business since 1856. Recently Mr. Geo. Bateman, a son-in-law of Mr. Thatcher, acquired Mr. Cresy's interest. Mr. Bateman is well and favorably known as a shrewd young business man. The firm has been successful beyond their most sanguine expectations. They are constantly adding to their already large stock of dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, notions, etc. The firm has always had the entire confidence of the community, and it brings to them a substantial trade. Their commercial standing is of the best, and we hope the gentlemen will enjoy the patronage of many generations to come.

G. H. BUNGE.

In reviewing the business interests of our flourishing village, the welfare of the place is so intimately connected with the C., B. & Q. railway, that we wish to make special mention of its popular and efficient local representative, Mr. G. H. Bunge, who has held the position about five years. Mr. Bunge is a valued citizen, held in the highest regard by the public. He is courteous and obliging and has always discharged the duties of his office with the greatest satisfaction to the public, as well as to the company. He is also agent of the Adams Express Co., and member of the village board of trustees.

P. A. LORD LUMBER COMPANY.

This firm established their business in Downers Grove in the spring of 1890, and immediately thereafter the town commenced to grow so rapidly that it might be said to have enjoyed a veritable boom for the space of two or three years. Some residents of our village may have overlooked the relation of cause and affect in this case, and we trust that such will even at this late day place due credit where it belongs. Mr. Geo. P. Luce, the vice-president of the company, has had charge of the Downers Grove end of the business, and the firm has never failed to secure at least their full share of trade. They inaugurated the system of selling goods at the lowest Chicago prices with freight and cartage added, and under this system their trade has rapidly grown from a small beginning to its present large proportions. Bringing their lumber direct from the mills, and having a very extensive and complete sash and door factory at LaGrange, with ample dry kiln built on the latest design, they have unusual facilities for looking after the interests of their customers. They have established and maintained a reputation for strictly first class mill work that has enabled them to control nearly all of this class of trade between Riverside and Downers Grove. They make a specialty of hardwood veneered doors, cabinet and stair work, and are ready at all times to furnish estimates on anything made of wood. They have also lately added a stock of coal and are ready to fill orders in this line promptly.

G. F. HAWKINS.

G. F. Hawkins conducts a plumbing, hot water and steam heating business. Mr. Hawkins commenced business at Hinsdale some years ago and from a start which he made at the Jno. T. Fish place in 1891 his Downers Grove trade has increased until his record of over one hundred jobs of plumbing and heating in our finest houses has fully demonstrated, by the superior quality of his work, his right to the title of a first class plumber and heating engineer. His shop is fully equipped with the latest and most improved machinery and tools manufactured for use in his particular line of business. It is generally conceded that if any plumbing is to be used in a residence it should be as impervious to the attacks of sewer gas as it is secure against the leakage of sewage, and there is no trade wherein science has made such strides as has the plumber's, who, scarce a decade ago, erected a barrier of putty against dread disease, and to-day the system of plumbing and ventilation in general use is so solid as to require almost an earthquake to remove it. Mr. Hawkins' long experience in city and suburban plumbing is a guarantee that any work in this line entrusted to him will be carried out in the best possible manner. His lead pipe work and joint wiping in particular is said to be a marvel of neatness and skill. At steam and hot water heating and kindred branches Mr. Hawkins is perfectly at home, being thoroughly conversant with the many systems at present in use. Living as he does right here in our midst he has an opportunity to observe the climatic conditions, and heat our residences to an even degree of temperature than do any of his competitors coming from a distance, and if his many pleased customers are any indication he has improved it to the utmost.

M. E. STANGER.

In a mention of the various business establishments of our town it may not be inappropriate to refer to the praiseworthy manner in which our postal facilities are conducted under the charge of our efficient postmaster, M. E. Stanger. Mr. Stanger has been a resident of Downers Grove for many years, and to say that he is well thought of is putting it mildly. He has conducted the office in such a manner as to meet the approval of all, and is one of the most accommodating and painstaking gentlemen we have ever seen in charge of a public trust. During his term the office has been advanced from 4th to 3d class. The mail agents on the "Q," who are certainly good judges, say that this postoffice is the best conducted along the line, and that they never have any trouble or inconvenience with mail received from this point. Mr. Stanger keeps a stock of stationery, cigars and tobacco, handles the daily papers and is agent for the celebrated LaGrange Laundry.

HUGHES & GALLUP.

This enterprising firm formed their present partnership and started their present flourishing business last spring. Both members of the firm are well and popularly known and are among our most influential citizens. Mr. Gallup is on the Street and Alley committee of the village board. Hughes & Gallup deal in artificial ice and during the summer supply the whole town with a superior quality of this article. Coal and wood is their stock in trade at this season and they have built up a large trade in that line. The firm ranks among our most substantial business men and are in the best position to meet the wants of the people in their line. They are thoroughly prepared for this season's trade. They purchase from the leading mines and have on hand a large stock of hard and soft coal and wood. In dealing here you are sure of getting the proper weight and the best value. They are exclusive agents in this village for the famous Pocahontas smokeless coal.

BUSH & SIMONSON.

The drugstore of this firm is one of the neatest of business places and enjoys the local fame of being the only building in the village that is lighted with electricity. Prescriptions are carefully prepared and filled by Mr. Simonson, who is a first-class registered pharmacist. He is also a jeweler and does a large amount of work in that line, which is always satisfactory to his customers. A full line of toilet articles, perfumery, patent medicines, etc., all of the best quality, are here. In the warm season their soda fountain receives the patronage of all lovers of soda drinks and ices. Mr. Bush of this firm was a member of the finance committee of the village board when our waterworks were secured and was largely instrumental in securing for the village such an excellent system. He is also secretary of the Downers Grove Loan and Homestead association. This popular firm is now preparing a series of family medicines which are guaranteed to be made of the very best drugs and therefore insuring a medicine of the highest excellence. A glance at their large ad. in this issue will reveal all.

NASH BROS.

Messrs. Nash Bros., whose general mercantile establishment is the subject of this sketch, rank among the leading merchants of this section of the country. They have through energy and capable management, built up a large trade which extends all over the surrounding country. The advantages the people find in dealing here exert a marked influence in drawing trade to the village. Of high commercial standing, the firm buys to advantage from the leading markets, and their store is filled with an extensive stock of all kinds of general merchandise, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes; hats and caps, furnishing goods. In ladies' footwear they handle Drew Selby & Co's fine shoes for ladies and misses. The W. L. Douglas men's shoes is sold in the village here only. No better shoes for men and women anywhere. They are enterprising business men, whose uniform course of fair dealing, has won the confidence of the people. Note their announcement elsewhere.

STRAUBE SUB-DIVISION.

Straube's subdivision to Downers Grove is an ideal place to live and make a home. Its beautiful location in the most desirable portion of the village is one of its many advantages. Mr. Straube purchased the land in September, 1890, and laid it out into blocks and lots. Owing to its high and dry location and excellent drainage, it has become extremely popular. Its streets are lined with many shade trees and is a picturesque place and a favorite with home seekers. Lots are reasonable in price and can be purchased on easy terms.

D. K. CRAIG.

The handling of gasoline and oils exclusively is the mission of D. K. Craig in our village, and to say he is successful can be easily believed when it is stated that he keeps a delivery wagon constantly on the move delivering these necessities to all parts of the village. He numbers his customers among the hundreds. Among Mr. Craig's traits are promptness and business integrity, to which he owes his immense patronage. He delivers only the best brands of gasoline and oil and in this way gains the confidence and retains the custom of his customers.

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