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Among the many quaint and unique costumes of the Merchants' Carnival none shone more conspicuously than that of Miss Pearl Ary, who represented the lumber, coal and hardware business of F. A. Brode & Co. From the shingle hat to the nail-trimmed skirt the observer could but be impressed by the taste of the design as well as the enterprise of the firm represented. The original plan was to add to the program by having each representative recite in poetry or song the features of the business represented. The following is the one Miss Pearl Ary was to have recited:

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A novelty supper is a possibility of the near future.

Mr. McHaffey of Aurora gave us a pleasant call last Thursday.

Ho! for the "Novelty Supper" on Thursday evening, Feb. 20th.

Thompson sells the best grades of oil and gasoline. Try them.

Hughes & Gallup have several small homes that can be bought very cheap.

Mr. Soutar of Scotland, a brother of Mrs. A. C. Ducat, is visiting with that family.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Harmless, reliable, sure.

The ladies of the Episcopal guild will give a private supper in the Miller block to-night.

Rev. E. L. Scotfield left Monday for Quincy in the interest of the Chicago Baptist Orphanage.

Rev. H. H. Rood will preach again next Sunday morning and evening at the Congregational church.

Hughes & Gallup represent several of the best fire insurance companies and can give you good rates.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Fabbri are out from Chicago to spend a few weeks with their sons at the farm at the edge of the village.

Duluth Shamrock flour. Best for bread and pastry. Guaranteed to be superior to any other Minnesota flour, at Colville's.

Mrs. Woodruff and daughter of Wood-tawn were here last Thursday looking at property with a view to taking up their residence here.

Mertz & Mochel have just received a car of slabs, sawed in 12-inch lengths. Just the thing for kindling, which they sell at reasonable rates.

C. G. Howell of Chicago, an old soldier, came out to attend the G. A. R. campfire, and spent the night with his niece, Mrs. H. T. Aldrich.

Hughes & Gallup have quite an inquiry for small farms, from 5 to 30 acres. Anyone with same for sale would do well to list it with them.

Large audiences greeted the ministers at all of our churches last Sabbath. This speaks well for our community and is very encouraging to the pastors and members.

The record of remarkable cures effected enables us to truthfully say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only true blood purifier prominently in the public eye to-day.

Shamrock flour is sold by W. H. Colville, the north side grocer. It is absolutely the best flour for general home use on the market. \$4.00 per barrel. None so good. Try it.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Dalton, now of Chicago, will become residents here soon. They have rented the Leard house on Curtiss street. Mr. Dalton is an employe of the "Q."

Our postmaster has extra copies of the REPORTER every week for the accommodation of those who fail to receive theirs regularly. If the paper is not in your box when it should be, ask him for one.

E. W. Deming of New Orleans, a manufacturer and dealer in sugar house machinery, who has been visiting his father-in-law, R. O. Curtiss, returned home last week, Miss Carrie Curtiss accompanied him.

The musical committee of the Congregational church will give a "Novelty Supper" at Thompson's Hall, on Thursday evening, Feb. 20th, from 5:30 to 8 p. m. Supper 15 cents. A good time for the evening.

Here are some prices on canned goods at Bateman & Palmer's: Choice marrowfat peas, 3 cans for 25c; corn, 4 cans for 25c; tomatoes, 3 cans for 25c. We have other inducements. Come and investigate. Our prices are down.

Messrs. Seaton, Hess and Stevens, three prominent business men of Somonauk, were in the Grove last week Wednesday, inspecting W. R. Carpenter's gas light system with a view of introducing it into their business houses in Somonauk.

California excursions, personally conducted, leave Chicago every Wednesday via the Burlington Route. Low fare and unexcelled accommodations. For full particulars write to T. A. Grody, excursion manager, 211 Clark street, Chicago, or apply to the local agent of the C. B. & Q. Ry.

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January 21st, 1905.

THE UPBUILDING OF A SMALL TOWN.

The following article by Fred DeLand, which was read at the annual meeting of the Northwestern Electrical Association at Milwaukee in January, seems so applicable to Downers Grove, in the matter of the benefit of public improvements that we produce it entire, inasmuch as just at present the electric light question is before the people for consideration:

Though we may not agree with the pessimistic side of the question Mr. Fletcher so ably presented in "The Boom of the Small Town," yet we must admit that he clearly pictured the silent tragedy that is being enacted in many towns and villages from which the young, the hopeful, the most ambitious depart to seek more suitable abiding places, leaving the dullard, the "nerve-strained," the "faded" and the "poorly struck in soul" to rust on in unhelpful existence. And while citing many causes that may have led to present conditions, his conclusion that "whatever be the causes, unless tendencies are arrested, the future of the small town is extremely discouraging and it is very doubtful whether any material change existing conditions will soon occur" is not nearly correct. The reverse side of the shield shows that never before have so many small towns enjoyed modern improvements that not only tend to make life better worth the living, but also to increase property values out of all proportion to original investment. In a very station he mentions are towns of only 500 and 1,000 inhabitants with electrically lighted streets, with well kept roadways and surrounded by a country of opportunity that attracts and invites the refined, the practical and the prosperous. In Michigan there are 71 incorporated cities having in population from 25,000 to Detroit (1,400,000), and in every city there is one or more electric lighting plants, which is not at all strange. But there are many unincorporated villages reporting a population in 1904 varying from 91 to 4,661. Of these 300 villages, nearly 100 have electrically lighted streets, which is a very interesting fact, considering considerably less than 1,000 souls. Compared with the census of 1890, the census of 1904 shows a decrease in population in several towns and villages, but in towns of electrically lighted streets was any decrease reported, while the growth in some of the small towns was so marked that a Michigan merchant on this subject, he replied that in his town of nearly 3,500 inhabitants the marked growth in population and in prosperity had its cause in the order of the village board directing that electric lights be employed in illuminating the streets at night. Now the hanging of these big lamps in our streets has indirectly wrought as marvelous a change as often follows the placing of a new and attractive carpet in the reception room of the old homestead. Gradually the old style furniture is replaced by the modern and more attractive, until finally the room is modernized throughout in artistic and comfortable. So it was in our town. The arc lights gave us a taste of progressiveness, and awoke a desire for other improvements. Later the main streets were lighted with asphalt with brick, and additional lamps were placed at street corners. Then some old frame store that has been a fire menace for years were torn down and a modern office building erected on the site. These improvements furnished our local editor with a subject to talk about, and soon the flames of our house cleaning had penetrated every hamlet in the state. That this fame brought its own rewards is shown in the fact that large numbers of people are flocking to numerous small shops, two new school houses, three churches, while 50 new dwellings and other buildings have been erected since the lamps were installed. The circuit, and when I consider how remarkable are the changes that have been wrought, and how we might still be joggling about in the mud of the old world, the white lights I feel very grateful for the wisdom and thoroughness that ordered the expenditure that proved to be so profitable an outlay.

This is a homely illustration but thoroughly sensible and practical, and one that any village resident might profitably ponder.

From another town comes this story: Our village was blessed with natural advantages far superior to those possessed by neighboring towns, but we lacked that impetus so essential in starting any good movement. Following the building of a railroad through our town much business of a certain kind was transacted, but there was no healthy growth. The construction forces passed on the undiminished characters that always flock along the line of a new railway fitted to greener pastures, and the town resumed its former condition. Five miles away a village having progressive merchants who tactfully sought the trade of outlying districts rapidly increased in population and in wealth; and there our own townspeople would go and make all but the smaller purchases. So our business houses decreased in number till we had but one grocery store, a few shoe stores, three groceries, a saloon or two, and three churches, while the weather stained fronts of buildings large and small told in plain terms the story of our decline. The village that ours was a town of gray-haired tollers, asking out only a semi-decent existence, and longing for the days to come when their children should be safely settled in one of the larger cities.

And then came the crisis. A shrewd old man of wide experience and broad view, searching for the right climate where his last days could be passed free from the pain and distress of a periodical ailment, made his home in our town. Eagerly he sought resources, tactful, he gradually won the good will of the village authorities and secured a franchise for an electric lighting plant and an order for six arc lamps for a long term of years. Now, six arc lamps are a very small number, yet, as they were all hung within sight of the depot, 20 days had not passed ere it appeared as if all the world had learned of our progressiveness and had come to visit us. And with this influx of visitors came the desire to spruce up our belongings. Horse-drawn drays were washed and repainted, lawns were placed in order, trees were trimmed, sidewalks repaired. And as the smallest keepers in a village is duly chronicled and commented on soon it was heralded throughout the state that an abundant prosperity was being showered upon our town. And then the prosperity actually came. Quickly others came to enjoy the overflowing riches that rumor accredited to us, and since that time we have experienced a regular healthy growth, while our young people are brought in contact with, and are in position to enjoy, every advantage afforded the children of any but the very largest of cities. Now the streets are paved, parks abound, schoolhouses contain every modern convenience, taxes are low, there is no debt, and the average value of real estate is five times what it was seven years ago.

Surely it is more pleasant to read instances of this character than it is the despondent conclusions Mr. Fletcher has presented in the Forum. And it requires no vivid stretch of the imagination to conclude that just as satisfactory experiences might have been recorded in some of the Massachusetts towns that report such a marked increase in population during the last ten years. The state census report just issued shows a loss of in the ten years intervening between 1880 and 1890 in 140 towns and villages. The streets of some of these villages and towns have never been lighted with electric lamps, and the decrease in population reported in each ranges from five per cent to 25 per cent, while on the contrary many other villages have advanced rapidly in population. Mills, for instance, from 60 to 1,000, or an increase of 17 per cent from the day that modern progressive methods were introduced. Mills, it is needless to say, is a town of electrically lighted streets. Then there is Dudley, with a gain of 17 per cent in population, and a dozen other electrically lighted villages, all showing marked gains, while their neighbors, putting along with dark streets, have slowly deteriorated.

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