

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1896.

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## Current Events.

Thompsons' shoe sale.  
Ammunition at Brode's.  
A new car of posts at Brode & Co's.  
Mrs. Charles Curtiss, has been on the sick list, the past week.  
Come early if you want your choice at Thompson's shoe sale.

Miss Bessie Black of Chicago, will sing at the M. E. church, next Friday evening.  
Thompson has made hosts of friends through his excellent coffees. Try his Java and Mocha.  
Dr. W. W. Gourley will raise his house on north Main street and add a basement thereto.

D. K. Foote, has a cousin, and daughter from Michigan, spending some time with him.  
A. B. Cole of Ottawa, Ill., spent a night in Downers the past week, on his way home from Oregon, Ills.

Express Messenger Geo. P. Jack, was taken suddenly ill the first of the week. He was reported better Wednesday.  
Carter Singletery and Lee Stanley drove across the country Tuesday to Joliet, where they visited the penitentiary.

The Christain Endeavor society gave a musicale at the Congregational church Tuesday evening, which was a success in all ways.

Call at Mertz & Mochel's and see the new improved (blue flame) oil stove. It is as simple and clean to use as gasoline and less dangerous.

NOTICE—All persons are strictly forbidden to enter my premises with dogs or firearms of any description whatsoever.  
E. E. DOWSER.

A. H. Saxon undoubtedly has one of the largest and finest beds of paanies in the village. He will find a good market for them, as he has all the finest varieties.

Thompson has assorted a lot of ladies' misses' and children's shoes in odd sizes. If you can find your size you may have them at exactly 50 cents on the dollar. Good values.

Mrs. Ed. Whiffin has rented one of the three houses formerly owned by J. W. Herring, on North Foote street. Another of them is occupied by J. M. Wier, who recently moved here from East Grove.

Will Colville has rented his new home to Mr. Voss of Royal Insurance Co., of Chicago, and Mr. Colville will occupy the rooms over his store vacated by Mr. Gallup, who will move in his house on South Main street.

The C. R. & Q. will sell Home-seekers' excursion tickets on April 7th and 21st and May 14th to points northwest, west, southwest and south. Low fare. For particulars apply to  
U. H. BURTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo M. Cole are mourning because their dog, Cap, is no more. He breathed his last on Sunday night, after a week's sickness. Either pneumonia or dog distemper was the cause of death. His age was about two years.

J. W. Whitehead was awarded the contract to remodel the old red store on Foote street into flats. The store buildings have been vacant for many years, and the owner concluded his investment would be a more paying one if he remodeled the building into residences.

Thompson offers a bargain this week in an assorted lot of odd sizes in ladies' misses' and children's shoes. He is determined to make them sell and as an inducement offers them at the extremely low figure of 50 cents on the dollar.

That part of the DuPage county delegation which lives in Downers Grove, joined forces with the other delegates and left for Springfield Monday night. The DuPage men went firm in a determination to instruct for McKinley or help break the machine slate.

The Baptist church was well attended last Sunday, both morning and evening. Prof. Riddell spoke in the morning—an interesting address. The evening was given over to the young people, who presented a most excellent program which was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

Capt. Rogers, committeeman of DuPage county on the eight district congressional committee, met with the other members in Aurora, Saturday last, to call the congressional convention, call for which is published elsewhere. The Captain feels confident, as do all of his friends, of his receiving the nomination for the member of the board of equalization.

Elsewhere will be found a notice inserted by E. E. Downer, warning parties with dogs and guns to keep off his premises. He has recently lost a valuable thoroughbred Dunham cow which was shot by persons who were hunting on his grounds. Notices are posted in plain view on his premises, prohibiting trespassing of this nature, but it seems they do little good. The miscreants who are doing this kind of work should be punished.

The seventy-seventh anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, was observed by the local lodge here last Sunday, April 28th. The exercises were held in the Auditorium and though the attendance was quite large, many were prevented from attending by the rain. An appropriate program was listened to, including an able address by Rev. Geo. C. Moor, who has but recently taken his initial degree in Odd Fellowship. A large number of the Grand Army attended in a body.

Table oilcloth at Nash Bros.  
Bulk seeds of all kinds at Thompson's.

Bargains in shoes—odd sizes—at Thompson's.  
Blue and brown denim best quality at Nash Bros.

Creamery butter 25c; fresh eggs 10c, at Bateman & Palmer's.

We issue this week the largest paper ever printed in DuPage county.

Mr. Waples has moved in the west Potter house on Franklin street.

At present there are three children being cared for at the Baptist Orphanage.

Wernert Oriental Wonder Workers at Auditorium next week. Look out for notices next week.

Henry Spiegler has rented one of the Herring houses on north Foote street and has moved therein.

Mr. Phillips, of Chicago, has moved in his home, recently purchased of Mrs. Whiffin on the north side.

Perhaps your stock of canned goods is exhausted—Thompson's isn't. Best quality and lowest prices.

The real estate men report business as picking up, with prospects for many newcomers for the coming season.

"Love, Courtship and Marriage" with a double wedding at the Auditorium, Friday evening. Admission 15 cts.

Elbert Blanchard, and Miss Adah Smith, of Chicago, were guests of Adel and Lee Stanley, over Sunday.

All kinds of bedding plants for sale at reasonable prices. Call at C. S. Foote's greenhouses, Downers Grove, Ills.

Mrs. E. Chilvers has purchased the lot at the corner of Main and Franklin streets and is improving the same preparatory to building.

The W. C. T. U., of Harvey, says that "Prof. Riddell's lecture on Heredity would be cheap at 25 cents." Auditorium Thursday evening.

We make our ice cream of pure country cream, and can deliver you any quantity from a pint to a barrel. Courtwright & Rang.

Don't forget that we carry a full stock of paints, oils, brushes etc., and our prices are as low as reliable goods can be sold anywhere at Mertz & Mochel.

If in need of anything in the line of lawn mowers, refrigerators etc., it will pay you to call on Mertz & Mochel, as they have some special bargains in that line.

The lectures of Prof. Riddell have been largely enjoyed by those who attended. The Professor is an entertaining talker, and wins the closest attention of his hearers.

Mrs. Ducat and family departed Monday for a visit to her former home in Scotland. Her friends wish her a safe and pleasant voyage. They will be gone about a year.

Presiding Elder Burns preached an eloquent sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday morning—the occasion being the quarterly meeting. A large audience greeted him.

The depot here, as at other points along the line, is being painted a "brindle" red. Don't look as if the company is going to erect a new structure any time soon.

J. W. Rogers left for Springfield Tuesday, Mr. Rogers is a delegate to the state convention and goes to do his share towards giving McKinley a boom for the presidential nomination.

Vincent Lovell was the most surprised man in the village when he learned—the next day—that the house he had been visiting at last Thursday evening was struck by lightning and he present at the time and knew nothing of it.

The factory of C. H. Dickes is at present enjoying more business than it is able to attend to. A large force of men is at work continually, but the orders are accumulating so rapidly that more workmen will have to be employed. We are glad to announce the success of Mr. Dickes.

The Methodist church of this place lately purchased a very fine vocalion organ, which has been placed in position and will be dedicated next Friday night by a grand organ recital, assisted by two very fine vocalists from Chicago. Mrs. John White, who has been connected with the Conservatory of Chicago for a number of years, will preside at the organ. Come and hear a musical treat at home. A full description of the organ will be given next week.

What joy is the commuter's these days to return from the stifling city after a hard day's strife with the difficulties of his duties, to breathe in the delightful air in wholesale quantities, and to congratulate himself that his hour has come for rest and recreation. He has reckoned without hook, or rather hostess. His busy helpmeet has other views on the subject. He arrives at his home to find the clothes line heavily draped with carpets and is greeted with a request to make him self useful. His joy receives a serious setback. Beating carpets, however, is but one of his troubles. There are others. The grass in his front yard has grown alarmingly during the day, under the influence of the warm sun and an invigorating shower, and the mower must needs be exercised. There is also patch of ground called a garden that must not be neglected. He is a disappointed man, but it is a healthy rest he enjoys at night.

Additional local news on 13th page.  
Try Courtwright & Rang's ice cream at 25 cts per quart.

Fancy china teacups with Shearer's Pall Tea at Nash Bros.  
Courtwright & Rang's ice cream season opens Saturday, May 2nd.

Do not fail to attend Prof. Riddell's lecture on "Heredity" Thursday evening.

Talk about style—you should see the style and quality in Thompson's line of spring shoes.

Miss Lou Stanley begins her duties at stenographer for Mr. Walker in the "Q" office, May 1st.

Take your old furniture to Davis, and get it made as good as new. Hair mattresses renovated.

Davis, the furniture man, is now thoroughly prepared to do all kinds of upholstery and repairing.

For Sale—A closed carriage in perfect order. Apply to Walter B. Bryan, Lindenwald Estate, Downers Grove.

Mrs. Will Colville entertained her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Burns of Fenton, Ills., over Sunday.

Frank E. Black of Kimball Hall, the fine baritone is on the program at the organ recital. Come and hear him.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church, gave their annual bazaar last Thursday evening. The entertainment netted them a nice sum.

John Holland will build this spring upon the spot now the site of his present residence. The old building will be moved onto an adjacent lot.

Seventy-five pairs of men's pants to be sold out at \$1.00. It is just like giving them away. Come and take your choice.  
Bateman & Palmer.

### DOWNERS AT HER BEST.

At this season of the year it needs but a glance to convince one that Downers Grove is the prettiest and most picturesque suburb along the line of the "Q." With the numerous trees that shade the streets all arrayed in their new spring dress of green, the fruit trees in a blaze of blossoms, together with the brilliant carpet of green, and flowers everywhere makes the village an attractive one to the stranger who happens to visit here. If he has money to invest, the chances are that he will purchase some of our property before he leaves. The real estate man is greatly assisted by nature at this time and needs make but little effort to capture the home-seeker. Downers is at her best, and it is with reluctance that the commuter tears himself from the fresh, perfumed air of his country home, each morning, to seek his cramped quarters in the bustling city.

### AN IDEAL NERVE.

Imagine the magnificent nerve and consummate gall of a society giving an entertainment and having their printing done in the city, after asking their home paper for gratuitous notices, which were cheerfully given, advertising the event.

While such things are prevalent, it is any wonder that one should lose faith in the protestations of some people.

People have a perfect right to take their printing where they choose, but we think it is adding one straw too much after asking a home paper to print local notices gratis. It is not often that we refer to personal business matters in this manner, but we feel that this digression is fully warranted in the nature of the case. There are people one never forgets.

### REPUBLICAN TOWNSHIP CAUCUS.

There will be a caucus of the republican voters of Downers Grove township, at Thompson's Hall in the village of Downers Grove, on Friday, May 8th, 1896, at 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing fourteen (14) delegates to the DuPage county convention, called to be held at Wheaton at 1 p. m., Saturday, May 9th, 1896, for the selection of twelve (12) delegates to the Congressional convention to be held at Aurora, May 11th, 1896. Also to place in nomination candidates for the following county officers: Circuit Clerk, States Attorney, Coroner and Surveyor.

JAS. MCCLINTOCK,  
G. B. HERRITT,  
GUY L. BUSH,  
Committee.

The musicale by the Christain Endeavor society at the Congregational church last Tuesday evening, was largely attended and the program was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Considerable talent from the city assisted in the entertaining. Following is the program:

- Piano Solo—St. Vaise..... Godard
- Solo—Cont'd I..... Vorrei
- Reading—Magdalena..... Waller
- Piano Duo—Overture..... Boieldieu
- Solo—Welcome..... Miss Schaefer Mrs. Mayer
- Solo—Welcome..... Miss Mae Tilton
- Duet—Come to the Forest..... Misses Fraenkel
- Reading—Selected..... Miss Eva L. Park
- Solo—Sleep on My Heart..... DeKove
- Piano Solo—Selected..... A. B. Balcom
- Quartet—Down Where the Wild Thyme Grows..... Miss Tilton, Miss Marvin, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Bree
- Reading—The Dandy Fifth..... Cassaway
- Solo—Selected..... Samuel E. Knecht
- Solo—Selected..... Miss Maybelle Moore
- Clarinet Solo..... Mr. Haas
- Piano Solo—Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon and Boerit Dundee..... Pope
- Solo—Selected..... Miss Julia Knecht

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce to my friends and patrons that I have again secured the services of the upholsterer who has assisted me in former years, and am now prepared to do all kinds of upholstery, hair mattress renovating and repairing.  
C. F. DAVIS.

### READY FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS.

All Preparations Made to Receive Subscriptions to the Electric Light Bonds.

Just about one month ago the citizens of the village present at a public meeting held in the Auditorium, instructed the improvement committee of the village board to proceed with arrangements for establishing an electric lighting plant. Their presence, and voting as they did, encouraged the board in their work preparatory to making the effort to raise the necessary amount, \$15,000. Every detail has been arranged. The franchise has been granted, the trust deed prepared and the papers are ready to place in the hands of possible subscribers, explaining all phases of the matter in the most comprehensive manner possible. The rest lies with citizens of the village to perform—putting up the cash. \$15,000 is a considerable amount of money to raise, but we believe the people of Downers Grove are progressive enough to lend their support in a financial way to the furtherance of the project. The bonds are offered in denominations of \$50, small enough for anyone who has a few dollars to invest. Larger investors can buy any amount they wish. The bonds draw six per cent interest, and as an investment are safe, every possible caution having been taken to protect the investor.

Next week we shall publish the documents relating thereto; the franchise, trust deeds, form of bond, etc. In the meantime anyone wishing to investigate the matter, may do so by calling at this office, where the papers, including subscription blanks, may be examined, and subscriptions made.

We would urge our citizens all to lend their support to the improvement, feeling confident that the investment will prove as profitable as has our excellent water system.

### MAY MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The pastors of our town are in receipt of complimentary tickets to the May Festival to be given at Naperville, Saturday evening in the college Auditorium. We understand that a very elaborate program has been prepared.

### SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at an adjourned meeting of the board held at the court house in the city of Wheaton, on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1896.

The board was called to order by Supervisor Bartlett, chairman.  
All members of the board were present.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and upon motion of Supervisor Hamerschmidt were corrected so as to read, that Supervisor Christie be instructed to procure a book to keep the records of the poor farm and to perfect the records as far as possible.  
The minutes as corrected were adopted.  
The motion of Supervisor Christie at the last meeting was read, which is as follows:  
Supervisor Christie moved that the committee on court house and grounds procure plans and specifications for a new court house, to be presented for the consideration of this board at its next meeting. Cost not to exceed \$100,000.

Upon motion of Supervisor Christie the committee of the city council and citizens were heard upon the question of a new court house and Judge E. H. Garry, G. W. Brown, J. T. Snyder, for the mayor of the city of Wheaton, H. W. Grote, H. J. Traver, city aldermen, H. A. Fischer and Wm. H. Fisher, and the following proposition was submitted for action of the board.  
To the Chairman and other members of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage county:  
You will build a new court house at Wheaton, Ills., for the present and for the city of Wheaton will widen and straighten South Railroad street, west of the court house, and will ferret accommodations and satisfactory to you, for court purposes and supervisor meetings and anything else needed by reason of building a new court house and tearing down or moving the old building, and also any needed vault room until new building is completed.

J. S. FINEFORTH, Mayor.  
By J. F. Snyder, H. J. Traver, H. W. Grote.  
Upon motion of Supervisor Hamerschmidt favor of the proposition was postponed until one thirty.  
Upon motion of Supervisor Betts the following report of the committee on claims was accepted and adopted:  
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors,  
The committee on claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them and recommend the payment of the following; and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:  
Northern Hospital for insane clothing \$71.95  
C. H. Hoy as per bill 18.50  
Fritz Schuitz boarding Mrs. Carbaugh in case of John Barry 56.25  
All bills are respectfully submitted. 6.00  
Jacob E. Bender, Geo. A. Fischer, Fred Anderson, Committee.

The motion made by Supervisor Christie at the last meeting of the board was read and upon motion of Supervisor Hamerschmidt and Barnard and Betts.  
A. Supervisor McClintock moved that the committee on court house and grounds be authorized to procure plans, specifications and bids toward building a new court house and that the same committee be authorized to procure bids for the sale of the old court house to be removed from the grounds, Cascoed.

The assessors made the following report upon the rate of assessment throughout the county: Horses av. \$12, cows av. \$8, mules same as cows, sheep and hogs av. \$2, gold watches, av. \$5, silver and filled watches, av. \$2, new sewing machines av. \$2, pianos one-fifth total value, material manufacturing tools and agricultural tools one-sixth total value, monies and credits, one-sixth total value, household and office furniture, one-sixth total value, real estate, one-sixth total value, goods and merchandise one-sixth total value.

Upon motion of Supervisor Betts the report was approved.  
Upon motion of Supervisor Bender the assessors were allowed per diem for meeting with the board.  
Upon motion of Supervisor McClintock the committee on court house and grounds was empowered by the board, to visit other court houses in the state and report back to the board.  
The court house and grounds committee made a report that they had rejected the bill of S. D. Wilson for raising the clerk's office.

Upon motion of Supervisor Betts the report was accepted.  
Upon request of Supervisor Barnard the chair appointed Supervisor Betts upon the committee on court house and grounds in place of Supervisor Hamerschmidt and Supervisor Barnard was appointed upon the finance committee in place of Supervisor Betts.  
Upon motion of Supervisor Chandler the committee on court house and grounds was authorized to employ an architect with them, when they deem best.

Upon motion of Supervisor Barnard the board adjourned until the next meeting, to be held on the 4th day of May, 1896.  
M. S. ELLIS, Clerk.

## IF YOU WANT GOOD BREAD USE



There are Cheaper Grades, but None Just as Good.

### ...HEADQUARTERS...

## For W. L. Douglas Men's Boys' and Youths' SHOES.

We have doubled our sales of last year on this brand of shoes, and are receiving them every sixty days. New styles in

- Black, Russian Goat, Russel Tan
- In all the Different Shaped Toes.....

They will please you in style, finish, fit, durability and price. Ask to see them.



### The Drew, Selby & Co's Ladies' and Misses Shoes

Of which we have received a shipment this week, are made at Portsmouth, Ohio. No better shoe can be purchased for the same money. We sell them at less profit than any shoe dealer in America. The quality and style of these goods speak for themselves. Call and see them. Compare prices with others and convince yourself.

## Wash Bros' Corner Grocery

## TO-DAY THE OPENING!

Of the largest and finest assortment of GENERAL MERCHANDISE ever brought to Downers Grove. Everything new and fresh. The most modern merchandising methods, with fair treatment and low prices will be the inducements offered to secure your patronage. We invite you to call.

### Our Low Price Opening Sale.

The following prices quoted will be found the lowest ever offered here:

#### ...BARGAINS IN GROCERIES...

Flour per barrel.....	\$3.75	Good Table Syrup per gal.....	.30
N O Molasses per gal.....	.40	50 Grt. Vinegar.....	.15
Snow White oil per gal.....	.10	Best Creamery Butter per lb.....	.17
Elastic Starch per pkg.....	.08	March Mince Meat per pkg.....	.06
Amoline per pkg.....	.08	1 lb pkg Coconut.....	.10
Good Peaches per can.....	.10	Good Tomatoes per can.....	.07
Choice corn per can.....	.05	Choice Beans per can.....	.06
Strawberries, Raspberries and Blackberries per can.....	.10	Boston Baked Beans per can.....	.07
Fine Dried Apples per lb.....	.06	Good Rice per lb.....	.08
Fine Dried Peaches per lb.....	.09	Fine Dried Peas per lb.....	.10
Good Prunes per lb.....	.05	German Sweet Chocolate pkg.....	.08
Holland Herring per keg.....	.60	Spiced Herring per pair.....	.35
2 1/2 pkg Rolled Oats.....	.08	10 bars Soap.....	.25

These prices are but samples of the low figures we have marked on our goods. Other articles at proportionately low prices.

### All of Our Goods Guaranteed.

We also carry a fine line of

## Shoes, Hats, Dry-Goods, Notions.

Goods Delivered Free.

### ...Terms Cash...

## Henry Spiegler.

General Merchandise.