

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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WIND, THUNDER, LIGHTNING

THE WORST STORM OF THE SEASON VISITS THIS VICINITY.

ASSURES THE FURY OF A CYCLONE.

Downers Grove Township was in its path and barns, windmills and fruit orchards suffer by its violence.

By far the most terrific combination of blinding lightning, crashing thunder, whirling wind and pouring sheets of rain struck Downers Grove and vicinity, shortly after midnight Monday morning that has ever visited this section. The village proper sustained very little damage, but the storm that hurried itself through the streets and weakened the sleeping residents reached the climax of its fury south and east of the village near Cass. For a space of 200 feet wide and over two miles long, the collapsed ruins of eight barns, numerous corn cribs, and wind mills, and dozens of ruined orchards show the places where the angry wind dipped down to the earth, and swept away the unlucky buildings and trees that encumbered its path.

No one was positively known to be injured, though south of Hinsdale a barn belonging to Geo. Schuster, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground in which it is thought two tramps lost their lives. In attempting to lead two valuable horses from a stable in the rear of this barn Mark Merrill, a hired man, was kicked by one of the animals and injured so badly that he may die. Mr. Schuster lost a quantity of valuable farm machinery in addition to the buildings. All the destroyed property was covered by insurance. The storm advanced in a south easterly direction, though the direction the ruins were blown proved it to be a whirling wind. A party of men from Cass, who had been visiting their sweethearts in Hinsdale until rather late in the night, were caught by the storm three miles out of town. Their vehicle was overturned and wrecked and the party had hard work getting to shelter in the face of the furious rain.

On the farm of Escher Bros., occupied by Chas. Wentzel, west of Downers, the barn was unroofed. The next place visited by the storm was the Binder homestead where the orchard was entirely demolished, the plastering on the house damaged and the smoke house carried into an adjoining field. The barn on the John Atwood place was blown down.

H. B. Smart's large barn 30x60x20 was literally smashed to kindling. Heavy timbers were cased twenty rods. Peter Hansen, who rents the farm, lost two cows from being so badly bruised by flying timbers that they had to be shot.

Next door to Smart's, Joe Raby on the Rollins farm had quite an exciting experience. His barn was demolished and his horses buried beneath the debris, requiring two hours hard work to extricate them. Beyond a few scratches the animals were unhurt. The roof of the barn was carried 25 rods. A cow was blown against a wire fence and badly torn. His corn crib blown down and the house partially unroofed, and orchard ruined.

Fred Manning's barn was partially unroofed and was wrecked. His orchard of over 100 trees was completely uprooted.

F. Drober on the Jake Peigh farm had his barn and corn crib wrecked and his orchard laid waste. His barn was moved ten feet.

Geo. Boger's wind mill was destroyed. Chas. Marwitz had his horse barn unroofed and his splendid orchard destroyed. A barn on the John Oldfield farm was unroofed. Jacob Velt's orchard was devastated. The wind blew so hard at this place that one of Velt's cows was dehorned. W. H. Smart's wind mill and scales succumbed to the blast and both are wrecks.

The fury of the storm abated here and beyond felling trees across roads, making them in some instances nearly impassable, reserved its violence for a final devastation at Mrs. Wm. Offield's farm, a mile further east, where perhaps the havoc is most complete. With the exception of the house, which was almost entirely stripped of shingles, there is not a building left standing. The large barn was completely demolished, corn cribs and sheds flattened and a steel windmill twisted out of all shape. John Anderson occupies this farm.

G. H. Lehman lost a barn and a new steel wind mill, while J. H. Klein, a little farther down the road, lost a new barn, a wind mill and several cattle. F. Walkentine's valuable apple orchard was utterly ruined, while his brother Christopher, lost a wind mill and shed. The gale wiped out Isaac Hawes' fine apple and cherry orchard and a barn. Valentine Mochel, Geo. Klein and Jno. T. Oldfield each mourn the loss of steel wind mills. Many other minor losses were sustained in the township, which will swell the total losses to many thousands of dollars. Over two and one-half inches of water fell during the storm.

On June 9th and 23d, 1896, the C. B. & Q. Ry will run homeseecker's excursions to points in Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Kansas, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, Southern Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin, at one fare for the round trip, plus \$3.00.

ONLY ONE COFFEE SUBSTITUTE.

And that is Winsor Cereal Coffee. Take no other. It is appetizing, healthful and just the thing for people who can't drink coffee. In orange red tin cans. Ask your grocer for it.

WANTED.

Young man wants room and board in private family. Can furnish best of reference. Address box 450, Village.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The high school class of 1896 have made their preparations and arranged for their exercises commencement week as follows:

Annual educational service Sunday evening, June 7th.
Class day exercises, eighth grade, Tuesday evening, June 9th.
High school commencement, Thursday evening, June 11th.

The graduating class this year is a large one, numbering fourteen, eleven young ladies and three young gentlemen, as follows:

Josephine Forbes, Missie Johnston, Bertha Prince, Ralph Rassewiler, Cella Lamb, Ida Bryce, Will Drutt, Gertrude Fraentel, Nettie Timney, Lillie Devereux, Pearl Kimball, Carl Stames, Maude Cobb, Mabel Hatch.

Following is the program arranged for the commencement exercises, Thursday evening, June 11th:

Music—"Song of Welcome"—H. S. Chorus
Invocation
Harp and Violin Solo—"Polish Dance"
Greeting and Good-bye from School Life
Oration—"Two Roads"—Missie Johnston
Essay—"The Present Age"—Will Drutt
Violin Solo—"Mazurka de Concert"—Mrs. Conde
Essay—"Motives"—Mabel Hatch
The "Commencement Journal"—Lillie Devereux
Oration—"Carve on Hearts and not on Marble"—Josephine Forbes
Music—"Stepping Stones"—Maude Evelyn Cobb
Discussion—"Shall the Borders of Our Country be Extended"—Affirmative, Ralph Kasawiler; Negative, Carl Stames.
Duet—"Flower Song"—Mr. and Mrs. Conde
Oration—"The New Woman"—Bertha Prince
Essay—"Let Us Fly with Our Own Wings"—Ida May Bryce
Harp Solo—"Mazurka"—Mr. R. G. Conde
Prophecy—Gertrude Fraentel
Valedictory—Celia Adelle Lamb
Class Song
Presentation of Diplomas
"Auld Lang Syne"
Benediction

LAST SATURDAY'S FIRE.

As a result of the fire last Saturday afternoon John Graves lost a dwelling house, Thos. Kelly all his personal belongings and the residence of Thos. Hall was considerably damaged. The fire started in the Graves house, and the alarm given as soon as it was discovered, but owing to its distant location the flames had gained such headway before the apparatus could be brought to the scene, that it was useless to attempt to save the building.

The attention of the firemen was then directed to checking the spread of the blaze, and to such good effect that the house in which Mr. Hall lives was saved, although heroic measures were necessarily resorted to, and much damage was done by fire, water and the axes of the firemen. The cause of the fire is not known, although it is supposed to have originated from the oil stove in Kelly's home. Kelly lost all his household and personal effects, but the building was fully insured. Ray Miller first discovered the fire and coming down town on his horse gave the alarm. Boys playing ball on the grounds near the school house were instrumental in keeping the flames from the Hall house until the arrival of the firemen.

SERVICES FOR VETERANS.

Last Sunday was Memorial Sunday and the grizzled veterans of the war of the rebellion everywhere raised their voices in prayer for peace unto the souls of their comrades, who have gone from this world. Services for the veterans were held at the Auditorium here at 2:30 p. m. Rev. H. H. Hood delivered the address and in an inspired and patriotic theme paid glowing tributes to the old soldiers and the holy cause which they fought and bled for. Naper poet attended in a body and occupied seats reserved for them in the front of the Auditorium. The building was tastefully decorated with flowers and pictures and the flag of our union was appropriately conspicuous. The audience who had gathered to pay their respects to the departed heroes, was a large one and listened attentively to the words of the speaker whose privilege it was to address them.

IN MEMORIAM.

Entered into rest eternal on Sunday evening, May 17, 1876, at North Evanson Ill., Mrs. Thomas Turner, for many years an active worker in the Church of God, in the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. The members of St. Andrew's Mission in the Village, will be deeply grieved to hear of her departure, for she was sincerely interested in the work here, and her kind words of encouragement will be remembered by many. The Members of the Ladies' Guild will especially miss her, for whenever she was in the Village she was always present at their meetings, and endeared herself to all by her kind and gentle manner and her earnestness in the work for the Church. The funeral services were held in her own Church at North Evanson, on Sunday May 19. Truly "He giveth his beloved sleep."

THE FIRST OF THE SEASON.

The opening of the ball season will occur next Saturday, May 30th, when the home team will meet the Grossdale aggregation. Game called at 3:45 p. m. Players and positions are as follows:

Downers Grove. Grossdale.
E. Smith.....Catcher.....A. Jock or Larsen
J. Graves or J. Pitcher.....C. Piper
R. Bateman.....1st Base.....H. Gross
Ed. Bentington.....2d Base.....J. F. Wisner
W. R. Wells.....3d Base.....C. E. Cole
Sam Yabers.....Short Stop.....W. Simpson
S. Lyman.....Right Field.....W. Melville
W. Blodgett.....Left Field.....H. Goodman
Sam Smith.....Center Field.....L. Larson

This is the first game for Downers, but as the Grossdale boys have one victory on their list this year, a hard contest is expected.

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.

Current Events.

Thompsons' shoe sale.

Additional local news on fifth page. Bargains in shoes—odd sizes—at Thompson's.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barnhart Sundayed in the city.

House for sale or rent. Terms low. Inquire of W. E. Farrar.

Come early if you want your choice at Thompson's shoe sale.

Courtright & Rang's ice cream season opens Saturday, May 2nd.

Good 4-panel 14 inch screen doors, 75 cents each, at Mertz & Mochel's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Hughes visited relatives in the city over Sunday.

Miss Clara Edith Henning of Plano, is a visitor with her grand-parents here.

A plate glass front will be put in Nash Bros' store. J. W. Morfou has the contract.

Victor Fredenhagen, Jr., has been quite sick, but is convalescing and able to be out again.

Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal and Superlative flour at Mertz & Mochel's; \$3.75 per barrel.

Bateman & Palmer and Mertz & Mochel have new ads this week. You will be interested.

The water was cut off the main Thursday while the pump was being hoisted and cleaned.

Mrs. Emily Jaquith Chase of Riverside, visited Miss C. F. Nourse and Miss E. Chatfield on last Saturday.

Don't forget the ice cream social this Thursday evening on the lawn at the residence of Rev. H. H. Hood.

Mrs. Clara Thompson came out from the city Thursday and stayed over Sunday with her niece Mrs. F. A. Brode.

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

J. B. Moss was gladdened by a visit from his nephew, Mr. Whitney, who arrived in Downers last Tuesday. His home is in Missouri.

Miss Jennie Lyman returned last Friday from her visit in the sunny southland, where she sought and found health and recuperation.

Frank Lindley is decorating his residence with paint. It is one of the finest looking places in town and occupies a commanding location.

Sine's restaurant, on the North side, is the place to secure nice clean meals at all hours from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. Meals 25 cents. Meat tickets, 21 meals, \$3.50.

Avoid Pneumonia, diphtheria and typhoid fever, by keeping the blood pure, the appetite good and the bodily health vigorous by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

J. W. Nash and John Wylie are driving around through the country adjacent interviewing farmers in the interest of the McCormack harvesting machinery.

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.

Rev. C. D. Gearhart of Pierce, Neb., and Rev. C. D. Chandler of Oak Park, stopped over for a visit with C. G. Graves last week, on their way home from the Aurora Association.

When it comes to good, square, honest, enterprising, hustling business men, Downers Grove and vicinity can furnish more according to the population, than any town in the state.

Master Alfred Straube entertained a number of his young friends last Thursday afternoon at a pleasant party given at his home. Mr. Myers of the piano factory amused the little folks with his zither.

There will be a grand benefit ball at Gostya on the evening of June 13. This event promises to be one of the most elaborate of the season. The managers are Joe Ritter, Ed. Raberger and Ben. Colwell.

On June 8th and 9th the C. B. & Q. Ry will sell round trip tickets to Searator at one fare, good for return passage up to and including June 10th on account of the Modern Woodmen of America celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bush, and Miss Lou Stanley, are the possessors of very fine wheels which they have just purchased. Mrs. Bush and Miss Stanley don't think it quite fun learning to ride, especially on a rough street.

Mr. Milton Ellsworth, who died at his home in Wheaton, Monday, and buried Wednesday in Naperville, where he lived many years, was an old settler in DuPage county, and well known to all the old residents of our village.

Harry Edwards and John DeGroot are located in Los Angeles, Cal., and in the enjoyment of good health and excellent prospects. They are capable, exemplary young men and will have the confidence and esteem of the community wherever their lot may be cast.

The Piano Implement Co. of which our esteemed townsman E. H. Prince is president have closed up the year's business in the manufacture of potato planters and are now commencing to make a farm cart invented by Charles Hunter of that place, with excellent prospects of success. Their output and sales of potato planters have been satisfactory and are making ready for a large number for the coming year as there is a great demand for them.

Table oilcloth at Nash Bros.

Bulk seeds of all kinds at Thompson's. Mertz & Mochel sell Quick Meal gasoline stoves.

Miss Chatfield now rides a new Lindsey bicycle.

Try Courtright & Rang's ice cream at 25 cents per quart.

Rev. H. W. Dowding was in the Grove over Sunday.

Fancy china tencups with Shearer's Pall Tea at Nash Bros.

Creamery butter 20c; fresh eggs 10c, at Bateman & Palmer's.

For Rent—A dwelling house of seven rooms, on Curtiss St., by H. Faul.

Hood's Pills have won high praise for their prompt and efficient yet easy action.

Mr. Kinney is putting a stone foundation under his house in the north part of town.

For sale, dirt for filling, very reasonable. Apply at James Kinney's, North Foots street.

Mrs. Lucy Dodge of Wheaton, visited the past two weeks with her daughter Mrs. G. N. Aldrich.

Mr. and Mrs. Gallup have got moved and settled in their pleasant residence on South Main street.

C. B. Blodgett was called to Wheaton Tuesday, to attend a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

The "Bateman" house on West Curtiss street occupied by J. Rando is now supplied with city water.

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

Sam Ambrose of the "Q" has made a few tasteful improvements to his residence on Washington street.

F. G. Sine, the North side caterer, will prepare an elegant dinner for the G. A. R. veterans and their families on Memorial day.

We hear of weddings in the near future, but do not intend to mention any names prematurely, for fear our cake supply will be cut off.

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

Rev. Chas. Commons has returned from the city with his family and will occupy their former quarters on the "Comet place" just north of the village.

Excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip will be sold to Oregon over the Burlington every Saturday until further notice. Tickets are good for return passage until the following Monday.

Little Pierce Downer gave a birthday party to all his little friends last Saturday afternoon. Pierce is seven years old and the little guests who were invited to celebrate the event were all of the same age.

"Babe" Bunting was pleasantly surprised last Thursday evening by his school mates, the occasion being the anniversary of his 11th birthday. Mr. Myers was present with his sither and helped entertain the young people.

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.

Mrs. F. A. Root, entertained twenty lady friends from the city, members of a Euchre Club, on Tuesday afternoon. Any one who has had the pleasure of an afternoon at Mrs. Root's well knows what a delightful time they spent, with such a charming hostess.

At the meeting of the old soldiers and sailors reunion committee for the eighth congressional district, held in Aurora last week, only three counties were represented, as follows: DuPage, —Captain T. S. Rogers, Downers Grove; M. E. Jones, Wheaton. Kendall—A. D. Curran, Yorkville. Kane—J. L. Walker, Aurora. It was voted to send a circular to each G. A. R. Post in the district, and sound them all upon the advisability of holding a picnic in this election year. If their action is favorable, the picnic will be held some time in the latter part of July or early part of August. The one of last year, at Burlington Park, was greatly enjoyed by the many who were present.

It is unanimously agreed that the greatest of all the world's amusement exhibitions is Buffalo Bill's Wild West and congress of rough riders of the world. This was the sensation of all Europe for five years. It was the one distinctive feature at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. It was one great attraction in New York in 1894. Last year it was exhibited in over 100 of the principal cities of the East. This year it will tour the Western States and will exhibit at Chicago, for two weeks commencing Monday June 1st, at the Coliseum. The management stands positively and without any reservation that it will be the same exhibition, man for man and horse for horse, that has made it the most marvellous exhibition of any kind in all history. Excursion trains will be run from here on all lines of travel, and especially low rates will be made for the round trip. This is one exhibition that can be conscientiously endorsed, and its announcements may be relied upon implicitly. It is well worth a day's journey to see. It would require a column to enumerate its details and its fame is so great that it is unnecessary to do so, even were the space available.

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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, Russet 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

Warm Weather Supplies

Just to call your attention to your own needs we have inserted the following list of articles with prices attached that you will find it hard to resist. As a starter we mention

Gasoline Stoves



Latest Improved Makes

Prices The very Lowest

3-quart Shepard's Ice Cream Freezers.....	1.45	No. 3 large size Western washing machines	3. 0
4-quart Shepard's Ice Cream Freezers.....	1.75	14-in. Genuine Philadelphia lawn mower..	5.75
The Falcon wood Frame Wringers....	1.2	16-in. Genuine Philadelphia lawn mower..	6.5
Good Iron Frame Wringers.....	1.00	Good 14 inch lawn mowers from.....	3.00 up
4-ball Croquet sets	65c	Rubber Hose, per ft.,	5 to 10c
6-ball Croquet sets	80c	Good 6-ft. Step Ladders.....	50c
8-ball Croquet sets from \$1.00 to.....	2.00	Good Bolted Wheelbarrows.....	1.40
Good No. 8 Tin Boilers, copper bottom..	70c		

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