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IT WILL BE A GALA DAY.

MANY INTERESTING FEATURES ARRANGED FOR THE FOURTH.

THE COMMITTEES ARE ALL AT WORK

And a Big Day of Fun and Enjoyment will be the Result—A Long List of Games, Sports and Amusements, Fireworks.

The biggest kind of a patriotic demonstration is promised by the committee having the Fourth of July celebration in charge. The program being arranged, while yet incomplete, will bear out this statement. At the adjourned meeting Friday night permanent organization was perfected by electing Capt. T. S. Rogers, chairman, and E. C. Wetten, secretary. The following committees were appointed, the first named in each committee being chairman, and the chairman of the sub-committees, together with the permanent chairman and secretary, constituting the executive committee: Finance—A. E. Saunders, J. M. Burns and E. Wootton. Fireworks—Guy L. Bush and A. E. Courtright. Music—Prof. J. K. Rassweiler, E. H. Nourse, A. Holt and T. S. Lovell. Parade—A. E. Courtright and ladies to be appointed. Program and printing—Hugh M. White, T. S. Rogers and A. E. Courtright. Refreshments and concessions—E. W. Farrar, J. W. Rogers, Geo. Downer and Frank Biancardi. Athletics and games—O. W. Miller and V. Simonson. Grounds—Levi Mertz, Jas. Chilvers, C. B. Blodgett, E. O. Stanley, J. W. Worley, Eli Davenport and John Riddler.

The finance committee have already secured over \$175, which together with the amount to be realized from the sale of concessions and further subscriptions, will swell the total to \$250. The program will consist of the usual salute at sunrise. At 10 a. m. the Calthumpian and merchants carnival and trades display parades, to be headed by the Goddess of Liberty and the states float, fire companies, secret organizations, brass band and drum corps, the procession will march to Lyman's grove, where the exercises, games, speaking and races will be held. Music, singing and orations will consume the time until dinner. After dinner will occur the races, games and amusements. Prizes will be awarded in the following events: Bicycle races, foot races, sack races, wheel barrow races, potato races, 3-legged races, fat men's races, wrestling matches, boxing bouts, climbing greased pole, catching greased pig, etc. At 3.45 p. m. a match game of ball for a purse of money, will be played by the Downers Grove and Hinsdale teams. These are the two best teams along the Burlington and a good game is anticipated. One of the best features of the days festivities will be the brilliant pyrotechnical display in the evening. Downers Grove extends a cordial invitation to adjacent towns and villages and the entire county to come and participate in her celebration of the 130th anniversary of American independence. No amount of labor or pains will be spared to make this the celebration par excellence of any ever held in the county. Come and have a genuine old-fashioned good time in the shady groves of the most picturesque town in the county.

GROSSDALE AGAIN DEFEATED.

The local ball team went to Grossdale Saturday to play the rub at that place and were accompanied by a fair crowd of enthusiasts from the grove, who were promised and expected to see a close and exciting exhibition of the national game. They were disappointed. The Grossdales were unable to secure the Chicago battery they had Decoration day and consequently could not put up a very strong game. The contest was marked by constant "beefing" on the part of the Grossdale players, who were afflicted with an idea that they were entitled to a goodly share of this terrestrial globe. Notwithstanding the fair decisions of Umpire Davis the bum element there was bent on having trouble, but could not find a reasonable excuse to bring on the desired melee. The ball grounds were in poor condition and errors were numerous, the Downers Grove boys playing in a listless manner and taking no interest in the game. On the other hand Grossdale put forth every effort to win, and realizing the hopelessness of their endeavors, were in a fit mood to object to anything and everything. This last defeat is about the fourth the Grossdales have suffered at the hands of our boys, and Captain Graves says it is the last, as they have, by their actions last Saturday, forfeited any claims they may have had for another game. The score:

DOWNERS GROVE	AB	R	E	P	O	A
E Graves 2d base	5	1	2	2	1	0
E Smith catcher	5	1	1	1	4	2
Sam Smith 2d base	5	2	1	0	0	0
S Yalves short stop	6	2	2	0	2	1
J Graves pitcher, c field	5	2	3	1	1	1
W H Blodgett left field	6	3	2	0	1	0
H M Bateman 1st base	6	0	1	2	2	0
S A Lyman right field	5	1	4	1	0	0
Totals	46	18	27	12	10	5

GROSSDALE	AB	R	E	P	O	A
Group pitcher, c.s.	6	2	2	0	3	1
Larson catcher	5	2	3	0	2	2
Brown 1st base	4	0	0	4	2	2
Hann left field	4	1	1	3	0	0
Simonson short stop	3	1	1	1	1	1
Putnam 1st base	4	1	2	7	1	1
Metzville center field	3	1	0	0	0	0
Shredler	2	1	1	0	0	0
Van Inwagen 2d base	3	4	2	2	2	2
Rally right field	5	1	3	1	1	1
Totals	43	16	27	12	10	5

Downers Grove..... 13 1 1 4 1 0 1-13
Grossdale..... 13 1 1 4 1 0 1-13
*Simonson out; hit by batted ball.
Go to the North Side Restaurant, kept by Frank Sine; it is the only place in the Grove to dine; plenty of excellent meats, vegetables, pie, cake and fruit, and all good things your palates to savor. So when you are out for a spin on your wheel, go to Frank Sine's and get a good meal; and you will be showing your very good sense, in having a luncheon for twenty-five cents.

SENIOR CLASS GRADUATED.

Commencement Exercises Held in M. E. Church Last Thursday Evening.

The fifteenth annual commencement exercises of the Downers Grove High school were held last Thursday night in the Methodist Episcopal church. The exercises opened with the "Song of Welcome," by the night school chorus and was followed by essays and orations by members of the class, and musical numbers by Miss Gertrude R. Robinson and Mrs. Ethel Gamble Conde. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion with flowers, rare potted plants, palms and ferns, presenting a very pleasing sight, and was crowded to the doors with friends and relatives of the graduates.

The class was the largest that has ever been graduated here and were, in the English course: William H. Drutt, Josephine M. Forbes, Gertrude Ruby Fraenkel, Mabel E. Hatch, Minnie Johnston, Lyrra Pearl Kimball, Ralph E. Rassweiler, Carl W. Stusser and Nettie Belle Tenney. In the Latin scientific course: Ida May Bryce, Maude Evelyn Cobb, Lillie Devereux, Bertha Prince, and Celia Adelle Lamb.

This was an important event in the lives of the young people comprising the graduating class, and the program, while necessarily a long one, did not appear to tire the audience of at least six hundred who were crowded into the church. Promptly at eight o'clock the class marched up the aisle and took their places in the semi-circle of chairs arranged on the platform, the young ladies in becoming white gowns and the young gentlemen in black.

After an invocation for a divine blessing by Rev. Herbert H. Root the exercises proper began. To the average citizen who pays but little attention to the work of our schools, the orations and essays delivered by these eleven graduates must have been in the nature of a revelation and surprise—a revelation as showing that these pupils, under the tuition and guidance of the school faculty, have been taught not alone "book learning," but to think for themselves, clearly and logically, on topics of live interest to every progressive citizen; a surprise that the training received should fit them to deliver their general orations in the forcible and self-possessed manner which characterized the exercises of the evening.

The topics of the various orations, which if space permitted we would give entire, demonstrated that their lessons have laid a foundation in the minds of these graduates, giving them a grasp of subjects, and a disposition to think of them, which put them on a par in citizenship with older heads and those of wider experience. Individual commendation is unnecessary, but each one of the graduates may well feel that his or her effort was highly appreciated by the large audience, and every parent could bear away a feeling of pride at the successful showing made.

The presents of flowers to the class were beautiful and profuse and added a fragrance and freshness to the occasion which they alone could impart. The class motto "From school life into life's school" occupied a prominent position on the platform. It was in the form of a lyre composed of ferns and flowers.

At the conclusion of the orations W. R. Towndley, representing the board of education, with remarks of commendation for their performance, and of good counsel for the future, presented each member with the well learned diploma. An event not on the program though none the less pleasing to all was the presentation of a high grade bicycle to Prof. Rassweiler by M. Stusser, representing the members of the class, as a mark of their appreciation of his careful training and zeal in their behalf.

In closing Prof. Rassweiler thanked the class for their handsome present, and also the patrons and teachers for their loyal support in making the school what it is today. Following was the program as rendered:
Music—"Song of Welcome"..... High School Chorus.
Invocation.....
Harp and Violin Duet—"Polish Dance"..... Drake
Miss Gertrude R. Robinson and Mrs. Conde.
Greetings and Essay—"From School Life into Life's School".....
Minnie Johnston.
Essay—"The Goodness of God"..... Nettie Belle Tenney.
Orations—"Our Nation's Needs"..... William W. Drutt.
Harp Solo—"Mazarka"..... Celia Adelle Lamb.
Miss Gertrude R. Robinson.
Essay—"Motives"..... Mabel E. Hatch.
Paper—"The Commencement Journal"..... Lillie Devereux.
Oration—"Carve on Hearts and Not on Marble"..... Josephine M. Forbes.
Music—"Morning Invitation"..... Chorus.
Essay—"Stepping Stones".....
Discussion—"Should the Boundaries of Our Country be Extended?".....
Affirmative, Ralph E. Rassweiler; Negative, Carl W. Stusser.
Oration—"The New Woman"..... Bertha Prince.
Violin Solo—"Mazarka de Concert"..... Music Mrs. Ethel Gamble Conde.
Essay—"Let Us Fly With Our Own Wings"..... Ida May Bryce.

The DuPage county republican central committee will hold a meeting at the Great Northern hotel in Chicago on Saturday, June 20th, at 2 o'clock p. m. All who are interested in the success of the republican party at the election in November next are cordially invited to attend.
J. H. ASHLEY, Chairman.

Tuesday afternoon a wayfarer through our village took a spin on his bicycle, on the sidewalk along that beautiful thoroughfare, Maple avenue. Officer Patryk met him and invited him to a visit at the police magistrate's office, where he pleaded guilty and was assessed \$3 and costs. The officers have some of our own residents under their watchful eye and propose escorting them into court the first available opportunity, on a similar offense.

Current Events.

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

Fancy china teacups with Shearer's Pail Tea at Nash Bros. Creamery butter 20c; fresh eggs 10c, at Bateman & Palmer's.

Come early if you want your choice at Thompson's shoe sale. Courtright & Rang's ice cream season opens Saturday, May 2nd.

Gary Wallace is out of town for a few days, on a business trip. Mrs. H. D. Henning with her children returned to her home in Plano Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gracia of Wheaton visited with her father, Mr. Churchill, last Sunday. Stylish hats and bonnets trimmed. Apply to Miss Kate Meehan, North Foote street.

Engineer Foster and family and Mrs. J. H. Griffiths visited the drainage canal Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Allen have returned from Jackson, Mich. Mr. Allen has a position in the city.

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

Merchant Barnhart has broken ground for a couple of cottages on his new acquisition on Curtiss street.

The police officers are rigidly enforcing the ordinance relating to riding bicycles on sidewalks. Several arrests were made Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Ford of Freeport, and her sister Miss Mabel Harmon of Oswego, N. Y., are visiting their cousin, Mrs. J. W. Rogers, this week.

Mrs. David McKee and little daughter, Dorothy, of Boston, Mass., are visiting at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Farrar, on Maple avenue.

A word to the wise is sufficient. Now is the time to take a spring remedy. Bush & Simonson's Sarsaparilla is the best at 55 cents, regular \$1 size.

A. F. Prince, wife and daughter, were here from Hinckley to attend the closing of the high school, stopping at A. G. Prince's to witness his sister, Bertha, graduate.

The Burlington Route will sell round trip tickets to San Francisco, Cal., on June 15, 16, 23 and 24, at one fare. For particulars inquire of G. H. Bunge, agent C. B. & K. Ry.

Misses Joa and Julia Kellogg left Monday morning for Benson, Vt., where they will join Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Kellogg, and spend the remainder of the summer visiting relatives.

A young son of Mr. Delaney of East Grove was struck by an engine at the depot at East Grove Sunday evening about 6 o'clock. Beyond shaking him up and scaring him quite badly he was uninjured.

Epworth League service at 6.30 p. m. in M. E. church, Sunday next. The subject for consideration is, "Christ's protest at church abuses." Meeting to be led by Rupert E. Bateman. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. DePue of Chicago, was a guest of Capt. Rogers over Sunday. He was born in Downers, his parents moving from here to California when he was but two years old. He is a pleasant gentleman, genial and sociable.

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.

We had a pleasant call last Thursday from Attorney Wm. L. Pond, of the law firm of Pond & Kennedy, DeKalb. Mr. Pond is a pleasant gentleman of bright attainments and is an intimate friend and former schoolmate of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Straube and the Heckman brothers.

Now is the time. Don't put off taking Bush & Simonson's Sarsaparilla. You can't afford it. Health is everything to you, and there is always a chance for an unhealthy person to contract disease easily. Avoid this by the expenditure of 55 cents for a bottle of Bush and Simonson's Sarsaparilla.

Attorney Hayes and family fully appreciate the advantages of Downers Grove—its beautiful scenery and healthy, invigorating atmosphere. They enjoy their evening rides along our thoroughfares and their commutes to be always home in their comfortable conveyance for neighbors and friends to ride with them in their drives about the country or to and from church.

The monthly literary meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the home of Miss Anna Herring on Tuesday evening, June 23rd, at 7.30. The following program has been arranged: The Russian coronation, A. E. Cross; Hints on housekeeping by a beginner, Mrs. S. E. Moss; How to spend a vacation, Miss Emma Wells. The authorship of the following papers to be decided by popular vote: A description of an intimate friend; My idea of a gentleman; A summer outing; Experiences of a country school teacher; My girlhood school days; Early years of my life; Winter sports in Colorado; A glimpse into the future; Lives of some of our young people. Music to be supplied. No pains will be spared to make the occasion a pleasant one. We particularly invite young people who are not in the habit of meeting with us on these occasions.

Table oilcloth at Nash Bros. Bulk seeds of all kinds at Thompson's. Mertz & Mochel sell Quick Meal gaso line stoves.

Try Courtright & Rang's ice cream at 25 cts per quart. L. P. Naramore, although gaining, is still confined at home.

Miss Leah Batterham of Elgin, is visiting Miss Sara Spiegler. (Good 4-panel 1 1/2 inch screen doors, 75 cents each, at Mertz & Mochel's.

For Rent—A dwelling house of seven rooms, on Curtiss St., by H. Paul. Mr. Baird of Aurora, was a guest of W. S. Carpenter and family the fore part of the week.

Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal and Superlative flour at Mertz & Mochel's; \$3.75 per barrel. Miss Tillie Hoffert now rides a Gladiator cycle, which she purchased of Bush & Simonson.

Mrs. Roberts M. D. has rented the Atzal house on Maple avenue and moved in last Tuesday. Democratic convention at Peoria, Ill., June 23th, 1896. One fare for the round trip via Burlington route.

Miss Drew of Harmon, is back in Downers Grove and has resumed her old position as operator in "U" block. All kinds of bedding plants for sale at reasonable prices. Call at C. S. Foote's green houses, Downers Grove, Illinois.

Mrs. M. K. Crecy and Miss Ruby Crecy will visit in Goshen, Ind., and friends in New York during vacation. They left Downers Tuesday.

Laws and ice cream festival at the adjoining homes of Mrs. Chas. Carpenter and Mrs. Bateman, Friday evening, June 19th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The lunch given for the Ladies society of the Congregational church will be at the home of Mrs. E. H. Prince, today (Thursday). It will be the last one of the season.

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.

There will be a special communication of Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., for work on the M. M. degree, on Friday evening, June 19th, at 7.30. The craft is cordially invited.

Two cyclists passed through Downers Grove Saturday night enroute to San Francisco from Providence, R. I. They started the 11th of May, and have covered the entire distance on wheels.

The Duncan, Koessel and Smith residences on North Middaugh avenue make a fine improvement to that part of the village, and the occupants are nice, pleasant people to become acquainted with.

Mrs. A. G. Prince and Martin, Walter and Myron started for the east Monday night for a ten weeks visit in Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Mr. Prince will follow in a few weeks and return home with them.

Mrs. A. Shepard of Oconomowoc, Wis., is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Hugh M. White and Miss Cathryn Shepard. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Corrin of Colorado City, Colo., who will remain a few weeks.

The Ladies Library association will give an ice cream sociable Saturday afternoon, June 20th, on the grounds of the Downers Grove Lawn Tennis club for the benefit of the library fund. Ice cream served from 3 o'clock till 8. Supper from 8 to 8.30.

The horned toad found by Charles Jacobson, which created considerable speculation as to how it came here has been found to belong to the Hoover boys, having been sent by their father from Texas. The reptile escaped from the boys and they were unable to locate it until reading the item in last week's paper.

A gang of "hoodlums" broke into Dr. Pattison's house on the north side last Thursday evening, while the family were at the commencement exercises, and helped themselves to the table silverware and partook of all the provisions in sight. The culprits, who are a crowd of street loafing boys from Gostyn, were charged with the theft and upon threat of arrest, returned the articles. Former leniency in matters of this nature appears to be having a bad effect on other young boys here. It is quite time a halt was being called on such proceedings by administering the full extent of the law to these youth ful offenders.

A serious accident occurred at Lisle, last Thursday morning, by which a man of about 50 years was badly injured and his outfit converted into kindling wood. It was a wonder he was not killed outright. The train which leaves Aurora at 7:10 a. m. is a through train, and does not stop after leaving there until it reaches Chicago. As it approached the station at Lisle a man who had come to deliver his load of milk, for shipment to Chicago, deliberately drove upon the track in front of the approaching train. It was impossible to stop the train in time to avoid a collision, and the inevitable occurred. After the crash, the man who had been so foolhardy was picked up and found to have sustained a broken leg and had a hole knocked in his head. After about 15 minutes delay the train pulled out, leaving the fugitive to stay by the injured man until the next train should come along.

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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	3.00
4-quart Shepard's Ice Cream Freezers.....	1.75	14-in. Genuine Philadelphia lawn mower..	5.75
The Falcon wood Frame Wringers....	1.25	16-in. Genuine Philadelphia lawn mower..	6.50
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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