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THE OREGON EXCURSION TRIP.

The crowd that attended the excursion to Oregon last Saturday, although not as large as expected, succeeded in having a very good time and a pleasant day's outing. The excursion left Downers Grove about 9 o'clock a. m. and reached Oregon about 12:30. A trip up the Rock river on the steamer Oregon was then enjoyed by most of the excursionists and those who took their lunches with them spread the contents of their baskets under the trees at the island about a mile up the river, and later in the afternoon continued their voyage to a point farther up, where the scenic attractiveness of the region amply repaid the excursionists for the small cost of the trip.

The ball game in the afternoon attracted a good sized crowd to the fair grounds, where the local team crossed bats with the Downers Grove boys—that is, a team picked up along the "Q" between here and the city. The Oregonians are a strong team and played good ball, while the "picnic" club, which contained three Downers Grove players, were weak in team work and at the bat.

Earnest Smith added to his reputation as an all-around player by going into the pitcher's box for one inning and shutting out the heavy hitters of the opposing team. The score was 16 to 3 in favor of the Oregonians. A return game is being arranged for when the Downers Grove boys will meet the ball tossers from the banks of the Rock river with their full team, and we predict the result will be somewhat different.

The forty or fifty persons who went to Oregon last Saturday, from Downers Grove, enjoyed a splendid day of amusement and recreation and are unanimous in declaring that the trip is one that can not be excelled.

THE CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR HOME

It may not be generally known that Miss Jennie Lacey has kindly given her time for a few months and so made it possible to bring little ones from the city out into the fresh air and freedom of the country. To her generous offer was added a gift of \$25.00 from the Congregational Sunday school. Then Mr. Nash, Bateman & Palmer, Mr. Barnhart and Mrs. Thompson kindly donated groceries. Messrs. Mertz & Mochel and F. A. Brode furnished tinware to set up housekeeping and other friends added various other articles needful and helpful.

On Wednesday, July 15, the first six little ones arrived and the four girls were taken out to the home (which is at the old Lacey homestead) by Mr. Hayes' coachman. The two boys subsequently found a home with the senior Mr. Lacey. The children were much in need of clothing which sympathetic friends at once supplied. When these children return to their homes another half dozen will probably be brought out. Through the efforts of Mrs. Frank Lacey and the generous responses of friends the committee has good dark calico enough to make a "best dress" for perhaps a dozen more small girls. But that is only one article of clothing. The committee will be glad to receive and use in making these waifs comfortable anything generous friends have to offer. Young men who have fine cassimere trousers awaiting the industrious moth are reminded that warm, bright jackets can be evolved from just such material.

The committee are not working blindly and open to all sorts of impositions. The manager of Chicago Commons, an institution that aims to gain the confidence of the something like 30,000 working people which surround it, and at the same time of people of means outside, who may aid in furthering and sustaining its work, may be trusted to guard us against impostors. Mrs. McNaught has kindly consented to be headquarters for information and will receive offerings of whatever kind. Northside residents may leave gifts with Mrs. M. Slusser.

Secretary Committee.

DUPAGE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

The final design for the new DuPage county court house has been made by Architect M. E. Bell. The building will be 100x68 feet, in the Romanesque style of architecture. Portage red stone will be used in the base work to the window sills, while vitrified brick and terra cotta will be employed for all the work above that line. The court house will be strictly fire proof, with steel beams and concrete arches for floors, and ornamental tile roof. The interior will be handsomely finished in marble wall-coting, marble mosaic floors, and hardwood. A separate building will be constructed for the boilers and heating apparatus, arranged to heat the present jail as well as the new court house. The two buildings will be connected by an underground tunnel four feet wide by seven feet high. The new court house will contain all modern conveniences, such as electrical equipment and thorough ventilation. The first floor will be divided into spacious quarters for the county board of supervisors, superintendent of public schools, county surveyor, master in chancery, storage vaults for the county clerk and circuit court and recording clerks, and a soldiers' memorial hall. On the second floor will be located the county court room, private rooms for the judges, circuit court clerk and recorder, state's attorney's rooms. On the third floor will be the circuit court room, the law library, state's attorney's office, grand jury and bailiff's rooms.

As is shown in the revised plans of the exterior of the building, it will be surmounted by a clock tower. This will be nineteen feet square, constructed of steel columns and beams, faced with brick and terra cotta, and will contain an observatory, clock and belfry. The tower will be 180 feet high from the grade line to the bottom of the flag-staff. The entire work of construction including main building, tunnel, boiler-house, etc., has been let to Chas. A. Moses, a Chicago contractor, for \$60,000. The architect's estimate was \$74,000 for all work complete, excepting furniture.—Illinois.

VILLAGE BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Downers Grove, July 6th, 1896. The regular meeting for the month of July called to order by President Carpenter.

Roll call noted present Trustees Bunge, Wetten, Chilvers, Schultz, Hughes and Mochel.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and approved.

Report of village treasurer read, approved and placed on file.

Report of village collector, read and placed on file.

Report of superintendent of water works, read and placed on file.

Claim ordinance No. 39 was then read and was as follows to-wit:

Globe Light and Heat Co.	\$120 83
James C. Dixon	23 95
White & Williams	19 00
Hughes & Gallup	10 00
V. Simonson	6 96
Bert C. White	17 95
J. W. Rogers	6 75
A. H. Wetten	2 55
P. J. Kearney	30 00
M. Slusser	15 00
W. H. Colville	95
Geo. E. Marshall & Co.	4 55
James B. Clow & Co.	30 59
J. D. McVean	2 35
Robert Wells	15 00
Garlock Packing Co.	6 21
W. A. Alexander & Co.	33 00
J. B. Moss	15 00
W. H. Edwards	15 00
Mertz & Mochel	69 23
F. A. Brode & Co.	99 90
E. W. Blachford & Co.	142 90
J. D. Fowler	70 00
P. A. Lord Lumber Co.	8 17
William Devereux	18 91
W. H. Mertz	45 00
H. T. Aldrich	21 35

Upon motion said claim ordinance No. 39 was put upon its passage and carried. Those voting aye, Trustees Bunge, Wetten, Chilvers, Mochel, Schultz and Hughes. Nays, none.

An ordinance providing for licensing of peddlers, hawkers, auctioneers and exhibitions and to repeal sections 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118 of chapter 12 of the revised ordinances of the Village of Downers Grove passed Jan. 31st, 1894, and to repeal an ordinance of said village passed June 17th, 1895, was read and upon proper motion put upon its passage and carried. Those voting aye, were Trustees Bunge, Chilvers, Wetten, Hughes, Schultz and Mochel.

The following resolution was then read:

Whereas, on the first day of June, 1896, bills to the amount of \$283.18 were ordered paid from special assessment No. 5, and

Whereas, there are not sufficient funds in said special assessment No. 5 to pay said bills.

Therefore, be it resolved that \$192.24 the amount of over draft be and the same hereby is transferred from deferred special No. 5 to special assessment No. 5.

Upon motion the above resolution was adopted. Carried, all voting aye.

The street and alley committee report and recommend the following sidewalks be built, West side of Elm street, from Franklin street south to Rogers street (except in front of lots 2 and 3) and west on north side Rogers, to Whiffin place.

From east line of present walk Orphan Asylum lot, to west end of lot 6, block 2, Randall resubdivision, Railroad street.

Main street west side of street, from south line lot 51 to north line 51.

West side Linscott avenue, from Franklin street to Prairie avenue.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the walk west side Elm street, from Franklin street, south to Rogers street (except in front of lots 2 and 3) and west on north side Rogers to Whiffin place, be left over until next meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that balance of street and alley committee's report be accepted and ordinance committee be instructed to draft ordinance for walks and report at next meeting.

Matter of draining into streets was left in hands of street and alley committee.

It was moved and seconded that street and alley committee be empowered to purchase car load of tiling for street purpose. Carried, those voting aye were Trustees Bunge, Wetten, Chilvers, Hughes, Schultz and Mochel.

Upon motion board adjourned to Monday night, July 13th, 1896.

BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

A certain young man in this village, who has hitherto enjoyed a large list of friends, is wondering at the coldness and aversion manifested by some who were wont to seek his society and hail him with joy when they met him. It is rumored that the cause of this is the fact that the young man is addicted to smoking. But that is not uncommon and should be no reason why his friends should forsake him. In fact this is not the real reason, but the trouble lies in a habit he has contracted of treating everyone he meets with a cigar. Now this would be all right, too, if the cigars contained tobacco, but they do say he buys them by the basket from a Chinaman on Clark street. He is always supplied with a pocketful and has been known to carry about with him as much as five cents worth at one time. One of his boon companions, after receiving one of these fragrant (?) disinfectants and lighting the same, was accosted by a stranger, who inquired if his neck was burning, to which he replied with some asperity in the negative. The stranger then volunteered the remark, that he detected the smell of burning rubber. Thus are the objects of the young man's generosity made to suffer the stings that are hurled at them by the owners of outraged nostrils. No wonder then that his friends take to an alley when they see him approaching. He is a most excellent young man and has numerous good qualities which makes it hard to conceive where he could have acquired such a depraved taste in his selection of smoking material.

Fruit cans at Brode's.

Current Events.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Rev. George C. Moor is enjoying a vacation.

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

Miss Caroline Tilton of Chicago, was in Downers over Sunday.

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

FOR RENT—295 acre farm. Apply to H. E. Strong, Downers Grove.

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WANTED—Good housekeepers to call at Brode & Co's, and inspect their patent enameled cookers.

L. D. Brode returned last week from West Virginia, and left last Monday on his wheel for Urbana, this state.

Charles Russell started last Tuesday for Minnesota, where he will make his home for a time with his brother.

Mrs. George Heart of Cass, spent Tuesday with her father, Mr. John Oldfield, at his home on Carpenter street.

E. W. Annable is devoting his whole time now to photography, and is working up considerable business. He will probably fit up a studio in the village ere long.

Mushrooms—Parties desiring this luxury can be accommodated to a limited extent, by calling on W. C. Bartles, corner South Washington street and Summit avenue.

A spirited political rally occurred the other day on the depot platform in which two local debaters upheld their respective views and were listened to by an appreciative audience.

Geo. Hoffert has commenced work on his new residence on Grove street. It will be an eight room, two story house and will be built with an eye to comfort as well as architectural beauty.

Merit wins and that is why Hood's Sarsaparilla holds the abiding confidence of the public. Hood's Sarsaparilla is known by the cures it has made. It is the one true blood purifier.

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.

Mrs. Josephine Austin, who is always doing a kind deed, has been papering and cleaning house, and will have everything in order for her daughter, Mrs. Will Stewart, on her arrival home next week.

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.

"It's a girl!" This from George F. Steere explained the unusually expansive smile that adorned his face last Saturday morning. Although papa still attends to his business with the usual amount of energy, he is somewhat absent minded and has a far-away look in his eyes.

There will be a meeting of the DuPage county Agricultural society at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday, August 1st, at the court house, Wheaton, to make final arrangements for the coming fair. Arrangements must be made for the erection of new buildings and every vice president should be present.

Dr. A. W. Morrow of Hinsdale, was in Downers Grove, Tuesday, making arrangements for paying particular attention to Downers Grove patients in the dentistry line. He is making special inducements to parties here desiring dental work since Dr. Burns' removal. He has the finest dental parlors between Aurora and Chicago and employs only the most skilled and careful operatives, and guarantees all his work. Note his ad in another column.

Two families from the eastern part of town aired their troubles in the police magistrate's court last Monday evening. A pitch-fork, dish-pan and a flock of ducks formed a portion of the combination in so far as the discussion was concerned. One of the male members of the outfit, who has been looking for work all summer, in consequence of the above mentioned combination, found a job with Commissioner Mertz working out a fine, on the village highways.

A little publication, but of value out of all proportion to its size, is Alden's Living Topics Magazine. For the ridiculously small price of 25 cents a year it gives nearly 400 pages of information of interest and value to every one, and hardly obtainable elsewhere. The last issue gives just the facts every one wants concerning the States of Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, and Indian Territory. The statistics are brought right down to date, generally from one to five or more years later than the latest cyclopedias. Thus it deals in every issue with the States of the Union, all the nations of the world, and other important topics. Living Topics ought to secure an enormous circulation. A sample copy may be had free by applying to the publisher, John B. Alden, 10 and 13 Vandewater street, New York.

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