LIVED NEARLY A CENTURY.

DEACON JOHN A. RICHARDS, ONE OF DUPAGE'S OLDEST SETTLERS

PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Lived to the Age of Ninety-Three Years Funeral Held from House Sunday -Burial in West Cemetery.

After a lifetime of usefulness another venerable patriarch has gone to join the silent majority.

On Friday evening, February 5th 1897, in the ninety-third year of his life, surrounded by his grief-stricken children and grandchildren, Deacon John A. Richards passed peacefully

Deacon Richards was one of the early settlers of the county and his death will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends.

He was born Oct. 31, 1803, at Ipswich, New Hampshire, where he lived until the death of his mother in 1813, after which he lived with his uncle, John Adams, at Enosburge, Vt., his father at that time being in the army with "Tippecanoe" Harrison.

October 20th, 1833, he married Miss Lucy Peet of Benson. Vt., and in June, year he located in Lisle township, this county, on the farm which he continued to work till within a few years of his demise.

Throughout his entire life he has been an earnest christian. In 1837 he took a prominent part part in organizing the East Branch Congregational church, and later assisted in erecting a church at what is now Belmont. He also was a prime mover in the organization of the Cong. church of this village, October 14th, 1866, and contributed largely to the erection of the present church building in 1874. He had always been an active supporter of the church.

Since the death of his wife, Nov. 20, 1866, he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Ella Palmer. Two of his children have preceded him and three remain to mourn his departure --- Mrs. W. C. Bartle, Mrs. Palmer, and Joseph Richards, all living in this vil-

He was a successful farmer and took a wide interest in the welfare of the O. H. Givler: Naperville, Dr. Bell. community, and for years was a prominent figure in the county.

The funeral occurred at 2 o'clock Nunday, the services being conducted by Rev. J. H. Windsor, former pastor of the Congregational church. All that is mortal of Deacon Richards now rests in the sunny hillside near the home where he had lived and loved so

John Heartt's few weeks must be pretty near up.

Social at Geo. Mochel's Friday even-

ing. Come everybody.

Mr. Hall was with us Sunday.

Henry Smart went to St. Charles last

Miss Edith Atwood is staying with her aunt, while her uncle has gone to Vandalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, who will soon leave for California, are visiting at Geo. Littleford's.

W. H. Smart's new well is being pushed downward until a depth of over one hundred feet has now been reached.

F. W. Winbolt was sick a couple of

two days. Rev. Hughes preached a thoughtful sermon Sunday. Announcement was made that Rev. Sedweek would exchange next Sunday with Rev. Petitte. Come everybody.

J. F. Smart and family went to Chicago to the birthday gathering for his father. Elisha Smart is one of the few old settlers who remain with us. He, like many others, came here when everything was wild. Hail to them all we say, who worked so hard to make this country what it is.

Quite a number of young people gathered at the home of J. E. Oldfield Friday evening, to participate in the birthday social. The funds amounted to a neat little sum. Various amusements were indulged in till a late hour. Music occupied a prominent position in the evening's program, and some fine selections on organ and guitar were rendered by Miss Edith Atwood and Joseph Shepard.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE,

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd installment on special assessments No's. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the 1st installment on special assessment No. 5 for

at the office of the village collector. V. Simonson, Village Collector. WILL GO TO WASHINGTON.

Special Train Bearing DuPage Republicans to Attend the McKinley Inaugural,

DuPage county republican club special "blaze of glory" train, consisting of baggage, observation and Pullman buffet vestibuled sleeping cars of the most luxurious type, will leave the union passenger station, Chicago, at 8 o'clock p. m., via Pennsylvania lines, Tuesday, March 2nd, arriving in Washington at 8 o'clock the following even-

ing. Returning, leave Washington from the Pennsylvania station, Friday, March 5th, at 8 o'clock p. m., arriving his trip to Oshkosh. in Chicago the following evening at 8 o'clock.

Two whole days in Washington with club headquarters in the Ebbitt house, where President elect McKinley will sojourn. The fare will be \$32.00 for the round trip, including souvenir club badge, first-class passage, sleeping car

Washington. Meals enroute both ways. An organization of the following officers: T. M. Hull, president, Wheaton; Co.'s. Jno. H. Batten, vice-president, Naperville; N. E. Matter, secretary, Wheaton: famous Pillsbury flour the first of the H. M. Plummer, treasurer, Wheaton; Alex. R. McDonald, general manager, Wheaton, has been formed in DuPage county so as to get up a county train and all go together, so as to have a 1835, moved to Illinois. The following doubly enjoyable time. If you and Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal- a good one. your friends wish to go, make proper arrangements by corresponding with & Mochel. the secretary at once.

> Special trains will be run from West Chicago on the Northwestern, and Kansas and Missouri. from Naperville on the Burlington on the evening of March 2, to accommo- fail to call on Mertz & Mochel and date those who wish to go. The Du-Page county band of over twenty pieces will accompany the excursion and head the line of march at Washington for the DuPage and Cook county marching clubs.

Henry A. Martin is committeeman on decorations, and the following per sons can give you all desired information in your respective towns:

Addison, Geo. A. Fischer, H. F. Lawrence: Bloomingdale, Brad, Hills: Wayne, J. Ross; West Chicago, A. L. Hamilton, Jan. McKee; Glenn Ellyn, Hinsdale, Jas. McClintock; Downers last Monday. Grove, J. W. Rogers, White & Williams; Lace, Chris Warkentine; Lisle,

A STAG PARTY

his gentlemen friends last Saturday doors, which he will have patented, evening at a supper and card party, and then proceed to make a fortune. The occasion was the third annual supper was served at 10 o'clock in the cumstances of a worthy family in the to. brilliantly lighted dining room. Covers were laid for seven. The table was prettily decorated with roses and carnations, banked with ferns. The menu:

Bine Points, on the half shell. Cheese Sandwiches. German Mustard. Horse Radish

Archevie Sandwiches. Bread and Butter. White Onlone. Cocomber Pickles. Sardines, a la Française Cakes.

The following were present: Messrs: V. Simonson, Guy L. Bush, C. V. Carpenter, Bert C. White, M. K. Bush, F. M. Stanger and Hugh M. White.

COASTING PARTY.

number of invited friends at a coast- the close of the course of lessons wi days last week, but school went right ing party last evening. The scene of give a German on. The scholars said "ma'am" those the merry making was the hill on south Main street, where D. K. with tional church will give at rainbow soa big bob-sleigh furnished exciting cial at the home of Mrs. W. H. Edpleasure for his guests. The coasting wards next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16. was fine and everybody enjoyed them- The ladies are expected to bring aprons selves hugely. After spending several of all colors (cheese cloth suggested hours on the hill, the party repaired to for the gentlemen to hem. the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig, where an oyster supper was served in an appetizing style peculiar to that hospitable household. The evening was, to say the least, thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

FORTNIGHTLY CLUB.

The Literary Society met at Supervisor Blodgett's last Monday evening. Near 50 were in attendance and an interesting program was rendered. The author for the evening was the children's poet-Eugene Field. The members answered to the roll call with quotations and a number of characteristic selections from his works were presented. Seven new names were proposed for membership. The next meeting will be February 22, and the subject, Washington and Lincoln.

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Full line of notions at The Style. Additional local news on fifth page. Harry L. Blodgett drove to Wheaton today.

Sale bills printed at this office. Get | The Style. our prices.

Mertz & Mochel sell the Pocahontas Thompson's. mokeless coal.

P. C. Gallup returned Tuesday from reserve, at The Style.

Mrs. H. M. White is under the care Downers Grove Tuesday. of the doctor this week. Genuine New York buckwheat at fresh and nice, at Thompson's.

Nash Bros. Guaranteed pure. The Burlington pay car comes morning, at Mary S. Diener's. through to-morrow Feb. 12th.

Did you see those "Search Light dealer, was in Downers Tuesday. accommodations enroute and while in Matches" at Nash Bros.' store?

> kind of ammunition cheap at Brode & Thompson received a car load of the lage.

Dr. G. B. Tope reports a fine daugh- Gostyn.

ter born to Mr. and Mrs. Hinckel, yes-

best patent flour made-sold by Mertz Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edie returned J. D. Fowler.

last week from a visit with relatives in If in need of a sewing machine don't

get prices before purchasing. Wood for sale. By the tree, cord or selling at 8 cents per pound. stove length. on the ground or deliver-

Albert Smart, Mrs. Jean Manwell, who was the ber of tenants the past month. guest of Mrs. McNaught, last week, re-

turned to her home in Irving Park, so kindly assisted us during our late Miss Jessie Potter of Chicago and ily. Miss Nellie Graham of Topeka, Kan.,

were visitors at D. G. Graham's over Naperville attended the funeral I. J. Komarowski, constable of Chi- noon, Ed. McChesney: Lombard. Wm. Ham- cago, transacted business in the Down-

merschmidt: Elmhurst, Wm. Ohlerich; ers Grove police magistrate's court For Rent-New modern cottages at Sunday.

East Grove, with two, four and five acres of ground. For particulars apply to D. G. Graham. S. Berens has another invention to will secure the choicest bargains,

V. Simonson entertained a party of his credit. It is a storm protector for Attention is directed to an article on arrived home Wednesday morning.

"spread" of the 12:45 club of Downers | the fourth page of this paper under the Grove, so designated by members of heading, "Charity Should Begin at the party. After an evening of cards Home," regarding the unfortunate cir- ing. They will be promptly attended

> Mrs. Kennedy, widow of the late Henry W. Kennedy will return in a less than wholesale price. The whole few days and make her home in Downers. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons will occupy a part of Mrs. Kennedy's house with her on Washington street.

F: C. W. Hayes, until recently a resident of Downers, has been appointed attorney for the Drainage Board. This is a judicious selection and secures efficiency and honesty in the legal department of that great enterprise.

Prof. C. G. Sweet comes down from Aurora this evening to instruct his class in dancing. The young people health and strength. are rapidly acquiring proficiency in the Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Craig entertained various steps and movements and at

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congrega-

Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Mission.-On Sunday, February, 14th, early celebration of the Holy Commun ion at 7:30 a, m. Sunday school at p. m. Evening prayer at 3:30 p. m The instructions and lecture to the confirmation class will be continued on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock until further notice.

The C. B. & Q. R'y will sell harvest excursion tickets on January 5th and 19th, February 2d and 16th, March 2d and 2d and 16th, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, 1897, to all points northwest, west and southwest at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. For full particulars apply to G. H. Bunge agent C. B. & Q. R'y.

gational church held last night did not help the association. result in any action being taken in reother than their offer of \$1,800 made Ancie Jo? several weeks ago.

Colville for groceries. Velvet roses, 12c bunch; The Style. All articles for embroidery work at

Lennox soap-3 cents per bar, at

Linus C. Ruth of Hinsdale was in who never dreamed of its richness.

Figs, dates, oranges, bananas, etc.

Finest bread in town, fresh ever T. Otto Fisk, the Aurora marble

If it is a snow shovel you need you Hunt rabbits while the snow flies; all can get one for 15 cents at Brode & Co. Miss Gertrude Shaw of Cottam, Ont., spent Sunday with friends in the vil-

> Miss Josephine Koske of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. Berens, at

Wanted-Some one who needs a cornsheller to call at Brode & Co. and buy

An experienced nurse wants confinement cases. Address Miss Wilms, care

An orchestra will discourse sweet music at the Congregational church services in the near future.

John Haas has some strictly pure home rendered leaf lard, which he is

List your houses for rent with D. G. Graham. He has secured quite a num-

We desire to thank the friends who bereavement. A. L. Palmer and Fam-Mr. and Mrs. William Barber of

Deacon John A. Richards Sunday after-W. B. Greene and Elijah Root of

Lisle, neighbors of Deacon Richards for

half a century, attended his funeral on The balance of Thompson's stock of gloves and mittens will be sold at less

John Heartt, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Plattsmouth and York, Nebraska, the past six weeks,

Leave orders at Hughes & Gallup's for hauling trunks, freight and express-J. D. MCVEAN,

Thompson is giving an opportunity Jac. 19 for all to secure gloves and mittens at stock will be reduced in price to suft

Mr. and Mrs. S. Berens of Gostyn went to Chicago last Friday to cele brate their wedding anniversary with their parents. Many of their friends were present.

Heary Faul and daughter. Susan, started for Baxter Springs, Kansas, last Friday. They expect to return about May 1st. We trust they may return in the spring with renewed

tilenn Edwards was quite badly bruised about the knees by taking a bad fall from a bob-sleigh while coasting on south Main street. His injury will compel him to carry a cane for a short time.

Aurora has an uncommonly generous pastor, who for the past three years has donated his salary to the church, Not only has he done this, but has a number of times made up a deficit from his own personal means,

Victory Council, Royal League, will give an entertainment for their ladies and friends on Saturday evening, ir the hall over Carpenter's store. elaborate program has been prepared by Orator Cutting, and no pains will be spared to make the occasion one for

The committee of ladies from the library association, who have the entertainment for this month in charge to defray the current expenses of the association, hope to serve their friends to a musical treat the last week of the month. Will the patrons and friends please bear it in mind, and prepare to The business meeting of the Congre- give a quarter to hear good music and

At St. Andrew's Mission, Friday, gard to selling their property to the Feb. 12th, will occur the great conun-German people. It was decided to drum and hard times gathering. On have plans drawn and estimates made this occasion will be presented a grand been published by the Chicago. B of the cost of building a suitable ad- exhibition of beautiful paintings and ton & Quincy R. R. giving dition to the present structure. The illust 'ions from a collection never be-Germans have made no new proposition forper [Mited. Hard times prices. Remember the date-

HAVE STRUCK IT RICH.

Miners and Business Men Excited Over the Discoveries in the Black Hills.

Ragged Top, the new Black Hills gold camp, on the Spearfish branch of the Crockery given away at Thompson's, B. & M. R. R., is producing some wonderful "finds." Black Hills people are very much excited over the recent discoveries and say it is a second Cripple Creek. The remarkable thing about this district is that it shows on the surface no indications of being a rich min-Untrimmed felt hats, 27 cents; no ing field, and has been passed over scores of times by experienced miners

> A typical mining camp has sprung up there within the past few weeks. and people are rushing in from all parts of the Black Hills district. There are said to be good openings at Ragged Top for a bank, bakery, a shoe store and furniture establishment. Two new towns have been laid out and buildings are being erected as fast as the limited proven himself a competent person and facilities at the disposal of the inhabit- it is greatly to be regretted that he ants will permit.

of spring there will be a great rush to this new country, which promises such wonderful results.

THE HOME PAPER.

great labor saver the home paper is as time that it would be impossible for a means of communication with ab- him to serve another term. Mr. Bunge sent friends? "Write to me often," is has made a very good record as trustee. the last command the one breaking Mr. Chilvers is not considered as a canaway from home ties so often gives to didate for re-election. He has absented those left behind. In the rush and himself from so many board meetings hurry of every day very few people that it is not supposed he is much innowadays have time to devote to cor- terested in the position or desires a rerespondence of the leisurely kind the election. people of other days ept up with such | Regarding the capable candidates unvarying punctuality. And here is two names have been suggested of men where the home paper saves you a who would no doubt fill the positions world of trouble.

contains much that a letter would not. Gesner from the North side. Mr. Root Items of interest are in it that the is a business man of sound judgment writer of a letter might not know or and good abilities and would no doubt overlook. It is wonderful how eagerly prove a power on the board. Mr. Gesone devours a home paper, when a ner was for two years on the board and stranger in a strange land. Even the did good service as a member of the people you do not know intimately finance committee. The experience while at home, become of absorbing in- gained from this former term would be terest to you when you read that they of considerable advantage to him have died or married, or figured other- should be see fit to accept the off wise prominently in home affairs, if For the third member i there is some one of your family away is not alone in urging one of the gen from home, try sending him the home tiemen whose term expires next April paper regularly and a letter occasion- - A. H. Wetten. This would make a ally and see if he does not appreciate strong trio of capable men to help than wholesale price. An early visit the favor of the paper.

A COMPARISON.

The following comparison of the recent cold snap with one of a dozen years ago make the former appear rather mild. Both records are taken ary 21st, 1897. from the same thermometer:

January 1985, January 1897. Jan. 13 10deg. below 0 Jan. 24 13deg. below 0 comrades has been stricken down.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE

Miss May Worley was agreeably surprised at her home in East Grove by a number of her friends from this village Tuesday evening, Feburuary 9th. After the young lady recovered from her astonishment the evening was enjoyably passed with games and music. The happy minutes sped swiftly by and at a late hour the young people

DOWNERS GROVE CLUB.

dispersed.

Again the ladies will be furnished amusement by the Downers Grove club. The house committee have ar ranged a party for their members and friends for Saturday evening. The attraction will be progressive hearts. Prizes will be accorded the winning and losing lady and gentleman. large attendance is anticipated and a good time will follow.

The Chicago Times-Herald prints all the news and tells the truth about it, without padding or sensationalism to make it readable. Its already immense circulation is steadily increas- the evening's chief source of ing among those who believe that a newspaper should keep within its true! province and be a newspaper, not a an evening of rare enjoymen 'faker.' Careful as a newsgatherer ent departed, wishing and forcitle in its treatment of all national questions, the Times-Herald has sary of their marr won its way to the front ranks of ournalism. It stands, solid as the rock of Gibraltar, for honest government and against corruption in high California leave places, and should receive the support every Wed of every true citizen.

ALL ABOUT NEBRASKA.

An illustrated pamphlet has re formation about the farm

TIMBER FOR THE COUNCIL.

SEVERAL AVAILABLE CANDIDATES MENTIONED FOR TRUSTERS.

PRESENT TRUSTEES NOT CANDIDATES.

While the Election Does Not Occur Until April, the Time Has Arrived to Consider Candidate Question.

During the past week there has been

considerable discussion regarding who shall be the men to succeed the retire ing village trustees next April. The terms of these aldermen will expire at that time. They are Trustees Wetten, Bunge and Chilvers, neither of whom desire re-election. During the past two years the bulk of the business transacted by the board, outside of board meetings, has fallen upon the shoulders of A. H. Wetten. He has will not consent to a re-election. He It is predicted that with the opening has absolutely refused to allow his name to be used for the position. For a young man his judgment regarding village matters has been found to be exceedingly good. As regards Mr. Bunge and Mr. Chilvers; the former's Did you ever stop to think what, a occupation requires so much of his

very acceptably. They are Mesers. It is better than a letter, too, for it F. A. Root of the South side, and L. B.

transact the business of the village for the two years commencing next April.

IN MEMORIAM.

Resolutions adopted at a meeting of Naper Post, No. 468, G. A. R., on Janus

Again the hand of the great leveller has been raised and another of our

Comrade Henry W. Kennedy died in Michigan on the 20th of January, 1897, and we, his comrades, feeling more keenly day by day our lessening ranks, and while mourning the loss of our comrade desire to mingle our tears with those who mourn for him; there-

Be it resolved that the comrades of this post offer their sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of our deceased comrade and desire to be in every way helpful and sympathising

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the Downers Grove Reporter and be spread upon the records of the post, and that a copy be presented to the family of Comrade CAPT. T. S. ROGERS, Kennedy. J. M. BARR, Commander.

Adjutant. CHAS, CARPENTER, Chairman Com. TIN WEDDING,

A pleasant surprise was tenders Mrs. U. G. Elliott last evening at he home on Maio street by a number her friends. The occasion was the wedding anniversary of Mr, and Mr liott. Their friends, knowing this ed in and assisted in calches event with the bride and groom ment. Supper was served ! abundance during the evening hostess many returns of

EXCURSIONS TO