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INSPECT VILLAGE PROPERTY.

Seigel Cooper & Co's Representatives Visit Downers Grove Tuesday.

P. M. Hanney, president and John F. Beebe, superintendent, of the Hazel Pure Food Co., a department of Seigel Cooper & Co., of Chicago, was here Tuesday looking up a site for the location of a fancy grocery and food product factory.

They were accompanied by Geo. H. Ross, superintendent of the Burlington route, and came on invitation of E. H. Prince and others, who are very desirous of the company locating here.

In order to secure the plant, a bonus is necessary to be raised by the village. The company want a five-acre tract of land and a two story brick building 50x100 feet given them as an inducement for them to locate here. The property inspected by them Tuesday was the triangular piece belonging to Maj. E. A. Blodgett at the junction of Maple avenue and the Burlington tracks, near the East Grove depot, containing about four and one half acres. The gentlemen expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with the site, and admitted that the only thing necessary for Downers Grove to secure the factory was a sufficient amount to be raised by the citizens for the purchase of the land and the erection of the building.

The company's plans contemplate the manufacture of cereal foods, fancy groceries, chocolates, extracts and specialties in that line. Mr. Beebe, the superintendent, informed a REPORTER representative that the company would employ about 150 men the first year. Subsequently the plant will be enlarged and from 500 to 1000 people furnished employment.

The establishment of the factory would also be in the nature of an advertisement for the firm. Being situated on a trunk line of railway with immense travel, this would be an important item. The grounds would be parked and made beautiful and attractive with trees shrubs and flowers. They have several locations under consideration, but seemed more favorably impressed with the location here than any other.

E. H. Prince, Hughes & Gallup and many others interested, are enthusiastic in their efforts of getting the factory to locate here. It would be a very desirable acquisition for the village to secure, and the project should meet with a warm response from our citizens. The class of citizens that it would bring to the village would be men who would be home seekers and altogether a very respectable and desirable class. This the company assures.

The company's representatives left on the noon train Tuesday for Naperville to examine a site there.

IN ADJOURNED MEETING.

The village board met Monday evening to consider the question of street improvement which had been referred to the street and alley committee at the last regular meeting, to procure estimates and report recommendation. All members of the board were present.

Trustee Mochel of the committee reported the estimated cost of making an eight foot roadway, nine inches deep, in Maple avenue, from Main street to Belden avenue, at \$4.00 per rod. The material to be used would be crushed stone. Trustee Schultz moved that \$400 be expended on Maple avenue for this improvement, and the sum of \$250 also be expended on North side streets at the discretion of the street and alley committee. The motion carried, all voting aye.

Mr. Clement, a resident of the North side, made complaint about street lamps not being lighted. In view of the fact that numerous like complaints had recently been made, upon motion the matter was referred to finance committee with instructions to deduct a sufficient amount from the Globe Light & Heat company's bill to cover the deficiency in their contract.

Several matters of minor interest were referred to committee, and board adjourned.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALLATION.

The Odd Fellows last Monday night installed officers as follows:

D. K. Craig, N. G.; J. D. Horton, V. G.; F. R. Owens, recording secretary; Levi Mertz, permanent secretary; F. C. Schindler, treasurer; J. Bradbury, warden; Alex Beidelman, conductor; P. C. Gallup and David Colville, right and left supporters; D. G. Graham, right supporter N. G.; J. W. Nash, left supporter N. G.; W. J. Beidelman, right supporter V. G.; C. F. Davis, left supporter V. G.

WHEATON.

There will be a meeting of the vice-presidents of the fair association on Thursday, April 15, to revise the premium list and fix dates for the coming fair.

Since the grand jury was in session, the village of Winfield is talking of becoming a city in order that a saloon license or two may be granted. The board of supervisors cannot grant one, as the village is within two miles of a city.

The postoffice department is looking the ground over in Wheaton to get a better building for the office. They have been tendered two lease contracts for new buildings near the present site, by M. Secker and Mrs. Watson, and Mayor Peironnet has tendered them a lease on his building at the corner of Main and North Railroad streets. If there are others who have sites and new buildings to tender, they should be up and doing.

Joe D. Doty, of Belvidere, Ill., superintendent for the Rockford Wall-Plaster Co., has completed the plastering, ornamental, and stucco work on our new court house. All the experts and officials are unanimous in saying that it is well done, a credit to the mechanical skill of Mr. Doty and the Rockford company. Mr. Doty has made many friends among the business men, county officials and citizens of Wheaton by his uniform practical business methods and "good works" generally, and he has been induced to move his family here and make this city his future home.

THE SUBURBAN HOME.

One of the most beautiful figures of speech is the scriptural one of dwelling under one's own vine and fig tree. There can be no Eden without a garden. The pined-in city mansion is at best but a gilded prison, while the boarder or tenant, though he may spend his life in one circumscribed spot, is never more than a sojourner.

Far happier is he who owns a bit of mother earth and a roof to shelter his head. His lawn may be tiny, but it is his own, and no sign, "Keep off the grass," stares him in the face. His good wife plants her flowers, old-fashioned ones, gay bedding plants, roses, lilacs, or what she will, and no uniformed guardian of the law steps up to protest when she picks a bud or curls a bouquet. Each member of the family feels the delight of possession and the freedom of absolute liberty.

Why should such happiness as this belong to so few of earth's inhabitants? It is true that in our cities there is an impoverished class of people that have no choice but to dwell in the close, stuffy atmosphere of the crowded homes that their landlords choose to give them; but the great middle class, with fairly good incomes, and the characteristic American ambition to enjoy the comforts of life, may surely do better than this. Land in the suburbs of our towns, or within convenient reach of our cities, can be purchased at moderate prices, and building associations stand ready to put up convenient, well built homes on the installment plan. The clerk or artisan of moderate income, by economy may soon become the possessor of a comfortable home of his own.

In the outskirts of our towns, any clear, open grove is quickly picked upon for building sites. The rougher timber lands usually lie waste and uncared for, uncleared because their owners have a vague idea that they will be more valuable in the future if the timber is left standing. There these lands lie, year after year, full of broken-topped trees, old stumps, fallen trunks, tangled vines and underbrush; the ground covered with rubbish from the town, tin scraps, old shoes, bones, ashes, stones, corks, bricks and old iron. Few see the possibilities in such a woodland waste. Buy such a strip of land, fill up the gullies, chop away the broken, crooked and fallen trees and pull up the stumps, and one would never recognize it as the same ground.

Then a little thinning of the trees, so that each tree may stand out in individual relief; the making of a lawn, over whose green sward sunshine and shadow will chase each other through the long summer hours; the planting of vine, shrub, and flower, to make all bright with bud and bloom, and the suburban home becomes a little Eden of its own, a fit place for singing birds, happy children and bright-faced wives and daughters.—News.

ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION.

Notice is, hereby given that on Tuesday the 20th day of April, 1897, at the village hall in the Village of Downers Grove, and election will be held for one president of the village board for one year, three trustees for two years, one village clerk for one year and one police magistrate for four years; that the polls will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. Dated this, the 8th day of April, 1897. BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Additional local news on fifth page. Onion sets an 1 tops at Thompson's. Lennox soap—3 cents per bar, at Thompson's.

E. Herrmann made a business trip to Peoria last week. Bring your order for your Easter hat now. The Style.

F. W. Monroe, of LaGrange, was here Saturday buying feed.

Finest bread in town, fresh every morning, at Mary S. Diener's.

Stylishly trimmed Easter hats \$1.58 up. The Style millinery store.

Dressmaking done at reasonable rates by Mrs. E. Smith, Saratoga ave.

Money to loan, from \$300 up, on good real estate security. Exchange office.

WANTED:—A first class hired girl. W. M. Carpenter, Lyman and Maple avenues.

E. L. Baker and Harry Jones of Chicago were visitors in Downers over Sunday.

Will Blanchard and daughter, Mrs. Dick Barwise, were visitors in Downers last Sunday.

The best coal to use in grates or fireplaces is Birdseye Cannel. Sold by Mertz & Mochel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woods are residing in the Carnahan house, on Straube's subdivision.

Supt. Fitzgerald of the Chicago C. B. & Q. tower division gave us a pleasant call last Wednesday morning.

Fine Easter plants for sale at A. H. Saxon's greenhouses on South Washington street. Reasonable prices.

Mrs. L. E. Graham of Topeka, Kans., and Mrs. J. H. Graham of Chicago, were visitors in the Grove this week.

House for sale or rent on North Main street, two blocks from the depot. Good barn. Enquire of W. H. Barnhart.

Thos. Bickford and family moved into their newly acquired residence on South Washington street, last Wednesday.

FOR SALE OR TRADE:—For small piece of ground, the LaGrange "No Credit" feed store. Address F. W. Monroe, LaGrange.

Now is the time to sow lawn grass seed. You can get same in any quantity at reasonable prices at Mertz & Mochel's.

Quite an amount of building is in preparation here now and our mechanics seem to be busy. This is an omen of returning prosperity.

The union services are attended by large audiences. Deep interest is manifested and undoubtedly they will be productive of much good.

Leave orders at Hughes & Gallup's for hauling trunks, freight and express. They will be promptly attended to. J. D. McVEAN.

Mrs. D. W. Crescy is having a kitchen addition built on her house on Curtis street. The Binder brothers are doing the work, which means a good job.

Thompson has about the finest line of ladies' shoes that ever came to the village. See the dainty Oxfords in black, tan and ox-blood—the very latest ideas in footwear.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hawkins of Hinsdale attended services at the Congregational church here last Sabbath. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hawkins' sister.

W. E. Farrar is now located at the corner of Main street and Maple avenue, where he will hereafter conduct his bicycle and gasoline stove repair business. His present location is a good one.

We saw the alleged "airship" last Sunday evening. If this aerial wanderer would effect a landing on earth once in awhile, where we could meet it face to face one would be more credulous as to its identity.

Miss Coral Smith was called to Albion, Michigan, last week by the death of her grandmother Mrs. A. H. Smith, so well known by Downers Grove people. She will visit a few weeks with relatives and friends.

W. J. Herring is shingling and otherwise repairing the house belonging to John Ward on Straube's subdivision. It will be ready for occupancy by May 1st. D. G. Graham has it for rent as Mr. Ward has moved to Oregon, Ogle county.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between H. P. Courtwright and F. G. Rang has been dissolved by mutual agreement. All outstanding accounts due the firm is payable to H. P. Courtwright.

H. P. COURTWRIGHT, F. G. RANG, Downers Grove, April 10, 1897.

Colville for groceries. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Glenn Edwards is clerking for Arthur Woods.

Miss A. N. Elliott was on the sick list last week.

Miss Jennie Lyman is visiting friends in Topeka, Kan.

For fine bakery goods leave your order with Mary S. Diener.

Open evenings The Style millinery store. Trimming 25 cents.

Mrs. Walker returned to her home in Plattsmouth, Neb., last Thursday.

F. H. Bumstead and family moved to the city the fore part of the week.

C. E. Marshall and family leave for California on the 25th of this month.

Mrs. F. H. Hoover has moved back into her cottage in Straube's division.

Geo. S. Chapin has moved into the former Sharp residence on the North side.

Leonard's bulk seeds at Thompson's, all kinds and none better. They will grow.

Nash Bros. make low prices on cakes and crackers in their new at this week. Read it.

Fred Limke was called to Detroit, Mich., last week, by the sickness and death of a sister.

Mrs. Will Fox and little son, Norman, of Chicago, visited her aunt, Mrs. McNaught, Sunday.

Lost:—Gold locket, Saturday afternoon. Finder return to postmaster and receive reward.

Groceries that are fresh and clean are wanted by everyone. Colville's stock will never disappoint you.

The marriage of Mr. John Stockenberg to Miss Hilda Karlson will occur in the early part of next month.

High-class ladies' and misses' shoes at Thompson's, at low-class prices. The latest lasts and toes in the fashionable leathers.

A. G. Prince is interested in a greenhouse in Hinsdale. He has a wholesale establishment on Wabash avenue in the city.

Nash Bros. are selling an extra fancy solid packed tomato for 10 cents. Best article in the market for the money.

Mrs. M. M. Drake, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Williams, left Tuesday for a few weeks visit at Delavan, Ill.

Thompson's for seed potatoes. We have Wisconsin Burbanks, Early Ohio, Beauty of Hebron and Early Rose. Choice stock and fine.

Captain Wm. Blanchard of Chicago was here Sunday. He and his family expect to become residents of Downers the latter part of the month.

Have just received a lot of granite ware from factory, which we are selling out very cheap. Don't fail to call and get prices. Mertz & Mochel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Collier of Riverside visited in the Grove last Tuesday. There is a prospect that they may establish their home here at an early date.

Miss Cathryn Shepard left Saturday for her home in Traer, Iowa. She was accompanied by Bernice White, who will make her home with her grandmother at that place.

Ernest Smith and Ed Zarn, while riding their wheels last Monday evening, came in collision with each other, with the result that Zarn's wheel is now undergoing extensive repairs.

Episcopal Church—St. Andrews Mission, Services on Good Friday in the chapel from 12 o'clock noon until 3 p. m., and in the evening at 8 o'clock. On Easter morning early celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 o'clock. Evening prayer at 3:30 p. m. The Easter Festival for the children will be held in the chapel commencing at 2 p. m., all the children of the Sunday school are requested to be present at that hour. The rector earnestly desires the attendance of every communicant at the early service on Easter morning.

F. A. Brode moved last week into his new residence on North Main street. The building is one of the most substantial and handsome frame structures in the village and a model of convenience and utility. The interior finish is of white oak, while the floors are of parquetry and red oak. Commodious closets, cabinets and chiffoneers are a feature. The house is wired for electricity, and hot and cold water pipes, together with bath and toilet rooms furnish a residence strictly up to date. The staircase, finished in white oak, is an excellent piece of the joiner's skill. There are eight rooms exclusive of the bath and toilet rooms, and basement, and attic.

HINSDALE.

The public librarian is greatly elated over the report of the library for the month of March, and with good reason, for the total number of books issued during the month exceeded that of any since the establishment of the institution. The whole number of books issued was 1004. Of these 528 were fiction, 367 juvenile, 45 literature, 26 biography, 13 history, 8 poetry, 8 science, 7 travel; 1 art and 1 miscellaneous.

The death of Henry Kremholz, a young man well known throughout the village as one of the most industrious and exemplary residents, occurred Thursday morning at 11:30. The deceased was 35 years old and had resided here the greater part of his life. His health had been failing for the past two years, but it was not until two weeks ago that he was confined to his room. The exact nature of the disease could not be determined, but it is supposed to have been inflammation of the bowels. The funeral occurred from the German Lutheran church Saturday.

A gang of Burlington workmen were engaged this week in raising the south platform at the depot, all of which indicates that Hinsdale will not have a new depot this year. If the Suburban Electric gives Hinsdale rapid and satisfactory transportation it is probable that the "Q" will do everything possible to maintain its hold on the suburban patronage, and among other things will build the long wanted, long promised but never realized depot.

A fire occurred in the business district early Monday morning that threatened a disastrous conflagration but for the prompt work of the fire department. At a quarter of three, Night Officer Schneider noticed a bright light in the rear of Anderson's meat market and upon investigating, found the small wooden annex was a cauldron of fire. The spread of the flames was rapid and the immediate destruction of the entire building was threatened. After vainly attempting to arouse the occupants of the Anderson and adjoining building, the officer rang the fire bell, which brought a score of men and the apparatus promptly to the scene. A strong west wind prevented the fire from spreading any further in the main structure and enabled the firemen to have the blaze under control within five minutes. As the hair-raising, marrow-chilling shrieks of the fire whistle struck the night air, the last tiny spark of fire was extinguished. Mr. Anderson's loss will exceed \$300, only a part of which is covered by insurance.

SCHOOL OFFICERS NOMINATED.

It required just six minutes Tuesday evening for the school caucus to nominate officers to succeed President Lindley and Members Worley and Towsley. Only twenty-five citizens took enough interest in the schools to attend.

Capt. T. S. Rogers was made chairman and W. B. Towsley secretary, and nominations were in order.

J. W. Rogers placed in nomination for president of the board of education D. G. Graham. He was unanimously nominated. C. V. Carpenter nominated J. W. Worley to succeed himself and his nomination received the unanimous support of the caucus. A. H. Wetten nominated W. B. Towsley to succeed himself. Mr. Towsley declined a renomination on account of pressing personal business fully occupying his time. He placed in nomination A. G. Prince, and the business was finished.

ANNUAL LOAN MEETING.

The Downers Grove Loan and Homestead association held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday evening, in the Farmers and Merchants bank. The following officers were elected: President, John Holland; vice-president, Levi Mertz; secretary, Guy L. Bush; treasurer, J. W. Rogers; attorney, M. Slusser; J. W. Rogers, J. D. McVean and Guy L. Bush were reelected to the board of directors. T. S. Rogers, Frank Blanchard and Levi Mertz were elected as committee on securities. A. J. Cross and Dr. W. W. Gourley were elected to the finance committee.

G. A. R. ATTENTION.

The thirty-first annual encampment, department of Illinois, G. A. R., will be held at Galesburg, Ill., May 4, 5 and 6, 1897. An effort is being made to make this the largest reunion ever held in the state of Illinois. In addition to the entertainment offered by the Grand Army people of Galesburg, there will be a special programme at Lake George, and Knox College is arranging for a grand literary entertainment. Among the prominent speakers will be Ex-Governor Oglesby, Governor Tanner, Gen. J. C. Black, Ex-Governor Fifer, and Hon. Isaac Clements. The C. B. & Q. R'y will sell round trip tickets at one fare, good to return May 8th, 1897.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

To the Friends, Patrons and Sunday School Workers of DuPage County.

Some time ago the officers of the DuPage County Sunday School association held a meeting at West Chicago, to discuss the work and map out plans for the ensuing year. Those present were very anxious every effort should be put forth to arouse more enthusiasm and a deeper interest in Sunday school work, improve on past methods, thereby bring a larger number under religious teaching and secure the best possible work in the Sunday schools of this county. To do this it was resolved to secure the services of a state worker and have him conduct a series of Sunday school institutes, bring out new ideas and talk up the more modern methods for the advancement of the work.

Arrangements for holding the institutes have since been completed, and will be held as follows: Naperville, April 20th; Downers Grove, 21st; Wheaton, 22nd; Wayne, 23rd; Itasca, 24th; Bloomingdale, 25th. These points have been selected as the most accessible to the greatest number of people. Warrenville, Big Woods, Lisle and Copenhagen friends are extended a hearty invitation to come to Naperville; Hinsdale, Lacey and Cass people to Downers Grove; West Chicago and Glen Ellyn to Wheaton, etc., at which places they will be welcomed and given entertainment.

It is hoped that all, whether members of a Sunday school or not, will make it their business to attend and bring others with them. We want to see a full house at each session. Are you willing to work to this end? Then as superintendent and teacher, talk up the institutes to your scholars and friends. Mark well the dates and places. Talk about them. Pray much for their success. Come filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to participate. Let it be said of us all, that we have done what we could for the success of the meetings, for by so doing we shall be imbued with new zeal and enthusiasm, and carry away from the institutes and put into practice some idea or thought that will help the work of the Sunday schools of the county and thus someone's life.

Bring an offering for the State Sunday School association.

R. J. SLICK, Pres. DuPage Co. Sunday School Association. J. F. SMART, MISS HATTIE FLETCHER, PROF. WM. GREENWOOD, District Presidents.

CASS.

Choir meeting at J. F. Smart's.

Everyone is in hopes that the weather man will work up a warmer breeze.

A deputy of the Modern Woodman is endeavoring to organize a post in Cass.

Our teacher, F. W. Winbolt, moved in with Mr. Cleveland last week. Mr. Winbolt was elected justice of the peace and will remain with us next year.

Contract was made with Rev. McLaughlin to fill vacancy caused by the release of Rev. Sedwick. Rev. McLaughlin is a young man and full of life and if we rally around him we will have a good ending of the year.

Mr. Lamkin, of Chicago, moved on George Smart's place last week. Monday morning while driving a load of grain into the barn he was caught in the doorway and hurt quite badly. Dr. Tope was called in and he is doing well at last report.

OBITUARY.

Died, suddenly, of heart failure, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Reed, near Albion, Mich., on Thursday morning, April 8th, Mrs. Adella Stanley Smith, sister of D. C., John, L. W., E. O. Stanley, and Mrs. T. S. Rogers.

Mrs. Smith was born in Hartford, Pa., seventy-four years ago, and came with her parents, brothers and sisters to Downers Grove in 1885. She remained at or near home until her marriage to Elijah Smith in September, 1888. After a few years they moved to Albion. She survived her husband and seven children. Her daughter, Mrs. Reed, is the oldest and only one of her children left.

John Stanley, Mrs. Rogers, Comd. Smith, a granddaughter, and E. O. Stanley attended the funeral in Albion, Mich., last Saturday.

EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

Through tourist sleeping cars for California leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m. every Wednesday via the Burlington. These cars are in charge of a conductor who goes through to the end of the route looking after the comfort of passengers. For full particulars inquire of G. E. ...