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EAST GROVE HAS A BLAZE.

G. H. WHITNEY'S HOUSE BURNS THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

\$1,500 INSURANCE ON THE HOUSE.

The Furniture is Almost a Total Loss—Nothing of Value Being Saved—Fire was Under Control at One Time.

The suburb of East Grove up to the present time has received perhaps more than her share of fires, and last Thursday evening another blaze was added to the list.

The latest sacrifice to the devouring element was the home of Geo. H. Whitney, located about nine blocks north of the East Grove depot, which was completely destroyed, together with almost all its contents.

The fire originated in a peculiar manner. Mrs. Whitney had been using gasoline in cleaning furniture, and had also used some of the fluid on a bedstead, where the festive bug was supposed to have taken lodging uninvited. The work had been completed and Mrs. Whitney next turned her attention to warming the room. An oil stove was brought in and a match applied. The gas, generated from the gasoline she had been using, immediately exploded and the bed began to blaze in a dangerous manner. She called for help and then began the work of extinguishing the flames, which she finally accomplished, as she thought.

A telegram was sent to her husband in Chicago, and Dr. Gourley summoned to dress her hands which were severely burned in the attempt to smother the fire. Mr. Whitney arrived home about five o'clock and shortly after discovered such a strong smell of smoke that he instituted an investigation and found fire raging in the partition of the bedroom, where gasoline had also been used in the cracks to remove the bugs. Whitney hurriedly poured a pailful of water where it would do the most good and called Mr. Lilljedahl, who conducts a small store about a block away, to his assistance. By this time the smoke in the house had become so dense that little could be done to combat the flames, and attention was directed to saving the furniture. It was also too late to accomplish much in this line, and besides a sewing machine, trunk and some wearing apparel nothing was saved.

Within an hour nothing remained of the homestead but a solitary brick chimney and a heap of ashes. Few in Downers Grove knew of the fire until the following morning on account of the remote situation of the house.

Owing to the direction of the wind the outbuildings were in no danger and escaped being food for the flames which made such short work of the house. The house was insured for \$1,500, but the furniture, which was covered by a policy for \$1,000 up to a short time since, was a total loss.

WEDDED FIFTY YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wells celebrated their golden wedding Thursday, May 20. Friends and relatives were present from Canton, O., Evanston, Chicago, Elgin and Downers Grove, Ill. There were appropriate gifts for the occasion, including \$80 in gold.

Jesse Wells and Lemira Salisbury were married at Mt. Morris, Ill., May 20, 1847, by Judge W. C. Salisbury, brother of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have resided at Freeport and Warren, Ill.; seven years in Iowa, and six years at Maryville, Mo. For the past six years their home has been at Downers Grove, where they have a goodly number of warm friends who congratulate them on having completed fifty years of married life, and wish for them such prosperity and blessing for the remainder of their lives as their worthy characters so richly deserve. Those who were present:

From Chicago: Mr. and Mrs. Nate Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Akely, Miss Marie Akely, Master Nate Salisbury Akely, Mrs. Martha Bowles, Misses Ethel and Enid Bowles, Mrs. Mary Baker. From Evanston: Paul Clendenning. From Elgin: Mrs. Olive Clendenning, Mrs. Jessie Clendenning, Mrs. A. R. McGilley. Mrs. I. G. Wells, Canton, O. From Downers Grove: Rev. and Mrs. Truman R. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Tenney, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Aford, Miss Etta Aford and Master Fred Aford.

A NEAT WINDOW DISPLAY.

W. S. Carpenter has a strikingly clever window display, advertising a popular tonic. The central design consists of a plaster paris sphere, representing the earth, showing the western hemisphere, upon which is mounted a huge bottle of the preparation labeled "Best on earth," while the remainder of the window is filled with bottles of the tonic, arranged in neat design. As a background, an American flag is artistically draped. The manufacturer of the preparation offer a series of prizes for the best window designs made with their goods and H. H. Hubbard, the artist, hopes to secure one.

THE MAY PARTY.

Baptist Young Peoples' Society Have a Merry Party at J. W. Worley's.

Last Thursday evening a goodly number of the membership and friends of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union were seen wending their way toward the east, laden with baskets evidently filled with good things for the inner man—and woman. Beautiful baskets, they; large and otherwise appropriate for the scene to which they were being taken. Had some of the "Weary Wilies" who travel along the Q tracks realized what was going on right under their very nostrils, no end would there have been to the tears they shed. All roads seemed to lead to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Worley, where, it was learned, a May party was in progress—hence the baskets.

From eight until twelve, not one minute was spent otherwise than in having a delightful time. That it was held at Worley's is sufficient guarantee for that fact. If any one part was any more enjoyable than another, the selling and emptying of the baskets was that part. The chairman of the social committee with eyes, as usual, larger than that of other very important portion of his anatomy, went in for quantity, while Charles Wells, in his modest way, sought quality in the smallest basket; but these gentlemen, and all others as well, were delighted in finding that they had secured both quality and quantity in their purchases.

The happy winner for having the most prettily trimmed basket was Miss Flora Worley, who, as a result, will occupy one of two prominent seats at the May Festival concert at the Chicago Auditorium, May 28th. Lee Stanley, after some heavy bidding, secured this basket, not knowing until after the purchase was made, that it was the prize winner. Whether or not Lee is to occupy the other one of the two prominent seats at the Auditorium, is not for others than the two to say.

Some of the older members seem to have been frightened out by the cold wave which struck the town in the afternoon. Of course, they are extremely sorry now that they realize what they missed; but an "Old Folks Social" will be given very soon, when they can make up for lost time.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK PROGRAM

The program for the sixteenth annual commencement week in the Downers Grove public schools has been arranged as regards dates and is as follows:

Sunday evening, June 5th, Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. T. R. Green in the Methodist church.

Tuesday evening, June 8th, Eighth grade class exercises at Baptist church.

Wednesday, June 9th, closing exercises in the schools.

Thursday evening, June 10th, High school commencement in the Methodist church. The senior class this year is a large one, numbering fourteen. A list of the names of the graduates, and the programs of the various exercises of commencement week will be published next week. As yet they are incomplete.

SENT TO JOLIET.

Clifford Rogers, who stole Meisinger's horses near Naperville last fall, made his last play on the checker board at the session of the circuit court last week, for the sympathy of the court. He was arraigned for sentence and when asked what he had to say, stated that he was not fairly treated in his trial, as his partner had confessed taking the horses. He also said he was afflicted with consumption and had hemorrhages, and that if sent to Joliet would never get out alive. The sympathy was not forthcoming and Judge Upton sentenced him to Joliet. Rogers is a smooth bird and it is not his first attempt to elude the confining influence of prison bars.

LISLE NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Teel led prayer meeting Sunday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haumeser, a son.

Mr. Davenport is enjoying a very pleasant visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Lacey.

Mrs. Henke who has been visiting at the home of her brother, Mrs. R. Giesler, returned to the city Sunday.

Prof. Morgan was a very welcome visitor at our school one day last week.

An entertainment will be given Friday evening, June 4th, at the Lisle Congregational church by the pupils of our school. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged for the benefit of a library fund. Everyone will be cordially welcome.

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

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

New potatoes are in town. White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page.

Miss Jennie Lyman returned from the east Tuesday.

Thompson's fruits and vegetables are always fresh and nice.

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

Mrs. D. G. Graham and daughter Edith visited in the city Tuesday.

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

We have a few good bargains to offer in second hand gasoline stoves. Mertz & Mochele.

V. Fredenhagen attended to his land interests under North Barbers Corners way Wednesday.

A nice variety of bedding plants for sale at wholesale prices at C. S. Foote's greenhouses.

Thompson is furnishing wheelmen with a nice bicycle shoe at a very moderate price.

There is a rumor of a wedding on Main street, some time during June—the month of roses.

Don't fail to call and get our prices on refrigerators and ice chests before buying elsewhere. Mertz & Mochele.

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

Prof. Morgan informs us that owing to memorial services being held there will be no teachers' examination at Wheaton Saturday.

W. W. S. Alden and family have returned from Star City, Ind., to make their home again in Downers. They occupy their residence on Gilbert avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole, with their daughter Clara, spent Tuesday night with her parents, on their return from Dubuque, Iowa, to their home in Ottawa.

Mrs. Gage, mother of Mrs. C. A. McCotter, left last Friday for Belding and Iowa, Mich., where she will visit relatives during the summer. Mrs. McCotter has a cousin from Iowa with her.

The ladies of St. Paul's German Evangelical church have closed the negotiations for the purchase of the Bush property in the rear of the Auditorium on Grove street. Building operations will begin shortly.

Thirty-five cents worth of wall paper cleaner and a little elbow grease will clean the wall paper of an ordinary sized room as clean as when new. You can find the former at Carpenter's Central block drug store.

Mrs. Schultz of Kankakee visited here last week with her sister, Mrs. Henry Spiegler. They both left Tuesday for Fairmont, Minn., to visit another sister who resides there.

The Fortnightly club will meet Tuesday evening, June 1st, at 8 o'clock in the Congregational church. An interesting program appropriate to Memorial Day has been prepared. All members and friends are urged to be present.

Last Friday night the Boys' Brigade were presented with a handsome flag by several young ladies of the Congregational Sunday school. Needless to say the boys were greatly pleased and encouraged by this mark of appreciation and gave three rousing cheers for the donors, Mrs. F. E. Mayer's class of young ladies.

The meeting of the Royal League on next Tuesday evening will probably be the most important held since the organization of Victory Council. A committee is to report resolutions respecting the coming change in assessment rates. All members should be present, without exception, to learn the opinions on both sides, and vote according to their convictions.

A century-old spinning wheel adorns one of the show windows of Nash Bros. store, and proves quite an attraction to lovers of the antique. The wheel was the property of Grandfather Nash at Cadiz, Ohio, and was brought out by Mrs. Jno. Nash when returning from her visit there. The wheel is substantially made of oak, and is in an excellent state of preservation, although it is black with age. It is valued highly by its possessors.

The concert given in aid of St. Joseph's Catholic church at the Auditorium last Thursday evening was quite well attended and a considerable sum was realized therefrom—about \$100. Of the entertainment it may be said each one did well. The solos of Misses Harrington of LaGrange and McCarty of Downers Grove were especially pleasing, as was also the work of the members of the male quartette. The concert concluded with an informal dance.

National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. The street sprinkler is on deck again. Decoration Day was established in 1868.

Baptist's fine bakery goods to be had only at Mary S. Diener's.

Wall paper cleaner at Carpenter's Central block drug store.

Mrs. McNaught and son George spent Sunday and Monday in Lockport.

Miss Belle Lyman visited with relatives at Morgan Park over Sunday.

Get your lawn fertilizer and easy running lawn mowers at Brode & Co.'s. E. Wootton has been a victim of neuralgia for a week past, but is better again.

A nice variety of bedding plants for sale at wholesale prices at C. S. Foote's greenhouses.

Summer fabrics for the ladies' shirt-waists in many pleasing patterns at Thompson's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley went to Ottawa to-day for a visit. They will be gone a week.

Mrs. John Egan of Geneva Lake, Wis., is visiting her niece, Mrs. L. W. Stanley, this week.

Light underwear season is at hand. Thompson has the better grade goods at the bargain prices.

Craig's Pennsylvania gasoline burns best, burns longest and is more economical. Try a can. 74 degrees test.

Do not fail to attend the "Peake Sisters' entertainment at L. O. O. F. hall this Thursday evening. Only 15 cents admission.

Sidney Coolag and G. H. Bremner, traveling passenger agent and surveyor respectively, of the Burlington route, were here Tuesday.

Thompson continues to supply the ladies and misses with those elegant shoes he received this season. The Oxford laces are especially dainty.

Good four panel 14 inch screen doors all sizes at 75 cents each. Fancy screen doors in different designs, all sizes at \$1.40 each at Mertz and Mochele.

Refrigerators at Hughes & Gallups. Don't try to buy them at a lower price elsewhere, because you can't. You can see them at the office. Just call.

I have a good improved Texas farm to exchange for Downers Grove residence property. The farm is under good cultivation, rents for cash rental, and has been occupied by the same tenant for a number of years. D. G. Graham.

That lawn of yours will soon need your careful attention. If you are not supplied with a lawn mower we would like to call your attention to those we are handling. We have them ranging in price from \$2.25 to \$5.50. Mertz & Mochele.

The regular business meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the home of Jessie Bryce, Tuesday evening June 1st. Important business is to come before the League, therefore it is desired that every member be present. Social hour at close.

An illustrated pamphlet has recently been published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., giving complete information about the farm lands of Nebraska. Copies may be had without charge upon application to P. S. Eustis, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

The services at the Congregational church Sunday, Decoration Day, will be of a patriotic nature. Prof. N. W. McLain, now connected with Berea college, Kentucky, will speak on "Christian Education and Industrial Training, the Solution of the Southern Problem." Everyone not attending services elsewhere, is cordially invited to hear this patriotic address.

We are under special obligations to Miss Rose Paige and Mrs. W. H. Goltisch (nee Tillie Hoffer) for recent copies of the Los Angeles Times containing interesting accounts of the "La Fiesta" Carnival and celebration there. These good friends are highly pleased with Los Angeles and we are glad to know that they do not lose interest in Downers Grove and the friends here who hold them in such pleasant remembrance.

Jacob Klein, Jr., does not confine his purchases entirely to live stock. He has just closed a deal for the home farm, 80 acres, for which he paid his father \$10,000—the highest price per acre for farm property we have heard of in DuPage county. He has also bought the Delbert Oldfield place on south Main street. He will probably build on it in the near future, but does not as yet contemplate moving into the village, although he will retire from farming himself, and rent his land.

NEW BURLINGTON TRAIN.

The St. Paul Flier the Finest that Travels the Rails in America.

The Burlington Route is evidently fired with the ambition to win the reputation of running the finest passenger trains in the west if not the world.

Their latest and crowning effort is the through fast train to St. Paul and Minneapolis on the Burlington and Northern. This train made its initial trip Monday evening in a test run from Chicago to Downers Grove and return, and was admired here by quite a crowd of people. Conductor John Holden had charge of the train, with Sam Ambrose acting in the capacity of brakeman.

Eight cars compose the train, viz: A baggage car, three chair cars, a dining car and three sleepers, all entirely new and furnished in the most elaborate and expensive style. Lighted with electricity and vestibuled to the full width of the cars, the train is a magnificent specimen of the car builder's art and a paragon of luxuriousness.

The cars are heated with steam, and elaborate lavatories and dressing rooms are found in each coach.

The regular run was commenced Tuesday evening, leaving Chicago at 6:30 p. m., arriving at Minneapolis at 8:25 the following morning.

This is undoubtedly the most superbly equipped train that has ever run over western tracks and it is claimed that it is even surpasses the celebrated rolling palaces on the eastern roads.

SERVICES MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

The Grand Army post fittingly observed Memorial Sunday in the time honored custom, which is ever new and appropriate. The services were held in the Auditorium and fully five hundred people assembled to pay tribute to the blessed memory of the departed heroes, who laid down their lives that their country might live.

The comrades of Naper post assembled in their hall at 2 o'clock and at 3 o'clock, escorted by the Boys' Brigade, marched to the Auditorium, when the exercises began. Special music was furnished by a selected double quartette, and Mrs. Beddell Cole and Arthur Holt each gave solos. Rev. Truman R. Green read a scriptural lesson. He was followed by Rev. H. H. Rood who invoked the Divine blessing. Rev. Geo. C. Moor delivered the address, which was a stirring and patriotic eulogy, laudatory to the sacrifices of the brave "boys in blue" whose memory is so dear to all loyal citizens, and by these services is kept ever green.

Following the services the post adjourned to their hall, where thanks were tendered the Boys' Brigade by Commander Rogers on behalf of the post, after which they dispersed.

AFTER CONFIDENCE GANG.

Mrs. Mary John of Schularz avenue Grossdale, was here Friday looking for a band of gypsies who had burcued her out of a lot of valuables. In exchange for pretending to show her where money was buried on her property there. The band had encamped in the street near her house, and consisted of two women and four men who gave the name of Smith. They demanded and received for imparting the information of where the supposed money was buried, \$2 in money, besides two comforters, sheet, pillow cases, table cloths and dresses. It seems that Mrs. John's husband, who died some six years ago, had told her he had buried money on the premises, but she had never been able to locate it. Hence her belief in the gypsies representations. When gypsies had secured her valuables they decamped without imparting the desired information. The band was later seen in this vicinity, and Mrs. John had followed them hoping to recover her property. D. J. Block, who is a friend of Mrs. John's thinks from the descriptions that the parties are members of the Henry street gang in the city.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Friday was an unlucky day for Gary Wallace. He was hauling crushed gravel for the improvement of Maple avenue, and drove up to the fountain at the bank corner to water his team of colts. While he was walking out on the wagon tongue to uncheck them they became frightened and wheeling started to run west on Curtiss street, scattering gravel indiscriminately for some distance before they were under control. Mr. Wallace in the meantime performing some daring feats of bareback riding. Later in the morning, while loading his wagon with stone at the side track, a freight train bumped into his vehicle, and smashed it up to some extent. The damages sustained were inconsiderable, but hereafter Mr. Wallace will be a firm believer in the popular superstition of Friday being an unlucky day.

HONOR FALLEN COMRADES.

G. A. R. WILL OBSERVE THE DAY DEDICATED TO THEIR DEAD.

MONDAY'S MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM.

Beautiful Ceremonies to Mark the Observance of This Sacred Holiday—Col. Frank Beddle the Orator.

Naper post, Grand Army of the Republic, will observe Monday, May 31st, as Memorial day, instead of Saturday as announced last week. This is on account of Monday being the legal holiday recognized, and also conforming to the observance of the day by other posts throughout the state.

The observance of the day here begins with the decoration of the dead comrades' graves in the cemeteries with flowers by the committee of ladies. At nine o'clock the members of the post will meet in their hall and march to the depot where they will leave for Hinsdale on the 9:10 a. m. train. At Hinsdale they will be met by members of the post there, and escorted by Bacon's band will march to the cemetery at Fullersburg, where the Grand Army services will be held. Returning to Downers Grove at 12:07 the post will be served with dinner at the Miller Hotel.

In the afternoon the parade will form at 2 o'clock. It will be composed of Naper post, Bacon's band, the Boy's Brigade, and other civic societies of Downers Grove and Hinsdale. After a short march the parade will proceed to cemetery, where the soldiers' monument will be decorated with usual impressive ceremonies. Following the services at the cemetery the procession will march to the Auditorium, where the address will be delivered by Colonel Frank Beddle. Special and appropriate music will be a feature. After these services the post will adjourn to their hall where the exercises of the day will conclude with short speeches by the comrades and friends.

All civic societies and school children are especially requested to participate in the observance of the day.

On Sunday May 30th, by special invitation, Naper post will attend special services at Hinsdale, where Dr. Johnson will address them. They will leave on the 9:28 o'clock train Sunday morning.

MRS. SARAH E. TYLOR.

Mr. Sarah E. Tylor, wife of Joseph H. Tylor, died at the family residence on Oakwood avenue, at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, May 26th, of Bright's disease, superinduced by an operation performed Monday to remove a tumor. Mrs. Tylor had been seriously ill but a short time.

About a year ago she had undergone an operation to remove her trouble, at St. Luke's hospital in the city, and the doctors considered her permanently cured. Less than two weeks ago alarming symptoms again showed the presence of the old trouble. Sunday she had grown worse to such an extent that another operation was decided upon as being the only chance to save her life. This was performed successfully Monday by her physicians, after consultation. As is usual with cases of this character, Bright's disease developed, which she was in no way able to combat after her intense suffering. She gradually grew weaker until the end.

A husband and one child, a boy, about ten years of age, are left to mourn a tender loving wife and mother.

The funeral will be held this afternoon. A short service will be held at the house at 1:30 and at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the pastor of the Friends church from Clarendon Hills, assisted by the local pastors. Interment will be made in the West cemetery.

Mrs. Tylor was born near Waynesville, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1837. In early life she joined the Methodist church, of which denomination her father was a local preacher. On August 8, 1868, she was united in marriage to Joseph S. Tylor of Richmond, Ind., and before many years she and her infant son, Charles Henry, were received into the membership of the Society of Friends, of which her husband was then a member. Coming to Chicago in 1880 the family lived in that city for three years, moving to Hinsdale and finally to this village. Possessing an unselfish loving spirit, she had an abiding trust in the Savior and was patient in the most acute suffering, falling asleep in the full of joy and peace.

DOG TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the annual dog tax is now due and must be paid on or before the 1st of all dogs not licensed. The time will be short. The tax is \$1.00 per dog.