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ALL READY TO CELEBRATE.

COMMITTEES HAVE MADE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FOURTH.

DOWNERS VS. HINSDALE BALL GAME.

Three Bicycle Races Occur at Ten O'clock—Ball Game and Tennis in the Afternoon—Fireworks at Dark.

The program arranged for the celebration in Downers Grove Monday, has been completed, and while not nearly so elaborate as last year, will furnish plenty of amusement for those present. The Downers Grove Cycle club have the arrangement of the bicycle races which occur between ten and eleven o'clock. They will consist of a five mile race, a two-mile race and a half-mile event. There will be no entry fee charged in any of the races. The five mile race will be run over the south Main Street course, and the short distance races will be run over the Maple avenue course. Many entries have already been made, including several abroad, and this part of the program will be decidedly interesting.

In the bicycle races the start and finish will be made at the corner of Maple ave. and Main street. W. E. Farrar is arranging the handicaps, with whom all entries must be made before Saturday. In half mile race the first prize will be a Gordon saddle, second prize, foot pump. Two mile race, 1st prize, 1 pair cycle shoes; 2nd prize, good belt; five mile race, 1st prize, search light lamp; 2nd prize, good cap; time prize, pair Bradenburg pedals.

During the morning a series of tennis singles and doubles will be played on the north side tennis courts. Some really good playing is anticipated. This feature of the celebration is under the auspices of the tennis club.

At three o'clock, in Downers' ball park, the Downers Grove and Hinsdale ball teams will cross bats for a purse of money. Both teams are putting in every spare moment in practice and their captains promise an exceptionally good game.

In the evening will occur the, to many, most pleasing feature of the day's observance—the grand display of fireworks, at the corner of Main and Franklin streets, where a stand will be erected for their discharge. The committee having this feature in charge, is composed of Guy L. Bush, A. E. Courtright and Dr. Kennison, who, by the way, had charge of the same department last year, and gave such general satisfaction, and which is a sufficient guarantee that this year's display will be exceptionally fine, provided the weather conditions are favorable.

In addition to the events enumerated other places of attraction which will claim attention from many parties of patriotic pleasure seeking picnickers, are the shady depths of the woods, many merry parties will seek these cool retreats, armed with swings, hammocks and the inevitable cracker, and laden with well filled baskets, thoroughly enjoy the nation's holiday.

WILL ACCEPT THE COURT HOUSE.

At ten o'clock today in Wheaton will occur the July session of the Board of Supervisors, at which time the newly constructed county court house will be accepted from the contractors, Chas. A. Moses & Co. The press of the county has been invited to attend, and a gala day is anticipated in honor of the event. Nearly every detail has been completed, with the exception of the furniture and a few minor affairs. It is expected that the county officers will be encoined in the new building by the first of August. That the county has such a splendid and well built structure is largely due to the efforts of Supervisor Blodgett of Downers Grove, who superintended its construction. It is an honor to the county.

ITEMS FROM CASS.

A small attendance Sunday. Mrs. Geo. Davy Jr. is entertaining her sister this week. Mr. Geo. Davy Sr. is under the Doctor's care. The trouble is Pleurisy. Bees are lively in Cass as swollen hands and faces can testify. Boys, leave them alone after this and they will leave you alone. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Madden and daughter of Chicago, were guests at J. W. Smart's over Sunday. The ex-elderman will take his family abroad soon. The Junior League met Sunday afternoon and carried their work through in a businesslike manner. An enjoyable hour was spent by the young folks. On June 29th and 30th and July 1, 2, and 3 the C. B. & Q. railway will sell tickets to San Francisco at \$25; to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo at \$12.50; to Salt Lake and Ogden at \$10. For full particulars inquire of G. H. Bunge, agent.

THREE KILLED AT TURNER.

Bad Smash-Up on the Northwestern Road Tuesday Night Injures Many.

Three dead and seventeen injured is the outcome of Tuesday night's collision at West Chicago, formerly Turner, between two Chicago & Northwestern trains filled with excursionists on their way to the Christian Endeavor convention at San Francisco.

This is the estimate given by Dr. H. W. Vanderhoff of Wheaton and Dr. T. G. Isherwood of West Chicago, who had been up all night looking after the wounded.

The dead are: John Gooding, Fond du Lac, Wis., Mrs. Shipman, Appleton, Wis., John R. Rode, New York city, a tramp.

The bodies of the three dead were removed early Wednesday morning to Wheaton by Coroner N. E. Matter. He called a jury, the names of the selected being: Chas. Fuller, S. R. Smith, Frank Hageman, Dr. C. S. Owen, W. W. Dewolf, and A. C. Schatz, all of Wheaton. The jury members viewed the bodies and then the inquest was adjourned until a later date, when the witnesses can be procured.

The accident, according to the officials of the road, was not due to a mistake of telegraph operators, as at first reported, but to confusion on the part of Charles Courtney, engineer of the last section of the Christian Endeavor train. This train left Chicago in nine sections of seven coaches each, the first one getting away at 11:35 o'clock. Sections 1 and 2 passed West Chicago safely. Section 3 stopped at the west water tank to take water. Section 4 stopped two blocks east of the depot. It was not only waiting for section 3 to pull out of the way, but also because section 5, which was following section 4, had on board a sleeping car conductor who had missed his section in Chicago and was following it up.

It was a rear-end collision, which the railroad officials now claim was caused by the airbrakes of the rear engine falling to work when the air was applied.

At the Springer house, West Chicago, where the most of the injured were taken, there are twenty or more passengers, some with cuts, bruises and sprains and others not injured, but too scared to continue their journey to San Francisco. The small frame hotel resembles a hospital and there is a litter of list and bandages and an odor of iodine, which reminds one of a surgical ward in such an institution.

On the whole, the people there are a cheerful lot and are thanking their lucky stars that it is not worse. The women even found a lot of fun in the mistakes made in the names in the list of injured printed in the early accounts, and laughed merrily when the types made them appear as Mrs. instead of Miss. The wounded at the Springer were all taken to Chicago early Wednesday morning and the others will follow. All that remains to tell of the unfortunate accident is a pile of wreckage.

IMPROVING THE PARK.

The improvement committee of the village board will be warmly commended for their action in improving and beautifying the depot park. This has long been an eye sore to residents and everyone will be glad something is at last being done. The fountain is being placed on the east side and the name mound will be restored; in addition to which the west end will be filled in and seats and benches placed therein. Beds of flowers will also add to the attractions of the park. A cement walk will be laid leading to the fountain. Why this has not been improved long before is a problem to many. Many of the older residents have an added interest in the park from the fact that the trees now furnishing such abundant shade were planted by them years ago, when the park was founded. Then nearly every resident planted one tree. They are right in thinking some care should be given the park.

Wednesday morning H. D. Judson, division superintendent of the Burlington, met with the village board and they went over the park and agreed upon certain improvements. The Burlington people will tile the ditch along the track and fill in same, after which the park will be newly sodded where needed and walks laid out. A driveway to the milk stand will also be built. Some of the dead evergreen trees will be felled. It is stated that the railroad company will also erect train sheds over the north platform. These improvements will be made at once.

PRESERVE YOUR MAGAZINES.

Bring your world's fair views, art reproductions, magazines, papers, etc., to the REPORTER office and have them preserved substantially to preserve them. First class work in cloth, library or full leather. Prices reasonable.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Mrs. Wm. Bateman is very sick. Additional local news on fifth page. Geo. Knox visited in Joliet over Monday.

Thos. Potter has a herd of 1500 spring chickens.

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

E. M. Gallup came over from Joliet and spent Sunday at home.

Allen Wheeler is giving his village property an extra coat of paint.

All the garden hose that Brode & Co. sell is guaranteed for one season.

Mrs. Vernon, of Ottawa, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Lancaster.

Mrs. A. R. Cole and daughter of Ottawa, visited her parents this week.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Glenn are attending a three days wedding in Chicago.

Elvin Saecher spent last Sunday with a cousin at the Presbyterian hospital in the city.

Dave Colville has been visiting relatives at South Bend and Mishawaka, Indiana.

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

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

G. W. Rulette, a real estate dealer in Chicago, looked up business interests here last Tuesday.

Beautify your lawn by using Darling's lawn fertilizer; 3 cts. per pound; at Mertz & Moehel.

Thirty members of the St. Andrews Episcopal Sunday School picnicked at Burlington Park yesterday.

Miss Bernice Bennett has passed the examination and will enter the high school at LaGrange next fall.

Woods & Non have packed the remainder of the Barnhart stock and will ship it to Albany, Wisconsin.

Art Ross, who has been living in the city for some time past, will again make his home in Downers Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Perrine are extremely happy over the arrival of a 10-pound boy at their home last evening.

Mertz & Moehel have just received another lot of granite ware direct from factory. Call and notice the very low prices.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ladies' Library association will be held in the library room Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Gertrude Chambers is attending the conservatory of music in LaGrange cultivating and perfecting her fine musical attainments.

Good four panel 1 1/2 inch screen doors all sizes at 75 cents each. Fancy screen doors in different designs, all sizes at \$1.40 each at Mertz and Moehel's.

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

Flags, hunting, fire crackers, torpedoes, pistols, caps, Roman candles, etc. Call and get our prices. We can save you money on this class of goods, at Nash Bros.

Mrs. McNaught has moved one door north of where she has been located so many years. She will be ready to accommodate her old customers with bakery goods and candies.

R. L. Godfrey and family of Annawa moved to Downers Grove this week to make their home. They will reside in the John Ward house in Straube's subdivision. Mr. Godfrey is connected with the postal service on the Burlington.

Dr. Thos. Rusk, the noted divine of Chicago, will speak on Abraham Lincoln at the Baptist church next Sunday evening. The mention of Dr. Rusk's name; coupled with that of the martyred president, ought to fill the church to overflowing.

The Baptist young people gave their monthly sociable, Tuesday evening at the home of Levi Mertz. The lawn was prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and a delightful evening was spent by the large number present. F. G. Rang furnished the refreshments.

Miss Lulu Bassweiler closed her third year's work in the school near Belmont, on Tuesday of this week, and yesterday she gave her pupils a lawn picnic at her home. They all had a rousing good time with games and fun of a variety of kinds. Miss Bassweiler goes to the state normal school at Bloomington in September, and Miss Ida Bryce will succeed her as teacher in the Belmont school.

National Light Oil at Nash Bros.

Crockery given away at Thompson's. Go to Mertz & Moehel's for croquet sets.

Lon E. Cole has been quite ill the past week.

Decorator Bryce has the job of painting the stand pipe.

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

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Graham were in the city Sunday afternoon.

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

Thompson's ice cream is the best. Bush & Simonson, agents.

Diedrich Lauing is cultivating a large crop of young ducks.

Prof. Bloom and family of Paxton, are here spending their vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash of Oneida, are visiting the Nash brothers and families here.

Get your lawn fertilizer and easy running lawn mowers at Brode & Co.'s.

U. G. Elliott has moved into one of the Oldfield cottages on South Footo street.

Louis Guenzel of Chicago transacted life insurance business in the Grove yesterday.

Miss Theresa Fisher of Granville, Ill., is spending the week with Misses Belle and Nellie Lyman.

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

Christ Dirks, a prominent business man from LaGrange, was in Downers Tuesday on his way to Plano.

For Rent—The Hobart property at the corner of Curtiss and Washington streets. Inquire of Levi Mertz.

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

Misses Belle and Nellie Lyman were present at the Wheaton college commencement exercises last Thursday.

Nine train loads of Christian Endeavorers enroute to San Francisco, passed through over the Burlington Tuesday night.

Mrs. F. A. Root left Tuesday for an extended visit with her mother in California. She will be absent for over a month.

J. B. Downer has an elegant new milk wagon, which comes near eclipsing all the others in the village. It is a beauty.

Mrs. D. D. Escher starts this evening for Leadville, Colo., for a prolonged stay. Elton Escher spent Sunday afternoon with his mother.

Regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League will be held at the home of Miss Anna Herring next Tuesday evening, July 2nd.

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

A cement sidewalk has been laid before the village property at the water works pumping station. Spikes & Salsberg of Aurora did the work.

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.

We are doing business under difficulties, but are truly "still in the ring," being totally surrounded. Our being unable to see out makes no difference; kindly look in. Bush & Simonson.

Mrs. David Fox, nee Mary Murphy, a former resident of Downers Grove, died at Wesley, Iowa, Tuesday, July 15th, after a lingering illness. She was buried in the Catholic cemetery at Algona, same state.

H. Burnside and family of Lake View were out Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. O. Swisher. Mr. Burnside is thinking of locating here. He has been an employe in the Chicago postoffice for fifteen years.

About a dozen members of the Evanston Avenue M. E. church, including the pastor and his wife, came out last Monday and were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Commons. The visitors were charmed with the appearance of our attractive village, and their visit and both entertainers and entertained passed a day of mutual enjoyment.

Mrs. Josephine Austin's spacious lawn accommodated a host of the members of the Eastern Star and their friends, last Thursday evening, despite the threatening weather. The organization referred to, gave a lawn social for the purpose of raising funds for the order. Ice-cream, berries and cake were served, and by this means a small sum was secured. A pleasant time was reported by those present.

DOWNERS GROVE WATER WORKS.

Last Report of Superintendent Presents Some Interesting Matter.

The condition of the Downers Grove water works system is of the very best. This is quite clearly shown by the last monthly report of Superintendent Fowler made at the June meeting of the board of trustees.

The report shows that there are seven and one-third miles of mains in operation. Sixty-nine fire hydrants furnish ample facilities for fighting conflagrations. During the past year the Lane place extension was laid, at a net cost of \$849.49. Another improvement was the purchase of the air compressor pump at a total cost of \$1788.96, including foundation and all connections. During the year sixty-two new taps have been made, which brings the total number of consumers up to 260.

During the year 20,523,078 gallons of water have been pumped to lower. To accomplish this 290 tons of coal were required, at \$1.89 per ton, making the coal item \$491.40. Other fixed expenses for unloading coal \$16.55; 1 bbl oil, \$32.40; 1 bbl compound, \$39.20; 17 lbs packing, \$17; waste, \$5; salary of superintendent, \$840, making the total expense of operating water works \$1,441.55. Deduct from this the profit on taps made by superintendent during year, \$305.04 leaves the net operating expenses of plant, \$1,136.51, or about 5 1/2 cents per thousand gallons pumped during the year.

The report also showed that there are along the water mains 105 houses that have not yet taken in water. Superintendent Fowler thinks fully seventy-five per cent. of this number will have connections made during the summer, and in addition all the new buildings erected this summer.

ROBBERED OF HIS CASH.

Alvin Schwartz of Naperville, Loss \$5,000 on a Confidence Game.

Alvin Schwartz, a well-to-do farmer living near Naperville, was Thursday swindled out of \$5,000 in cash by two strangers by means of the three card monte game. One of the men went to his home, and after stating that he wanted to buy a farm, said he knew nothing about land and induced Mr. Schwartz to go along to look at the place. On their way they were met by the second man, who innocently inquired the way to Naperville.

The meeting ended in a three card monte game, into which the men got Mr. Schwartz interested.

He finally went to town, drew \$5,000 out of the bank, and returned to win back some of the money already lost. Instead of playing the game, however, the money was put in a tin box and turned over to Mr. Schwartz for safe keeping until Friday, when the men were to return.

Friday morning Mr. Schwartz received a letter from the strangers saying they were glad that all the fools were not dead yet. In the box were found a heavy stone and a few worthless papers.

RAY B. WATERBURY MARRIES.

Last night in Ionia, Mich., occurred the marriage of Ray B. Waterbury, Downers Grove, and Miss Lullie Morrison of the former place. They will come to Downers Grove today and go to housekeeping in the Daily cottage on the south shore of the lake, which has been prepared for their reception. Mr. Waterbury has been a resident of the village for the past two years and is manager of the Burlington suburban news service. His many friends join the REPORTER in extending good wishes.

The heart of the Downers Grove small boy was made glad Saturday by the advent of an old time caravan circus. The band played, the trained dogs and horses performed, the clown sprung his ancient gags, and the tent echoed the shouts of applause when the trapeze man made his dive just as in our childhood days, when we used to creep barefooted under the flap of the tent, only to be collared by the husky canvassman and fired into outer darkness.

Residents in the vicinity are complaining of being seriously annoyed by boys and even men bathing in the lake. There is an ordinance that visits a severe penalty for such indecent exposure, as well as for the obnoxious language that is alleged to be used, and if complainants present their case properly in court the violators will become suddenly and seriously tired of such amusement.

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 the passengers. For full particulars inquire of G. H. Bunge, Agent.

PLAY BALL LIKE INFANTS.

DOWNERS DEFEATS HINSDALE BY SCORE OF 17 TO 7.

FRED ALLEN IS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Old Timers Again Play Ball—But Game is Entirely Devoid of Good Features Heavy Hitting in Abundance.

All the base ball enthusiasts of the village who had courage enough to brave the heat, gathered at E. E. Downer's ball park on the north side, Saturday, supposedly to witness a base ball game. In this were cruelly disappointed, but a very interesting exhibition of vacant-lot-scrub was put up by the boys who wear the maroon, assisted by the Hinsdale aggregation.

The game as a whole resembled one of your Uncle Anson's efforts in pennant winning. The score, 17 to 7, gives to Downers Grove an apparent superiority which is entirely undeserved. We regret to say our boys played like ice wagons and exhibited none of the trolly car snap which has heretofore characterized their base running and fly chasing efforts.

The diamond looked like an old settlers' reunion. The familiar faces of Van, Hess and Townsend loomed up as in the good old days when we were young. Will Blodgett, veteran ball-player of the Downers Grove team, lit on the horse-hide with some of his youthful vigor, and rested up on the stake where second base is supposed to be. Eddie Graves caught one "just where he wanted it" and rolled to third with a sweet smile of satisfaction curling his moustache and threatening his ears.

Hinsdale had no trouble in finding the ball, but failed to buntch their hits. They were further handicapped by the disabling of Shortstop Allen, one of their best players, in the third inning, by a collision with Duncan, the Hinsdale catcher.

As before stated Downers Grove won out not so much through its own superior playing, but through the errors of the boys from the east. The home nine, if they wish to come out victorious July 5th, will need to get out and play a better game than they did Saturday.

Account of the melee is attached just to show what a rocky game it was:

Hinsdale	A. B. R.	P. O. A.	E. R. H.			
F. Allen, shortstop	2	1	3	1	1	2
Geo. Anstrom, same	2	0	0	1	2	0
Fred VanLingen, 2nd	2	1	2	1	2	1
A. Brown, 2nd base	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wm. Hess, center field	4	1	0	0	1	0
Will Schmidt, 1st base	4	1	0	1	3	2
N. Hollander, left base	4	1	1	0	1	2
Jack Duncan, catcher	2	1	0	0	0	0
M. Townsend, pitcher	3	0	0	0	0	0
W. Hess, right field	3	1	0	0	0	2
L. Webster, left field	3	0	0	0	0	0

Downers Grove	A. B. R.	P. O. A.	E. R. H.			
E. South, catcher	4	2	0	2	0	2
C. E. Graves, 2nd base	4	2	0	2	0	2
H. M. Bateman, p. c. f.	2	0	0	0	0	0
J. W. Graves, p. c. f.	4	2	0	4	1	0
E. H. Huntington, 1st b.	4	1	0	0	0	0
C. Huntington, short	4	1	1	2	0	2
H. V. New, 1st base	4	2	1	0	2	2
W. H. Blodgett, left field	4	0	0	0	0	1
Leon Schofield, right f.	2	0	1	0	1	1
Downers Grove	3	2	4	7	17	17
Hinsdale	3	2	0	1	7	7

Struck out by Graves 5; by Bateman 4; Townsend 5; umpire Davis and Wolfmeyer Darity.

A GOOD IMPROVEMENT.

Albert H. Watten is making extensive improvements on his residence property on Maple avenue in the line of concrete walks, grading, etc. He is also setting a good example to others in putting in curbing and grass-plant, and trimming up the majestic maples along the line of the walk. This is a matter that could be adopted by other property holders with great benefit. Trimming and beautifying the shade trees and grading and curbing along the line of the street improves the property a hundred per cent. either for residence purposes or enhancing the value with a view to selling.

NATHANIEL CRAMPTON DEAD.

Nathaniel Crampton, one of the earliest pioneers of Illinois, died at Naperville Friday morning after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Crampton was born in Guilford, Conn., in March, 1814. He came to Illinois in 1836, locating at Naperville, where he resided until his death. Mr. Crampton, although never an office-seeker, has held numerous local political positions.

A THOROUGH CURE.

Following is a very flattering testimonial of Dr. Ayer's remedy for the drink habit, of which A. M. Coran is agent in Downers Grove:

Vermillion, S. D., June 16, 1897.

M. H. Farmer, Chicago:

Dear Sir—My brother had been drinking hard for years. He had tried every remedy known to man, but failed of the appetite for food, and his health was so bad that he was unable to do any work.

He has now recovered his health and is able to do his usual work. He is now a healthy man and is able to do his usual work. He is now a healthy man and is able to do his usual work.

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