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## DAMAGED BY HAIL STORM.

### MONDAY'S STORM DEVASTATES THE COUNTRY SOUTH.

### MANY FIELDS OF GRAIN ARE RUINED.

Corn fields are blown and beaten down and window lights smashed—Hall homes as large as hen's eggs.

Downers Grove, Monday afternoon, experienced slight effects of a hard wind, rain and hail storm, which did considerable damage in the southern part of the county, and reached the fury of a cyclone almost in Aurora and through the southern part of Kane county. Here in the village, beyond breaking a few trees, no damage was done, though the rain fell in torrents, with a high wind accompaniment. The greatest damage done in this county was south of Naperville and on east to the county line.

Yes, the crop season is now so far advanced that the final results can be safely promised. Nevertheless the result is no less pleasing than the earlier prospective hopes of the most optimistic. In no line of agricultural production is it a light year and in most the yields are heavy. Hay has rarely flourished as it has this year. The abundant rains have given us a very unusual crop and hay is a more important crop than usually thought. The rates of the new tariff law thoroughly prove our farmers in this respect. The year's wheat crop is the second largest in the history of the country, running upwards of 500,000,000 bushels and well distributed over the country. The corn crop promises to be a very large one. The oat crop is also well above the average. All the minor crops are in promising form. The fruit crop generally promises good results. But these facts of large yield and good promise do not tell the whole story of prosperity. Prolific crops have been harvested before, but in some cases, have for want of consumption and demand, proven a burden rather than a blessing. In this township the severity of its duration, though it was sufficiently furious to nearly ruin the crops in its path. Trees were blown down, corn and other crops were leveled, and gardens and orchards everywhere present a devastated appearance. South of here the storm took almost the same path as that traversed by the cyclone last summer. Windows were smashed and many persons were seriously bruised from being out in the storm and pelted with the large hail stones. Cattle and horses in pastures especially suffered from this cause. The loss will be considerable.

## THE RAILROAD SITUATION.

The LaGrange Call, commenting on the transfer of interests in the new suburban electric railroad, is of the opinion that Chas. H. Yerkes, who is now in control of the road, is not favorable to missionary work in the way of new lines built with a view of inducing an increase of population, but rather of building where the population has already congregated, and therefore the towns to the west of LaGrange may have to wait a long time before they are supplied with electric facilities. Meanwhile the Burlington is deliberately studying the situation, and forming a conclusion as to the future of suburban traffic, and it is not unlikely will soon make some marked changes in their service. The feasibility of extending their dummy service to LaGrange from Riverside has been discussed in the inner circles and it is believed that such a change will be made in the near future and that the Downers Grove and Aurora service will be somewhat curtailed. Also that better time will be made from LaGrange in. The reduction of fares is a difficult problem to contend with, as a reduction to one point will necessitate a reduction all along the line.

## OFF FOR ST. JOSEPH.

To night on the 11:30 o'clock boat from Chicago will occur the third annual excursion of the Baptist choir to St. Joseph and Benton Harbor via the Graham & Morton line. The party will be made up of the members of the choir and friends to the number of about 60, and a grand good time is anticipated. The program for the trip while informal, includes a pleasing variety of diversions, including the moonlight rides on the lake both going and returning. Excursions and side trips are planned to Benton Harbor and the fruit farms adjoining that city and St. Joe. In addition there will be fishing, boating and bathing, and enough, in fact to fill twenty-four hours brim full of enjoyment. Returning the party expects to reach Chicago about 10:30 o'clock to-morrow night.

Call and see us before buying a blue flame oil stove. F. A. Brode & Co.

## THE PYTHIAN EXCURSION.

### A Delightful Time on the Whaleback to Milwaukee.

Nearly three hundred members of Juniata lodge of Hinsdale and Maple Grove lodge of Downers Grove including their wives, friends, and sweethearts, made the trip to Milwaukee yesterday on the whaleback steamship "Christopher Columbus." The party left at 9 o'clock from the Rush street bridge, Chicago, and from the time of leaving until returning the trip was a continual round of pleasure. On the boat boat music and dancing served to the hours all too quickly. In Milwaukee the parties took diverging paths and thoroughly took in the many points of interest in that pleasant city.

## THEIR TANDEM A "HOODOO."

Some time since Guy L. Bush and V. Simonson purchased a handsome Napoleon tandem cycle, and many were the pleasurable anticipations of long and pleasant rides, indulged in by these gentlemen. But that was before they had ridden the pesky thing on any considerable journey. They have since had good cause to believe their wheel is possessed of a "hoodoo." Some two weeks ago they rode to Lemont, on the return journey when about five miles from home the rear tire exploded with a report like a cannon, and a hole as large as your hand was torn in the inner tube. They walked home not having a repair outfit. Last Sunday the aforesaid gentlemen took a run to Aurora on the wheel. On the run home the rear tire again exploded near Eola and rent large holes in the tube. They were compelled to walk from Eola to Naperville and came home on the train from that city, tired and dusty. Yesterday Mr. Simonson invited C. V. Carpenter to attend him on the tandem for a spin to Naperville, thinking perhaps Mr. Bush was the "hoodoo" and the cause of their previous misfortunes. But the charm of a different rider did not work. Again the measly tire relieved its heavily charged interior by a terrific explosion, which tore out great chunks of rubber, and rendered the wheel useless. Again the wheelmen "hoofed" it to Naperville and brought the wreck home on the train. Since this last episode neither Mr. Bush nor Mr. Simonson can be induced to touch the vehicle. The tandem now stands in their place of business decorated with a large sign, "For sale cheap."

## A PROBLEM IN FINANCE.

A banker sauntering home for his dinner saw a \$10 bill lying on the curbstone. Of course, he picked it up and took the numbers in order to find the owner. While at home his wife remarked that the butcher had sent in a bill for meat amounting to \$10. The only money he had with him was the bill he had found, which he gave to her and she paid the butcher. The butcher paid it to a farmer for a calf and the farmer paid it to the merchant for groceries, who in turn paid it to the washer woman, and she, owing the banker a note of ten dollars, went to the bank and paid her note. The banker recognized the bill as the one he had found, and which up to that time had settled \$50 of debt. On a more careful examination he found that the bill was counterfeit. Now will some of our financial friends tell us what has been lost in this transaction and by whom, if any.

## FINALS IN TENNIS.

The semi-finals and finals in the "Q" suburban championship tournament will be played on next Saturday, Aug. 14th, at 3:15 p. m. The play will be even better than that on last Saturday, which was of a very high order. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend from Downers Grove. Refreshments will be served on the grounds at the following prices: Ice cream 5 and 10 cents. Ice cream and cake 10 and 15 cents. Cake 10 cents a plate. Lemonade 5 cents a glass. Carriages can drive on to the grounds so that the occupants can view the games without leaving their seats.

D. G. Graham and family will start for the west Saturday afternoon. They will be gone about ten days and will visit several places in the western country before they return. They expect to arrive home on the 24th. The exchange office will be closed during his absence. His docket will be left with Equire Mackie.

Elmer Escher received three medals—a gold, a silver and a bronze—the other day as prizes he had won in the field day exercises of Lewis Institute, held several weeks ago. The gold medal was won in the 320-yard sprinting event, and was first prize. The silver medal was second prize in the 100-yard sprint, and the bronze was for third place in the 50-yard dash.

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

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. Mrs. Givinger of East Grove is quite sick.

W. P. Mergenthal was a visitor here last week.

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

Alex Beidelman is working at his trade on a brick block at Naperville.

A. M. Cornelius and M. M. Parmar made a business trip to Lemont Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nash are spending a few weeks with relatives at Oenida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Oldfield drove up to the Grove and visited friends last Tuesday.

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

Rev. Thos. Bickford will preach in the Congregational church again next Sabbath morning.

\$2500 to loan for three years on gilt edge farm security in DuPage county. Apply to D. G. Graham.

The village board of trustees will hold an adjourned meeting next Monday evening, Aug. 16th.

Work in the third degree engaged the attention of the Old Fellows here last Monday evening.

Mrs. Vernon returned to her daughter's, Mrs. F. Lancaster's, from Crown point, Indiana, on Sunday.

Chas. Fox of Hinsdale, who had been quite ill with typhoid fever, died at his home Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock.

Grossdollar papers note the quite serious illness of Mrs. Herbert Moore, who formerly resided in Downers Grove.

I have a good spring wagon for sale, with both tongue and shafts. Will sell cheap. D. G. Graham.

Henry Plummer and wife of Wheaton visited over Sunday with Mrs. Plummer's uncle, J. W. Rogers, and family.

A. J. Thompson has been the victim of a hard cold the past week or so. He managed to attend to business as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Farrar with their children, are rusticated at Lake Zurich. E. W. Farrar spent Sunday with them.

Miss Mabel Knowles and Miss May Winston of Wheaton have been spending several days with Miss Lulu Rassewiler.

Mrs. A. B. Cole of Ottawa, arrived Tuesday to bring her daughters, Alice and Clara, for a week's visit with their grand parents.

C. C. Arnold, who does the marquetry work at Straube's piano factory, has been quite sick the past week. He is recovering at present.

A four-dial clock, with one bell, has been ordered from the Seth Thomas Clock company, to be placed in the court house; cost \$873.00.

The north and south side "kid" nines played a game of ball last week, which resulted in a victory for the south side boys—the score being 21 to 17.

The old reliable Etna fire insurance company has established a recording agency here. D. G. Graham will represent that company in this territory.

The newspapers inform us that late presidential candidate Bryan is learning the Spanish language. He adopted the Spanish style of walk last November.

Miss Nellie Carpenter has a cousin from Aurora visiting her, and Miss Lane, niece of Aurora, divides her time between her uncle's, D. K. Foote, and Mrs. Nellie's.

The Burlington Route officials have offered to supply coal for harvesting to any farmers along their lines who are unable to secure a supply, because of the great strike.

Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Hulp of Rogers Park, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Griewold of Parkside, and Mrs. L. S. Call of Lead City, So. Dakota, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hulp's brother, Hugh M. White.

In the compiling of the illustrated historical work on Hinsdale which Mr. Campbell is completing, an interesting, viz: who named Hinsdale? No one seems to know.

D. G. Graham has written lately large lines of fire insurance on some of the best business and residence buildings in the village. He has six companies, all with a world-wide reputation as to reliability and capital.

The REPOYER office was presented with a handsome vase of flowers this morning which has filled the entire office with delightful perfume and made the labors of the force a joyful pastime. The fragrant blossoms were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Craig.

National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. If you wish fence of any sort go to Brode's.

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

Chas. Mochel and family went on a short fishing excursion yesterday.

John Rutherford returned Tuesday from his extended visit in the west.

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

Walter Scott Bryan is entertaining his sister, Mrs. Gregory, of Jacksonville.

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

Miss Jessie Potter is spending several weeks with Miss Jennie Lyman, on Maple avenue.

Mr. Davis the oil man, has leased the Haas residence on Maple avenue and moved therein.

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sheaffer, of Ottawa, are spending the week with her sister, Mrs. McNaught.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wells entertained a number of friends from the city the latter part of last week.

The German Evangelical church people will hold their annual picnic at Lake in the near future.

Some of our young people indulged in a trolley pleasure excursion in the city last Saturday night.

Mrs. Thos. Lyman, with Mrs. E. O. Giddings and children, are taking their outing at a Wisconsin lake.

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

Mrs. Josephine Deppy, who has been visiting her son, Hugh M. White, left Tuesday evening for Minneapolis, Minn.

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

W. H. Colville will shortly move his grocery stock into the Hathaway building at the corner of Foote and Belmont avenues.

The Misses May and Fanny Consett have been spending a week with an aunt in Milwaukee. They will return home to-day.

Arrangements are being made for a series of cycle races to be held a week from next Saturday. Suitable prizes will be awarded.

Mrs. Emily Hadley of Galesburg visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers. She returned to her home yesterday.

The addition of the name plate to the depot park is a welcome improvement. Work on the filling and grading will follow as soon as practicable.

James Bailey, cashier of the First National Bank of Benton Harbor, Mich., visited last week with W. H. Edwards. He reports a poor peach crop this year.

A driveway of crushed stone an other improvements have added in beautifying the splendid residence property of David Kline on south Main street.

Mrs. Ida Patrick rode over from Wheaton last Sunday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers until Monday morning, when she continued her journey to Plainfield.

We notice that Capt. Rogers, member of state board of equalization, was placed on several important committees at their meeting in Springfield, last Monday. The right man in the right place.

John Oldfield attended the funeral of an old friend, Mr. Cooper, who was killed near Lemont last week, by his team running away. Mrs. Cooper was also badly injured and she is not expected to recover.

Steelets overcame the annoyance of breaking corset steels. Every lady should have a set of Madame Jenella's Corset Steelets. They come four in a set by mail. Price 25c. Steelett Manufacturing Co., 508, 189 Jackson St., Chicago.

The board of education at its last meeting voted to open the fall term of school on Monday, August 30th. Parents are requested to prepare their children for the beginning of the term and attend to the regulations concerning vaccinations, etc.

There is complaint that some of our village boys are deprecating in the way of robbing orchards and vines in the outskirts of town. This will be a subject of investigation in court unless stopped and then probably somebody's feelings will be lacerated.

## A BIT OF HISTORY.

### Concerning the Organization of the County and the County Seat Fight.

The following is an interesting scrap of history of this county, which was contained in the Illinoisian's write-up of the court house dedication last week:

DuPage county was organized February 9, 1839. The first boundary embraced the north half of two townships in Will county. An election was held in that portion of the two townships and the annexation was rejected by one vote. Had that election terminated the other way the county seat would have remained at Naperville.

Three commissioners selected Naperville as the county seat on June 17, 1839, and a quit-claim deed was executed to the county commissioners conveying the title of a piece of ground about four blocks square to the county. About \$5,000 was subscribed by the citizens of Naperville and vicinity for the erection of a court house, which was built in 1839.

In 1850 the township organization law was adopted and the first board of supervisors elected. The county buildings remained in statu quo for twenty years, nothing being done to improve their convenience and comfort, or to beautifying the grounds.

In 1858 the first election was held to see whether the county seat should not be moved to Wheaton, but was voted down. Ten years elapsed and the buildings and grounds remained the same. On the first Monday of June, 1867, another election was held which resulted in favor of removal. The election was a hotly contested one, and supreme court decisions were handed down before the justice portion was conveyed. The title to the grounds at Naperville were conveyed to that village free of charge, and have since been used for park purposes.

The ground here at Wheaton was donated and the citizens of this town and surroundings subscribed \$20,000 for the erection of a suitable building. A brick yard was in operation on the Hageman farm, west of town, and an extra force was put to work, with E. H. Gary as foreman, and enough pressed clay manufactured to erect the building which stood in Wheaton until about one year ago.

It will be seen by the above that a tax was never levied on the tax payers of the county for the erection or construction of a court house building. All work in the past has been done by voluntary subscriptions.

## DROWNED AT SOUTH CHICAGO.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gregory, and Thos. Drew, attended the funeral of their cousin, Roy Drew, at Chicago, last Wednesday. The South Chicago Press has the following concerning the young child's death:

Yesterday afternoon witnessed another sad accident at one of the smaller piers south of 79th street. Roy Drew, 9-year-old son of Robert Drew, pipeman of Engine Co. No. 72 of the Chicago fire department, in company with several other boys, none of whom were more than nine years of age, were bathing at 79th street. Roy dove from the pier and not reappearing immediately on the surface, his companions became alarmed and shouted for help. The high diver who performs at U. S. Troyer's bathing house, with other men, heard the cries and rushed to his aid. Not seeing the body come up again they took hold of hands and waded out. When about seventy-five feet from where the little fellow dove, the diver's foot touched the body. They pulled it up and brought it to shore. "Billy" Johnson, the life-saver of Windsor Beach, made heroic efforts to revive the boy, but life was extinct. Dr. Blackwood, of South Chicago, and Braummer, of Windsor Park, were called, but their efforts were of no avail as the body had been in the water about eighteen or twenty minutes before it was found. Mr. Johnson removed a large piece of sea-weed from the child's mouth. The doctors were undecided as to whether death was caused by strangulation or from cramps. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late home, 7933 Reynolds avenue, to Oakwoods.

## CAMP AT WARRENVILLE.

The Boy's Brigade of the Congregational church, left Monday morning for Warrenville where they will go into camp for a week and get their fill of enjoyment in fishing, boating, bathing, etc. The party is in charge of F. E. Mayer and is accompanied by several ladies who will attend to the culinary part of the excursion being well provided with all kinds of provisions, etc.

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

The fourth installment on special assessments No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and second installment on special assessment No. 5 are now due and payable to V. Simonson, Village Collector.

## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

### INTERESTING NOTES OF DUPAGE COUNTY HAPPENINGS.

### MATTERS AT WHEATON AND CASS.

Annual Old Settlers Reunion Held Saturday at West Chicago. Cass Gets the Bear End of a Severe Storm.

## WHEATON.

The annual reunion of the old settlers of the town of Bloomingdale, on the spacious grounds of John Neltner at West Chicago, Saturday, August 7th, was a grand success. About two hundred people were present and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The dinner furnished by voluntary contribution was one of the finest of its kind that was ever sat down to, and enough was left to have fed as many more. After dinner a majority of those present were grouped on the north side of Neltner's house, and a photograph of them was taken by Mills of Wheaton. The next reunion will be held at Bloomingdale the first Saturday in August, 1898. Those present from Wheaton were Messrs. and Mesdames A. A. Ingraham, Irving Ingraham, L. C. Brown, H. Ward Mills, Chet Plane, Wm. Blank, N. A. Lilley, Thomas Dumper, Peter Klock, Mesdames Geo. Chadwick and Loren Barnes. Messrs. H. Brown, Eddie Coe and sister, Benjamin Godfrey and niece, K. W. Gates, Wm. H. Johnson, P. W. Stacy.

The foundation walls of Mrs. Watson's new building on the ground where C. W. Watson shod horses and Wm. H. Johnson repaired wagons for nearly a quarter of a century, have commenced—a fine double brick—will be the home of the postoffice for at least five years.

The Illinoisian of last week says Prof. D. A. Straw cribbed his first mess of sweet corn this week and the writer stored it. Your correspondent cribbed his first mess over two weeks ago and stored it himself.

G. W. Spofford, wife and daughter and D. W. Mills were recent visitors of Mark Davis, the bachelor uncle of G. W. Davis of Downers Grove.

Chas. Watson is helping in Hiatt's Sons drug store while Lute and his mother are off on a trip around the lakes.

## CASS NEWS.

Choir practice Saturday evening. Rev. Schute spent a few days in the city this week.

Geo. Davey, Sr., was not so well Sunday but is reported to be improving at present.

The ice cream social was a success. There were about forty present. The program was short but interesting and did credit to our literary chairman, Miss Cora Heart. A good sum was realized by the League.

Something has had a terrible effect upon the good looks of one of our esteemed citizens. Either the spectacle of a white and black church steeple, or the hail storm, or something makes his face look pale and bare.

The next thing to a cyclone passed through Cass Monday. The clouds began to gather about noon in the west and they took a very threatening look. The storm seemed to approach rapidly and about fifteen minutes before it reached us a distinct roar was heard. This was soon found to be caused by hail, and hail it did. The oldest citizen does not remember such a storm. The worst of it lasted about five minutes and demolition was everywhere. G. B. Heart had fifty panes of glass broken; Mrs. Walters, forty, and so on along the way. Some fields of corn were totally destroyed. Cucumber and watermelon vines and garden truck were literally cut to pieces. But everybody breathes freely for it was not a cyclone.

At a meeting of the official board of the M. E. church, last Friday evening, it was unanimously voted that the bishop and his cabinet be urgently requested to return Rev. Truman R. Green to Downers Grove next year. Pastor Green has nearly completed his first year on this charge, and his labors have been eminently successful. He and his family are held in the highest esteem, not only by his parishioners, but also by the entire community.

At the last regular meeting of the village board it was voted to consider no claims against the village at the following meeting unless bills were handed in before the 25th of the month. Claimants will do well to bear this fact in mind, else their accounts will remain unpaid until the next monthly meeting following the one that bills are received.