

## DOWNERS GROVE SCHOOLS.

FALL TERM BEGAN MONDAY WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF 510.

### CHANGE IN HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

Indications Very Favorable for a Successful School Year—Our School the Best in the County.

The Downers Grove public schools opened Monday and started out with an enrollment of approximately 510 pupils all eager to begin the year's search for knowledge. The number enrolled are divided as follows: In the Maple avenue building 250 pupils, the lower rooms in this building being greatly overcrowded. In the north school there are 210 pupils and the remaining 50 will be accommodated in the branch school on Main street and begin next Monday. Of the number enrolled nearly 50 are new scholars in the primary departments. The number of pupils this year on the first day exceed that of last year by about 75.

The corps of teachers, headed by Prof. J. K. Rassweiler is the same as last year with but three exceptions and are assigned as follows:

- SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL.**
  - First Grade Primary... Miss Sadie Thompson
  - Second Grade... Miss Anna Patton
  - Third Grade... Miss Virginia Shultz
  - Fourth and Fifth Grades... Miss Jennie E. Goruca
  - Sixth and Seventh Grades... Miss Sara Holland
- SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL.**
  - First Grade Primary... Miss Agatha Sweet
  - Third and Fourth Grades... Miss Elizabeth Chatfield
  - Eighth Grade and High School... Miss Elsie Patterson
  - High School... Miss Edith L. Neal
  - Superintendent and Principal... Prof. J. K. Rassweiler
- BRANCH SCHOOL.**
  - Fourth and Fifth Grades... Miss Cassa B. Graves

The course of study adopted for the Downers Grove schools for this year's work is practically the same as the state course last year, with the exception that the high school English and scientific courses have both been changed from three to four years. The changes contemplated will entitle this school to be placed on the list of accredited schools of the country, and scholars completing the course and having received diplomas will be received in universities without examinations.

Considerable improvement has been made in the equipment of the high school laboratory, which is the best in the county with but one exception. Many new instruments have been purchased and this is almost solely through the efforts of the superintendent and pupils. Indeed during the past year the equipment of the laboratory has almost entirely been added to the high school with funds raised, by the pupils entertainments, and the work of installing same has been done by them, including cabinet making and plumbing, and is now in first class order. A large amount of new chemicals have been purchased and the chemistry classes will begin work this year under the laboratory method of teaching.

### THE POPULAR DOUGLAS SHOES.

There is no shoe made for men's wear that has attained a greater popularity than the celebrated W. L. Douglas shoe. The fact that they combine style and quality at a low price has given them universal indorsement. The manufacture of these shoes has made it possible for a man in the most ordinary circumstances to keep himself provided with footwear of as good style as the market affords—the extremely low price at which they are sold placing them within reach of all.

The only cheap quality in them however is the price; in all other respects they grade as high as any shoe in the market. Their lasting qualities have been fully tested and found to be unequalled. They are not only of good style when new, but retain their shape and excellent appearance until completely worn out—a very rare quality in even the highest priced shoes. They are sold in Downers Grove by Nash Bros. who have just received a new invoice of the various styles.

### 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.

## GIVE A PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.

Two Patients are Cured in Sight of an Audience at Thompson's Hall.

Dr. L. E. Ayres, the proprietor of Ayres One-Day Cure for Dipsomania gave a public demonstration of the curative powers and absolutely harmless properties of his medicine at Thompson's hall, Tuesday evening, before fifty invited guests. The patients were Clarence Warner and G. S. Miller of Hinsdale, the former under the influence of liquor at the time. Within one hour from the time the first dose was administered neither could be induced to touch a glass of whisky. Large quantities of the cure were purposely used to conclusively show that there were no harmful properties. Others who have been cured of the drink disease since the company was established here are Dennis Leahy, Geo. Sisson, Phillip Vogt, and Messrs. Davis, Clark and Stephens.

Every one of them are enthusiastic in praise of the treatment and cannot find language to express their gratitude. They are more like new converts who had religion—realizing they have a good thing and want everybody else needing it to experience the same good feeling, with changed lives and brighter futures.

Every one of these people were enabled to follow their usual avocations the next day as no hypodermic injections are given and no liquor is wanted after the first hour. The treatment consists wholly of medicine administered directly to the stomach. The normal appetite is restored and energy and vitality comes with the healthful condition. Ayres' One Day Cure, from all that is said of it is destined to take rank as one of the most beneficent discoveries of all ages. No time is lost at the institute, no expenses, no debility, no dimness of vision, no injections, no mental torture, no sore arms, no big prices, and yet the craving for alcoholic stimulants is guaranteed to be removed in twenty-four hours without any bad effects whatever.

Of course a tonic treatment is administered for a week or two to tone up the system, but the feature of the work is done in a very short time and with but little distress and inconvenience. The local company recently organized has entered a wide field of usefulness, and if human testimony is to be believed, they are doing all they claim to do. Though they have only begun their work, they have made a showing that speaks volumes for their efficiency.

### ROYAL LEAGUE PAYS PROMPTLY.

Mrs. H. H. Clark was the pleased recipient last week Wednesday of a warrant on the treasurer of the Royal League for four thousand dollars, the benefit due on the death of her husband. This payment was made just one week after receipt by the supreme council of proofs of death, and would have been yet sooner after Mr. Clark's decease had the laws of the order not required action at a regular meeting of the local council, the first one being two weeks from his death. Victory Council passed the following resolutions at its last meeting:

Resolved, that in his decease we lose from our midst one whose gentle and considerate nature endeared him to us as a true brother and set for us a bright and enduring example so long as life and memory lasts.

Resolved, that the scribe duly record these sentiments in our minutes and transmit a certified copy to the bereaved family.

### HARRY HIRAM CLARKE.

Harry Hiram Clarke was born in St. Louis, Mo., on February 5th, 1859, and died at his residence in Downers Grove on August 3rd, 1897. At a very early age he moved with his parents to Chicago where he lived until July 1st, 1891, when he moved with his family to Downers Grove. He built a cosy little home on the north side in which he lived until death called him.

He was married to Delia McDonald in Chicago, in the year 1888 and there was born to them three children, Raymond, Donald and Harold, all of which are left to mourn the loss of a most kind father.

The subject of this sketch was a great lover of nature and quite an artist, and the natural beauty of Downers Grove appealed to him strongly and he was very happy in his home where he could live so near to the woods and hills that he loved.

The best meat chopper for domestic use can be had at Brode & Co.'s.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. Second-hand stoves cheap at Brode & Co.'s.

Winslow Churchill is in quite feeble health now. Mrs. Kate Berner has been quite sick the past week.

Chris Dirks of LaGrange was in our village last Tuesday. H. H. Roberts of Chicago, visited at Eli Davenport's over Sunday.

B. F. Davis of Chicago, attended to his business interests here last Monday. Supervisor Blodgett came down from Wheaton and Sundayed with his family.

The death of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. W. Dietz occurred Tuesday.

Miss Martha Ruple of Plattsburgh, Neb., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. McNaught.

Jacob Klein, Jr., is building a large barn on his farm. Jacob Vix has the contract.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Waller and family of Oak Park, spent Friday with Mrs. A. C. Ducat.

Thompson has a full line of gent's and ladies' shoes in latest styles, guaranteed to fit.

A car load of slabs suitable for kindling wood at P. A. Lord & Co.'s, at reasonable rates.

Rev. Chas. Commons preached a very acceptable discourse at the Congregational church last Sabbath morning.

Rev. H. H. Reed returned from his vacation this week and occupies his pulpit next Sabbath morning and evening.

For Sale—An Overland ladies' cycle will be sold cheap. Call on Mrs. H. G. Hodler, corner Foote street and Gilbert avenue.

J. B. Moss returned to Morris last Monday. He expects to finish his contract there in September, when he will be "in our midst" again.

The associate editor and family enjoyed a delightful visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Walker in Plattsburgh, Neb., while in the west.

The Congregational church is having a much needed scrubbing this week, and with the new carpet purchased by the efforts of the ladies, will look as good as new again.

The business meeting of the Fort-nightly club will be held Monday evening, Sept. 13th, instead of Sept. 6th, as announced on the fifth page of this issue. Members will please note the change.

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

Mrs. Pattison's North Side school store has just received a fine assortment of first-class candies, also tablets of all kinds, school books and general school supplies. The patronage of the scholars is earnestly solicited.

Banner Rebekah lodge will give a bloomer lawn social at the home of Miss Susan Paul, Thursday, September 9th. Refreshments will be served and those who do not have bloomers will be furnished them on the grounds. Everybody welcome.

Don't forget the bloomer social Sept. 9th, at the residence of Henry Paul. All Rebekahs will appear in bloomers of the regulation colors, pink and green. Everybody else will take their choice. All are welcome. There will be bloomers for all, big and little, great and small.

Yesterday a change in the business of F. A. Brode & Co. was consummated. F. A. Brode and Eliza Ross having dissolved partnership and disposed of the hardware business to A. W. and L. D. Brode, who will continue that branch of the business under the name of the Brode Hardware Co. F. A. Brode will devote his exclusive attention to the lumber, coal and building material features of the business. The place of business will remain the same.

Last Friday a family party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Naramore, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley, Mrs. John Pinches, Miss Millie Howland, Mr. J. A. Richards, Mrs. Bartle, Miss Lucy Bartle and Gertrude Chambers, visited the drainage canal at Lemont, returning home through Willow Springs, Western Springs and Hinsdale. The day was nearly perfect and the ride a delightful one. On Saturday afternoon Judd Hobart, Mrs. Marsh, Miss Elizabeth Marsh and Miss Allie Stanley, took nearly the same route to visit the canal, only unfortunately they were delayed on the home trip by the storm.

Tin fruit cans at Brode & Co.'s. National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Thompson has reasonable fruits and vegetables.

Do not forget the bloomer lawn social Sept. 9th. Mr. Lathrop has returned from his Michigan trip.

A. Lister returned Monday from an extended visit in Wisconsin. Call and see us before buying a blue flame oil stove. F. A. Brode & Co.

Will exchange dentistry for hay or grain. Dr. Morrow, Dentist.

The P. A. Lord Lumber company is making a special price on kindling wood.

Rev. Thos. Bickford and family attended church services in the city last Sunday.

A nice variety of outing flannels in all the latest stripes and colors at Thompson's.

We have just received a new line of fall underwear. Prices very reasonable, at Thompson's.

Mrs. Brestead of Chicago, who formerly resided in Downers, visited with friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and Miss Clement of Chicago, visited over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Stanley and Mrs. T. S. Rogers are expected home from Columbus, Neb., this week.

I have a good place for a loan of \$1,000. Gift-edged real estate security. D. G. Graham.

Heavier underwear will soon be in demand. Better make your selections from Thompson's new and complete stock. All sizes.

Excursion to Princeton, Ill., Sept. 4th. Fare \$2 for the round trip. For particulars enquire of G. H. Bunge, agent C. B. and Q. railway.

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

Parties interested in the West Side cemetery wishing work done on their lots can make satisfactory arrangements for same by calling at Exchange office.

Walter Bartle came down last Saturday from Lake Geneva, where he has been spending the summer, and will visit this week with his uncle, W. C. Bartle, and family.

Capt. T. S. Rogers goes to Sycamore today to attend a reunion of his old regiment. The regiment will be invited to hold their reunion at Downers Grove next year.

Don't forget the bloomer lawn social at the residence of Henry Paul on the evening of September 9th, under the auspices of Banner Rebekah lodge. Everybody come. Bloomers for all.

E. C. Stanley received news Monday of the serious illness of his father-in-law, R. T. Davis, at his home in Galesburg. Mrs. Davis, who is nearly helpless from paralysis, is slightly better. Mrs. Stanley is still in Galesburg caring for her parents.

Mrs. Delia E. Clark would like to express her heartfelt thanks, through the columns of the REPORTER, to the many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown during her late husband's illness and at the time of his death. Also to the members of Victory Council for their attention, and to the Royal League for the prompt adjustment of her insurance.

Congressman Hopkins recently sent a letter to the state department making inquiry as to the condition of Lawrence M. Cottrell, who claims to have committed the Ott murder, reported in destitute circumstances and ill health at Madras. The department requested the consul general at London to secure transportation to that point for Cottrell, and if his condition was as reported to send him to this country. Cottrell was taken to London and was offered transportation to this country, but refused to be sent to New York.

Tuesday evening Mrs. F. E. Mayer was pleasantly surprised by her Sunday school class, who called in a body at her home on the North side and were welcomed and entertained in royal style. After refreshments a short program, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, was rendered. A gold Christian Endeavor pin was then presented to Mrs. Mayer with the compliments of the young ladies. Those present were: Misses May Palmer, Maud Robbins, Lucy Bartle, Lillian Bennett, Florence Spohr, Mable Austin, Agnes Stewart, Emily Henderson, Faith Bickford, Louise Palmer, May Cossett, May Ducat, Hattie Strong, Fannie Cossett, Gertrude Chambers.

## SCORCHES AFTER DARK.

Ralph Rassweiler Collides with a Buggy on Maple Avenue Monday.

Monday evening Ralph Rassweiler started out for a little spin on his wheel, just to see if the new front rim was in good shape. Tuesday morning he carried his wheel to the bike surgeon to undergo extensive repairs. He also carried a large bump on his head and several minor bruises caused by the new macadam road bed on Maple avenue.

Ralph is a very careful young man, so careful that he put two lamps on his wheel and lit them both, for he thought "maybe he would scorch a bit." At 9:10 the would-be scorcher was coming down the pike headed west, at the same moment a top buggy was slowly moving east, the occupants two young men from Naperville. Knowing they were on the right side of the road were paying more attention to the landscape than to the road-bed. Ralph secure in the brilliancy of his two head lights was knocking it off at a 1:36 clip and counting the cogs on his sprocket wheel in imitation of the "terrible Swede."

The strangers woke up when they saw the flash of the twin lamps. Ralph woke up when he struck the corner of Maple and Beiden avenues. "Why didn't you turn out when you saw me coming," said the irate cyclist as he picked up his injured wheel and brushed the gravel from his hair. "Why you didn't keep on your own side, already, you tunk you own the road here." Bloodshed was narrowly averted by the presence of several passers who had heard the crash of the collision.

As our young man limped sadly away with his mangled darling he softly murmured "No lamp and two eyes beats two lamps and no eyes."

## DIED.

The following obituary of a former resident of Downers Grove was taken from the Pine City, Minn., Pioneer: Died—On Friday morning, August 20, 1897, after a lingering illness, C. A. Russell, aged 51 years.

Charles A. Russell was born in Rocky Hill, Hartford county, Conn., in September, 1846, where he resided until he reached the age of 18 years, when he, with his mother and brothers, removed to Leroy, N. Y., making his home most of the time, with his brother William, at whose home he died. After a few years he came to Quincy, Ill., again making his home with his brother William, and a few years later went to Downers Grove, Ill., where he lived until he was taken sick, when he came to Minnesota, thinking he would regain his health, but he steadily declined until death ended his suffering.

He leaves four brothers and three sisters, viz: Walter of New London, Conn.; James of Springfield, Mass.; Sherman of Stafford, N. Y.; Miss Lucy now in New London, Conn.; Mrs. H. E. Lathrop of Batavia, N. Y.; Mrs. H. C. Hale of Umattilla county, Oregon; and William, residing in Pine City township. Deceased was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

## BURLINGTON BREAKS A RECORD.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy broke a record last Thursday. It brought more loaded freight cars into Chicago in the twenty-four hours ended Thursday morning than at any period of the same time in its history. If all the loaded cars which the Burlington hauled into its yards from the west on this day were coupled together they would make a train over eight and one-half miles long. Over 1,800 loaded freight cars were pulled in by the road, divided up into forty trains, and in the morning hours a thirty-car train came in every ten minutes.

For the same day last year only 450 cars were brought into Chicago by the road, and a normal day's business includes from 700 to 800 cars. Over 1,000 cars of grain were loaded on the Burlington system during the day in addition to 500 cars of stock and 1,500 cars of miscellaneous freight, which, with the cars received from connections, ran the total number of loaded cars handled over 5,100. In addition to this 750 empty freight cars were sent west.

## DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that we have sold our hardware business to A. W. and L. D. Brode, who will conduct same under the firm name of Brode Hardware Co.; also that the lumber and coal business will be conducted by F. A. Brode, therefore it will be necessary that all parties owing us settle call at once on F. A. Brode and settle as we want to close our books.

F. A. BRODE & Co.

The first Monday of September being a legal holiday there will be no county court, but on Tuesday, Sept. 7th, court will be in session ready to transact all business that may come before it. H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

## EXCITING BICYCLE RACES.

SATURDAY'S EVENTS BRING OUT A LARGE CROWD.

### WHEELER WINS THE 4-MILE EVENT.

Lawson Gets First Place in 4-Mile Handicap—Smith First in Half-mile Club and Zarn Captures the Open.

The floating population of the village drifted to the corner of Maple avenue and Main street Saturday afternoon and disposed themselves in various uncomfortable and picturesque attitudes upon the roadside and adjacent verandas, waiting for it to begin. It was the second of the bike races conducted by the Downers Grove Cycle club and it was well worth waiting for. Seven home-grown athletes entered for the first event—the club half mile for members only. Smith crossed the line first, closely followed by Zarn, Wheeler and Hubbard at one second intervals; Rogers a little later; Lawson and Stanley started, but that was all.

The second race—the half mile free-for-all—came near resulting disastrously. The crowd, not content with taking up nineteen-twentieths of the roadway, despite the heroic efforts of Special Policeman Graves, surged over the track after Zarn, Smith and Noble crossed the tape, threw Lynn Wheeler from his wheel, causing him to upset Stanley, giving both boys a nasty fall, which fortunately broke no bones.

Marshal Graves in the next race received the needed reinforcement of a squad of specials headed by Constable Dixon, and good order was maintained. The long distance race was run over the south course. The time made by all participants was good. Lynn Wheeler, scratch man, took the time prize in 17:25. Lawson, 1:15 handicap, came down the hill first, followed by Beideman, 3:00 handicap. Hubbard, Noble, Wheeler and Zarn came trailing after. Just as the ambulance started south for their remains, Stanley and Smith came scorching down the course evidently under the impression that the first should be last and the last first.

A number of valuable prizes were distributed among the winners. The handicapper, Guy Wheeler, received well-merited praise for the fair, impartial manner in which he distributed the seconds and half-seconds. Another race is promised in the near future.

Below is the time of the races as recorded by scorer Darnley:

HALF-MILE CLUB RACE.			
Name	Place	Time	Lat.
E. Smith, scratch	1st	1:16	
Ed. Zarn, 30 yds.	2d	1:17	
C. Wheeler, scratch	3d	1:18	
H. B. Hubbard, 40 yds.	4th	1:19	
L. Rogers, 20 yds.	5th	1:20	
W. Stanley, 40 yds.	6th	1:25	
L. Lawson, 30 yds.			

HALF-MILE OPEN.			
Name	Place	Time	Lat.
Zarn, 40 yds.	1st	1:12	
Smith, scratch	2d	1:13	
C. Noble, 20 yds.	3d	1:14	
E. Dean, 30 yds.	4th	1:15	
Lawson			
G. Wheeler, scratch			
Hubbard, 30 yds.			
Stanley, 50 yds.			

FIVE-MILE OPEN.			
Name	Place	Time	Lat.
Lawson, 1:15	1st	17:43	
H. Beideman, 3:00	2d	19:56	
Hubbard, 2:30	3d	19:56	
Noble, 1:00	4th	19:57	
G. Wheeler, scratch	5th	17:25	
Zarn, 2:00	6th	19:45	
Stanley, 2:30	7th	19:45	
Smith, 30 sec.			

## ROTH-SEYLLER NUPTIALS.

Mr. Louis Roth, of Downers Grove and Miss Nora Seyller, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. George Seyller, of Prophaetown, Ill., were married at Geneseo, last Wednesday morning August 28th. The ceremony was performed in the presence of numerous friends and relatives of the bride in St. Joseph's church by the Rev. Father O'Hare. The young people came to Downers Grove Thursday and will immediately begin house-keeping in the Roth cottage on South Main street. The bride is a charming young woman, who possesses all those qualities so necessary in an ideal helpmate. The groom is well known to everyone in Downers and therefore needs no introduction. The REPORTER joins with the many friends in extending good wishes.

## CRUSHED BENEATH THE CAR.

The body of a man supposed to be Frank Smith, a motorman on the Milwaukee Electric railroad, was discovered lying on the track at West Hinsdale by the crew of the 8:19 passenger train Thursday evening. He had fallen from a freight that passed a short time previous and his body horribly mangled by the wheels, the head being torn from the body, the upper portion of which was reduced to pulp. The Hinsdale authorities were notified and the remains brought to the police station.

There the clothing was searched for clues of identification. A pay check dated August 16, 1896, and payable to Frank Smith was the only one found. It is supposed that he was stealing a ride between the cars, though his clothing was apparently of fine make.