

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Minor Happenings of the Past Week.

EVENTS OF LAST SEVEN DAYS.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Doings of the Whole World Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

San Francisco, Cal.—Judge Carroll decided to admit to bail Theodore A. Fiegel, charged with the murder of his employer, Isaac Hoffman. The amount fixed was \$40,000.

Detroit, Mich.—Food Commissioner Grosvenor has sworn out warrants for persons selling colored butterine. The list includes many prominent dealers and manufacturers' agents.

Rapid City, S. D.—A destructive timber fire has been raging in the Big Horn country. Fifty-four square miles of the heaviest timber has been destroyed. The estimated loss is over \$500,000.

Baltimore, Md.—Michael Simmons, a railroad brakeman, aged 28, shot and tried to kill his sweetheart, Miss Jennie Long, aged 19, and committed suicide. The girl, who was shot four times, has a chance of recovery.

Livingston, Mont.—Fire broke out in a vacant building on Second street and threatened the business portion of Main street. The loss on Gardner's factory and stock is \$8,000; insurance, \$2,800. The loss on six other buildings and stock is \$3,500.

Webster City, Iowa.—The jury in the \$10,000 damage suit of Lusk against Bolter for the alienation of a wife's affection brought in a verdict of not guilty at Logan. Mrs. Lusk is now suing her husband for divorce and also for slander and wants damages in the amount of \$1,000.

Sycamore, Ill.—James Ouble was instantly killed by a gravel bank caving in on him.

Eldora, Iowa.—A. Siler, general merchandise, at Whittemore, has failed for over \$5,000.

Hebron, Wis.—Several apple trees in the town are in blossom as a result of September heat.

Niles, Mich.—Samuel Tompkins of Wehlee was killed by a falling tree. His son was badly injured.

Augusta, Wis.—Charles Shipman, aged 18, was accidentally killed here while shooting at a target with several young men.

Montezuma, Iowa.—The 8-year-old daughter of Edward Gearing, a wealthy farmer living south of here, was dragged to death by a horse.

Oshkosh, Wis.—Thomas Allen, aged 27 years, son of Gen. T. B. Allen, had his right arm torn away to the bone by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

Cedar Falls, Iowa.—Bruno Peters, residing near Parkersburg, was killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of a younger brother.

Rockville, Ind.—The 6-year-old daughter of Perry E. Timberman at Bridgeton, this county, struck a match in the barn loft, setting fire to the hay. She was burned to death.

Cerro Gordo, Ill.—The 11-year-old daughter of L. Dickey died from the effects of burns. Her clothing caught fire while playing in the yard where brush was burning.

New York.—The American Air Power Company of this city, capital \$7,000,000, has been incorporated in Albany.

San Francisco.—John H. Webber, who returned from Skaguay September 1 with about \$3,000, has lost it and is now on his way back to his home in Detroit.

Georgetown, Pa.—Engineer E. Bennett Mitchell was killed and Fireman John R. Cawley seriously injured by the explosion of the boiler of a locomotive.

Washington.—The comptroller of the currency has declared dividends in favor of the creditors of insolvent national banks as follows: Union National Bank of Minneapolis, 10 per cent; Marine National Bank of Duluth, Minn., 10 per cent; Huron National Bank of Huron, S. D., 12 per cent.

Anderson, Ind.—The Ingalls Indiana Land Company, Arthur B. Grover manager, made an assignment. George Nichol was appointed assignee. About \$30,000 is involved. The assignment was brought about by the rendering of a \$1,500 judgment.

London.—George Towns, of Australia, beat Barry in a boat race over the championship course from Putney to Merslake by three-quarters of a length for a purse of \$1,000.

Janesville, Wis.—William Timmony, aged 30, an inmate of the Rock county insane asylum, committed suicide by drowning in a bath tub.

St. Croix, Ind.—Unknown persons used dynamite to blow up the warehouse and stables of the Mackey-George Lumber and Mining Company.

Atlantic, Iowa.—The ministers oppose the taking of a census, fearing that census will open if a population of 5,000 is found.

Bahawar, India.—The lower Mohmands, south of here, have submitted and have agreed to pay a heavy fine and to surrender their arms.

London, Mich.—General O. B. Wilcox will be the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the regiment's command.

CASUALTIES.

Fulton, Ill.—Arthur Dabier, aged 18, is dead from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by a friend named Fay Allen.

Milwaukee, Wis.—A tramp, known as "George," was killed by a passenger train on the St. Paul road near the Oklahoma avenue crossing.

Moline, Ill.—Henry Keeley, 38 years old, was killed by the cars at this place. Keeley resided at Port Byron, Ill., but was employed in this city.

St. Paul, Minn.—Patrick McNulty, for ten years an engineer on the Wisconsin Central and master of the engineers' lodge of Chippewa Falls, was killed under his engine here.

Paris, Ill.—At the Garvin Bros.' mine Jas. Garvin, one of the partners, made a mistake and fell 130 feet to the bottom of the shaft and was killed.

Kell, Wis.—A 4-year-old daughter of William Oehoff was perhaps fatally shot in the forehead by Johnny Steover, who was carelessly handling his revolver. He didn't know it was loaded.

Peru, Ill.—While playing about the barn Thomas, little son of T. A. Pottinger, president of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, set fire to the building and lost his life in the flames.

Portland, Ind.—At Brice, east of here, the banks of a grave pit caved in, burying Peter Bailey beneath tons of earth. He was not much injured.

Rockford, Ill.—Traffic on the Illinois Central was blocked by a head-end collision of two freight trains in East Rockford. The crews saved themselves by jumping.

Fond du Lac, Wis.—Hans Plerson of Milton Junction was found beside the railway track with both feet cut off and otherwise badly bruised. He died later.

St. Clair, Mich.—William S. Hopkins, owner of the Oakland hotel here, died in Detroit, en route from St. Clair to Chicago. Death resulted from a street car accident.

FOREIGN.

Athens.—A large meeting was held Sunday, where a resolution was adopted calling upon King George and the cabinet to renew the war with Turkey rather than accept the terms of peace offered by the peace conference.

Paris.—M. Pierre Paul Leroy-Beaulieu protests against the proposal of the free coinage of silver in the French mints, which he declares, would "compromise the commerce, credit, and political power of France."

Madrid.—The Queen Regent has ordered that special surveillance be exercised at the Spanish ports on all arrivals from United States ports, in consequence of the outbreak of yellow fever in some of the southern states.

London.—A special dispatch from Madrid says that the Spanish government is negotiating a loan, guaranteed by the port dues, for the purposes of new naval works.

Constantinople.—Ferrouh Bey, councillor of the Turkish embassy at St. Petersburg, has been appointed Turkish minister to the United States in succession to Moustapha Tachin Bey.

Berne, Switzerland.—The cantons of Glarus and Grisons were visited by a severe earthquake shock, accompanied by heavy rumbling. The disturbance was so distinct that it was everywhere noticeable and in many places great blocks of rock fell from the mountains.

Madrid.—The ministerial organs assert that the Spanish foreign minister, the Duke of Tetuan, will soon be gazetted as Spanish ambassador to France.

Athens.—The conditions of the peace signed between the ambassadors of the powers on behalf of Greece and Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister, at Tophanch palace, are universally pronounced by the Greek press to be exceedingly onerous.

CRIME.

Hawesville, Ky.—In the presence of 800 infuriated persons and within sight of four churches, Raymond Bushrod, colored, was strung up to a tree in the court house square for a brutal assault upon Margaret Roberts, a 13-year-old white girl.

Perry, O. T.—At Morrison Peter Praxton and John Rambo, politicians, quarreled over the merits of Bryan and McKinley. Praxton used a large pistol and Rambo a spade. Rambo is dead and Praxton may die.

Antigo, Wis.—Three prisoners, Ruppert, Knapp and Lind, charged with horse stealing and larceny, confined in the Langside county jail, attempted to tunnel out. Sheriff Thompson discovered them at work. Five minutes more they would have secured their freedom.

Jeffersonville, Ind.—Thomas, alias "Red," Cody, a noted diamond thief, was released from the Indiana reformatory and was at once rearrested by Detective Schnuck of Cincinnati on a charge of burglary. He made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide in the county jail.

Oceola, Wis.—John Remley, Sr., of Farmington committed suicide by shooting. He was 80 years old.

Waukegan, Wis.—Irving Piper, a farmer, committed suicide in the basement of his house while his wife was absent.

Monroe, Mich.—Charles Davenport of California and Joe Mason of Canada broke jail and escaped. The former was held for breaking into a car on the Ave. Harbor road. The men got digging tools and revolvers from the outside.

Washington.—The president has commuted to imprisonment for life the death sentence imposed upon C. L. Adlington, in western Texas, for murder.

Jackson, Tenn.—James Reeves and Lawrence Austin, brothers-in-law, fought at Robey, Chester county. Reeves shot Austin in the head. Austin died, and Reeves escaped.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Ellsworth, Me.—An earthquake shock was felt here. Houses shook and windows and dishes rattled. The vibration lasted ten seconds. The shock was also noticed in other towns.

Washington.—A medal of honor has been presented to George L. Banks of Independence, Kas., formerly color sergeant of the 15th Indiana volunteers, for gallantry at Missionary Ridge.

New York.—Charles McGuinness, a blind checker player who has been on exhibition in different museums of this city and other cities, gave himself up to the police, saying that he had no home and no money to provide for his wants. In police court to-day he was sent to the workhouse.

Independence, Kan.—An epidemic of typhoid fever prevails at Coffeyville and in the Indian Territory south of here. Every precaution has been taken to keep it from spreading. Near Snow Creek, in the Indian Territory, it appears in its most malignant form, and several deaths have resulted.

Louisville, Ky.—The supreme council of Chosen Friends selected Baltimore as the next place of meeting.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—The Trades and Labor council endorsed the postal savings bank bill.

Ashtabula, Ohio.—By mistake, the little son of Bert Munkasky was given a bath in water containing caustic potash and he will probably die.

Dubuque, Iowa.—Miss Amanda Hosford has been appointed receiver for the Excelsior brass works of this city to secure two mortgages amounting to \$34,000.

Prairie du Chien, Wis.—Three prisoners escaped from jail by cutting a hole through the roof and letting themselves to the ground by sheets, but were recaptured.

Oshkosh, Wis.—In a contest for a \$1 prize Charles Hanson, special delivery clerk at the postoffice, ate 124 raw oysters in thirty minutes and won the prize. His nearest competitor gave out at 84.

Richmond, Ind.—The Richmond Bicycle gave notice that the appointment of a receiver would be petitioned for, and fled mortgages to protect creditors. Liabilities, \$28,000; assets, \$39,000.

Johnson Creek, Wis.—A recent opening in the mounds in this vicinity exposed nearly a dozen skeletons with less than a foot of soil covering, interred in a sitting position. Several implements and Indian relics were with the bones.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Within the last two weeks notices of intention to construct 3,000 miles of new railroads have been filed with the territorial secretary of Arizona. There are thirty-one separate filings of almost as many separate lines of railroads.

Danville, Ill.—The Modern Woodmen of eastern Illinois held a meeting and picnic. Over 2,000 members from Champaign, Homer, Oakwood, Catlin and Danville were in the parade.

Columbus, O.—Clay Evans, commissioner of pensions, is confined to his room at the Chittenden hotel with temporary illness.

Madison, Wis.—Miss Annie Kelley, a farmer's daughter in the town of Dane, secured a verdict for \$4,000 for breach of promise.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Mrs. Albert Lee was taken violently insane, imagining that her husband was plotting with others to murder her and her infant.

Columbus, Ohio.—The Sixty-seventh Indiana volunteers held their annual reunion.

Atchison, Kas.—The celebration of the third annual corn carnival took place Thursday.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Mrs. Albert Lee was taken violently insane, and will be sent to an asylum.

Nashville, Tenn.—The National Association of Mexican War Veterans closed its annual session.

Ida Grove, Iowa.—The northwestern Iowa conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is in session, with Bishop Walden presiding.

Youngstown, Ohio.—The sixth annual convention of the Colored Voters' league of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio is in session here.

South Bend, Ind.—John Kelly, a patient sent to the Northern Insane hospital at Logansport, escaped from the institution by leaping from an upper story window.

LATEST MARKET REPORTS.

Table with market reports for Chicago, Peoria, Toledo, Kansas City, and New York, listing various commodities and their prices.

WHOLE FAMILY KILLED.

Awful Crime of a Farmer in Western Iowa.

MOTIVE CAN NOT BE TOLD.

John Boecker Kills His Wife and Five Children and Fatally Wounds Another Child and Himself—His Brother Discovers the Tragedy.

John Boecker, aged 44 years, attended services at the church in Breda, Carroll county, Iowa, Sunday afternoon with his eldest daughter, spent the evening brooding over some financial affairs, although he was a wealthy farmer, as farm wealth goes, and in some time in the night shot and killed his wife, his six little children and himself.

The indications are that Boecker first dispatched his wife with a shotgun, then used the revolver on the baby, first shooting, then knocking out its brains. He then went upstairs where the five children were sleeping. He must have used a light, for his aim was effective, each victim being shot in the forehead. All but two children met with instant death, for the blood clots were under their heads, and two lay as calmly reposed as if in sleep. All except Henry were attired in night robes.

The murderer had reloaded the weapon while upstairs and evidently sent the second bullet into the oldest girl's brain just before leaving the room. Going downstairs he stretched himself beside the corpse of his wife and shot himself.

The discovery of the tragedy was made by Boecker's brother, Henry, who had gone to summon the murderer to his work. The coroner's jury has not yet returned a verdict.

Rye Crop is a Disappointment.

A disappointing rye crop is indicated by final returns to the American Agriculturalist. Instead of some 28,000,000 bushels, expected from earlier indications, the crop in the United States now figures out about 25,000,000 bushels, 1,000,000 bushels more than last year, and 2,000,000 less than in 1895 and 1894.

Captain Hedley Wins a Point.

Captain F. Y. Hedley, who was indicted for manslaughter, thinks he has won the first point in the fight he is going to make for vindication in the matter of killing John R. Richards, mayor of Bunker Hill, Ill. It was generally expected that the grand jury would hold him for murder.

Robbers Secure Little Booty.

The Northern Pacific passenger from the east was held up and robbed at 2 o'clock Sunday morning about the three miles east of Moorhead, N. D. The robbers compelled the engineer to uncompress, and in their hurry forgot the express car. Their booty was small.

Think It Is Pearl Bryan's Skull.

William Parson, a boatman, while digging for coal in Medoc sand-bar on the Kentucky side of the Ohio river, found a skull, the lower jaw of which was gone. It is supposed to be that of Pearl Bryan, for whose murder Jackson and Walling were hanged.

Jealousy Leads to Murder.

As Miss Tracie Mang, a schoolgirl of Marion, Ind., was on her way to school her lover, Noah Johnson, walked up behind her and deliberately shot her dead. Johnson and Miss Mang had been lovers for nearly two years, and were engaged to be married on Aug. 25.

American Workmanship Complimented.

John Burns, radical member of parliament for Battersea, England, has a two-column letter in the Times. Mr. Burns agrees with what has been said as to the excellence of American workmanship, which he says is the best in the world.

Ex-Secretary Robeson Dead.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy George M. Robeson died Monday at his home at Trenton, N. J. Mr. Robeson was 69 years old. In June, 1869, he was made Secretary of the Navy. He served in this office until the end of President Grant's second term, March, 1877.

Fatal Riot Among Poles.

At least nine men received fatal injuries and possibly two score others were more or less seriously wounded in a riot among Poles at Girardville, Pa., last Sunday night. The battle was the outcome of a quarrel over the Hazleton troubles.

Demand a Heavy Indemnity.

The British South Africa Company has demanded £3,000,000 indemnity from the government of the Transvaal for inciting the natives of Matabeleland to revolt against the company and for supplying them with rifles.

Indiana Methodist Conference.

Sunday newspapers and Sunday bicycle riders for pleasure were condemned by the Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. Princeton, Gibson county, was chosen as the place of meeting next year.

Spanish Troops Claim a Victory.

The declaration is made at Madrid that the Spanish troops in Cuba have recaptured Victoria de Las Tunas, which was taken by the insurgents under Calixto Garcia and Jesus Rabi on September 5.

Disease Among Kansas Hogs.

A strange disease is doing damage to hogs in southern Kansas. They are dying by the hundreds. Some think it is hog cholera, while others claim it is swine fever, which is similar to Texas fever in cattle.

RAILWAY ENGINE EXPLODES.

Engineer Mitchell Killed and Fireman Cawley Badly Injured.

Harrisburg, Pa., Sept. 28.—Engineer E. Hennett Mitchell was killed and Fireman John R. Cawley seriously injured Monday, by the explosion of a locomotive on the Northern Central railway at Georgetown, a few miles north of Harrisburg. The victims were both residents of Harrisburg, and had been in the passenger service of the company for many years.

Mitchell was thrown up the side of a mountain, a distance of sixty feet, and was dead when found. Fireman Cawley was hurled in an opposite direction, almost to the edge of the Susquehanna river. He was so badly scalded that it is thought he will die. The wires and tracks for a distance of 150 yards were badly torn up and telegraphic communication and travel were suspended for several hours.

Stricken in His Palpit.

While Rev. L. D. Morris of Green-castle was delivering an address to a convention of the eighth district Christian churches in session at Brazil, Ind., he was stricken with paralysis and sank to the floor. A physician was quickly summoned and pronounced the stroke probably fatal, as a portion of his brain was paralyzed. Mr. Morris is 50 years old, and had no symptoms of paralysis before. Great consternation was created in the church by his sudden attack.

Landslide in Alaska.

News was brought down by the tug Pioneer, Capt. Nielson, which arrived at Port Townsend, Wash., Friday, direct from Skaguay, that there was a destructive and death dealing wash-out or landslide on the Dyea trail about noon last Saturday, as a result of which eighteen persons, including one woman, are missing, and it is certain that many of them were drowned or crushed to death.

Arrested for Murder.

Detective Morgan of Chicago arrested Hazel Sullivan, Nellie Ryan and two men in St. Louis. The women, the detective says, are wanted in Chicago on a charge of murder. The men with them, "Army" Sullivan and Henry De Roach, are well-known pickpockets of Chicago. The detectives refused to discuss the crime the women are alleged to have committed.

Canal Route to the Sea.

The deep waterway commission has practically selected its route. It will start from North Tonawanda and extend to Lake Ontario, the outlet to be near Wilson. It will begin again at Oswego and run thence to Lake Oneida, and from there to the Mohawk River, which is a direct connection via the Hudson with the Atlantic Ocean.

German Steamer Breaks the Record.

The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, the latest acquisition to the large fleet of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, on her maiden voyage, made the passage from Southampton to New York in 5 days, 22 hours and 45 minutes, the fastest on record.

Damages for a Broken Breath.

A verdict for \$4,000 for breach of promise was awarded by the jury in the Circuit Court at Madison, Wis., to Miss Anna Kelly, a farmer's daughter in the town of Dane, against Thomas Gilligan, the son of a neighboring farmer by whom Miss Kelly had been employed as a domestic.

Plate Glass Workers Strike.

Owing to a shift in time the manager of the American Plate-Glass Company demanded of the retiring workmen that they resume work at once; this would make twenty hours of steady work. They refused and a strike is on.

Business Faction Destroyed by Fire.

Summerfield, Ill., was visited by a disastrous fire Monday morning, which wiped out the principal business houses in the southern portion of the town. The total loss is \$10,000, insurance, \$2,000.

Rich Gold Finds Reported.

Reports of rich gold finds continue to come from the Michipicoten, Mich., region. One prospector has located a fourteen-foot vein, carrying free gold, one mile and a half from Wawa Lake.

Sheriff Martin Censured.

The coroner's jury which investigated the death of the striking miners at Lattimer, Pa., returned a verdict censuring the sheriff and declaring the shooting unnecessary and unjustifiable.

British Wheat Crop Short.

Laws' annual statement regarding the British wheat crop shows that 200,000 acres more were sown in 1897 than in 1896, but that the yield this year is considerably less than it was last year.

College Orators to Compete.

The students of Manmouth, Ill., college are making arrangements for the coming meet of the Illinois Intercollegiate Oratorical association, which will be held Friday, October 7, at this place.

Weyler Wants More Officials.

Capt.-Gen. Weyler has cabled a request to the Spanish government to send 113 additional administrative officials to Cuba.

Blaze at Williamsfield, Ill.

Fire at Williamsfield, twenty miles east of Galesburg, Ill., threatened to destroy that village Monday night. The fire started in the south part of the town, and a south wind drove it north through the business portion.

Yellow Fever Not So Fatal.

Warmer weather at New Orleans has had the effect of increasing to some extent the number of new cases of the prevailing type of yellow fever, but it has, equally had the effect of sending down the death rate.

NEBRASKA'S EXHIBIT AT THE STATE FAIR.

A Remarkable Display of Agricultural Products.

Visitors to the Illinois State Fair of 1896 will remember the large and exceptionally interesting exhibit, in the southeastern wing of the Dome building, brought from all sections of Nebraska by a few of her enterprising farmers. With its great ears of corn, splendid wheat, oats and barley, alfalfa, chicory, sugar beets and beet sugar, and a most handsome display of fruit, this Nebraska exhibit was such a center of interest that the fair management asked to have it repeated, and an entire wing, in the northwest corner of the Dome building, second floor, was engaged for the use of the Nebraska people in 1897. This money a dozen farmers, former residents of Illinois, who have made for themselves new homes in Nebraska, will bring this exhibit, consisting of two carloads of almost everything that state produces. There will be an abundance of beautiful fruit and sacks and barrels of sugar, made from beets, by the two large factories located at Grand Island and Norfolk. On one of the principal days of the fair 5,000 souvenir barrels of Nebraska sugar will be distributed to the farmers and farmers' wives of Illinois. Whoever goes to Springfield this year, and everybody should go and see the finest fair ground and the greatest state fair in the United States, should not fail to visit the Nebraska exhibit and talk with the sturdy sons of toil who went from this state to get a cheaper home and a bigger farm just beyond the Missouri river.

The Main Point.

He was feeling sentimental, and he dropped into the guiding star and loadstone of hope strait.

"I feel," he said, "that with you to cheer and urge me on I could win any prize that the great arena of life has to offer."

"Let me understand you," she said. "You want me to get on to the coaching line and whoop things up while you make your run."

"Er—that is the idea," he said, a little surprised that she did not come back with the ivy clinging to the oak racket.

"Then," she said, "the grounds will have to be laid off in a little better shape. So far I haven't been able to see the diamond."

He caught on sufficiently to bring the ring the next night, and the game went right on in spite of the darkness.—Detroit Free Press.

Proof.

As the man in the white flannel suit went by she turned away and also turned up her nose.

"He doesn't amount to anything as a tennis player," she said, contemptuously.

"How do you know?" demanded her country cousin, who was not posted in such matters.

"Why, he doesn't turn up the bottoms of his trousers," she replied with conviction.—Chicago Post.

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A Future Possibility.

"We shall have to quit associating with the Higginside girls."

"Why? What's the matter with them?"

"They are riding ready-made bicycles."—Chicago Tribune.

Getting in Line.

"What does Biller mean by riding around every day in an ice wagon?"

"He's in training for the new gold region."—Detroit Free Press.

Scrofula

"Our daughter broke out with scrofula sores all over her face and head. She grew worse until we gave her Hood's Sarsaparilla. When she had taken six bottles her face was smooth and the scrofula has never returned." SILAS VERNON, West Point, New York.

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