# OLDFIELD BLOCK COMPLETED

HOME OF DOWNERS GROVE CLUB READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

#### BUSH & SIMONSON'S OPENING MONDAY

The Bowners Grove Club will Fermally Dedicate its New Home About Dec. 1st Reception, Cards and Hall.

The handsome new Oldfield block erected at a cost of nearly \$20,000, practically completed and ready for occupancy with the exception of a few minor details. The building is by far the best business structure in Downers Grove, and is constructed of pressed brick and stone and is three stories in height with a basement.

The building was designed by archi tect F. H. Ayers of Chicago. Contract or W. J. Herring was awarded the contract for its construction. The masonry work was sublet to Woelfersheim Bros. Hawkins Bros. secured the contract for steam heating and plumbing. Nargney & Eadie did the painting and decorating work. C. F. Davis furnished the curtains and shades.

Prior to the designing of the building the Downers Grove Club leased the entire second floor for a term of five years, and this portion of the building was arranged expressly for that organization. The suite includes ten rooms divided into parlors, reception rooms, billiard, smoking and dining rooms, in addition to bath, cloak, toilet rooms and kitchen.

The parlors fronting on Main and Curtiss streets have deep bay windows, as has also the billiard room. The finish is in Georgia pine, with polished floors of the same material, quarter sawed. Wide archways, with columns supporting grill work, connect the partors. The building is wired for electricity, and electric bells and every modern convenience is provided. Wide stairways in maple and oak lead from Curtiss street to the upper floors.

The Club will move into its new quarters during the present week. A its meeting Saturday evening, the members voted to defer the opening reception and party until December 1st, at which time everything will be comfortably arranged and new furniture added. A ladies auxiliary is to be formed to be known as the Woman's Club and that organization will co-operate with the club in the opening, which will be in the nature of a reception, with cards in the club rooms and dancing in the hall on the third floor. Supper will be served. Those who neither dance nor play cards will be entertained at billiards and pool. In vitations will be issued in the course of a few weeks. The opening will be the social event of the season. Prev ious to the formal opening the club dancing class will give a Thankagiving party on the eve of that holiday. It is a matter of considerable satisfaction to the members of the club that at present that organization is in better shape financially and otherwise than at any time during its existence. All debts are paid and a comfortable balance re mains in the treasury.

Bush & Simonson, the progressive druggists, occupy the handsome corner store on the first floor. Their opening occurred Monday and hundreds of people viewed the prettrly decorated interior of their model pharmacy on that day and evening. The furnishings of this store are of oak, and give a pleasing setting to the well arranged inter-Large plate glass windows on Main and Curtiss street furnish an abundance of daylight, while at night their private acetylene gas plant is utilized and furnishes a light more nearly like day light than anything yet discovered. They also have an electric lighting apparatus for use in an emergency. For beauty and taste in decoration and handsomeness of design and arrangement of fixtures and accessories, there is not an equal of this store in the state. Monday this enterprising firm presented each caller with a bouquet of cut flowers.

The third floor of the building contains a large hall suitable for dancing parties and entertainments. Cloak rooms with toilet and bath facilities are also provided together with a smoking room. Mr. Oldfield's private office is also on this floor. The south store building is also finished in Georgia pine and will make a desirable business location. An eight foot cemen sidewalk surrounds the building on Main and Curtiss streets. Steam heat is furnished from a boiler in the basement and hot and cold water are found on every floor.

# ALL ABOUT NEBRASKA.

An illustrated pamphlet has recently been published by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., giving complete information about the farm lands of Ne braska. Copies may be had without charge upon application to P. S. Eustis. No. 5 are now due and payable to General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

COL. CHAS. P. BRYAN IN LUCK Selected by President McKinley as United

States Minister to China.

Friends of the Colonel in this county and legislative district, and in fact the state at large, are greatly pleased at the announcement in a yesterday's Tribune special from Washington that it was learned at the state department that Charles P. Bryan of DuPage coun- 25 cents. ty, has been determined upon as the successor of Minister Charles Denby, who now represents Uncle Sam at Pekin, China. This is considered one of the best billets in the diplomatic service, ranking next in importance to the embassies to Great Britian, France, Germany and Italy. As Minister to China Col. Bryan will receive a salary of \$1,000 per month, and he will also be entitled to affix to his name the highsounding titles of "Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary" as soon as he receives his commission.

Ever since the inauguration of President McKinley the name of Mr. Bryan has been under consideration for a place in the diplomatic service and at various times he has been predicted for Minister to the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, Portugal and Greece. It was known that if Mr. Bryan had any Penner's. preference whatever it would be for the the mission to Norway and Sweden, owing to his personal acquaintance this week. with King Oscar, a former schoolfeilow. But it has paid him to be patient, inasmuch as the Chinese Mission has been sought by some of the most eminent Americans, but it appears the president has been keeping it for Col.

Colonel Bryan has resided in this county nearly all his lifetime, and since 1890 has represented this district in the Illinois general assembly, where have won for him the highest endorse- proces before buying. ments from the press, his colleagues and the people of the state at large. He was one of the original McKinley men of Illinois, and was instrumental in securing an instructed delegation for Mc-Kinley at the state convention selecting the Illinois delegates to the republican national convention. His appointment is only the just recognition due one of Illinois' foremost republi can leaders and workers, and a place his superior qualifications will enable him to fill with honor to himself and to his country.

# "AN ORIGINAL IDEA."

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Labadie of Chicago gave an entertainment at the Auditorium, Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the Ladies of the Maccabees, which was a decided treat to those who attended. The first part of the program consisted of the wooing scene from "Richard III," with Mr. and Mrs. Labadie as the Duke of Gloster and Lady Anne. The trial scene from "The Merchant of Venice" was por trayed in costume by the Labadies, Mr. and Mrs. Labadie admirably taking the parts of Shylock and Portia. The commedietta, "A Happy Pair," with the characters of Constance and Ferdinand Honeyton, closed the entertainment. The impersonations of these clever people were very excellent and that they were appreciated was fully shown in the manner their audience applauded their efforts.

### KNIGHTS TO DANCE FRIDAY.

The Knights of Pythias have issued and banquet to be held in the large hall on the third floor of may look forward to an evening of | wagon in the latter place every Saturrare enjoyment. Loietta Bros.' or- day. chestra of Chicrgo has been engaged for the evening. Supper will be served in the ante-rooms after 10 o'clock. The Knights will have the hall prettily decorated with the colors of the order in red, blue and yellow bunting. The judge. program consists of eighteen dances suitably arranged.

# WANT TO BUY A FARM?

northern Indiana. Twelve acres of timber, balance all under cultivation; large basement barn; six room house; etc.; stone tool and hen house; good road. Farm now rented for 1897 at a Aurora. cash in advance rental. Will be sold given at the REPORTER office.

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

The fourth installment on special assessments No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and second installment on special assessment

V. SIMONSON, Village Collector.

#### ..Local and Dersonal Daragraphs..

White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. Hughes & Gallup- The cash grocers. Excellent coffee at Thompson's for Rang's.

Washburn & Crosby's flour is sold by Brode's. Mertz & Mochel.

Slabs for kindling, sawed in proper | vegetables. lengths at Brode's.

Miss May Ducat spent last Thursday his Wisconsin trip. with friends in Oak Park,

Coke is cheaper than coal. No dirt; from Michigan last week. no smoke. F. A. Brode has it.

of horse blankets—fine quality. Mrs. John Dixon entertained a friend mortgage, at D. G. Graham's, from Oberlin, O., over Sunday.

moved to the city for the winter. Hughes & Gallup-The cash grocers on Foote street are making low cash village.

prices. assortment; prices very low, at C. Nov. 4th.

Mich., are visiting the Stanleys here Thompson's,

and ladies' shoes in latest styles, guar- last Monday.

anteed to fit, over Tuesday night with his father at at Thompson's.

Geo. S. Foster's. is filling a position with the Brode sell out cheap. Hardware Company.

his excellent record and achievements give Mertz & Mochel a call and get Hills last Sunday.

happy over the birth of a girl baby lisements this week. born Wednesday morning.

your orders at Hughes & Gallup's coal J. H. Griffith's last week. office, or at the oyster store.

all kinds of hay, straw, and feed at the building on Railroad street. very lowest prices. Buy of him.

fees? They are giving general satis- teed pure and the satisfactory kind. faction. Free delivery at all times.

Mertz & Mochel and get prompt deliv- prices are right.

ter, where they will be at home at 4334 Visitors welcome,

local ticket office.

kitchen outfits hanging in the window, ters brought to the west. They sell on sight.

evening to view his landed interests in leading from the village. Finder will the southern part of the state. He will please leave at this office. be absent about a week.

the Emolene oil of D. K. Craig and Hotel in Elgin next Saturday. have the best light at all times.

points south, west and north will be sold on Nov. 16th. Dec. 7th and 21st. \$10.00. Address V. Fredenhagen, vil invitations for their third annual ball 1897, at one fare for the round trip, lage, For particulars inquire of G. H. Bunge Waples & Miles are now supplying

tunate enough to secure an invitation and Downers Grove and will have their

Why, if you use Emolene oil once, you linings, cotton-batting, and other level-headed men who always pull towill never use any other. Leave an goods, which will be sold at the lowest order with W. S. Carpenter at the Cen- living prices. trai Block drug store and be your own The Ladies Guild of St. Andrews Mis- is also published one of the best week-

monia after a lingering illness. The 1897. Supper from 5 to 8 o'clock p. m., a solid, safe, clean and influential jourfuneral was held from the house Mon- 25 cents. All are welcome. We offer for sale a farm of 280 acres day afternoon and interment made at situated in the best farming section of the west cemetery. Rev. Geo. C. Moor ary meeting of the Epworth League to pearing. Many former familiar faces the day on which the present rector in conducted the services.

time. The class has a membership of presence.

in the throat and afford instant relief. | Wheaton Illinoian.

Swieback at Rang's. Try them. National Light oil at Nash Bros. Crockery given away at Thompson's. The best and freshest baked goods a

Oil cloth binding and stove boards at

Thompson has seasonable fruits and

A. J. Thompson has returned from

Mrs. A. C. Ducat is visiting with rel-C. Penner has received his fall stock atives at Fort Douglas, Utah. Two thousand dollars to loan on farm

Mrs. McCleery of Waterman visited Mr. and Mrs. E. F. O. Swisher have at D. G. Graham's last Saturday. To exchange, 30 acres farm land at Lisle. Address owner, P. O. box 286,

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Reed of Albion, all the latest stripes and colors at past year. Six Sunday schools report-

L. Klein and Wm. Colville looked Thompson has a full line of gents after a little business matter in Aurora

We have just received a new line of Claire S. Foster of Rochelle visited fall underwear. Prices very reasonable,

Mertz & Mochel have a few second-Maron Newcomb of Janesville, Wis., hand base-burners which they offer to

If in need of a stove don't fail to Naught were visitors in Clarendon

The Brode Hardware Company and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. McDougal are Bateman & Palmer have new adver-

Mr. and Mrs. Wheidin and daugh-For Waples & Miles' oysters leave ter of Big Rock, Ill,, was visiting at

Morshall Roth of Hinsdale, will short-Colville the north side grocer, sells ly open a billiard hall in the Miller

Fresh buckwheat flour from Horse Have you tried Buck's teas and cof- beads, N. Y., at Nash Bros. Guaran-

Order your choice teas and coffees at We have a good stock of best grades Buck's tea and coffee store on North of coal on hand. Leave your orders at Foote street. Goods are the best and

Boys' Brigade Friday evening at the Mr. and Mrs. F. W. C. Hayes will re- Auditorium. Company B drill at 7 turn to the city next week for the win- o'clock; Company A drill at 8 o'clock.

Before you buy dry goods elsewhere Through tickets and baggage checks call and examine the goods and learn may now be secured to all points with- the prices at the Downers Grove Fair. in the United States and Canada at our opposite the bank.

Don't pass Brode's hardware store wagon to your doors Wednesdays and presumably punched his ticket without glancing at those combination Saturdays. Buy of them the best oys- nothing else.

Lost-A black silk umbrella, some-W. J. Herring started on a trip last where west of Downers Grove, on road

The Republican Editorial association Don't strain your eyes reading, writ- of the Eighth Congressional district ing or sewing by a poor light. Buy will hold a meeting at the Merchants

To Rent-Small store and living Harvest excursions tickets to all rooms on Main street, near bank building. Keys next door south. Rent

Victor Fredenhagen is making improvements on his brick building on Oldfield building, next friday evening, consumers of prime oysters at La- South Main street. He will occupy it Nov. 19th. Those who have been for- Grange, Western Springs, Hinsdale himself for the transaction of his real estate business.

> The Downers Grove Fair has just re- the city every hour of the day and ceived a full line of dry goods, con- can come when they get ready. Here What! You never used Emolene oil? sisting of flannels, ginghams, calicos, has also resided a goodly number of

sion will hold an oyster supper and ly newspapers in the state, the pub-Mrs. Smith, mother of Arthur Smith bazaar in the Sunday school room of lishers of which are discreet, progresdied late Saturday evening of pneu- the church, on Thursday, Nov. 18th, sive and aggressive. The REPORTER is

All are cordially invited to the literbe held at the home of Miss Carrie Mar- are missing in social and business cir-The club dancing class will occupy tin November 16. The committee plan cles. The wheels of time are revolving the hall on the third floor of the Old- to have these meetings helpful and en- faster; a new generation is coming to

stream of spring water. Farm all well about forty and anticipate many pleas- Prosecuting Attorney M. Slusser has to good citizenship." fenced; only a mile and a quarter from ant parties this winter under the in- wound up the criminal docket at this good market on the Pennsylvania rail- struction of Prof. Clifford G. Sweet of term of the court in a manner which reflects credit upon his administration. The Scientific American gives this Every case continued from last term, California leave Chicago at 10:80 p. for half cash, balance on long time at recipe: At the first indication of diph- and every indictment found at this 6 per cent. Full particulars will be theria in the throat, pour into a tin term of court has had the word concup equal parts of turpentine and tar, viction written upon the balance side and hold the cup over a fire so the of the presiding circuit judge's dockfumes will fill the room. The patient, on et. Quite a number of the cases have inhaling the fumes, will cough up the had to be tried, the parties refusing to membraneous matter and the attack plead guilty, but the states attorney will pass off. The fames of the tur- followed them through court and his pentine and tar loosen the phlegm efforts were crowned with victory,-

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Sunday Schools of the County Meet in Two Days Session in this Village.

The Sunday schools of the county were represented by about sixty delegates who gathered with the Sunday SILYERWARE AND CLOTHING TAKEN. school workers of Downers Grove in a convention last Thursday and Friday, November 4th and 5th. The full program was interesting and inspiring. Mrs. Lamereaux, secretary of the primary department of Illinois, and W. C. Pearce, state field worker, rendered valuable service during the convention. Others who were on the program presented good papers or short addresses. Mrs. Emma Smith entertained friends The discussions were interesting and the devotional services especially helpful. Those present went home full of the inspiration of the meeting and glad to have met the good people of Downers Grove. Those who do not attend these county Sunday school conventions cannot realize how much they receive of help and encouragement to enable them to do better work in the Sunday school. The secretary reported 42 Sunday schools in the county, with Mr. and Mrs. Potter are happy over 580 teachers and officers, a total mem-Fine quality horse blankets, a good the arrival of a fine baby girl, born on bership of 5,000, and an average attendance of 3,711. The schools had in-A nice variety of outing flannels in creased in membership about 400 in the ed home classes with a total membership of 187. Five township conventions had been held and in April the county secured the services of W. C. Pearce, who held six one-day institutes in different parts of the county.

The officers for the ensuing year are President, B. J. Slick, Naperville; first vice-president, Roy Smith, Granger; second vice-president, James Reber, Wheaton; third vice-president, J. F. Mrs. McNaught and George Mc- Smart, Cass; secretary and treasurer, Lefa May Chatfield, West Chicago.

#### THINKS DOWNERS HAS IMPROVED.

David B. Givler, the veteran editor of the Naperville Clarion visited Downers Grove last Friday and was so impressed with the many changes he witnessed, that he gave vent to his feelings in yesterday's Ctarion as follows, under the head of "The years are rolling by:"

"There was a time when we were acquainted with nearly every inhabitant of Downers Grove, but at this writing we are almost a stigrim and stranger in that city.

"Alighting from a coach at that station Friday afternoon, we were saluted in form and substance as follows: 'Helto! you old sinner, what are you doing over here? Had I known you were coming I would not have gone to Chicago; don't consider it safe to have you running at large in this town without being watched,' Just then the conductor came along and run Warren Rogers into a car and made him stay Waples & Miles will send their oyster there until the train started.

> "Downers Grove has improved wonderfully in every essential, save that the streets are a little too muddy for comfort on rainy days. The residence districts have been extended in every direction, and so far as the eye can reach palatial residences loom up in the receding distance.

"A few excellent business blocks are arrornament to the town and a credit to the builders. Well regulated water works supply the needs of inhabitants and help make the future prospects brighter, because it is an essential adjunct to every city that expects to at

tract progressive people. "Much of that prosperity is due to the fact that Downers is the terminal station of theh"Q" suburban passenger traffic. Residents can catch a train to gether in every public enterprise, and never give up until successful. Here nal. Long may it flourish.

"The old settlers are rapidly disapplenty of fruit, apples, cherries, peaches, field building to-night for the first tertaining. Encourage them by your the front, who will do well if they excel their ancestors in all that gertains

## **EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.**

Through tourist sleeping cars for 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 en G. H. Buson, Agent. quire of

The weather is cooler and everybody these goods for apol is sending their orders to Wa Miles' oyster store on Foote street.

# BURGLARS ON SOUTH SIDE.

RAID THE STRAUBE PREMISES LAST THURSDAY NIGHT.

Cained Estrance Through the Basement During Mr. Straube's Absonce-Carried Away Mr. Straube's Bleyele.

During the past month burglars have found a ripe field for their operations in Downers Grove. The last scene of their midnight manipulations being the residence of Wm. Straube on the south side. The burglary occurred some time during last Thursday night. Mr. Straube was absent from home, serving on a jury at Wheaton, and the family, which consists of Mrs. Straube and her young son, were sleeping on the second floor of the house and were not disturbed.

The burglars gained entrance through a basement window. The rooms on the lower floor of the house were thoroughly ransacted and every article of men's clothing taken, together with the silverware and other articles of value. In addition to this Mrs. Straube's sealskin jacket and Mr. Straube's bicycle were taken. A box of matches was left lying on the table and, as was the case in the north side houses burglarized during the past month, burnt matches were strewn over the floor in all the lower rooms. This leads to the supposition that the last robbery was committed by the same gang who operated on the north

#### WHAD A DELIGHTFUL HOP.

The informal dancing party beld in Carpenter's hall last Thursday evening, was one of the most delightful hope ever given in the village. It was in honor of Chan, H. Jones, who was visiting his people here, and was planned and carried to a successful termination by a number of the young gentlemen who made it as delightful as it was informal. Fourteen couples merrily dance ed the hours away from eight untiltwelve, and a more congenial or happy crowd of young people would be impossible to find. Prof. Offford Q. Sweet and son of Aurors, furnished entrancing music, which was greatly enjoyed and highly praised by the company. Those present were Misses Florence Pray of Stevens Point, Wis. Harriott Hughes of Hinsdale, Lou Smith, Laura Hughes, Florence Fraenkel, Arvilla Sweet, Willard, Ethel Edwards, Remington, Clars Mason, Dorts Frankel, Anna Wetten, Edith Earnest, Mesers, Chas. H. Jones of Burlington, Vermont, B. N. Hughes of Hinsdale, Earnest Gallup, W. H. Jones. Lee E. Stanley, W. H. Blodgett, H. P. Jones, He Gaylord Earnest, Leo Prince, Glenn W. Edwards, Arthur Rose, Frank. S. Willard, Ed H. Huntington,

### SHUBAL B. CRANDALL

Died, Saturday, Oct. 30th, at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. B. Squire, of Hannawa, N. Y., Shubal B. Crandall, aged 61 years, son-in-law of lease Parker of Downers Grove, Mr. Crandall had been secretary and treasurer of a large lumber company and overseer of an estate in Guyandotte, W. Val. for about sixteen years. He went north in July for his health, spending a part of the time in the Adlrondacks, week before his death, he failed so rapidly that his wife, who for several years has been caring for her aged father in Downers Grove, was surje moned. Mrs. Crandall reached her husband's bedside the day before his death and returned to her father in a short time after the funeral. Mr. Crandall leaves his wife, one daughter, Miss Jessie, who is in California, an aged mother, and sister to mourn his loss.

There will be services next Sunday as the St. Andrews Episcopal mission. Morning prayer at 10 e'clock, Calebra tion of the Holy Communion and seemon at 10:80. All are invited to attend whether they are communicants or not. No afternoon services. next Sunday will be the anniversary of charge, Rev. Geo. N. Meade began his duties, the sermon will be suitable to

ANNOUNCEMENT. to le Colville him added to his grooary stock a complete line of mer dise, consisting of indies, gents a children's shoes, rubber boots, ru and overshoes; a full line of dry g