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Judging by the appearance of some of the brick sidewalks recently laid either the contractors have not been complied with or the workmanship is at fault, or both.

The census man in his report on the number of cattle and other beasts in the county puts Downers Grove down as containing only one Jackass. The compliment is appreciated, but which one is meant?

No matter how distasteful the proposition is to the property owner, the fact remains that the sewer question must be met and some decisive steps taken before long. Human life is of vastly greater importance than bank accounts.

Whether or not the new system of charges in connection with electric light department will prove equitable as between meter and flat rate takers, the fact remains that many will in self protection adopt the meter system, and this in all means what the board should encourage.

There is the Village of Downers Grove have apparently reached the limit this year when the rate will be \$9.624 on each \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$2.434 over last year.

Extravagance is to be avoided at all times, but if any exception is made to the general rule, one would look for it during the Christmas season, when the desire to confer happiness upon others is a strong temptation.

People who have for some time past been looking for a new and better way of sending their Christmas cards are rejoicing that nearly all the annoying petty features of the law will be repealed.

Gov. Tanner and State Auditor McCollough have computed the state tax rate for 1900 and announced that the total straight rate will be 50 cents on the \$100 valuation of property.

At the next meeting of the state legislature a bill will be presented in which the people of this and adjoining counties will take more than ordinary interest.

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

Matters of Prominence Concerning Places and People in DuPage County and Surroundings

J. D. Hawbecker who drove the War-ranville stage team in 1868 and has for the last 20 years or more kept store in that town is now a resident of Batavia.

Thursday, Dec. 6, Elsie Llewellyn of Glen Ellyn, had three fingers of her left hand caught in a feed cutter. Dr. Higley was called to dress the hand and had to remove one finger; he hopes to save the other two.

The official vote in DuPage and Kane counties shows that C. H. Backus received 16,758 votes in Kane county, for representative and 5,708 1/2 in DuPage—a total of 22,466 1/2.

County Clerk Lawrence has a force of five men in addition to himself in getting out the tax books. The books are supposed to be ready by the 10th of January and as the rate has just been received from the Secretary of State, which is late owing to the fact that the Board of Equalization was behind may delay the books a short time.

Before the state constitution was revised, county officers received no stipulated salary but had to be satisfied with the earnings of their respective offices, which, in the earlier period, were very unreliable and meager.

The Cleveland syndicate which is building the electric road between Aurora and Chicago, purchased the electric road from Carpenterville to Geneva, including all of the Elgin city lines.

At a recent meeting of the board of supervisors it was resolved to curtail expenses by restricting the use of the courthouse telephone. Hitherto, it seems, that Tom, Dick and Harry had unrestricted access to the county's instrument, and that every such message was charged to the telephone transmitting the message, and not to the sender.

The telephone closet is closed against every body, save the officials, and no message can be sent at public expense which does not relate strictly to public business. The new rule was a surprise. The habit had become chronic, and to be suddenly deprived of this convenient method of communication is working a hardship on men who were led to believe that "talk is cheap."

Legitimate expenses are increasing taxation rapidly enough without the aid of impetuous individuals. Talk the lanky places. Hold every public servant to the strictest performance of official duties. The poor form was secured as a pretext to the indigent, unfortunate, helpless victim of unfortunate circumstances.

One Dose Hood's Pills. Tells the story. When your head aches, and you feel bilious, constipated, and out of tune, with your stomach sour and no appetite, just buy a package of Hood's Pills.

WITH THE MERCHANTS

New brick cheese at Nash's. New 1900 crop of nuts at Nash's. Visit the Wochrel's fair cigar factory. New Maple syrup, best on the market at Nash's.

Candied citron, orange and lemon peel. At Haller's.

New maple syrup; by the pint or gallon. At Haller's.

If you want good shirts don't forget the "Red Line" at Nash's.

Crop of 1900 walnuts; the kind that makes nice cake. At Haller's.

Dishes to rent for entertainments and suppers. Apply at Klein's market.

New York State cider, just what you want for mince meat, 5 cents per quart. At Haller's.

A \$25.50 Zonophone given away with coffee. Come in and find out how to get it, at Haller's.

Boys' leggings, size 18 to 14, 75 cents lace canvass, wool lined, rubber interlined, water proof. Nash's.

For Rent—Eighty acre farm at York Center; reasonable terms. Enquire of Josephine Austin, 91 Maple avenue or D. G. Graham.

Puritan oil stoves have stood the test; over 40 stoves sold in this community. They are no experiments. Call and let C. N. Hughes explain them to you.

Golden weddings are taking place all over the country. The old couples evidently took Rocky Mountain Tea in their young days. 35 cents. At drug-gists.

Buy Whisley's white borax and Old Country soap, and get the latest art pictures for the wrappers. The only genuine white borax soap on the market for sale at Nash's.

If sweet young widows want to "ketch" some sweetheart in the sunny tangles of their golden curls, they'd better take Rocky Mountain Tea. Great medicine. 35 cents. At drug-gists.

W. H. Barnhart, dealer in paints, oils, varnishes, enamels, stains and wall paper. Florence, the best article for putting on hard wood floors that has ever been used. Also real estate renting and insurance. Miller block.

Bitter fighting does not necessarily mean personal abuse or unavailing remarks. Keep your temper. Work for your party and stand by your convictions—work all night and talk all day if you find it essential to your success. It will irritate you and cause Dracopisa, but you can find relief for that in Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which is guaranteed by Bush & Simonson's.

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DR. LOUIS H. MAAS, DENTIST. Suite 135 Venetian Building, 34 Washington Street, CHICAGO. Saturdays reserved for Downers Grove residents.

New Service to California. Hereafter a personally conducted excursion party to the coast will leave Downers Grove every Monday on train No. 5 at 6:30 p. m. ROUTE—Via Denver, The Colorado Midland Ry. and Salt Lake City.

B. Roth The Artistic Tailor... Has the largest and handsomest line of Fall and Winter suitings ever shown in Downers Grove. Call and see samples at West Railroad Street.

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C. B. & Q. RAILWAY TIME CARD. East Bound. Leave Downers, Arr. Chi. Downers Grove suburban 5:30 a. m. 6:00 a. m. Aurora express 6:25 a. m. 7:15 a. m.