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## THOMAS T. THOMPSON

### SUCCESSORS TO OLD MALADY AT LOS ANGELES SATURDAY.

#### Struck Down While About to Start For Home After an Extended Tour in The South and West.

Early Saturday afternoon a telegram announcing the death of Thomas T. Thompson at Los Angeles, Cal., brought the shocking intelligence to his family, and friends here, many of whom were unaware of his illness.

In company with S. E. Smart he left Downers Grove early in December for a tour of the south and west, arriving at Los Angeles about two months ago. They spent the intervening time until the Monday previous to his death at Long Beach, when they returned to Los Angeles on their homeward journey. There he was taken ill with his old enemy, stomach and kidney trouble aggravated by a violent cold, and went to a hospital for treatment. Death resulted last Saturday morning at two o'clock.

The body left Los Angeles over the Santa Fe Sunday night at 7:15 and arrived in Chicago this morning at 7:40. The family will bring the remains to Downers Grove this morning.

Funeral services will be held from the house, 31 East Curtiss street, tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. Herbert H. Rood of the Methodist church will conduct the services. The pall bearers will be members of the Masonic order, who have charge of the burial arrangements, and the body will be interred with Masonic rites at Oak Forest.

Thomas T. Thompson was born in New York, December 11, 1841, the oldest of a family of seven children born to Arthur and Mary Thompson. While an infant his parents came west and settled in Downers Grove township south of this village. Here he grew to boyhood. At the age of 14 he began his career railroading, securing employment with the Northwestern railway. During the war he served as an engineer of the union army transporting troops and supplies in the south and after its close was an engineer for many years on the Little Rock and Memphis road.

He was married to Maria Ladd, August 31, 1876, and shortly thereafter he retired from the railroad and moved to his farm three miles south of Downers Grove, where he remained until coming to the village in 1895, where with his brother they jointly purchased their handsome Curtiss street residence, and where he has since resided. Four years ago his health failed and his former rugged and strong constitution became undermined by the insidious inroads of the disease which ultimately caused his death.

Mr. Thompson was a large stockholder in, and a member of the first board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants bank which position he held until his death. He was a charter member of the Downers Grove Masonic Lodge. By his honest and shrewd business dealings he had amassed a comfortable fortune. He leaves a widow and adopted daughter, Miss Alice Groves, together with a brother and sister, Arthur J. and Elizabeth Thompson, both of Downers Grove.

## MRS. ESTHER KEENEY.

Mrs. Esther Keeney died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Jones, 38 Middaugh avenue, Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock from heart failure. Mrs. Keeney came here from her home in Crown Point, Ind., about three weeks ago to visit her daughter. Immediately following her arrival she was taken ill with the ailment which resulted in her death Tuesday. Short funeral services will be conducted at the house this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. H. H. Rood and the remains will be taken to Beloit, Wis., her former home, Friday morning for interment. She leaves a husband and three daughters, Mrs. W. H. Jones and Miss Keeney of Downers Grove and Mrs. Laura McNulty of Leadville, Colo., all of whom will be present at the funeral.

## DEMAND FOR HEAVY HORSES.

To show what good drivers and good 1500 pound heavy draft horses are worth, Walter Scott Bryan is about buying two pairs of heavy, smooth draft horses, having offered \$700 for the two teams. They are six years old and will average 1550 pounds each. "Why farmers with good brood mares," says Mr. Bryan, "don't breed from good high-class Clydesdales such as 'Scottish King,' bred by Mr. Smith of Aberdeen, Scotland, the best horse that ever came into Illinois, remains a mystery to many horse buyers."

## STOPS THE COUGH,

And works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

## SHANNABROOKS HOUSE BURNS.

### Fire Partially Destroys Home of Wm. Shannabrook Friday Morning.

Fire partially destroyed the home of Wm. Shannabrook on Belmont avenue early Friday morning. The kitchen in the rear was totally destroyed and a portion of the main building was badly damaged.

Mrs. Shannabrook arose about 4:30 and built a fire in the kitchen stove, later returning to bed. About 5 o'clock the family was aroused by the flames bursting through to the main part of the house. The alarm was instantly given by the fire and factory whistles and the local department responded promptly. The fire was soon under control, though the kitchen and the roof was a mass of flames when the department reached the scene.

Prompt action on the part of the firemen and neighbors saved the furniture in the front part of the house. Mr. Shannabrook was severely burned about the face while saving some of his threatened possessions.

The fire is supposed to have originated from some children's clothing hanging above the stove. The loss is estimated at about \$300 and will fall directly upon the owner, as no insurance was carried upon either the house or furniture. The furniture was damaged by water. The family is temporarily located in the adjoining house, pending the rebuilding of the burned residence, which will begin as soon as possible.

## CLUB RECIPROCITY DAY.

Yesterday was "reciprocity day" at the Wednesday club and the parlors of the Downers Grove club were thronged with club members and invited guests from the Federated Women's clubs of the eighth district, and suburban clubs along the line of the Burlington. Reciprocity day closes the club's work for the year, and is the occasion when comparisons are made of the progress of the various organizations represented. The club rooms were handsomely decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers and made a charming setting for the smartly gowned company. The program which was arranged by the music committee, was particularly interesting. The musical features were all cleverly given and the papers and addresses were of a high character. It was as follows:

- Response to roll call.....
- How the club has helped me.....
- Soprano Solo—"Love is like the red, red rose".....
- Miss Alice Poole
- Illustrated paper on Mendelssohn.....
- .....written by Mrs. Edler read by Mrs. Pratt of LaGrange.
- Soprano Solo—"Twas April".....
- Mrs. F. A. Dawes
- Address—Mrs. Mary A. Woodworth, Oak Park
- Reports—LaGrange Club.....
- Mrs. Pratt
- Beryn's Mother's Club.....
- Mrs. Sargison
- Clyde Women's Club.....
- Mrs. Anthea Fluke
- Ottawa Club.....
- Mrs. Horace Hull
- Aurora Club.....
- Mrs. Eben Bearpore
- Western Springs Club.....
- Mrs. Knowlton
- Wednesday Club.....
- Mrs. E. C. Kennel

Following the program light refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake, after which an informal reception was held. Among the guests from out of town were the following: Mesdames Sarah Fritz, Cota; H. G. Gobel, O. D. Powell, J. C. Murphy, N. C. Simmons, W. S. Rice, O. P. Knickerbocker, Misses Deedham, Alice Rhode, Aurora; Mesdames A. Scott, J. W. Collins, Ida Simpson, Minnie Schaeffer, Misses Lorene, Rasaweller, Rose Nadelhofer, Naperville; Mrs. Louise Darrow, Western Springs; Mesdames Cornelia Moore, Anthea Fluke, Clyde; Mrs. Sargison, Beryn; Mesdames Gaylord, Johnson, Bernard, Oswego; Mrs. Horace Hull, Ottawa; Mrs. Manning, Riverside; Mrs. C. E. Raymond, Janet; Gregory, Hinsdale.

## ORGANIZE ECONOMIC LEAGUE.

The first meeting of the Downers Grove Center of the Economic League was held last Thursday evening at the Congregational church. Over thirty members were present and a permanent organization was effected. The officers elected are F. A. Dawes, president; Prof. O. M. Searles, secretary; John Rutherford, vice president; D. G. Graham, treasurer. The object of the Economic League was explained by J. L. Johnson who told of the success which has marked the progress of the university extension movement. It was decided that the first regular meeting of the league should be addressed by a lecturer. The course of study to be pursued during the year includes all of the live questions of the day. Another meeting of the league is called for this evening at the Congregational church where the organization will be further perfected and the details of the work arranged. All members and those who contemplate joining, are urged to attend. The organization gives promise of being an effective factor in the advancement of the literary, moral and material interests of the community.

Choice mixed lawn and white clover seed at Mertz & Mochel's.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Try Rang's coffee cake. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Garden seeds in bulk at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. H. H. DeGraw moved his family to Harvard Monday.

John W. Nicholson was over from Hinsdale Monday. The collar exchange system is a success. J. W. Nash.

F. C. Crouse and family moved to Chicago last Friday.

J. D. McVean began the street sprinkling service yesterday.

Geo. Binder is able to be out after his long siege of sickness.

Chas. Busholtz of Chicago, was the guest of L. R. Puffer Sunday.

Chas. Stanley has moved into the Stanger house on Warren avenue.

M. Steinmann, of the Smith Premier Typewriter Co., was in town yesterday.

Fred Briggs and Chas. Wells left Monday for a two weeks trip to Sheridan.

Ed. Freeman of Ogden, Iowa, was the guest of his relatives here the past week.

Do not overlook the Choir Guild table at the Episcopal church bazaar Saturday.

Thieves entered the barn at the Savage farm one night recently and stole five calves.

F. A. Dawes met with his college alumni at a banquet in Chicago last Monday evening.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Wednesday club occurs Wednesday, May 15th.

The season for law sprinkling began yesterday and many took advantage of it to start their lawn fountains.

C. S. Hughes & Co. have a change of ad. in this issue calling attention to their line of paints for all purposes.

Mrs. A. L. Mitchell, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wallace, returned Monday to her home in Chicago.

Bush & Simonson have secured the services of A. F. Jennings of Chicago, as pharmacist who will remain during the summer.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church will serve ice cream Decoration day. Further particulars given later.

The Knights of Pythias held a regular convention last night and conferred the second and third ranks on two candidates, E. W. Otto and Wm. Berry respectively.

Chas. Wert wishes to thank the many friends, who by their kind acts of sympathy and material assistance have sought to lighten his affliction in the loss of his wife.

Chas. F. Krauss, Chicago Representative of the American Autotype Co., has rented the 2d floor flat in the Harding building, No. 51 North Main street and will occupy it next week.

Mr. W. B. Green and daughter, Mrs. Laura Morgan, of Cleveland, Ohio, spent Monday afternoon with their old neighbors and friends, Mr. L. P. and Mrs. D. H. Naramore and Mrs. John Stanley.

Mrs. J. No matter what causes facial eruptions, absolute cleanliness inside and out is the only way to cure them. Rocky Mountain Tea taken this month will drive them away. 35 cents. Ask your druggist.

A number of neighbors and friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kennison last Friday night on the anniversary of their marriage. Krokonole, coffee, cake and other pastimes were enjoyed and it was a delightful occasion.

A misunderstanding has arisen in regard to a local in last week's paper regarding the late Hinsdale scandal. The woman referred to was not Miss Gray, the dressmaker, who occupies the building adjoining Thompson's store, but a milliner from Hinsdale who had secured temporary quarters with her in the same building.

The duck season has ended. The game law provides that there shall be no duck hunting between April 15 and September 1. Snipe and plover are in season till April 25. Angeworms form their main diet. These are numerous after warm rains, and the snipe collect along the sloughs and pick the worms from the surface. The flight of the snipe is in a circuitous movement which makes it difficult for hunters.

The board of education at its meeting Tuesday night decided to cut two weeks from the spring term. School will, therefore, close June 14. In arranging for the coming school year, Prof. O. M. Searles and the present corps of teachers were retained with the exception of Miss Edith Neil and Miss Jennie Gurnea. Miss Anna Herling was engaged as teacher to succeed Miss Neil. By changing the course of study in the high school from four to three years, the service of one teacher is disposed of.

Oil. Family Safety. Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. Fancy California fruits at Nash's. Sweet garden peas 15 cents per can at Nash's.

Mrs. J. C. White is seriously ill with malarial fever.

A. C. Wisegarver is enjoying a visit from his mother.

H. H. DeGraw will accompany J. D. McVean to California.

Fresh lot California apricots, peaches and pears at Gerwig's.

A. J. Gray made a short business trip to Racine last week.

J. M. Reulinger will move his family to Naperville today to reside.

Stuart W. Crafts, the Hinsdale optician, was in town on business Monday.

Miss Addie Gilmore has recovered from her extended illness with peritonitis.

The Downers Grove band is being revived to furnish music for Decoration day.

W. H. Barnhart has moved his office into the building with Selig's barber shop.

J. M. Wells and family have moved into the former club house on East Railroad street.

Miss Julia Behm stopped here to visit friends on the way from Chicago to her home in Lisle.

The Downers Grove club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers next Saturday evening.

Mrs. L. Isham, who has been a guest at O. C. Smith's, has returned to her home at Crown Point, Ills.

Bishop Fallows will lecture before the Economic League here soon. Further announcement when date is fixed.

J. W. Nash files his advertising space this week with a timely talk on butter, flour and teas. See it on the fifth page.

Mrs. Mary H. Bates and daughter Florence, Miss Jennie Moon of Lockport, Ill., and Mrs. J. L. Hedrick, of Bullman, Ill., were guests at Mrs. McNights Sunday.

Into each life some ruins must fall, wise people don't sit down and bawl; only fools suicide or take to flight, smart people take Rocky Mountain Tea at night. Ask your druggist.

Sabbath services at Congregational church, Morning—"The Wells of Salvation, and what the Believer draws forth". Evening—"Evolution and the preaching of the Gospel".

Rev. Edgar M. Thompson, formerly rector of St. Andrews church made a recent visit to the church to note the progress made by the boys' choir in which he was greatly interested.

Mothers of good judgment and experience give their little ones Rocky Mountain Tea this month, keeps them well. 35 cents. Made by Madison Medicine Co. Ask your druggist.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' Library association will be held in the Library building, Thursday afternoon, May 7, at 2:30 o'clock. It is hoped all members will be present.

J. A. Wibe, florist, 152 South Washington street. Funeral designing a specialty. Plants for vases, Wince vases, Sracness, Geraniums, Heliotropes, For-get-me-nots, etc. Cabbages and tomato plants.

In the new apportionment bill passed by the Illinois house yesterday, DuPage county with Will forms the forty-first senatorial district. Congressional DuPage is affiliated with Kane, McHenry and Will in the eleventh district.

The Stevenson and McKenzie families have returned to Downers and occupy their homes in Straube's subdivision. Mr. Stevenson is now paymaster for the Metropolitan "L" and is also auditor for a company owning a large Mexican plantation.

The subject of the lesson-sermon at the Christian Science church at La Grange on next Sunday, 10:30 o'clock, is "Adam and Fallen Man." Service at the Auditorium, new town hall. Testimonial meeting Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock. Strangers welcome.

C. S. Hughes & Co. have leased the Miller building on West Railroad street recently occupied by W. H. Barnhart, and will shortly establish a carriage repository. In addition to carriages, wagons and buggies, which will be shown in endless varieties, a full line of single and double harness in all grades will be handled, together with horse goods of all kinds, including robes, blankets, nets, whips, halters and every thing of that nature. It will be the finest display of vehicles and harness wear ever shown in DuPage county and the public is invited to inspect the stock.

## PHILIPPINE SOLDIER BURIED.

### Former Downers Grove Boy Interred with Military Honors at Indianapolis.

The body of Edmond Collins Johnson 18 years old, who was killed in battle in the Philippines, a member of Company C, 34th Volunteer Infantry was brought to Indianapolis, the former home of the family, and buried with military honors last week. He was killed on the firing line Sept. 13, last. He and his brother William enlisted at Fort Logan, Ill., and were soldiers of sterling patriotism and bravery. William is now on his way home with his regiment. The body of Edmond was escorted from the church to Crown Hill cemetery by Company C, 2d Indiana Regiment and a squad of 35 members of the Company fired three volleys over the grave.

By request of the company the flag that had been wrapped around the casket was not removed and the boy soldier was buried in its folds.

His mother Mrs. M. Johnson, who resides here, his sister Florence who is a teacher in the Indianapolis schools and also his sisters Marie and Elizabeth Johnson, Dolores McCarty and his brothers Frank Johnson and Thos. McCarthy were there to receive the body and attend the last sad rites.

The family are well and favorably known here and have the sympathy of the entire community.

## MRS. CHAS. WERT.

Mrs. Maria Flisher Wert, wife of Chas. Wert, died at the home on Rogers street Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock, aged 42 years. Her death was caused from consumption and heart failure, from which she had been a sufferer for many years, though it was but a week ago that her condition became serious. The funeral was held from the house Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. C. Rickert of Chicago, formerly of the Evangelical church here, conducted the services. Burial was made in the west cemetery. Maria Flisher was born in Copenhagen, May 8th, 1859. When a child she moved to Blackhawk Iowa, with her parents. Later returning to Naperville where she was married to Chas. Wert in December, 1881. The family lived several years in Dakota and Iowa, coming to Downers Grove twelve years ago, where they have since resided. She leaves a husband and six children, five girls and one boy. Her father living in South Dakota and three brothers also survive her.

## NEW TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

The Chicago Telephone company is widening the scope of service of the Downers Grove exchange at a rapid rate. Over thirty new contracts for telephones have been secured recently and the company expect to obtain a large number additional within a short time. Included in the number already secured are about twenty farmers who realize the benefits to be derived from the telephone. The company is offering a special inducement to secure resident takers and is making a twenty-five per cent discount to new subscribers for the first year's service. At Naperville over sixty new subscribers have been secured within as many days and the local manager, W. S. Carpenter, says the company expects to do as well or better in Downers Grove.

## SNEAK THIEVES STEAL.

Sneak thieves entered the home of D. K. Foote on Highland avenue last Thursday afternoon during the temporary absence of the family, and stole \$11.90 in money. Mrs. Foote had left the house for a drive and the Deacon was in the garden working. The windows on the lower floor were open to permit the gentle spring zephyrs to freshen up the atmosphere of the house. In a closet in one of the chambers, on the first floor, in view of the open window, hung a pair of the deacon's trousers. In the pockets reposed \$11.90—a tempting bait for a chance tramp. The thief presumably entered by the window and abstracting the money, fled. Nothing else was disturbed.

## CLEVER ADVERTISING.

The current numbers of The Iron Age Farm Implement News and The Hardware Record, all have highly complimentary notices of the 16 page catalogue recently issued for C. S. Hughes & Co., by this office, which they call decidedly unique, well gotten up and arranged. The booklet is strongly commended as a decidedly clever piece of advertising, which the papers say should prove a trade winner for the progressive firm which issued them. The articles close with a strong endorsement of Messrs. C. S. Hughes & Co.'s system of publicity, in bringing their goods into public notice.

## REMOVAL NOTICE.

W. H. Barnhart has removed to 35 South Main street and will be found there after this date.

## COUNTY BUILDINGS.

### DUPAGE COUNTY'S ARE SURPASSED BY NO OTHER.

Pleasant Homes for the Unfortunate Maintained by the County—What They Have Cost the Taxpayers.

There is no county in the state of Illinois which has a better lot of county buildings than little DuPage, says the Illinoisian. But a few years ago the court house was completed at a cost of about \$50,000. Prior to that in 1890, a sheriff's residence and jail was erected. The jail is a regular "strong box," the interior furnishings costing about \$8,000. The cost of the jail and residence was about \$15,000. The jail will now accommodate 32, and room was left for a second cage when needed which will house 30 more.

The last county building to be completed was the almshouse which was dedicated last year.

By referring back to the records we find that a meeting of the board of supervisors in July, 1893, a resolution was passed, "That inasmuch as the number of incurable insane returned to this county by the various insane asylums is increasing and that the dictation of humanity and the desire to properly care for those poor unfortunates, and the paupers in our several towns appeals to this board for suitable action in the premises; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a committee be appointed for procuring a proper place for the proper care and keeping of the said returned incurable insane and paupers." Wm. Rathje, John Christie and Frank Uraeger were appointed a committee. At the next meeting of the board they reported favorably to the purchase of the Levi Ballou, consisting of 116 acres, at a price not to exceed \$5,000. The motion was carried without a dissenting vote and the committee purchased the farm, paying \$500 to bind the bargain.

The citizens of Wheaton held a mass meeting opposing the location, thinking it too near Wheaton and that the inmates would loaf about the streets. The Ballou farm was just west of the one now occupied by Mrs. Wallace Campbell. The objections were made feasible and were backed by a purse of \$500 if the change to a more remote place would be made.

Mr. Rathje promised his willingness to pay back the \$500 earnest money if the county wished to make a change and the purchase was declared cancelled.

The A. R. Curtiss farm, consisting of 137 acres, was then purchased at \$70 per acre. In September, 1893, Levi S. Shufley of Naperville, was then awarded the contract for erecting an almshouse on said farm, the contract price being \$5,965.75.

The house was completed during the winter and in March of the following year Geo. Broughton was appointed superintendent. There were 13 inmates at first but the increase in the returned incurable insane was so great that in 1895 an addition was erected to properly house and care for the unfortunates.

This building was also soon crowded and a new structure was deemed advisable. A few years ago the board of supervisors considered it their duty to secure more commodious quarters and an expense of about \$40,000 the present building was erected.

E. H. Bows was appointed superintendent in 1897, and has filled the position in a satisfactory manner. The farm now cares for 17 insane and 29 paupers.

## HOME FROM THE ORIENT.

Bronzed and in excellent health Albert H. Watten stepped off the Denver limited Friday morning from his trip around half the world. His trip which began in New York last September has been an interesting one and resulted in benefitting his health. In company with Harry Ammon of Cleveland, Ohio, he sailed from New York September 5, on a merchant sailing vessel bound around Cape Horn for Hong Kong, where they arrived five months later. Canton and other points in China were visited, and a week was spent at Manila and the Philippines. Some time was spent at Tokio, Yokohama and other Japanese cities, and on the return voyage a week was devoted to Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands. He arrived at San Francisco last week and returned home by way of Denver.

## CHOIR BOYS REWARDED.

The choir boys of St. Andrews church were given a turkey and ice cream supper, last Thursday presided over by their rector, Rev. Whitcomb, the first of a series of treats in store for them. Three of the presents were of more value than the others as rewards of merit. Leo Colville was given one for singing; Elmer Cheesman awarded another for deportment and the third to Carl Stager for attendance.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.