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## AROUND THE COUNTY

### INTERESTING NEWS NOT TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

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

Wm. Williams, a U. S. prisoner, was discharged from the county jail last Friday. He was under sentence for using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Jas. McClintock, of Hinsdale, H. M. Plummer, of Wheaton, A. McS. S. Kiddle, of Naperville, will constitute the board of review.

Cyril Coffield died at Eola Wednesday from the effect of drinking butter coloring which had been left within reach of his juvenile explorations.

The Chicago Telephone Co. is making strenuous efforts to connect Naperville and Wheaton by way of West Chicago. The Big Woods branch is being pushed towards completion.

At the June term of the county court Monday Treasurer Ayers asked that judgment be entered against the property upon which the taxes still remain unpaid. Such judgment having been entered the property will be sold on June 10th for taxes.

Some thirty years ago the early spring season was so cold and dry that corn failed to come up. A second planting followed and then came rains which brought forth the first and second plantings simultaneously. Cultivators reduced the stand and farmers harvested a large crop of corn. Can't tell how a game is coming out until the last move has been made.

At Hinsdale Thursday gathered a merry party of young people about to start on a long trip to the land of the midnight sun. The party consisted of Tina Johnson, Alma and Jennie Peterson, Lydia Carlson, Tillie Bengstrom, Bertha Larson, Gust Hard, and Andrew Anderson. Their objective point is Gothemburg, Sweden, from whence their paths diverge to their various homes.

Lawrence Jagen, a Chicago boy about twenty years of age, received a bullet wound in the instep of his foot Monday which might prove serious. He arrived at the home of George Keller in Naperville, with the intention of spending his vacation. The day after his arrival he procured a .22 caliber rifle at a neighboring farm, and started on a hunt. The weapon was accidentally discharged, with the above result. He was removed to his home in the city.

The Wheaton city council passed a resolution at the meeting Saturday night adopting the double pipe sewerage system as now in use at Champaign. It is now up to the property owners. If they want this system of sewerage, it will be necessary to secure a petition to the council embracing a majority of the street frontage in the proposed drainage district. Work on the securing of the signers to the petition will be begun at once.

Superintendent Morgan is encouraging teachers and scholars with his gracious presence, wholesome advice and practical suggestions. Schools are closing one by one, and it requires considerable tact, skill and courage to keep up a lively interest in studies during the warmer days of early summer. Boys long to be out doors and at work, while the girls have plans which are not at all confined to books, lessons or recitations.

Andrew Carnegie will give \$3,500 for the construction of a library building in Grossdale. Willis Melville, village attorney, returned from Springfield, where he met an agent of Mr. Carnegie and arranged for the gift. Subscription papers have been started to raise money to buy books. The building will be erected on part of the lot to be occupied by the new village hall. The site will be given by the village. Grossdale has no library, and the gift has created an interest that promises to produce sufficient funds to buy a collection of books that will make the library valuable.

Morgan E. Kavanagh of LaGrange, met with an accident Saturday night while hurrying to catch a suburban train at the union depot which resulted in his death. Mr. Kavanagh was among the throng of commuters who were hurrying down the southern stairs at the depot. Near the top of the stairs he stumbled and fell headlong. His head struck with crushing force the bottom of the stairway. He was unconscious and was removed by the police ambulance to the Presbyterian hospital. There it was found that he had sustained a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain. He died without gaining consciousness at 8:30 o'clock, three hours after the accident.

#### DOG TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs within the limits of the village of Downers Grove that the annual dog tax is now due and payable at the office of the village collector, and that the sum of one dollar for each and every male dog and two dollars for each and every female dog must be paid before June 1st. BERT C. WHITE, Clerk.

## THE WOMAN'S CLUB FESTIVAL.

Forty Dollars are Cleared for the Improvement of the Village.

Downers Grove will be beautified if the plans now contemplated by the members of the Women's club meet with success. The chief work now being done consists of raising a fund with which to promote this work. Saturday the first of the series of entertainments was given at the Auditorium, the festival was originally planned to take place on the adjoining lawns of Mrs. Cora Hancock and D. K. Foote, but owing to the cool weather was given indoors. Among the attractions provided for separating a person from his money were flower, candy, fortune telling, ice cream, lemonade and pop corn booths. The band gave a concert and a feature of the program were the solos of Miss Margery Allen of Polo, Miss Esther Owen of Chicago, gave several clever recitations. The club cleared over \$40 from the festival. The money raised by the club will be used for the benefit of the village.

#### PRESS CLUB EXCURSION.

An excursion on the lake of more than usual interest will be given by the Press club of Chicago, Friday afternoon, June 14th, to Waukegan on the mammoth steamer "North Land" belonging to the Great Northern Steamship company. The vessel will reach her dock that day on her first trip between Chicago and Buffalo, in which service she is to remain during the season. The excursion given by the Press club will be the only one the boat will take out during the summer, and will afford a fine opportunity to inspect the vessel, which is the largest and finest passenger steamer on the lake, exclusive of the "North West" a sister ship, owned by the same company. Among those who will be guests of the club on this occasion are Gov. Richard Yates and staff, Mayor Carter H. Harrison and others of prominence. Tickets for the trip are \$1 each and may be procured at the office of the Press club, 106 Madison street.

#### SIDEWALK ORDINANCE NO. 57.

AN ORDINANCE providing for a brick sidewalk on the east and west sides of Main street of the village of Downers Grove, county of DuPage and state of Illinois.

Be it ordained by the president and board of trustees of the village of Downers Grove, in the county of DuPage and state of Illinois:

Section 1. That a sidewalk 167 feet in length shall be constructed on the east side of Main street in said village, immediately in front of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company's right-of-way between the intersection of the south line and the north line of the right-of-way of said railroad company, with the east line of said Main street, not including that portion of the said right-of-way on the east side of said Main street, lying between the south line of the present plank platform on the south main track, and the north line of the present brick platform on the north main track of said railroad company.

Section 2. That a sidewalk 100 feet in length shall be constructed on the west side of Main street in said village, immediately in front of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad company's right-of-way between the intersection of the south line and the north line of the right-of-way of said railroad company, with the west line of said Main street, not including that portion of the said right-of-way on the west side of said Main street lying between the south line of the depot platform and the north line of the present brick platform on the north track of said railroad company.

Section 3. That the whole cost of said sidewalk shall be levied upon said right-of-way.

Section 4. Said sidewalk shall be constructed under the supervision and to the acceptance of the street commissioner of said village, and the same shall be constructed eight feet in width, of vitrified brick, as follows: The ground upon which said sidewalk is proposed to be laid immediately in front of said right-of-way shall be thoroughly under-drained with good drain tile six inches in diameter, and the foundation upon which the walk is to be laid, shall be made of cinders 12 inches in thickness; said walk shall be made of vitrified brick, each 4 inches in width and 8 inches in length and 2 inches in thickness, of the kind made by the Streator Paving Brick Co., of Streator, Ill. or equal and commonly known as "repressed pavers;" said brick shall be laid flat and firmly imbedded herein, and shall be so placed that when the walk is completed, the surface shall be reasonably smooth and sufficiently convex as to carry the water falling thereon off the walk.

Section 5. That the owner of said right-of-way is hereby required to construct said sidewalk in front of said right-of-way, agreeable to the provisions of section 4 of this ordinance, within thirty days after the publication thereof.

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## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Garden seeds in bulk at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. J. I. Weir was out from Chicago Tuesday.

Mrs. M. McFaul is in Hinsdale for a few weeks.

Many visitors from the city spent Decoration day in Downers.

Mrs. Frank I. Mason returned Saturday from a visit with her parents at Quincy.

Jas. Morford has the contract for building an addition to E. W. Otto's residence.

Harry Slusser was taken suddenly ill Saturday. His condition is considered quite dangerous.

W. M. Carpenter and family of Evanston, spent Decoration Day with his father, Chas. Carpenter.

Mrs. Jas. M. Burns left Thursday for an extended visit with relatives at Franklin, New Hampshire.

Parisgreen for potato bugs, put up in 1, 1 and 3 lb. cans. 1 lb. 12c, 1 lb. 20c, and 3 lb. 55c., at Hallers.

Adolph Baker had a slight experience Monday with a runaway horse, belonging to Jake Klein. No damage.

Try Maple City Self Washing soap for washing woools or lace curtains. It is unequalled for washing ladies' shirt waists.

A number of the little friends of Master Edwin Wertzler were entertained at his home in East Grove Saturday afternoon.

Two hundred dollars buys 50 feet east front, lot 5 block 39, Prince's addition to Downers Grove. C. F. Smith, 623 East 55th street, Chicago.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church. Morning—"The vision of God." Evening—"Evolution and a personal Satan;" fifth sermon.

Married, at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday afternoon, June 5, by Rev. H. H. Rood, John Adams and Miss Elizabeth Thompson, both of Hinsdale.

Master Thomas Hopkinson entertained a number of his young friends Friday afternoon. Refreshments, consisting of ice-cream, cake and candy were served.

R. D. Parker is now ready to do your painting. He has more men to work than any man in town. He will do your work promptly and satisfaction guaranteed.

The long continued drouth was broken yesterday by a soaking rain and hail storm, which was of great benefit to vegetation. A number of panes of window glass were cracked by the hail. Rev. E. H. Libby picked up one hail stone during the storm which measured 5/8 inches in circumference and several which measured 4 inches.

The Knights of Pythias held their semi-annual election of officers last night. The following were elected: Chancellor Commander, E. E. Bunge; vice chancellor, D. J. Miley; prelate, F. R. Owens; master of work, Geo. Howk; master at arms, R. J. Morden; inner guard, H. F. Lezenhausen; outer guard, C. W. Weber. Bert C. White was elected representative to the grand lodge.

The Demorest medal contest to be held in the Methodist church Friday evening, June 21, under the auspices of the Epworth League promises to be a very interesting affair. From six to eight representative young people will speak and the one receiving the most favorable decision by the judges will receive a beautifully engraved silver medal. The medal will be on exhibition at Bush & Simonson's drug store next week.

The Village Improvement Committee of Downers Grove Women's club wishes to thank their many friends for patronage and support in their recent Festival and especially to mention the kindness of Miss Margery Allen, Mrs. Babcock, and Miss Esther Owen, taking part in the program. The sum of \$64.91 was realized, leaving a balance above all expenses of \$41.10 This money will all be used for village purposes and suggestions from citizens may be addressed to Mrs. E. C. Kuenzel, the chairman.

Minerva A. Weir, wife of John I. Weir, died at the home her brother-in-law, Dr. J. J. Weir, at Millburg, Mich., May 21st of heart failure. She was born in Trumbia county, Ohio in 1836, and was married to John I. Weir in 1856. They were residents of Downers Grove since 1892. The funeral was held at South Bend, Ind., and interment made in the city cemetery there. She was a member of the Methodist church of Downers Grove. She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. F. S. Weaver and two grandchildren, Walter and Blanche Weaver.

Oil. Family Safety. Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes.

Miss Mills and Miss Edith Graham have gone to Colorado on a vacation trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Foster and H. Faul visited relatives at LaGrange last week.

Dr. F. L. Wallace of Chicago, is visiting with W. R. Stevenson and family this week.

George McNaught was in Maywood Sunday, the guest of his cousin, Miss Florence Bates.

Hygienic Kalsomine, the most durable wall finish, in all shades at 25 cents at Mertz & Mochel's.

J. D. McVean is painting his Maple avenue residence and otherwise improving the property.

S. R. Smart returned yesterday from an extended trip through the south and west to California.

The Methodist Sunday school will be held again next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in the Baptist church.

The Tucker family on North Highland avenue entertained visitors from the city the fore part of the week.

Mrs. H. G. Winslow and Miss Gertrude Gibbs left Monday for a month's visit with relatives at St. Albans, Vermont.

R. D. Parker 71 Gilbert Ave. has three paperhangers from Chicago. He will do your work promptly and satisfaction guaranteed.

Guy L. Bush returned yesterday from a trip in company with a number of prominent members of the legislature to Indiana health resorts.

The Methodist church will be reopened again for worship on Sunday, June 16th, with special services. Further announcement next week.

The first meeting of the new military company will be held in the Congregational church, Friday evening, June 7, at 8 o'clock. Be sure and come out.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Erickson were here from Chicago last Saturday. They will soon be residents with us again and in an elegant new house on Saratoga avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Woelfersheim and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray took a drive Sunday to Lemont and the drainage canal, returning by way of Cass, Lake and Hinsdale.

Geo. DeWier has returned home from Galveston so changed in appearance his friends hardly recognized him. A long siege of illness was responsible for a loss of fifty pounds in weight.

The thanksgiving and experience social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin on Grove street, next Tuesday afternoon and evening, June 11, will be very largely attended and will be a very interesting affair. Experiences met with in earning the offering they bring for the repair fund of the Methodist church will be interesting. All friends of the church are cordially invited. To those who bring an offering refreshments will be served free. A small charge to others.

The Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches united in a union temperance service at the Baptist church. A large audience was present. The address was by Rev. Chas. S. Dean of Iowa. Mr. Dean literally captured his audience. He is one of the most able, eloquent and witty men to whom we have ever listened. Mr. Dean also spoke to good audiences with great acceptance on Monday and Tuesday evenings. He is a friend of many years standing of Rev. C. J. Pope.

Next Sunday morning and evening, the Baptist Sunday school will observe Children's day and render Hall Mack's "Time of Beauty." This is an exceptionally choice service, probably the best that the school has ever undertaken, and no pains have been spared in its preparation. A full chorus choir with organ, piano and cornet will assist under the leadership of A. C. Wisegaver. The decorations will be in keeping and the many friends of the school and its work are invited to be present.

The Courtright boys are minus a team hired to a suave stranger from Chicago Monday. Sunday a party in Chicago called up the livery and wanted to secure a team to drive to Batavia. All the rigs were out Sunday and he was so informed. The party then asked the boys to secure him a team for Monday and he would come out. Monday morning they fitted him out with a rig for the trip. He agreed to return at 3 o'clock, but probably meant next week at 3 o'clock for neither he or the team have been seen since. The boys are tracing the team and indications point to the man being a professional horse thief.

## PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT.

Class of Ten To Graduate June 17th—Junior Reception Friday Evening.

The Downers Grove public schools will close for the summer vacation next week Friday, and the commencement exercises will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church the following Monday, June 17th. The lateness of this date is caused by repairs being made on the church which will, however, be completed before the commencement exercises.

Ten members of the senior class have finished the course of study and will receive their diplomas at that time. The program for the commencement has been arranged, including the orations of the seniors, together with the musical features, and is as follows:

- Fantasia Et Travatore..... Verdi Orchestra.
- "New Honors for Mother Goose"..... Rev. E. H. Libby Music-Chorus..... High school
- "The Hand"..... Myrtle Ester Collier
- "Local Citizenship"..... George Ross MacLean
- "Coronars"..... Katherine Eleanor Dixon Cupids Pleading..... Voelker Orchestra.
- "New Honors for Mother Goose"..... Rev. E. H. Libby Music-Chorus..... High school
- "The Barn Swallow"..... Bertha Josephine Tenney
- "Recent Developments in Electricity"..... Edward Stewart Priddy
- The Bargonmaster..... Gustav Lederer Orchestra.
- "Mistress Margaret"..... Daisy Althea Paden
- "The Geography of Downers Grove"..... Thomas Leroy Hansing
- "The story of an old violin"..... Martha Adelaide Downer
- "Our Nations Sacred Festival"..... Edwin Griswold Nourse Girls Chorus..... President Towlesley Presentation of Diplomas..... President Towlesley The Guard Mount..... Eilenberg Orchestra.
- Benediction..... Rev. C. J. Pope

Friday evening the senior class will be given a reception by the Juniors at the home of Miss Helen Clifford on East Maple avenue. Hanson's orchestra of Aurora will furnish music for the graduating exercises, and the church handsome with new frescoling, and brilliant with electric lights, will be decorated with fresh flowers, palms and evergreens and form a pretty setting for the class and the throng of school patrons who will attend.

#### ENFORCE THE DOG ORDINANCE.

The revised ordinances of the village of Downers Grove, are very explicit in regard to dogs. Section five of chapter ten provides "that between the first day of May and the first day of November of each year, all dogs running at large or unrestrained of liberty in the village shall be muzzled with a good and substantial muzzle, securely fastened to such dog, so as to prevent him from biting any person." Violations are punishable by a fine of from two to ten dollars; if the dog is vicious and is permitted to run at large the maximum fine is \$100 and the dog may be killed. The payment of a dog tax does not exempt such dog from the foregoing provisions. The same chapter makes it the duty of "police officers of this village to stay and bury all dogs running at large within the village limits contrary to the provisions of the ordinance." This chapter is very plain and needs no explanation, and many who are annoyed by curs running at large demand the reason why its provisions are not enforced.

#### EQUINE TUG OF WAR.

The strength and pulling powers of two teams of horses belonging to Jake Klein and Henry Leibundguth were tested in an equine tug of war on a wagon before a large crowd on Cramer's hill south of town Monday morning. One hundred or more people witnessed the event and offered suggestions as to the most approved method of testing the animals drawing qualities. The method adopted, that of backing the wagons end to end and connecting the front axles with a chain, was rather unsatisfactory, and several false pulls were made, wagons turned over, single trees broken, before the referee, Horace Aldrich, decided a fair start and Klein the winner. His team having pulled their opponents the length of the team and wagon. Friends of the loser declared the decision unjust, because Leibundguth's team had previously pulled Klein's team a like distance. The referee's decision, however, closed the incident.

#### COLORADO.

That is the title of a very beautiful seventy-two-page book published by the C., B. and Q. railroad. It is most entertaining and informative, besides being illustrated with exceptionally fine engravings. The rates to Colorado are so cheap this year that many will take their vacation there. They should ask the C., B. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 6 cents.

#### 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.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

REGULAR MEETING FOR JUNE HELD MONDAY EVENING.

Will Extend Water Mains North on Highland Avenue—Paving Probable For Main Street.

Matters of more than usual interest to property owners was discussed at the meeting of the village board Monday night. The members are confident that Main street will be paved the coming summer, and already a petition with a sufficient number of signers has been presented to the board of local improvement asking for an extension of the water mains north on Highland avenue to the village limits.

All members of the board were present when President Mochel called the meeting to order. Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved and village officers reports were read and placed on file. The collector reported receipts of \$1,825.91, itemized as follows: Tapping fees \$48, water rates \$1,118.61, material \$1.70, electric light \$112.90, from sale of dirt \$4.00, licenses \$510, dog taxes \$30. The superintendent of water and light reported a total of 3,379,642 gallons of water pumped; coal consumed 67 tons, during the month of May.

A communication was read from F. D. Lindley asking permission to tap water pipe now supplying his own residence on Warren avenue, to carry water to the Jos. Oldfield house adjoining. On motion of Trustees Kuenzel and Stevens the clerk was directed to notify the gentleman that tap would have to be made direct with the main to comply with the ordinances.

The Chicago Telephone company notified the board that free toll service to Chicago would be granted the superintendent of water and light on village business, also to village president or the members of the board in the absence of the president.

Claim ordinance No. 104 providing for the payment of claims aggregating \$1,304.08, including an item of \$500 interest on electric light bonds, was read and passed on motion of Trustees Klein and Kuenzel.

A petition for plumber's license from H. J. Hawkins was ordered granted on his filing proper bond.

Applications for position as superintendent of water and light were read from Wm. Shirritt of Chicago, Clayton E. Zook of Naperville and C. A. McClesney of Burlington, Iowa, and were placed on file.

President Mochel made the following appointments of village officers which were confirmed separately on proper motion. Policeman, health commissioner, and pound master, Geo. Hoffert; night policeman, P. J. Kearney. G. G. Babel of Naperville, was appointed superintendent of the water and light plant to take effect June 17th at a salary of \$90 per month. The appointment was confirmed on motion of Trustees Towlesley and Waples.

Application of F. L. Sloat for rebate of water rates was not granted.

The beer peddler's bond of Albert Janowiak in the sum of \$8,000, with D. W. Thoma and Nicholas Fagin as sureties was presented and referred to the village attorney.

The two telephones due the village on account of the Chicago Telephone company's franchise contract were awarded to the village clerk and the village attorney on motion of Trustees Waples and Klein.

President Mochel and Attorney Bunge reported that sufficient signers had been secured for the extension of the water mains north on Highland avenue, and that an estimate of the cost and other necessary steps would be taken so that the board could pass on the ordinances and other matters in order to secure the special assessment warrant through the July term of the county court. As soon as the legal requirements are fulfilled work will go forward on the extension.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of placing hose carts on the north side for fire protection, reported that no action would be taken at present owing to insufficient amount of hose.

The finance committee was empowered to secure seal for health officer and necessary hand-cuffs and combs for police department.

Trustee Stevens addressed the board in regard to taking measures to reduce the first cost of installing electric lights to consumers. The matter was referred to the water and light committee to investigate and report.

President Mochel spoke confidently of the probable success of the effort to secure paving on Main street from Maple to Franklin avenues. Several property owners, he stated, hitherto unwilling to sign petitions for the improvement were now favorable and he had no doubt that this street could be improved. An effort will be made at once to secure the necessary signers, and complete the work before fall. The idea is to also pave a portion of Warren avenue from Belmont street and around the corner of Highland avenue to Rogers street.

Upon motion the board adjourned to meet Monday, June 17th.