

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

EIGHTEENTH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1901.

NUMBER 30

## COUNTY NEWS NOTES

### INTERESTING NEWS NOT TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

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

It is reported that Judge Charles Kelum, who resides at Sycamore and was judge of this district from 1877 until about five years ago, lies very ill at his home with no hopes of his recovery.

Chicago district camp meeting of the Free Methodist church will be held on the camp ground at Glen Ellyn, beginning Wednesday, July 24th, at 8 p. m., and closing Wednesday evening, July 31st.

A young man living north of Roselle drove to that village with a load of hay Monday, and on his return home his team became frightened and ran away throwing him from the wagon and dragging him to death.

An electric light wire was broken at Wheaton during the storm last Wednesday evening and Mrs. J. W. Leonard was returning home from prayer meeting she came in contact with it, receiving a light shock.

During the storm last Wednesday evening the barn of the parsonage at Wayne was struck by lightning and totally destroyed. By the energetic work of the bucket brigade, hastily formed, the parsonage was saved.

The cemetery at the county farm will have to be enlarged. The plot of ground set apart for this purpose some time ago has but two vacant graves. The bringing of transient passers there who have been killed by the cars and otherwise, accounts for its rapid filling up.

Earl Pratt, a young man living east of Sycamore, was stricken with a disease that so far has baffled the physicians. His feet have commenced turning black and it is gradually spreading to his knees. He is able to be around but it is thought, whatever it is, it will finally prove fatal.

Adolph Schalk, aged 70 years, a pauper from Addison township who has been an inmate of the almshouse for many years was found dead on his bed just before the noon hour on Tuesday. He was up and about the premises early in the morning and was last seen alive between nine and ten o'clock. The coroner held an inquest and the verdict of the jury was that he came to his death from paralysis of the heart.

Preparatory to the establishing of free delivery in LaGrange a civil service examination was held Saturday at the south side school house at which 73 applicants wrestled with the problems submitted. Of the number fifteen took the examination for carriers and seven for clerks. Some of the applicants were from out of town and took the examination with the expectation of being transferred should they prove successful.

The Aurora city council unanimously adopted a resolution requesting Hon. A. A. Hopkins to use all honorable means to get a bill through congress for the improvement of Fox river. The plan contemplated is for a channel connection with the lakes thus admitting a large supply of fresh water and thus replenishing the stream. The need of some such measure is just now very apparent. Never has the water been lower than at present.

Miss Mattie L. Guild and Fred Dunn Deloester Squires, both well known in temperance reform work in Chicago, will be married at Wheaton, Ill., on August 1 at 7 o'clock p. m. Miss Guild is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Guild, who for fifty years have been residents of this region. Dr. Guild who is one of the old settlers of Chicago, was an abolitionist and kept an underground railroad station during the days of slavery. Only the nearer friends and relatives have been bidden to the wedding. Miss Guild is a graduate of Wheaton college, class of '97. C. A. Blanchard, president of the college, will perform the wedding ceremony.

Thirty-one thousand dollars will be invested in a filtration system for LaGrange. The money was appropriated at a meeting of the board of trustees Monday evening, and the system, it is hoped, will be completed this summer. This will be the first filtration bed to be built in the vicinity of Chicago, and if it is successful the villages near LaGrange and outside the drainage district will no doubt install similar plants. After the filters are in working order the water that will run into the Des Plaines river through Salt creek will be pure. At the present time LaGrange sewage runs into Salt creek, which passes through one end of Grosedale. This made it unpleasant for residents, and they demanded that LaGrange do something for their relief.

### FORMER PASTOR TO PREACH.

Rev. George C. Moor of LaPorte, Ind., formerly pastor of the Baptist church of this village, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning. His friends will be glad of an opportunity of hearing him again.

## MUST REPORT BIRTH AND DEATH.

Law of this Nature Passed by the Last Legislature.

Among the bills passed by the last legislature is one of particular interest to physicians, says the Harvard Herald. It is entitled an act requiring reports of births and deaths and the recording of the same. The bill provides that it shall be the duty of every physician and midwife in the state of Illinois, who attends the birth of a child, to report said birth within 30 days after its occurrence, to the clerk of the county in which the birth takes place. Such reports shall be made on blank forms to be prescribed and issued by the state board of health and shall contain such information as may be directed by said board in resolutions, copies of which shall be printed on the reverse of the blanks aforesaid. When no physician or midwife has been in attendance, then it shall be the duty of the parent, or in case of the disability of the parent, it shall be the duty of the household to make such report within the time as in the manner provided.

Every physician, midwife, parent or householder who shall comply with the foregoing provisions shall receive for each report of birth made in the manner directed by the state board of health the sum of 25 cents.

The bill also provides that no person shall inter, cremate, deposit in a vault or otherwise dispose of a human body until he has received a permit to do so. It shall be the duty of all district agents, township, city or village clerks to forward at the end of the month to the county clerk of all certificates of deaths presented to them during the preceding thirty days. For each certificate of death forwarded to the county clerk, a fee of 25 cents shall be paid.

Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$10 nor more than \$100, or shall be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed thirty days, or shall suffer both such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

### KNIGHTS' MOONLIGHT PICNIC.

The jovial knights of Junata lodge, Knights of Pythias, Hinsdale, are in line for a royal high old time on the night of July 30, when they will hold their annual moonlight revel in some shady dell of the big woods around Hinsdale. A large number of Downers Grove Pythians have accepted invitations and will attend. The exact destination is withheld from the public and the air of mystery pervades all arrangements, and not until the night of the event will any except the committee be wiser. Liberal entertainment and a big feast have been prepared. Those who attended last year's revel will look forward to the 30th with expectancy, and if you are approached by a Pythian knight to part with one dollar in exchange for a ticket for the mystic journey, you may do so with realization that you will get your money's worth of pleasure.

### GOOD PLAY PROMISED.

Among the numerous entertainments to be given in the near future is an elaborate production of one of the funniest farces now before the public. In preparing this play for presentation the management has used every precaution in selecting the cast and his efforts have been thus far very successful in every respect. Among the cast will be noted Billy Lawson who made such a sensational hit last winter in "Uncle Rube." Misses Walker, Johnson and Sucher, and Fred Briggs, Clarence Foster, and the ever funny Frank Brown. The scenic display will be under the personal supervision of F. R. Owens and the whole under the direction of R. G. Morden. This play will be given for the benefit of the Military company that has found such favor with the young men of our town. Watch for date.

### STROBEL GIVEN JUDGMENT.

The case of Matthias Strobel against Joseph Yackley, both of Lisle, to recover a sum claimed to be due for mason work on the latter's new buildings at Lisle, was heard in Justice Graham's court Saturday afternoon. The case was tried before a jury and its verdict awarded Strobel judgment for \$26.60 and costs. The case was stubbornly contested and there is talk of an appeal. Gray & Bunge represented the plaintiff and M. Stusser was attorney for the defense.

### ONEY ISLAND CHOWDER.

The ladies of the St. Andrews Choir Guild will give a Clam Chowder dinner at Beck's coffee store adjoining the post office, Saturday, July 27th, from noon until 9:30 p. m. Dinner 15 cents. Ice cream and cake, 10 cents extra. All are invited.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Fresh ripe watermelons at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Henry Hollock returned Tuesday to Chicago.

L. C. Farrar is at home spending his vacation. Guy L. Bush left Sunday for a business trip to Montana.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson spent Sunday at Wauconda.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Walker are visiting in Oswego this week.

J. C. Neeley and daughter spent the past week with R. D. Parker.

Mr. John Carl was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stevenson Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Blanchard and daughter are spending the summer in Michigan.

Fred Gerwig advertises a special list of bargains for Saturday. Read them.

Lemon, cherry and raspberry phosphate, full pint bottles 10 cents at Gerwig's.

Mrs. Josephine Austin visited friends at Wauconda and Gray's Lake the past week.

FOR SALE—A new steel range. First class in every respect. Enquire at this office.

Mrs. F. W. Colliver left yesterday for Michigan to spend a few weeks with her parents.

Miss Olive Sandy of Chicago, spent Sunday with Miss Eugenie Dixon and Mrs. Fred Towles.

Elmer Eby left Monday for North Aurora where he will be employed with Chet. Kellogg.

Clara Courtright is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Courtright at Fowler, Ind.

Miss Anna Wetten is spending a few weeks at Naligh, Neb., the guest of Miss Bertha Remington.

A new and dazzling barber pole adorns the front of Henry Selig's shaving emporium on Main street.

F. W. Clark, who has been employed on the Burlington suburban line, has moved his family to Chiffon, Iowa.

Quite a number of the residents of the suburbs of Lisle and Belmont attended court in Downers Grove Saturday.

The residence of J. Zell, 149 North Main street, was struck by lightning during the storm last night and slightly damaged.

In order to give the REPORTER force a vacation of one week this office will be closed and no paper published next week. See notice on the fourth page.

Guy Wheeler has purchased the old Heckman property at the corner of Fairmont avenue and Randall street and now occupies it.

Buy Wrisley'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.

The Baptist choir was entertained at the home of Miss Anna Roe last Friday evening after rehearsal. The evening was spent with music and dainty refreshments were served.

I have two cottages for rent on South Washington street that will be ready for occupancy in July. City water and all conveniences. Eight and nine dollars per month. D. G. GRAHAM.

Captain Parker chaperoned six young girls to the electric light plant last Monday evening and explained to them the mysterious action of the harnessed lightning. The little misses were delighted with their trip and very grateful to their escort.

"One effect of the poor crops of oats and corn will be to make horses cheaper this fall," said a horseman today. "It looks now that corn and oats and hay are going to be so high that many people will not want to winter any more horses than is necessary. Feed threatens to cost so much that a horse is apt to eat his head off this winter."

Prof. J. G. Cross, who formerly had charge of the commercial college here is now teaching in a commercial college in California. He spent the past week in calling on former friends and acquaintances in Downers Grove, Naperville and Aurora. The professor is greatly pleased with California and has a ranch where he rides nine miles to and from school each day.

Rev. H. Siving, former pastor of the German Evangelical church here, dropped dead at York Center Sunday afternoon at six o'clock. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. He had preached the usual sermon Sunday afternoon and after the service while talking to his parishioners in front of the church he suddenly fell forward and expired. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock.

### Oil. Family Safety.

Ice cream salt at Rang's. Haller keeps Lipton's tea.

Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. E. M. Gallup is spending his vacation at home.

Miss Helina Anderson left Monday for Clarendon Hills.

R. D. Parker left Friday for a business trip to Dubuque.

Dr. F. L. Wallace visited with the Stevenson family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Colville are the parents of a son born Tuesday.

J. Meek Finley of Chicago, was the guest of R. D. Parker Saturday.

Union services at the Congregational church next Sabbath evening.

Mrs. Harriet G. Winslow will return from her eastern visit next week.

Mrs. O. J. Daily was down from Gray's Lake this week visiting friends.

C. S. Hughes & Company have a new ad. in this issue. It will interest you.

Mr. and Mrs. John Graves entertained company from the city last Tuesday.

Miss Sadie Gerling of Chicago, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Selig, this week.

Miss Ethel Sharpe of Englewood is spending the week with Mrs. H. U. Hodler.

Rev. E. H. Libby is in attendance at the Christian convention at Wheaton this week.

Attorney Stusser attended to professional business in Wheaton and Aurora last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Selig attended the funeral of Rev. H. Siving at York Center yesterday.

Mrs. Fourlong of Riverside, and Miss Burton of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mrs. F. W. Colliver.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes left Tuesday evening for Baboygan and other points in Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton and daughter were out from Chicago visiting W. R. Stevenson and family Sunday.

Mrs. Henry W. Dowding of Kingston Pa., arrived yesterday for a month's visit with her sister, Mrs. D. K. Foote.

C. S. Hughes spent a couple of days with his family in Holland, Mich., last week. They returned home with him Saturday.

The Wheaton Christian conference is being held at Wheaton College this week. Several from Downers Grove are attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Dutton arrived in town from Des Moines Friday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Graves.

Capt. T. B. Rogers, C. V. Carpenter and Guy L. Bush attended the meeting of the Aurora Driving Park association one day last week.

Attention is directed to the article on the fourth page announcing the closing of the REPORTER office during next week in order to give the force a vacation of one week.

Naperville had several fires caused by lightning yesterday—all in barns. The fire engines refused to work and the buildings were a total loss. Water-works for that city will now receive more favorable consideration.

Miss Eugenie Dixon started for Buffalo on the steamer "Northwest," Wednesday. She will visit the exposition, Niagara Falls, Toronto and other points of interest, returning home in time to take up her school work the first of September.

B. F. Davis, a former resident, was here last Friday. He is a salesman for the Senour Paint company and reports a good season's business. He owns valuable real estate on North Main street and is inclined to acquire more as he and Mrs. Davis are very partial to Downers Grove as a residence locality. Their present home is in Chicago.

The alterations and additions on the Chilver's building are practically completed. The floor in the main part has been lowered and the front has been altered to correspond with the new addition. S. F. Haller is now busy arranging the interior of his store and when completed will have one of the largest and most conveniently arranged stores in town.

Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden followed up Postmaster General Smith's orders for such execution of the law as will shut out all publications not clearly entitled to the privilege of second class mail, with a letter to postmasters in large cities, informing them that their bondsmen are liable to be held for any loss incurred by the government through their failure to carry out the law in accordance with the Postmaster General's orders.

## VILLAGE ETCHINGS.

Golf and Automobiling Don't Compare With Quoits in Peaceful Valley.

Golf may be the rage in more aristocratic neighborhoods and certain plutocrats may look with favor on the automobile, but one can never hope to shoo in Peaceful Valley unless he can pitch quoits. From its earliest infancy the village has been noted for the proficiency of the generations of tossers who have pitched their quoits beneath its shady trees. Indeed the first act of the original old settler on discovering the cross roads and the cemetery which even then was a prominent feature of Peaceful Valley was to drive down two stakes, lift some horse shoes out of his prairie schooner, and challenge to a game of quoits, the lone Indian who was sitting on the banks of the St. Joe smoking his calumet and waiting for the fish to bite.

Tradition is silent as to the result of that game but the old settler must have won for later he built a log cabin and raised a family. Had he been beaten he certainly would have loaded up his belongings and gone hawking his oxen to some other neighborhood. Regardless of the truth of this tradition it can not be disputed that the descendants of the original old settler have inherited all of his fondness for the game.

It may be noted in passing that to be strictly in the mode as the game is played in Peaceful Valley one should be at least fifty years old and move with a certain sedate step suggestive of that stiffness of the knees which comes only from close association with rheumatism or many days sojourn on the pine box in front of the grocery store.

Two can play quoits but four is the proper number, for as old Eleathan Spratt remarked, "When two's playing you have to walk back and forth so much that it spoils the fun."

"Peaceful Valley quoiters are not troubled with intricate rules. But one innovation has crept in since the first game played at the cross roads in the shadow of the prairie schooner. Circular wrought-iron quoits have been substituted for the horse shoes formerly used.

Many of the old boys who frequent the corner by the blacksmith shop, men pitch a pretty good game but the champions are Emmons Jenkins, Phil French, Jared Jackson and Fritz Deickman. When these four get together business suspends at the cross roads and an admiring crowd pre-empt the sidewalk seats beside the course.

Each of the four has his own peculiarities which lend a pleasant variety to the game and furnish amusement to the audience.

Emmons Jenkins is a shrewd Yankee pretty well along in years. He addresses himself to the task of tossing the quoits with a dignity in keeping with the snowy beard which adorns his chin. His one relaxation is to emphatically remark "By the thundering guns!" when he fails to score.

Deickman has a peculiar underhand twist, learned in the fatherland, which places his quoits close to the stake. Ezra French is a nervous little man rather given to linguistic pyrotechnics when the game is going against him. French is also fond of "devilin'" his skin-skinned opponent, Jared Jackson. That individual far from taking offense seems to like the comments of the fiery tempered tosser and ejaculates with an indescribable air of satisfaction as he quietsly settles close to the stake "E-o-ye! Ole bluekin! I show you!"

Many an afternoon when the mercury stands close to 100 the big four will toss quoits back and forth for hours varying the monotony with trips to the old pump beside the blacksmith shop.

Mr. Bryan has had perfect success in making it understood that he will not run for the presidency again unless he should consider it advisable and the nomination obtainable.

The Chicago Chronicle calls a newspaper in the northern part of the state, a "alob," because it compliments Governor Yates. How long will the Chronicle feel bad over the defeat any way.

The Chicago Tribune remarks that if Bryan is going to run for Governor of Nebraska he should begin electioneering for panic, poor crops, etc. This country is too prosperous for his politics.

There has been an increase of 70 per cent in the amount of bank deposits in this country within the past four years. And that is one of the nuts that William Jennings Bryan is not cracking.

Aginaldo says that American sovereignty will be better for the Filipinos than a government of their own. It took him some time to reach this conclusion, but he is firmly convinced of the fact at last.

## MAIN STREET PAVING

DANGER OF DELAY DEFEATING THE PROPOSITION.

Unless Effort is Concentrated on the Proposed Improvement the Plan May Fail to Carry.

There is danger of the promised paving of Main street falling through unless immediate steps are taken to interest the property owners in the improvement. This paving should be done as early a date as possible. It is an improvement that is more and more demanded, and all progressive citizens realize the importance of having one main thoroughfare redeemed from the bog and sink holes which are the prominent features of it today. Nothing should be permitted to sidetrack this important improvement. The property owners are now willing to stand the expense; then why the delay?

The latest plans as submitted by Engineer W. S. Shields, proposed paving this street with brick from the north side of the cemetery to Warren avenue, and around on Warren avenue to Belmont and Rogers streets. North from Warren avenue to the village limits, and south from the cemetery to Maple avenue. It is proposed to macadamize the street. Enough will be saved in this method to pay or nearly pay the expense of lowering the 15 inch sewers now laid in Main street. These sewers, it is estimated, will care for all sewage for many years to come, and when a general system of sewers is established, may be connected therewith so that it will not be necessary to tear up the paving to lay them.

The board of local improvement now has under consideration a resolution referred to it at the last meeting of the village board, to consider the cost of securing plans and specifications for a complete sewerage system and disposal plant for the village, and for the present the matter of paving Main street has been lost sight of.

Sewers are very essential and it is only a question of time before the problem must be faced. But it is extremely doubtful if property owners are ready to take up the matter this season. It was frowned upon two years ago and the conditions are practically the same now as then. Why then, not concentrate all efforts on improving Main street, while property owners are in the mood and willing to bear the expense, rather than delay matters pending the, at present, doubtful outcome of the sewer proposition.

WITHOUT RAILROADS.

Three counties in Illinois are without a mile of railroad. They are Calhoun, at the mouth of the Illinois river, and Pope and Hardin on the Ohio river. Soon this number will be reduced to two, for the last named counties are to be connected with the outer world by these parallel bands of steel. A line is to be built from Reesville, on the Paduca branch of the Illinois Central, to Golconda, and from there up the river to the spur line at Ross Clark.

### SUNDAY A RECORD BREAKER.

Sunday was the hottest day of the season; in fact all records for many seasons paled perceptibly before the high water mark of 109 degrees in the shade. Humanity fretted, perspired and fanned to no purpose. The terrific heat began operations early in the morning and lasted well into the night. Authentic reports claim the mercury marked 95 degrees at midnight Sunday night. A breeze brought some relief Monday morning.

### ELKS CARNIVAL.

Aurora's Elks free street carnival which is to be held during the entire week beginning Monday, August 5, will be notable in many respects. Special effort is to be made by all the business men in decorating the city; there will be numerous free attractions, besides the great Bostock show, which constitutes about a dozen separate attractions to which there will be a nominal admission of from 10 to 25 cents.

### NOT A CANDIDATE.

Prof. M. Quackenbush denies that he has announced himself as a candidate for head consul of the order of Modern Woodman. Should he apply to the office his many friends in DuPage county would be pleased to see him appointed. He is a man qualified in every respect. No man is more familiar with the workings of the Modern Woodman order than Prof. Quackenbush.

### POCKETBOOK LOST.

Lost.—A pocket book on the road running south past the Frontier farm on Saturday, July 20, containing \$5 in money and a railroad ticket. Finder return to C. E. Peetlin and receive reward.