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COUNTY NEWS NOTES

INTERESTING NEWS NOT TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

Matters of Prominence Concerning Places and People in Du Page County and Surroundings.

Judge Charles Kellum, the venerable jurist, died at his home in Sycamore, aged 80 years. Judge Kellum was made judge of this circuit in 1877, and held the office for sixteen years.

William Sleep, an inmate of the county farm for the past twelve years died of consumption, aged 83 years. His wife and himself have been the only married couple at the farm. They are old residents of Bloomingdale, moving there in 1858.

Because he had, it is said, repeatedly whipped his wife, Valentine Miller of West Chicago, was taken out the other night by a posse of his neighbors, given a coat of tar and feathers and ridden out of town on a rail.

The board of review have made the following changes in the rate on horses and cattle as returned by the assessors: Wayne, decrease of 20 per cent on horses; Addison, increase of 10 per cent on horses; Wilfield, increase of 25 per cent on horses and 5 per cent on cattle; Milton, increase of 30 per cent on horses Downers Grove, decrease of 10 per cent on horses; Lisle, increase of 25 per cent on cattle; Naperville, increase of 20 per cent on horses.

Andrew Bendall was discovered dead in bed last week Monday. The neighbors finding the stench unbearable notified the police who in company with Deputy Sheriff Christie went up to investigate. The body was about half consumed. It is thought that he had been dead about a week, as the last time he was seen was on Saturday the 29th. Mr. Bendall leaves a wife, an inmate of the Elgin asylum, and a son and daughter. West Chicago Journal.

Gov. Yates has thought it for the best interests of the state to shift F. E. Scottford from the district wardenship of the Eleventh district to Chicago where in future he will have the oversight of game interests. In this connection with his recent appointment as state fish warden by Gov. Yates is considered in the light of a decided promotion. The Eleventh district, of which DuPage county forms a part, will have a new district game warden who resides in Woodstock, and he will have the hearty co-operation of the press of this district.

James C. Hatch died Thursday, July 25 at his residence in Lisle, DuPage county, Illinois, at the age of ninety-five years. Death resulted from neuritis of the heart. Mr. Hatch was one of the early pioneers of Illinois. He was born May 26, 1806, at New Alstead, New Hampshire. At the age of sixteen he left home to engage in mercantile business at Bellows Falls, Vermont, and later in Boston. In June, 1833, he came to Illinois. Mr. Hatch pre-empted a farm in Lisle township, DuPage county and has resided there continuously for more than sixty-eight years. In 1837 he married Charlotte D. Kidder of New Alstead, New Hampshire. From this union six children were born, three sons, Edward F. Hatch of LaGrange, Illinois, Reuben Hatch who died in 1872, and Azel F. Hatch of Chicago, and three daughters, Louise who married Robert Howard and died in 1881, Angeline K. Hatch, wife of Geo. Chisholm of Elgin, Ill., and Mary Hatch who died in infancy.

POPULATION OF DUPAGE CITIES.

At the time of taking the last census there were in Illinois 930 incorporated cities, towns and villages against 712 at the time of taking the census of 1890. The population of the villages and cities in DuPage county is given by the census office as follows:

City	1900	1890
Addison	591	485
Bloomington	235	463
West Chicago	1977	1506
Wheaton	2345	1622
Downers Grove	2103	960
York	353	294
Naperville	2629	2216
Illinois	2529	1984
Bensenville	224	295
Gene Elty	743	473
Lombard	591	515
Itasca	256	

It will be seen by the above table that Bloomingdale is the only village in the county to decrease in population during the past ten years.

Rev. Charles Oldfield of Cedar Springs Mich., has been visiting old friends in Downers Grove the past few days. He was born and reared here and has many friends among the older people in this community. He was pastor of the Baptist church for several years. It was a pleasure for all old acquaintances to hear him preach last Sunday morning. He gave the Baptist congregation an excellent discourse.

FINDS DEATH ON THE RAIL.

John Zelinski, a Bohemian, Crossed in Love Suicides at Gregg's Station.

Because the girl of his heart had refused to attend a picnic with him, John Zelinski, a Bohemian, 25 years old, found the cares of life too heavy, and Monday evening, July 29th, after a day of intoxication, sought relief for his wounded feelings in the track of the Denver limited just east of Gregg's. He deliberately laid down directly across the track with his head on the north rail, and was not discovered by the engineer or fireman of the limited until too late to stop the train, which was a heavy passenger of ten cars, seven of which passed over his body. He was killed instantly and the body was horribly mutilated. He had been employed at Kimball's piano factory, and had spent Sunday in Downers Grove, where he had frequently visited, and with a companion had been drinking freely on Monday. His parents and near relatives are in Bohemia. The body was taken to Hinsdale where Coroner Matter conducted the inquest at the town hall. After hearing the testimony of A. J. Ripley, conductor; Geo. C. Potts, engineer; G. A. Healy, fireman, and a cousin of the deceased, a verdict was rendered in accordance with the above facts.

SECOND ANNUAL PICNIC.

The Downers Grove Fire Department is making preparations for its second annual picnic which will be held Labor day, Monday, Sept. 2, at E. E. Downer's grove. A number of features will insure a good time to all who attend. There will be good music and dancing, races and other amusements and prizes will be awarded. Lunch and refreshments served but no intoxicating drinks will be allowed on the grounds. The department is sparing no pains to make the affair a grand success. An effort will be made to secure an agreement of the merchants to close their stores and places of business on the afternoon of that day so that all may go and enjoy the affair. The boys are always willing to do their part when occasion demands and citizens and business men should help them on this occasion. Later, the business houses have all signed petitions to close at noon on that day and all will enjoy a half holiday.

PICNIC AT BRUSH HILL.

St. Andrews Episcopal church had its annual outing on Saturday, Aug. 3. Two large farm wagons conveyed the teachers, scholars and visitors to Brush Hill, where a most enjoyable time was had in the woods and on the river. An abundance of good things to eat, romping in the woods, boat riding and foot racing for the children served to make the day all to short and when the children hour had arrived and the wagons were loaded for home all agreed that the outing had been a grand success. Following are the prize winners of the racing events:—Ethel Dawson, box of Bon Bons; Hazel Stolt, same; Mabel Anderson, box of candy; Maurice Blome, same; Herbert Nelson, Spaulding bat; George Steiger, same; The ladies race for a box of toilet soap resulted in a tie between Mrs. F. H. Kenison and Mrs. F. Hefferon.

WILL CLEAN THE STREETS.

The Village Improvement committee of the Downers Grove Women's club has secured Geo. Barr to clean up all the rubbish on the vacant lots and sides of the streets. He will begin this work the coming week giving three days to each side of the town. Any citizen desiring rubbish removed from their premises may have it done for a small fee by stopping his wagon as it passes their residence. The wagon will bear the name of the club, so that all who desire may take advantage of this opportunity.

B. M. Muzzy was called to Manchester, N. H. on Tuesday, July 30th, by the sudden death of his sister, Hattie Muzzy, from hemorrhage of the brain. He succeeded in reaching there in time for the funeral and arrived at Downers Grove on the morning of Aug. 6th.

A glance at Capt. T. S. Rogers' well kept grounds shows what a little care will produce in the way of picturesque gardening. The large beds of flowers, foliage plants, vines and shrubbery form a harmonious combination and a restful and attractive sight to the eye.

The subject of the lesson sermon at the Christian Science church, Town hall, LaGrange, at 10:30 next Sunday morning is, "Soul." Text, "My Soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall bear thereof and be glad."—Psalms, 34:2. Testimonial meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Maple City Self Washing soap not only saves the wear on your clothes, but because less rubbing is required, but it saves fully half the labor.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Fresh ripe watermelons at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page. Mrs. E. Davenport is visiting friends at LaGrange.

C. E. Graves is at home from one of his western trips.

Union services at the Baptist church next Sabbath evening.

Miss Allie Stanley is entertaining friends from Easton, Pa.

Mrs. E. D. Brow has been spending a few days with Mrs. E. J. Miller.

Bert C. White has been laid up with sickness for the past two weeks.

Miss Clara Cole of Ottawa, spent Monday with her grand parents.

Mrs. Guy L. Bush has returned from Dixon, where she visited her sister.

F. L. Lindley is making preparations to build on his farm south of town this fall.

Warren H. Jones and his brother H. P. Jones have returned from a trip to Escanaba.

Miss Elsie Townsend of Hinsdale was the guest of the Thompson family the past week.

Miss Pearl Moss of Morris, has been spending the week with Downers Grove friends.

Frank Kinsey accompanied a party of Chicago friends to Lake Geneva for a two weeks camping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens of Chicago, were entertained at her uncle's, E. O. Stanley, last Thursday night.

Mrs. Helen Mattison and two children, Jerome and Dorothy, are visiting her mother, Mrs. T. C. Marsh.

Miss Adams of St. Louis, visited with her cousins here, Mrs. Gus Werner and Mrs. Thos. Stevens last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sheaffer of Chicago, and J. L. Hendrick of Pullman, visited at Mrs. McNaught's on Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Blair, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. H. Wright, returned to her home in Chicago, Friday.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church. Morning—"The Ultimate Goal of Life."—Sequel to "The Place of Death."

Mr. and Mrs. M. Stusser left today for a trip to the Buffalo exposition and other points east. They will be gone a week or ten days.

Much anxiety is being felt concerning the whereabouts of Oliver Hodler, 14 years old. Since July 26 his parents have had no word from him.

Arthur Holt formerly of Downers Grove, is now an organizer for the Yeomen of America and has recently instituted a lodge at Hinsdale.

St. Andrew church services on Sunday, Aug. 11, as usual. Sunday school 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer with sermon 8:30 p. m. Seats free, all are welcome.

H. P. Courtwright of Fowler, Ind., was here Saturday and Sunday visiting his sons. Master Harry and Miss Clara Courtwright returned home with him.

Misses Julia and Jessie Summer of Ottawa, have been visiting Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pope. They were parishioners of Mr. Pope at Ottawa several years ago.

Rev. E. H. Libby will go on his vacation next week. He expects to be absent two Sabbaths and will visit at Rockford and will also attend the exposition at Buffalo.

Saturday, July 27th, the Modern Woodmen of Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Western Springs and LaGrange picniced at Wm. Wagner's farm northwest of Hinsdale. Over 180 persons participated in the festivities and races.

S. F. Haller has had his store fitted for and installed an improved system of gas lighting. The machine uses gasoline for generating the gas, and is burned with the Welsbach burners, giving a light of great brilliancy.

Miss Josephine Corcoran accompanied by her niece, Evelyn Vernard, left last week for Belmont and other points in Iowa. They will return home in time for Miss Corcoran to take up her school work the first of September.

The village improvement committee of the Downers Grove Women's club has placed a receptacle for waste paper and refuse at the corner of Main and Curtis streets. Citizens are requested to use it instead of littering up the street with paper.

Superintendent O. M. Searles has been engaged for the week beginning Aug. 12, to deliver a series of fifteen lectures on Education in its recent phases to the teachers of Putnam county, Indiana, at DePaul University. He will be associated in this work with the president of the Milwaukee State Normal school.

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

Andrew Foster of Chadwick, is visiting friends in town.

W. R. Colville has been promoted to the position of engineer.

A. R. Heckman of Rogers Park, was here Saturday on business.

Miss Florence Bates entertained a friend from Maywood Sunday.

Elmer Berry, a former piano factory employee has returned to Chicago.

Miss Irene Funk of Keokuk, Ill., is visiting her aunt Mrs. G. H. Bunge.

Mrs. F. Weaver of Chicago, was the guest of Mrs. J. I. Rounds over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leath of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mrs. Josephine Austin.

Bessie, Belle and Charlie Welben of Wheaton, have been guests of Mrs. F. O. Sine.

Mrs. David McKee and children are spending the week at her father's, E. W. Farrar.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Searles are visiting with his father at Marion, Ind., for a few days.

Mr. Latham and family were guests of the R. S. White and Compton families last Saturday.

M. L. McMullin, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. I. Rounds, left Tuesday for Davenport.

J. E. DeArmond of Monroe, is here visiting relatives and looking after his property interests.

Miss Adella Wolf of Hinsdale, was the guest of her brother Chas. Wolf, several days the past week.

The annual DuPage county Sunday school convention will be held at Downers Grove, October 10th and 11th.

The little daughter of Samuel Hoffert who was dangerously ill for several days with stomach trouble, is improving.

Mrs. Eva Blanchard and family wish to thank their friends who so kindly aided them in their recent bereavement.

Since the last issue of the REPORTER Albert Janowiak was overcome by the intense heat and was laid up for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh M. White returned Sunday from a weeks vacation trip spent with his mother at Plankinton, South Dakota.

Messrs Ed. Huntington and Fred Lempe with their wives spent Sunday at Paw Paw Lake, Mich., guests of Mrs. Emma Smith.

Beautiful pictures, framed, given away with 75 wrappers of Badgers soap at the Fair. Come and get 1 coupon worth 25 wrappers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford left Saturday for a six weeks visit at Las Vegas, N. M. Miss Mabel Rutherford is visiting at Port Hope, Ontario.

D. W. A. Tops, V. Simonson and C. V. Carpenter accompanied by their wives and children went to Cedar Lake, Ind., Saturday for a few days fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Riley and Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gorman and baby will leave Wednesday, August 14th to spend a few weeks at South Haven, Michigan.

Harry L. Blodgett and Harry M. Bate-man took a moonlight drive to Sand-wich last week. They returned Tuesday and report that the recent rains did much good.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gesner and family attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Sarah H. Munell, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. Deussen in Chicago, Sunday.

The Methodist Sunday school gave its annual picnic at Fullersburg last Saturday which was largely attended. Games, races and other amusements were the means of entertainment and a basket dinner was served.

Dr. Walter C. Barber is at home from his three weeks vacation trip to Denver, Colorado Springs and other points in Colorado. He brought home a large number of photographic views which he took of points of interest.

Lieut. H. W. Stickle, Engineer corps, U. S. Army, is visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. B. M. Muzzy. He has just returned from the Philippine Islands having been in service there over two years, and is now stationed at Ft. Totten, N. Y.

We made a brief call last week on Mr. and Mrs. E. H. DeGroot, Jr., at their pleasant home in Englewood. We found them delightfully situated, themselves and children well, and all gave us a hearty and welcome greeting. They have a warm place in the hearts of Downers Grove people.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Vote to Secure Plans for Complete Sewer System for Downers Grove.

By the action of the board of trustees Monday evening another effort to establish a complete sewer system for Downers Grove will be made. This in connection with other important business transacted made the August meeting of more than usual interest.

The reports of village officers were read and accepted. The treasurers report showed balance on hand at last report \$3,104.44, receipts \$2,014.35, expenditures \$948.18, present balance \$4,170.61. The collectors report showed a total of \$341.78 collected for the month of July. The superintendent of water and light reported a total of 6,216,188 gallons of water pumped during the month.

The bonds of Collector Simonson, Treasurer Rogers and Policeman Kearney were read and approved.

A communication was read from Mrs. Mary C. Glenn, asking damages in the sum of \$350 for a sprained ankle caused by a fall through an alleged defective walk June 19th, through which she had been incapacitated for four weeks, was referred to the village attorney to report at next meeting.

The Downers Grove Women's club presented a petition, having 128 signers, asking the village to cut weeds on vacant lots and along the streets. The request was granted and the matter referred to the street and alley committee for action.

The annual ordinance levying the municipal taxes for the year 1901 to the amount of \$5,371.00 was read and passed.

An ordinance was read and passed amending the existing electric light ordinance of the village, by providing that consumers of electric current could either purchase meters, or rent them of the village at a monthly rental of 25 cents.

Claim ordinance No. 106, providing for current bills and interest on air compressor pump bonds, was read and passed.

The sidewalk ordinance providing for 90 feet of brick walk on the west side of Prince street, between Franklin street and Prairie avenue, in front of lots 1 to 10 inclusive, block 9, Precinct addition, was defeated.

John and Wolf were granted permission to use water through meter from a fire plug on Main street to carry water to their green house pending the extension of water mains on Highland avenue.

Geo. Irving, a representative of the National Water Meter Co., addressed the board in regard to placing the water department on a meter basis, and displayed the workings of various meters for the instruction of the board. The board intends making further investigations before placing the water system on a meter basis.

The matter of again making an effort to establish a system of sewers was discussed at length, the outcome of which was the passage of a motion authorizing the board of local improvement to engage a competent engineer to prepare a topographical map of the village, establishing grades, and to prepare plans and specifications, at an expense not to exceed \$500, for a comprehensive system of sewers for the village.

President Mochel and Trustee Klein called attention to the urgent necessity of improving Main street and recommended paving a portion of that thoroughfare regardless of the question of sewerage, and asked that petitions be submitted to the property owners interested. No action was taken, however, and the board adjourned to Monday, Aug. 19th.

MERCANTILE FIRM CHANGE.

The announcement of a business change by which Samuel Curtis enters the mercantile field in was made August 1st. The firm of C. S. Hughes & Co. having been dissolved and Mr. Curtis buying a half interest in the firm; the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Hughes & Curtis. Mr. Curtis is a well known Downers Grove boy, having recently returned here from Diamond; where he conducted the company store of the Wilmington Coal and Mining Company for many years. He has had an extensive training in retail merchandising and will no doubt prove a strong member for the firm. C. S. Hughes, who purchased the Brode interests here in the spring of 1899, has built up a large patronage and extended the limits of the business to a considerable extent. It is the intention of the new firm to add new departments and increase the different lines already carried, endeavoring at all times to meet the needs of their patrons and please them in every particular.

Five Welsbach, 100 cp. carbon lamps for sale; burn gasolines. Enquire at Haller's.

MEETS CRUEL DEATH

CAPT. WILLIAM BLANCHARD KILLED IN CHICAGO TUESDAY.

Steps in Front of Switch Engine at Taylor Street and Has Life Crushed Out. Funeral Held Thursday.

Capt. William Blanchard of Downers Grove, was run down by a switch engine and almost instantly killed, in the Burlington yard at Taylor street in Chicago, Tuesday afternoon, July 30th, at about 5:30 o'clock.

Captain Blanchard was a weighmaster for the company and had his office at Taylor street. To get to and from his office he was compelled to pass between a long line of freight cars. Tuesday as was his custom, he started from his office to catch a suburban train backing down to the depot, to take the 5:33 train for Downers Grove. As he stepped from between the freight cars onto a track an approaching switch engine, which was unnoticed by him in time to save himself, struck him down and passed over his body, killing him almost instantly. The body was terribly mutilated, and was with difficulty gotten out from beneath the tender.

The remains were taken to O'Brien's morgue on Blue Island avenue, and his family, which was spending the summer at Paw Paw, Mich., notified. They arrived Wednesday, and the body was brought to Downers Grove, where the funeral was held from the late home on Warren avenue Thursday afternoon. The services were in charge of Naper post, Grand Army, and were conducted by Rev. C. J. Pope. Burial was made in the west cemetery.

A peculiar feature of Capt. Blanchard's death is the fact that he is the third of his immediate family to meet a violent death. His father, Capt. Walter Blanchard, was killed at the battle of Mission Ridge; and his brother, Franklin, was killed by a fall from a wind mill tower a few years ago.

Capt. William Blanchard was the son of Capt. Walter Blanchard, and was born in Downers Grove, April 27th, 1843. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in Company K, 18th Ill. Inf., commanded by his father, and served until dismissed. At the last call for volunteers in January 1865, he enlisted Company B, 138th Ill. Inf., and commanded it until the close of the war. October 19th, 1864, he was married to Eva Staudel. With the exception of a few years spent in California and Chicago, the family has resided in Downers Grove. He leaves a widow and five children, Harry J. Blanchard of St. Louis, Mrs. Helen Barlow, Elbert M., Eugenia and Melita Blanchard. His mother, Mrs. Alvira Blanchard, is still living at an advanced age, in Southern Missouri.

THE FRESH AIR CHILDREN.

The generous people of Downers Grove are again opening their homes and hearts to these little ones from the dirt begrimed and crowded centers of the great city at our doors. It is difficult for us to appreciate what ten days in this beautiful place will do for these children who have known little or nothing of the green grass and the open sky. Eleven children were brought out from the city last week and there are fourteen who are enjoying the kind hospitality of generous hearts who have heard the cry of the children and have been able to respond to their need. One or more of these children are now being cared for in each of the following homes: Messrs. Cobb, Clifford, Worley, Smart, McLean, Spahr, Weston Martin and Cressy. Mrs. M. Stusser has also been caring for a little lad from the hospital for several weeks. Most of these children will be taken back to the city on Monday of next week. Any one who is willing to take two little boys or girls for ten days will confer a favor by letting one of the pastors know of it at once.

The annual picnic of the Baptist Sunday school will be held at River Bluff next Saturday, August 10th, and the scholars are looking forward to a rare day of pleasures. The wagons will leave the church promptly at 9:20 a.m. and late comers must walk. Should the weather be inclement the school will adjourn to the Auditorium, so that the picnic will be held, rain or shine. An elaborate program of games and contests has been arranged, some of which are particularly interesting and a list of prizes will be awarded the winners. The school has engaged busy and careful, competent men to devote the entire day to their care, assuring safety from accidents.

LOST PROMPTLY ADJUSTED. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mack resided in Mocket's house which was burned a few days ago at Belmont. They had insured their household goods with D. G. Graham about two months previous to the fire. Their loss was adjusted and they had their money in full in less than a week after the fire.