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INTERESTING NEWS NOTES TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

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

A man supposed to be Tim Sullivan was killed by the car at Barnard's crossing west of Lombard, Thursday morning. He is a stranger and the remains will be interred at the county farm today.

The Naperville Herald printing office which has been struggling for a foot hold in that city the past three years, gave up in despair last week and moved back to Chicago. The Glen Elynn Echo was published there.

The old settlers' picnic at Bloomingdale last Saturday was a fine affair and well attended. Thos. Betts, Jas. J. Hunt and Sam Shimp, of Naperville, were the main speakers of the day, and their productions are highly spoken of.

The annual reunion of old soldiers and sailors of DuPage county will be held at Wheaton about the first of October. The date of the meeting is still with the committee and will probably be decided within the next few days.

At a special meeting of the Glen Elynn village board, plans and specifications of a system of waterworks were submitted. They were approved by the board and it was voted to call a special election and submit the proposition to the vote of the people.

Judge Batten left Monday for Mackinac Island, where his family is located for the summer. He will be absent six weeks. Judge Pond of Belvidere, will be here the first Tuesday in September to preside at that term of the county court, the first Monday being Labor day.

Last fall Frank Welsback of Winfield, purchased a sixty acre farm of the Murray heirs, paying something like \$3000 for the property. A few days since he sold the right-of-way and about fifteen acres of the land to the new electric railroad for more than the purchase money for the whole farm.

Otis graves of Hummit has the contract to build the abutments for the \$10,000 bridge across the Desplaines river at Riverside. The Dayton Bridge company of Ohio, have the bridge contract. The work will be started immediately and be completed in ninety days.

Reba French died at his farm home near Warrenville Sunday night, Aug. 3. He was born in the year 1819, at Painesville, Lake county, Ohio, and in February, 1854 came to Illinois and settled on a farm north of that city. He was married twice—once in 1842, his wife dying here in Illinois; the second time in 1862, his second wife surviving him.

The forthcoming DuPage county Teachers' institute is billed for Monday, Aug. 19th, and is to last to and including Aug. 23rd. Among the instructors appear the well known names of C. E. Mann, J. M. Frost, C. W. Farr, R. F. Bonnell and Mrs. M. H. Holmes. These institutes have always been a source of pleasure and profit to the teachers and this one will be second to none that have been held.

While R. M. Walker, a farmer living north of Maywood, was hauling a load of hay through River Forest Wednesday, a boy set fire to the load. The horses ran away and fences were set on fire along Lake street through River Forest and Oak Park. When the horses were stopped the farmer said he would pay \$25 reward to learn the boys identity. A description of the boy was given to the Oak Park police.

At a meeting of the LaGrange board of trustees held Wednesday evening the contract to construct a septic tank for sewage disposal was let to Richard Nash, of Chicago, for the sum of \$18,600. The contract price includes connection with the sewers and everything complete except the land. The location of the plant has not been decided on, but the board has options on several pieces of land. Bonds for the total sum required will be issued by the village, ten in number, one of which will be retired each year until all are paid. By this plan the cost to each individual property owner will be light each year.

On a recent Sunday several boys of Fallonsburg sought the banks of the creek for a splash in the water. Among them was Herbert Shower, whose family are occupying the Rechy house for the summer. Herbert following the lead of the other boys was about to make a spring into the water when in some way he landed short of the place intended and struck a large boulder which lay in about three feet of water. As the boy did not move after his leap his comrades came to his assistance and found him unconscious, apparently dead. They lifted him onto the bank and found a large gash in the top of his head. Later investigation by a physician disclosed the fact that the boy was paralyzed and his back broken. He was taken to a hospital in the city and now lies in a very precarious condition.—Hinsdale Doing.

NOTICE OF LETTING CONTRACT.

Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received for furnishing cast iron water mains, with hydrants, valves, shut off boxes, and other necessary castings, to be laid in and along Highland avenue of the village of Downers Grove, Illinois together with the digging of the trenches and refilling the same as a whole in accordance with the ordinance thereof. Said bids will be opened on the twenty-sixth day of August, A. D. 1901, at the hour of 7:30 p. m. at the village hall in Downers Grove, Illinois.

The specifications for such improvement and blank proposals will be furnished at the office of the Village President in Downers Grove, Illinois.

The contractor will be paid in cash, or bonds, which bonds will draw interest at a rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All proposals or bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the president of the board of local improvement of the village of Downers Grove, Illinois, for a sum not less than ten (10) per centum of the aggregate of the proposal. Said proposal or bid must be delivered to the president of the board of local improvement in open session of said board at the time and place fixed herein for opening the same. No proposal or bid will be considered unless accompanied by a check as herein provided.

The board of local improvements reserve the right to reject any and all bids should they deem it best for the public good.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond equal to twenty-five per centum of the contract price of some approved surety company guaranteeing said improvement against defects arising from poor material or poor workmanship, for a period of five years from the date of the completion and acceptance thereof. Signed, CHAS. MOCHEL, president of the board of local improvements. Dated August 13, A. D. 1901.

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED.

The board of trustees of the University of Illinois, in order to meet the increasing demand for agriculture education, offer one scholarship in the college of agriculture free of tuition to each county in the state. Any young man or woman over sixteen years of age of DuPage county, desirous of securing the award of this scholarship, should apply to Geo. A. Hunt, of Greenwood, Illinois, director of the Eighth congressional district, who will make the award from the list of applicants from each county in his district. The applications must be signed by either the president or secretary of the county Farmers' Institute of the county in which the applicant lives, and filed with Director Hunt not later than Aug. 30, 1901.

THE WHEATON CONFERENCE.

The Christian Workers' Conference which was held at Wheaton for the first time this year, was a very delightful and profitable gathering. It was attended by over four hundred people, including nearly one hundred ministers of the various churches. They came from as far west as Omaha, as far north as Minneapolis, as far south as Memphis, Tennessee, and as far east as Oberlin, Ohio. The speakers were Rev. G. Campbell Morgan of London; Rev. R. Torrey of Chicago; Rev. Milford H. Lyon of Wheaton; Rev. Dr. Myers and Fifield of Chicago; Harry Monroe of Pacific Garden Mission; A. P. Pitt of Northfield, and others. It is proposed to continue the Conference in the future. The leading speakers of this meeting have all promised to attend next year.

BAPTIST PICNIC.

The annual picnic of the Baptist Sunday school was held at Brush Hill Saturday. The day was a delightful one and over four hundred took advantage of the occasion to have a day's outing. With a drum corps playing marsh music the crowded wagons left the church shortly after nine o'clock. At the picnic grounds the day was devoted to games, races and various contests for both old and young, and boating parties on the creek furnished diversion for any who cared to venture on the water. A picnic dinner was served at noon.

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.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair.
White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.
Chas. Laing left Saturday for Janesville, Wis.

John DeGroot has returned from Oklahoma.
Miss Cora Miley of Aurora, is visiting D. J. Miley and family.

Harry Stone, formerly of Downers Grove, spent Monday in town.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Schneider of Hinsdale, visited with J. B. Miller Sunday.

Miss Bertha Olson of Evanston, spent her vacation with her mother here.
Geo. Leaf and Miss Lillian Leaf of Evanston, spent Sunday in the Grove.

Mrs. L. H. Thomas left Tuesday for a month's visit to relatives at Neponset.
The Congregational Sunday school will picnic at Brush Hill on September 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Katsely of Chicago Heights, are visiting relatives here this week.

V. Simonson was again trying his luck with the rod at Cedar Lake this week.

Five Welsback, 100 cp carbon lamps for sale; barns gasoline. Enquire at Haller's.

Mrs. F. Wetzler entertained the East Grove Sewing society yesterday at luncheon.

Miss Ella Smart is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick of Chicago.

O. Erickson and family expect to occupy their new house on Saratoga street the last of this month.

Misses Ella and Maude Mertz spent a few days with Misses Sybil and Dorothy Horning at Evanston this week.

Measrs. Bailman, Starta, Vallett and Wilson with their wives and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennel.

Mrs. Katie Schwartz was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Geo. Hoffert, and sister Mrs. Wm. Miller in Chicago, Saturday and Sunday.

FOR SALE.—Five cottages, well located, at prices ranging from \$900 up to \$1500; for particulars call or address L. P. NARAMORE.

Friends of the family here will be interested in the announcement of the death of Mrs. Arthur W. Brode at Los Angeles, Cal., last week.

The German Evangelical campmeeting is in session at Naperville park this week. A large number of ministers and laymen are in attendance.

Watermelon social will be given by the C. E. society, on the lawn of the Congregational church Thursday, Aug. 22. Everybody come and enjoy yourself.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church held a special meeting at Mrs. Graham's Tuesday evening to plan for socials, entertainments, and lunches for the coming year.

The DuPage board of review adjourned for a week. Their business is about finished and from now on meetings will be few and far between. They go out of commission on September 7th.

LOST.—A black umbrella from buggy on North Main street or Prairie avenue; natural wood crook handle with sterling silver name plate. Reward will be paid for return to agent at depot.

Miss Gertrude Fraenkel returned Saturday from a two weeks vacation trip to the Dells of Wisconsin, at Kilmora. Miss Mabel Hunt who accompanied her, will spend two weeks more at Michigan resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hunter of Plano visited with the Courtwright and C. P. Hodgett families last week. We acknowledge a pleasant call and visit from Mr. Hunter whom we have known well and favorably for many years. He was a Kendall county pioneer and did much to add to the growth and material and moral welfare of the community.

Miss Edith Knels of LaGrange, well known in Downers Grove social circles, had a narrow escape from drowning at Traversa City, Michigan, one day last week. While out sailing with a party of friends a sudden squall struck the yacht and the vessel was overturned. The members of the party were in the water three hours before they were rescued.

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 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.

Oil. Family Safety.
Ice cream salt at Rang's.
Haller keeps Lipton's tea.
Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes.
Miss Alice Stanley is having a two weeks vacation.

Wm. Straube was home from Fontana, Wis., Tuesday.
Mrs. F. W. Colliver is spending a few weeks at Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huntington spent Sunday in Battle Creek, Mich.
The Fickett and Hitchcock families have been camping at Brush Hill.

The Downers Grove high school foot ball team was organized this week.
Miss Estella Demler spent Sunday with R. S. Soul and family of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barber of Naperville, were guests of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Hugh M. White has been confined to her home with illness the past week.

Mrs. Flora Lang of Chicago spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Barry.

Miss Ella Wertzler gave a party to a number of her young friends Saturday evening.

J. Hill, a former resident of Downers Grove visited Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Puffer Sunday.

Boy Bunning has a very sore hand as the result of fooling with a rifle one day last week.

R. H. H. Blome left Monday evening for Tempe, Arizona, where he will teach for the ensuing year.

The Hathaway building at the corner of Belmont and Foot streets is being repaired with a new roof.

Miss Lottie Gosty who has been visiting with the family of U. C. Rabel left yesterday for Maxwell, Iowa.

Edward Leonard who has been visiting his aunt, Dr. R. A. Roberts, has returned to his home at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church will give a social on the church lawn Aug. 29. Ice cream and cake will be served.

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

The Downers Grove Military company will meet Monday evening, Aug. 19th, at the Auditorium. There will be no meeting Friday evening on account of absence of officers.

The C. E. society will give a Watermelon social on the lawn of the Congregational church next Thursday evening, Aug. 22. Be sure not to forget the date; come and have a good time.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the advertisement for bids for laying the cast iron water mains in Highland avenue. Bids will be received by the village president, acting as chairman of the board of local improvements, and will be opened Aug. 26th.

It is currently reported that negotiations have been completed whereby Victor Fredenagen has disposed of his Maple avenue property to Geo. B. Herdt of Cass, who will move to Downers Grove. Mr. Fredenagen will again move into his East Grove residence.

Henry Spiegler of Elgin, was the guest of S. F. Haller and family this week. Since leaving Downers Grove Mr. Spiegler has made extensive investments in South Dakota real estate which have proven successful, and he is enthusiastic over the future prospects of prosperous times in that state.

Saturday, August 24th, will be republican day in Aurora. Not only will the Eighth District Republican Editorial association meet there, but the local republican club will have its annual outing. Republicans all over the district are urged to attend and join in a basket picnic.

The changes on the Chilver's building, occupied by S. F. Haller as a general store, have been completed and now Mr. Haller has one of the best appointed places of business in Downers Grove. A number of new show cases, shelving and counters have been added for the better display of goods. The name "Downers Grove Fair" has been adopted as a trade mark.

Gunners and game dealers who hoped to profit by the neglect of the last legislature to include quail in the list of protected game birds are not to be allowed to kill and sell the birds as they intended. Although the law allows the killing of the quail at all seasons, Attorney General Hamlin has advised the game commissioner to arrest all persons who shoot the birds during the season in which they are protected under the old law.

REUNION OF THE OLD REGIMENT.

One Hundred and Fifth to Hold Annual Meeting at Naperville, Sept. 2nd.

The glorious old One Hundred and Fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, will hold its annual reunion at Naperville this year, and scores of the old soldiers who went from DuPage county to the front in 1863 will gather around the camp fire and exchange reminiscences of the days of the civil war. The date of the reunion falls this year on the 39th anniversary of the mustering in of the regiment, Sept. 2d.

It was on September 2nd, 1862, that 898 brave boys from DuPage county, comprising four companies of the regiment, were mustered into service at Dixon. They were companies B, D, F, and I. Six companies of the regiment were raised in DeKalb county.

While fifty other regiments secured contributions from the young manhood of DuPage county. The one hundred and fifth deserves a more extended history than any other recruited here, not because these soldiers were any better, but because there were more of them than had enlisted in any other single regiment from this county. Out of a total of 1,432 men enlisted in DuPage county, 303 were raised for the 105th. The regiment saw extensive service and was mustered out at Washington, June 7th, 1865.

Owing to the National Grand Army encampment being held in Chicago last year, the regiment held its last reunion in that city. The last previous reunion was held in Downers Grove in September, 1899. Naperville was selected for the annual meeting place this year. Monday, September 2nd, is the date and a large attendance and a good time is anticipated. The business meeting will be held in the forenoon and a fine program has been arranged for the afternoon. Willard Scott and H. H. Musselman of Naperville, are the president and secretary, respectively, of the regimental association this year, and have charge of the arrangements.

ARGUED WITH A GUN.

Edward Halley, who with his wife, has been running a boarding house on the old Thomas place south of Hinsdale which recently became a part of the Barton farms, was arrested Wednesday for assault with deadly weapons. The complainant was the superintendent of a gang building several small houses and a large barn on one of the Barton farms. Tuesday morning Halley and his wife went to the city returning the next day much influenced by liquor. The superintendent ordered him to close up his boarding house and leave the place. Angered by this, Halley drew a gun and threatened to shoot. A warrant was sworn out and Officer Nicholson arrested the still half intoxicated man, who professed ignorance of the crime. At his hearing Tuesday morning States Attorney Huser appeared to prosecute, but the case was continued until Friday evening, the prisoner being allowed to go on his own recognizance. But he failed to appear at the appointed time, and today is a fugitive from justice. He is reputed to be a hard character, coming from Chicago's tough district on Ashland avenue.

With the relatives of the late Jason Rogers of Paterson fighting over the principal of his estate and the states of New York and New Jersey contending for the inheritance tax, the prospects of the Metropolitan Art museum getting the millions bequeathed to it under the will are not encouraging, at least during the lifetime of any of the present directors. The lawyers seem to stand the best show of realizing on the estate of the eccentric millionaire.

The publishers who have been sending their express and freight packages through the mails will be considerably inconvenienced by Postmaster General Smith's recent order regarding second class matter.

Mr. Rockefeller steps up to the assessor's office and freely admits that he is worth \$1,000,000. This is an example of frankness highly commendable. Who said he was a tax dodger?

It's an ill wind that blows nobody good. The fight between American labor and capital makes it easier for John Bull to compete with us in the markets of the world.

Both the Amalgamated association and the United States Steel corporation have declared that it must be a fight to the finish. This is bad news for the general public.

The LaGrange village board has issued a beautiful little booklet of interesting views about town which they are distributing among the residents with a view of creating a further interest in the village and its affairs.

THINKS TIME IS RIPE

TRUSTEE STEVENS FEELS PUBLIC WILL ENDORSE SEWER SYSTEM

Defends Resolution Appropriating Money to Secure New Plans for Complete Sewerage System Here.

EDITOR REPORTER: I have read an article in the issue of your paper of the 25th ult., wherein you intimate that the resolution relating to the sewerage question which I introduced at the July meeting of the village board was inoperative and calculated to side-track a movement to pave some of the streets. You state that the citizens indicated two years ago that they were not ready to take up the sewerage question, and that they are still disposed to do so.

May I inquire in what manner the citizens so expressed themselves? So far as I know, they have never had an opportunity to record a public expression on this subject. I am under the impression that a very large majority of the people of the village realize the urgent need of this proposed improvement; that they want a system of sewerage, and want it as soon as it is possible to construct it and do it right. If I find that I am in error in this—if it shall appear that the citizens are, as you state, in a "frowning" mood, I should feel constrained promptly to resign from that body, for I could not fairly obey the public will and at the same time remain faithful to my own view of the question.

It is true, however, that an effort was made about two years ago to secure the requisite frontage consent, and it has been stated to me that the effort was unsuccessful—that a sufficient number of owners of vacant property to block the project for the time being refused to sign the petition. It appears impossible to verify this statement, for nobody seems to know the whereabouts of this petition nor of the plans that were prepared at that time.

Assuming, as I feel safe in doing, that with practical unanimity the home-owners and home-owners of the village want and are willing to pay their share of the cost of sewers, it is a pitiable state of things if a few owners of vacant lots are permanently to obstruct the undertaking. I don't believe they would be so narrow minded, unfair and ungrateful. Whatever value this vacant ground possesses, aside from what it would be worth for farming purposes, has been bestowed upon it by the builders and owners of the homes along-side of it.

These vacant lots have been permitted, through the good natured leniency of the owners of improved property, to escape almost entirely their fair proportion of taxation. The lot adjoining my residence is assessed at \$35, and it is for sale at \$500. I cite this as an exemplary case. Perhaps this is all right. Probably vacant lots in Downers Grove have not been a very desirable asset during the last few years; nevertheless, the owners of improved property have been good to these vacant-lot owners to allow such assessments to stand without even a protest while their property is assessed within some reasonable proximity to one-fifth of its cash value, at the law provides.

I submit that it would now be a mean return for the owners of this vacant ground to shirk their share of the cost, and thus stand in the way of an improvement so essential to the health and comfort of the residents of the village as a system of sewers; and if the matter is properly presented to them I repeat that I don't believe they will do it.

As to which should come first, paving or sewers, whether pipes should be laid in a street before or after permanent work is done upon the surface—that question answers itself so completely that one could not discuss it seriously without justifying himself. It would be even more like child's play to cover up with an expensive pavement the pipes already laid along a section of Main street. They are no part and cannot become a part of a complete and adequate system of sewers, and would most certainly have to be replaced or relaid when, if ever, sewers are installed. To countenance such a move would be to confess that there is no hope for sewers. I am not yet ready to make such a confession. Respectfully yours, E. E. STEVENS.

NOTICE.

Owing to the absence of Judge Batten, there will be no county court on the third Saturday of September, it being a legal holiday; but on the following Tuesday, September 2nd, at 1 o'clock p. m. sharp, there will be a session of the county court, Judge Pond presiding. H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk of the county court.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES.

Mrs. Louise Seibert, formerly Wall, died in Oklahoma, Monday morning of consumption. The remains will be brought to Hinsdale today and burial will be made at Lake cemetery. Mrs. Seibert is a sister of Mrs. Geo. Mochel and formerly lived in Downers Grove.