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COUNTY NEWS NOTES

INTERESTING NEWS NOTES TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

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

The new C. B. & Q. passenger station at Stone avenue has reached a stage where its proportions can be realized. It will be a handsome and commodious structure.

John Christie, one of DuPage county's solid and prosperous farmers, is preparing to take life somewhat easier, and to that end offers his large farm in Milton, for rent.

Assistant county superintendent of schools of Will county, Mahling, of Joliet, states that out of 193 districts in that county, 53 districts are still without teachers for the fall and winter terms.

A man walking on the tracks was struck by the Crystal Lake passenger near Elmhurst last Monday. He was picked up and taken to the Cook county hospital. The hospital authorities say he cannot live.

The annual Sunday school convention of DuPage county is to be held at Downers Grove, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10 and 11th. A fine program is being prepared, and much good will result to the thoughtful Sunday school workers.

Henry Glass, the oldest inmate of the Kane county almshouse, died last Sunday night, at the advanced age of 83 years. He had been at the almshouse for over a quarter of a century, having been sent there from the town of Hampshire.

The board of trustees Monday evening authorized the village attorney and the village treasurer to purchase the site for the septic tank to be erected for sewerage disposal at LaGrange. Options on several tracts of land have been secured.

Frederick Voss of Naperville, was adjudged insane by jury last Saturday and sent to Elgin, Judge Southworth of Elgin, presiding. He was a hard drinking man and worked in the stone quarry there. He imagined he owned about all the farms in the county.

Another step in the proposed electric line that is to connect Joliet, Plainfield, and Aurora, was taken last Monday night, when the village trustees of Plainfield granted the Joliet company the right to lay its tracks through the corporate limits of Plainfield.

The DuPage County Teachers' Institute opened in the court house Monday of this week. One of the finest corps of instructors obtainable is present. The county pays for these instructors and the teachers should be glad to avail themselves of the instruction offered.

A farmer offered a suggestion the other day that might be heeded by farmers in this vicinity. He says it would be well to go through cornfields and cut the stalks that have no ears, as this will give the stalks that have ears the benefit of all the substance in the ground.

Wm. Yackley's home and contents on what is known as the old Baker farm, were burned last Thursday afternoon. No one was at home and the origin of the fire is unknown, though supposed to be a defective fuse. About 3 o'clock neighbors discovered it on fire but so much headway had been made by the flames that only furniture down stairs was saved. There was \$1100 insurance on the house and \$350 on the contents.

William Johnson's crab apple tree at Hinsdale is doing strange things, and the oldest inhabitants is at a loss for a similar occurrence to relate to the wondering populace. One side of the tree bears fruit and on the same heavily laden limbs fresh blossoms are found. On the other side the leaves are drying up and every evidence of rapid decay is in sight. The fruit is well formed and the crop is larger than usual. The tree has stood in Mr. Johnson's grounds for many years, and its owner believes its life is about ended, and that the blossoms are the last effort of the old tree to prove its usefulness.

A nice looking, well dressed old gentleman, aged from 50 to 60 years, was found hanging by a rope to a thorn crab apple tree in the Walters Northrop orchard about a mile east of Bloomingdale, last Friday morning. He had nothing in his pockets or on his person as a means of identification. A picture was taken of him after the inquest and before the remains were interred at the county farm. Early day residents of Bloomingdale thought the face looked familiar but they could not think who it was. T. H. Dummer who lived at the Northrop home for many years thought that the features resembled those of a man named Gunner who worked for Mr. Northrop about twenty years ago. It was thought by many that some early association had brought him back to this particular farm to commit the deed.

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

GEORGE M. BRUNSON ASSAULTED.

Former Resident Injured at Kenosha by Discharged Employee, with Knuckles.

George M. Brunson, who formerly conducted a tailoring establishment here, was assaulted and seriously injured at Kenosha, where he is now located, last week. The Kenosha News of Aug. 13, gives the story as follows: George M. Brunson, the foreman of the tailor shop of the High Art Tailoring company, was murderously assaulted shortly after 10 o'clock Monday night by an Italian named Frank Constantina who until last Saturday evening had been in the employ of the company. The assault was an unprovoked one and the Italian had evidently laid in wait for his man for several hours before the assault occurred.

Brunson left the tailor shop shortly after nine o'clock in the evening and after a short walk about town he started for his home. He was walking leisurely along by a building when a man jumped from behind a tree and with a word of warning struck Brunson a terrific blow in the face with a pair of steel knuckles. Brunson staggered but quickly regained his position and started to defend himself against a further assault. With this the unknown man took to his heels and ran down Church street into the Italian quarter.

Constantina seemed to be laboring under the delusion that Brunson was to blame for his losing his position at the tailor shop and this is supposed to be the cause of the assault. He was arrested and is in jail awaiting the hearing.

Brunson is confined to his room with an ugly cut on his face, but it is not thought that the injury will prove to be a dangerous one. He will, however, bear the scar of the assault through life.

CHANGE IN ASSESSMENT LAW.

County Board's Review Not Subject to Change Except for State Taxes.

Under the amendments by the last general assembly, the authority of the county board of review is extended, so far as final jurisdiction over assessments is concerned.

Prior to the amendments referred to all the assessments by the county board of review were subject to change by the state board of equalization but under the present law the only authority of the state equalization board over the work of the county board of review is in relation to assessments for the state taxes, or where the state board assesses originally, as on the capital stock of corporations.

In other words, so far as the assessments for county or city or other local purposes, within a county, are concerned, the assessment revisions by the county board of review are final and not subject to any change whatever by the state board of equalization, or by any other authority.

The assessments by the local assessors are reviewed by the county treasurer, as supervisor of assessments; the work of supervisor of assessments is reviewed by the county board of review, and from the revision by that board there is no appeal, so far as assessments for local taxes are concerned.

SCHOOL OFFICERS' DAY.

Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 23, will be school officers day at the DuPage county teacher's institute and all school officers are invited to attend. The institute workers, C. E. Mann, Charles W. Farr, J. M. Frost, Mrs. M. R. Holmes and R. F. Bunnell, who stand at the very front of all matters that pertain to the newest, the best and the most practical in modern education, will present many things that will be very helpful to officers in the performance of their duties as school officers. County teachers will be glad to see the work outlined by these master-builders in the art of recent school work and management. Many prominent school workers will be present, and the board of supervisors of DuPage county will attend.

VISITED THE PENITENTIARY.

Mrs. Josephine C. Austin entertained a party of friends Tuesday with a trip across the country to Lockport and Joliet. In the party were Miss Mary Hook, Mrs. D. McKee, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Courtright and Delbert A. Kennedy. They visited the controlling works at Lockport, and took a ride on the trolley to Joliet where they took dinner, later visiting the penitentiary.

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, 4 cents.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Mrs. H. I. Snyder is spending a week in Mendota.

W. H. Shannbrook was taken suddenly ill Tuesday.

F. J. Prentiss has been in Michigan selling range horses.

Miss Alice Stanley entertained a party of relatives last Friday.

Fred Bruce of Colton, Cal., visited Miss Fannie Gilbert on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Libby started for the Buffalo exposition last Tuesday.

Mrs. Joseph Haas left Saturday for a visit with her sister at Dyess, Iowa.

Mrs. C. Buckow and son of Chicago, visited at S. F. Haller's over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bitney are the parents of a boy baby born yesterday.

Watermelon social this Thursday, evening on Congregational church lawn.

D. F. Delaney of north East Grove, has moved his family to San Pierre, Indiana.

Supt. and Mrs. O. M. Searles left Monday for a month's visit at Colorado Springs.

L. S. Dickson and family of Irving Park spent Saturday with Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Pattison.

Congressman Graff of Peoria district, will speak in Aurora at the Republican picnic Saturday.

Mrs. W. R. Colwell is seriously ill and is undergoing treatment in a hospital in Chicago.

A party of young people with Wm. Lancaster have had an outing at St. Joe, the past week.

Mrs. McNaught and George McNaught spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. George Gregg.

Mrs. Fannie Belden gave a party Saturday to a number of her lady friends in honor of her birthday.

Rev. A. B. Nichols and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Winchester last Saturday and Sunday.

FOR SALE CHEAP.—Good second-hand hot air furnace with pipes and registers. Enquire of H. J. Hawkins.

Lee and Carter Singletary will move down from East Grove and occupy the Wallace stone house on Fairmont avenue.

Mrs. John Brown and children leave Saturday for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Atwood at Vandala.

Blair McGrath, who has been visiting at the home of J. E. H. Wright, returned to his home at Eau Claire, Wis., Saturday.

J. W. Morford is the contractor on the two Graves cottages on Highland avenue. They are to be completed by November 1st.

The Hinsdale Doings says that while in Downers Grove several weeks ago Gus Townsend was taken quite ill and as yet has been unable to return home.

Mrs. G. H. Bunge gave a children's party last Thursday in honor of her niece, Irene Funk, of Kernan, who is visiting her. The little people had an enjoyable time.

A number of the friends of Miss Lizzie Krambs gave her a surprise party Saturday evening at her home in East Grove. The evening was spent with games, and refreshments were served.

Invitations have been received in Downers Grove for the marriage of David Avery Haggard to a young lady of Lincoln, Neb. The young man will be remembered as the son of Dr. J. R. Haggard who formerly lived in Downers Grove.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church will give an ice-cream social on the church lawn on Thursday evening, Aug. 29, for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expense of putting the village water in the church. Everybody come and assist in a good cause.

The REPORTER is in receipt of a communication from F. A. Root of Buffalo, former president of the village board, regarding the sewer question, and the outcome of the attempt to build a system several years ago, which came too late for publication this week and will appear in next week's issue.

The board of trustees held an adjourned meeting Monday evening to examine (rather into the matter of water meters and placing the department on a meter basis. The representatives of several meter manufacturers were present and showed up the good features of their respective products. No action was taken by the board. The water committee will hold a meeting this evening to arrive at a final conclusion on the subject and will make a final report to the board at its regular meeting.

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

Oliver Hodler returned home last Friday.

Alderman Kuenzel is enjoying a two weeks vacation.

Miss Jennie Smart spent Sunday with friends in Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Slusser have returned from their Ohio visit.

WANTED.—Second-hand hard coal heater. Enquire at this office.

Isaac Mason left Monday for a month's stay at Mount Airy, Iowa.

M. B. Downer arrived home last Saturday from a trip down in Indiana.

Ruth Lancaster entertained her friend Clara Cole, from Ottawa, last week.

Mrs. Cora Hancock returned Monday from a visit with relatives in the city.

J. B. Miller is building a new brick walk around his Foots street property.

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

Wallace Graham of Fairmont, Ind., visited relatives here the fore part of this week.

Miss Edna Edenburn of Bloomington, was the guest of Mrs. Harry M. Court-right this week.

Frank E. Owens expects to move his family to Chicago soon, in order to be nearer his work.

Mr. Winchester and wife of Chicago, visited his brother, L. W. and family here, over Sunday.

Mrs. John Porter and children of Hinsdale, are visiting at the home of her brother, C. F. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lower entertained Mrs. Lower's brother from Chicago the fore part of the week.

Miss Cora Escher is spending a few weeks with her brother, Elmer, at his home near Breckenridge, Colo.

Lost.—Monday, Aug. 19th, in the Lyons woods, a BIER umbrella. Finder will please leave at this office.

Miss Dayton, who has been visiting E. E. Easton and family, returned to her home at Aptakisne, Ill., Monday.

Rev. Chas. E. Coon of Laco, supplied the Methodist pulpit last Sabbath. Rev. H. H. Hood being away on his vacation.

W. B. Matterson and wife, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Marsh, returned to their home at Red Bank, N. J., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Madell and daughter returned Sunday from their western trip, the principal part of which was spent at Alameda, Cal.

Rev. J. Haller, Miss Anna Haller and Miss Bertha Harter of Barrington, were the guests of the former's son, Chas. Haller, at the Haller home Monday.

Henry H. Wolfersheim entertained a small party of gentlemen at cards Saturday evening. Those who attended speak in high favor of their host's hospitality.

Charles Davis had a serious fall from a tree Tuesday in which he was severely shaken up. He struck on his head and was unconscious for over an hour and it was feared his neck was broken.

Attorney Edgworth of Chicago, visited his brother, J. F., at his home in East Grove last Saturday. He was also one of the attorneys in a case before Police Magistrate Graham Saturday afternoon.

Mertz & Mochel have made a record in the sale of corn binders this season. They have so far disposed of eighteen Deering binders which is the best record made by any local agents, of which there are 154, in Illinois this year.

But few changes have been made by the board of review in the assessment of Downers Grove property as returned by Assessor Rogers, which speaks well for that gentleman's labors, and the honesty and fairness of the schedules filed by property owners here.

Two young men from South Chicago stopped in Downers Grove Tuesday morning enroute to Aurora on bicycles. Shortly after noon while pedaling down a slight incline of the road near the Meyers farm, west of town, one of the young men attempted to turn out of a wagon track in which he was riding, and took a header from the wheel. He struck on his head and face. A deep gash was cut over his right eye; his upper lip was cut; the lower lip was torn loose clear to the chin and his nose cut and bruised. The men were brought to town, and Dr. W. A. Tope repaired the damages to the injured man's countenance, taking several stitches in closing the wounds. They took an afternoon train back to Chicago.

FIREMEN'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

Program of Features to be Given at Downers Grove on Labor Day.

Unless all signs fail the second annual picnic of the Downers Grove Fire department to be given Labor day, Sept. 2nd, will prove the biggest success of any function heretofore arranged by that organization. In addition to a long program of races, an orchestra has been secured which will furnish music for dancing both afternoon and evening. Refreshment booths will be conveniently located where temperate drinks and solid foods will be dispensed for a consideration. Other amusements to separate people from their money will be the cane racks, baby racks and dogging con. All are for the benefit of this department and people generally should patronize them liberally. The merchants have agreed to close their places of business on that day at one o'clock so that all can attend the picnic. The races will begin at three o'clock and following are the events and list of prizes to be given the winners.

First race—Boys 7 years old or under; 50 yds. 1st prize, Mouth Harp; donated by Fire Department. 2nd prize, Hook and Ladder; donated by Fire Department.

Second race—Girls 7 years old or under; 50 yds. 1st prize, Doll; donated by F. G. Rang. 2nd prize, box candy; donated by Fire Department.

Third race—Boys 10 years old or under; 75 yds. 1st prize, Pen knife; donated by McDougall. 2nd prize, box Dominoes; donated by Fire Department.

Fourth race—Girls 10 years old or under; 50 yds. 1st prize, Rocking chair; donated by C. F. Davis. 2nd prize, Horseshoe pin; donated by Fire Department.

Fifth race—Boys 13 years old or under; 100 yds. 1st prize, Jack knife; donated by Hughes & Cartline. 2nd prize, bat and ball; donated by F. G. Rang.

Sixth race—Girls 13 years old or under; 75 yds. 1st prize, bottle of Perfume; donated by Bush & Simonson. 2nd prize, Pocket book; donated by Fire Department.

Seventh race—Young Ladies; 75 yds. 1st prize, \$1.00 cash; donated by Levi Morris. 2nd prize, Bevel plate mirror; donated by W. S. Carpenter.

Eighth race—Single race, Single men; 100 yds. 1st prize, box cigars; donated by George Bateman. 2nd prize, box cigars; donated by Harry Snyder.

Ninth race—Married Ladies. 1st prize, 10 lbs. flour; donated by S. F. Haller. 2nd prize, donated by A. J. Thompson.

Tenth race—Married men; 100 yds. 1st prize, \$2.00 worth of Groceries; donated by Fred Gergel. 2nd prize, 10 lbs. flour; donated by Mertz & Mochel.

Eleventh race—Fat men; 100 yds. 1st prize ham; donated by Louis Klein.

Pie eating contest—1st prize, pearl handle Jack knife; donated by Fire Department. 2nd prize, necktie; donated by Fire Department.

Music dancing, and refreshments.

THE "FAIR'S" GRAND OPENING.

The proprietor of the "Downers Grove Fair," S. F. Haller, is making arrangements to give a grand opening to celebrate the completion of the additions and alterations in his place of business, and to invite the public to call and inspect the new premises. The opening will be held Saturday, Aug. 31st, and a number of features will be provided for the benefit and amusement of the public. During the afternoon an orchestra will furnish music and during the day each lady visiting the store will be given a souvenir of the occasion. No pains will be spared to make the day a pleasant one and everyone is invited to visit the "Fair" on the date named.

DEATH OF FRED SCHENCK.

Fred Schenck, for forty years a resident of Downers Grove township, died at his home south of town Friday, Aug. 16th, at the advanced age of 84 years. The direct cause of his death was inflammation of the bowels. For years he had been a sufferer from rheumatism. Tuesday he was taken seriously ill and gradually grew weaker until dissolution came Friday morning. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon and burial was made in the Laco cemetery. He came to Illinois in the early forties with the Secher family, with whom he resided until he purchased a portion of their farm some time ago, since when he has lived alone.

GRAND ARMY RESOLUTIONS.

At the regular meeting of Legion Post, 468, G. A. R. of August 8th, 1901, the following resolution was adopted. WHEREAS, in the Providence of God, death has once more invaded our ranks and stricken down one of our comrades, Wm. Blanchard, without a moment's warning, and, WHEREAS, we desire to give some proper expression of our own sorrow and sympathy with his sorrowing family; THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the members of Legion Post, fully realize the loss we have sustained and bowing to the will of Him who doeth all things well we tender to the family of our deceased comrade our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement, sharing with them the sorrow of the hour. Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record and a copy thereof be furnished to the family of Comrade Blanchard, and to the publisher of the Downers Grove Reporter.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

State of Illinois, ss. County of DuPage. In the circuit court of DuPage county, Illinois, October term, A. D. 1901. Emma Butler, vs. Charlie Butler, in Chancery. Adversely to the non-residence of Charlie Butler defendant above named, having been filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Circuit Court, of DuPage County. Notice is hereby given to the said Charlie Butler defendant that the above named complainant has heretofore filed her bill of complaint against the said defendant in said Court on the Chancery side thereof, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said Court against the above named defendant returnable on the first day of the Term of the Circuit Court of said DuPage County, to be held at the Court House in the City of Wheaton, in said DuPage County, on the first Monday of Oct. A. D. 1901, as by law required, and which said bill is still pending.

Dated at Wheaton this 20th day of August, A. D. 1901. T. M. HULL, Clerk. GRAY & BUNION, Complainers Solicitors.

VILLAGE ETCHINGS.

YOUNGSTERS DEFEAT OLD-TIMERS AT QUITS LAST SATURDAY.

Veterans of the Peaceful Valley Quilt Club Prove Easy Victims to the Boys' Large Crowds Witness Games.

Something dropped Saturday afternoon at the cross roads in Peaceful Valley. As a matter of fact several somethings in the shape of circular iron disks propelled by the hands of two youngsters dropped close to the stakes set up across the road from the old blacksmith shop.

The other something to descend with a sickening thud was the hitherto unapproachable laurel wreath of the bright particular stars of the Peaceful Valley Quilt club.

When the last quilt was pitched and the youths bore off the prize well might the members of that venerable organization exclaim with the prophet of old: "Ichabod! Ichabod! Thy glory has departed from thee."

Fully half the population of the village assembled at the cross roads long before the game was called. Octogenarians who had not been seen on the street in years made their way slowly to the horse block in front of the blacksmith shop and from that vantage ground witnessed the defeat of the veterans who for many summers have been the pride of the Peaceful Valley Quilt club.

The small boy was also there in large numbers and even a few staid matrons graced the scene with their presence, though they made a pretense of just going by on their way to make a call.

Budd White and Chicky Leland the two boys who challenged the champions went into the game with fear and trembling and the majority of the spectators predicted that they would prove easy marks for Emmerson Jenkins and Doc Sweet who were selected to represent the P. V. Q. C. As the game progressed and the score steadily showed in favor of the lads the faces of the members of the club lightened until, figuratively speaking, they easily could have been seen out of a cloud.

Before the second game, of the series of seven, had been played the champions found that they had their hands more than full and Phil French, who officiated as referee, was kept busy measuring fractional differences between the quilts ones by the champions and the boys.

In deference to the feelings of the defeated participants in the contest let a well be gently drawn over the details of the game. It is enough to say that each of the four games played was won by the boys. It was, however, no walk away.

The result of the exciting contest is considered in the village demonstration circles as a striking exemplification of the text often thundered from Peaceful Valley pulpits: "The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong." This text is current at the cross roads in a garbled form. There they say, "You can't tell by the length of his beard what kind of quilts a man can pitch." Which sayings in the light of Saturday's playing is undoubtedly true.

After the big game was over Phil French, Jared Jackson and other members of the P. V. Q. C. thought to retrieve the fair name of the club. They only added to the laurels of the bold youths who were ready to meet all comers. Out of some twenty odd games the lads who had scored over the champions were defeated but twice.

It is confidently expected that another attempt will be made by the ancients to regain their lost pre-eminence and next Saturday afternoon will probably see another contest with the positions of challengers and challenged reversed.

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