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## MRS. WM. R. COLWELL

### DIES AT HER HOME IN DOWNERS GROVE SUNDAY MORNING.

Funeral Services were Held at the Residence Tuesday Morning and the Burial Made in New York.

Mrs. William R. Colwell died at her home in this village Sunday morning, September 29th, at seven o'clock, after an illness of several weeks duration. This brief announcement brought a sense of great personal loss to the people of Downers Grove. Mrs. Colwell had been known by her close friends to be in failing health for some months, but owing to her steadfast courage it was not until recently that she succumbed to the long strain of physical suffering and the serious nature of her malady became known. Her death was quiet and painless and she retained possession of her faculties almost to the last. Her husband and children, her only sister and her brother, F. H. Ayer, were with her when the end came.

Mrs. Colwell was a woman of rare Christian character and her loss to her family and to the community cannot be estimated. She has long been a member of the Congregational church of this place and an earnest worker in its various departments; and was, for several years, one of the trustees of the church. She was very public spirited and every righteous cause in the community received her staunch support. She leaves as a heritage to her family and friends the blessed memory of a life well lived, spent in loving service for others and harboring no thought of self, a life that will always be an inspiration to all who knew her, however slightly.

George Elliot's earnest prayer voices the aspiration of all who knew her: "May I reach that purest heaven, be to other souls the cup of strength in some great agony, enkindled generous ardour feed pure love. Begot the smiles that have no cruelty—the sweet presence of a good diffused, and in diffusion ever more intense. Lo! Shall I join the choir invisible, whose music is the gladness of the world."

Anna Janet Ayer was born in De-Ruyter, New York, June 11th, 1844, the daughter of Wm. J. Ayer and Elizabeth M. Gooch. Her mother died nine years later, in 1853. In 1860 her father moved with his family to Cazenovia, New York. At the age of sixteen she began teaching school and taught for several years in the vicinity of Cazenovia, until the time of her marriage to Wm. R. Colwell, December 19th, 1868, shortly after the death of her father, which occurred in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Colwell continued to make their home in Cazenovia for several years after their marriage, where their two children, William J. and Louise E., were born. In 1889 the family moved to this place and established their permanent home.

Mrs. Colwell's husband and children survive her. She also leaves two brothers, William K. Ayer of Cazenovia, and Fred H. Ayer of Chicago Heights, Ill.; also a sister Mrs. A. M. Waterbury of Cortland, N. Y.

The funeral services were held at the residence Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 11 a. m., and were conducted by the Reverends E. H. Libby and H. H. Rood. The remains were taken to Cazenovia for interment.

### SCHOOL'S HEAVY ENROLLMENT.

The fall term of the Downers Grove schools open with a larger registration of students than was anticipated. The increase in attendance is considerably more than that of last year. The figures given in the REPORTER of Sept. 19 being incorrect. The correct enrollment for the first week was 541, an increase over last year's first enrollment of 49, when the attendance was 499. Divided as to buildings there are 197 in the north building and 344 in the Maple avenue school. The number of pupils assigned each teacher is as follows: North building—Gassa Graves 53, Maude Nicholson 57, Bertha Prince 43, Agatha Sweet 44. South building—Mabel Messer 46, Elsie Patterson 48, Sarah Holland 56, Miss Wickel 58, Lulu Rasmussen 48, Miss Dexter 42, Sadie Thompson 51.

### PACERS TRY THEIR POWERS.

A pretty race was witnessed Friday afternoon between the driving horses owned by Samuel Curtis and Jake Klein. Both horses are pacers. Their owners were driving down Curtis street and as they swung south into Main street at a good clip, the horses let themselves out for a speedy spin, and brought up at W. S. Bryan's with Curtis' horse in the lead. Both horses are fast roadsters and the friendly trial of speed demonstrated the fact to quite a bunch of spectators.

## SIDEWALK ORDINANCE NO. 63.

AN ORDINANCE providing for a brick sidewalk on the south side of Prairie avenue, between No. Washington street and Highland ave, in the village of Downers Grove, county of DuPage and state of Illinois.

Be it ordained by the president and board of trustees of the village of Downers Grove, Illinois.

Section 1. That a sidewalk be laid on the south side of Prairie ave, between No. Washington St., and Highland ave, in the village of Downers Grove, county of DuPage and state of Illinois, immediately in front of the following lots and parcels of ground, to wit: Lots one (1) and four (4) of Block four (4) of Richmond and Whitney's addition to Downers Grove, Ills.

Sec. 2. That the entire cost of said sidewalk shall be levied upon the said lots and parcels of ground.

Sec. 3. Said sidewalk shall be constructed under the supervision of, and to the acceptance of the street commissioner of said village, and the same shall be constructed four feet, eight inches in width, of vitrified brick as follows:

The ground upon which the sidewalk is proposed to be laid, shall be thoroughly underdrained with good tile, three inches in diameter, and the foundation upon which the walk is to be laid shall be made of cinders twelve inches in thickness. The brick shall be of the kind made by the Sireator Paving Brick company of Sireator, Illinois, or equal in quality, and commonly known as "Repressed Pavers," said brick shall be laid flat in sand, and firmly imbedded therein, and shall be laid so that when the walk is completed the surface shall be reasonably smooth, and sufficiently convex as to carry the water falling thereon off the walk.

Sec. 4. That the owners of said lots and parcels of ground, are hereby required to construct said sidewalk in front of said lots and parcels of ground, agreeable to the provisions of said section 3 of this ordinance, within thirty days after publication thereof.

Sec. 5. Upon default of said owner, or owners, to construct that part of said sidewalk immediately in front of their lot or lots, or parcels of ground, within thirty days after the publication of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of said street commissioner to cause the same to be constructed in behalf of said village at the cost of the owner. The said street commissioner shall certify to a bill of the cost of said sidewalk, constructed by the village of Downers Grove in front of said lots showing in separate items the cost of grading, materials, laying down and supervision, and file it in the office of the village clerk, together with a description of said lots, the name of the owner or owners thereof, and the frontage or his respective lot on said sidewalk.

Sec. 6. The village collector is hereby designated as the official to collect the special tax herein provided, and to whom warrants for the same shall be directed.

Sec. 7. The village clerk shall in all respects comply with the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the state of Illinois, entitled "An act to provide additional means for the construction of sidewalks in cities, towns and villages," in force July 1st, A. D. 1875. If said land is delinquent after return of said warrant by the village collector, it shall be the duty of said clerk to make report of such special tax in writing to the county treasurer and ex-officio county collector, on or before the 31st day of March, A. D. 1902, as required by said act.

Sec. 8. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.

Sec. 9. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed September 23, 1901.

Approved September 23, 1901.

CHAS. MOCHRE, President.

BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

## SOLDIERS AND SAILORS REUNION.

Wheaton was the Mecca of the veteran soldiers and sailors last Saturday. The annual reunion of the DuPage county Old Soldier's and Sailor's association was the attraction, and hundreds of the boys in blue attended. The business meeting was held at 10 o'clock including the election of officers. Downers Grove was selected as the place for the next reunion and the following officers chosen: President, Capt. T. S. Rogers; secretary, Chas. Carpenter. The trustees for the memorial hall are E. W. Farrar of Naperville; A. McS. S. Ridler of Blanchard post and R. W. Gates of Kelley post. At noon a splendid dinner was served by the ladies of the Relief Corps. The campfire was held in the circuit court room in the afternoon. Judge Longnecker and Maj. Blodgett were the principal speakers. The reunion was the most successful both as regards the program and in point of attendance of any the association has held.

## STOPS THE COUGH.

And works off the cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25 cents.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. J. M. Vallette was a caller here Tuesday.

J. P. Glass moved his family to Aurora Tuesday.

Guy L. Bush left last night for Springfield to attend the state fair.

Rev. Herbert Rood will entertain his bible class at the parsonage tonight.

Miss Belle Lyman has returned from her vacation trip to points in Colorado.

Miss Bernice Bennett was the guest of Miss Ruth Beach at Hinsdale last week.

S. E. Walker and family will winter in California, starting the fore part of November.

Mrs. E. L. Wisegarver of Houston, Texas, arrived Tuesday for a short visit with her son.

Mrs. A. B. Fisher who has been visiting at Jesse Wells, left Monday for Mayfield, Mich.

The personal property of Geo. Rayner was sold at public auction at the Lyman farm yesterday.

Mrs. M. Bellinger who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. W. Alford, has returned to New York.

Geo. B. Heatt expects to move into his recently acquired property in the village about November 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington entertained his mother and sisters from Hinsdale at dinner Tuesday evening.

The Knights of Pythias held a regular meeting last night. Tonight the Rathbone Sisters will entertain the former lodge.

C. G. Graves and family have moved into the Fredenhagen brick house on Highland avenue pending the completion of his residence on that street.

The young people's dancing class holds weekly receptions at Carpenter's hall which are well attended. Oliver Strubler of Naperville is the instructor.

St. Mary's annual fair closes next Saturday evening after a very successful season, and the finances of the church will be materially helped as a result.

The strike of the lineman and repair gangs of the Chicago Telephone company will not effect the work on the lines here in transferring the central office to its new location.

Jacob Shaler, who has been ill for the past two weeks with typhoid fever and pneumonia at the Presbyterian hospital in Chicago, is somewhat better, although his condition is still critical.

Next Sunday will be the last Sabbath of the present conference year at the Methodist church. It is confidently expected that the present pastor will remain for another year as his return has been cordially insisted upon by the official board of the church.

FOR SALE.—A few white Plymouth Rock cockerels for next season's matings. Stock from U. R. Fisher, largest white rock breeder in the United States. Must close out at once on account of small quarters. Prices reasonable, call and see them. A. C. Wisegarver, 76 Benton avenue.

The transfer of the Lord Lumber company's interests here to the firm of Herring & Heatt transpired October 1st, and W. J. Herring and Irving G. Heatt enter the mercantile field of Downers Grove. Mr. Luce will devote his time to the LaGrange branch of the Lord Lumber company, retaining his residence, however, in Downers Grove until spring at least.

The opening meeting for the autumn of the Downers Grove Women's club was held in the club room yesterday afternoon, with a gratifying attendance. The program opened with music by Miss Carrie Martin. Following, the roll call was responded to by a short review of books read by the members during the summer vacation. A review of "Alice of Old Vincennes" given by Mrs. Harry S. Wheeler closed the program. The club's plans for the year are not fully arranged but will be decided upon at the next regular meeting.

Ed. Wootton had a narrow escape from what might have proven a serious accident Tuesday morning. He was hurrying to catch a west bound suburban train at 16th street in Chicago with a heavy package under his arm. When he reached the station the train had started and was going at a fast rate of speed. He caught the hand-rail of the last coach with one hand but was unable to secure footing on the steps. Clinging with one hand he swung out from the train twice before he finally managed to climb aboard, exhausted but safe, and vowing never to attempt to board a moving train again. One experience of that nature he thinks is sufficient.

Oil. Family Safety. Ice cream salt at Rang's. Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. Dr. R. R. Pattison died this morning at 6:30 o'clock.

Miss Orcena Churchill is visiting relatives in Chicago.

Samuel Sucher of Chicago, is here for a week's visit with relatives.

The village board of trustees holds its October meeting next Monday evening.

Henry Saffron who lived in the Rogers house on Lane place has moved to Chicago.

Misses Mary and Abbie Thomas of Mechanicville, are guests of Mrs. Hannum this week.

G. F. Trevette and family moved to Chicago yesterday and will reside at 300 Warren avenue.

Mrs. G. H. Bunge and daughter have been visiting friends and relatives at Streator the past week.

The village hall is blossoming out in a new fall coat of paint, the artistic handiwork of Wm. Bryce.

A committee of the board of trustees of Mayfair was here Friday inspecting the waterworks and lighting plant.

Geo. P. Luce was called to Pennsylvania yesterday to attend the bedside of his father, who is dangerously ill.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church. Morning—"Quarterly Communion." Evening—"The Feast Prepared."

Frank Lacy, a Lisle painter, fell from a scaffold one day last week, crushing an ankle and sustaining other serious injuries.

D. G. Graham will be in his office tomorrow, Friday, morning at 6 o'clock and all day for the transaction of pension and other business.

A brother of Mrs. F. H. Hoover from New York visited her the fore part of the week. He and another young man are on their way to California.

The regular monthly song service will be held next Sunday night at the Baptist church. These services are proving very interesting and profitable.

The "Q" division of the Christian Endeavor society held a rally at the LaGrange Congregational church last Friday. Several from Downers Grove attended and enjoyed a very pleasant meeting.

C. V. Carpenter, Capt. T. S. Rogers and V. Simonson are enjoying a week's hunting and fishing on the Illinois river between Quincy and Peoria. They are the guests of the Illinois fish commissioner.

Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state for the Illinois Lumber and Construction company of Downers Grove. The incorporators are C. C. Carnahan, M. Stusser and B. C. Hawkes.

F. M. Rood of South Dakota, a brother of the pastor of the Methodist church has been visiting the parsonage this week. He is a ranchman and has been shipping stock to the Chicago market the past week.

The Rock River conference will convene at Evanston this year and open Wednesday morning, Oct. 9th. The famous Chaplain, now Bishop McCabe will preside. Rev. Herbert Rood will leave for conference Tuesday.

The assessed valuation of lands in Downers Grove township for the year 1901 is \$445,494; of lots \$559,590; personal property \$238,398; a total of \$1,243,482 which is an increase of \$31,396 over the 1900 assessment. This has been further increased by the board of review by \$16,950.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Alfred Bayliss, has just issued circular No. 28, dealing with rural school architecture and school room decorations. The little book contains many things useful to the rural school director, and if he has a desire to improve the schools and make them pleasant for the next generation, he can do no better than to read and follow the instructions given in this circular. Great stress is laid upon the advantages in planting trees in the school yards. Also the teachers are urged and shown the advantage to the pupil by some neat but inexpensive decorations.

The Watts home in East Grove was the scene of a merry party of relatives and friends Saturday evening, the occasion being a surprise party on members of the family. Dancing was the principal feature of amusement and the crowd of young people and their older companions had a merry time until a late hour. Music was furnished by Misses Grace, Hope and Murray Simpson of Aurora. Those attending from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bonnell of Chicago, J. P. Bonnell of Triumph, Miss Adas Kunzken, Fred Martin and Chas. Brown of Chicago, Wm. Drexler and Miss Drexler of Clarendon Hills.

## LECTURE COURSE ASSURED.

Money Subscribed Guaranteeing Course and Excellent Attractions Secured

A number of our business and professional citizens, recognizing the need of entertainment in the village, have organized a permanent Citizens' Lecture and Entertainment association, and have already secured talent for the coming winter. They have taken hold of the matter in an enthusiastic and practical way, put up a guarantee of a considerable sum of money, and propose to give the people the best line of entertainments that has ever been given in Downers Grove, and indeed, not to be excelled by that in any town, big or little. By shrewd arrangement, they have been able to bring to us a series of evenings with the best talent on the American platform.

The course consists of five entertainments. One of these is by the Grand Concert company, Madame Linde, of this company, is a contralto of richness and beauty who has sung with Nordica and has won heartfelt applause everywhere. The tenor, Mr. Carberry, is a worthy associate with a voice of sweetness and power. The cellist is a talented artist, and the pianist a gifted young lady of the best training.

A double quartette has fortunately been engaged for another date. This is made up of the Wesleyan male quartette, the Arion ladies quartette and an impersonator and reader, M. S. Houston. No quartette in the west is recommended more highly. Each of them give many engagements singly, and those who can hear them together are particularly fortunate.

The lecture of the course will be given by Dr. Wiggam of Indiana. He is known as the second Senator Beveridge, is amusing and entertaining, and inspiring to young people as well as old. The subject of his lecture attracts at once—"Dollars and Sense."

A fourth evening is given by Mr. Day the noted impersonator. Some of our citizens have heard him and give unqualified endorsement to his ability. In voice, facial expression, power of mimicry and sympathetic interpretation of character, his equipment is almost perfect. One of the best things he does is the last chapter of "Diana" "Tale of Two Cities."

One of the most popular of the five entertainments, is that of Maro, the magician. He is the greatest living prestidigitateur, since the death of Harrman. He brings with him eight assistants.

The surprising feature of the enterprise is the low price of the tickets, \$1.50 for the season. All the citizens of the town are invited and urged to support the entertainments and lectures throughout. Already enough tickets have been sold to secure its success apart from the guarantee of the association. From the standpoint of recreation, or of social pleasure, no one can afford to miss any of the evenings.

The exact arrangements of the various dates has yet not been decided. Further arrangements will be made covering this point. The Auditorium has been secured for the entertainments and will be put in thorough order, electric lights installed and other conveniences arranged for the comfort of the audience.

## BRICK WALKS REPLACING PLANK

Permanent walks are gradually replacing the old wooden affairs in Downers Grove. This is a matter of considerable satisfaction not only to the village authorities, but to property owners as well. While the first cost is somewhat higher, the new walks will probably last a lifetime, and the item of repairs, which with the wooden walks aggregate an enormous amount in a year, is eliminated. The permanent walks so far ordered have all been of brick. There is some difference of opinion as to whether brick or cement is the more serviceable material of which to construct walks, and there are a number of favorable and adverse arguments for each. Everyone will admit, however, that brick is far superior to plank for the purpose and rejoice at the new order of things.

## TRY TO SECURE MORE PATRONS.

The water and light committee of the village board is endeavoring to interest property owners and house holders in installing electric lights, and to that end are about to issue a circular calling attention to the advantages of becoming a patron of the lighting plant. Inasmuch as every property owner is interested in the success of the plant, they should help towards its support by every means in their power and assist in putting the plant on a self-sustaining basis.

## TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25 cents.

## COUNTY NEWS NOTES

### INTERESTING NEWS NOTES TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Laird, Prof. Morgan and wife of Wheaton, E. W. Bond of Downers Grove and W. Good composed a party that attended the annual reunion of the 17th Illinois cavalry, held in Chicago last week.

Work on the new railroad station at Stone avenue goes steadily on. The stone work is nearly completed and the platform shelter on the north side of the tracks is well under way. Downers Grove hopes that the next new depot built by the Burlington will be located here.

Andrew J. Christie of Wheaton, who has been deputy sheriff of this county for fifteen years, gives his castor in the ring as a candidate for sheriff in the republican ticket. Mr. Christie has also served as constable for many years and thinks it about time that he had an inauing.—Illinoisian.

The Wheaton exchange has an automatic clock which keeps tab on the time you spend talking with "your party." The regular toll is for three minutes talk and each additional minute means five cents more. The minute and second is registered when you get your party, and you can't fool the clock.

One morning last week a man employed to run a traction engine near Morrison, fired the engine then went in to breakfast, when he came out the engine was missing. He followed the trail which led through two fences it had demolished, through a patch of sweet corn and down a grade, at the bottom of which the traction engine had gone head first. It was quite a task to set it in running order again.

Customers of telephone exchanges will do well to restrain their choler when tempted to express their opinion of her to the girl at central. Geo. P. Pierce, a liverman living at Batavia can give good advice on that subject, as he was fined three dollars and cost at that city yesterday for using a few more or less mild epithets in the young lady who changes the wires at the Batavia exchange.

The Chicago and Joliet trolley line was formally opened Wednesday with appropriate festivities. Representatives of local municipal bodies and invited guests were met at the city boundary and were escorted over the new road by Mayor Barr and 500 prominent citizens of Joliet and a brass band. The journey was made in eight palace cars and along the entire route the country people hailed the procession with enthusiastic acclaim. At Joliet a feast was held, at which warm congratulations were interchanged over the inauguration of a new epoch in the annals of local rapid transit.

W. B. Stanley, one of the best known farmers of Eola, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn Sunday morning. His body was discovered by his daughters shortly after the deed had been committed. Mr. Stanley was 59 years old and had lived on his farm in Eola for 38 years. Of late he had been addicted to melancholia because of ill health and had several times spoken of taking his life. Sunday morning, however he appeared in a cheerful mood and ate a hearty breakfast, after which he went out to the barn, apparently with the intention of finishing up the chores. Half an hour later his two daughters went out to hitch up the family horse and go to church and were horrified to see their father's body dangling at a rope's end from a rafter of the barn.

## NICOLI, THE MAGICIAN, SATURDAY

Nicoli, the monarch of magicians has been secured for an entertainment next Saturday evening, Oct. 5th, by the Maple Camp, Modern Woodmen, to be held in the Auditorium. The magician will be assisted by Wil Nicoli, the necromantic comedian, and the entertainment borders on the startling and marvelous. His slight-of-hand is little short of the supernatural, his work is original and clever, presenting a series of entirely new feats that baffle all attempts at solution. At the close of each entertainment, the stage appears like a scene in fairy land, with flowers in full bloom, with birds, butterflies, snakes, doves, goblets of sparkling wine, gold and silver, greenbacks, doll babies, ribbons and aquariums of living fish, and a dry good store in confusion, in fact the magic wand is in the hands of the Prof. He is capable of producing many astonishing wonders.

Married, at St. Peter's church in Naperville, Wednesday morning, Oct. 3, 1901, Miss Marie Heitler of Naperville to Mr. John Wimmer, of Downers Grove. Miss Amelia Heitler acted as bride-maid and Frank Heitler was the best man. J. W. Eggman and Frank Keller were ushers. Father Wimmer officiated. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was given at the bride's home east of Naperville. They will make their home in Chicago.