

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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NUMBER

## INSTITUTE BEGAN YESTERDAY

### DUPAGE COUNTY FARMERS' INSTITUTE IN SESSION AT WHEATON THIS WEEK.

Petit Jurors Drawn for March Term of Circuit Court—Other News of DuPage County and Surrounding Towns From Exchanges.

The annual gathering of residents of the county, to be taught the latest and best methods of agriculture and other important industries in an educational session which no one can afford to miss, began yesterday.

At Wheaton yesterday the Farmers' Institute opened for a three days' session. The instructors for the first day's session were men of note. First on the program yesterday afternoon, James Chessman, of Chicago, superintendent of Walker Gordon's Modified Milk company. His subject, "Moisture Supply of Plants." Other first-class speakers were present.

Today T. W. Belden, of Kaneville, the most practical cattle feeder of Kane county, will give an address; also Dr. A. S. Alexander, of Evanston, who is considered at the head of the veterinary profession. The doctor was present last year and is a fountain of information on subjects in the veterinary line. J. H. Monard, of Winnetka, secretary of the State Dairywomen's Association, is a man whom every farmer wants to hear. E. H. Trusman, of the Corn Growers' Association, is also a man who can drop way-side hints to corn growers in this community. W. M. Bradshaw, dean of the Iowa Agricultural College, is also a drawing card. All the ablest talent today make a feast. The evening session is also made up of talent which will make it interesting.

Tomorrow Prof. Eugene Davenport, dean of the State University, and other talent of note will address the institute.

Farmers and our citizens generally should not miss a session. Be there and show your interest in the effort which has been put forth to advance your interests.

The following is the petit jury for the March term of circuit court who are to report for duty March 18: Bloomingdale, Fred Zandt, John Bednar, Henry Selms; Wayne, Martin Arner, Sam Coleman, Jr.; Henry Keller, Herman Hittman; Winfield, M. R. Fowler, Andrew Dempsey, A. H. Falbank, George Rishm; Milton, Edson Taylor, Louis Butler, L. Q. Newton, Wm. Asherford, Arthur Ostrom, Jack, W. F. Goltzman, W. D. Fischer; Downers Grove, E. W. Fairchild, John McDonald, W. H. Banks, E. G. Ripley, W. B. M. Keane, John Murphy, M. K. Meag; Lisle, John Nadelberger, John Burkett, W. A. Tate; Naperville, Walter Rickett, Carl Hammermeister, Anthony Kochly, Godfried Proegott, John V. Clements, Abe Eichelberger.

We are informed that a fine system of waterworks is within reach of the citizens of Naperville, provided the city council will grant a liberal franchise to a syndicate of local capitalists. Let the powers that be and the moneyed men of Naperville get together and make suitable arrangements for this much needed improvement.—Clarion.

Mrs. Samuel Bartholomew, one of the oldest residents of the Big Woods, having lived on the present farm since the 60s—died Thursday, Jan. 30, 1904, aged 78 years. She leaves, besides her husband, seven children, all of whom were home for the funeral, which was held Sunday. The interment was at Warrenville.

Workmen are demolishing the electric light towers in Aurora. Electric lighting from high towers was the first system used, and it has been superseded by many improved methods. The towers in Aurora, as in Elgin, have long been considered unsafe.

C. D. Bartlett, of Wayne, lost eighty-three hogs from cholera during the past season, which means a loss of about \$1,800. He is now fattening seventy head of cattle and if the price is high enough when he sells, part of the loss will be regained.

The Northwestern Telephone company has turned over to the city of Joliet a check calling for \$907, the amount of money which is due the city through the agreement of the city to pay \$1 annually for each phone installed within the city limits.

The numbers of the several school districts in the county of DuPage have been changed in conformity with the state law. The highest number is eighty-five and is located in the township of Naperville.

During a dizzy spell last Wednesday morning Mrs. Clara Church, of DuPage, who has been sick for some time, fell in such a way that the bone of the left leg was broken near the hip.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church, Morning—Lincoln Memorial service. Subject, "Epoch Making Men." The members of the Grand Army Post and the Downers Grove Drill Corps will be present. Evening subject, "The Love of God."

## FOURTH ANNUAL WASHINGTON BANQUET.

### Father of His Country to be Extolled at Annual Function of the Methodist Church.

The Washington banquet—as announced last week—will occur in the Auditorium next week Friday evening, Feb. 21. The tickets, which are limited to 150 in number, are on sale at both the drug store. Those who do not care for supper tickets, but wish to enjoy the program, which will be exceptionally fine this year, will pay the price of admission—15 cents at the door. An earnest effort is being made, as in other years, to make this an uplifting and enjoyable occasion for the whole community. The public is cordially invited, as long as tickets last and while vacant chairs for the program remain.

Following is the menu:  
Invocation... Rev. Truman R. Green.  
Cold Meats... Currant Jelly  
Pickles... Saratoga Chips  
Olives  
Scalloped Oysters  
Cabbage with Cream Dressing  
Cheese  
Ice Cream  
Coffee  
Music will be furnished by the Schubert Orchestral Club during supper.

The program is as follows:  
Herbert Rood, Toastmaster  
Selection... Schubert Orchestral Club  
Coronation... By the Audience  
Prayer... Rev. E. H. Libby  
Male Quartet—"The Stars and Stripes"  
Messrs. Cross, Wisegarver, Rood, Puffer.  
"The Duties of American Citizenship"  
L. W. Winchester  
Reading—"The Water Mill"  
Northbrook Easton  
"Big Dwarfs and Little Giants"  
Prof. O. M. Seales  
Solo—"An Irish Love Song"  
Miss L. E. Price  
Reading—"Our Fathers and the Fathers of Our Country"  
Mrs. M. DeGroot  
W. E. Evanson  
Male Quartet—"My Old Kentucky Home"  
Arranged by F. W. Rood  
Messrs. Cross, Wisegarver, Rood, Puffer.  
Original Poem—"Our Fathers and the Fathers of Our Country"  
Mrs. M. DeGroot  
Vocal Solo—"The Mountain Path"  
Hubbard Hairas  
b. "If I Were a Bird"  
Hubbard Hairas  
Miss Mabel Messner  
"Washington"  
Rev. Fred H. Haegel  
"America"—Orchestra Accompaniment.  
Benediction... By the Audience  
Rev. C. J. Pope

## DECLARES SOME TREES IMPRACTICABLE.

Editor Reporter:—Your article in the issue of your paper of Jan. 30, entitled "Best Street Trees," should not go unchallenged, as you seem to give it your recommendation, but few of the varieties mentioned are of any value here. As street trees they may do in the latitude of Philadelphia, where the list comes from, but not here. The Ginkgo will not stand our severe winters. I speak from experience. The horse chestnut makes a nice lawn tree where extra care can be given it, but as a street tree it is valueless. It is subject to sun scald and borers, the growth being so slow that they hardly recover from an injury of that kind. Oaks grow too slow for street trees. Whoever plants them, if successful in transplanting, plants for his grandchildren. You need not fear the Oriental plane will get too large here. The new growth is attacked by a fungus that eventually kills the tree. The Sycamore, or B-l-ton B-l tree, a native of this state in the central part, is of the same species, requiring an expert to distinguish the difference. Specimens are growing in the south part of this town in protected localities, but brought out on the prairie they do not thrive. Cannot stand exposure and are soon attacked by fungus. The green ash, commonly called white (the white ash is extremely rare here, found only in nurseries), is really a good tree of slow growth, but asymmetrical, and the white elm has no superior, though not uniform in the growth of individual trees, but what is a yellow elm? All good points or things are not found in one tree, or in one person. The Carolina poplar has a place no other tree can fill. It is about the only tree that succeeds on the level ground near Chicago, and in the city no tree equals it, being hardy, impervious to coal smoke and a rapid grower. Its fault is that it grows to be a large tree. The Catalpa fills a place where others fail. In sandy soil like South Chicago it grows quite fast enough and is really a pretty tree there, not a bad tree anywhere. It is a slow grower, but its timber is next to red cedar in durability. I have had all these trees growing at different times.

A. B. AUSTIN.

## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION BENEFIT.

The benefit entertainment to be given by Mrs. W. H. Radell for the Ladies' Library Association, announced last week, will be held at the Baptist church Tuesday evening, Feb. 25. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of new books for the library. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged. A varied program has been arranged, as follows:

Piano Solo... Miss Beva Pomeroy  
Selection... Miss Beva Pomeroy  
Messrs. Cross, Wisegarver, Rood, Puffer  
Recitation... Master Har Id Wells  
Club Singing... Miss Daisy Ludwig  
"Act."  
Misses Evelina Simonson, Mabel Id Radell.  
Recitation... Budd Kellogg  
Violin Solo... J. I. Bonds  
Vocal Solo... Miss Mabelle Thompson  
Recitation... Master Harold Wells  
Vocal Solo... A. C. Wisegarver  
Club Singing... Miss Edna Hargrave  
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## Local and Personal Paragraphs

Bargains at the Fair.  
White Rose gasoline, Nash's.  
National Light oil at Nash's.  
Additional local news on fifth page.

Wm. Frosenkel is ill at his home with an attack of the grip.

Handsome valentines at reasonable prices at Mary Diner's.

Plain sewing and children's dresses; address box 338, Downers Grove.

Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Schofield returned from their Evanston visit this week.

Miss Mattie Veadar spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. F. C. Lancaster.

A. E. Courtright expects to open his new furniture store within a few days.

Miss Morey of La Grange, was a caller at D. K. Footes last Friday afternoon.

Al. Atwood is preparing to build a house and barn on his farm just south of the village.

Sleighting parties are nightly taking advantage of the pleasant weather and good sleighing.

Mrs. Seelye who occupied the Keller house on West Curtis street has moved to Chicago.

Joseph Mackenworth, Sr., is reported to be dangerously ill. Slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

A unique feature of the luncheon at the Congregational church tonight will be the "Valentine Dip". Every body who patronizes it gets a valentine.

L. P. Namorow, J. A. Richards, Mrs. John Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barber, attended the funeral of their cousin, Dr. Heber Barber, in Naperville last Friday.

Mrs. Graham, John Stanley, Bush, Bartle, and McNight, were entertained by Mrs. L. P. Namorow last Wednesday, and assisted at a "quitting" like old times, with dinner at twelve o'clock.

A circular sent to this office announces that Thos. Dixon, Jr., will speak at the Opera house Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Enforcement League on the "Enforcement of Law".

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church will give a Valentine luncheon on Thursday evening Feb. 18. It will be a hot luncheon served promptly at six o'clock and on through the evening.

The funeral of Miss Ann Venard, whose death occurred Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1904, from Bright's disease, was held at St. Mary's church Saturday morning.

Rev. C. J. Votycka conducting the services. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Naperville.

The first party of the Pleasant Hour Social Club is scheduled for Saturday evening, Feb. 22nd at Carpenter's hall. The plan of the promoters is to furnish a series of parties for pleasant pastime. It is the intention to provide music for dancing and card tables for those who prefer a quiet rubber.

St. Andrew's Church—Services on Sunday, Feb. 16: Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer, 8:30 p. m. Services in this church during the Lenten season as follows: Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, 11:15 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Seats free; all are welcome.

W. V. Deveraux has the exclusive agency in Downers Grove for the Alpha Plunger acetylene gas generating machine, the latest and best system for lighting residences, churches, lots and stores. Gives a pure white perfect light. Estimates will be promptly furnished for the installation of complete plants, including fixtures. The most economical light on the market. Lights can be seen in operation at his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Compton entertained a party of young people Tuesday evening at a sleighing party to Hinsdale. Two bob sleighs accommodated the party and the drive was made to Hinsdale to the music of tin horns and bugles. Returning from the drive the party was entertained at an oyster supper. Following the refreshments music and dancing furnished amusement for the guests. Mr. Miles A. Compton gave several songs in a very pleasing manner.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church will give a Valentine luncheon on Thursday evening, February 18th. It will be a hot luncheon served promptly at six o'clock and on through the evening to accommodate those coming from the city and others who require meals on time. The Valentine postoffice will be an interesting feature for the young people, also for those of more mature years, who wish to indulge in the festivities of the occasion. Price 15 cents.

## SMALLPOX DISCOVERED AT NAPERVILLE.

### Guest at a Recent Wedding Ill with Disease and Causes Fear of Contagion.

The city of Naperville is wrestling with a well-developed smallpox scare. Scores of prominent residents of the place were exposed to the disease at a recent wedding at which they were guests, and the doctors have been busy vaccinating every since.

There is one case of malignant smallpox at Naperville at present. The victim is Miss Emma Hellman, and it was her sister, Miss Louisa Hellman, who created consternation among the men and women who attended the marriage of Miss Lucy Smith, daughter of Prof. H. C. Smith, of Northwestern college, to Prof. Will Nauman.

Emma Hellman showed positive symptoms of smallpox the day following the wedding, but she had been ill with the disease for some time, and her sister Louisa had been in constant attendance at her bedside.

Louisa Hellman had been visiting in Boston, but returned to Naperville for the Smith-Nauman wedding. When she arrived at home she found her sister Emma ill. The attending physician, Dr. W. J. Truitt, was undecided as to the exact nature of the disease, but he ordered the young woman isolated. Louisa attended her, and when the time for the wedding came Dr. Truitt advised her against going. She went, however, not knowing the nature of the disease.

Miss Hellman had been absent from the town for some time and most of her women friends welcomed her with kisses. She mingled with those present for several hours. The day following the wedding Dr. Truitt announced that Emma Hellman was suffering from smallpox and there was a general rush of the wedding guests for their physicians. All of them were vaccinated and every precaution has been taken to prevent a spread of the disease, but sufficient time has not elapsed to foretell the outcome.

I could not tell the exact nature of Miss Hellman's illness for several days," said Dr. Truitt last night, "but I was suspicious of the symptoms and advised her sister to remain away from the wedding. She went, however, and the following day smallpox materialized itself unmistakably."

CHANGE IN FIRM OF HUGHES & CURTISS.

A change in one of the business firms of Downers Grove took effect Tuesday, whereby John Hartt purchased the interest of C. S. Hughes in the firm of Hughes & Curtiss. The sale of the business here in no way affects the business at Naperville, which will be continued as heretofore. Mr. Hughes will retain his residence in Downers Grove. The new firm will no doubt secure their share of the trade. The business will be conducted under the name of Curtiss & Hartt. The new firm assumes all indebtedness of the firm of Hughes & Curtiss, and all accounts due said firm should be paid to the new firm. The old accounts due the firm of C. S. Hughes are payable to Mr. Hughes personally, or may be left at the store.

Mr. Hughes has been engaged in the mercantile field here for the past three years. He purchased the establishment of the Bride Hardware Company in the spring of 1899, and immediately began to trench out after trade. As a result of his hustling abilities a healthy business was developed. Many new lines were added and the increasing trade soon made it necessary to secure additional room. Later Samuel Curtiss became a partner and the firm entered the hardware business at Naperville. The present change is made to leave Mr. Hughes free to develop plans for a more extensive business in other lines. His friends will be pleased to know the change will not affect his residence here.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Miss Hattie Strong was seriously injured yesterday morning in a runaway accident and as a result is at her home on Maple avenue suffering with severe bruises. Miss Strong teaches school west of town on the Plank road. Wednesday morning she started from home for her school driving her horse hitched to a cutter. Coming down the incline from the bridge on Mackie place the cutter struck the horse on the legs causing it to run. She lost control of the animal and it madly dashed down on Curtis street, reaching Main street the horse turned north overturning the sleigh. Miss Strong was thrown out, her head striking against the telephone pole near Thompson's store, cutting a deep gash in her forehead. She was taken to Bush & Simonson's drug store where her injuries were treated by Dr. W. A. Topp. She was later removed to her home.

The date for the meeting for the Library Association, is Tuesday Feb. 23.

## WOMAN'S CLUB RECEIVED

### BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT HELD MONDAY EVENING IN THE CLUB ROOMS.

The Downers Grove Woman's Club held its annual reception in the parlors of the Downers Grove Club Monday evening. Two hundred invited guests attended and thronged the club parlors from 8 until 11 o'clock. The reception was in honor of the Board of Education, the teachers in the Downers Grove schools and the clergymen of the village. Members of the Downers Grove Club and other prominent citizens of the village, with their wives and ladies, honored the occasion by their presence.

The officers of the Woman's Club acted as the reception committee and received the guests in the ladies' reception room. These officers are Mrs. Allie L. White, president; Mrs. Cora Hancock, vice-president; Mrs. Lucille J. Dawn, recording secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Stockstad, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ruth J. Stanger, treasurer.

The rooms were decorated with cut flowers, palms and ferns, and two silk American flags were draped from the chandeliers in the main parlor. The club's colors, red and white, were prominent in the decorations.

The program arranged for the evening added much to the pleasure of the occasion. It opened with a violin solo by James I. Rounds, with piano accompaniment by Miss Gertrude Chalmers. Mr. Rounds' playing was enjoyed and he responded to an encore. Always a favorite everywhere, Mrs. Gertrude Puffer-Bald is doubly so in Downers Grove, and her readings were the chief feature of the evening. She was compelled to respond to several requests. Mrs. W. S. Carpenter and daughter, Miss Nellie, gave several brilliant piano duets. The program closed with a selection by a male quartet, composed of Messrs. Cross, Winchester, Rood and Puffer.

Following the program light refreshments were served in the dining room. The table was ornamented with a large punch bowl from which the guests were to drink.

Among the out-of-town guests were County Superintendent E. T. Morgan and wife, of Wheaton, Mrs. Dulcan and Miss Lillian Trewette, of Chicago.

DEATH OF DR. HEBER BARBER.

Dr. Walter C. Barber returned to Naperville from Colorado Springs Thursday night with the body of his brother, Dr. Heber Barber, who died there on Wednesday morning, Feb. 8. The funeral was held at Naperville Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Dr. Barber left for Colorado Feb. 1, in response to a telegram telling of the change for the worse in the condition of his brother. He found his brother in a very weak condition, and despite every care and the best medical attendance he could command suddenly last Wednesday morning. A cold he had contracted developed into a slight attack of pneumonia, inducing hemorrhages, and a sudden weakening of the heart left the sufferer too weak to rally. Dr. Heber Barber went to Colorado about six months ago, hoping to be relieved from an attack of tuberculosis, and for a time the climate appeared to benefit him. Until two weeks ago every symptom denoted improvement.

IMPERIAL QUARTET CONCERT.

The fourth entertainment in the series of the Downers Grove lectures course will occur Friday evening, Feb. 21st, at the Auditorium. The celebrated Imperial Quartette will be the attraction and the concert given will prove one of the best evenings of the course. The quartette is composed of Jas. Swift, first tenor; J. F. Bird, second tenor; B. Q. Tufts, first bass, and J. F. Reed second bass. In addition to the musical features the quartette will be aided by a reader and an improviser. This entertainment is the last but one of the course. Here, the magician being the final attraction.

PRIZE OFFERED FOR COMPETITIVE DRILL.

All preparations are completed for the competitive drill between the Downers Grove Drill Corps and the Young Ladies' Guards. The prize contested for will be a purse of \$25, donated by Wm. Straube, and both organizations will make strenuous efforts to win it. In addition to the drill a program has been arranged consisting of musical and elocutionary features. Vocal and instrumental solos, readings and recitations will be given. The receipts from the sale of tickets will be equally divided between the two companies. The entertainment will be given in the Auditorium on Friday evening.