#### DARING DAYLIGHT ROBBERY

YOUNG MAN PURLOINS TWO WATCHES SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Saunders Victimized by Young Stranger Whom They Had Befriended-Overlooks Sum of Money.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Saunders are the extent that they now mourn the theft to them, of two gold watches by a young and innocent looking stranger, whom they bles were reversed and they were re- ley, E. W. Farrar and others. paid in an unexpected manner. Mr. search for valuables

name asPeter Johnson and told a plaus- fer schoolhouse. ible story. He was respectable appearing and out of kindness Mrs. Saunders made daily at 8 o'clock and the trip is offered him a home until he could se- concluded in the early afternoon. Some cure steady employment. Working of the distance is along a winding road clothing was furnished him and he did which is considered to be the acme of chores about the house.

Sunday the family had guests from Chicago and during the afternoon they went out of the house onto the front lawn, leaving the young man in the house. During the afternoon when refreshments were served out of doors Mrs. Saunders sent her daughter Olive to call the young fellow to eat with them. The daughter met him coming from a bedroom on the lower floor, but thought nothing of it. After he had partaken of the food he sauntered slowly up Maple avenue as if going for a walk. Failing to return the family's suspicions were aroused and an investigation started. The result was that the discovery was made that a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Saunders and one belonging to her guest was missing. Another watch belonging to but at that time was held to be inex-Olive Saunders and a large sum of of money in a writing deak was overlooked, the thief probably fearing to continue his search for valuables after the daughter summoned him to lunch. -- He trace of the thief has been secured up to the present time.

#### WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

The weekly crop bulletin for the ending Tuesday says: The weather during the past week has been warm and generally fair and vorable for farm work, though light showers occurred over most of the state and heavy rains in a few localities. Mest of the heavy rains fell in localiwhere there had had previously excessive rains and made the ground too wet to permit harvesting to be carried on advantageously. Haying, harvesting and threshing have been pushed rapidly during the week and a great deal of this work has been accomplished. Oat harvest is well advanced in the northern district. many places it has been completed and threshing has begun. In many fields the ground is so wet that the crop cannot be harvested and it wil probably be lost. The average yield however, will be good. Potatoes are generally doing well and promise goed crop, but in many localities they continue rotting badly in the fields. There is but little change in the apple prospects. The average crop will be light. In some localities it is very poors and in others good. Peaches are generally scarce. Other fruits vary from poor to good.

#### FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Nicholas Hoffmeyer, about 40 years old, living south of Downers Grove at Barbers Corners, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. Hoffmeyer lived with his parents and was unmarried. Monday night he retired apparently in good health. Failing to respond to his mother's call in the morning she entered his room and found his body cold and lifeless and life had probably been extinct several hours. Fifteen years ago a brother of the dead man died in a similarly sudden manner. The broth er had gone to chop wood and was found lifeless beside a tree he had been felling. Coroner Matter held the inquest Tuesday and a verdict of death from heart disease was returned by the

#### CASS ITEMS.

Harvesting is about over in this neighborhood.

Edgar Andrus was a caller on Willow avenue Sunday last,

Mrs. J. E. Oldfield's for the past three lots will go a long way toward exter- while passing out of the door remark- old established business. I also have these sleepers is \$6, Round trip ticket a weeks, returned to their home Thurs- minating the mosquitoes in your ed, "Yes, and you thieves haven't got houses and lots at very low prices, rate to San Francisco and Los Angeles Dated this sea day of day last.

RURAL MAIL DELIVERY A FACT.

Initial Step Made Over the Route Last Friday by Large Party.

With the first day of August the new rural mail delivery service went into effect. Farmers along the DuPage river and to the south and west of the village are rejoicing that no more daily victims of misplaced confidence to the trips to the postoffice need be necessary

The first trip was made by a party headed by E. C. Stanley, who is in fed and comforted in time of need. He charge of the route. In the party were was a stranger and they took him in. Guy L. Bush, state representative, Su-Subsequent events proved that the ta- pervisor Frank Cramer, Emerson Stan-

The route covers twenty-one miles and Mrs. Saunders are, however, con- and includes an area of twenty-six gratulating themselves that a large square miles. There are 525 persons in sum of money that was in the house the district and stops are made at 117 was overlooked by the youth in his houses. A part of the route skirts the a wedding. DuPage river and the road cuts into Friday a young man, apparently Will county. Two regulation postoffice about 18 or 20 years old, appeared at boxes for the receipt of mail are placed the Saunders' home, 154 Maple avenue, on the route, one at the Goodrich and applied for work. He gave his schoolhouse and the other at the Puf-

> The start of the mail wagon is to be beauty.

#### **EFFORT MADE TO REORGANIZE CLUB.**

At the regular meeting of the Downers Greve club Saturday evening the hours and thirty-five minutes. question of a reorganization of the club was considered.

A project was broached looking to visiting old neighbors and friends. the assumption of ownership of the building at the expiration of the present lease of the rooms on the second floor of the Heart block.

The matter was discussed informally and a report from the treasurer stating that the finances of the club were in better condition was read and appreved.

It was recalled that when the present five-year lease of the rooms was signed ownership of the building was broached vited. pedient. Matters have so shaped themselves that the question has again been considered. In such an event it would city. be remodeled and a bowling alley installed. No actual steps have yet been taken in the matter by the club officials, but members are discussing the cage. reorganization question.

#### NEW SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. F. C. Rice, who assumed the duties of general superintendent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway Aug. 1, was born at Palmyra, N. Y., in 1844, and was educated at Beloit college, Wisconsin. Mr. Rice entered the service of the C., B. & Q. R. R. in 1968 as clerk and telegraph operator at Monmouth, Ill. Subsequently he was promoted to be manager of the telegraph office at Mendota and in 1966 he was transferred to Galesburg as train dispatcher. He remained in this position until 1877 and was then made chief operator and chief train dispatcher of the Galesburg division. In 1879 he was made train master of the Galesburg division, in 1881 superintendent of the Galesburg division and in 1888 he received his appointment as superintendent of the Illinois lines with jurisdiction over all lines of the Chicago, Galesburg and St. Louis division.

#### PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS

Should look up information regarding lands along and contiguous to the line of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Ry. before buying. Professional and business men of all kinds should acquaint themselves with the many opportunities offered at the new tewns along this railway. On the first and third Tuesdays of each month round trip tickets, at very low rates, will be on sale to points along this line. Call on your nearest ticket agent for full information and see that your tickets read via the B., C. R. & N. Ry. Folder sent if requested. John G. Farmer, G. P. & T. A., B., C. R. & N. R., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

#### A BOOK ABOUT THE SUBURBS.

The C. B. & Q. have just published a very handsome little book about the are requested to say that a copy will be sent without charge to the address of anyone who may be influenced to look for a home in this covery. village. Our people are urged to take an active interest in the matter and send name and addresses of any such persons to P. S. Eastis, general passenger agent of the C. B. & Q. at Chicago and he will attend to the rest.

The United States government has is- tist church on Sunday evening. sued a pamphiet telling how to cultineighberhood.

# Local and Personal Paragraphs

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White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page.

Miss Hazel Rommeiss is visiting her aunt in Chicago.

Miss Georgiana Mitchell is spending a few weeks at Pine Lake, Ind.

C. W. Ballard of Austin spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Belden.

Bryan Carpenter is slowly recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever, Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley went to Ottawa Wednesday for a two weeks'

Rochester, Minn., last week attending street.

from the city Sunday visiting Mr. Ken- apolis. nedy's mother.

tained relatives from Ohio and Wiscon- last week. sin over Sunday.

yesterday from a two weeks' visit ship Dorethea. with relatives at Quincy.

of Chicago were the guests of his sis- North Foote street. ter, Mrs. A. Krombs, Sunday.

vice made his trip Wednesday in three K. Libby at Rockford.

Mrs. J. P. Ridgway and daughter Madeline of Chicago are here this week | the church at 9:30 a. m.

ter Hazel of Austin have been visiting Mrs. H. Saas, 90 Ross court. their aunt, Mrs. Belden, for a few days,

were visiting their uncle bere, have re- E. H. Huntington last week, turned to their home in Columbus,

the Baptist church next Sunday eventhe posssibility of the club's acquiring ing at 6:30. All are cordially in-

> Mrs. Stone of South Washington lakes. street will break up housekeeping Supt.

Mrs. M. A. Sacksteder gave a party week. Tuesday evening in honor of the Mimes

The Downers Grove firemen are points. making preparations for their annual picnic to be held Monday, Sept. 1, La- went to Aurora last night to assist in

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weitzler of Chi- lodge. cago are the guests of his brother, Fred Weitzler. They will remain two

Mrs. Nelson Allen of West Chicago | the week. visited Saturday and Sunday at Mrs. E. O. Stanley's, She returned to her home

Despiaines this year. They report a very profitable time. The residents of East Grove gave a

picnic a week ago Saturday on the lawns between the Weitzler and Krombs' residences in East Grove.

To Rent.-A farm of 180 acres of good land, well improved. Apply to Peter Butler on the farm, one-half mile north of Downers Grove, Ill. Peter Butler.

Rev. Herbert Road of the Methodist church has been granted a month's vacation. The pulpit will be supplied during his absence and all the services held as usual.

The service Sunday morning at the | week. Baptist church will be for old people. Those not worshiping elsewhere are invited to attend. The union evening service will be in the church.

There will be no morning service in Tuesday. the Congregational church the remainng Sabbath in August. The weekly prayer meeting, Sunday school and Endeavor meetings will be held as usual, The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church will give a hay-rack party in connection with last Saturday from their two weeks' their regular business meeting Tues- vacation trip to Petoskey and other day evening, Aug. 12, at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lacey. The friends of Frank J. Prentiss will suburban towns along the line, and we be pleased to learn that his condition continues to improve. He was taken to has purchased the practice of a physithe Chicago hospital over a week ago and is apparently on the road to re- and is now permanently located in the

> Miss Mary A. Taggart, one of the best known desconesses of the Meth- which passes through Downers Grove odist church in Chicago, will occupy about 7 o'clock every evening, was

At Friday's meeting of the board of and killed. Persons desiring to catch fish should vate dragon flies for the curpose of review, in session at . Wheaton, \$27,000 To Exchange-A fine stock of dry they are run via Sacramento, in which trix of the cetate of Fred secure the services of Isaac Cleveland, ridding the soft evening air of muswho catches two at a time.

| General Cleveland | CaseSanFrancisco passengers will trans| CaseSanFrancisco passengers w who catches two at a time.

Who catches two at a time.

Mrs. George Pearson and son George of Chicago, who have been visiting at Crude petroleum in the pools in vacant had not been assessed, was excused, and fixtures will inventory about fer into the Oakland (San Francisco) who have been visiting at crude petroleum in the pools in vacant had not been assessed, was excused, and the same three dearests in the same three dear one-half of it yet,"

National Light oil at Nash's. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts' R. J. Darnley spent Saturday and

Sunday at Paw Paw lake. parents of a boy born July 26. Dr. Barber left last night for New

York, to be gone about ten days. Miss Florence Mackway of Chicago is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. Krambs.

Fred Pentoney is spending his vacation at the Michigan summer resorts.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kennedy were out weeks' visit with an uncle at Indian- pay the claim. Woodcraft is confront- as the party were sitting down at the

Mrs. K. Knutson and children of Chi-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ahrens enter- cago were guests of Mrs. E. Skinner

Will Krombs returned Monday night

A family of the name of Wilson nov Misses Nellie Toole and Will Winters now occupy O'Swanson's place on

Elbert Stanley of the rural mail ser- tion in northern Michigan and Rev. E. they could get insurance for in young- the smoke and flames burst through,

at Brush Hill. They will start from

To Rent-Seven-room house, in good Mrs. C. W. Ballard, baby and daugh- condition; reasonable rent. Inquire of Miss Isabelle K. Bliss of Albion,

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Graham, who Mich., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A circus Friday furnished amuse

ment to a limited number of children, Union Young People's meeting at and some not so young in years. Mr. and Mrs. Slusser and little Herbert started Tuesday for a two weeks'

and spend the fall and winter in the Crescey have had a cousin from

Rockford with them during the past Miss Carrie Allen will leave soon to English, who are her guests from Charlement a few weeks visiting her rela-

> Capt. T. S. Rogers and Guy L. Bush initiating Charles Allen into the Elks

Miss Muriel Green of Davenport,

Iowa, has been visiting her cousin. Miss Beulah Hodges, the fore part of E. P. Martin's ponies took a lively

run up Main street on Saturday. They were stopped before much dam-Quite a number of our Methodist age was done. friends attended the camp meeting at Quite a number of our citizens at-

tended a session of the county court last Monday as witnesses in an insanity investigation. The Congregational Sunday school

had a picnic last Saturday at Brush Hill. Games, boating, racing and fishing were the smusements.

Little Dorothy Low, who, with her mother, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rood for several weeks, is critcally ill at the Methodist parsonage.

The Evangelical Sunday school of this place held their annual picnic as guests of the guests of the Naperville school in Naperville last Thurday

Wm. McGarry was the guest of Policeman Kearney Monday, July 29, and responded to a \$10 fine, including trimmings, in the police magistrate's court

Miss Gertrude Fraenkei and Mabel Hunt are spending a two weeks' vacation at Paw Paw lake, Mich. They were accompanied by Miss Polly Skelly of Milwaukee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler returned lake resorts much rested and improved in health and spirits.

Dr. George B. Tope, who was formerly located here and at Glen Ellyn cian at Montreal, Effington county, Ill. practice of medicine.

The St. Paul & Minneapolis limited,

Jones W. Tucker.

FAVORS STEP RATE IN INSURANCE.

Northcott Advocates This Plan for Modern Woodmen.

The rate situation is one that is troubling a great many benefit companies. It is, for instance, a serious problem with the Modern Woodmen, which is one of the best of the compa-Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dutton are the nies. Head Consul W. A. Northcott at the school of instruction at Rock Island says that this reform of rates is Rommeles prior to last week Tuesday necessary. The Rock Island Union con- Not a vestige of the residence remains tains in its account the following:

the fact that the men who died last in an hour after the fiames were discov year at the age of 45 years cost \$510,- ered the house was entirely consumed. 000 more than the men over 45 years Mrs. Rommelss had left the house The Baptist picnic will be Saturday cott showed that with the thousand of rushed to the scene. Woodmen who are passing into the The alarm was sent over the teleold man's column double headers are phone to Downers Grove, but for some absolutely unavoidable, and with dou- reason the authorities refused to sound ble headers would come a wholesale the alarm, nor did the fire department desertion of the younger blood of the turn out. As a consequence, few from

society. ness-like and clearest manner in which | case Mr. Blodgett sprained one of 1 a proposition was ever submitted to a fingers of his right hand and had in society. The members are the stock- left the building when the fig holders in the Woodmen and it is for laund. Mone of the form tives in Springfield, Ill., and other them to act wisely if they would main- second floor nor any of the c tain their society on a stable and pros- of the members of the family was perous basis,"

#### RECKLESS AUTOMOBILE RIDING.

Several automobiles were seen of the streets of the village Sunday. So far no runaways or accidents have been reported. The reckless driving of these contrivances is a source of annoyance to peaceful pedestrians and persons who are obliged to use the roads. It is to be hoped that the village officials will adopt some means to compel the chauffeurs to recognize the rights of others when speeding along country

#### ATTEND FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

department are in attendance this week at the fourteenth annual tournsment of the Illinois State Firemen's association, which opened at Blue Island and continues three days. The the association but expects to join hearing. The board will complete its during the present meeting. Many work by Sept. 7. noted teams will competete for prizes amounting to \$3,000.

#### FULL POSTAGE REQUIRED.

rect attention to the fact that letters formerly conducted by H. P. Courtfor the rural delivery route must bear right & Sons last November, has been a 2-cent stamp. Many evidently think dissolved and is now in the sole of that such letters take the same postage trol of E. C. Stanley. The business inas drep letters-1 cent, Such, however, terests of Les E. Stanley in Chicag is not the case and patrons will save were such that he deems it advisable to trouble and annoyance by placing the sever his connection with the livery necessary amount on letters before business and his interest was bought posting.

#### RUN OVER BY WAGON.

Edwin Scott, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Scott, had an accident tally. The boy was riding on Curtiss elry business of V. Simonson and will & Heartt's delivery wagon and fell off continue the business in Bush & Simo when near the depot, the rear wheels passing over his legs and back. Beyond perienced and practical workman and a few bruises he escaped uninjured.

#### CHEAP RATES TO CALIFORNIA.

On the fellowing dates, July 29 am the pulpit of the Methodist church held up and robbed near Marcus, Ill., Aug. 2 to 10 inclusive, train No. 8. here Sunday morning. She will also and \$2,000 in silver coin stolen from leaving Chicage at 11 p. m., will carry etc. speak at the union service at the Bap- the express car. In the mix-up one of a tourist sleeping car for Les Angeles, the robbers was shot by the messenger Cal. These cars usually run via Oakland (San Francisco), but occasionally on above dates is \$50 from Chicago.

### ROMMEISS' HOUSE IS BURNE RESIDENCE ENTIRELY DESTROYED BY

FIRE IN EAST GROVE.

Panned by Stiff Breeze the W and Furniture, \$1,700.

Piles of ashes and crumbling foun tions are all that marks the spot wi stood the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. There being no means of fighting the "Mr. Northcott called attention to fire the blaze burned flercely and with

R. T. H. King of Polo has rented one paid in, and demonstrated that if the shortly after noon on Tuesday to at Mr. and Mrs. B. C. White were at of Fred Hoffert's houses on Grove men over 45 years had been in a class tend a luncheon party at the home of by themselves over eighteen assess- Wm. Fraenkel, leaving her two chil-Miss Flora Worley is spending a two- ments would have been necessary to dren Guy and Hazel in the house. Just ed with the same proposition which table the terrified cries of her daughter the Knights of Honor and the Ameri- summoning assistance were heard. The can Legion of Honor had to confront, blaze had started in the southwest corand in their failure to readjust until ner of the basement, how it is not the double headers caused the disinteg- known, and had burned up between the Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Mason returned from a week's cruise on naval training being reduced to 5,000 members, while fore being discovered. Hazel had ration of those societies, the Legion walls and broken out in the house bethe membership of the Knights of Hon- heard a crackling noise in the baseor has been reduced from 120,000 to 50,- ment previous to seeing the flames but 000, this phenomena being the natural paid no attention to it, thinking her result of the refusal of the younger brother Guy was downstairs playing. Rev. H. H. Rood is taking his vaca- members to pay so much more than At the first intimation of fire, when er and cheaper companies. Mr. North- she gave the alarm and the neighborn

the village were aware of the fire or "The Woodmen society, said Mr. went to the spot to assist in saving Northcott, profited from the failure of the household furniture. Most of the the Knights of Honor to readjust their men of East Grove are employed in rates on an equitable basis, for a large Chicago and consequently were not at proportion of the young men in the home, therefore most of the efforts tolatter society joined the Woodmen ward saving anything was made by when the assessments became too nu- the women. Harry Blodgett was the merous, and the question now is what only man from Downers to give assist vacation trip north by the way of the society will profit if the Woodmen fail ance. It was principally through his to meet the existing conditions square- efforts in directing the operations that Rev. E. H. Libby and Mrs. M. K. ly. The proposed plan was submitted the furniture on the down floor was to the membership in the most bust- saved. While removing a large book

> Insurance on the building and furniture was carried in the Glens Falls company and the adjusters were out from the city the following day and fixed the loss at \$1,700.

saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Rommeles are at present occupying one of V. Fradenhagen's houses. The present plans are to rebuild immediately and work will be commenced next week.

## BOARD OF REVIEW.

The board of review has been make ing comparisons of the 1901 and 1906 assessments and assessors will be called upon to explain reductions in personal property assessments when Members of the Downers Grove fire they occur. If no satisfactory reason can be given by them the person making the assessment will be called in to explain. Those who considered themselves excessively assessed must make complaint on or before the first Monlocal department is not a member of day in August in order to obtain a

# PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

The partnership beretofore existing between E. C. Stanley and Lee E. Stan-Postmaster Carpenter wishes to di- ley, who assumed the livery business by E. C. Stanley. The transfer was made Aug. 1.

### CHANGE IN BUSINESS.

J. A. Toland of Kirksville, Mo., has Monday which might have resulted fa- purchased the watchmaking and jewson's drug store. Mr. Toland is an ansolicits your business in this line Watchmaking and repairing of classes of lewelry done and fully guar anteed. Orders taken for all kinds jewelry and silverware, watches, of

# ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.