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## ADVANTAGES OF FARM LIFE

### TELEPHONE, RURAL DELIVERY AND TROLLEY REVOLUTIONIZES FARM LIFE.

Farmer is no longer isolated, but has many conveniences of the city—Advances of Land Due to These Changes.

Last week a farmer living in central Ohio, ten miles from a railway station, used his farm telephone to advantage. He called the county town, asked the price of cattle and was informed that evening papers reported a sharp decline in Chicago.

He drove immediately to the nearest railway station, took the train for Chicago, went to the stock yards early the next morning, bought eighty head of cattle at the lowest rate of the season and started home with them at 5 o'clock that afternoon. He was away from his farm two nights and one day and had in pasture stock cattle at a less expenditure of money than would have been called for on any other day of the year.

This illustrates the importance of the farm telephone to the business of the farm. In this case a dozen farmers of the neighborhood organized their own telephone company, put in their own wires, bought their own apparatus and looked after their own repairs. This independent system could, on call, be placed in communication with the telephone exchange in the county town.

The system is similar to thousands of others, and there are now party lines, independent lines and toll lines connecting farms with villages or with country towns where seven years ago there was not a single telephone outside of the larger cities. In fact, within the last few years the farm telephone business has called for almost as much activity on the part of the manufacturers of telephone apparatus as the city systems. In states like Kansas the general use of telephones has taken away from farm life the feeling of being apart from neighbors and news.

The farmer's wife talks with the farmer's wife or with the grocer and merchant in the nearest village and supplies butter and eggs on call or when the price suits her best. The farmer who cannot receive a daily paper places himself by means of his telephone in communication with some one who does and keeps posted as to the markets and as to the news.

Supplementing the telephone is the rural free delivery. Under the old rule a farmer who was six miles from the postoffice did not receive many. To mail a letter then meant the hitching up of horses and a drive of four or five miles.

Under the free delivery system the farmer puts his letter in a box at the gate of his door yard and taken from the same box his daily paper or the letters that come to him from friends and business men.

To mail or receive a letter causes no interruption of work in harvest time or any other time; the fact that he is in daily communication with cities and markets makes the farmer more alert as to what is going on in the business world.

In addition to the telephone and free delivery there is the trolley. A few years ago members of farmers' families in Illinois and other western states went to town only when the horses could be spared from the regular farm work. Therefore there were weeks when not a single member of the family could go to the nearest town and naturally there was much discontent among the boys and girls.

The invasion of the trolley has revolutionized farm life in this particular. In Illinois, Indiana and Ohio the trolley lines penetrate for miles and miles in the farming districts, extending out from cities like Chicago and Toledo to smaller towns and to the remotest country districts.

The result is that a farmer or his wife or his children can run into the nearest town or the county town at will without taking the horses in plowing time or hauling time, without inconvenience to any one. The trolley carries not only the farmer, but his basket of eggs or his box of butter or his bushel or two bushels of early potatoes. He can call up by telephone the merchant in the county town and practically sell his produce before he leaves the farm and deliver it by trolley.

## HARD COAL IS VERY SCARCE.

### Downers Grove Dealers Have Little of This Variety on Hand.

Never before have local coal dealers been with as light a supply of hard coal at this season of the year as they are at present. It is now nearly the 1st of September and they are pinched for this brand of coal. The strikers and owners of coal mines are no nearer settlement than they were a month ago and if a settlement should be reached within the next few weeks it will be months before very much of the black fuel will be shipped west, as the eastern markets will, for a time at least, handle all of it.

Local dealers are filling small orders at \$7.50 per ton. A number of contracts were made early last summer at that price, but the dealers were fortunate in not contracting for more coal than they had on hand. Chicago wholesale dealers used a good deal of foresight last spring and summer in not taking too many orders for fall delivery and consequently they are on the safe side.

From present appearances soft coal will be used in place of hard coal. If the former variety is not to be had consumers will have to buy something else. This no doubt will not be agreeable news, but people must make the best of it. Who can tell but that we may have an open winter, which will mean less coal consumed.

The cost of soft coal and wood will be affected by the scarcity of hard coal. The prospects of a greater demand have already made the prices of fuel somewhat higher. Looks as if a great many people would have to burn soft coal this winter and the price of that is advancing. If there is a shortage of hard coal there is going to be more demand for soft coal and hence an advance in soft coal will result. Already there has been an advance in some grades of the smokeless soft coals.

The railroad companies evidently fear a shortage of coal this winter. They are piling up hundreds of tons of soft coal in their yards and are doing the same thing at every point along the system.

## PLOWING MATCH AT WHEATLAND.

Arrangements are being made for the annual Wheatland plowing match. James Patterson, the president, has appointed a committee to take charge of the affair and the members are hard at work planning for the affair and securing prizes.

The place and date have not as yet been selected. The match has always heretofore been held on the Saturday previous to the 20th of the month in September and it will probably be so this year.

The Wheatland plowing match and the field day are annual events and are to that prosperous community what a carnival is to the city. Farmers for miles around gather at the appointed place early in the morning and remain until evening at the plowing match.

The younger and more active participants in the match and play baseball. The older men renew old acquaintances talk crops and watch the sports. For the women and children there is the ladies' fair, where are exhibited their best specimens of needlework and their finest dainties of the kitchen. The men also exhibit their largest potatoes, longest ears of corn and best oats and other cereals.

Besides all this there will be the tug of war and the politicians who will bring their strongest pull, the plow with an easy pull and the country lass looking for a candy pull.

## HOPKIN'S THEATER.

Fred Irwin's famous Majestic Burlesquers will be the attraction at Hopkin's theater for the week of Sept. 6. The definition of the word Majestic is vividly portrayed by the performance of Fred Irwin's latest offering. It is in every respect a new show which is traveling under the old high grade trade name established for so long a time. Manager Irwin is a veteran in the burlesque field and his many years of experience, coupled with his close application to his business, makes him eminently capable of putting together an attraction well qualified to please the masses. In order to encompass this object Mr. Irwin found it necessary to invade the European field of performers and he culled therefrom a number of the leading favorites from the principal theaters of the old world. With a master hand the acts were skillfully blended with the American portion of the program in such a way as to form an entertainment which is pronounced by the leading critics of the metropolitan press as near perfection as is possible.

Wanted—To rent, forty or eighty acre farm near Downers Grove; well improved place preferred. Address James Aldrich, P. O. Box No. 30.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Choice melons and fruits at Gerwig's. Will Pray has returned from a trip to Denver.

J. D. Fowler is contemplating moving his family to Chicago.

Miss Lucy Barber of Wheaton called on a few friends here last week.

Mrs. George N. Jones returned Thursday from her visit in New England.

Mr. and Mrs. Nargney and son George returned Sunday from their visit in Ohio.

Mrs. J. H. Griffiths and children are spending the day with friends in Big Rock.

Miss Anna Heintz, who has spent several months in Denver, has returned home.

Will Lehman has moved his family to Chicago, as his work compels him to live there.

James Clifford and Mrs. Cobb are visiting their brother Edward near Benton Harbor, Mich.

Mrs. Lucy Daniels of Wheaton has been visiting with Mrs. M. K. Crescy during the past week.

Mrs. Brandenberg entertained a few Chicago friends Thursday afternoon at her home on Lincoln avenue.

Buy Epicure outs and Saxon breakfast food and get assorted dishes or oat meal bowl with each package at Gerwig's.

Joseph D. Weimer and Miss Fannie Phillips drove up from Lemont Monday and visited at the home of William Fraenkel.

Mr. and Mrs. William Harris and daughter, Anna, of Big Rock were the guests of J. H. Griffiths and family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCann and family of Austin were visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Bell, the past week and returned home last Monday.

G. N. Maxwell & Son wish to announce that on or about Sept. 15th they will open a first class grocery at 12 South Main street, in the Oldfield block.

On the occasion of the patronal feast of St. Mary's church there will be special services on Sunday next at 7:30 p. m., at which time Father Dore of West Chicago, one of the foremost orators of Illinois, will deliver the sermon and Charles Moore and H. Baessler of Ravenswood will render special music.

A promenade concert, benefit of the Ladies' Library association will be given at the Auditorium, Thursday evening, Sept. 11th. Refreshments will be served. Music by full orchestra. This, no doubt, will be a rare treat and one of the most pleasant occasions of the season is expected. Admission, 15 cents.

Relatives to the number of 47 gathered at Lincoln park Labor day and enjoyed an outing that will be long remembered. They were all relatives of the Pattison family and consisted of three families from Chicago Heights, two from St. Louis, three from the city and Mrs. R. R. Pattison and John H. Shurte and family from Downers Grove.

The thirty-seventh annual reunion of the Eighth Regiment Illinois Veteran Cavalry association will be held at the Sherman House in Chicago, Thursday, Sept. 18th. The business meeting and election of officers will be held at 11 o'clock. Following this dinner will be served and the afternoon given over to speaking and renewing old friendships. A full attendance of the surviving members is requested.

There was a very pleasant party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lew F. Edwards on Prairie avenue Thursday. The Ladies' Aid society of the Douglas Park M. E. church came out early in the day, returning on an evening train to the city. A bountiful lunch was served at small tables on the lawn, the grounds being nicely adapted for such occasions. Games and music were indulged in and the afternoon was spent in a drive to the Belmont Golf club and around the village, where much praise was expressed at the beautiful lawns and homes found here.

One-way second class settlers' excursion rates. Daily during September and October tickets to California common points, also to Prescott and Phoenix, Ariz., will be on sale at the low rate of \$33. Also during these days you can buy cheap tickets at very low rates to many other points in the west as follows: Billings, Helena, Anaconda, Missoula and Kalspell, Mont., and Spokane, Portland, Tacoma, Ellensburg and Seattle, Wash., and all other points. For all particulars and general information call on C. P. Scott, ticket agent. Telephone 3.

National Light oil at Nash's. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heartha'. Harry Blodgett left yesterday for Coloma, Mich.

William Lowry is spending a few days at the lakes.

Jason Littleford spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Chicago.

Miss Maude Cobb and Arthur Whiffen spent Sunday at Coloma, Mich.

Albert Janowiak of East Grove will remove to Chicago in the near future.

Captain and Mrs. Rogers returned Saturday evening from their eastern trip.

Mrs. Caroline Griffiths of Chicago has been spending a week with friends here.

C. S. Hughes left Tuesday night for a business trip to St. Louis and Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Radell of Mauston, Mich., are visiting W. H. Radell and family.

Walter M. Weaver and wife were out from Chicago and attended the firemen's picnic.

Mrs. M. A. Paul returned Tuesday from Iowa, where she has been visiting the past two months.

Mrs. Mary Rohm of Atlantic, Iowa, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. M. J. Kenyon and friends here.

Be sure to attend the opening of the new grocery of G. N. Maxwell & Son in the Oldfield block and inspect the goods.

Remember the date of the home bakery sale Friday afternoon, Sept. 5, and the place, rooms next to Bush & Simpson's drug store.

Maurice Puffer returned Monday night from an extended trip over the world, which includes points in the Klondike, Europe and Africa.

John Clemmons and family soon leave for their future home in Michigan. Mr. Clemmons will leave the employ of the Burlington and engage in farming.

D. J. Huff will be in the home studio on Friday and Saturday from 10 to 5 o'clock for the benefit of those who may desire to have sittings for photographs made.

Dan Dunn has secured the contract for the new residence to be built by J. C. F. Rommels. The building will cost over \$2,000 and will be erected on the site of the old one which burned in July.

G. N. Maxwell has moved here from LaGrange and occupies the McVean house on the corner of Maple and Fairmount avenues. Mr. Maxwell intends opening a grocery store in the Oldfield building about Sept. 15th. His son will be associated with him in the business. Mr. Maxwell was formerly engaged in this business for several years at LaGrange.

Some check should be put upon the reckless driving that is witnessed upon the streets of Downers Grove every day. A little consideration and care upon the part of drivers would render unnecessary any action by the police, but there appear to be many cases in which consideration for the rights of pedestrians cannot be hoped for until the police act.

O. E. Miller, late president of the St. Luke's Sanitarium, which was recently destroyed by a fire in which many unfortunate patients perished, has again come forward, announcing that he has opened a new "Sanitarium" at Glen Ellyn, Ill., and is prepared to receive patients. A large frame building has been purchased by Miller and, with the grounds, is said to have cost him \$125,000.

Geo. Rayner, who had been suffering from paralysis for the past twelve months died Tuesday at his home on Maple avenue. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church today at ten o'clock and burial will be made in the West cemetery. Rayner was injured September 15th last while attempting to drive through a door of H. H. Woelfersheim's barn while seated on a load of oats. The door was too low and he was caught by the casing, and his body doubled up. Paralysis resulted and he has been helpless ever since, physicians being unable to give relief. He leaves a wife and a number of children. He carried insurance in the Modern Woodmen.

## COLORADO.

That is the title of a very beautiful seventy-two-page book published by the C., B. and Q. railroad. It is most entertaining and informative, besides being illustrated with exceptionally fine engravings. The rates to Colorado are so cheap this year that many will take their vacation there. They should ask the C., B. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 6 cents.

## FIREMEN'S ANNUAL PICNIC.

### Large Crowds Attend Labor Day Event of Local Fire Department.

The third annual picnic of the local Firemen on Labor day was attended by the largest and most enthusiastic assemblage that has graced the event on any previous occasion of the kind. From early afternoon until midnight the crowds surged through the picturesque grove on E. E. Downer's farms and drank lemonade and pop, patronized the various refreshment stands, cane racks, baby racks, dodging coon and dancing platform.

First on the program of events came the races. Boys, girls, young ladies and young men, fat men and lean men competed for the prizes hung up for the races. The crowd cheered the winners and howled at the ludicrous features and altogether got as much enjoyment out of the affair as was possible. Everything was conducted in the smoothest manner by the firemen and so friction resulted.

In the evening the dancing platform was the attraction and here the dancers made merry until a late hour. The various booths were well patronized and as a result the Fire department is exceedingly well compensated for its troubles, though the exact amount will not be known till the books are balanced.

The parade which had been planned to come off at 1 o'clock, owing to the non-arrival of the band till 3 o'clock, was abandoned. Bredfield's Military Band furnished the music. The following persons were the winners in the races:

First Race—Boys, 7 years and under, 50 yards; 1st prize, mouth harmonica, donated by Fire Department; 2d prize, musical top, donated by Fire Department. Won by Charles Wolf; 2d by Geo. Caskey.

Second Race—Girls, 7 years and under, 50 yards; 1st prize, rocker, donated by C. F. Davis, dealer in furniture; 2d prize, doll, donated by Fire Department. Won by Hazel Staats; 2d by Della Bladen.

Third Race—Boys, 10 years and under, 50 yards; 1st prize, knife, donated by Mrs. McDougall; 2d prize, ball and bat, donated by Fire Department. Won by Marion Prince; 2d by Charles Aldrich.

Fourth Race—Girls, 10 years and under, 50 yards; 1st prize, hat, donated by Selig's millinery; 2d prize, doll, donated by Fire Department. Won by Etienne Uhlhorn; 2d by Margaret.

Fifth Race—Boys, 15 years and under, 15 yards; 1st prize, knife, donated by Curtis & Heartha, hardware dealers; 2d prize, pair of suspenders, donated by J. W. Nash, grocer. Won by Frank Helling; 2d Alford Strom.

Sixth Race—Girls, 15 years and under, 15 yards; 1st prize, cup and saucer, donated by F. Rang, bakery; 2d prize, 1 box correspondence paper, donated by Fire Department. Won by Grace Shansbrook.

Seventh Race—Single men, 100 yards; 1st prize, 1 box cigars, donated by Harry I. Snyder; 1 box of cigars, donated by Fred Gray, North Side grocer. Won by Harry Darnley; 2d A. H. Wolfe.

Eighth Race—Young ladies, 75 yards; 1st prize, 2-quire box of correspondence paper, donated by J. Clappitt; 2d prize, 1 bottle of perfume, donated by Bush & Simpson, druggists. Won by Mrs. Johnson, Chicago; 2d Mrs. Yeard.

Ninth Race—Married men, 100 yards; 1st prize, 1 pair of Haller's best shoes, donated by S. F. Haller, Downers Grove Fair; 2d prize, 1 ham, donated by L. Klein, meat market. Won by George Davis; 2d, Charles Weber.

Tenth Race—Married ladies, 75 yards; 1st prize, clothes wringer, donated by Meritz & Mochel, hardware dealers; 2d prize, 1 sack of flour, donated by A. J. Thompson, grocer. Won by Mrs. George Wolf; 2d, Mrs. Clemmons.

Eleventh Race—Egg race, free for all ladies only; 1st prize, medallion picture, donated by A. E. Conright, dealer in furniture; 2d prize, Boston fern, donated by Gelton & Wolf, florists. Won by Mrs. Henry Secher; 2d, Mrs. Clemmons.

Twelfth Race—Three-leg race; 1st prize, 1 box of cigars, donated by George Bateman. Won by Fred Meritz and Charles Erickson.

## NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY.

Another of the happy events of our busy little town occurred last Thursday, Aug. 26, at the home of our dear old (but still young) friend, Mrs. M. J. Kenyon. The relatives agreed to make this, her 91st, birthday even better than any heretofore and thirty-two in all assembled to offer their best love and hearty congratulations, bringing, beside best wishes for many happy returns of the day, all the good things imaginable that make up a perfect dinner party. She was happy in her love for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and as each and all came with loving words and useful gifts her happy, genial face will always be remembered as the dearest and sweetest in their memory. Her brother from Atlantic, Iowa, was indeed blessed that at this particular anniversary he planned to be one of the company. These two, so near of an age, in "looking backward" must feel that they must get into the silent chamber of memory and each in turn recount their many joys and sorrows. May these two, who have lived, worked, loved and cared for so many, live to observe many more anniversaries.

The ladies of the M. E. church will serve luncheon Thursday, Sept. 18, from 12 to 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Hearst, corner of Maple avenue and Washington street.

## MARRIED FOR TWENTY YEARS.

### MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM B. RADELL CELEBRATE CHINA WEDDING TUESDAY.

Large Party Attended Function at Family Home on Gilbert Avenue—Decorations Are Elaborate.

Twenty years of married life were dashed for Mr. and Mrs. William B. Radell Tuesday and to celebrate the occasion they sent out cards announcing the fact that they would be at home to their friends on the evening of that date. Those who accepted the invitation were well repaid for doing so, for a more pleasant party has not been given in Downers Grove for many days. Mr. and Mrs. Radell, as charming as host and hostess and everybody enjoyed the affair greatly.

The house and grounds were handsomely decorated in honor of the event. In the house white streamers and ferns formed the principal decorations. On the lawn under the trees bright-hued Chinese lanterns and electric lights hung. The verandah was banked with golden-rod, and large clusters of this flower graced various parts of the lawn. Benches and chairs placed at convenient points offered accommodations for many of the guests. The dining table was decorated with roses and ferns. Out of doors under the trees stood a huge punch bowl filled with delicious frappe. Boxes of choice cigars were attractions for the men. Mr. and Mrs. Radell received in the parlor.

An elaborate musical program was given. Miss Phoebe Atkinson gave several violin solos with pleasing effect. Her playing is finished and was greatly favored. Max Schachner gave a number of vocal solos. Mrs. Max Schachner also gave violin selection. A piano duet was given by Mrs. W. S. Carpenter and Miss Nellie Carpenter. Mrs. Frederick A. Dawes sang a solo and Mrs. J. C. White gave instrumental piano music. Misses Dolly Daughback and Mabel Long gave vocal and instrumental selections.

Mr. and Mrs. Radell received a large number of handsome presents in china, including a varied assortment of dainty and elaborate hand-painted plates. These were displayed in the dining room during the evening.

The guest list included:

Messrs. and Meses. F. A. Dawes, A. E. Conright, F. D. Longtin, M. B. Downer, Guy L. Bush, H. M. Conright, E. O. Stanley, Max Schachner, J. E. F. Wright, T. S. Rogers, John Rutherford, L. W. Rogers, L. S. Waples, Hugh M. White, Charles Caldwell, R. S. White, C. V. Carpenter, Charles Johnson, W. S. Carpenter, J. W. Haynes, Vito Sisson, George T. Hughes, A. E. Radell, John Bradbury, Levi Meritz, E. H. Huntington, Leonard Puffer, E. C. Stanley, A. W. Heckman, L. P. Naramont, Samuel Curtis, F. C. Lancaster, A. H. Weston, A. P. Daniels, E. C. Farrar, A. C. Riddler, John Stanley, Ernest Gallup, Budd Kelllogg, L. W. Stanley, George R. Smith, F. E. Dow, H. Thatcher, Will Macavoy, Austin, Wis.; Charles Radell, A. Radell, Mauston, Wis.; E. J. Harris, Alameda, Cal.; A. J. Radell, F. L. Radell and J. H. Lewis, Chicago.

Messrs. Calla Bush, Josephine Austin, Harriet Mitchell, Ada Anderson, Laura Curtis and Emma Smith.

Misses Mabel Rutherford, Anna Watten, Edith Graham, Lizzie Davis, Allie Stanley, Mabel Rochester, Dolly Daughback and Mabel Long.

## ONE-HUNDRED AND FIFTH REUNION.

The thirty-eighth annual reunion of the 106th regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, was held at the Sherman house in Chicago Tuesday, Sept. 2. The date was the fortieth anniversary of the mustering in of the regiment and about sixty of the old regiment were present. The business meeting was held at 11:30 and Wheaton was decided upon as the location for the meeting next year. Lew Slover of Wheaton was elected president and John Dollinger of Wheaton secretary and treasurer. After the business meeting dinner was served, following which a number of the comrades responded to toasts. The 106th regiment was organized in the counties of DuPage and DeKalb and was mustered into the service of the United States at Dixon, Sept. 2, 1862. Four companies were from DuPage and six from DeKalb county. They served until the close of the war and were mustered out at Washington June 7, 1865. Capt. E. S. Rogers of Downers Grove is the only captain living who was mustered in with the regiment.

## SCHOOL COMMENCES MONDAY.

Downers Grove public schools will open Monday for the fall term. The summer vacation is drawing to a close and a few days more will witness a renewing of acquaintances between the teachers and pupils. Prof. O. H. Swain and his corps of teachers will be ready to commence their duties and a successful year is anticipated. The buildings have been put in readiness and the number of improvements made in the north side building.