MYSTERY IN MAN'S DEATH.

GASTLY FIND NEAR WEST CHICAGO MAY MEAN MURDER-VICTIM UNKNOWN.

Minsdale Woman Assaulted by Two Rufflans-Masonic Lodge Instituted at Riverside-Other County News From Exchanges.

The body of a man cut in two, his vitals scattered about, was the ghastly, find which James S. Robertson came upon in the yards of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at West Chicago early Thursday morning. Three deep wounds were found in his neck: nearby lay a knife covered with blood. Nothing has been found by which the victim could be identified, and the officers suspect murder. The only clews which may lead to the solving of the mystery come from the knife, which has the name of a Plainfield firm stamped on the blade, and on a page of a memorandum book found in the man's coat was the name "Barber." This was nearly erased and indistinct. At 4:30 Thursday morning Robertson, who is the yard master, was approached by a stranger, who said "You will find the body of a man on the Elgin branch just east of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern track." Robertson immediately started out to find it. The stranger followed him in an excited manner, and then turned and made his escape in the darkness. He cannot be found, and because of the night no one can give a de scription of him. Two suspicious characters had been seen about the yards earlier in the evening. No trace has since been found of them. The corener and officers working on the case are completely baffled. A coroner's jury Saturday failed to solve the mystery of the death. It was supposed that the man had been murdered, a knife covered with blood being found a short distance from the body. But as no motive for a crime could be found the jury rendered a verdict that the man came to his death by the cars

A very peculiar accident happened on the E. J. & E at Warrenhurst early Monday morning, which resulted in the death of Emil Dien, a brakeman on a freight train. The train had stoped there for coal and water, and had started up. Just be fore the way car had arrived at the shoots one of the coul aprous dropped and caught the cupola of the way car, demolishing it. Dieu, who was up in the cupola was instantly killed. Deceased was about 35 years of age, and lived at Carbon Hill. He leaves a wife and two children. The remains were taken to Norris' undertaking establishment, properly prepared and shipped to his late home that afternoon.

Monday evening a young Swedish wo man employed in the boarding house connected with Bassett & Washburn's greenbouses at Hinsdale, was assaulted by two unknown ruffians, on Sixth street about 8 o'clock. Her clothing was nearly torn from her body, and overcome by fright and nervous exhaustion she was found in a semi-conscious condition. No complaint here until the month of December. has been lodged with the officers, proba- We cannot but say that it is with great bly owing to the girl's ignorance of legal regret that we see removed from Brazil

Last week Wheaton had an overdose of solicitors and peddlers. Several tramps. tough looking specimens, gathered in people of Rio Janeiro," money, food and clothing; then a persistant fellow claiming to represent the Salvation Army who wanted dollars, nothing smaller, scoured the town thoroughly. Close on his heels appeared the man with many wives from Utah who looked like a religious fraud. What will the next week bring forth?

With thirty days more of fine fall weather the Elgin branch of the electric be completed and trains will be operated. There is still grading to do near Ingalton. Several miles of rails have been laid Elgin way. An order for twenty more cars will be filled about January first and then the road will be in shape to accommodate all demands made upon it for first class transportation service.

Riverside Masonic lodge was constituted in regular form and given a full charter last Friday night, the members of the grand lodge being present and a large number of invited brethren from other lodges. A banquet was held in the town hall, which was elaborately decorated fo the occasion, with W. A. Radford, master of ceremonies, speeches following unti the last train called the party away.

Burglars in West Grossdale last Friday night entered the home of Alderman Thos. Alway, on Du Bois boulevard, and took away with them much that was valuable. including watches, jewelry and clothing. The intruders left no clew as to their identity, and the police are in the dark.

At a meeting of the board of supervisors Wednesday, Wm. W. Steven was seated as John Christie's successor, Mr. Steven to on all committees held by Mr. Christle on the board. Resolutions on the death of Mr. Christie were passed. Election bills were audited and general business transacted...

Fred Ball of Wheaton, filled his furnace with soft coal the other day and in about a half hour there was an explosion in the cellar which wrecked the heating apparatus. Soft coal is all right in a furnace but it needs air.

PROGRAM OF LOTUS CLUB CONCERT. Many Noted Entertainers to be Heard at the Auditorium Next Saturday Evening.

The entertainment to be given by the Lotus club Saturday evening bids fair to be one of the successes of the seasor. Already a large part of the seats have been reserved, as is indicated by the charts at the drug stores. The people of Downers Grove are quick to demonstrate their approval of an organization whose productions appeal to the best there is in one. Below is a copy of the program for the evening:

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y	2	Legende Wieniewaski
đ	1	Gertrude Judson Schachner
	3	ja Forsaken
y	,	b Three Bumble Bees Trubn
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0	'	b Casey's Table d'Hote Field
8		Genevieve Puffer-Reid
91	5	As the Dawn
В		Max H Schachner
	6	Marguerite White
a	7	Waken Lords and Ladies Gay . Mendelssohn
0	8	Elegie Erust
-		Gertrude Judson Schachner
d	1000	a In Stillness Night Surrounds Us.
-	9	Schubert
		b Let the Lusty Shout Abt
,	10	Saunders McGlashen's Courtship
		Anosymous
:	11	For the Sake of the Past, Mattei
e l	12	House, Sweet Home
		The Vetus shot is a count mobile on

The Lotus club is a semi-public organization and our people do well to These gentlemen should have our con- Nov. 26, at 2:30 o'clock. fidence and support just so far as they merit it and no one is capable of passing upon the merit of their production who does not attend the entertainment at the Auditorium Saturday

MINISTER BRYAN TO RETURN HOME.

Letters from Col Chas, P. Bryan. minister to Brazil, announce that he will return home for a few months before going to his new post in Switzer land. Speaking of the transfer of Col.



COL. CHARLES PAGE BRYAN.

Bryan from Brazil the Noticia says: "Col. Charles Page Bryan has been ap- ball. pointed minister of the United States of America to the government Switzerland. We are informed that Col. Bryan has had notice of these acts of his government. He may remain this illustrious diplomat who gave so many proofs of his friendship, having gained the highest esteem of the

BAPTIST PASTOR RESIGNED.

Rev. C. J. Pope resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church last Sunday morning to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Grand Island, Neb. Mr. Pope has had this gram will consist of solos, duete, tries matter under consideration for some weeks, though it was not generally ous and dramatic readings. known until last week that he was considering a change. The only reason for the step is that a greater opportunity | Karpinska of Chicago occurred Tuesfor service is opened in the pasterate day, Nev. 18. The ceremony was solat Grand Island. The city numbers emnized by Rev. C. J. Votypka at St about 7,500 inhabitants; the church has Mary's church at 9 o'clock in the pres a membership of 400 and the place is ence of a small company of relatives department was the subject considered the seat of the Baptist college in Nebraska. Mr. Pope has had three pastorates in college towns, two of them Baptist schools, and his former associations with the students have been such as to make the present call an additionally strong one to him. church deferred action upon his resignation for one week. The relations be- orchestra. Those coming from the anat charged for current one-third at least tween the pastor and the church have been very close and it is with on the part of both that they contem- drinks will be served at the hall. plate a severance of their relations.

HOPKIN'S THEATER.

A host of new and original feature and up to date ideas, jingling musica numbers and fantastic scenic effects in the advance courier which announce the coming of Webers Dainty Duches Burlesquers which comes to Hopkin's theatre as the Thanksgiving attraction for the week commencing Sunday matinee Nov. 23d. The opening burlesque is replete with new musical numbers and handsome costumes that will sure ly dazzle the eye of the spectator, the girls are all pretty and all possess axcellent voices and all the other salient qualifications requisite for a successful member of the chorus.

Friedman's high class butterine a Maxwell & Son's,

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Shenandoah pants \$2 50, at Nash's. John Haas of Naperville visited old riends here last week.

Miss T. M. Wylie of Tampico visited at J. W. Nash's last Saturday.

Myron Brunson has recovered from

work again. J. Hedrick of Pullman visited Mrs. M. McNaught and Mrs. H. M. Bates

Mr. and Mrs. Boyden, 159 Linscott avenue, will go to Chicago to remain rheumatism, but is much better at through the winter.

last Sunday.

Orin Wheeler left Friday for Mc-Henry county, where he will make his Allen are visiting at the home of her home near Ringwood.

The Woman's club will meet with endorse it as they seem to be doing. Mrs. George T. Hughes Wednesday, tensive improvements on his La-

Mrs. Genevieve Puffer-Reld entertained the Lotus club of Downers Grave quite sick, is recovering, but is not boat. The assessed value of gold and at her home in Chicago tast Thursday able to resume her place as teacher silver plated ware is placed at \$2,148;

ball Thanksgiving evening will be led by Charles Pfeifer, chief of the Hins- Lodge, I. O. O. F. at annual session of furniture \$110,350; grain of all kinds dale fire department.

The dancing club which has been giving dances on alternate Saturday evenings has disbanded, consequently there will be no dance next Saturday even-

First Church of Christ Scientists will hold Thanksgiving day services at 102 Gilbert avenue. Evening services at 7:30. Subject, "Giving Thanks." All are cordially invited.

The first quarterly conference of the Methodist church for the present year will be held at the church Haturday evening at 8 o'clock. The presiding 10:30 a. m. elder will be present.

Home baking will be for sale. Any do- bered by her Downers Grove friends as village in the county. nations will be gladly received.

The Downers Grove Young Ladies' Brigade and the Drill Corps will be ed court at Links last Friday as witguests of the First regiment, Illinois nesses and spectators in the case of National Guard, at a competitive drill Downers Grove club vs. J. H. Saan, at the Armory in Chicago this even- Attorney Winchester appeared ing. The drill will be followed by a plaintiff and John Haight for defend-

Dr. F. H. Sheets, presiding elder of Chicago western district, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at 7:20. All not worshiping elsewhere are most cordially invited to hear this earnest and eloquent

Owing to publication day falling on 119 Thankagiving the REPORTER will be issued Wednesday evening next week and the office will be closed all day Thursday in conformity to our usual custom. Advertisers and others should bear this fact in mind.

The second concert of the entertainment course will be given Saturday evening, Nov. 29. The Chicago lad entertainers is the attraction. The proand quartets, interspersed with humor-

The marriage of Quirin Schmidt o Downers Grove and Miss Bromstawa and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt at a special meeting of the board will reside in Downers Grove.

Grove fire department will Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday evening, expense and an effort will be made to Nov. 28, at the Auditorium. The boys secure more consumers. The board are planning for the usual good time. figures that if 50 additional consumer Music will be furnished by Bonnell's are secured they can reduce the rates may return on the train which

Courtship". It's worth the price of admission in itself. The Lotus club is

A memorial service fall casion. All friends are invited

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page It will pay to read Maxwell & Son's ad this week.

Valentine Wetten of Chicago was caller in Downers Tuesday.

Mrs. F. W. C. Hayes will go to Flor-The Lotus club, Saturday night at 8 o'clock. Reserved seats at the drug ida next week to remain during the winter.

Attorney M. Slusser returned the value \$15,026; average \$1.32. his severe spell of sickness and is at first part of the week from his Mexican trip.

Mrs. D. O. Cole started for California Monday for a visit of several months' duration.

E. E. Eatton has been a sufferer from present writing.

Mrs. Herbert Rood and little son mother in Sandwich. V. Fredenhagen has been making ex- organs.

Grange property recently.

grand lodge. Smith cottage on Railroad street and \$1,265,468. D. H. Craig the Davey place on Bel-

most avenue. relatives in Liverpool and Manchester, the highest in the state outside of

and will remain there until spring in average value per acre is \$1.78. all probability. The service will be held in the Baptist is \$45,436.

church on Thursday of next week at

Miss Jone Fiddler. Quite a number of our people attend-

day afternoon and evening, Dec. 4. Come and bring your friends; also your pecketbook. We need the money. you need the articles we have to sell, at Lisle last Friday morning. The de way of Christmas presents will be on and rendered a verdict in favor of the sale and at prices to suit, too. The plaintiff for \$15 and costs. The cas best tea, coffee, chocolaie, cake and ice was a very clear one. Saas joined the

the M. E. church will hold a parlor ary 1st nothing had been paid and to ing at 8 o'cleck. Mrs. W. F. Oldham, and had paid no attention to state taries, will give the address. Mrs. Old. trial Same stated that he had resigned ham is a very bright woman and it three times in January. March as will be a treat to listen to her. offering taken. The public is cordially invited, gentlemen as well as signed. The jury was out about twee-

The matter of extending the con mercial service of the village electric trustees Monday evening. The plant The annual ball of the Downers is abundantly equipped to serve many suits are pending. more consumers at but little additional As an incentive to the superintendent G. C. Babel, the board has agreed to pay him a bonus of \$100 if this num No one should fail to hear Genevieve | ber are secured before the 1st of Jan Puffer-Reid in "Saunders McGlashen's There are now about 1,800 lights wired in on the commercial circuit.

Saturday, Nov. 15th, Mrs. Cora Eschervery fortunate in securing such assist- Hughes invited some of her Downers ance as is Mrs. Reid and their enter- Grove friends to help celebrate her tainment at the Auditorium Saturday birthday in her new home. Meedames evening should be attended by every Foster, Tope, Brooks, Stanger, Graham one who delights in a relaxation from Downer and Carpenter responded, Mrs. the exceedingly tiresome duties of the John Stanley and Mrs. Bradbury were anable to be present. At noon a dainty the luncheon was served in the dining suburban towns along the line, and we late Miss Ruby Strong will be mild in room, each lady was supposed to find are requested to say that the First Congregational church next her own place, as a souvenir of tissue will be sent without charge Sunday evening at the usual hour of paper, card-board and painted oak leaf the address of anyone who may be in- Frank Gregory. meeting. Miss Fray, chairman of the in the form of a cup filled with bon- fluenced to look for a home in this Frank Palmer west side division of the Christian En- bons was at each plate. Late in the village. Our people are urged to take spending a few deavor society, will address the meet afternoon the ladies wended their way an active interest in the matter and ing. The pastor and several members to the train, and home, voting Mrs. send name and addresses of any of the congregation will make brief re- Hughes a charming heatess and trust- persons to P. S. Eustis, general marks. Music apprepriate to the oc- ing she may live to see many anniver- ger agent of the C. B. & Q. at Ch

VALUATIONS IN DUPAGE COYNTY.

tatement of Property Assessed Last Year From State Board of Equalization.

Capt. T. S. Rogers, member of the state board of equalization of this dis trict has sent us a copy of the valuetions of the state and for your information and to see how we rank with other counties in the state we will give have issued a statement to the r a few figures:

The county has 7,500 horses; value tion in continuing the o \$101,950; average \$12 59, 24,644 cattle; The statement sets forth the value \$136.866; average \$5.55. 58 mules; of such an organization and value \$589; average \$9.29. 881 sheep; plans for a re organization of th value \$695; average \$68. 11,398 hogs; along social lines and on

Among other property found was 145 committee for Friday evening steam boilers, and the valuables are to perfect the re-organizat kept in 155 safes; 40 billiard and pool statement sent out by the tables; and instead of walking the peo- is as follows: ple travel in 4,904 carriages and wagons 2,358 watches and clocks are necessary in reckoning the time o'day; while 1,- ers Grove club expired Nov. 15th. 703 sewing machines assist in the manufacture of the bride's growns and mending the laboring man,s jacket;900 neighborhood of about thirty pienos can be found in the parlors and members, it is pecessary that to their assistance can be called 295

One franchise is owned in the county that the club may be maintained on valued at \$5.882, but the assessors basis capable of paying its exp Miss Sarah Holland, who has been could not find a eailing vessel or steamdiamonds \$3,864; bonds and stocks \$12,-The grand march at the firemen's J. W. Morford is at Springfield this 988; property of saloons and eating Downers Grove club and owns property week representing Downers Grove houses \$1,265; household and other \$11,970; shares of stock in state and na-Mrs. Esther Smart now occupies the tional banks \$25,000; personal property

There are 203,020 acres of land in the county, 42 801 acres of which is unim-W. C. Bartle started Tuesday to visit proved. The average value is \$15.11. England. He goes by way of Montreal Cook county. In Hardin county the

The improved town and city lots Dr. Charles Reynolds, pastor of the number 4,865, valued at \$1,155,728, an Congregational church, will preach average of \$337.56 per lot. The inunion Thanksgiving sermon this year, crease in assessment of 1902 over 1901

Real estate will be re-assessed next spring by the assessors as that is the Mrs. Harvey Eckfeld of Port Wash- order of things once every four years. The Ludies' Library association give ington, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. | Wheaton real estate values will be lowa Woman's Exchange Saturday at 2 G. N. Nargney, and other relatives ered as they have been about double o'clock, Nov. 29, in the library room. here, Mrs. Eckfeld will be remem- the amount per lot of any other city or

CLUB WINS SUIT AGAINST SASS.

Instead of paying the \$15 alleged by the Downers Grove club to be owing for arrears in dues, John Sass fought the case and settled with Justice Reidy after the trial, it is said, for \$47. This St. Andrew's Episcopal church, Thars. amount covers the claim of the club together with court costs and attorney ices paid to John Haight of Naperville. The case was heard before Justice Reidy be here fendent demanded a jury trial and six soon. Everything imaginable in the good men and true heard the evidence cream ever served. Your choice, 15 club in the regular way last fall, pay ing the initiation fee and subsequently The Woman's Missionary society of \$3 for two months dues. Since Janumeeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. months dues had accumulated. The Joseph Batterham on Thursday even- evidence showed he had never resigned wife of one of the missionary secre- ments sent by the secretary. At the August. On cross examination, however, Attorney Winchester brought ou the admission that he had never re ty minutes. The case was brought by the club primarily to determine the status of members in arrears for due as to whether or not the claims war legally collectable. Sass threatened appeal the case, but later settled. Other

MISS ALICE NOURSE WINS SCHOLARSHI

The college of Liberal Arts of North western university annually offers scholarship in its Freshman class each of the high schools in Illinois which is accredited to the University. The scholarship is available for that member of the high school class graduated in June who had the highest standing in that class, and covers the cost of tuition for one year, Miss Alice T. Nourse holds the scholership this year from the Downers Grove high school.

A BOOK ABOUT THE SUBURBS

The C. B. & Q. have just published ; very handsome little book about the

PLANS TO REORGANIZE OFFICERS HOPE TO ENLIST IEMBERS TO CONTINUE O

Secting Will be Held Friday Night 1

Officers of the Downers Grov of the village inviting their footing. A meeting is called

In as much as the lease cover club rooms now occupied by the I and in view of the fact that the bership has dwindled down to thing be done in the way of in the membership very largely in and keeping things in good running

The club is duly incorporated u the original cost of which is in neighborhood of \$700, consisting o pool and billiard tables, plane, I dishes, etc., and if re-organized club will start out with above ments free of debt. The rooms ar large and nicely situated and if club is to be maintained no better pl could be found than its present ters. The rent has been at the rate \$40 per month, which together will janitor services, electric lights other necessary running expenses mak It necessary to have an income of less than \$75 per month. During past year the club has given the use its rooms for two afternoons of expense, and in view of the fasome of the gentlemen who bers of the club are destrous of if possible on a paying basis and

ease of the present quarters for a There is no doubt to the mind committee but that good paying members can be see the club conducted in such a as to pay expenses as wall sociable times during the coming ter. During the past two years has been practically no interest if in social matters, interest being an ly confined to athletic and kinds sports especially attractive to men.

It is our intention to revise the laws and live strictly in accords therewith, having ladies night f quently and social entertainments of various natures once a month, th making the club what it should be for a social and financial standpoint which we think can be done by getting the ladies interested along with their hus

As you are well aware, there ! destrable lounging place in town, we feel that the citizens of Dow Grove owe it to the town as well a themselves to join with us and the club what it should be-

If this interests you or your fi will you kindly attend business ing of the re-organizing committee be held at the club rooms Friday ning, Nov. 21st, at which time matter can be talked over fully an by-laws discussed at length.

As long as the present organ has the furniture and equipmen sary for conducting a moon seems too bad to sacrifice the sai to abandon the idea of Downers having a well organized social Yours very truly, Committee

CASS ITEMS.

J. F. Smart is hauling his

Edgar Andrus was visiting n Cass Sunday

week Monday. Roy Andrus has 1

cutter from Andrew Bress Mrs. Frank Andres of the low of town is visiting her

The people of Cass gave