

The present year past there has been more or less agitation in favor of the construction of better country roads, and the great amount of money that has been expended in that direction is beginning to accomplish results.

As a means of enlarging the scope of this work, the convention petitioned congress to appropriate \$30,000,000 for the construction of highways in all the states and territories where state and local aid is given.

After going around with a broken skull for 15 years, the Kentucky woman who owned it has just had it repaired.

Report of the condition of the FARMERS AND MERCHANTS BANK, at Downers Grove, State of Illinois, before the commencement of business on the 26 day of March, 1903, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts, for the state of Illinois pursuant to law.

Up to-Date Poultrymen... Are equipping their houses with the twentieth century poultry house fixture The Potter Portable Hennerly Outfit... Cornell Incubators Peep'o'Day Brooders

A new mark is set in the record of amazing crimes by George Neik, of Germantown, Pa., who it is alleged "Good Time" according to the New York World, murdered his mother to get her hard-earned savings, and who left by her bruised body the pencilled note: "I have \$1,000 and I am going out to have a good time. Then I will kill myself."

Since the Missouri girl ran up against a maverick in the way of a bogus English lord, the legislature of that glorious commonwealth has awakened to a sense of its responsibilities, and is considering a bill providing for the "taxation, branding and licensing of foreign lords and noblemen."

America has paid Paris \$7,000,000 in the last year for "works of art" and only \$8,000,000 for costumes and gowns. It is a brightening outlook for French artists.

It is mentioned that the government made a number of naval orders and that included new ones in many of the congressional districts of Illinois, the districts being the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

Asthma Ayer's Cherry Pectoral certainly cures many cases of asthma. And it cures bronchitis, hoarseness, weak lungs, whooping-cough, croup, winter coughs, night coughs, hard colds.

HOTEL FOR SALE OR RENT. The American House at Naperville is for rent or sale on easy terms. Good chance for right party.

ANNOUNCEMENT—TOWNSHIP COLLECTOR I hereby announce myself as a candidate for collector of Downers Grove township subject to the action of the township nominating primaries and solicit the support of the legal voters of Downers Grove township.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING. Notice is hereby given of the eleventh annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Downers Grove, Ill., to be held Saturday, March 14, 1903.

MANAGER WANTED. We desire to employ a trustworthy lady or gentlemen to manage our business in this county and adjoining territory.

A NEW BOOK ABOUT NEBRASKA. The best and most comprehensive work on Nebraska ever produced has just been issued by the Burlington Route.

LOW RATES TO THE NORTHWEST. Every day from Feb. 15 to April 30, 1903, the Burlington route will sell one-way tickets to many hundreds of points west and northwest at extraordinarily low rates.

..The Well Known.. Alain Petticoat Regular \$1.25 Values Go For Ten Days At Only 98 Cents Also full line of Muslin Underwear at Lowest Prices.

DOWNERS GROVE FAIR 28 AND 30 SOUTH MAIN STREET TELEPHONE NO. 371 WE CLOSE EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7 O'CLOCK.

Mertz & Mochel 36 South Main St., Downers Grove. Washburn-Crosby Company's ..Gold Medal.. BEST FLOUR IN THE WORLD Makes The Best Bread And Most Loaves to the Sack.

THE DOWNERS GROVE DIRECTORY. METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. Herbert H. Reed, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Lovefeast Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m.

COUNTY OFFICERS. County Seat... Wheaton Treasurer... Frank J. Knight Recorder and Circuit Clerk... T. M. Hull County Judge... J. W. Graves, C. E. Hoe

THE RAIL. From the east—7:07; 9:07 a. m. 12:11; 5:11 p. m. From the west—7:07; 9:52 a. m. 1:30; 5:28 p. m. O. R. & Q. RAILWAY TIME CARD.

Local stops on signal. Leave Downers, Arr. Chi. Downers Grove suburban... 6:08 a. m. 7:00 a. m. Aurora express... 7:40 a. m. 8:20 a. m.