

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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## Burglars Have Busy Week

### Railroad Smashup at Wayne—Naperville Boy Killed by Cars.

Sylvanus W. Moffatt, an Aged Resident of Wheaton, Died Suddenly of Paralysis—Other County News From Exchanges.

Last week Wednesday night a horse was stolen from Windfall Hix at West Chicago, the thieves driving from his home to the butter factory at that place and stole about 50 pounds of butter. They drove to South Elmhurst and either hid the butter there or took it to Chicago, as the next morning the horse was found near that place headed toward West Chicago and traveling along the road without a driver. The horse was returned to Mr. Hix. Sunday evening while Prof. J. B. Russell and family were at church, thieves gained entrance to his home and stole watches, silverware and rings to the amount of \$30. The same evening the postoffice at Warrenville was robbed, the thieves carrying away a lot of postage stamps. Monday morning 18 ten-cent stamps were found in the watchman's shanty of one of the crossings in Wheaton. It is supposed the thieves broke open the shanty to have a place to assort and divide the plunder. It has since been learned that two thieves came from Warrenville on the last electric car and perished in spending the night at the N. W. Ry. depot. The operator drove them out with a poker. A resident of Warrenville saw them go in and out of the postoffice there but did not spread the alarm.

Sylvanus W. Moffatt, a resident of Wheaton since 1865, died of paralysis of the heart on the evening of March 8, aged 85 years and 7 days. He was born in Blooming Grove, New York, March 1, 1818. Mr. Moffatt attended school at Canterbury, N. Y., and continued to teach and study until 1840, when he came to Illinois. He engaged in teaching in Aurora and Bartlett, and at the latter place held school for three months in a log house, with a stick chimney and a puncheon floor. He received a yoke of steers valued at \$30 for his services. He afterwards purchased a tract of prairie land in Wayne township, built a log cabin and began life in true pioneer style. He left the farm and moved to Wheaton in 1865, where he has lived a practically retired life.

A railroad smashup on the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern road near Wayne blocked the line for several hours. The crews on both trains saved themselves by jumping, so that no one was hurt, but the monetary loss to the railroad company will be heavy. The collision occurred about 9 a. m. just east of Wayne. Two freight trains were involved, drawn by engines numbered 61 and 96. The latter was south bound and the trains should have passed each other at North Wayne, but the south bound engineer evidently disregarded orders, or made a mistake. The two engines telescoped, and one of them is practically a total loss. Five freight cars loaded with railroad ties and iron ore were smashed and piled on top of each other. The track was blocked most of the day.

John Elfrink, a farmer boy living with Wm. Ehrhardt, west of Naperville, was struck and instantly killed by the Burlington through train No. 12, on a crossing just east of Burlington park at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The train was 40 minutes late in pulling out of Aurora, and was running at a high rate of speed. There is a deep curve around the park, and the boy who was returning from the DuPage station with a wagon load of milk cans, did not see the approaching train bearing down on him until it was too late. The wagon was standing fairly across the track when struck. The horses were killed and the body of the driver and portions of the wagon remained on the pilot. The wagon was reduced to kindling wood.

Joseph Spinner who was so badly injured a week ago last Saturday afternoon, died at the St. Charles hospital in Aurora at 8 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mr. Spinner fell from his wagon in Aurora, and in falling struck on his head on the pavement, sustaining a concussion of the brain. He was partially unconscious while in the hospital, and Tuesday spinal complications set in which resulted in his death. He was a well known farmer and lived for many years near Eola. He was about 35 years of age.

When E. J. Lewis offered a reward of \$10 for the most appropriate name for Wheaton he appointed C. A. Blanchard, Judge Brown and Mayor Pieronnet as judges. Mr. Blanchard's choice is "The Model Suburb"; Judge Brown thinks "The Model Suburb" is better. The mayor has not reported his choice.—Journal.

Levi Castleman, of Lombard, well and favorably known throughout the county, died on February 23, his birthday, of pneumonia, aged 60 years. E. S. Kelley Post, of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body, as did also the M. W. A. camp of Lombard, of which he was a member.

The first marriage license issued in DuPage county was dated June 24, 1887, and was issued for the marriage of Procter Cooley and Miss Harriett Jewel. The ceremony was performed by A. E. Carpenter, justice of the peace.—Journal.

## PREPARING TO PAVE MAIN STREET.

Property Owners Take The Initiative In Pushing This Necessary Improvement.

Work on the details which must precede the actual work of paving Main street is to be pushed from now on. Main street property owners are determined to have that thoroughfare improved this spring and are bending all their energies in this direction. Monday evening the representative business men met at the village hall to discuss the situation and adopt plans for pushing the matter through. Paving was voted for unanimously and brick was decided upon as the best material for the purpose. A committee consisting of Messrs. Charles Mohel, Henry Selig, M. Slusser, V. Fredenhagen and Jas. Chilvers was selected to prepare petitions and secure the signatures of property owners.

The plan is to pave the street with brick from Warren avenue to Maple avenue. The village has decided that the double 15 inch sewers at present laid in Main street will for all time care for the sewerage in this district. When the street is torn up for paving these sewers will be laid to the requisite depth and house connections made to the curb line. Main street property owners have reached the limit of their endurance of the terrible condition of that street and are determined that nothing shall prevent its improvement this spring. Year by year the condition has grown worse until this spring it was a positive disgrace to the town.

## SHOULD ANSWER INTITATIONS.

A local society woman who has suffered much from the discourtesy of people failing to answer invitations requests us to reproduce the following extract from Marion Harlan's article in the Sunday Record-Herald: "It is absolutely necessary to answer an invitation, particularly when one is asked to dine or lunch, and that at once. It is not a law created by mere social custom, but by kindness and consideration toward the hostess. She must know for whom and for how many to prepare, and to neglect this duty is to be not only rude in the extreme, but to be guilty of a personal unkindness. The plea comes from a lady when she had prepared for a luncheon. The date was a day or two off, and though her invitations had been out a fortnight, perhaps, only a few had replied. She was at a loss to know whether to prepare for two or twenty, and she says her despair at the moment is experienced by most hostesses. Why is it? Are our society leaders living too fast to take care of the detail? If the little things are to be neglected, what is to become of the big ones in a few generations?"

## CASS ITEMS.

Miss Abbie Andrus will soon leave for Kansas City. Miss Flossie Craig-mile of Lyonsville who has been spending a couple of weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Oldfield, returned to her home Monday. Mrs. Anna Hearty and children of Jeffersonville, Ill., are visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Chilvers, for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Sikkie are moving into their new quarters in part of Frank Gregory's house this week. A. C. Drew and J. Chaplin have returned from their duck hunting trip at Chillicothe. They report few ducks but plenty of water. G. E. Oldfield made a business trip to Chicago last Monday.

## WANDER-MARSCHEON WEDDING.

The marriage of Philip Wander to Miss Lena Marschon was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Wander Saturday afternoon, March 14th in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Rev. Weber of the Lace Lutheran church, performed the ceremony. The young people will reside at 100 Warren avenue. A peculiar feature of the wedding was that Mr. Wander is the third brother to marry in the Marschon family; three brothers marrying three sisters.

## VILLAGE CAUCUS.

There will be a caucus of the legal voters of the village of Downers Grove at the Auditorium, Saturday evening, March 28, 1903, for the purpose of nominating the following village officers to be voted on Tuesday, April 21. One president of the village; three members of the village board of trustees for two years, and one village clerk; also to transact such other business as may properly come before the caucus. J. W. Graves, W. W. Gourley, C. V. Carpenter, committee.

## BURLINGTON TO ADVANCE WAGES.

Local employes of the Burlington will benefit by the recent advance in wages announced by that company's officials. An increase of 10 per cent in the pay of station agents, telegraph operators, station employes and round house men goes into effect April 1. Passenger conductors and brakemen will also get an advance in the near future.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.

Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Best oil in town at Curtis & Hearty's.

Mrs. A. Kramps attended a birthday party in the city Tuesday.

The best home baked goods at Rang's—the baker—always fresh.

Fine lot for sale on Oakwoods avenue. Address box 188 village.

Wanted—Second-hand typewriter, must be cheap. Call at this office.

C. E. Ellsworth of Ottawa visited Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley Monday.

Miss Nora Bloom of Normal, visited her aunt Mrs. J. B. Miller last week.

Dr. Appleman of Chicago visited his cousins, the Slusser family, here Tuesday.

Mrs. R. S. Soule and son of Berwyn, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller.

For sale—One first class moving outfit. Inquire of J. W. Worley, Downers Grove; box 189.

Miss Corinne Harris of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the guest of the family of C. N. Maxwell over Sunday.

Miss Della Wilcox attended the funeral of a friend in Plano, Sunday, returned home Monday morning.

Mrs. D. K. Foote has been seriously ill for more than a week with an attack of peritonitis, but is now recovering.

W. R. Wells is now the local agent in charge of the Standard Oil company's station here, succeeding C. W. Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Simonson attended the funeral of her father in Chicago yesterday, whose death occurred Sunday evening.

The Verdi Musical of the Woman's club will be given in the club rooms this evening. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged.

William Elkhoff of Hinsdale, has been employed as assistant fireman at the electric light plant and has moved into the Bloom residence on railroad street.

Many residents are evidently unaware of the provisions of the ordinances of the village and are using the streets for dumping grounds for ashes and other refuse.

Wanted—Cottage with large lot, about \$1,500; easy payments. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3783 Main. Downers Grove telephone 263.

"My Dear Sir," wrote the editor to the persistent young author, "in order to simplify matters somewhat we are inclosing a bunch of our 'declined with thanks' notices. If you

Thomas Bunning found a storm coat and rubber blanket on the street Tuesday evening, which the owner can have by identifying property and paying for this notice.

Station agent C. P. Scott is in the west for a few weeks. While he is absent assistant Earl Kaufman has charge of the station and is assisted by Frank McAllister of Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wells gave a card party Friday evening. Progressive euchre was the game played. Miss Pearl Bonisteel and James Burns received first prizes. Dainty refreshments were served and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

At the First Congregational church next Sunday morning the pastor will preach upon the question, "Is Life Worth Living?" At 7:30 p. m. "An Evening of Song" will be given, both choir and congregation uniting in the services. A general invitation is extended.

For sale immediately—"Quick-meal" gasoline stove, 1 new drop-head Singer sewing machine, 1 old Singer sewing machine, 1 lawn mower and scythe, 1 oak bedstead, springs and mattress, all in fine condition and cheap for cash. Apply to Mrs. W. W. Stone, 137 Washington street.

Recent information received from Trustee E. E. Stevens corrects the impression given by the REPORTER last week that he was a candidate for nomination. He declares he is not—not even in a receptive sense. Mr. Stevens factiously says he is glad, however, that he has had the privilege of serving one term as the experience has enlarged his stock of patience and meekness.

Konomo Social club with the assistance of local talent will give an entertainment in the Auditorium, Thursday evening, March 26. The program consists of musical selections both vocal and instrumental, elocutionary, etc. The feature of the evening will be a black face sketch by the celebrated comedians, Jones and Avery, assisted by F. Marcus, buck and wing dancing, and Chris Angelo, clown specialist. Admission 25 cents, children 15 cents, reserved seats 35 cents.

National Light oil at Nash's.

California Toka grapes at Gerwig's.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Easter chickens and rabbits at Rang's.

C. B. Blodgett has his early potatoes planted.

Edgar Henning of Plano is visiting his grand parents here.

Fresh fish every Wednesday and Friday during lent at Klein's.

Miss Jessie Potter spent Sunday with her cousin, Miss Edith Graham.

Mrs. Cora Hancock entertained a nephew from Chicago over Sunday.

Barn for rent—suitable for two horses; address box 190, Downers Grove.

John F. Schachner died at the home of his son, Max H. Schachner, this morning at 4:15 o'clock.

Miss Helen L. Johnson of Hyde Park spent a few days in this village the guest of Miss Nellie Carpenter.

Miss Helen Briggs of Chicago arrived last Tuesday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Horace Aldrich.

Mrs. Louise M. Sedgwick, daughter of Hiram Cody, died at the residence of her brother, Judge H. H. Cody in Chicago Tuesday.

Miss Annie D. Martin, niece of W. S. Bryan, gave a dinner party on Tuesday evening to a few friends. All had a most enjoyable time.

Charles Page Bryan, minister to Portugal, sailed from New York yesterday for Lisbon. He will be accompanied by his father and sister of Elmhurst.

Wanted—Good large place for cash, about \$5,000. V. Fredenhagen, 157 Washington street, Chicago; telephone 3783 Main. Downers Grove telephone 263.

This office is now engaged in printing the revised general ordinances of the village. The ordinances will make a pamphlet of about 120 pages and will be issued about April 1.

Collector Davis will return his books to the county treasurer Saturday. Out of a total tax of over \$70,000 he has collected about \$55,000, about the same per cent. collected as last year.

Geo. Kennedy of California has been visiting his mother, Mrs. E. Kennedy here, and with her went to Chicago and spent a few days with his brother, Supt. Kenney of the Deering works.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will give a "Hat Social" Friday evening March 27, at Carpenter's hall. Prizes will be awarded for the largest, smallest, prettiest and homeliest hats. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Observance of St. Patrick's day was held in St. Mary's church Tuesday morning and continued up to noon, when the high masses were ended. In a secular way the advent of the day was noticeable in the village by the sprigs of green worn in the button-holes.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give their regular luncheon next Thursday, March 26, at 12 o'clock sharp. One of the principal features will be the woman's exchange to which all ladies are invited to place on sale any fancy or bakery goods on a commission. For any information in regard to sale table see Miss Lillian Hancock. Price of luncheon 15 cents.

Since the opening of the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago line through Wheaton residents of this side of the county have much better facilities for reaching the county seat, and the time necessary for the trip can be reduced about one-half. Going either by way of La Grange and the suburban electric to 51st street and then on the Wheaton electric, or west by way of Aurora and from there on the electric the time is but little over an hour.

Have you placed your order for a Vassar Skirt, tailor made from measurements? If not, why not? The quality, workmanship and style are the very best and the prices are most reasonable. Call at Haller's look over the samples comprising two hundred of the latest effects in spring and summer dress goods, choose your style and leave your measurements. The result—A perfect fitting, stylish tailor made walking or dress skirt at a very low figure in time for Easter.

The tramp question is becoming a more serious problem every day. The gang which has its hangout in the old house near the brick yards, is growing more and more bold, and members of the crowd insult ladies on the street. People living near that section report that every day beer is taken to the rendezvous and arousing and debauchery results. It is absolutely unsafe for a woman or child to venture out after night-fall. Residents are now demanding that the authorities take action immediately and clear the vagrants out.

## DEARTH IN FARM HELP.

Young Men Wanting Situations Can Find Them on Farms at Good Wages.

Does any young man want a good job at farming? If he does, he now has the best opportunity that has been presented for a number of years. The best wages, excellent living and the best privileges that have been held out for years are now at the command of the strong young man who would take a summer's job amid rural surroundings. Farmers assert that there is a dearth of farm help that they have not experienced for some time. The trouble is that farmers' sons have either gone away to school, have taken up various callings or have gone west to new fields. During the first two weeks of March of each year the agriculturists are accustomed to hire their help for the forthcoming season, but up to this time it has been almost impossible to find anyone to whom the higher wages are any kind of an inducement. In past years a farm hand has commanded from \$15 to \$18 a month, with board. This year they are commanding \$25 a month, board, washing and certain other privileges about the farm, but even these inducements do not bring the desired help.

## RESOLUTIONS OF MODERN WOODMEN.

Memorial of the M. W. A. upon the death of our esteemed neighbor Patrick J. Kearney which occurred Feb. 17, at Downers Grove, Ill. Our faithful neighbor having been called by the Great Creator of the forest from our camp, it is fitting to say a word touching his life among us. He practiced the art that is courted by mankind, namely, charity, and in its broadest sense. Help the needy was his constant plea and the lesson he taught the neighbors in true fraternalism will never be forgotten. He was always sociable and ever ready to forgive an affront of another. We shall miss him, no more shall tears stream down his pallid cheeks or the voice of calamity wound his generous spirit; as he has done to others so we will do to him. Resolved, that a copy of their memorials be sent his family, a copy be printed in the REPORTER and a copy be spread on our records. W. H. Edwards, C. L. Sharp, C. F. Foster, committee.

## LOTUS CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Last Thursday evening the members of the Lotus Club, and other friends were delightfully entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Schachner at their home on Gilbert avenue. The invitations were given the men requesting that they hold their regular mid-week rehearsal there, and the early part of the evening was spent in that way. A surprise awaited them, however, for shortly after 9 o'clock Mrs. Schachner led the way to the dining room where a charming luncheon was served. Mrs. C. K. Coleman and B. L. Kellogg were prevailed upon to render several choice readings, and these, interspersed with music made the moments seem to pass very rapidly. At an hour somewhat late for boys so young the little company broke up, proclaiming the evening one to be long remembered.

## ROADS ARE IN POOR CONDITION.

The public highways were never in a more deplorable condition than they have been the past ten days. The amount of rain-fall and the frost leaving the ground resulted in mud to a depth seldom experienced and roads that have generally withstood the opening up of spring in fair shape are now in a terrible condition. The result of the whole thing will be that highway commissioners will be called on this year to expend more money than common in graveling the roads and putting them in passable shape again. While farmers and all persons compelled to travel now have found it difficult, yet no class have experienced more difficulty than the rural mail carriers. These men certainly earn double the pay allowed them by the government.

## NOTICE OF TOWNSHIP PRIMARIES.

Notice is hereby given that a primary election for the nomination of township officers for the township of Downers Grove will be held on Saturday, March 21, 1903, from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. Officers to be nominated are supervisor, assistant supervisor, assessor, collector, town clerk, one commissioner of highways and two justices of the peace to fill vacancy. Polls will be open at the Downers Grove village hall, the Hinsdale village hall and the Lace hall. By order committee. J. McCintock, J. W. Rogers, J. F. Smart, committee.

## MILINERY OPENING.

A large assortment of all the new and beautiful spring hats at moderate prices. Call and see them. Miss Goodspeed, bank building.

## Bachelor Maids' Masque

Ten Young Women Elaborately Entertain Saturday Evening.

Fifty Guests in Costly Outfits, Gown and Dainty Dinner En Route at Carpenter's Hall. Roman senators, staid colonial mariners and gallant, dainty flower girls, cadets, sailors, gypsies, wooden-shod Dutchmen, cowboys, Indians and clowns, danced Saturday night at the masque fancy dress party given by "The Bachelor Maids" at Carpenter's hall. Stately court gallants trod measures with modern summer girls; innocent maidens and Spanish courtiers flirted with Fauntleroy and jokers in one and bells, while Columbia and Night in star bespangled gowns kept time to the music with Indians and fierce cowboys. And the realistic yellow kid, the living sun flower, Red Riding hood, quakers, house maids and plain dominoes all joined in the fun and frolic with their identity hidden behind masques until ten o'clock.

Fifty guests were present when the march began at 8:30 o'clock led by Fred L. Innes in a clown's costume and Miss Mabel Radell as Columbia. Partners were chosen for the march by distributing favors, corresponding articles denoting the assignments. Following the march a short program of dances was given previous to ten o'clock, the hour of unmasking, when exclamations of surprise or satisfaction proclaimed whether or not the disguises had been successfully penetrated.

The young ladies who gave the party were Misses Laura Hagman, Mabel Kunt, Edith Graham, Gertrude Fraedrich, Lillian Hancock, Mabel Radell, Mabel Rutherford, Edith Earnest, Ethel Edwards and Nellie Carpenter.

Among the costumes worn Mrs. E. H. Huntington as the yellow kid was perhaps the most mystifying and unique. Mr. Huntington was a sailor. E. B. Kellogg was a Roman senator while Mrs. Kellogg wore a colonial costume. Max H. Schachner dressed as a cowboy, and Mrs. Schachner appeared as a colonial maid. M. A. Schachner wore a Fauntleroy costume, his wife a school girl. Mrs. J. W. Hughes was an old fashioned girl, Mr. Hughes appeared as a ghost. Mrs. W. H. Radell was a German peasant. Hugh M. White as a sailor, Mrs. White as a house maid. Miss Edith Graham made a capital Red Riding Hood, Miss Mabel Radell as a Fauntleroy maiden, Miss Lillian Hancock appeared as a sunflower, Miss Ina Hall quakers, Miss Edith Earnest gypsies, Miss Laura Hagman Spanish senorita, Miss Mabel Rutherford night, Miss Ethel Edwards flower girl, Miss Mabel Austin gypsies, Miss Gertrude Fraedrich house maid, Miss Edith Rankin summer girl, Miss Grace White peasant, Miss Lucy Darnley cards, Miss Nellie Carpenter university girl. Among the gentlemen Will Blodgett was a capital Dutchman, John Wernuth Indian, Gay Earnest court jester, Chas. Wells colonial, Will Lampe cowboy, Edward Foster court costume, Arthur Hughes cadet, Fred Innes clown, Arthur Maxwell cadet. Mrs. Cora Hancock and W. H. Radell acted for the young ladies as a reception committee. During the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

## ANSWERS BY EXPERTS.

Under the caption "Answers by Experts" the Chicago Record-Herald publishes daily an article by an authority of national reputation on some topic of every day interest to nearly all newspaper readers. Some problem of family or school life is considered in every Monday issue; methods of developing health and vigor are treated on Tuesdays; various movements and social phenomena attracting popular attention on Wednesdays; natural means for promoting good health and good looks for women on Thursdays; momentous decisions in the lives of eminent men, related by themselves on Fridays; and "Modern Thoughts about the Bible," presenting the different views of eminent theologians on important Bible topics on Sundays. "Answers by Experts," in brief, tells you things you want to know and are written by men and women who know. The list of contributors of high standing is the most extensive ever announced by any American newspaper.

## ANNUAL VILLAGE ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, the 21st day of April, 1903, at the village hall, in the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county and state of Illinois, an election will be held for the purpose of electing the following officers for the year: Supervisor, assistant supervisor, assessor, collector, town clerk, one commissioner of highways and two justices of the peace to fill vacancy. Polls will be opened at 2 o'clock p. m. and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. Dated this 17th day of March, 1903.