

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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## Neighboring News Notes

### Colored Picnickers Riot at Batavia Last Sunday.

Nasca Boy Severely Injured in Threshing Accident—Runaway Boy Loses Limbs at West Chicago—Other News From Exchanges.

A large party of Chicago negroes, many of them women, terrorized the town of Batavia Sunday afternoon, destroying property, threatening life, fighting citizens and defying the local constabulary. Two negroes and one white man were seriously injured in the fighting between the negroes, who were out on a church picnic and the authorities and a score more received slight hurts. The trouble started when a negro intruded into the garden of a wealthy citizen and pulled up the plants from the flower beds. When the mistress of the house remonstrated she was slapped by one of the negroes. An appeal to the town officials brought a policeman to the scene, and when he attempted to place the negro woman under arrest he was set upon by the other blacks and beaten into insensibility. Sheriff Burke and a posse of deputies later arrested the leaders of the riot.

Earl Moran, of Waukegan, begged his comrades to give him something to end his suffering when an engine on the Northwestern railroad ran over and cut off both his legs at West Chicago. The boy is in a critical condition in a Chicago hospital. With Charles Adams, also of Waukegan, he started to beat his way to Chicago from Waukegan. In jumping from a baggage car at West Chicago to avoid detection by the railroad employees Earl jumped in front of an engine, which cut off one of his legs below the knee and the other just above that joint.

A shocking accident occurred while setting the machine previous to threshing for Julius Sopher who resides near Itasca. Wm. Mahler and his son, Willie, were adjusting certain parts of the engine when the father told the boy to loosen up the clutches on the drive wheel. While doing so, his father absent mindedly turned on the steam. Willie's right arm was caught and twisted, breaking the joint. He was twice carried around the wheel before it could be stopped. His arm was in a frightful condition, the bones protruding through the flesh.

A new world's record for a railroad in practical operation is expected to result from a special test to be made by a special geared motor car on the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago railroad this fall. A speed of 100 miles an hour will be obtained, it is expected, by the use of this car, which is now being built. The General Electric company asked permission to use the line for the test, the success of which is counted upon radically to alter the policy of suburban electric roads in the future.

Hereafter County Judge Ruth will decide the sanity or insanity of all persons in DuPage county whose reason is held in question. Under the old law a commission of two physicians, appointed by the county judge, were empowered to decide such cases. The new law makes it the duty of the judge to personally conduct such trials before a person can be committed to the asylum.

Two great railroads, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Great Northern are, it is understood, to be consolidated by James J. Hill, who holds the controlling interest in both roads. Samuel Hill, son of the magnate, is to be placed in complete charge of the two roads, which will have general offices in Chicago.

Three cars were smashed up and eleven piled up at 12 o'clock the other night on the E. J. & E. road at Spaulding in a break and come together accident. No one was hurt but traffic was delayed for several hours.

For the first time in over 50 years there will be no county fair at Rockford this fall. The grounds have been purchased and will be used for other purposes.

Hosen Willard, who is superintending the work of demolishing the old court house at Sycamore, worked through the entire job of erecting it 50 years ago.

E. O. Halloran, a laborer employed at Western Springs, was killed early Friday morning of last week by a C. R. & Q. suburban train near the depot.

### A NEW BOOK ABOUT NEBRASKA.

The best and most comprehensive work on Nebraska ever produced has just been issued by the Burlington Route. It has 48 finely illustrated pages packed full of just the sort of information a prospective settler wants. In addition there is a large sectional map of the state which is accurate in every detail. There is no country under the sun where men of push and energy have a better chance to succeed. It is a paradise for "good reamers," for they will not be compelled to rent long in Nebraska. Send today for a copy of the book. No charge. P. B. Eustis, Passenger traffic manager, 200 Adams street, Chicago.

## WRITES OF AFRICAN MISSIONARIES.

Miss Grace E. Stover Gives Extracts From Letters of Rev. W. M. Stover.

I have been asked for some of the extracts from the letters of my uncle and aunt who are missionaries in Africa. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley M. Stover were sent to the mission in Benguela, West Central Africa, about 22 years ago, and there, except for the brief intervals of two visits home, they have been ever since. For the benefit of the uninitiated let me say that Benguela is their base and is in Portuguese territory, 200 miles south of the mouth of the Kongo river. If exact connections are made at London and Lisbon, their port is reached in about two and one half months after leaving New York. Mail often makes the trip in two months.

My uncle's mission, or "station" as they call it, is on a high plateau 200 miles inland from Benguela. This is traveled on mule-back by the missionaries and as many of the natives as happen to own mules—the rest go afoot—the journey consuming about two weeks. The climate at the coast is very unhealthy, so the caravans always start inland as soon as possible after the arrival of a steamer. Contrary to most of our expectations, the climate of Balundu, where the mission is located, is delightful, never reaching extremes. The Portuguese, as a rule, are very friendly to the missionaries, although the late war there caused some difficulties. The following extract from one of my uncle's letters tells of one experience they had:

"Everything is quiet now and work going on as usual. The fort arrested one of my boys," (all the men of the mission are boys regardless of age.) "and put him in prison with stocks on his feet for going out to preach after the war was over as he had been doing before that. You may be sure that it did not take me long to get up to that fort after the word of his arrest reached me. I did not come home without him although I promised not to allow any more to go out for the time. The matter was settled by the fort withdrawing all objections. The captain general who arrested the young man is a stranger here, having just received his appointment to the office, so he naturally believed the stories then in vogue about our having sympathized with the insurgents against the government and having harbored fugitives whom the government was trying to catch, but now he has been here long enough to see for himself and is very friendly indeed."

The following extracts are from my aunt's last letter: "I have had to take up kindergarten work. We had with us a kindergarten teacher for two years and when she went to another station I had to take her place. There were over seventy little people and only two teachers this year just past, so we were obliged to harness in some native helpers. These people are clever imitators and clay modelling is one of the things they excel in, and enjoy it hugely. We have a sand table, and the little girls have small 'spis,' the pasties with which they pound their corn, baskets, etc., and imitate in their play the work of the women. Also I saved up a quantity of spoons. These with little sticks about the size and length of a lead pencil, gave them material for many an object to pattern—the late war having furnished them with many ideas. All this work, while taking our time, strength and thought, amply repays us. Also it gets the children into the habit of coming to school, which helps them when they get older and come to the other school. Most of their parents realize this also, and on the last day when we gave a public exhibition many of them expressed their appreciation of what we were doing for their children. Many of these little people had to walk two miles, and during part of the school term the rains are very heavy. Eighteen of the older children made scrap books for themselves. This made me a great deal of work, but I feel rewarded, for the parents, elder brothers and sisters, and others seem to enjoy them equally as much as the children themselves. Sewing is also taught, drawing, weaving, chain making, braiding, etc."

The very little ones string pieces of cloth an inch or so square. When the string is long enough the teacher sews it into a pad and the delighted child carries it home to "mother" to put on top of her head when she carries a heavy basket of corn or wood. The pad is called an "ohata."

Wouldn't you laugh at some of their names? For instance, here is Jennie, so called because she had such a big head they said she looked like Mr. Stover's mule. I won't try your patients writing the names, you couldn't pronounce them anyway—but here is what some of them mean: One is 'father of a hippopotamus,' another 'mother of a spirit,' another 'father of a pipe,' a 'lion,' a 'fox,' a 'billy goat.' They are even called 'Mr. Stover,' 'Mr. Saunders' and 'Mr. Fay.' The last two names are my uncle's assistants in the mission. GRACE E. STOVER.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

Watermelons at Gerwig's. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Vote for J. W. Hughes for trustee next Tuesday.

Miss M. Maja White is in Ottawa for a two weeks' visit. Miss Edith Atwood returns today to her home at Vandalla.

Geo. Lee of Hinsdale was calling on friends here Saturday. Mrs. Lucinda Chandrais visited in Downers Grove last week.

Dr. W. C. Barber and F. L. Mertz were Aurora visitors Sunday. Warren H. Jones is spending his vacation at Georgian Bay resorts.

Frank D. Comar is expected home from Gladstone, Mich. this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Weber have moved to the city where they will reside.

Mrs. W. W. Tucker has been spending several weeks with relatives in Chicago. Geo. and Samuel Hofferl attended the funeral of a cousin in Chicago Tuesday.

Mrs. U. Wasley and two sons of Dixon have been visiting Mrs. Frank O. Dowe.

Bert C. White leaves Saturday for a visit with his father at Rochester, Minn. Theo. Lyons and family of Lansing, Mich., visited relatives and friends here last week.

Misses Eva Heim and Anna Getch of Naperville spent Sunday with Miss Laura Baker. Miss Daisy McKenzie has been entertained at the home of Mrs. F. D. Comar the past week.

Samuel F. Haller leaves today for a two weeks' trip to Denver and other Colorado points. Mrs. Hillard of Chicago returned from Texas last week and will visit friends here soon.

Mrs. Roberta Ross is spending a few weeks visiting relatives at Waverly and Randall, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnhart and M. B. Downer and family took an outing at South Haven last week. Miss Edna Hamphill has just returned from a three weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. F. A. Daley of Chicago.

Do not forget that next Tuesday is special election day. Go to the polls and vote for J. W. Hughes for trustee. E. W. Bond returned Friday evening from a vacation trip to Colorado and New Mexico and other points in the west.

Delbert Austin now drives a fast trotter, a splendid looking blooded horse, and rides in a new rubber-tired buggy.

John Wheeler, the bee culturist of Oak Park, gave us a pleasant call Wednesday on his way to Plano, his former home.

Samuel Kenison and Edward Giddings left last week with a party of friends for a week's outing at White Lake, Mich.

The work of laying the pipes of the LaGrange Gas company, in Main street, is making rapid progress and the work will be completed this week.

One of the worst hail storms in the history of the county passed over this section last week Wednesday doing much damage to crops and window glass.

John L. DeGroot who recently graduated from the law school of the Michigan university has begun the practice of law at Tallequah, Ind. Ter., where he has opened an office.

Our townsman A. B. Austin and daughter went to Aurora Tuesday to complete arrangements with T. Otto Flak for placing a monument in the family lot at Cass. The work will be placed within a few weeks.

Parents or those who have control of children between the ages of 6 and 14 are compelled to send them to school the entire school year under the new law instead of 14 weeks as heretofore. The fine is from \$5 to \$25 for each offense and costs of suit, and the person so offending shall stand committed until paid. Any person who makes a false statement in regard to the age to evade this law is liable in a fine of not less than \$3 or more than \$20.

Died, Saturday, August 28th, at her home in West Grosedale of pulmonary hemorrhage of the heart, Mrs. Roxanna Wheeler Briggs. Funeral was held at the house Aug. 13, at 4 p. m. Burial was made in Milwaukee, Friday, Aug. 14. Mrs. Briggs leaves to mourn her loss one son and two daughters. She was a devoted wife and mother and the widow of Ansel F. Briggs. The family resided in the Grove at the time of Mr. Briggs' fatal accident in 1898.

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heart's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Allison are visiting at Detroit. Miss Mildred Potter is visiting with Mrs. Grace White.

Mrs. Frank I. Gorman is visiting friends at Ravenswood. Mrs. H. E. Saunders visited in Beloit the latter part of last week.

Dr. W. C. Barber will leave Saturday for Colorado to be gone ten days. Miss Amanda Baker spent the past two weeks with relatives in Aurora.

Mrs. Wm. R. Wells left Tuesday for a visit with her aunt at Sorens, Ill. Henry Wolfersheim and family visited in Naperville a part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Leech were visitors of the chautauqua at Aurora Friday. Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Mason left yesterday for a visit with her parents at Quincy.

Mrs. R. R. Pattison spent last week with her son, Ernest, at Chicago Heights. Mrs. F. D. Comar will take a vacation September 1, extending through the winter.

Miss Sadie A. Thompson has returned from her summer vacation spent at Eustis, Neb. Miss Willet and Miss Heerner of Chicago were guests of Mrs. Frank O. Dowe Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shurte were visitors of the popular resorts at South Haven last week. Miss Margaret Bode of Chicago was the guest of Miss Daisy McKenzie Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. F. Comar and daughter Agnes spent two days at the home of Mrs. G. Hillard in Chicago. President Mochel has appointed Fred Hofferl as policeman to succeed Martin White, resigned.

John Carroll of Chicago visited Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie last Sunday and enjoyed the day playing ping pong. C. F. Davis and family have returned from a two weeks' outing on the banks of the placid stream at Fullersburg.

Mrs. Dan J. Miley and family returned Monday from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Hinsdale. Lieut. H. W. Stickle of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., spent last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. M. Muzzey.

Practically all the factories and green houses have been shut down for a week in order to put new flues in their boilers. E. C. Stanley has purchased for his livery the fine coach horse and rubber-tired surrey recently owned by V. Simonson.

Lost—Girls straw hat, on road south of Downers Grove. Finder please leave at Bush & Simonson's drug store and receive reward.

Thos. Banning gives prompt attention to trunks or baggage and express teaming. Telephone 293, or leave orders at Curtiss & Heart's.

All the business houses will close Labor day, Monday Sept. 7, at noon on account of the Firemen's picnic. The markets will close at 11 o'clock.

Miss Nellie Carpenter has returned from a two weeks' visit with her cousin Miss Helen Johnson, at their summer home at the Dells of Wisconsin, near Kibbourn.

Capt. Rogers arranged with T. Otto Flak, Aurora, to place a monument in the west cemetery for the Eliza Beardley estate. The work was satisfactorily placed last week.

Capt. T. S. Rogers started last Friday for a ten days trip in the east. He will first go to St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and then to New York City and other points. He will return about September 1st.

The fire department was called out Sunday afternoon by a small blaze at the residence of James Henderson, 159 Lincoln avenue. Children, while playing, overturned a gasoline stove. Prompt work by members of the family put out the fire before the firemen arrived.

Frank Prentiss took a change of venue in the first case brought against him by the village in Justice Graham's court to Justice Baldy at Lisle. The village took a further change to Justice Schwartz at Naperville who fined Prentiss \$10 and costs for disturbing the peace. Four other warrants have been sworn on Prentiss and Jake Klein as a result of the disturbance of a few weeks ago. The cases are set for hearing in Justice Schwartz's court at Naperville today.

## DEATH OF ELLIAN ROOT.

Prominent DuPage County Resident for More Than Fifty Years.

Elijah Root, who for more than half a century has been a resident of Lisle township, died at his home south-west of the village Wednesday, August 19, 1903, after an illness of several months, aged 89 years.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, August 21, at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Truman E. Greene of West Fullman conducted the services and burial was made in the West cemetery.

Elijah Root was born in Benson, Vermont, September 26, 1811, where he lived until he was 21 years of age. He then came to Illinois and later was joined by his parents, Martin and Abigail Root, and they located on the farm in Lisle township where the family have always lived. Mr. Root spent nearly two years in the gold fields of California and upon his return was married to Jennette Kenyon. To them eight children were born, three of whom are living, Mrs. Wm. H. Banker, Mrs. Emma D. Wheeler and Leonard T. Root. Mr. Root for about 40 years was justice of the peace and was well known and highly respected throughout the county.

## VOTE FOR J. W. HUGHES TUESDAY.

The special election to choose a successor to E. C. Kuenzel as village trustee will be held next Tuesday. Representative citizens have nominated J. W. Hughes for the position, a man of high character who has had ample experience, is progressive and well fitted in all ways for the office. Opposed to him is a man who has not the least qualification for the position of village trustee—Herbert Lloyd. As the Reporter pointed out several weeks ago, Lloyd's nomination was the result of a joke started by a few unthinking men and boosted along by persons who are desirous of bringing the present administration into disrepute. "Shorty" Lloyd is a man of absolutely no ability, is without principle and his election would be a direct slap at the decent and moral element of the village. Therefore it is up to the voters to go to the polls next Tuesday and turn Lloyd down and do it good and hard. Let it be shown conclusively that the respectable voters of Downers Grove will not for a moment stand for a man of Lloyd's calibre, by electing J. W. Hughes by the largest majority ever given an aldermanic candidate.

## NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 1st day of September, 1903, at the village hall in the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois, a special election will be held to elect one member of the village board of trustees to fill the unexpired term of, and vacancy on said board caused by the resignation of E. C. Kuenzel. That the polls will be open at 7 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m. Dated this 4th day of August, 1903. BERT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

## HOW IS YOUR EYESIGHT?

The optical business heretofore conducted by C. O. Durran, Master of Optics, will from now on be transacted at our store. Your eyes will be scientifically and properly tested and fitted. C. O. Durran, M. O., will be retained at the head of the optical department. Henry J. Durran, Naperville, Ill., Successor to Collins & Durran.

Rev. H. E. Chase has returned from his vacation and will officiate at St. Andrews Episcopal church Sunday, Aug. 30. Sunday school 2:15 p. m. Evening prayer with sermon 8 p. m. Seats free, all are welcome.

Word has been received announcing the marriage of Miss Kate Stevenson of our village to Mr. Clark Hudson of Spokane, Washington, July 15. The bride is the daughter of W. R. Stevenson and has many friends in Downers Grove who join the Reporter in extending congratulations.

The fall term of the Metropolitan business college of Chicago will open Tuesday, September 1. Several young people of Downers Grove are planning to take commercial or stenographic courses this year and before making arrangements we would advise that they thoroughly investigate this excellent college. Its facilities are unequalled in the country. A handsome prospectus will be mailed free. Address Metropolitan business college, New Powers building, Chicago.

The First Baptist church of Champaign, Ill., extend to Dr. Geo. C. Moos of La Porte a unanimous call to the pastorate of that church. That Dr. Moos will accept is practically a certainty, as the opportunity at Champaign are such that the La Porte pastor feels that he should accept. The call also carries with it an increase of salary. The expectation is that Dr. Moos will conclude his labors in this city within a month, following which he will take up his new work at Champaign.—La Porte Herald.

## Tennis Finals Saturday.

Closing Games of Tournament to be Played Saturday Afternoon. Bryce and Stover the Contenders—Huntling to Play Challenge Match With E. E. Huntington, Jr.

Much interest is being manifested in local sporting circles in the lawn tennis tournament among the members of the Downers Grove Tennis club. Last Saturday was the second day of the tournament. A number of members have defaulted so that only six men will actually play. Such a loss to Hughes Saturday, the 15th, in a three set match by the score 6-1, 6-1. Last Saturday Hughes lost to Stover in a three set match 6-3, 6-0, and Pridham to Bryce 6-4, 4-6, 8-4. This last match aroused considerable interest. It was very closely contested throughout, there being many duce games in each set. Pridham is considered a good player and was right in the game from start to finish.

Now it is up to Bryce and Stover to play the finals, the match being set for Saturday, Aug. 29. As this is a five set match Bryce's lack of training will probably lessen his chances of winning. At all events whoever lives through this match will have his hands full with Huntington in the challenge match which will probably be played the following Saturday. There will be good tennis in both the finals and the challenge. Either will be well worth attending.

Through the courtesy of J. W. Rogers the club has had the use of the convenient grounds on Highland avenue and for the finals and the challenge will special provision for the comfort of spectators will be made. The success of the tournament has been such that a woman's tennis tournament is projected to be played in the near future. There are a number of young ladies in the village who are experts on the right angled green and an abundance of good tennis is expected.

## AN ORDINANCE OF LEVYING TAX.

Be it ordained by the president and board of trustees of the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois:

Section 1. That the sum of six thousand six hundred and twenty five dollars, (\$6,625), be and the same be hereby levied upon all property subject to taxation within the village of Downers Grove, DuPage county, Illinois, as the same is assessed and equalized for state and county purposes for the current year, said amount of six thousand six hundred and twenty five dollars, (\$6,625), being the sum heretofore ascertained by said president and board of trustees, as the total amount of appropriations for all corporate purposes legally made and to be collected from the tax for this fiscal year. The following are in detail the purposes for which such appropriations are made and respectively the amounts appropriated for each purpose, to-wit: For services of policeman and certain village officers, \$1,800; for street lighting, \$2,500; for improvements in streets and alleys, \$1,200; for miscellaneous claims against village, \$750; for payment of interest on the general bonds of village, \$575; for sinking fund for the payment of general bonds of village, \$800.

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the manner required by law.

Passed August 17th, A. D. 1903. Approved August 17th, A. D. 1903. CHAS. MOORE, President of the board of trustees of the village of Downers Grove. Attest, BERT C. WHITE, Clerk. Published August 27th, A. D. 1903.

## CASS ITEMS.

Miss Lulu Harts of Monticello, Ind., is visiting relatives in Cass. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Powell of Chicago, who have been spending a week with Mrs. and Miss John Snyard, returned home yesterday. Mrs. A. C. Drown, the champion angler of Cass, catches a four-pound bass with a spoon hook last week. Mrs. Mary Welch of Chicago is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Patrick Welch. Miss Sharp of Littlefield spent a few days with Miss Littlefield. Several people of Cass attended the Aurora chautauque last week, among them being Miss Lillian Littlefield, Mrs. F. H. Freeman, Mrs. W. H. Smart and Miss Grace Smart. Miss Nettie Reader gave a birthday party last Tuesday to a number of her young friends. Elmer O'Connell and family spent Sunday with Mrs. O'Connell at Lisle. Madame Mary and Patrick Welch and Geo. Welch of Lisle spent Tuesday with Mrs. O'Connell. The 12-year-old daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Powell of Chicago who was spending a few days with the family of Chas. O'Connell, returned home last Tuesday with a number of the cream from an acre of land and fell to the ground of twelve feet, but she was unharmed.