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## Death of James Wallace

### Succumbs to Heart Failure Saturday After Extended Illness.

Mrs. Eliza E. Waples, Mother of Wm. S. and L. B. Waples Died Sunday Morning—The Funeral Services Held Tuesday.

James R. Wallace, a well known and highly respected resident of Downers Grove, died at his home, 74 North Main street, Saturday noon, aged 55 years. The direct cause of his death was heart trouble though this was aggravated by other ailments. For more than four years Mr. Wallace had been in poor health. He had, however, been confined to his home but a few weeks and it was only a week ago that his condition became such that he took to his bed. His suffering was intense and despite every effort and attention the end came Saturday. With him in his last moments were his brother, J. G. Wallace and wife, and his sisters, Misses Emma and Alice Wallace.

The funeral was held from the residence Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Herbert Rood conducted the services and spoke in eulogy of Mr. Wallace's life and character. Burial was made in the West cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. E. O. Stanley, A. L. Palmer, Chas. Oldfield, Frank A. Rogers, Jas. Sucher and Jonas W. Tucker.

James R. Wallace was purely a product of Downers Grove township, his birthplace and home during his entire lifetime. The youngest son of the late John Wallace, he was born Dec. 20, 1849, on the farm his father pre-empted from the government ten years before. On the death of his father he took over the management of the farm and continued to reside there with his sisters until coming to the village four years ago.

Mr. Wallace was well known in this vicinity. Since a boy and young man he has been esteemed for his many good qualities, his generous spirit and pleasant disposition. These characteristics gained him many friends to whom the announcement of his death comes as a shock, while to the bereaved brother and sisters it is a loss they keenly feel and from which they will not soon recover for he was a kind brother and good friend. Surviving him are his brother, J. G. Wallace, and sisters, Misses Emma and Alice Wallace. Mr. Wallace was unmarried.

### MRS. ELIZA ESTHER WAPLES.

Mrs. Eliza Esther Waples died at the home of her son, W. S. Waples, 124 Prince avenue, last Sunday morning after an illness of five weeks, aged 63 years. Death was due to general debility and nervous complications. At her bedside were her sons and daughter who lovingly ministered to her wants and made her closing moments peaceful.

Funeral services were held from the residence Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Harold Morse, acting for Rev. Charles Scadding, rector of Emanuel church of LaGrange, read the impressive burial service of the Episcopal church. Interment was made in the West cemetery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Geo. E. Shipman, A. F. Daniels, R. W. Bond, L. F. Edwards, James Sopar and E. T. Vora.

Mrs. Waples was the widow of Alexander Waples and was born at Princess Ann, Md., Sept. 25, 1835. Her life was spent chiefly in Baltimore and other points in Maryland until she came to make her home with her son in Downers Grove five years ago. She was a member of Emanuel Episcopal church of LaGrange and always took a deep interest in the work of the church. She is survived by two sons, Wm. S. and L. B. Waples of Downers Grove and one daughter, Mrs. Samuel F. Miles of Winster Park.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Richardson, Mrs. John W. Davy, Geo. E. Shipman, Thos. Walters, Ed. T. Lipsey, Geo. S. Forbes, Arthur M. Lucius, Mrs. L. B. Lamberton and Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Miles, all of Chicago.

### LIKES OUTLOOK FOR TEXAS LANDS.

Frank A. Berner has returned from a trip to El Paso, Texas, where he went to inspect the holdings of the Rio Grande Land company. He made a thorough investigation of the soil and climate conditions there and is greatly pleased with the outlook in that territory. Mr. Berner says that the land in this district is the most productive and is the most inviting field in the United States for the man who desires to farm a few acres under the most favorable circumstances as to the climate, soil, water, market and home conditions. Farmers are practically certain of a crop and orchards, vineyards and gardens of small fruits and vegetables in some cases are netting much more than \$100 per acre.

### DAINGEROUS CURTISS STREET WALKS.

Sidewalk and Bridge on that Thoroughfare in Unsafe Condition Near Congregational Church

One of the most disreputable pieces of sidewalk in the village is that on the south side of West Curtiss street between the west end of the Congregational church and W. H. Timpke's. This includes also the foot bridge over the creek which is in a beastly state of repair. The timbers are rotten and the whole structure is in a delapidated condition. The bridge is too far gone for repairs and what is needed is an entirely new structure. The walk was originally built of one inch material and has been patched and mended until the limit has been reached and it resembles a corduroy road more than anything else. Loose boards and countless holes offer an opportunity for serious injury to pedestrians. Twice has the village board condemned this walk and ordered a new one but no effort has been made by the owners of the property to comply with the ordinances, and probably none will be made. The only thing left to do is for the board to build the walk and have this special tax charged up against the property. This should be done speedily.

### CASS ITEMS.

Ira Hearst returned from St. Louis Tuesday. John Chaplin has rented S. R. Smart's farm and will move there in the spring. John Hearst is preparing to lay a large quantity of drain tile on his farm. A business meeting of the people interested in the Cass church was held Wednesday morning to make arrangements for the coming year. About fifty of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cleveland's friends and neighbors in Cass and vicinity gave them a surprise Tuesday afternoon and evening and presented them with a handsome rocking chair as a mark of esteem. Each person brought edibles until the tables were fairly loaded and all sat down and did justice to the good things provided. It was decided that J. F. Smart had a strenuous appetite for pie. Mrs. Mary Smart who is 87 years old was present. All attending declared they had an enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland will soon move to Lockport to reside, having purchased a residence there. There will be a social at Harry Gregory's Friday evening.

### TWO SMALL FIRES MONDAY.

Fire damaged the Burlington's coal and oil house at the depot to the extent of \$50 Monday morning, and scorched the rear of E. H. Prince's real estate office. E. L. Sheers' office was also damaged slightly. The fire originated in the oil room; in what manner is unknown. A sudden burst of flame shooting through the door was the first intimation of a fire. The department responded promptly to the alarm and soon had the blaze under control. Fear that the oil cans contained in the building might explode kept a crowd of spectators at a safe distance.

A second alarm was turned in Monday afternoon at four o'clock, from the residence of Harry M. Courtright. Some papers pinned behind a gasoline stove to protect the wall caught fire from the stove. The blaze was put out before the department arrived. The damage was slight.

### NUTTING PICNIC AT BARBERS CORNERS.

Mrs. Wm. Straube entertained a party of ladies at a nutting picnic in the woods at the Straube farm at Barber's Corners last Friday. In the party were Mesdames Ada Anderson, G. H. Bunge, C. V. Carpenter, Cora Hancock, E. J. W. Dietz, Samuel Curtiss, L. W. Winchester, C. R. Caldwell, W. H. Radell and Misses Kettle, Jennie Lyman and Lillian Hancock. They drove to the woods in a bus, leaving the village at 9 o'clock loaded down with baskets of provisions for their "spread" which they looked forward to more than the gathering of nuts, although each managed to gather a few handfuls in order to carry out their intent of the picnic. Only one man was present and he felt greatly honored in attending so many fair ladies. Everything was perfect, including the day, and each returned home feeling they had enjoyed a day of exceptional pleasure.

### ENTERTAINED AT CARDS FRIDAY.

Miss Laura Hughes entertained last Friday evening at her home, 59 Saratoga street, in honor of Miss Florence Rea of California. High five was discussed for a time to the satisfaction of all and later light refreshments claimed attention. "Mr. Jenkins" of the Pacific slope was introduced and his amiable ways pleased all. Old time and ragtime songs enlivened the moments. Those who shared the pleasure of the evening were: Misses Florence Rea, Belle Booth, Minnie Smith, Edith Graham, Mabel Hunt, Lee E. Stanley, H. M. Beteman, Warren H. Jones, W. H. Blodgett and H. P. Jones.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woehrel Cigar.  
Watermelons at Gerwig's.  
White Rose gasoline, Nash's.  
Additional local news on fifth page.  
Miss Libbie Dancaaster is visiting at Chenoa.

Mrs. Robert Wells has been quite sick the past week.

Furnished rooms for rent. Address box 65 Downers Grove.

Miss Florence Kepple of Belvidere is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jessie Straube, a few days.

The friends of Mrs. M. A. Marsh will be glad to know that she is able to be out again.

W. H. Edwards has moved his office fixtures into the building he recently purchased.

Miss Florence Rea of Mill Valley, California, is spending a month with Miss Laura Hughes.

Mrs. Wm. R. Wells leaves today to visit relatives for several weeks at Waukegan, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Escher of Chicago attended the funeral of their uncle, James Wallace, Tuesday.

Quite a building boom has struck Downers Grove this season and many residences have been and are to be erected.

The October meeting of the village board will be held next Monday evening at which time the contract for paving Main street will be let.

Garry Wallace and Misses Emma and Alice Wallace wish to thank their friends for the many acts of kindness shown them in their recent bereavement.

Lost—Monday afternoon between East Grove and Lisle on the plank road, a small satchel of notions. Finder please return to REPORTER office, Harry Balken.

The many friends of Mrs. Katherine Wermuth will be pleased to learn her condition is improving, slowly but steadily. There is slight doubt but that she will be fully restored to health.

Straube pianos are well known for their perfect and durable tone and superior finish and workmanship. Intending purchasers should consult E. Herzberg as to prices and terms, which are reasonable.

Systematic knocking of everything and everybody in town seem to be the aim of some public spirited people in Downers Grove no matter what the issue. Better put up the little hammers gentlemen, and see what you can do in the ranks of the boosters.

Henry Legenhausen has recently acquired a few hatches of choice red rats. These are imported animals, he says, very rare and much superior as pets. It is claimed, to guinea pigs or Belgian hares, though of course they have no value as a food product as has the latter animal.

Mrs. Wm. Barber received the sad news of the death of her mother, Mrs. Eunice Crossette, at Fairbault, Minnesota, last Friday. Mrs. Crossette had reached the remarkable age of 94 years and was one of the pioneers of Minnesota. Owing to Mr. Barber's recent illness they were not able to attend the funeral. Mrs. Crossette was a near relative of Mrs. D. H. Naramore.

A sure cure for despondency would be to visit Blondell and Feanomy's "Katzenjammer Kids," a three act comedy riot that is to appear at Hopkins theatre beginning next Sunday. The mere mention of the name "Katzenjammer" has often been the means of bringing a broad smile to the countenance of many who have been in the habit of scrutinizing the New York and Chicago papers for the ludicrous cartoons pertaining to the mischievous antics of the "kids."

The Rock River conference with which our local Methodist church is connected will meet in its annual session at Aurora this year. There are between three and four hundred ministers in this particular body; there being three other similar Methodist assemblies in the state of Illinois. The conference will continue a little more than a week and Bishop Andrews of New York will preside. Rev. Rood leaves next Tuesday afternoon for Aurora.

The Woman's club will open its season's work with the first meeting of the year next Wednesday, Oct. 7. The meeting will be devoted to business and social matters. The program for the year extends over a varied field of subjects and covers eighteen meetings in literature, current events, history, domestic science and music. This year's officers are Susan Paul Foster, president; Luella J. Dawes, vice-president; Ruth J. Stanger, recording secretary; Jennie C. Lyman, corresponding secretary; Allie L. Thomas, treasurer.

National Light oil at Nash's.  
Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.  
Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearst's.  
A stray cow awaits the owner at C. B. Blodgett's.

Dick Davis arrived home this week after an extended absence.

Miss Grace Hansom is visiting her cousin, Miss Mabel Rutherford.

Mrs. Laura Curtiss is in Rogers Park with her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Heckman.

Edward Herzberg returned Sunday from a week's business trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. H. Clement and children have returned from a three weeks' visit at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. L. S. Dickson and daughter Hazel of Irving Park spent Friday with friends in the village.

George C. Wharton, W. B. Brown and Herbert Waters of Chicago visited friends in the village Sunday.

Walter Hendricks of the Deering harvesting works renewed old acquaintanceship with the associate editor Tuesday.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Library association will be held in the library room Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 6, at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. E. E. Easton is entertaining her sister, Mrs. F. G. Dayton of Herington, Kan., and two cousins, Mrs. Swell and Mrs. Lawton of Mass.

The ladies of the Congregational church will give a dime social at the home of Mrs. D. G. Graham Tuesday evening, Oct. 9. All are cordially invited.

Next Sabbath will be the last Sabbath before conference at the Methodist church. In the evening Mr. Rood will preach on "The greatest fact in the universe."

Mrs. F. I. Mason returned home Wednesday from her visit in Quincy. While away she visited Keokuk, St. Louis, St. Joe and Burlington where a number of parties and picnics were given in her honor.

Master Harry W. Harris, the boy pianist, has selected "2d Mazurka" and "Berceuse" by Godard, and "Shepherd all and Maiden fair" by Ethelbert Nevin for the concert at the Congregational church Friday evening. Do not fail to hear him.

Mrs. M. J. Kenyon, who recently celebrated her 91st birthday, is in excellent health and in the full enjoyment of all her faculties. She has just returned to her home from her annual visit to relatives and is entertaining a few members of her family from out of town.

Mrs. W. H. Radell entertained a number of friends on Tuesday, the object aside from the day's visit was to "tie off" a comforter beautifully placed by Grandama Naramore. The ladies were Mesdames M. E. Marsh, R. T. Davis, Wm. Barber, M. McNaught, Naramore, Calla Bush and John Stanley. Mrs. Graham, Bates and Curtiss sent regrets.

The Knights of Pythias and their friends will dance Saturday night at Carpenter's hall. This is the first of a series of parties to be given by the entertainment committee this winter and the season promises to be a busy one in a social way for the members of this organization. The Ideal Dance orchestra will furnish music for the hop Saturday and the ladies have undertaken the furnishing of refreshments.

On Friday evening at the Congregational church Madam Green will make her second appearance before the citizens of Downers Grove. Those who heard her the first time well know she needs no recommendation. Her charming personality and sweet voice entranced all who had the pleasure of hearing her. She will be ably supported by home talent. Concert to begin promptly at 8 p. m. Admission, adults 25 cents, children 15 cents.

If you are deferring the laying in of your winter's supply of hard coal on the theory that there is to be a decline in price before the fall season is over you are clinging to false hopes, according to the belief of a dealer. The minimum price of anthracite was \$9.50 per ton during the panic last winter. Twice that amount was paid by some parties and others were unable to get a supply at any cost, and were obliged to burn soft coal in their furnaces. "The experience of last year has been an eye opener to people generally," continued the dealer, "and few having the means have neglected to provide for the cold weather. They are not going to get caught. The result has been that never in the history of the city have the coal dealers done such a summer's business, especially in anthracite coal."

## ENTERTAINMENT COURSE ATTRactions.

Season Tickets Now on Sale and Seat Reservations Can be Made Next Tuesday.

The committee on the entertainment course have announced the dates and attractions for this season. The course will number seven entertainments and will open with Lulu Tyler Gates and company, Oct. 24. The other attractions and their dates are as follows: Lotus club, Nov. 28; Ross Crane, cartoonist, Dec. 12; Wagner Ladies quartette and Miss Elma B. Smith, Jan. 9; Miss Olof Krarer, Esquimaux lecturer, Jan. 30; O'Neil Sketch club, Feb. 20; Mabelle Carolyn Church, reader, March 19.

Season tickets for the entertainment course have been placed in the hands of members of the committee who have them for sale at \$1.50 for the course of seven entertainments. Purchasers can procure them of the following named members: F. A. Dawes, M. Slusser, V. Fredenhagen, Dr. Gourelly, Rev. Rood, Chas. Caldwell, T. S. Rogers, F. E. Dows, Guy L. Bush, W. J. Herring, M. B. Downer, John Rutherford, Levi Metz, Chas. Carpenter, J. B. Huling, H. W. Martin, L. W. Winchester, W. S. Carpenter, Bush & Simonson, O. M. Searles and D. G. Graham. New plans of the Auditorium are being prepared and will be placed in the drug stores of W. S. Carpenter and Bush & Simonson on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6 p. m., where reserved seats can be secured without extra charge. Applicants for reserved seats will present their tickets in person. One person can select seats on tickets purchased by members of their own family, and young men for themselves and those whom they design to escort.

### WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

For the week ending Sept. 28—With clear, dry weather for a period of nearly then days, conditions have been highly favorable for farm work, and the maturing of the corn crop. A general rainfall occurred on the night of the 26, otherwise clear, sunny weather with drying winds has obtained throughout the week. Light frosts were reported but no damaging effects ensued. The temperature has been slightly below normal. The soil is in excellent condition and plowing and seeding have been actively prosecuted. The corn crop in many localities is already safe from injury, and the remainder is rapidly advancing toward maturity. While later reports indicate some injury from last week's frosts, the extent of damage is inconsiderable. The outlook now is assuring, and only severe and untoward weather conditions will affect the prospects; cutting in active operations in many localities. Pastures maintain an excellent condition. The potato crop is below average, complaints are still received of considerable rotting. Apples continue to drop and the yield will show a greatly reduced amount.

### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Local Improvements of the village of Downers Grove, Illinois, until 7 o'clock p. m., October 5th, 1903, for grading, curbing and paving a portion of Main street in said village, requiring approximately 2820 linear feet of combined concrete gutter and curb, and 7280 sq. yards of brick pavement on macadam foundation.

Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the office of Charles Mochel, Downers Grove, or at room 1715 Marquette building, Chicago.

Payments for the above work will be made by special assessment bonds bearing 5 per cent interest.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check of not less than 10 per cent of the total amount of the proposal and be made payable to Charles Mochel.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
Downers Grove, Ill., Sept. 23rd, 1903.  
W. S. SHIELDS, Engineer.

CHARLES MOCHEL, President, JOHN W. GRAVES, Secretary, GEO. B. HEARTT, board of local improvement of the village of Downers Grove.

### WARRENVILLE WOMANS CLUB TO FEDERATE

The Woman's club of Warrenville was organized in February, 1902, by Mrs. A. P. Daniels, the district vice-president. I. F. W. C. Voted at a special meeting, Sept. 19, to join the state federation, appointing Mrs. E. S. Galusha its president to represent the club at the coming convention at Cairo Oct. 20 to 23. This club has 15 active members and two associate members. The vice-president of the 11th district hopes there will be a large attendance from this district. Hopes to see every club well represented as the rates are low and the program especially fine. The Downers Grove Woman's club will be represented by Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. E. A. Root.

## Large Criminal Docket.

Twenty Cases Await the Action of the October Grand Jury.

Kane County Murderer to Hang October 22nd—Traffic Manager Eustis Has Pneumonia—Other County News from Exchange.

The largest beehive that has ever been robbed in this section of the state yielded 200 pounds of honey and gave the "robbers" an unusual experience. Bess took possession of an abandoned house belonging to Andrew Nicholson, four miles south of Stillman Valley. Recently Mr. Nicholson determined to make use of the house, but found it occupied by the busy tribe and set about to get it out. It required the aid of two other men, but the reward was both big and sweet. L. E. Loyd, living four miles north of Sycamore, had a similar experience. A swarm of bees lodged in the attic of the house and were unmolested until 100 pounds of the fruit of their labors had accumulated.

The storm of last week did considerable damage in the western and northern parts of Will county and reports from DuPage and Wheatland townships are to the effect that the cornfields are pretty well flooded in certain sections, while the DuPage river is higher than it has been in September in many years. Supervisor Boyce says the situation is very unusual. The DesPlaines river is covering the flats along its channel. The heavy rains of the past few days have soaked the ground thoroughly and the prospects for cold weather on top of the rain makes it anything but encouraging for the corn crop.

P. S. Eustis, traffic manager of the C. B. & Q., who has been critically ill of pneumonia at his home in LaGrange was pronounced better yesterday. He was first taken with the malady a week ago. It was not considered a serious case until two days ago, when he had a turn for the worse and it was thought that he could not recover. Dr. E. B. Detweiler, his physician was with him almost constantly and last night he announced that his patient had improved during the day and that he was hopeful of recovery.

The criminal docket of the October term of the circuit court bids fair to be the largest in this county in several years. There are 30 jail cases waiting the action of the grand jury. Ten of these are taking their three meals regularly with Sheriff Hiler and the other ten are out on bail. The charges which these men will have to face include almost every crime on the calendar from assault with intent to kill to petty larceny.—Journal.

Tony Romano, murderer of his fellow laborer and countryman, Nicholas Tomaso, in Aurora last February, was arraigned in the Kane county court at Geneva before Judge Henry B. Willis and sentenced to death. Romano will be hanged in the county jail yard on Friday, October 23rd. Romano murdered Tomaso with a hatchet while the latter lay asleep because Tomaso had offered him a fancied slight.

Thursday last, Mrs. Emil Ehinger undertook to light the gasoline stove when some of the gasoline which had escaped on the floor ignited setting her clothing and the house on fire. She was badly burned on her left arm and breast but is now recovering slowly. The damage to the house by fire smoke and water is estimated at from \$700 to \$1,200, and the loss on furniture from \$500 to \$800.—Journal.

A number of farmers in Naperville and Lisle townships have tested the cultivation of Alfalfa this season and find their expectations fully realized. One patch of ground at first mowing produced 12 loads of hay, 7 loads were secured as a second crop, and 30 loads are waiting to be cared for from the third growth of grass on the same field.

John Ganton the aged and wealthy Will county farmer who shot and killed his favorite son, John, July 21, died Thursday in St. Joseph hospital at Joliet. He was a victim of grief and remorse. His condition in the county jail became so bad that he was removed to the hospital several weeks ago.

The DuPage County Woman's Christian Temperance union will hold its annual convention in the Methodist church at Naperville today.

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.