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New Life in Warrenville

Sleepy and Forgotten Old Town Now Coming to Life.

Advent of New Electric Road Awakens Hopes of Possible Greatness for Ancient Village of the DuPage River Valley.

Older than is Chicago and smaller than were its own village confines fifty years ago, left out of the track of the two great western railroad systems which pass it four miles to the north and four miles to the south, and still lying half a mile to the east of the line of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago railroad, whose electric trains, operated by one of the newest methods in the application of electricity, rush by it at half hour intervals within sounding distance of the village ear—this is Warrenville, Ills., less than thirty miles to the west of Chicago, and sleeping and sleepy in a green cuplike valley of the DuPage river says the Tribune.

It was this age of electricity which rediscovered it to the world. It was not till the screech of the whistle of the electric cars disturbed its repose that Warrenville station on the road called attention to Warrenville; and even now the passenger who looks out of the window in the trains for a sight of Warrenville is fortunate if he finds it, and finding it, he must be content with a fleeting glimpse of two delicate spires rising from the two churches of the place, with a glimpse of river and valley and fringing green, and then the whirling landscape and the farms again.

Perhaps in all the geography of northern Illinois there is nothing to compare with the repose and ripened simplicity of this little town, which never had a place of incorporation on the county map. Perhaps the noisiest and busiest industry in all the village is that which marks the work of the hydraulic ram discharging water from one of the many springs of the village into the elevated tank at the summer house of Attorney William J. Manning of Chicago. The DuPage river which divides the town, is busy enough, but idly so; long ago it ceased to turn the wheel of the old custom mill. The clink of the blacksmith's hammer makes occasional music through the town, and the giant maples and honey locusts and silver poplar are loud in the summer breeze that come from the south up the valley.

But all these have been the afterthought of time and mistaken enterprise. It was the mistake of the Warrens—such a mistake as came to many other towns in the great west where railroads would not come and where, after a time, the residents of the place became reconciled and settled back and married and intermarried.

Daniel and Nancy Warren, traveling overland in white topped prairie schooners came first to the present site of Warrenville. Behind them they left the friends of a lifetime at Fredonia, N.Y.; with them they brought a legacy of seven pretty daughters and one son, Julius M. Warren. With them had come Silas B. Cobb and others of old time Chicago names and associations. Stopping first at Chicago the Warrens were dissatisfied. Old Capt. Napier had gone to the present site of Naperville and pre-empted land on both sides of the brawling DuPage river. Daniel Warren was especially displeased with the mud and muck of the Chicago of the day, and he declared finally that he was going to get away from it, and he did. He talked with Capt. Napier and Napier advised him to go up the DuPage river to some favorable point and there enter government land, as he himself had done. This was the beginning of Warrenville.

"No," said Mrs. Rhoda Fairbanks, landlady of the only boarding place in the village, "I haven't been to Chicago since the war. During the war I went there while my husband was in camp as a soldier, but I haven't been back since. Some of them here wanted me to go to the world's fair, but I was feeling poorly and it takes a lot out of a person to go to Chicago and see everything in one day and get back home again that night."

Mrs. Fairbanks went to Warrenville as a bride in the spring of 1861. She is living in the same house today over which she became mistress forty-two years ago, and, sitting in it now, alone save for the one boarder who lives there, she looks out of the window upon the one wrong which she feels she has suffered in all these years—and this wrong at the hands of a church. She calls it a long story but in brief it is this:

In all but literal fact Mrs. Fairbank's house fronts the north—the parlor is there and she entrance gate and the walk—but the doors to the house open on the east. And it is to the east that the Baptist church fronts on the other street, with its gable and almost opposite the sitting room windows of the house of the widow Fairbanks.

When the Baptist church, ten years ago or more, decided that it would be good for services there to build a row of horse sheds back of the church and along the line of the widow Fairbanks' yard, shutting off the view from all her front windows, it built them and they are there today.

This is all so long ago that a row of peach trees that Mrs. Fairbanks planted in front of the black, unseemly stalls almost hides the ugly structure, which in the summer season has its stamping, sweating plow horses fighting flies with all the abandon of the Rev. Mr. Mallory in fighting the fires for his congregation.

Behind these walls of weather beaten pine and rustling green of the peach trees Mrs. Fairbanks has nursed her wrongs, recalling how she worked to save the prospects from her dining room, and sitting room and kitchen.

"I told them first that if the sheds were built not to extend beyond the background of the church that I would not care so much. In answer they told me that this was not the front of my house at all; that the front was on the other side. Then when the sheds were built and my view destroyed the preacher came in to ask me why I did not go to church!"

So much for one of the tragedies of a country town tnat has been tragic in itself. These two churches—Baptist and Methodist—once were land marks in DuPage county. The Methodist church is the older, and in it Jude P. Gary, uncle of the present magnate of the steel trust, once led in prayer meetings with a fervor that used to awaken all the valley. He would begin with a rubbing of his hands and when he ended he frequently was lying prone upon the floor, speechless from exhaustion, and ministered to by half his hearers in order to bring back his wandering consciousness.

In the days before the war an Elder Martin of the Methodist church was invited to Warrenville, where, according to arrangement, he was to speak in the Baptist church on the question of slavery. But when the time came the privilege of the church was withdrawn and the elder took his hearers with him to "the big woods," five miles away where he talked.

With the death of Col. Warren the name of the founder disappeared in that place, but the Warren girls that came west in the white topped wagons have left ties of blood all through that section.

Forty years ago when Warrenville was at the apex of it greatness, with a population of more than 500, the Warrenville Female academy was there, with 150 pupils from all sections of the state. It had been founded by Mrs. Seraph W. Holmes, and the classic front of the dormitory still shows through the changes that have come upon it in its rehabilitation into a summer residence.

When the academy was in its prime Warrenville had also a toll water mill to which farmers came with their grists from twenty-five miles around; it had a wagon shop and made wagons; its streets were numbered First, Second, Third and Fourth streets, with limitless possibilities for greater numerals in the high rolling prairie lands beyond; and at right angles were Jefferson, Main and Washington streets and Aurora avenue.

These are there today, grass grown for the most part, with just 53 buildings lining them. There are two stores in opposition, one of which dates back more than a generation, the other comparatively new and containing the diminutive postoffice. One new house was built in 1902, another house is building this summer, and nearby a new barn is going up. Within two years two new families have taken old houses there, and F. N. Peck of Chicago within two months has moved into the historic house which was Mason Braymer's, friend of Lincoln, and who made the first digest of the first statutes of the state of Illinois.

One of the comparatively young citizens of the place is Wm. J. Manning, who came with his parents to the place by way of the great lakes, and who at 11 years old landed in the Chicago river, sick unto death. He is one of the white haired sponsors of the old village of today, and for 45 years has been working for a railroad that would come close enough to build a station to be called Warrenville. The graded track of an old narrow gauge road runs into the village, but it stopped at the uneven grading; the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., a generation ago, killed this Chicago and Millington road that was to have gone on west to the Mississippi, and goodness only knows how much beyond; and Warrenville was left to its bees and clover, to its idle river that ripples over the stones of the ruined dam and under the footbridge and across the narrow ford again; to its deserted mill, and to its converted school house in which a family finds its home—to its peace and its ashes.

"What became of everybody?" repeats Mrs. Fairbanks. "Well, some of them moved away, but I guess more of them died than moved.

Directory Curiosities.

The London Directory contains more than four pages of "Browns" in its commercial section and another page in the court portion. But the "Smiths" put even this fine record into mere insignifiance, monopolizing no fewer than nine pages all to themselves, "Harry" and "John" being responsible for a column each. Nearly eighteen pages are occupied by public-houses, six being all that are required for bakers' shops.

Explained.

Towne—Subbubs says his house is only eight miles from city hall. Browne—But it's only six miles by the railroad. Towne—Strange! He should know that if he uses the railroad. Browne—O! he knows it. He uses the railroad for six miles and walks the other two.—Philadelphia Press.

A Cough

"I have made a most thorough trial of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and am prepared to say that for all diseases of the lungs it never disappoints."—J. E. Finley, Ironton, O.

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Consult your doctor. If he says take it, then do as he says. If he tells you not to take it, then don't take it. He knows.

The first law of health—"Keep the bowels regular." Ayer's Pills are gently laxative. One is a dose. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

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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, Ills. Successor to Collins & Durran.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds Sunday services on the top floor of the Oldfield building at 10:45. Subject for October 4th, "Are sin, disease and death real." Sunday school for children at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Oldfield hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

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 renters," for they will not be compelled to rent long in Nebraska. Send today for a copy of the book. No charge. P. S. Eustis, Passenger traffic manager, 209 Adams street, Chicago.

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D M Royer to M Royer pt sec 31 38 10	$9837
O Meuhardt to J Meusching lt 2 blk 5 N add Roselle	1300
Heirs of W H Johnson to O M Plummer a 80 feet lt 1 blk 5 asst div shf neqr sec 17 39 10	1000
F Heuset to E W Mason lt 15 blk 5 Columbia Park add to Turner	250
Master Newton to Eveline Vanderhoof pt blk 10 Mallorys add to Wheaton	2500
W A Shearson to L Saser pt lt 1 blk 5 J C Wheatons add to Wheaton	600
Sarah Colby to T H Patterson lts 78 79 80 blk 31 Stoughs 2d add to Hinsdale	600
J S Peironnet to J Gast pt sec 17 39 10	2500
W F Mitchell to J Stahling lt 1 blk 1 Lisle	475
M Rickert to A Dernbach pt blk 3 J C Wheatons add to Wheaton	2900
S E Hiatt to Margaret Spencer pt blk 10 Mallorys add to Wheaton	900
Sarah Fleetwood to C Fleetwood lts 24 25 Hills of Lombard	700
John Stanley to Chas Mochel pt blk 4 original Downers Grove	5000
Effie Ott to W Ackterfeld lt 5 blk 4 Danby	550
G W Harvey to L B Waples lt 11 blk 16 Princes add to Downers Grove	200
A J Thompson to Anna Meyers pt sec 8 49 11	1000

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Harry Wheeler, deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Harry Wheeler, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of DuPage County, at the court house in Wheaton, at the Dec. term, on the first Monday in Dec. next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 28th day of September, A. D. 1903.

GOODRICH & FISCHER, Attorneys. D. G. GRAHAM, Administrator.

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This paint is made of purest and most durable materials combined with a large proportion of India Rubber in such a manner as to form a smoothe, glossy, firm, durable, elastic, durable paint.

OUR HYGIENIC KALSOMINE

We guarantee that our Kalsomine will cover more surface and do a better job than any of the various so-called "Wall Finishes" on the market. All shades and white. Use it on your wall.

Senour's Floor Paint

Specially made for floors It will cement up the cracks and make a hard and serviceable covering. Makes a surface as hard as stone.

Rogers' Stainfloor Finish.

A combination transparent stain and finish for floors, tough and durable.

THE DOWNERS GROVE DIRECTORY

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. Herbert H. Rood, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12:00 m Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 Epworth League Sunday evening at 6:00.

CONGREGATIONAL—Dr. C. Reynolds, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a m and 7:30 p m. Sunday School at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. Christian Endeavor Sunday evening at 6:30.

BAPTIST—Rev. H. Booth Hazen Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a m and 7.30 p m Bible school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00 Baptist Union Sunday at 6:30 p m.

EV. ASSOCIATION; GERMAN—Rev. Chr. Ott, Pastor. Services Sunday 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p m. Sunday Scool 9:30 a m. Young Peoples' Alliance 6:45 p m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL, St. Andrew's Mission—Rev. H. E. Chase, Rector. Service Sunday at 3:30 p m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Jas. Pridham, Supt.

GERMAN LUTHERAN—Rev. J. W. Weber Pastor. Services every other Sunday at 2 p m in the Congregational church. Sunday School before service.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC—Rev. C. J. Votypka Rector. Mass every Sunday morn at 8 and 10:30 o'clock. English sermon 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month. Mass every week day morning at 8 o'clock.

SOCIETIES.

GROVE LODGE 824 A. F. & A. M. Meets every second and forth Friday evening in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. J. H. Griffiths, W. M. Bert C. White, Secretary.

VESTA CHAPTER 242 O. E. S. Meets second and forth Tuesday of each month in Masonic Hall. Visiting members always welcome. Mrs. E. Miller, W. M. Mrs. Louie E. Hall, Secretary.

NAPER POST 468 G. A. R. Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Visiting comrades always welcome. T. S. Rogers, Commander. Geo. T. Hughes Adjutant.

HONOR CAMP, 3079, R. N. A. Meets in Carpenter's hall on second Tuesday evening of each month. Visiting neighbors always welcome. Elizabeth S. Dexter, Oracle; Myrtle E. Collier, Recorder.

DOWNERS GROVE LODGE 750 I. O. O. F Meets every Saturday evening in hall Central block. Visiting brothers cordially invited. John Browning, N. G. H. F. Legenhausen, Rec. Sec

VICTORY COUNCIL 110 ROYAL LEAGUE Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in Workmen hall. John Gollan, Archon. Chas. Colwell, Scribe.

MAPLE CAMP 898 M. W. A. Meets in Carpenter hall on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting neighbors always welome Fred Innis, V. C. W. H. Barnhart, clerk.

MAPLE GROVE LODGE 529 K. OF P. Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month. Visiting Knights cordially invited. Daniel Latimer, C. C. T. G. Vernon, K. of R. and S.

DOWNERS GROVE TENT, No. 142 Knights of the Maccabees. Meets second and fourth Wednesdays in each month in Carpenter's hall, Chas. Peters, Commander. Julius Johnson, Record Keeper.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

County Seat	Wheaton
Treasurer	Frank J. Knight
Recorder and Circuit Clerk	T. M. Hull
County Judge	Linus C. Ruth
States Attorney	Maxziul Slusser
County Clerk	H. F. Lawrence
Sheriff	Joseph M. Hiser
Superintendent of Schools	R. T. Morgan
Surveyor	Geo. H. Wilson
Coroner	N. E. Matter

VILLAGE OFFICERS.

President	Chas. Mochel
Trustees—C. H. Staats, C. F. Davis, Geo. B. Heartt E. C. Kuenzel, J. W. Graves, C. K. Roe	
Collector	J. W. Nash
Attorney	L. W. Winchester
Police Magistrate	D. G. Graham
Fire Marshal	Sam Hoffert
Clerk	Bert C. White
Treasurer	J. W. Rogers
Street Commissioner	W. H. Mertz
Chief of Police	Martin White
Superintendent Water Works and Electric Light Plant	G. C. Babel

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.

Supervisor	Jas. McClintock, Hinsdale
Assistant Supervisors	C. B. Blodgett Downers Grove; Frank H. Cramer, Lace, P.O
Town Clerk	Nelson Webster Hinsdale
Assessor	F. A. Rogers, Downers Grove
Collector	Conrad Buschman
Justice of the Peace	J. W. Tucker
Commissioners of Highways	Peter Leibundguth, J. P. Mohr C. H. Warkentine

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

President	D. G. Graham
Secretary	O. M. Searles
Members—C. B. Blodgett, M. Slusser, L. W. Winchester, B. C. White, F. E. Dowe, J. W. Worley	
Supt. of Schools	O. M. Searles

Regular meetings held first Tuesday of each month in the Maple avenue school building.

THE MAILS.

From the east:—7:07; 8:57 a. m. 12:11; 5:11 p. m.
From the west:—7:07; 9:52 a. m. 1:39; 5:28 p. m.

C. B. & Q. RAILWAY TIME CARD.

East Bound.

	Leave Downers.	Arr. Chi.
Downers Grove suburban	5.50 a m	6.40 a m
" " "	6.20 a m	7.15 a m
" " "	6.52 a m	7.43 a m
Aurora express	7.07 a m	7.46 a m
Downers Grove suburban	7.20 a m	8.10 a m
" " express	7.45 a m	8.30 a m
" " "	7.50 a m	8.40 a m
Aurora express	8.00 a m	8.40 a m
Downers Grove suburban	8.27 a m	9.15 a m
Milk express	8.40 a m	9.45 a m
Downers Grove suburban	9.08 a m	10.00 a m
Ottawa and Streator	9.52 a m	10.35 a m
Downers Grove suburban	10.03 a m	10.55 a m
Aurora suburban	11.17 a m	12.07 a m
Downers Grove suburban	12.50 p m	1.40 p m
Denver and California	1.39 p m	2.20 p m
Downers Grove suburban	2.00 p m	2.50 p m
Saturday only	2.40 p m	3.30 p m
Downers Grove Suburban	2.58 p m	3.50 p m
Downers Grove suburban	3.30 p m	4.20 p m
Aurora suburban	3.55 p m	4.45 p m
Downers Grove suburban	4.55 p m	5.45 p m
Ottawa, Streator & LaSalle	5.28 p m	6.10 p m
Downers Grove suburban	5.35 p m	6.23 p m
" " "	6.55 p m	7.45 p m
" " accom	8.10 p m	9.00 p m
" " "	9.10 p m	10.00 p m
St. Paul and Minneapolis	8.55 p m	9.35 p m
Downers Grove accom	10.34 p m	11.25 p m
Downers Grove owl accom	1.10 a m	2.00 a m

Sunday Trains—East Bound.

	Leave Downers.	Arr. Chi.
Downers Grove accom	5.50 a m	6.40 a m
Downers Grove suburban	7.40 a m	8.30 a m
Milk express	8.45 a m	9.45 a m
Downers Grove suburban	9.13 a m	10.05 a m
Downers Grove Suburban	10.55 a m	11.45 a m
" " "	1.18 p m	2.10 p m
Denver and California	1.30 p m	2.20 p m
Downers Grove suburban	3.08 p m	4.00 p m
" " "	4.40 p m	5.30 p m
Aurora "	5.45 p m	6.45 p m
Downers " "	6.28 p m	7.30 p m
Aurora express	8.55 p m	9.35 p m
Downers Grove suburban	9.05 p m	9.55 p m
Downers Grove accom	10.27 p m	11.25 p m
" " " owl	1.20 a m	2.00 a m

West Bound.

	Leave Chi.	Arr. D. G.
Downers Grove suburban	6.45 a m	7.35 a m
" " "	7.45 a m	8.35 a m
Burl., Rockford & Streator	8.20 a m	8.57 a m
Downers Grove suburban	8.40 a m	9.30 a m
" " "	10.15 a m	11.05 a m
" " accom	11.00 a m	11.52 p m
Galesburg and Quincy	11.30 a m	12.09 p m
Downers Grove suburban	12.10 p m	1.00 p m
Saturday only	1.25 p m	2.05 p m
Aurora sub	1.30 p m	2.20 p m
Downers Grove Suburban	2.20 p m	3.12 p m
Milk express	2.35 p m	3.17 p m
Downers Grove suburban	3.15 p m	4.05 p m
" " "	4.05 p m	4.55 p m
" " "	4.40 p m	5.30 p m
Aurora express	5.11 p m	5.49 p m
Downers Grove express	5.15 p m	6.07 p m
" " suburban	5.35 p m	6.25 p m
Aurora express	5.50 p m	6.29 p m
Downers Grove accom	5.52 p m	6.42 p m
" " suburban	6.15 p m	7.05 p m
" " accom	6.40 p m	7.30 p m
" " "	7.30 p m	8.20 p m
" " "	8.20 p m	9.08 p m
" " "	9.30 p m	10.20 p m
" " "	10.30 p m	11.19 p m
St. P. & Minneap., ex. Sat.	10.50 p m	11.27 p m
Aurora theatre express	11.30 p m	12.16 a m
Downers Grove owl train	12.15 a m	1.10 a m

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Aurora suburban	9.15 a m	10.10 a m
Galesburg and Quincy	11.30 a m	12.09 p m
Downers Grove suburban	11.40 a m	12.30 p m
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" " "	2.20 p m	3.12 p m
Milk express	2.35 p m	3.17 p m
Downers Grove Suburban	3.00 p m	3.52 p m
Downers Grove suburban	5.05 p m	5.57 p m
" " "	6.40 p m	7.30 p m
" " accom	8.20 p m	9.08 p m
" " "	10.05 p m	10.55 p m
St. Paul and Minneapolis	10.50 p m	11.27 p m
Aurora theatre express	11.30 p m	12.16 a m
Downers Grove owl accom.	12.15 a m	1.10 a m