

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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## Married Half a Century

### Pioneer Resident of Wayne Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary.

Several Companies After Gas Franchise in Wheaton—Wreck Averted at Hinsdale—Other County News From Exchanges.

Daniel Dunham and wife of Wayne celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding Thursday, and scores of their friends and relatives in the Rock River valley gathered to extend congratulations and renew old associations. Many congratulatory letters were received from live stock growers. Mr. Dunham is famous as a pioneer and a Percheron horse breeder. He was born in Erie county, N. Y., in 1821, and came to Illinois with his parents in 1835. He bought the famous Grove Place near Wayne in 1843, and it has been his continuous residence for 60 years. He was married in 1853 to Olive Kathau Hathaway. Mr. Dunham, who is now 82 years old, cast his first vote for Martin Van Buren, and has voted for every democratic presidential nominee since that time. He was one of the first presidents of the Percheron Horse Association of America and his favorite hobby was tree planting.

Wheaton is liable to get gas as there are two companies on the carpet soliciting a franchise from the city council. The council says go ahead, boys, and the one which gives us the best terms gets the franchise. H. M. Plummer has met with great success in getting frontage for the company represented by Mr. Copley. That company operates a plant at Aurora, Joliet and LaGrange. Gas has been piped from the LaGrange plant to Hinsdale and will be delivered to consumers by the first of the year. An ordinance was passed by the village council of Downers Grove at its last meeting granting the Copley company a 50-year franchise with a ten year option for purchase during the life of the ordinance. \$1.05 is charged for the gas with a rebate of 5 cents for payments made before the 15 of the month. The Copley company propose getting a franchise at Naperville and piping it from there to Wheaton.—Illinoisian

Members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew from Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Western Springs, La Grange, Riverside and Berwyn will meet at Emmanuel chapter in the chapel of Emmanuel church this Thursday evening. An attempt will be made to follow suggestions made by James H. Moore of Western Springs at the Denver convention and organize a council of the suburban chapters along the C. B. & Q. subordinate to the local council in Chicago. Such a movement, it is believed, will cause the exchange of ideas and stimulate brotherhood work in the suburbs. During the evening Rev. P. G. Duffy will speak on "Brotherhood work from a clergyman's standpoint," and Mr. Moore, Mr. Courtney Harbour, president of the Chicago local council of the Junior Brotherhood and others will address the gathering.

The town hall at Bensenville burned to the ground last Saturday evening. There were living rooms in the hall occupied by a family, the parents having gone away in the evening, leaving their little daughter at home alone. The little one would have burned to death had not neighbors known she was in the house. They went to her room when the building was in flames, finding her in bed with the bedclothes over her head "to keep out the smoke," as she said. The origin of the fire is not known. The building was a total loss. The fire company of that village saved the neighboring houses from catching fire.

Coroner Matter was called to Bensenville Sunday to hold an inquest on the remains of a body found dead a short distance west of that village. The body was found lying in about four inches of mud and water with no marks or bruises of any kind. His clothing was found neatly piled about 100 feet distant, in about the same amount of mud and water. There were no papers of any kind by which the body could be identified. The body was later identified as being that of Ben. F. Jones of Chicago.

Hinsdale section men were aroused from their well earned slumbers Saturday night about 11 o'clock to replace a broken rail on the north west bound track at the Washington street crossing. The break was discovered by the crew of a west bound limited, which fortunately passed over the break without accident. Had the spiking given way the crossing would have been the scene of the most appalling wreck in the history of the Chicago division.

## THE GREAT FIGHT.

Next Sunday afternoon at the Auditorium Rev. M. H. Lyon will speak to men only, boys under 14 not being invited. Of this address the Indianapolis Journal said it was one of the most remarkable and interesting ever delivered in that city. There will be bright music by Mr. Coultas and the male chorus.

## THE SPECIAL GOSPEL MEETINGS.

### Deep Interest Taken in Evangelist Lyon's Work Special Meeting for Men Sunday.

The progress of the special meetings is very encouraging to the hearts of Christian people in Downers Grove. Last Sunday evening an interested and attentive audience crowded the Auditorium to the galleries to hear Evangelist Lyon preach. Probably six hundred people were present. A large number remained to the after meeting. On Sunday afternoon Mr. Lyon spoke to a good audience composed mostly of young people. At both the afternoon and evening service a large number of young people expressed their desire to lead a Christian life. Afternoon meetings are being held this week at the Congregational church, beginning at 2:30 and lasting one hour. Every one is welcomed and will be richly rewarded for their attendance. The afternoon meetings for next beginning on Tuesday will be held in the Methodist church. On Friday afternoon at 3:45 there will be a meeting at the Auditorium for boys and girls. Mr. Lyon will speak and Mr. Coultas will sing. Those under ten years are not invited. On Sunday afternoon at 3:00 Mr. Lyon will address a great mass meeting for men only at the Auditorium. The topic will be "A great fight." None under 14 years of age will be admitted. The meetings will continue all next week. The grocery and hardware merchants have signed an agreement to close their places of business at 7:30 every night except Saturdays during the meetings.

## COUNTY SEAT FIGHT GROWS FIERCE.

The contest between Sycamore and DeKalb for the court house has now reached the stage of mob violence. Sworn officers of the law have been assaulted and threatened with lynching by the partisans of DeKalb. Judge Brown several weeks ago issued a writ of certiorari and supersedeas, stopping an election called by Judge Pond of DeKalb for Tuesday to vote on the removal of the courthouse from Sycamore. No attention was paid to Judge Brown's writ, and notices were posted all over the county calling for the election. Monday Judge Baume of Galena of the appellate court issued in the circuit court here a writ of injunction restraining any proceedings in violation of the writ. Deputies at several places were thrown out of the polling places when endeavoring to serve the writ. At DeKalb they were met with great resistance. When the Sycamore officers walked down the street they were followed by a crowd of 300 or 400, all making threats. In spite of the injunction the election was held in several townships.

## CASS ITEMS.

Mrs. Elmer Oldfield and children, had a serious accident while returning from Downers Grove last Monday. Their horse took fright near E. Wootton's farm, turning the buggy over and dragging the some distance before he could be stopped. All escaped with slight injuries. Work is soon to be commenced on the new team shed at the Cass church. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bohart of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reader of Downers Grove, spent Saturday with Wm. Reader at Rochelle. Miss Maude Reader returned to Elburn last Thursday. Henry Welch is now shipping milk to Chicago. Andrew Breyer has moved on the farm he recently purchased of Isaac Cleveland. George Mochel has moved on the farm vacated by Peter Liebundguth. Wm. Reader and Myron Oldfield returned Thursday from a trip to South Dakota. Welch Bros. have purchased a new gasoline engine to run their corn husker.

## GRESS-DIENER WEDEING.

The marriage of Miss Emma Diener to Mr. Morton Gress was celebrated in a quiet manner in the home of the groom had prepared at 103 South Main street, last evening at 8 o'clock. Only relatives and a few intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. C. Ott, pastor of the German Evangelical church. Mr. and Mrs. Gress left last night for a short wedding trip to Gillman, Ill. Both parties are well and favorably known here. The bride is the daughter of Geo. Diener and is prominent in church circles. The groom is one of Downers Grove's steady young men. Their many friends unite in extending congratulations and good wishes.

## FEDERATION DAY.

The Woman's club listened to a talk on "Federation" by President Phillips of the West Side Culture club at its meeting last Wednesday. Mrs. Everett of the Highland Park Orffil club also spoke of the Traveling Library work. Mrs. F. A. Root and Mrs. A. P. Daniels, delegates to the state federation meeting, gave reports of the business and social features of the meeting.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

Lyon is coming. The Woehrel cigar. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Mrs. Edwin Frank visited friends at Aurora Monday.

Miss Florence Bates was home from Waukegan Sunday.

Miss Mary Brookins of Minneapolis was in Downers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy L. Bush are at present located at Charlotte, N. C.

Jno. Moor, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to Arlington.

Good morning—is your vaccination working? is now the popular salutation.

Daniel Slick, a prominent resident of Naperville since 1844, died there last Friday.

Mrs. William Bacon of Sandwich is the guest of her son, Dr. L. A. Bacon, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B., and Misses Alice and Clara Cole of Ottawa visited in Downers last week.

A. J. Thompson and Dell Oldfield are in the western part of the state on a hunting expedition.

Miss Esther Owens who has been visiting the Wallace family here has returned to Ravenswood.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Armstrong are moving today in the residence formerly occupied by D. K. Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred French of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting the latter's aunt, Mrs. John Rutherford.

Peter Liebundguth moved his family to Downers Grove last week and now occupies his residence on Curtis street.

Shaving outfits for Christmas presents. Handsome designs. Order early as some time is required to burn names on mugs. Edwin Frank.

Yesterday's rain was welcomed on account of its dust settling qualities as well as relieving the drought in numerous cisterns about town.

C. P. Scott came down town yesterday morning with his face wreathed in smiles, all on account of a fine new boy baby which put in its appearance that morning.

Found—A silk muffler on Maple avenue, between Washington and Main streets. Owner can have same by proving ownership and paying for this notice. Address box 536.

Every man in Downers Grove is invited to a mass meeting for men only at the Auditorium at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Subject, "A great fight." Come and bring your friends. Mr. Coultas will sing.

A newspaper has a legal right to publish whatever an individual has a legal right to circulate orally. In other words, an individual has no more right to make criticism and accusations on the street than a newspaper has in its columns. This is something the average man doesn't know; if he did he would keep his mouth closed more than he does.

Dancing masters in eastern states say that the popular waltz and two-step must give way to the old-time dances. They refuse to teach them except as is necessary in other dances and declare that the quadrille, the schottische, the 5-step and other favorites of half a century ago will soon occupy a conspicuous place upon the dancing program.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy private telephone line has been completed as far as Burlington, Iowa, the branch from Galesburg being opened several days ago. The telephone system has been in operation about a year, the telegraph wires being used for telephonic communication. By the use of a quad wire it is possible to send telephone and telegraph messages at the same time.

The board of local improvement will examine closely into the statutes concerning the method of procedure in special assessment matters, and if it is found the present law permits of their authorizing a public improvement without a petition of a majority of property owners therefor, will get busy on the sewer proposition and rush through the preliminary steps so that the system can be built next summer.

Old line life insurance agents have been doing big business here the last four or five months. Five or six of the well known old line companies have local representatives in Downers Grove and they have pretty generally canvassed the village and country with the result that a large number of policies have been written, and it is safe to say that at no time in the past has there been as much old line insurance in force hereabouts as there is at present.

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heart's. A. P. Hosmer is at present stopping in the city.

D. K. Craig has moved into the Bartell place south of the village.

D. H. Uhlhorn is preparing to build a barn on his Main street property.

Order your turkeys for Thanksgiving early to be sure of getting one. Klein's market.

Pickles, all kinds, at Gerwig's. Genuine German dill, sweet, sour and bottled goods.

Mrs. W. R. Wells left last Friday morning for Beaumont, Texas, to join her husband.

The Ideal Dance orchestra played the first of a season's engagements at Riverside last night.

Master Douglas McWeeny of Chicago was the guest of his cousin, Edmund Roche over Sunday.

H. P. Courtright of Fowler, Ind., was visiting old friends and relatives in Downers Grove Sunday.

The next attraction of the entertainment course will be the Lotus club on Saturday evening, Nov. 28.

Meeting for boys and girls at Auditorium on Friday afternoon at 3:45. Those under ten not invited.

Mrs. A. P. Daniels and Mrs. Geo. R. Smith were guests of the Edgewater North End Woman's club last Monday.

Mrs. W. H. Radell returned Saturday from a three weeks visit at Necedah, New Lisbon, Mauston and Hartford, Wis.

The Downers Grove Fire Department expects to give its deferred Thanksgiving dance on New Years eve, if present plans are carried out.

Mrs. H. P. Courtright, who has been visiting her sons, H. M. and A. E. Courtright for several weeks, will return to her home in Fowler, Ind., this week.

The Domestic Science committee of the Downers Grove Woman's club will meet with Mrs. M. E. Stanger Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

Mrs. Mary J. Davis and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, accompanied by Mrs. Davis' grandsons, the Mitchell boys, expect to leave this week for Cuba where they will make their future home.

Judge Bishop on the circuit court of DeKalb county on Thursday afternoon heard the petition of Attorney Powers of Elgin, asking that Antonio Romano, convicted of murder, by giving a hearing as to his sanity. Mr. Bishop granted the same, and set Monday, Nov. 9, at 9 o'clock in the circuit court room at Geneva as the date of hearing.

Last Wednesday morning Detective Dawson of the C. B. & Q. railroad gathered in six Mendota young citizens for "flipping" trains. It cost them \$3 and costs each and they will probably heed the lesson. The railroad company is bound to put a stop to this practice, which is a very dangerous one, and young might just as well stop now, for sooner or later a life or a limb will have to pay for it.

The English speaking ladies of St. Mary's church formed an altar guild last week. The first meeting was held Sunday, after vespers. Thirty seven ladies joined. Later meetings will be held at homes of members. The officers elected were as follows: Mrs. John Riley, president; Miss Kate Meehan, secretary; Miss Catherine Cross, treasurer. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening at 7:30 at the home of Miss Cross, 163 North Main street.

John Smith, who works for D. W. Thoma of Elmhurst, was the victim of "hold up men" one night a week ago. Two men went to Thoma's livery and asked to be driven to Maywood. John hitched up and started out with the "gentlemen." When at the creek just west of the outer belt line, he was confronted with muzzles of two "13-inch guns," as it were, and one of the gentry relieved Smith of \$7 and a gold watch, and advised him to return to Thoma's barn and to look due west, which he did.

This is the season of the year when the buying public will do well to watch the advertising columns in their local papers. Bargains are being offered every day and, as the holiday season approaches, new and seasonable goods are being received and offered for sale. The attention of REPORTER readers is respectfully called to the advertisements of Downers Grove merchants. Do your trading here and keep the money at home. Buy as much as you can afford to, but no more, and above all buy of those who advertise.

## NEXT ATTRACTION OF POPULAR COURSE

### Novel Features Promised for Lotus Club Concert Saturday Evening November 28th.

The public is always alert for something new and novel. The patrons of the entertainment course are to be provided with a novelty in entertainment on Lotus club night, November 28, in the way of an artistic whistler. Prof. Chisholm 'Bain, with his associates, Miss Ruth B. Boise, violinist and whistler and Mrs. Addie M. Ebert, accompanist. It must be remembered that Mr. Bain is not a bird warbler or imitator. His whistling is based on the same musical plane as that of the voice. Proper breathing and tone placing, in his opinion, are as essential to good whistling as to good singing and his success as a whistler proves his theory to be correct. Prof. Bain has created for himself an enviable position in the musical world, he has no superiors and it is doubtful if there are any that can equal him. His performances are always of the highest order artistically and are received with enthusiastic praise by all who hear him. Prof. Bain will whistle alone and in a duet with Miss Boise. She will also render a violin solo.

## INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT.

As compared with the assessment of last year an increase averaging 8 per cent has been made on the aggregate assessment of all kinds of property in Illinois. Complete returns from every county in Illinois show the personal property assessments for 1903 aggregate \$208,744,900 an excess of \$10,350,488 over the assessment of last year. The total land assessment is \$315,499,166, or \$42,194,896 more than last year's assessment of the same class of property. The town and city lot assessment this year aggregates \$397,579,140, which is \$19,827,725 more than last year's assessment. Comparison with the assessment of last year shows that the assessment of personal property and of town and city lots is 5 per cent greater this year than last. Greatest increase however, is in the assessment of lands which average 13 per cent greater than a year ago. Complete figures on all classes of property show an increase of 7.87 per cent over the assessment returns of a year ago.

## PREPARE FOR WINTER'S CHILLY BLASTS.

Patrons of the rural mail routes should see that the weeds and high grass are cut along the entire route before snow flies, or some cold, stormy day when they most want the mail, the carrier won't be able to get through. Or they might meet with a more serious proposition—that of having the route discontinued. For should an inspector go over the route in winter, find the roads so badly drifted with snow as to make them impassable or nearly so because of weeds and grass, he would certainly look no further for other just causes for discontinuing the route. This is no idle talk. The department makes this one of their strong points for judging to what extent the rural mail facilities are appreciated by the patrons. Let every patron appoint himself a committee of one to see that this work is done the entire length of the route on which he resides.

## VACCINATION NOTICE.

To the patrons of the schools of Downers Grove: You are duly notified that no pupil will be admitted to the schools of Downers Grove, district No. 58, after Jan. 1st, 1904, unless said pupil presents a certificate from some legally qualified physician, stating that said pupil has been vaccinated within seven years, or that said pupil is immune, or that vaccination has failed. In case the expense works a hardship to any parent or guardian, the superintendent of schools is authorized to give an order to any village physician to have the vaccination done at the expense of the school district. By order of the board of education of district No. 58, D. G. Graham, president; O. M. Searles, secretary.

## A MAMMOTH HOLIDAY ISSUE.

The December Delineator, Christmas number, represents the high water mark of beauty and utility, and possibly of circulation also, in a woman's magazine, having a first edition of more than a million copies. It contains 240 pages. To produce this mammoth edition 728 tons of paper and 49 presses working 22 days were required. In addition to exquisite color work, clever fiction and strikingly illustrated articles, the number includes a display of charming winter fashions covering 42 pages, letters from the foreign fashion centres and illustrated articles on the fashionable fabrics, trimmings and millinery, besides notable contributors.

Fresh milk and cream always on hand. D. H. Uhlhorn, 79 Gilbert avenue, Downers Grove. Telephone, 521.

## Wage War on Small Pox

### Health Officers Determined to Stamp out the Disease.

#### Five New Cases Reported in Drover Family South of Town—Rigid Quarantine Against The Stricken Village of Lemont.

Residents of the southern part of Downers Grove township are considerably alarmed over the development of small pox in this township, and are assisting the health officers in every way to prevent the disease spreading. The health officers are making determined efforts to prevent the pest going any farther.

No new small pox cases have developed except in the Drover family where the disease made its first appearance. Here five other cases are reported—sons and daughters of Mrs. Drover. This makes six down in that family and the care of all the patients devolves upon the mother who has the care of the stock on the farm. All these cases are severe ones. The cases of Mr. and Mrs. John Dahlman who are also ill with the disease, are progressing favorably.

Doctors from Lemont and Downers Grove in accordance with orders from the board of health are conducting a strenuous vaccination campaign in the southern part of the township and hope by this method and rigid quarantine regulations to stamp out the disease. Several other cases of illness reported to have been small pox were not and the disease is confined in this township to the two families above mentioned.

Strict quarantine restrictions are maintained against the village of Lemont where the pest has been raging for months. Officers are stationed at the principal roads leading from that town into Downers Grove township and no one is allowed to enter or come from the town except physicians.

The township board of health urges on the people of this township the necessity of vaccination as a preventive of the disease. There is only one immunity from contagion. The Downers Grove board of education will insist on every child attending school showing a physicians certificate of vaccination when they return to school following the coming Thanksgiving vacation.

## BULLETIN ON PNEUMONIA.

"Pneumonia," says the bulletin, "is a disease of civilization. It is a disease begotten by overhousing, overcrowding, overclothing, over eating and drinking, overcooling—all the hygienic defects which make for the weakening of natural vital resistance. The cure is a simpler housing, with abundant facilities for the access of sunshine and fresh air, and space enough for each individual; a simpler regimen, which shall preserve the natural power of the skin to resist the effects of drafts and chills and colds. Add to this a simpler dietary, which will not overtax the digestive system, and less cookery so that the teeth may have sufficient exercise to prevent their premature decay, and more exercise in the open air. Resort to the simpler and more natural modes of life to which each and every one of us was born and out of which each and every one of us is removed as promptly as civilization can act."

## BURGULARS ENTER HARDWARE STORE.

Burglars, presumably of an amateur type, entered the hardware store of Curtis & Heart about two o'clock Sunday morning and stole a quantity of knives and revolvers. Entrance was made by smashing one of the large windows in the north front of the building. The knife and revolver case was ransacked and about \$15 worth of goods taken. One revolver and several knives were found in the street after the discovery of the robbery where the thieves had probably dropped them in their flight. The same window was broken one night two weeks ago but nothing was disturbed on that occasion the robbers probably having been frightened away. The members of the firm think the job is the work of local talent and an effort is being made to locate the thieves.

## USE FOR RURAL TELEPHONES.

The postoffice department has during the past five months been experimenting in using the telephone in the rural districts in forwarding the contents of special delivery letters. At the next session of congress an appropriation will be asked for the purpose of putting this scheme into effect. It is proposed that there shall be printed a special stamp to be used on special delivery letters. Any postmaster in the country who receives a letter bearing a stamp of this kind will understand that it is his duty to open the letter and read the contents over the telephone to the person out in the country to whom it is addressed.