# Neighborhood Suburbs.

Explosion Nearly Wrecks Home of Dana Slade at Hinsdale.

Officers of DuPage County Institute Chosen-Man Killed at warrenville Saturday-Other County News from Exchanges

An explosion nearly wrecked Dana Slade's home at Hinsdale Monday and placed Mr. Slade under the doctor's care. In the morning the cook had built a fire in the stove, and as it did not work properly called Mr. Slade to fix it. The pipe from the stove to the water tank had frozen up, and when the cold water from upstairs flowed into the hot pipes an explosion took place. Mr. Slade was drawing the fire from the stove. He was thrown across the room, his clothing tern from his body and a gash cut in his face. The stove was blown into fragments, every window in the basement demolished, and the floors in the house raised a foot by the force of the explosion. China in the dining room suffered devastating effects.

The DuPage county Farmers institute recently held at Wheaton was the most successful ever conducted. The following delegates were elected to attend the State Institute at Decatur: C. D. Bartlett, R T. Morgan, Calvin Steck. Officers elected were: President, C. D. Bartlett; 1st vice president, Wm. Hammerschmidt; 2d vice president, Calvin Steck; secretary, R. T. Morgan; treasurer, Lorin S. Hill. Executive committee: Addison, C.A. Franzen; Bloomingdale, John Rathbun; Wayre, J. D. Markel; Winfield, W. L. McFarren; Milton, W. J. Yackley; York, Peter Hoy; Downers Grove, Geo. B. Heartt; Lisle, Irving Goodrich; Naperville, George Keller.

W. G. Smith, who has been a resident of DuPage since 1849, and who has kept a diary of events during 45 years of that time, said diary indicating the weather each and every day, has been looking over these old books during the past few days, and says that he failed to find in any of them as severe a winter as the present, or one with such continuous cold, or one with as much continuous sleighing. While the thermometer has registered lower than it has during the present winter, there has been breathing places scattered along that would keep a person from freezing up entirely.

John Hoonert, the ten-year-old son of Hazen's Sunday schoool class gave near Wayne, was seriously injured Fri. Mrs. J. W. Handy on Carpenter line, The lad attends school at Whea- formed the house decorations. The ton and was returning to his home. The car ran by the station and started to freshments were served. back up. Before it had stopped the lad jumped from the steps and was thrown heavily to the ground, sustaining a wound in the head which may prove Miss Luella O. Granger and Miss Nellie fatal, and rendering the boy uncon- Carpenter, will give the next enterscious.

Hiram Hadley, one of the oldest rest dents of DuPage county, died at his home in Wheaton Monday, Feb. 7, aged 79 years. . Mr. Hadley was born in Vermont and came to this county in 1841 and has lived here continuously since He leaves a brother, W. G. Hadley and two children, Philip Hadley and Mrs. Kate Beebe. The funeral was held from his late home Thursday and was conducted by Rev. Bond, a former pastor of the Wesleyan church of that city.

John Billings, for years proprietor of the White Front hotel at St. Charles, was literally ground to pieces near Warrenville Saturday afternoon at 4:30 by one of the west bound electric cars. Mr. Billings had been visiting friends near Warrenville and was walking down the track to the station. He was very hard of hearing, being past 72 years of age, and probably did not notice the signal given by the motorman.

A statue of Louis Joliet, the French explorer, will be placed in the little park in front of the public library building at Joliet, to commemorate the memory of the man for whom the town is named. Sigvaid Asbjornsen. who made the statue of Lief Erickson at Humboldt Park, is the sculptor, and he has succeeded in imparting a winning strength of character to the face of the famous explorer.

Peter Diechle of rural mail route No. 4 from Lockport, hasn't missed one de Hvery since the route was established July 1, 1901. Mr. Diechle makes the trip every mail day, a distance of 25 miles, over dirt roads not calling upon a substitute once.

telephone; J. M. Humiston, Berwyn, directors and transact such other busi- struct the Illinois delegation to the na- coroner and surveyor to nominate. The bearing 6 per cent interest, settlem underground conduit insulation, and ness as may properly come before the tional convention for President Roose present encumbents are still to declare to be made before property is remove C. P. Wing, tire-bolt-wrench.

MANY VALENTINE PARTIES GIVEN.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes Entertain at Hearts Saturday-Other Parties.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hughes gave a unique and charming valentine party Saturday evening at their home, 72 Highland avenue. The house was handsomely decorated with hearts. The walls were covered with hearts of all sizes, while hearts in clusters hung from the chandeliers. The party, composed of a score of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes' young friends, were entertained with cards, hearts being the game played and all the accessories partook of the shape of hearts. The invitations were on heart-shaped cards. Dainty valentine score cards, and cards designating positions at tables were also in the form of hearts. Everywhere were symbols of St. Valentine's day. The dining room was a mass of hearts. Hung from each corner of the room to the chandelier were festoons of hearts in graduated sizes centering in one large heart under the chandelier. The general scheme of decorations was followed out in the arrangement of the tables and even in the dainty refresh- Rogers last week. ments served. The prizes awarded the winners of the greatest number of games were heart-shaped, being a shower of silk sachet bags, and a cigar cutter won by Edith Graham and Hugh M White. Always charming entertainers, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were especially hospitable and gracious at their party Saturday evening. Among those enjoying their hospitality were Messrs. and Mesdames Rogers, I. Cuyler of La Grange, Hugh M. White; Misses Edith Graham, Mabel Hunt, Pearl Bonisteel, Cassa B. Graves, Mabel Rutherford, Olive Mestz, Laura Hughes; Messrs, Will H. Blodgett, Howard P. Jones, F. C. Wilson, Gaylord R. Earuest, Dr. W. C. Barber, Harry M. Bateman, Warren H. Jones,

Messrs, and Mesdames William S. Waples and L. Ballard Waples entertained a party of 40 married ladies and gentlemen at the home of the former Saturday evening. The party was a leap year affair and was strictly a valentine function. Invitations, home decorations and refreshments were used in scoring the games. Mrs. E. J. the spring. W. Dietz won the first prize while Mrs. Wm. Ellis was awarded the consolation

The young ladies of Rev. H. B. Adolph Hoonert, of the Hevlin farm, leap year party at the home of Mr. and day noon at Smith Road on the electric street Saturday evening. Hearts to learn his condition is still critical. evening was spent with games and re-

## O'NEIL SKETCH CLUB.

The O'Neil Sketch club, assisted by tainment in the course at the Auditorium Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil's work is well and favorably known in Downers Grove. They will present a number of pleasing sketches, together with a one-act drama, entitled "Yellow Roses," Misa Granger is a vocal soloist of recognized merit and will give several numbers. Miss Carpenter, whose talent is well known in Downers, will be heard in several plano solos.

## CASS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lipsey, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Oldfield and family and Miss Toman of Downers Grove were guests of William Reader and family Sunday.

Elmer Oldfield was sawing wood Wednesday ... Charles Davey, who has been living in Joliet, has rented the Gary Wallace farm and moved his household goods there Tuesday .... Jackson Littleford visited Chicago Tuesday .... Mrs. Rose Oldfield visited her aunt who is ill in the city, over

### SCIENTIST'S LECTURE.

The public is cordially invited to at tend a lecture on Christian science by Carol Norton, C. S. D., of New York, at the Auditorium in Downers Grove. Friday evening, Feb. 26, at 8 o'clock Mr. Norton is a member of the board of lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Science, in Boston. The lecture will be under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Downers Grove. Admission free.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

meeting. V. SIMONSON, Secretary, I valt.

### Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woehrel Cigar.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.

Additional local news on fifth page. Frank Parks has gone to the city to

Superintendent Morgan was here a short time Wednesday.

Wanted-Woman to do family washing. Enquire at this office.

Mrs. F. W. Kettering is confined to her home with an attack of erysipelas. Supervisor Blodgett is on the sick list this week suffering with a bad

Mrs. William Straub will entertain a party of friends at cards tomorrow

W. H. Sherwood left Monday for Colorado in the hopes the climate will benefit his health, Mrs. Captain Forsythe of Chicago,

was the guest of Capt, and Mrs. f. S.

8 C. Marsh of Hinsdale is now the local manager of the Downers Grove Floral company greenhouses.

The ladies of the Hinsdale club gave a minstrel show last Friday evening. dance at Carpenter's hall tonight, fol- pre-eminently a citizen's affair. Several from Downers Grove attended. lowing their regular meeting. A number of the Masonic brethren

night to assist in conferring the third for California, to remain until spring. degree on a candidate.

Friday evening. The evening was street. spent with games and refreshments.

wages. A. E. Selter, one-half mile issued this week. south of East Grove station. Telephone

and Mrs. George Schlindler, died of their recent illness. diphtheria Monday, after a week's illness. Other children in the family are ill of the disease.

the sale of the J. D. Fowler residence her toes. heart shaped; the game of hearts was on Belmont avenue to John McMahan the means of amusement and dainty of Hiesdale. Mr. McMahan expects to ing for a visit with relatives at Philatally cards in the form of hearts were become a resident of Downers Grove in delphia. Mr. Herzberg will leave Sat-

> entertainment course occurs next Saturday evening by the O'Neil Sketch club. This will be one of the best of for his home in Schenectady, N. Y. A our excellent series and a full house will greet these popular entertainers,

Friends of John Stanley will regret street. He has been seriously ill for several weeks. Taken ill with the grip other complications developed which has made the sickness a hard one for a person of his advanced age to combat.

A class in dancing is being formed among the young married people of the tify your place by putting on the car village. George 8. Wilson of Chicago riage drives and paths and under the has been secured as instructor and les- open porches a good top dressing o sons will begin at Carpenter's hall Fri- crushed stone. For sale by the Illinois day evening and continue every two Lumber and Construction Co. weeks. Following the instruction a reception will be given each evening.

Mr. Oneal is one of the most eloquent pastors in the Rock River conference. and is at present pastor of the Galena street M. E. church, Aurora, He has become widely known in many states as a popular lecturer and has just returned from a tour in the south. He will respond to the toast "Washing-

Levi Mertz-may his shadow never grow less-calebrated the 56th anniversary of his birth yesterday, and entertained a number of his gentlemen with Fitzgerald Bros' gasoline engine friends at Carpenter's hall at the close of the meeting at the Knights or Pythias lodge last night. The evening was pleasantly spent with cards, music and refreshments.

> Through oversight no mention was made in the REPORTER last week of the child's piano recital given by pupils of Miss Ella Wertzler at Carpenter's hall Saturday evening, February

6. The program was given by Ella and Margerite Reardon, Edna Hettinger and George Szczepanski. All of the and their work is highly spoken of by those attending. The vocal solos of the supply exceeds the demand. Miss Wertzler were an especially pleasing feature of the program.

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts'. J. W. Nash and the Fair have new ads this week.

Attorney L. W. Winchester returned from the east last Saturday.

Master Walter Moberg is laid up with a severely sprained ankle. Elmer Escher of Colorado Springs is here visiting relatives and friends,

Harry Haymond of Sandwich, visited his sister Mrs. Chas. P. Blodgett last The Illinois state press association

will close a three days session at Gales-

burg today. Daniel Dunn has the contract for building a cottage for Mrs. M. Mitchell at East Grove.

Mrs. Lavera L Hannum who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks is now able to be out.

The ladies of the Maccabees will give a card party at their hall on the even-

ing of Friday, Feb. 26. The Rathbone Sisters will give a

Mrs. T. S. Rogers, accompanied by will visit the lodge at Riverside to- Miss Helen Briggs, left Tuesday night

Mrs. William H. Sparbeck of Oneida, A number of the young friends of N. Y., is visiting at the home of her Clara Clark gave her a surprise party mother, Mrs. Anna Cross, 163 Main

A dancing party is being arranged Wanted-Farmer boy, from 15 to 17 for Saturday evening, Feb. 27, at Caryears old to work on small farm; good | ter's hall, invitations for which will be George Bieder and family wish to ex-

press their thanks to their friends and Carrie, the oldest daughter of Mr neighbors for their kindness during birs. A. Krambs had a peculiar and

painful accident Friday. While ironing the iron fell from her hand and Charles E. Oldfield has negotiated struck her foot, crushing several of Mrs. E. Herzberg left Monday morn-

urday for a business trip to Buffalo, The 6th in the series of the season's Boston and Philadelphia. John B. Juno, one of the popular young men of Downers, left last week

farewell supper was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sherwin, Belmont | was held at the Auditorium | last Fri-Henry Schatedt will hold a public usual success of this organization's sosale of his personal property at the Old cial features! Almost a hundred cou-Rohmer farm Wednesday, February 24, ples, disguised as princes, Indians, sail

cry the sale. Now is the time to fix up and beau-

The Lotus club will sing and conduct the music at the Baptist church Sunday night. The pastor, H. B. Hazen, will speak upon the subject, "Christian Faith; its presence or lack in the lives of our greatest national characters."

The marriage of Frank Pardee, formerly of East Grove, to Mrs. Edith Simonson; fattest lady, Rose Haumes-McDonnell Powell, was solemnized at St. Andrew's Episcopal church in Chicago Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. A. J. Thompson; farmer's wife, Min-Following the ceremony a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Pardee will reside at the Hotel Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ralston enter tained a party of friends with cards at their pleasant home, 162 Prince avenue, last Friday avening. Eachre was the game discussed. Mrs. J. Hughes and Frank Dowe proved the most expert players and were awarded the peizes. Refreshments were served.

A card from E. C. Kuenzel at New Bremen, Ohio, calling for a missing REPORTER, says he cannot get along without the news from Downers Grove. Interest is evidently centered in the widows of the village, for he states, performers showed remarkable talent "We understand your widows are marrying. Good." So far, however,

Matters politically are not very busy

ANNUAL PATRIOTIC BANQUET.

Program and Menu of the Washington Birthday Function to be Given Monday Evening.

We give below the program and menu for the patriotic banquet to be given at the Auditorium next Monday evening, Feb. 22.

It is confidently expected that this year's effort will surpass that of all previous years. The tickets for the supper and for those who only wish for the program can be had at the drug stores at 50 cents and 15 cents respectively.



The caterer will serve supper at 7:80 sharp. The public is cordially invited fight against other candidates with far to this function, which has come to be

Rev. Herbert H. Rood............Toastmaste

Piano Solo-"Nearer My God to Thee" ... Miss Villomena Harter Prayer ..... Rev. H. Booth Hages Solo-"To the Front"..... Steven Adam

W. W. Peter "The Day and the Woman".... ..... Miss Elizabeth Mar Reading-"What William Henry Did" ...

.....J. J. Harbour Mrs. Mary Ewing 'Strenuous Statesmanship"..... ..... Rev. Truman R. Greene Soto-"The Bandelero"..... Leslie Stewart

W. W. Peter The Patriotism of Business Meu". . . . "The Men of of '61-'65"...... Col. W. G. Bentley

Solo-"Beloved It Is Morn". Florence Aylward W. W. Peter Washington"..... Rev. Earnest Wray Oneal

. Rev. Charles Reynolds Cold Meat Jelly Mashed Potatoes Picklen

Benediction ......

**Escalloped Oysters** Cabbage with Cream Dressing Bread and Butter

#### Lce Cream FIREMEN'S ANNUAL MASQUERADE.

The sixth annual masquerade ball of the Downers Grove Fire Department day evening and was attended by the The property consists of horses, cows ors, flower girls, negroes, clowns, and farm machinery. Jas. Drew will tramps, fairles, petite ladies and Amazons, and scores of others, including Happy Hooligan, danced en masque until 11 o'clock. Following the doffing of the masks a long program of dances was given to music furnished by the Ideal Dance Orchestra. Peter Johnson. Fred Binder and D. H. Uhlhorm composed the committee in charge of rangements, and the success of the dance was largely due to their efforts. Prizes were awarded as follows for the best and most striking costumes: Best dressed lady, Mrs. L. H. Clement, \$5, by the firemen; flower girl, Miss Anna Pelling, bottle perfumery, by Bush & ser, china tea set, by S. F. Haller; Topay, Mrs. E. Haumesser, umbrella, by nie McBride, carving set, by Mertz Mochel; smallest lady, Miss S. Hohn. chop plate, by F. G. Rang; Indian squaw, R. W. Collins, wringer, by Cur tise & Heartt; best dressed gentlemen, A. J. Pahl, \$5, by firemen; negro, Geo. Haumesser, muffler, by J. W Nash; fat man, Adolph Baker, box cigars, by W. S. Carpenter; clown, William Lawson, chair, by firemen: Indian, P. Heim, umbrells, by Illinois Lumber and Construction company farmer, J. Oesterman, whip, by Conrad Penner; tramp, Edward Mackinsworth, box cigars, by Fred Gerwig.

### PUBLIC SALE.

auction at his farm six miles south of Downers Grove and three miles north Mondays and Tuesdays in each week of Lemont, commencing at 1 o'clock. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, the following dein DuPage county as yet, though there scribed property: 10 milch cows, all The Will county republican conven- is an undercurrent of talk concerning springers; 3 good work horses. Cham- taxes. Personal property taxes tion Monday was entirely under the candidates. Capt. T. S. Rogers will pion grain binder, Deering corn binder, be paid before March 1, or control of the Snapp organization, and again be a candidate for the state board Deering mower, seeder, spading harthe county's 25 delegates to the state of equalization. Representative Guy row, corn grinder, set of dumps, corn convention are uninstructed for gover- L. Bush, it is understood, will also be a planter, sulky plow, walking plow, & Notice is hereby given of the twelfth nor. While the state administration candidate for renomination to the gen- cultivators, sleigh, new Mitchell waannual meeting of the stockholders of was endorsed, no mention of Governor eral assembly. Mazzini Slusser is gon, Shuttler wagon, milk wagon, hay the Farmers' and Merchants' bank of Yates' name was made. The congress making an active canvas for the nom- rack, hay rake, hay loader, hay tedder, ducted by C. O. Durran, Among the Illinois patents granted Downers Grove, Ill., to be held Satur- stonal delegation was instructed for instincted for instructed for this week are: L.R. Jones, Wheaton, day, March 12, 1904, in the director's Snapp for congress and the senatorial Goodrich has announced his candidacy Terms: All sums of \$10 or less cash; our store. Your erest rail-contact-shoe and support therefor; room of said bank at 2 o'clock p. m , to delegation for Drew for representative. for state's attorney. In addition to on sums over this amount a credit of 1 cally and proper E. Gundlach, Western Springs, electric hear reports of its officers, election of The state delegation will you are circuit clerk, your will be given on approved notes O. Durran, M. O.

# Situation in The Elevent

### One View of How Matters Star in This District on Govern

Jollet News Man writes of Cond in this Congressional District Dura for Lowden or Dences.

While it is far too early to make a accurate forecast of the struggle for governorship in the next r state convention, the situation has d veloped to a point where some idea what may reasonably be expected be given by those who make politics study.

There are at present seven men wi it is generally believed will go int that convention as a candidate.

Charles S. Deneen and Frank O.Lowther of Cook county.

Richard Yates of Morgan county. Howland J. Hamlin of Shelby Lawrence Y. Sherman of McDone county.

James A. Rose.

Each of these men is naturally look ing for delegates in every county in the state, but recognises that in many counties it would be hopeless to make a more local strength.

The eleventh congressional district one of the strongest of the repul strongholds of northern Illinois. consists of Kane, Will, DuPage McHenry counties. Kane has the pr mary law and will probably be entitle to 85 delegates in the convention as result, although the basis in other counties would give it but 30 delegates otherwise.

It is Congressman Snapp and Senator Hopkins' home district and will have 88 delegates to the state convention.

Will county has always been on friendly terms with the Lorimer or-Reading—Selected ........... Mgs. Mary Ewing | the brains of the Hopkins fight for sen ator and he always lines his county up with the state organization forces. He was with Tanner in the fight against "America"..... Audience Cullom and it was Will county that helped in the stampede at a critical moment to Yates.

But Will county will not be apt to declare itself. Warden Murphy of the penitentiary at Joliet is one of Yates managers and he is extremely popular in Will county. Nothing that will burt Murphy will be done by the Will

county machine. Its 85 votes will probably be given to Yates on the first ballot if conditions continue as at present. The Will county machine leaders profess to be on friendly terms with nearly all the candidates, but are organization men

on all occasions. DuPage county, where Judge Brown and Guy Bush live, has ten delegates to the state convention and will probabe found in the Densen Het, al-

though Lowden counts on getting it. McHenry county is one that both Yates and Lowden have down as sure, but Secretary of State Rose, it is said. will get the delegation from there. Deneen will make a fight and complications may arise to send in a divided delegation. Hoy is expected to land it for Yates. It has 18 delegates.

Kane county is a problem. There is a strong sentiment there against Yates and against what is believed to be the effort of the Hopkins machine to deliver the county to the governor.

In Aurora the large and influential element headed by Col. Copley, the Frasters and the Aurora News will fight Yates. In Elgin the News and a large independent element will be against the governor. Senator Evans is a strong friend of Sherman and Densen has a host of admirers in the county. Lowden, too, has many friends and the delegation will unquestionably be a di-

vided one about as follows: Densen, 10; Lowden, 10, and Yates,

The district will probably give Yates 40 votes, Densen 20 and Lowden 28. Joliet News.

### TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, township collector of Down-The undersigned will sell at public ers Grove township, will be at W. H Barnhart's office in Downers Grove and at James McClintock's office Hinsdale on Fridays and Satur in each week for the colle will be made by distress

CONRAD BUSCHMAN, Collec

### HOW IS YOUR EYESIGHT?

The optical business he