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Downers Grove

is located on the suburban division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, twenty-one miles from Chicago. Twenty-nine suburban trains are operated each way daily, furnishing excellent transportation for those having their business in the city and home in Downers Grove. It is a healthful and beautiful place, possesses every modern convenience and is an ideal location for a suburban residence. The streets are wide and clean, with an abundance of beautiful shade trees everywhere, making it just what its name implies—a grove. Two grammar schools and one high school afford splendid opportunities for education, and all the leading religious denominations maintain places of worship. Downers Grove operates its own electric light plant and water works, and gas is now being installed.

The population of Downers Grove is composed of sturdy American people who conduct the affairs of the municipality in a truly democratic manner, ably and conservatively, and render to the tax payer value for every dollar of taxes paid.

Beautifully situated building lots may now be purchased at reasonable prices, and those who contemplate building homes should visit Downers Grove before investing. The Reporter will be pleased to answer any correspondence from those interested.



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Gossip of the Town

Personal Mention

Miss Jennie Gibb, of Boston, is visiting Bernice Smith.

A. H. Marshall spent the Fourth with friends in Kendall county.

D. K. Foote and wife celebrated the Fourth with friends in Aurora.

Miss Clara Groth, of Chicago, is visiting at C. Penner's, West Maple avenue.

Grenville Pridham has left Downers Grove to engage in business at Piny Ridge.

Mrs. Sarah Kinley, of Aurora, is visiting her brothers, Capt. T. S. and J. W. Rogers.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Bertrand, of Coloma, Mich., are visiting Edward Lemon and wife, of Lemon Lodge.

N. H. Balcom continues very ill. He is troubled with bronchial disease and has been ailing some time.

Henry Jory and wife have returned from California and are stopping with L. F. Edwards and family.

Howard Fairweather and sister, Miss Ruby, spent the Fourth in Zanesville, O., with friends and relatives.

The Misses Jennie Smart and Clare Dent spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. Yould and wife, of St. Paul, Minn.

Chas. E. Funk, assistant general manager of the Illinois Vinegar Works, of Chicago, spent the Fourth with Edward Lemon and wife.

Mrs. Lew F. Edwards and children sail next Saturday on the Campania for Bristol, Eng. Mrs. Edwards will spend a couple of months with her parents in Bristol.

Mrs. R. H. Walker, of Hyde Park, son and daughter, are spending a few days in town. Mrs. Walker and family will move here soon and be located at 144 South Washington street.

Mrs. J. A. Jory, of Garfield Ave., Chicago, Miss Florence Bickelbach, of Burlington, Iowa, and Miss Odessa Arnold, of Keithsburg, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Wm. Hannum.

Local Happenings

C. B. Blodgett is among those on the sick list.

When you think of a news item just call up No. 12.

D. K. Foote is quite ill at his home on Highland avenue.

Preparations are being made for a union picnic at Glen Ellyn.

Fresh milk cow for sale. J. W. Worley, Box 180, Downers Grove.

The school board has adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in August.

There was a track meet at the athletic field at Riverside on Monday, July 4.

These are the days when a great deal of comfort can be taken in a hammock.

Born—To the wife of Harry Bolzebeck, Downers Grove, on July 2, a son.

If you have something to sell let it be known through the columns of the Reporter.

S. Gerwig, wife and children spent Sunday and the Fourth in town with relatives.

Good board and pleasant, newly furnished room can be found at 64 Benton avenue.

A gang of men have been putting a new sidetrack in the Burlington yards here this week.

The farmers just north of Wheaton are establishing telephonic communication between their homes.

The W. C. T. U. met on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. George Downer, South Washington street.

The village board of trustees have adjourned sessions till July 18th when it is expected the sewer matter will come up.

The addition to J. W. Tucker's real estate office on North Main street is about completed. D. F. Craig is the contractor.

W. H. Hardin, wife and sister, Mrs. Kate D. Smith, will leave soon for Sheridan, Wyoming, where they will be located in the future.

Henry Lehman and daughters wish to express their gratitude to their friends and neighbors for kindness in their recent bereavement.

Wellington Strickland, of Gilman, Ill., has been a guest at F. Gerwig's for the past week. He has gone to Chicago for a few days' visit.

E. J. W. Deitz has purchased the residence property at 122 Linscott avenue. He will have some repairs made and remove thereto soon.

George Willett, passenger conductor on the Burlington, has bought a lot on Oakwood avenue and will have erected thereon a modern residence.

June passed away without the local funeral director being called upon to officiate. Truly June is the month of weddings instead of funerals.

Watermelons, luscious watermelons, have made their appearance and not only does the eye of Rastus twinkle but the small boy's mouth doth "water" also.

Auction Sale.—An auction sale of household furniture will take place in the rear of Klein's meat market, 37 South Main street, Wednesday, July 13, at 1 o'clock p. m.

A large number of local and city friends gathered at the home of Mrs. Morton, Prairie avenue and Foote street, on the evening of July 4, and a right royal good time was spent.

A. P. Daniels, of 152 Saratoga street, is the happy possessor of a splendid sample of the dog fancier's delight a brindle terrier pup, which has just arrived from Green Bay, Wis.

Lost—On Barnard's farm, near Du Page River, tan coat. Please return to Mrs. J. C. Austin, 91 Maple avenue, Downers Grove, Ill., or to office Downers Grove Reporter, and receive reward.

The new residence of Levi Mertz, corner Washington and Curtis streets, is practically completed. It is a modern structure and one which adds another to the list of ideal homes in Downers Grove.

During the last few days a couple of officials have been taking general measurements, etc., about the yards here of the Burlington. There is a general rumor that the new depot to be erected here will soon be started.

Our telephone number is 12. Kindly remember when you have a news item. We are always ready to "jot 'em down" for publication. That's the way we produce a newsy paper—by the co-operation of our many readers.

A little fresh paint makes houses, out-buildings and fences present a much better appearance and as a whole gives a clean, healthy look to a town. Some of our citizens have "caught on" to this and are acting accordingly.

Are we to have a Carnegie library in Downers Grove? There are those in town who believe that if the matter was agitated and properly placed before the people who handle the Carnegie bounties that such an institution could be secured.

Welles M. Cook and wife, of Chicago, were guests of Alonzo P. Daniels and wife on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Mrs. Cook will be remembered as Miss Margery Allen who, with her magnificent voice and charming manner, so completely won the hearts of her many admiring friends in this village when here before.

W. Harry Spears, formerly on the staffs of the Buffalo, N. Y., Courier, the Niagara Falls Gazette, and other eastern papers, assumes charge of the editorial and reportorial work of this paper this week. The co-operation and assistance of one and all are earnestly requested. A few news notes from each goes to make up a newsy paper and that's what we want to make out of the Reporter.

House on Wheels

A rare and unique advertising device passed through town Wednesday. It was a small sized house, complete—with gables, bow windows, doors, chimneys, etc. Two horses only were drawing the miniature dwelling. The affair was an advertising idea of a Waukegan roofing company, samples of the product of the firm being on exhibit.

Sold His City Business

Captain T. S. Rogers has sold out his city meat business on Michigan avenue and 20th street. The Captain has been identified with the business for over thirty years past. It is said he will retire to the comforts of a well earned home life here.

The Day after the Fourth

After all the number of survivors is encouragingly large.

It is a wise doctor who rests up a week before the Fourth of July.

How good a few barrels of silence sounds the day after.

If you don't believe that it was a Glorious Fourth ask the insurance writers.

As to the question whether the cannon cracker had been suppressed, loud and convincing testimony was heard on all sides Monday.

Additional and Late Local Happenings can be found on Page 2.

Gold Found in Illinois

Gold in paying quantities has been found at Odin, Illinois. One cradle of dirt hurriedly washed out, shows the soil to be equal to a yield of \$100 per ton.

Already there is a rush for the territory. Mining engineers and capitalists are organizing a company to work the find. The owner of one farm has been offered \$50,000 for his title for which he could not have secured one tenth of the amount a few weeks ago.

A Social Affair

On the evening of July 4, about thirty members of the Pleasure Club made the pretty home of Edward Wootton their meeting place, and a very good time was spent. Lunch was served under the trees and all were convinced that Mr. and Mrs. Wootton are ideal host and hostesses. All joined in the sports and amusements. Vocal and instrumental music enlivened the occasion. The refreshments were served by Mrs. John Litsie, Miss Laura Oldfield and the Misses Cora and Nettie Reader.

Among those present were the following, also members of their respective families:—John Litsie and wife, of Downers Grove, James Soper, wife and son James, G. Smith, Miss Laurie Van Sleet and lady friend of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Hood and daughter, Messrs. Harry and Chas. Steer, Myron Oldfield and family, Mr. Norman Mason, Wm. Reader, wife and family.

Awaiting Court's Action

The assessment rolls on the proposed sewer installation are now at Wheaton and it is expected the court will sit some day this week, and if no objections are raised, and the recent supreme court decision against the Naperville waterworks does not effect, the enterprise will go on at once.

Garden Social

A "Garden Social" will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Congregational church at the residence of Mrs. Bates, on Highland avenue, on Thursday, July 28. All members and friends of the church are cordially invited to attend. The society has voted to improve the church edifice by painting and repairing. To raise funds for this purpose all the friends of the church and society are solicited to pledge the sum of one dollar toward this improvement fund.

Each guest is requested to bring a basket lunch. This social will take the place of the usual monthly lunch at the church.

The First Congregational church desires well of the people of Downers Grove for maintaining church services in their present building continually for nearly thirty years. It has had many devoted ministers and many enthusiastic and hard working members, whose lives have been spent in connection with its present church building, and all who remain are earnestly hoping to see it take new life for the years to come. It has an earnest pastor, a large Sunday school, Christian Endeavor society, and a career of usefulness which should be extended far into the future.

The ladies confidently believe that very few will refuse the request.

Cement Walk Construction

In accordance with ordinances passed by the city council of Batavia last month, the mayor and clerk have been instructed to enter into a contract with Thomas Stanton of that city for sidewalk walks. Mr. Stanton's bid was 11 cents per square foot, while those of two Aurora firms were 13c. and 11½c. respectively.

Batavia has shown the proper spirit in letting the contract to a home concern—even though his bid had been higher. Home contractors invariably hire home labor and use home products, when it can be had; thus the city reaps the benefit and experiences the return to its own coffers of some of the dollars thus invested.

Under the head of expenditures—street department—for which warrants have been drawn also appears an item of \$541.95 in favor of Mr. Stanton for cement walks and lettering, showing that his work has been done in a satisfactory manner and that, as a home concern, he merits the award of new contracts he has just received.

The cement walks now being constructed here on Main street are costing 15c. per square foot. The east sidewalk is nine feet and the west one ten feet wide. The average cost on that thoroughfare for 33-ft. lots is \$46.52, which, added to the total paving assessments at \$5.50 per front foot brings the expense of the present improvements up to \$52.02.

These amounts, added to the present valuation of property along Main street will place lots at a very healthy figure.

JULY 4TH ACCIDENTS

Boy Injured by Explosion—Young Man Dragged While Boarding Train Here

MANY FATALITIES ELSEWHERE

July 4th—good old Independence Day—has come and gone again. The eagle was groomed, his feathers trimmed to the small boy's satisfaction and for hours and hours the national bird did nothing but scream. Of course with each scream there was the usual "boomerang,"—a small boy got a few specks of powder in his eyes, his hair singed, a hand or leg injured—yet on went the dance merrily till the "wee sma' hours" of early morn of the dawn, ing 6th. The day is over and then and only then need the cost be counted.

Here in Downers Grove there was just as much patriotism abounding as anywhere, but on the whole the day was sanely spent. Only a few minor accidents that have come to light so far happened. All day long, however, Young America and not a few Old America also enjoyed the boom, boom, bang of the toy pistol, the fire cracker and miniature cannon, and when darkness ensued the fire works began play. As each rocket that went up here and there from all parts of the town, describing beautiful semicircles of all colors, a pretty panorama was presented. There was joy and gladness in all homes in Downers Grove. All merrily enjoyed themselves. Many visitors were in town with their friends, while a goodly number of our citizens correspondingly left town to visit Chicago, La Grange and other points near, where events were in progress in celebration of the day.

Of the local mishaps, the only one of moment was that which happened to Norman, son of W. R. Stevenson, of 113 Summit street. It seems that the lad exploded a firecracker in a bottle and some of the fragments of broken glass came in contact with his hands, one of which was somewhat lacerated, and an artery severed. Dr. Tope was called and dressed the wound, and the lad gave up the rest of the day in watching others instead of active participation in celebrating.

The other accident was one which happily did not end fatally, while it was a narrow shave. Charles Reice attempted to board a Burlington train at the depot, when by some means he slipped and came near being dragged beneath the wheels. As it was he was carried quite a distance, in a dangling position, having his clothes torn. Several ran to his assistance but the young man picked himself up and declared he was uninjured. There was a truck standing near the track and against this in some manner Reice must have collided.

A Pollander, named Sgrkaaki, attempted to board a train at East Grove in a hurried manner, no doubt to capture an empty seat that was in view, and was dragged quite a distance. The language that he used, while possibly printable, would hardly be understood by readers. On examination he was found to be not injured seriously, a few bruises being the extent of his experiences.

At Sandwich a couple of accidents occurred. Garfield Burnhart was reloading a toy cannon with a heavy charge of powder when it ignited and the young man's hand was badly lacerated. Dr. Culver dressed the wound. John H. Latham of the same place, while exploding a giant firecracker, which he thought to be a kindly disposed roman candle, was struck in the face with the fragments and burned badly.

From outside points the news comes of fearful accidents and fatalities. The daily papers as usual on July 5th and succeeding days are filled with accounts of these affairs that mar the pleasure of the day so dear to Americans.

So far reported, the "revised figures" of the casualties of the day are 22 dead, 3,007 injured, the latter tabulated as follows:—By fireworks, 1,078; cannon, 339; firearms, 446; gunpowder, 679; toy pistols, 379; runaways, 92. The damages from fire was \$319,200. Immediate fatalities are: Waukegan, 3 injured; Springfield, 2 killed, 16 injured; Rockport, 2 injured; Rock Island, 7 injured; Rockford, 13 injured; Quincy, 12 injured; Princeton, 1 injured; Peoria, 25 injured; Pekia, 1 killed 11 injured; Paris, 12 injured; Mt. Vernon, 1 injured; Melrose, 13 injured; Metcalf, 1 injured; Menomonee, 3 injured; Lincoln, 6 injured; Batavia, 1 injured; Belmont, 3 injured; Chicago, 1 killed, 101 injured; Okauchee, 4 injured; Dixon, 1 killed, 10 injured; Elgin, 13 injured; Fairbury, 3 injured; Freeport, 11 injured; Salsbury, 1 killed, 11 injured; Kankakee, 3 injured; Kewanee, 1 killed, 1 injured. In Chicago 25 were injured by fireworks alone.