# lowners Grove Reporter

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### An Open Forum

Nobody ever told the editor of the Reporter that he "knew it all." In fact we believe there are a number of people in this town who know a "heap more," and we cordially invite any citizen who thinks he knows something, to write it down on paper and we will publish it-provided he does not "roast" the editor or any citi-

zen. The Reporter has only one am-V bition and that is to be the medi um of all the people of Downers Grove. The columns of this paper are open to any citizen who has anything to offer under the head of "The Welfare of Downers Grove." The names of contributors will not be published if so requested. We would be glad to have your opinion on any live local question.

#### An Invitation to You

Every citizen is invited to call at The Kelmscott Press and inspect the modern printing plant forms a demand for the constitunow in operation. The establishment is open from 7:00 a. m. till 5:30 p. m. daily and closes at 12:00 o'clock Saturday. You are welcome to come at any time between these hours. A visit from you would be appreciated by us. The ladies are especially welcome.

#### **Editorial Comment**

This week is a stirring one for St. Louis, with all nations celebrat ing on Independence day at the exposition, and the democratic national convention.

A CALIFORNIA man has succeeded in propagating a seedless plum and a white blackberry. Now if he will furnish us with scedless cherries and grapes what excellent pies can be made.

At the World's Fair at St. Louis the industries of Japan are to be seen on every hand, and in almost every one of the main builnings are large exhibits, while that of Russia is very conspicuous by its absence. The contrast is very noticeable.

SIGNIFICANCE of the colors of the American flag. The blue stands for justice; the white for purity of law and its administration; the red for bravery in defense. It is the right of every citizen to insist that all the flag symbolizes shall be maintained.

THE editor of a county publication writes as below. He about hits the nail on the head. "The back yard of the home is quite often the lines. He would learn a lot about life Order by telephone or otherwise. best index to the refinement and from that: culture of the people who live in it. Some back yards are to some homes what dirty hose are to the drapery of a silk dress. Clean up star reporter and get photoe of the victhe back yard as a duty."

Another get-rich, quick concern closed its doors last week after operating only a few months and taking in over a million dollars from the soft heads all over the country. It guaranteed investors three per cent. interest weekly, and the suckers flocked to them like carrion' crows to a carcass. They can easily pay the three per cent. for a few weeks, whenwhist !- all has disappeared as reporters' fine stories. He would learn completely as a drop of water on a lot about life from that! parched ground.

tation against the negligence of one his experience as a reporter would some people who allow Canada thistles to grow and perpetuate. finally ascended in his desperate life. tail. There is no country under the sun These thistles are one of the fight upwards. other live plant could exist. They ceds blown about soon transforms would be excellent practice for a reporter. He would learn a lot about life from that!

a whole field, then the whole farm, followed by the entire district into a crop of budding and purple-blossomed thistles. It seems that the railway companies are among the worst offenders. In the Eastern states this nuisance became so bad that the most drastic measures had to be taken by local authori ties to prohibit the growth of the weed. The laws in force here should be applied and the workmen should make themselves acquainted with the danger there is in allowing these thistles to grow.

THE traveling grocery solicitors are getting in their work in nearly every town surrounding Chicago, and it's surprising the number of suckers they catch each year. No wonder some of the merchants, when approached for assistance to help finish a church or pay the expenses of some public entertainment, feel like telling the solicitor to go to some of these city department stores who have made their millions off the gullible public, and taxes. Put yourself in the home merchants' shoes and you'd feel the same

prohibition parties in their recent sive. state conventions in Illinois all unqualifiedly endorsed in their plattional amendment passed at the last legislative session and which will be voted on at the general election next November. The amendment empowers the legislature to provide a new charter for Chicago, which city is generally conceded to be seriously hampered by its present charter restrictions. All the platforms mentioned urged the voters to to cast their ballots for the amendment. In relieving Chicago it is believed the measure will work to the benefit of the whole state.

#### Preachers as Reporters

In his sermon two Sundays ago Dr. Joseph George, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, declared that every candidate for the pastorate would do well to supplement his seminary studies by a couple-years' experience in news- Reporter office. paper work before accepting a call. He would thus have a chance to study the real facts of life and get a knowledge of of Edwin Frank. people in their actual relations and atti

The minister, according to common belief, knows too little of life; the news paper reporter too much.

Let us look into this proposition of the reverend doctor a little. In the first place he would have to find a job. City editors, as a rule, are not eagerly look ing for a chance to train future preachers and the dialogue which would pass be something like this:

"What experience?" "None." "I will let you know if anything turns up.

If, after six months' search the young man did succeed in getting a job, he would be, not a reporter, but a reporter apprentice. He might sit around in the office or run errands, or perhaps have a chance to write a hundred words, only to discover the next day how it ought to have been written by reading what was

He might be sent to a public meeting, or a charity ball or a football game with instructions to get the names of those present. He might also go out with the tims of a fire or railroad wreck or run other errands. He would leaten a lot about life from that!

Later on-if he succeeded in dodging the force-has-to-be-reduced " noticemight get better assignments and write up some local celebrity or an obituary; and, if he did not throw bouquets at himself while discussing his success,

might learn a lot about life from that ! The second year the would-be reporter might very likely become the deadly enemy of "copy readers" and have his "interviews" or "specials" cut down as none but copyholders know how to cut, in their efforts to "improve " the "cub"

By this time he might have become quite expert at "head" writing had he not thought it about time to "resign" There seems to be a general agi- and look around for a pulpit, and ten-tonever be mentioned from behind that noble breastwork whose heights he had the state which is accurate in every de-

greatest weed pests known to the Offhand, and talking of men in genfarmers and will thrive where no eral, it may as truly be said that a for "good renters," for they will not be would be excellent practice for a report. Send today for a copy of the book. No

#### WHEATON ITEMS

[From local and county exchanges]

Ned Welden and Gertrude Savage school, the standing of both being par- Cass. ticularly high.

demic department of the college numbered twenty-two, ten ladies and the balance gentlemen.

The camping and fishing fever has Welch this week. taken hold of a number of our citizens. They have laid in a supply of tackle and will hie away to the deep water in the day party last Saturday.

lots was brought to a close by County Treasurer Knight last week. There were over one thousand pieces of land bid in by the tax buyers.

Henry Bates, of this city, was motorman in charge of the car which collided with the automobile at Austin last Sunday. He had a toe crushed in the collision but was able to continue his work. A man carrying a meal ticket with A.

Ollie written on it, the ticket being from the Union Restaurant, Aurora, was found beside the road by Supervisor Fairbank, of West Chicago, Friday and while being taken to the county farm he was found burned underneath. died. The coroner is investigating.

The two remaining assault and batwho never pay a cent of local tery cases from Naperville which were scheduled for trial before Judge Smith last Friday were dismissed by the complainants. Inasmuch as the jury in the other case found for the defendant they thought this would be the easiest way dies' brigade and the boys' wigwam the amounts above appropriated. THE republican, democratic and out of the trouble and the least expen-

Rev. J. Nate, district superintendent of the Illinois children's home and aid society of Chicago, was a Wheaton visitor over Sunday, collecting for the home. He is of the opinion that residents of Du Page county should give that home financial support, as thirteen children have been received from this county within a year. Seven came from Naperville, the father having deserted a sick wife who died, three were from Down: ers Grove, and three Swantasch children from Glen Ellyn.

The Woehrel Cigar. National Light oil at Nash's. White Rose gasoline at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Refrigerators - Mertz & Mochel. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts The best home baked goods at Rang's

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anted-Room and board in private between the gentlemen in question would family. Rate must be reasonable. Ad. dress W. H. S., Reporter office.

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#### CASS NEWS NOTES

By our own Correspondent)

Mrs. Blanche Morrison and children took the honors of the first year in high are spending a week visiting relatives in

Mrs. Ella Craigmile, of Lyonsville, The graduating class from the aca- left last Tuesday for a two week's visit at Vandalia, Ill.

Mrs. John Flemming, of Lemont, spent a few days with Mrs. Patrick

About forty of Miss Mabel Madden's friends from the city attended her birth-

Mrs. Frankie Warner and sister, Miss The tax sale of delinquent lands and Eptha Andrews, of Denver, Colorado, are visiting their father, Mr. Edgar Andrews.

Miss Laonne, of Albany, N. Y., who was spending a few days visiting Miss Mabel Madden, returned to her home Thursday.

Mr. Madden's new residence had a narrow escape from fire last Saturday. A member of the family detected the odor of smoke, and Mr. Madden was called from dinner to investigate, and decided it was only smoke coming in the Village of Downers Grove, County of Du through the open windows, but, on moving the gas range, a large, circular hole For salary of policemen and village

There was a large attendance at the Cass picnic on the Fourth. Visitors were present from Chicago, Downers Grove, Geneva, Lamont, South Haven, Michigan, and other places. The 100 yard dash was won by a Chicago man. The revolver practice by the young lawere novelties. The only thing to mar the pleasure were two slight accidents, | tion. Master Albert Clutter was slightly burned about the face and eyes by the explosion of a toy cannon, and a young man from Chicago was thrown from a horse and slightly injured.

Population of British Isles. The foreign population of the British Isles numbers 198,000. Germans hold first place in point of numbers, Russians second, French third.

San Juan Is Congested. In San Juan, Porto Ricc, there are five families for every two dwellings.

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G. H. BUNGE

Attorney at Law. Office hours: 7.00 p.m. to 9 p. m. Office at residence, corner Warren and Highland avenues, Downers Grove, Illinois, Chicago office. 504 Security Building.

### AN ORDINANCE

MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR CORPO-RATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 1904, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 1905.

Be it ordained by the President and Board

frustees of the Village of Downers Grove, in he County of Du Page, State of Illinois: Section 1. That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, are hereby appropriated for corporate purposes of mencing May 1, 1904, and ending April 30, 1905;

For improvements of streets and alleys For miscellaneous claims against the For payment of interest on the general bonds of said village..... For sinking fund for the payment of principal of general bond.....

Sec. 2. That the expenditures of the said illage for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 1904, and ending April 30, 1905, are bereby limited to SEc. 3. That this ordinance shall be in force Colwell, Scribe.

Passed July 5, 1904. Approved July 5, 1904. BERT C. WHITE

CHAS. MOCHEL.

#### AN ORDINANCE

APPOINTING A COMMISSIONER OF CAN ADA THISTLES.

Be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, Illi-

SECTION 1. That William Mertz be and here by is appointed Commissioner of Canada Thisties in and for the Village of Downers Grove, to serve for a term of three years from date of his

SEC. 2. That said commissioner shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as are set forth and specified as the powers and duties of Canada Thistle Commissioner in an act of the General Assembly of this state entitled "An Act Concerning Canada Thistles," approved and in force March 15, 1872." This ordinance shall be in force from and

after its passage. Passed July 5, 1904 Approved July 5, 1904

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Epworth League Sunday evening at 6:00, ONGREGATIONAL-Dr.C. Reynolds, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a m and 7:30 m. Sunday School at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wedgesday 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 Wednes-day evening at 8:00 Baptist Union Sunday at

LIV. ASSOCIATION; GERMAN-Rev. Albert L4 Egli, Pastor. Services Sunday 11:00 a. m. and 7:45 p m. Sunday School 9:30 a m. Young Peoples' Alliance 6:45 p m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45. DRCTESTANT EPISCOPAL, St. Audrew's

Mission-Rev. H. E. Chase, Rector. Service Sunday at 3:30 p m. Sunday school it 2:30 p. m. Jas. Pridham, Supt. MERMAN LUTHERAN-Rev. J. W. Weber Pastor. Services every other Sunday at 2 pm in the Congregational church. Sunday School before service.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC-Rev. C. J. vo-typka 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. ROVE LODGE 824 A. F. & A. M. Meets

every second and forth Friday evening in each month. Visiting brethren cordially invited. John O. Ofson, W. M. J. H. Griffiths. Secretary. JESTA CHAPTER 242, O. E. S. Meets

second and forth Tuesday of each month in Masonic hall. Visiting members always welcome. Mrs. Mattie M. Carpenter, W. M., Mrs. Louie E. Hall, Secretary. NAPER POST 408G A. R. Meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Visiting comrades always welcome. T. S. Rogers.

Commander. Geo T. Hughes Adjutant. LIONOR CAMP, 3079, R. N. A. Meets in Carpenter's hall on second Tuesday evening of each menth. Visiting neighbors always welcome. Elizabeth S. Dexter, Oracle; Myrtle E. Collier, Recorder. OWNERS GROVE LODGE 750 1. O. O. F

Meets every Saturday evening in hall Cenral block. Visiting brothers cordially invited. John Browning, N. G. H. F. Legenhausen, VICTORY COUNCIL 110 ROYAL LEAGUE V Meets first and third Tuesday evenings in Workmen batt. John Gollau, Archon. Chas.

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Meets first and third Wednesdays of each month. Visiting Knights cordially invited. Frank T. Krambs, C. C., Fred L. Mertz, 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 ball, Thomas Stevens, Commander Julius Johnson, Record Keeper.

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1	County Judge Linus C Park
ч	States Attorney Mazzini Slusser
1	County Clerk H. F. Lawrence
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ı	Superintendent of Schools R. T. Morgan
ŀ	Coroner N. E. Matter
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Street Commissioner. .... W. H. Mertz

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Members-C. B. Blestgett, M. Slusser, L W. Winchester, B. C. White, F. E. Dowe, J. W. Worley Supt. of Schools..... Regular meetings beld first Tuesday of each month in the Maple arenne school building.

THE MAILS. tom the east: -7:07; x:57 a. m. 12:11; 5:11 p. m. rom the west; -7:07; 9:52 a. m. 1:39; 5:28 p. m. O. H. & Q. RAILWAY TIME CARD.

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