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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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Downers Grove, Ill.

Gossip of the Town

Miss Carrie Hein visited over Sunday with Mrs. G. H. Bunge.

The best home baked goods at Rang's, Main street. Always fresh.

Miss Breeze, of Riverside, was a visitor at W. H. Blodgett's early in the week.

Dr. F. M. Hawley, of Berwyn, Ill., will in all probability locate here in the near future.

Mrs. Emma Wheeler has gone to Petoskey, Mich., and other points for a two months' trip.

C. B. Armstrong will leave Saturday for Neosho, Wis., to take a position as cashier in a bank.

Howard Fairweather has returned from Newport, Ky., where he has been visiting with friends.

Samuel Curtiss and family leave this week for a camping experience at Salt Creek, on the Fuller farm.

Come and hear the Little Jubilee Singers at the Congregational church next Thursday evening, Aug. 4.

Frank P. Blodgett, of Green Bay, Wis., is spending his vacation with his grandparents, J. P. Blodgett and wife.

Miss Dorris Clark, of Hyde Park, was entertained at the home of Howard E. Law Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

The new house being built for J. M. Nargney, on Maple avenue, is fast nearing completion. D. Dunn is the contractor.

Rev. A. Strickfaden, a brother in law of F. Gerwig and wife, spent several pleasant hours at their home on Monday.

Miss Bessie Prangle, of Aurora, has been spending a few days here with her relatives, Mrs. H. C. Law and George R. Cross.

Mrs. F. O. Dove is spending the summer at one of Wisconsin's beautiful lake-side resorts. Mr. Dove makes visits there weekly.

Miss Mauda Johnson leaves Monday noon for a month's vacation visit to relatives and friends in Wataga, Ill., her former home.

Eben L. Clements, we understand, has sold his home on Linscott avenue and is thinking of going to farming. We wish him good luck.

Peter Felda has sold his farm, located a mile and a quarter north of the village. The deal was made through E. L. Sheers & Co.

Charles Warner, of N. W. Harris & Co., bankers, Chicago, is negotiating with a local real estate firm for a residence here.

Frank Jones, of Austin, Ill., was in town over Sunday. He has some lots here in the Prince subdivision and may build a residence thereon later.

H. W. Davis and wife, of La Grange, were here prospecting last Saturday. They contemplate making their home here if they can secure a suitable house.

Charles Carpenter, of La Grange, has sold his property in that place and is negotiating for a new home in this town. It is expected he will close a deal in a few days.

Frank Goodrich, of Chicago, placed an order with E. L. Sheers & Co. for a suitable house and lot for a residence this week, and it is expected he will soon become one of our citizens.

The Downer families, of Downers Grove, have received invitations to attend the re-union of the Downers of America, to be held next September at St. Louis, Mo. The last one was held at Buffalo, N. Y.

Misses Pearl Bonesteel and Edith Miller and Messrs. Lew Stanley and Gay Earnest enjoyed an outing at Glen Ellyn last Saturday afternoon. After the picnic-supper they returned home by way of Wheaton.

The hot weather has had its effect on the amount of milk being received at the cheese factories. It is reported from the Lisle cheese factory that the daily amount has decreased from 15,000 lbs. daily to 8,000 the past few days.

Don't fail to hear the Little Jubilee Singers render the Southern melodies at the Congregational church on Thursday evening, Aug. 4. They have sung in all the large eastern cities and have met with a most enthusiastic reception.

The way the people are coming to Downers Grove and buying property here it doesn't seem as if that little "knock" a Hinsdale paper tried to give us is doing any harm. Then to think that many of them have to come right past Hinsdale to get here.

B. F. Morgan, of Bloomington, was in town Monday. He is a brother of County Superintendent Morgan and is a teacher. He will have charge of the Fullersburg school the coming year, succeeding David Hall, who has taught there with marked success for a number of years and who retires to take up another line of professional business.

Miss Minna Schwartz, of Wyoming, and Franklin P. Adams, of Chicago, were guests of W. C. Whiffen last Sunday afternoon. Miss Schwartz is a popular young actress, late of "The Maid and the Mummy" company. Mr. Adams is the editor of "Little About Everything" in the Chicago Daily Journal.

The village board might take in hand the matter of the new depot and remind the railway authorities of the improvements that have recently been made, and how badly the old depot corresponds. To add to this the business men might also send in a few letters to the C. B. & Q. Nothing like continually pegging at these big corporations. They appreciate the spirit.

Past-Quartermaster Sergeant Rohlfing and family are expected soon for a brief visit with Mrs. Rohlfing's mother, Mrs. J. M. Millet. After passing through the siege of Pekin, China, Sergeant Rohlfing was sent to Manila, where his wife and children joined him nearly three years ago. Later he was returned to the United States and located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, from which post he is being transferred to Fort Schuyler, N. Y.

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weeks. The inside finish will be of quartered oak. Large windows of plate glass will run nearly the entire length of the building front. The company has now a continuous line of pipe laid from L. Gray's to Downers Grove and 12,000 feet of pipe in Downers Grove. A bountiful supply of gas at all times is insured. Within a month's time the company has promised to have its gas here ready for the consumer.

Rowland Dalton, of Hinsdale, was a visitor in town last week.

Mrs. (Dr.) W. E. Holland, of Chicago, is a guest of Mrs. W. Carpenter.

J. W. Hughes and wife have returned from their vacation outing in Michigan.

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

Mrs. John Stewart and daughter Lucile, have gone to Elgin to spend a few days.

Mrs. W. H. Smith and daughter, Bessie, of Millard avenue, called on friends in town last week.

Misses Elizabeth and Harriet Strong visited the Misses Cassitt and Guest, of Chicago, during the week.

F. Leibundguth, with his wife and little daughter, Mildred, spent his vacation with his father in law, George Mochel.

John Wimmer and wife, now living in Chicago, will soon be residents of our village, and will occupy Mrs. Lacey's cottage, 81 Railroad street.

Miss Florence Niel, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Violet Turedie. Miss Niel has many friends here who are glad to see her once more in our village.

A. C. Reddler has sold his home on Oakwood avenue to S. F. Haller, who is going to improve same as soon as possible. Mr. Reddler is going to California.

Mrs. Celia Schaefer and daughter, Virgie, who have been here on a visit to their uncle and aunt, Jas. S. Miller and wife, will return Friday to Cincinnati, O.

G. H. Bunge and Frank I. Mason have returned from a trip through La Salle and Livingston counties in the interest of the farm property they own in that section.

Mrs. Josephine Austin returned on Tuesday from Lake county, where she had been visiting relatives. She reports the crops in bad condition there, owing to the dry weather.

Mrs. L. L. Hannum is confined to the house with an injured knee, the result of a fall, caused by a defective sidewalk on Washington street, last Friday night.

County Superintendent Morgan was in the village the fore part of the week, arranging for the county institute, which begins at the court house in Wheaton August 15.

The marriage of Miss Rosa Hines, formerly of Downers Grove, and William Conner a prominent young business man of Denver, Col., took place Saturday evening, July 23, in that city.

Rev. C. H. Hobart, D. D., of Pasadena, California, accompanied by his wife and two children, are visiting at W. C. Carpenter's. Rev. Mr. Hobart is a brother of Mrs. Carpenter. They expect to remain during August.

Look out for the Seven-cent Sale to be given by the Woman's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on the evening of Sept. 8, at the home of Mrs. Wm. Richardson, 114 Maple avenue. Lots of fun and surprises for all, so be sure to attend.

A real estate deal was closed this week at the office of E. L. Sheers & Co. for part of the local property of B. F. Prentiss, who is located in Denver, Col. Mr. Prentiss has been here the past few days in connection with the transfer, and will remain till the balance is sold.

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Abolish This Nuisance.

There is a nuisance right in the very center of the village that should have the attention of the proper authorities and be abolished at once. It is the filthy and highly unsanitary condition of the fountain on the north side near the depot. Here what was intended to be something to add beauty and health to the village is nothing more or less than a public nuisance. During the past few days from a half dozen to a score of small boys and some who were small several years ago and should know better or been taught better, have collected and made the fountain basin a place to throw sticks, stones, papers and all sorts of accumulations into, and what is worse, to throw dogs in during the very hot days. The top parts of the fountain is suffering badly for a good washing. Here wild, moss-like grassy growths have appeared and are far from a thing of beauty. Some seats about the fountain and park might be an improvement, and an iron railing to keep dogs out, should be put about the basin. If the village has this in charge, let it be done right or turn it over to the railway company. The arrest of some of the boys who have converted the basin into a veritable "duck pond" might stop that part of the nuisance.

Finsen's Wonderful Light Cure

By George Willis Mason

The greatest discovery of the age and the one that has already attained a world wide reputation, is that of the Finsen Light treatment. Even though it is only a few years old its effect is already seen in the cure of diseases that heretofore have been known as incurable. Article after article has been published in the leading newspapers and magazines, telling of this greatest of all medical treatments, so that it needs no introduction by me.

What I want to tell the people is, that we have a Finsen Light Institute right here at home, where the afflicted can go and be cured. I am surprised that so complete an Institute should not be more widely known, and I feel it my duty to tell about it.

I learned of this Finsen Light Institute, located at 78 State St., Chicago, by accident, and I went to see what it might be. I was surprised to find an institute so complete in every detail, and doing the great work that is being done there. Equipped with every convenience known, and operating four high power Finsen lamps, the only ones in America, these doctors are curing people by hundreds, yet they are comparatively unknown as yet. Busy as they are, yet they always take time to fully explain their methods of treatment.

Here I find doctors who have been to Copenhagen and have studied under Prof. Finsen's direction. They know the treatment perfectly, hence are able to effect so many cures. They have scores of patients from all parts of the country, some of whom I saw and talked with, and all are enthusiastic about their progress. One old gentleman from Michigan's noticed away by cancer, and nose partially gone; he was a neat pitiable sight, yet he told me that in less than two weeks these doctors had actually stopped the growth of the disease. Think what it would mean to this old man had he known of the Finsen light in time.

I saw also cases of cancer of the breast, eczema in its various forms, lupus, the wolf named scourge that had never been cured before this discovery—and even cases of birthmark, all being cured. I saw one lady from Dakota who was going home cured of cancer of the breast, for which she had previously had two operations.

Think of it, cancer cured by light without any knife and without pain. It seems preposterous, but it is a fact. When such a wonderful treatment is so near, why not let the afflicted know of it? Give them a chance to be cured. These cures are not fancy, they are facts. I have seen many institutions for the treatment of the sick and afflicted, but never where such a universal good has been afforded.

I have carefully read the 80-page book which the doctors send to everyone free, and I wish a copy of it might reach every afflicted person in America. You only have to ask for a copy and it is sent you postpaid. It tells all about how Finsen discovered the Light treatment and describes the Chicago Institute fully.

Social and Hay-Rack Party

The lawn social and hay rack party given last Tuesday evening at the home of Geo. Cooper, two miles south-east of East Grove, was a success in every respect. Many hay racks filled to overflowing carried the people from Downer and East Grove to the beautifully located farm of Mr. Cooper. The amount cleared was about \$50, which will be applied to the East-Grove chapel fund. The spirit of the people seems to be very much in accord with this movement, and with a continuance of their hearty co-operation a church will soon be erected upon the lot which has already been purchased.

Union Sunday-School Picnic

There will be a union picnic of the Baptist, Methodist and Congregational churches at Oak Grove, Saturday, August 6. Plans are nearly completed and it is expected that it will be a picnic well worth attending to. There are some special features planned which will be of interest to all who go. The contest games will be for enrolled members of the Sunday schools who have been in attendance at least 50 per cent of the Sundays since April 1, and all wishing to compete should enter their names before August 1 with Dr. Washburn of the Methodist, Frank Huling, of the Baptist or W. W. Heintz, of the Congregational. The contests will consist of 25, 30 and 75 yard dashes for boys and girls 6, 8, 10 and 12 years, and for adults; also sack, potato, three legged races, to wind up with a grand tug of war. There will also be lawn tennis, croquet and in door base ball games. Let everybody do their part towards making this picnic a grand success.

Baby Falls From Second Story

The little child of L. Broberg, manager of the laundry here, met with quite an experience on Wednesday. Mr. Broberg lives in the rooms over the laundry, and the baby by some means fell from one of the upper windows to the sidewalk below.

A New and Modern Hotel

In all probability Downers Grove will see a new and modern hotel building erected here during this summer. Several parties are interested in the matter and J. H. Kennedy, manager of the Harbata and Wellington Hotels, in Chicago, and also of other hostleries, is said to be behind the venture. It will likely be a stock company. Already some of the stock has been secured. The location may be the Rogers property, from Highland avenue to North Main street and fronting on Warren avenue. The proposition is to erect a three-story brick building, costing about \$30,000, and to be supplied with all modern conveniences, such as baths, bowling alleys, billiard halls, tennis courts. No doubt such a business would pay, as no more ideal place could be secured adjacent to Chicago. With the recent improvements that have been made and those under way the village will soon be able to keep abreast of the times and secure these modern enterprises.

Jubilee and Anniversary

A week from tomorrow, Sunday, Aug. 7, the exercises connected with the jubilee and anniversary celebration at the Methodist church will begin. The jubilee is in the nature of a rajuicing over the lifting of a debt which has burdened the church for the past ten years. For two years the members and friends of the church have been making special efforts to clear away this incumbrance. The subscriptions are coming in nicely and it is confidently expected that on Sunday, Aug. 7, it can be announced that every dollar of the \$3,500 debt has been secured. The anniversary part of the celebration will commemorate the tenth anniversary of the laying of the corner-stone of the present church edifice. The program provided for this interesting occasion is especially attractive. Dr. F. H. Sheets, who is to preach on Sunday morning, Aug. 7, is presiding elder of this district. He led the delegation of the Rock River conference to the general conference at Los Angeles in May and has just been elected assistant missionary secretary, but will not assume his new duties till about Oct. 1. He is a splendid preacher and will delight all who hear him. On Sunday evening Rev. M. B. Williams, one of the most brilliant of the Chicago clergy, will preach. On Monday evening the platform meeting, at which five of the former pastors will speak, will be of particular interest. On Tuesday evening comes the wonderful lecture entitled, "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," by the brilliant chaplain, Bishop McCabe. There is no more celebrated bishop in the Methodist church today than he. The Wednesday evening service will be full of interest.

The address, "The March of Events through Fifty Years of the Itinerary of the Methodist Episcopal Church," will be by Rev. F. A. Hardin, D. D. Dr. Hardin is one of the most interesting and unique characters in the Rock River conference. He is an old soldier. His addresses abound in humor, and this one will be especially rich in reminiscences of the trials and triumphs of the past. It will more than pay you to hear him. On Tuesday evening will come the banquet social, with splendid speeches, special music and refreshments. Admission to the Bishop's lecture will be 25c, the profits going to the ladies to help liquidate their pledge on the debt. There will also be a charge of 15c. admission at the door for the social, the proceeds going to pay the traveling expenses of the speakers, printing bills, etc. All else is free. A general and cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend, as far as possible, all these exercises.