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Gossip of the Town

A. Zoerner has gone to Chicago to live.
Miss Virginia Clark is visiting in Toledo, Ohio, for a few weeks.
Bert Downs, of Aurora, has returned to his home after a short visit here.
Miss Georgia Mitchell has returned from a two weeks' visit in Sarnia, Can.
Grading work is being done on Grove street, near Main street, at a much needed spot.
H. C. Reinohl, of Casey, Ill., visited with C. L. Sutherland and wife Saturday and Sunday.
Mrs. M. E. Mitchell has gone to Lockport to visit her mother, Mrs. Rowley.
Mrs. F. M. Stover and Miss Stover are spending the week with relatives in Chicago.
Miss Mary S. Bower, who has been visiting with Mrs. Brandeburg, has returned to Chicago.
The fountains at the corner of Curtis and Main streets are in a bad condition and should be repaired.
J. W. Handy went to Benton Harbor Wednesday to spend a week visiting his mother and brothers.
Mrs. C. L. Sutherland and children are visiting relatives and friends in Casey, Ill., and surrounding towns.
Mrs. M. E. Stanger and father, H. A. Colville, are visiting in Fenton, Whiteside county, Ill.
Miss Rosie Franks, who has made her home at I. P. Blodgett's for some time past, has gone to Chicago to live.
The Misses Eloise Leonard and Lillie Courtwright, of Chicago, were the guests of Miss Jennie Stuart last Sunday.
E. F. Eibert, of Naperville, who has so ably led the choir at the Congregational church here, is enjoying a well earned holiday.
Mrs. Fisher and son, from Mount City, South Dakota, are visiting at the home of J. C. Rommels and wife, of East Grove.
C. C. Wert has sold his business to Mr. Perkins, of Hinsdale, who will, on Aug. 22, bring his family to the Grove and take possession.
Miss Cora Handy has returned from Benton Harbor, accompanied by her brother, Harry. They will spend next week at the St. Louis Fair.
J. W. Nash, wife and two children, of Downers Grove, spent a few days last week with J. A. Nash and family—Hinckley Cor. Sandwich Free Press.
Miss Margaret Davis, with the firm of Ditzler & Lindsay, Hinsdale, who is spending the summer with Samuel Curtis' folks, left Thursday for a two weeks' outing at Potosky, Mich.
On Sunday J. S. Bond and wife, A. E. Selter and wife, James Mitchell and wife, Mrs. M. E. Mitchell and Miss Mitchell drove to Lockport and spent the day, returning in the evening.
Mrs. J. M. Millett has received a telegram from her son, C. C. Millett, telegraphic reporter for the Associated Press at Superior, Wis., saying that he would not be able to come home for the family reunion.
There is on exhibition in the post office some samples of oats grown by Charles Meadel, of Lisle, which are of a very fine quality. The seed came from an Iowa experimental farm and cost \$8.00 per bushel.
T. F. Watson, teacher of a young ladies' class at the Baptist Sunday school, entertained the members with a hay rack ride to Brush Hill and, later, a supper, on Thursday evening of last week.
Mrs. John P. Cracraft arrived home on Wednesday evening, July 27, from a visit in Indianapolis, Ind., with relatives. She also spent a few days at Martinsville, Ind., a pleasure resort, taking the famous baths.
For Sale In Wheaton, opposite Wheaton College, 8 room house in excellent repair; drainage perfect; 175-foot drilled well; lot 102 1/2 x 223 feet. House planned for plumbing and furnace. Apply to owner, 420 S. Main street, Wheaton.
Some one remembers the Reporter among those who have gone to South Dakota to secure home-lands on the Rosebud reservation, and sends us a marked copy of the Norfolk, Neb., News, with an account of the registration of 100,000.
The Burlington railroad will be double tracked between Chicago and Omaha before the end of the present year. It will be the straightest line and lowest grades between these points. The maximum grade will be thirty-one feet to the mile and there will be no curve above one degree. All but thirty miles of the work is completed.

making every effort to give to the public an up to date newspaper, not of the sensational "yellow journal" order, but newsy, spicy and variation enough to get out of the old fashioned country sheet style.

All along the line the automobile owners are running up against ordinances regulating the speed at which they may run their machines. This is right. Some of the suburban towns have been negligent in this matter and owners of automobiles have been utterly reckless in the handling of these machines just as soon as they left the limits of the city.

On Wednesday afternoon a garden party was given by Mrs. F. D. Lempe at her home on South Main street. The guests, numbering twelve, included Mrs. David E. McKee, of La Grange, Ill., and Mrs. Elbert Blanchard, of Los Angeles, Cal. As the shadows were lengthening, tea was served under the lovely maples and merrily the afternoon passed. The guests were unanimous in declaring Mrs. Lempe a most entertaining hostess and the garden party a very enjoyable affair.

Village Board Meets

The Village Board held its regular monthly session on Monday evening. All the members were present except Trustee Hughes, who is out of town for a few days. The minutes of the last meeting were read and affirmed. The following accounts were verified:

Name	Amount
A. F. Beideman	\$ 17 92
H. H. Wolfersheim	10 35
C. K. Roe	51 00
G. F. Sloan	5 00
H. T. Aldrich	2 50
Ill. Lbr. & Const. Co.	25 44
W. H. Mertz	52 00
John W. Graves	25 85
Charles Carpenter	14 83
Charles Dollinger	1 00
Louise C. Stanley	9 40
Frank J. Knight	7 30
Mertz & Moebel	38 19
P. C. Conley	40 10
J. W. Nash	33 65
M. Slusser	15 00
Bert C. White	15 00
Fred Hoffert	60 00
G. C. Habel	141 82
C. E. Zoak	100 00
Wm. Kichhoff	55 00
Thomas Bunning	3 20
H. J. Hawkins	52 57
Joe Roby	7 13
Gregory Electric Co.	78 03
Marion District Coal Co.	37 00
H. Lloyd	1 00
Pennsylvania Oil Co.	5 25
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The treasurer's report for the current month was received and filed. The following is a statement of the financial standing of the village as presented by Treasurer Rogers:

Item	Amount
General	\$ 22 50
Street and Alley	124 37
Water and Light	341 16
Sinking	999 64
Special Assessment	290 74
Special Assessment	14 58
Firmen's	113 01
Total	2495 00
On hand	210 00
Outstanding	2285 00
Total	2495 00

The superintendent of the water and light department made his monthly report and the same was received and filed.

A number of bills for the last month were ordered to be paid by a regular claim ordinance on motion of Trustees Staats and Heart.

Remittances from W. H. Barnhart, of 58c, and J. W. Tucker, \$1.30, as assessments on insurance commissions for month of July, were received.

A couple of petitions were presented, signed by the same residents on Railroad street, complaining of nuisances said to

be located thereon. The first was a petition desiring the village authorities to provide some means to stop the farmers and others from leaving their wagons loaded with malt on the streets. This was referred to the street commissioner to take whatever action was necessary. The other petition had objections against the cattle yards on Railroad street used by the C., B. and Q. The signers want the cattle yards removed. On motion of Trustees Graves and Heart the matter was left in the hands of the city attorney to take whatever action necessary.

The residents on Railroad street are desirous of having that thoroughfare improved like Main street has been. On motion of Trustees Graves and Staats a petition requesting this was sent for the consideration of the improvement committee.

The builders of a septic tank, located at Chicago, claim to have patent rights over the construction of these tanks and gave notice to the village that if they purchased or built a tank other than their manufacture they will be prosecuted. During the course of the discussion it was brought out that Engineer Shields claimed that the tank which he builds will be completely different from that of the Chicago manufacturers' product and there will be no danger of suit.

Trustee Slusser recommended referring back to the committee on local improvements the matter of the payment of three per cent. on the sewer construction for the village. After carefully investigating at Wheaton and other places he found that five per cent. was the lowest that any engineer would take the contract at and, as Engineer Shields had refused the contract at three per cent., he recommended the five per cent. On motion of Trustee Staats the matter of making a contract with Engineer Shields was left with the improvement committee with power to act.

Trustee Slusser reported that he was unable to secure a conference with the C., B. and Q. attorneys over the pavement of Railroad street, and also the south side sewer and storm drain matter, owing to the officials being away on their vacations.

The superintendent of the water and light department reported that many of the meters were out of order and he recommended that a proper form be printed so that plumbers could fill in the necessary records and the same be kept. He stated that many of the meters had been damaged, after the reading in February, by the heavy frosts. On motion of Trustees Heart and Graves the water and light committee were given power to get out the necessary printed matter.

Trustee Graves took up the matter of the Haas building, which he thought should be condemned, and also that of the condition of the premises in the rear of the Chinese laundry. On motion the village attorney was instructed to notify Haas to renew his building or it would be condemned at once.

On motion the matter of the bill against J. B. Miller, for water extension pipes on Railroad street, was left in the hands of the water and light committee.

On motion of Trustees Graves and Heart the ordinance committee was instructed to prepare a suitable automobile ordinance, as it is claimed the owners of these vehicles are using our streets at special that is dangerous to the public.

The matter of more telephones for the use of the village officials was taken up

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FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DOWNERS GROVE

Methodist Church Jubilee

The following will be the main features of the Methodist church Jubilee during the coming week:

On Sunday, Aug. 7, at 10:45 a. m., a sermon by Presiding Elder F. H. Sheets, D. D., and at 7:30 p. m., a sermon, "The Genius of Methodism," by Rev. M. B. Williams; on Monday, Aug. 8, at 8:00 p. m., Platform Meeting. Fifteen-minute addresses by former pastors: Rev. C. A. Bucks, Rev. John Nate, Rev. A. E. Saunders, Rev. T. R. Greene, Rev. George K. Hoover, D. D.; on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 8:00 p. m., lecture,

"The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," by Bishop Chas. C. McCabe, D. D., L. L. D.; on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 8:00 p. m., address, "The March of Events Through Fifty Years of the Itinerary of the Methodist Episcopal Church," by Col. Frank A. Hardin, D. D.; on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 8:00 p. m., banquet social, at which there will be choruses by the church choir, toasts, readings, solos, and a finale of a menu of sandwiches, ice cream, coffee, etc. There will be an admission fee to the Bishop McCabe lecture of 25 cents and a 15-cent admission fee to the banquet social.