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Gossip of the Town

R. W. Bond has gone to Cedar Lake. Mrs. Alford and daughter are visiting in Morris, Ill.

Mrs. George Biader has been seriously ill the past week.

J. W. Hughes has returned from an extended business trip to New York.

John Rutherford is spending his vacation at Cedar Lake.

Mrs. Cora Hancock was the guest of friends here on Sunday.

J. Rutherford and family are spending their vacation in Wisconsin.

New walks are being laid on Railroad street, in front of Miller's hotel.

Miss Daisy Paden is spending her vacation in Chebanse, Ill.

A new "post office" sign has been hung out on Curtis street.

Riley Steward and wife visited with Mrs. Crosey last week.

Mrs. William Barber is able to be out again after several weeks' illness.

Wm. Colwell was here from New York the past few days greeting old friends.

C. S. Scott, agent at the C. B. and Q. depot, is confined to his bed with illness.

A young son arrived at the home of Otto Crawford, Oakwood avenue, this week.

James Maxwell and wife, of Albany, N. Y., are visiting with James Pridham and wife.

Miss Ruby Crosey is spending her vacation with Mrs. Callendar in Batavia, Ill.

Mrs. Geo. Gordon, of Chicago, has been visiting old friends in the village for the past week.

Mrs. Van Patter, of St. Thomas, Canada, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. D. K. Foote.

E. Harris, of Belleville, Canada, is here spending a few days with his niece, Mrs. N. H. De Mill.

Dr. and Mrs. George A. Knapp, of Millbrook, N. Y., were the guests of L. W. Stanley on Sunday.

Threshers are reporting large yields of oats, barley, rye and wheat, and the quality most excellent.

Farmers now wish they had raised more "dollar wheat" this season, as the price is soaring beautifully.

E. W. Foster is laid up with a smashed foot. A piece of ice fell on it one day last week.

Mrs. C. L. Sutherland and children returned on Sunday from a visit to relatives in central Illinois.

Lee E. Stanley left Saturday for Cincinnati, where he has accepted a situation with a manufacturing concern.

Misses Lillie and Minnie Hermann are visiting in Canton, Ill., where Mrs. Hermann will join them this week.

Miss Pearl Pinkerton, of Chicago, is visiting at the home of Miss Katherine E. Cross, of north Foote street.

It is rumored that there may be a resignation from the village board which would require a special election.

Miss Lena Offerle left Tuesday for Storm Lake, Iowa, where she will make her future home among relatives and friends.

The ladies' library association met on Tuesday evening to consider the project of a Carnegie library. It is likely the matter will be pushed right along now.

Mrs. J. A. Garretson and Miss May Hyde, of 108 Gilbert avenue, have gone to Channel Lake for a two weeks' outing.

Captain Stickle leaves today for West Point, N. Y., where he will take a position as an instructor at the military school there.

James Conley, of 173 Linscott avenue, contemplates selling his home here. Any one looking for something good would do well to investigate.

C. V. Carpenter, wife and children are spending a few weeks at Charlevoix, Mich. Miss Lyman and Miss Holeta Giddings, who are at White Lake, will join them next week.

The residences on Franklin street near the Episcopal church, owned by G. B. Heart, and occupied by George T. Knox and Samuel Johnstone, are being repainted.

Miss Sophia M. Chase, of Chicago, who has been visiting in Downers Grove as the guest of Mrs. McClelland, left on Monday for Jubilee, Ill., the former home of her grandfather, the late Bishop Chase.

Miss Anna Meyers leaves today for Gardner, Ill., where she will meet her brother and both go to Washington, Mo., to visit their mother. Miss Meyers will not return till September 5, and will visit the St. Louis Fair on her way back.

Miss Lloyd is having her house on Linscott avenue repaired.

Mrs. Hannum and Miss Arnold visited Milwaukee last week.

Gerwig's store building has been treated to a new coat of paint.

L. B. Gesner's house, at 108 Linscott avenue, has been repainted.

Miss Ida Leix returned to her home in Ottawa, Ill., on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Dawson's house, on the north side, is being improved by a new coat of paint.

Mrs. C. Heinz and daughter, Lillie, are visiting in Earlville and Aurora this week.

A. F. Miller and wife have been spending their vacation at various points in Indiana.

Mrs. H. E. Saunders and Miss Ollie Saunders are spending several weeks in Boston and vicinity, visiting relatives.

Samuel Kenison, with a party of friends, is spending a week at White Lake, Mich.

Mrs. D. Shaw and Miss E. Bogk, of Milwaukee, visited Mrs. Morton the past week.

Miss Marie E. Smith, who has been boarding with Mrs. Morton, has returned to Chicago.

Miss Margia A. Ginnar, who has spent several months in the Grove, has returned to Chicago.

Mrs. F. M. Stover and Miss Stover are spending a few days with friends on the south side, Chicago.

Misses Frankie Thompson and Ida Smith visited relatives at Barrington on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. M. R. Morse and Mrs. W. L. Davis, of Harvey, Ill., are visiting with their sister, Mrs. John Moore.

Grenville Pridham has returned from Piney Ridge, Mich., after a two months' visit. He will return to Ladington next week.

Relief Agent Forties, of Chicago, is in charge at the C. B. and Q. depot here during the illness of Agent Scott, who is in Iowa for a few weeks.

Miss Bessie Herring will accompany her young friend, little Miss Mildred Hood, and Rev. H. H. Rood on their vacation at Lake Bluff, Ill.

Vacation rest and recreation is terminating abruptly, and the thread of daily toil is taken up with renewed vigor in some instances.

Misses Anna Meyers and Dora Witt had a delightful ride to Warrenville on Friday, where they spent the day with Miss Williams.

The county teachers' association is now in session at Wheaton. Weather and roads are most propitious for those who come and go by back across the country.

Mrs. Schabel, wife of Hon. August Schabel, of New Orleans, and daughter of E. W. Farrar, of this place, is visiting in La Grange and other points in this vicinity.

Pastor H. H. Rood is taking a well earned vacation for a few weeks at Lake Bluff, just north of Evanston, on Lake Michigan. He will not be back till September 11.

The old Downers Grove floral gardens, on Foote and Belmont streets, are being thoroughly remodeled, and some portions rebuilt, by the new firm of which David Reed is manager.

The young people's alliance convention, bible institute and Sunday school convention of the Evangelical association are being held at Naperville this week and will continue till August 29.

Workmen excavating a cellar for Jas. Burns, on Prince avenue, recently, discovered a meteorite embedded in the clay at a depth of five feet, weighing about twenty-five pounds. Does any of the older inhabitants remember when it fell?

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The work on the chair factory has been at a stand still for the past few days because of delay in getting the timbers for the joists here from Georgia. They have at last arrived and the brickwork will go right through now.

The fences about the cattle yards near the C. B. and Q. railway grounds, on Railroad street, are being treated to a new coat of white paint. These are the buildings that the residents along there are petitioning to have removed.

The friends of Miss Alice Burroughs will be pleased to learn that she has secured a position as teacher in one of the schools of Kansas. Miss Burroughs will be remembered as one of our graduates of the class of 1904.

Miss Laura and Arthur Hughes left on Tuesday for the west. Arthur goes to Stanford university. Miss Laura will stop in Colorado Springs for a few weeks, and then go on to California and make an extended visit with friends.

Rev. C. J. Votjka has been succeeded as pastor of St. Mary's church by a priest from Hawthorne. The reverend father was escorted to his new charge, Sunday of last week, by a band from his former parish, and a reception was tendered him by the parishioners.

Miss Edith Rodkey, of Oakmont, Pa., will be principal of the high school when the new term begins in September. Miss Rodkey comes well recommended, having been principal of a school for the past seven years in one place, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

New walks are being laid from the corner of Curtis street to Mertz & Mochel's store, on Main street; also near A. J. Thompson's store, on Curtis street. Three contractors, with three sets of employees, are busily engaged at the walk building.

A hay rack party was given last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Leix, of Ottawa, Ill. Will Lempe being the chief "hay pitcher." If one may judge from the noise made along the route the ride was certainly enjoyed by the young people. A picnic supper was served en route.

Chas. Lier, a former son-in-law of Chas. Mead of Downers Grove, after a three months' visit to Chicago, St. Louis and New York, left on August 17 for San Francisco, with the best wishes of all his friends in Downers Grove, Lisle and Naperville.

Contractor Conley, who has been continuously engaged in building cement walks about the village during the past three seasons, has just completed some splendid walks in front of the Miller House. He will also build that to be laid on Railroad street and from the Miller property to the Childers block on Main street during the next few days.

This place cannot continue in its old way of forty or fifty years ago very much longer. Those who desire that kind of a town had better "back to the woods." A town only twenty-one miles from the center of Chicago cannot stand still, and to go ahead its business men and citizens must be up and doing.

The village flag pole, which was taken down during the paving operations on north Main street, has received a new coat of white paint, thanks to the patriotic generosity of Captain Rogers, who will attend to its erection again. For years this pole has stood on north Main street, and on July 4 the flag was regularly unfurled till this year.

The village board held a special session on Wednesday evening. All were present except Trustee Davis. The only business transacted was the acceptance of a "plating" of the Winslow and Gibbs sub-division. The board will meet again Tuesday, when about thirty sidewalk ordinances will be passed. The sewer ordinances will lay over till the next regular session in September.

An inspection car containing eleven officials of the C. B. and Q. were here on a tour of general inspection on Monday. They looked over the proposed work of paving Railroad street and then in a general way the new depot site. All were non-committal as to whether the work of the latter will be started soon or not. Evidently they are waiting for the sewer construction matter to be settled before making any decisive answer.

Sun will Be Totally Eclipsed

The total eclipse of the sun, which is scheduled to occur on August 30, will be observed by astronomers with much interest, for observations they will make may help to solve the questions about which there has been so much speculation. The shadow path of the eclipse will make the necessary scientific work of observation comparatively easy. The path begins at sunrise south of Hudson Bay, enters the Atlantic ocean a short distance north of Newfoundland, crosses northeastern Tunis, and ends at sunset in southeastern Arabia. The duration on the coast of Labrador, in Spain and at Assuan, are two and a half, three-fifths and two and three-fifths minutes, respectively.

A BURGLAR CAUGHT

Policeman Hoffert Finds Young Chicago Burglar Pillaging a Hardware Store

SENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL

A young man, just seventeen years old, a product of metropolitan training in Chicago, was caught red-handed in the act of burglarizing the store of Curtis & Heart, hardware dealers, on Monday evening about 10:30 o'clock, by policeman Fred Hoffert. He had broken one of the front windows, deliberately turned on the electric light and proceeded to take a general view of what the store was supplied with. Policeman Hoffert's eye caught the flash of the light and he made investigation. He found the lad on his knees behind a counter, filling his pockets with jack-knives. He was arrested and locked up. On Tuesday he came before Justice Tucker, who is acting as police magistrate in the absence of police magistrate Graham. Attorney Slosser prosecuted. The boy gave his name as Fitz Patrick, and seeing the weight of evidence against him, pleaded guilty and was committed to the county jail to await sentence at the next session of the Circuit court, in October. On being interviewed he claimed Chicago as his home, that he had only been to school for two years, came out of Chicago on a freight train on Monday but was put off here, and was going to Aurora. He went into the store to get money. He claims to have worked for the Fair department store as a wagon boy at one time.

The boy's appearance, is far from bright, he having the usual haunted, fearful look of the petty criminal. He readily promised to reform if sent to the Pontiac school. He did not seem to grasp the enormity of the crime, acting in a methodical manner, like a whipped animal. He glibly "piped" forth the "hunting work on a farm" story.

Methodist Quarterly Meeting

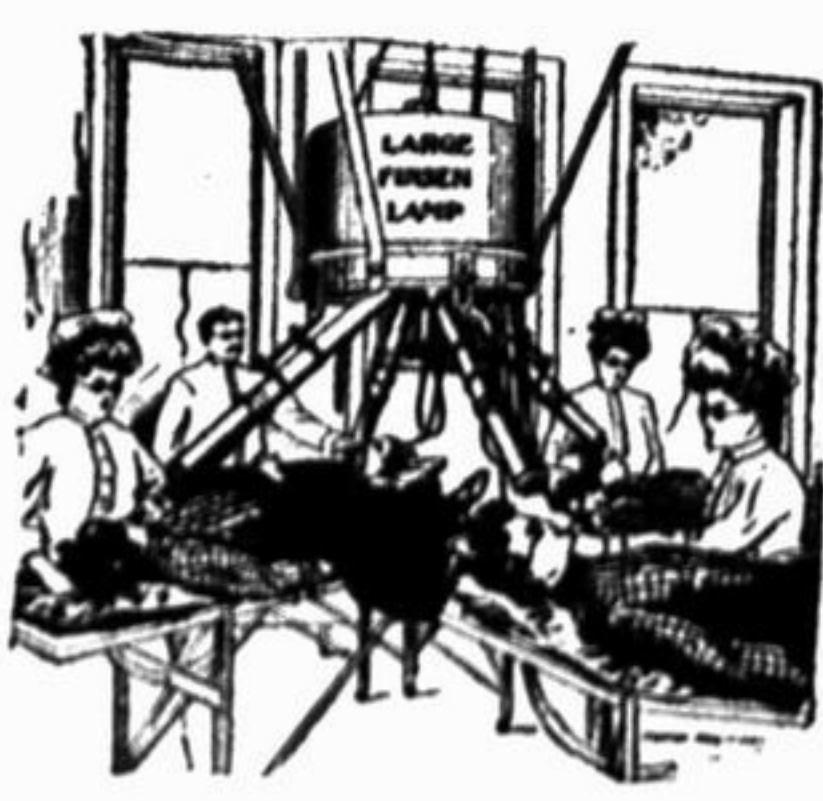
The fourth quarterly meeting of the Methodists of this district was held on Saturday evening in the church here. Rev. Dr. Sheets, of Chicago, the presiding elder, was in attendance. A large number of the officials of the board were present. This is the last quarterly session of the official board for their fiscal year. Rev. H. H. Rood, the pastor here, was unanimously requested to remain for a fifth year, and the annual salary was increased \$100. This request will go before the conference and no doubt Mr. Rood will be the pastor here for another year. He has been a very energetic and faithful worker and has surrounded himself with hosts of friends, not only of his own denomination but others, and it no doubt is the wish of all that he be permitted to remain.

The Carnegie Library Project

A movement that has been quietly going on for some time here is quite commendable. It is the securing of a Carnegie library. Already a ten thousand dollar grant has been made by Mr. Carnegie. The ladies of the Library association have taken the matter in hand. The proposition is to secure the consent of those who have relatives buried in the old cemetery, on South Main street, to the removal of the remains or have them sunk very deep, level off the site and build thereon the library. The village has agreed to take over the management and maintenance of such an institution. It seems that there are some objections on behalf of some of the older residents because of sentimental connections with the removal of the old cemetery. One of the ladies of the Library Board has very energetically worked in the matter and by personal visits has secured about one hundred names of parties who will agree to the project, of those who have relatives buried in the cemetery. It is proposed to use the old gravestones in the erection of the building, if allowed, to form tablets as tokens of respect to the old residents. An effort will be made to increase the grant to fifteen thousand dollars and no doubt it will be secured. If there is one thing that this place needs and needs badly it is a good public library and reading room, open every day, where the young element can go and read a class of literature that will fit them for the great things of the age. This matter should not be allowed to lag. It should be pushed forward to its culmination as soon as possible.

BIRTHS
WAPLES—To the wife of L. R. Waples, Downers Grove, on August 4, a daughter.
DREW—To the wife of Thomas Drew, Downers Grove, on August 9, a son.

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