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## Gossip of the Town

Inconsistency is the logic of fools. Miss Cora Wheeler is holidaying in Milwaukee.

Miss Lizzie Krantz is enjoying a visit at Milwaukee.

R. S. White has gone to New York City for a few days.

Mrs. Geo. B. Heatt is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Lott, in Geneva.

Misses Dora and Winnie Witte spent last Sunday with friends in Naperville.

Miss Mary Virginia Ripe, of Peoria, Ill. is the guest of Mrs. James Mitchell.

Miss Stella Foster has returned from a month's visit with her sister in Oswego.

E. Rohling and wife, who have been visiting relatives here, have left for Westchester, N. Y.

H. Babcock, wife and son, Richard, were guests over Sunday of A. P. Daniels and wife.

Mrs. J. B. Huling and her two daughters have just returned from an outing at Windsor Park.

James Sucher has returned from his trip to Boston, where he was attending the G. A. R. reunion.

C. P. Scott has returned from a trip to Denver, Colo., and other western points, where he went for his health.

Victor Frodenhagen has made considerable improvement on his East Grove property adjoining the village.

R. J. Dandley has purchased a lot of the Gibbs estate, on Highland avenue, and will erect a modern residence.

The work on the chair factory is being rushed right forward now, and its completion is a matter of only a few weeks.

Rev. C. F. Kleihauer and wife spent Thursday of last week in town visiting their relatives, A. J. Kleihauer and wife.

"Roasting ears" are now in season and luscious watermelons tickle the palate. Raspberries are a thing of the past.

E. M. Gallup has decided to sell his Highland avenue property and build a large residence in another part of the village.

Mrs. Esther Smart has sold her home on Chicago avenue to Jas. C. Parker, of Wisconsin. He will take possession at once.

The gas company's building is nearing completion. The brick work is done and the carpenters are rapidly completing their part.

The United Brethren will soon build their new chapel at East Grove. It will be located on Fourth street, between Center and Fairview avenues.

The building next to Mertz & Mochel's store, used by D. G. Graham as a police-magistrate's office, is being raised and a new foundation placed underneath.

People who are paying 20 and 25 cents per pound for meat are too busy sympathizing with themselves to have much time to sympathize with the strikers.

A. L. Brown, county superintendent of schools at Fort Dodge, Iowa, has been visiting with his uncle, L. B. Gesner, and family the past week.

The Churchill house, corner of south Washington and Randall streets, has been sold to Mrs. E. Smart, who will occupy it as soon as possession can be secured.

Miss Anna Meyer's dress-making store on Main street is closed during her absence on a visit in Iowa and other western states. It will re-open on September 5.

The brick work of S. Hoffert's new building on south Main street, between U. H. Balcom's store and the gas company's new building, is being done. We understand the building will be used as a real-estate office.

An "Arctic" social will be given at the home of J. B. Huling and wife, corner of Maple avenue and Washington street, on Tuesday evening, August 30, to aid the building of a chapel for the United Brethren mission of East Grove. An excellent program will be given and ice cream will be served.

A new walk is being laid in front of D. C. Stanley's properties on south Main street, just opposite the old cemetery. P. Conley has the contract. It will be eight feet wide, and is being laid higher than the curb line. A terraced boulevard will be between. Some of the big trees along the street at this point will have to be removed.

Complaint is made that many in this village disregard the ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks, and we are admonished to utter a word of warning to those who are in the habit of so doing to quit the practice in order to avoid arrest, for the proper officials have been instructed to arrest any person who is found violating this ordinance.

Mrs. R. R. Pattison visited with her son, at Chicago Heights, last week.

Self-sacrifice means the suicide of desire.

C. R. Caldwell and wife have been spending their vacation at Cedar Lake, Wisconsin.

Miss Claude Wheeler is having a two weeks' vacation from her duties in the city.

Frederick Hayes and Roy Chilvers spent last Sunday in South Haven, Michigan.

Miss Pearl Bonstedt arrived home Sunday from a two weeks' visit at Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Frank and Miss Lizzie Hartmann, of Argyle Park, were guests of Mrs. E. L. Sheers this week.

Mrs. A. R. Heckman and daughter, Kathryn, of Rogers Park, have been visiting Mrs. A. L. Curtis.

Miss Carrie Foster is spending a two weeks' vacation with friends in Chicago and relatives at Oswego.

Mrs. E. E. Easton and children are visiting relatives at Libertyville, Lake county, Ill., for ten days.

Clayton Zook is spending his vacation visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. H. Tacker, at Watertown, South Dakota.

A new house will be built on the property at Franklin street and Oakwood avenue by a recent Chicago buyer.

Our editor, W. Harry Spears, leaves today for a few days' visiting the scenes of his barefoot days, in and about Toronto, Canada.

John H. Gipsy and wife left on Friday to spend the balance of their vacation in the western and northwestern states.

A Chicago man has purchased the property on Oakwood avenue, at lot 17 in block 79, and will build a house thereon this fall.

Misses Dorcas Steek and Merte De Boldt, of Zion City, are visiting this week at the home of J. C. Rommeis and wife.

Mr. Gardiner and wife, of Los Angeles, Cal., are guests of relatives here. Mrs. Gardiner will be remembered as Miss Tillie Sucher before her marriage.

The ideal orchestra of this place has been engaged by the Modern Woodmen of Naperville to furnish music at their annual picnic on Labor day, Sept. 5.

Miss Flora A. Tripp is visiting relatives and friends at Libertyville, Lake county, Ill. She will also see the Lake county fair and will be absent several days.

James Mitchell and wife entertained at dinner, Tuesday evening, Messrs. Bert Baker and Walter Schaal, of Chicago, in honor of their guest, Miss Rice, of Peoria.

An Illinois farmer believes in feeding marshmallows to pigs. This is a little like casting pearls before swine, in the eyes of the small boy with the sweet tooth. He don't like it.

The schools open on September 5. All things are in preparation for the opening day. Next week we will print an article about the schools that will no doubt be of interest to both pupils and parents.

Word was received by Mrs. E. W. Foster of the death, on August 11, of her uncle, Charles M. Bowman, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., a cousin of Bishop Thomas Bowman, and also of the death, on August 20, of her brother, G. Bowman Bettle, of Onsetta, N. Y.

S. Caldwell, of Racine, Wis., has contracted for the old Thatcher and Crosby building. He will add another story to the building, to be used as a flat.

The lower part will be fitted up as a bakery. His son in law, E. W. Perkins, of Naperville, will conduct the business. J. W. Morford has the contract for the alterations.

To our correspondents: Send in your items so they will reach Downers Grove on Thursday noon at latest. If any important thing happens after posting, send another letter. Do not hold back your weekly budget, as it delays our forms.

The county teachers' institute was in session at Wheaton last week, the attendance being large. The teachers appreciate these annual gatherings for thought and instruction, and by attending them keep up to date in school work. County Superintendent R. T. Morgan always has the best instructors obtainable.

We might just incidentally draw the attention of the Hinsdale paper to the following excerpt from its own columns: "Joseph Tyler has torn down his house on north Washington street and moved the lumber to Downers Grove where he is erecting a fine barn." It goes without

saying that everything is coming our way when the houses are being torn down in Hinsdale to build barns here. Guess you won't do so much "knocking," Mr. Hinsdale man, or some of these days your whole burg will be a suburb of Downers Grove. It's our move and we're moving fast.

Miss Helen Marwoig, of Chicago, and Mr. Henry Struck, of Waukegan, spent Sunday with Miss Alice Shaw, of Highland avenue.

Miss Jennie Stuart, accompanied by a party of friends from Chicago, leaves this afternoon for an outing on the Griffin farm, South Haven, Michigan.

Mrs. Henry J. Durran and Mrs. Fred Hartles, of Naperville, were callers at the home of Mrs. H. C. Shaw, on Highland avenue, one day this week.

Someone who attended the union Sunday school picnic who may have been accusing some other person of being in possession of a basket containing four china plates, a cup and some silverware, can find some at the Methodist parsonage where they were taken, no doubt, in error.

Death of a Former Resident

The many friends of Miss Maureen Sayres, who resided here with A. J. Gray and family before their removal to Savanna, Ill., will be surprised to learn of her sudden death at Marengo on Thursday of last week. The cause of death was appendicitis. Three doctors did everything that medical science could for the young woman, who was scarce twenty years old, but they failed and death came. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. A. J. Gray.

Illustrated Free Lectures

J. R. B. Arnold will be in Hinsdale and give lectures, aided by the stereopticon and a fine assortment of moving pictures, on August 29, 30 and 31, and in Downers Grove September 1, 2, 3 and 4. These lectures will be held in a tent and admission will be free. The subjects will be on the theme of temperance and prohibition. Mr. Arnold has been in the lecture business for fifteen or twenty years, and his lectures and pictures are first class and of a high grade in every respect. Let every one hear him.

Big Real Estate Deal

A deal was consummated this week in the office of E. L. Sheers & Co., the bustling real estate agents, that will mean much to Downers Grove. It was no less than the sale of a block of town lots, forty four in number, in one block on the north side between Chicago and Prairie avenues, and Elm and Washington streets. The tract was owned by Charles Leffer, of Naperville, and the purchasers are a couple of live Chicago people, named A. J. Jacoby and Charles H. Lutz. The consideration was \$9000. They at once go right ahead and build two houses, costing about \$5,000 each, fitted up with all modern conveniences. They will build about fifteen smaller houses on the property, and expect to complete seven this fall. E. L. Sheers & Co. will be agents for the owners. This certainly is a splendid real estate deal and one that brings capital to the village and will relieve the demand for houses, to some extent, as soon as they are built, and Messrs. Sheers are to be congratulated on their arrangement of this transfer.

Captured a Mysterious Bug

Edwin Frank, the genial barber who handles the razors so dexterously in the shop under the bank, on Wednesday of this week ran up against something different from the ordinary "hard face" or downy youthful cuticle. During the afternoon business slacks up and Frank spends his moments in poring over great stacks of reading matter. This he was engaged in when he noticed what appeared to be a monstrous bug coming towards him. Ed took a second look and the creature seemed to grow larger and larger, opening and closing great jaws, and two great hand like claws wiping off the jaws every few minutes.

The alarmed tonsorialist now pinched himself to see if he was awake or dreaming, for being a strict "teetotaler" he was sure it could not be any liquor-caused nightmare. Finding his anatomy correct, he seized a razor, a pair of clippers, an eyewinker arranger and very cleverly captured the "creature," which he has now bottled up and on exhibition. The bug has been viewed by many, but none seem to recognize it as anything they have ever seen before. It has a great wasp like body, and is about two inches long. It has a large head, with awful, glaring eyes. The head keeps constantly moving and the great feelers are constantly "wiping off" its jaws. It has miniature wing like appendages. When a fly is fed it, the bug seems to go through antics something like a cat with a mouse. Many think it is a "loving bug," like the one that attacked the young man at Oak Park.

## ADJOURNED MEETING

### Village Board Adopts Special Assessment Plan For The Sidewalks

### PETITION FOR WATER MAINS

The village board met in special session on Tuesday evening. All members were present except Trustee Davis.

The first business was the passing of a claim ordinance of \$15.00 and \$46.20 in favor of the C., B. and Q., the first for freight on stone and the latter for freight on coal.

A petition was read, signed by all the residents on Summit street, requesting a four inch water main on that street from Main street to Washington street.

Trustee Heatt explained that the property holders wanted to go ahead and do the work themselves, without going through any court procedure. He had signed the petition with this understanding.

Attorney Shusser advised that the petitioners have a contract drawn up between themselves and the proposed contractor, J. D. Fowler, and same be submitted to the Board of Local Improvements.

Trustee Hughes: The contract must include the tapping of the mains, and the street crossings.

Trustee Heatt: Will the village pay for the fire plug?

Trustee Hughes thought this latter should go with the improvements and be at the expense of the property owners.

On motion of Hughes and Staats the matter was referred to the Board of Local Improvements, with power to act.

Attorney Shusser then went into the ordinance matter relative to cement walk building. He had made a careful investigation as to the manner of walks being built in other places, and found that all had first started in under the law of 1875. It was the law under which the old wooden walks had been built, and worked all right. This had also been done here. Hinsdale started to build cement walks before Downers Grove did, but finally found themselves in the same difficulty that is being experienced here, the preparation of separate ordinances, expense of publishing them, and other inconveniences connected with the building under this old act. He thought that very soon the village would have more money invested in approaches and other parts of walks than they should have. Under the special assessment act the approaches are assessed to the property owners. He strongly advised adoption of the special assessment system. Hinsdale, LaGrange and other nearby towns had found that they must resort to it. As at present under the decision of the supreme court, the sidewalks, except when in the same block, must be contiguous in order to come under one ordinance, so that many ordinances were necessary, but under the special assessment act a whole section or district of the town could be put under one general ordinance and the description of each parcel published. The whole village could be divided into about four sections and each section done as a job. Another advantage of the special assessment that will no doubt appeal to the tax payers is that the assessment can be spread over five or ten years by installments. In this way the walks are put in more uniform and the grades will be better kept. A section will be placed under a special assessment and the whole contract let to one man, or as the Board of Local Improvements see fit.

After some discussion, on motion of Hughes and Staats the matter of cement walks was referred to the Board of Local Improvements to proceed under the special assessment act as outlined by the attorney.

The report of the street and alley committee, condemning certain walks about town and recommending them to be removed, was received and concurred in.

The property owners near any of the walks, who wish to build walks, will be able to do so under the general ordinance and these will not come under the special assessment plan.

The matter of the Kline walk on Main street, where he claims that his lot line is in such a position that there would only be room for an eight foot walk, was then taken up. The attorney advised that the Board of Local Improvements notify Mr. Kline to put in his walks as specified, nine feet, or work will be stopped by the police officer and will be built by the village according to the ordinance.

BIRTHS

Kennedy - To the wife of Joseph Kennel of Hinsdale, on August 4, a daughter.