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Gossip of the Town

Mrs. Lott, of Geneva, is the guest of relatives in town.

J. I. Rounds and wife are visiting at Ball Center, Wisconsin.

Miss Mabel Mesner was greeted by her many friends Sunday.

Miss Irene Hasdell, of Chicago, has been spending a week here.

William R. Wells, of Beaumont, Texas, is the guest of relatives in town.

Miss Emma Connell has returned from a visit at Chicago Heights.

Miss Flora Henderson is having a new house built on east Maple avenue.

William Barber and wife have returned from their visit at Wheaton.

John Crouse, of New York, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Skinner.

Mr. Hurd and wife, of New York, are guests of friends and relatives in town.

Herbert E. Wylie, of the Whitebread coal company, spent Sunday with F. A. Bernier.

Paul W. Herring and wife are receiving congratulations on the advent of a daughter.

Miss Berice White has returned to town from a visit to Iowa, where she has been for a year.

Mrs. Stanger and her father, H. A. Colville, have returned from their visit to Fulton, Illinois.

R. S. Davis, who has been living with his son, John Davis, has gone home to Canton, New York.

Mrs. Fanny Belden entertained a few friends, August 18, in honor of her eighty sixth birthday.

Miss Odessa Arnold, who has been visiting Mrs. Hannum the past month, has returned to Keithsburg.

Both meat markets will close on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, at eleven o'clock. There will be no delivery.

Mrs. Baker and her niece, Miss Ella Klein, have returned after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Iowa.

Mrs. R. F. Beidelman and daughters, Grace and Helen, returned last week from a three weeks' visit in southern Kansas.

The picnic of St. Mary's church, East Grove, is reported to have been quite a success, \$130 having been cleared by it for the benefit of the parish.

The Lisle township Sunday school convention will be held at Lisle church, September 4, at 10:30 a. m. All are earnestly invited to attend.

A lawn social was held on Tuesday evening on the lawn of J. J. Huling, Maple avenue and Washington street, in aid of the United Brethren chapel, soon to be built.

Mrs. Martin Becker, Mrs. William Sigmund and son, Mrs. Henry Grove and daughter, of Naperville, and Mr. Telford and wife, of Chicago, spent Thursday with M. Heintz and wife.

Mrs. Wall, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Katie Wall, and Miss Ida Reeder, will start for Colorado on Tuesday. They will visit Denver, Manitou, Colorado Springs and other points in the west.

E. E. Stevens is preparing to make a number of additions and improvements on his north side residence property, which will make it one of the most modern houses in the village. The improvements will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000.

M. L. Root and W. D. Herrick expect to start for the Ozark mountains, in southern Missouri, about the second of September. They wish to acquaint themselves with the fine climate and the rich soil of that country.

As a reminder we will state that the figures opposite your name on your paper show the date to which your subscription has been paid. Many subscriptions expire at this time, and from such we would esteem it a favor to receive a renewal.

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 building and lot known as the Kimball property, on Main street, has been sold to Chas. O. Lundgren, of Clarendon Hills, and Oscar W. Borg, of Chicago. The building is being repainted and otherwise refitted and Mrs. Borg will open a dressmaking shop therein.

Deal with those who want your trade bad enough to ask for it. Carefully scan the advertisements in The Reporter each week and profit by them. They will save you money. All branches of business are represented and we can recommend all who advertise as worthy of patronage.

C. W. Ballard, of Austin, spent last Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Belden.

Frank E. Herrick, attorney at law, Wheaton, was in town Thursday.

Mrs. M. E. Mitchell and Miss Mitchell have been visiting in Chicago the past week.

E. Elliott and wife were the guests of James Mitchell and wife last Saturday and Sunday.

Walter Chessman will erect a new residence on east Maple street before the winter season sets in.

Mrs. G. E. White and children, of Ottawa, are visiting with J. C. White and A. J. Cross.

Mrs. Shepley Moss, of Morris, Illinois, has been visiting relatives and friends here the past week.

Miss Lucy Schaub made a short visit with friends here before leaving for the World's Fair at St. Louis.

A new stone crossing is being placed at the corner of Maple avenue and Main street, on the west side.

E. G. Pfaff and A. Pfaff, of Cass, with their sons, Edwin and Arthur, started for the St. Louis exposition Thursday.

A. K. French and wife and Miss French, of Western Springs, were the guests of Mr. Bond and wife on Sunday.

A variety of weather may be looked for during the month of September, one item in the forecasts being a "heated term" during the first half of the month.

Harry Snyder and his nephew, George C. Schindler, rode to Chicago on their wheels last Sunday. After visiting six of the parks, they wheeled back to Downers Grove, highly pleased with the day's run of 67 miles.

The improvements to the Congregational church are being pushed forward. The painting contract has been let and the painters are at work. The repairs to the church and the decorating inside will be done at once.

In this village dogs must be muzzled from May 1 to November 1. They must also bear a tag and collar. Owners of dogs should see that these provisions are carried out, or the canines will be destroyed by the chief of police.

Mrs. J. M. Millett is expecting a visit from her son, Roy R. Millett, who left Downers Grove over five years ago for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he has, up to the present time, held a responsible position in the post trader's store, as general clerk and assistant postmaster.

Mrs. E. Woolton and Mrs. M. Oldfield spent last week with their friends, Orrin Wheeler and wife, of Ringwood, McHenry county, Illinois. Mr. Wheeler has a fine farm, well stocked, and has just finished building a fine home. These ladies also spent one day at the county fair at Woodstock. The whole trip was very enjoyable.

Miss Priscilla White, of Boston, Massachusetts, is spending a few days here, the guest of Frederick A. Dawes and family. Miss White is one of the leading sopranos of the Bay state metropolitan, and also a teacher. She will sing at a musical to be given on Saturday evening by Misses Bateman and Leach, at the home of the former.

The Reporter is now the best and newest paper published in the county. Our aim is to keep constantly improving it, both in appearance and in news features. Our readers can help us materially by informing us of any item of news they may know. Drop a card, telephone 12, stop us on the street and tell us, or call at the office and let's become acquainted.

A Fredonia, Kansas, paper contains the following: "Louis Beidelman, who has been visiting in Fredonia the past two weeks, left for Chicago today. Mrs. Beidelman will remain some time yet. Louis was accompanied home by his sister, Alta, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. F. Pinney, for some time. Miss Alta made many friends in Fredonia, who hope to see her again in the near future.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. Rev. H. H. Root on Wednesday, August 31, at 2:30 p. m. The meeting was turned into a symposium on the temperance question. The newly elected officers are: President, Mrs. J. Batterham; first vice president, Mrs. S. Potter; second vice president, Mrs. J. B. Huling; third vice president, Mrs. Strong; corresponding and recording secretary, Mrs. H. H. Root; treasurer, Mrs. Levi Mertz.

E. L. Sheers & Co. are making arrangements for a party of twenty or twenty-five to leave here next Tuesday for a trip to southern Missouri. Many farmers desirous of making a change have decided to take this trip in. Land can be secured in southern Missouri at very low rates. It is improved property and

is along the great Frisco Rock Island system. Messrs. Sheers & Co. expect to make several sales during this trip. The party will go by special tourist car and will stop off at St. Louis, where the Fair will be viewed. A very low rate has been secured and stop-over privileges will be granted for all points along the tour for the purpose of examining the properties for sale.

One hundred and twenty three Chicago couples were married in St. Joe last week. How's that for picking a "peach" crop?

The Belgium horse exhibit left Naperville last Saturday and is now being gazed at by World's Fair visitors at St. Louis.

There are many counterfeit silver pieces turning up in neighboring towns and some of them are floating this way, so it behooves business men to be on the alert.

Candidates of every description, if elected, promise to be "the right men in the right place," and the same statement may be applied to those destined to remain at home.

No doubt many cast their eyes heavenward on Tuesday during the great eclipse of the sun that was scheduled to occur. It is said that astronomers expected to solve several very knotty questions over which there is much divergence of views, by the eclipse.

Officials at Lombard are convinced that young Fritz Patrick, who was captured while robbing Curtis & Heartt's hardware store a few days ago, is a member of the gang who tried to enter A. E. Hill's store at Lombard a few weeks ago. One of the crowd frightened away the night of the robbery was never captured.

It used to be a common saying in speaking of the great packing houses that every particle of the animals slaughtered was turned into money except the "squeal." Now, an inventive mind suggests that the "squeal" be bottled or canned by photographic process, to be sold for producing stage noises where "squeals" are useful.

The weather predictors are said to be much amused with the "prophecy," made by one of the predicting profession, that there will be a frost this month. The prediction frightened the farmers in this vicinity considerably last week, when several cold days occurred. In the records of the Illinois weather department only four instances of killing frosts have been known which occurred before October 18.

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SCHOOL TERM BEGINS

Changes are Made in the Staff of Teachers. There will be Three New Ones

SOME GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

School begins on Monday, September 5. There will be a short morning session for the purpose of taking the enrollment, assigning lessons, and organizing the classes so that the work of recitation may begin in earnest on the next day. There will be no session in the afternoon. Parents are urged to send the children on the first day, as it will greatly contribute toward shaping for immediate work if all are present at the beginning. It is earnestly desired that straggling enrollment may be avoided.

The grades will go to the rooms as they were distributed last year, with the exception that the sixth grade on the north side will remain at the north school building and not go to the south school as heretofore. This transfer is necessary in order to adjust the number of pupils fairly to each room, and is made possible by the additional teacher placed in the north building last year. In the following table the names of the teachers, their grades and rooms, are shown:

North Building.—Miss Agatha Sweet, first grade, room 1; Miss Florence Walker, second grade, room 2; Mrs. Maude Woodruff, third and fourth grades, room 3; Miss Retta Latham, fifth and sixth grades, room 4.

South Building.—Miss Clara Hull, first grade, room 1; Miss Grace E. Stover, second grade, room 2; Miss Carrie L. Reeves, third grade, room 3; Miss Jennie Hahn, fourth and fifth grades, room 4; Miss Cassa Graves, fifth and sixth grades, room 5; G. N. Maxwell, seventh grade, room 6; Miss Emily Brogan, eighth grade, room 7.

High School.—Miss Edith Rodkey, principal; Miss Virginia Stowell, assistant; O. M. Searles, superintendent.