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Gossip of the Town

Miss Lena Offerle has returned from her visit in Iowa.

Miss Alvina Showers, Roy Johnson, Will Schoen and John Hagermann spent last Sunday in Teetsville.

Farmers complain of insolent tramps who camp in their groves and fields and incidentally raid chicken roosts, gardens and orchards.

Miss Frieda and Charley Staffeldt, Miss Lena and Charlie Schoen spent Labor day in Lincoln park and evening in Naperville.

M. B. Madden and family will leave their present residence in Downers Grove township, to return to their winter home in Chicago, early in October.

Henry Borman, of Downers Grove township, is spending a few days in southern Missouri, being one of the party who went last week with E. L. Shoers.

Postal officials say that, owing to the great increase in the appropriation for rural free delivery, all thought of penny postage will have to be postponed for many years.

Miss Mabel Madden, who has been spending a couple months' holidays at her home in this township, returned to her studies at Vassar college, New York, on Tuesday.

A new state law in Iowa has come into operation whereby every gasoline can must be painted red. The dealers are prevented by a heavy fine from putting gasoline into any other can.

Parents and others having telephones are particularly requested not to call up the schools during school hours except when it is absolutely necessary to do so, as it is a great inconvenience to the teachers.

The exhausted supply of fuel in many bins is now being reinforced by dealers in coal. The long winter months are again coming this way, and the wise man will be ready to meet the demands of the frigid season.

The Chicago milk inspectors are stirring up shippers from this section who feed their cattle wet milk feed. No one may now ship milk to the city unless they make affidavit that they are not using such feed.

J. W. Tucker has closed a deal with some Chicago parties for a very desirable piece of property on Saratoga avenue. The purchasers have been residents here this summer, and liked the town so well that they decided to buy a permanent home.

John Zarn and his son, Louis Zarn, of Luce, appeared before Justice Tucker last Wednesday, demanding a warrant for the arrest of James Karney, of the same place. The claim is that Karney came out in the road with a shotgun and threatened to do bodily harm to the Zarns.

The property of G. B. Heatt, on north Main street, whereon the new house was erected this year, and occupied by H. D. Foster, is being graded up and boulevardized in front. Mr. Heatt is one of our citizens that takes great pleasure in keeping his properties in modern condition.

Operations have begun on the repairs to the building at the corner of Main street and Maple avenue, recently purchased by D. Caldwell, of Naperville. The roof will be raised and another story added for living apartments. The old-fashioned wooden porch will be removed. The lower part will be used as a bakery.

We understand that the women's club improvement committee have taken in hand several of the propositions of improvement about town as agitated by this paper, among others the further beautifying of the park north of the depot, erection of a few seats and fixing up of the fountain, which is sadly in need of it.

A new band is being formed here. W. R. King is the director. It is expected that sixteen musical pieces will be in use when all are secured. The Rogers building, on north Main street, is being used as a practice room. Mr. King is director of the Lotus club, a double male quartette, of this place. A band is something that is needed here, and those who are trying to organize should receive the encouragement of all the citizens.

There is one thing that this place needs, and needs badly, and that is a fire alarm system that can be absolutely depended upon. The telephone company now using our streets are enjoying a valuable franchise and we understand that another company is trying to secure a franchise. It therefore behooves the board of trustees to secure something for these franchises. A telephone company can install a system at very little cost, and they should be required to do this for the village in return for what they get from the town.

George B. Heatt left for a visit to the Saint Louis exposition on Tuesday.

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

D. Dunn has started operations on the building of a new house on Maple avenue, East Grove, for Mrs. Collier.

Already the smell of burning leaves is in the air. The season has arrived when all should see that the falling leaves are destroyed.

Mrs. Madnes Leonard, Warden, and Finger, all of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. Madden, Downers Grove township, during the past week.

A great many houses in town have been painted this season, and an air of newness prevails. Nothing adds so to the appearance of a town as fresh paint.

H. W. Walbaum has returned from Cary, Illinois, where he has been superintending the Richmond & Schmidt condensing and bottling plant for Chicago milk trade.

Miss Lela May (Chattfield) is the guest at Charles E. Lacey's, Downers Grove township. She has been attending the W. C. T. U. convention at Downers Grove during the week.

The real estate men all wear smiles these days. Property is on the move. There is such a demand for houses that in all probability the rents will be increased if some new houses are not soon built.

Last Friday evening Herbert Dawson, nine years of age, while playing with the pet cat of H. G. Hadler, had his left hand lacerated in a painful manner. Dr. Topp put several stitches in the wounded member.

The seven-cent social held Thursday evening of last week at the home of William Richardson was a grand success. Many novel and unique features were introduced and \$64 was realized for the St. Andrew's church mission.

The prices for coal will open at \$8.15 for hard and \$4.50 to \$5.25 for soft. Hocking Valley will sell at \$5.50. These prices will no doubt prevail all winter. In some of the nearby towns the prices for coal have advanced the past few days but no advance is expected here.

Miss Ethel Rasweiler, of Naperville, spent last Friday at R. E. Lacey's. In the evening about twenty of her former scholars and friends gave her a surprise and a few hours' passed quickly with music, games and refreshments.

Eight of the members of the local G. A. R. post went over to Syracuse on September 2 to attend the annual reunion of the 106th regiment. A good day was spent by the old soldiers. The next reunion will be held at Glen Ellyn on September 2, 1905.

Hinsdale proposes to spend \$11,000 for paving the streets of that town. A. E. Rutledge, of Rockford, Illinois, secured the contract. When completed practically every street in the village will be paved. It is expected that work will commence in a few days and that much of the job will be done yet this year.

The village board has given instructions to the policeman to destroy all dogs that are found at large without muzzles, up to November 1. Owners of dogs should look after their property, as there will be a killing some of these days. It is claimed that only part of the dogs are muzzled, and if the law is not enforced it is discrimination.

The park north of the railroad depot has received a visit from the street commissioner and present a much better appearance. The grass has been closely mown and the mound where the village name is laid in stone has been repaired. These stones should be painted white, like they are in other towns, so they could be easily read from the car windows. A few seats added to the park would be greatly appreciated.

Some action should be taken by the village authorities to stop the feeding of horses on Main street. Nothing detracts so much from the appearance of a town as this country-cross-roads habit. The drivers of these wagons, some of whom are from Chicago, would not be allowed for a moment to do this in the city except on particular streets designated for feeding. They come to Downers Grove because there is business here, and if ordered to stop the feeding of their horses on the main street would find other places for the purpose and continue to come just the same. So there is no use being lenient with them.

Some effort should have been made to have those hideous poles on Main street in the business section, at least, removed before the walks were built. The telephone company wire, should be placed below the surface, from the depot to Maple avenue, at least, and the village poles on Main street should be placed in

the rear of lots or in alleys, so as not to disfigure this street. Nothing is more detrimental to the appearance of a town than to see rows of poles and a great network of wires over head and crossing the streets. People look at these small things and decide accordingly when locating. We want to secure more and more people in town, so let those in authority use every means at their disposal to make the appearance of the town such that it will attract and not detract.

Chicken thieves are again operating in the township among the farmers' broods. Mrs. A. Atwood reports that thirty were stolen from her coop on Thursday night. Her neighbor, Mrs. Reader, had an even dozen stolen the week before.

Walter C. Whiffen, of this place, and Miss Grace Boyer, of Chicago, were married in Chicago on Tuesday last week. They will reside here. A full account of the wedding, as published in the *Algonia Advance*, will appear next week.

Mrs. E. J. Parker, while crossing a room on Friday evening of last week, at the home of her son, L. B. Parker, fell and severely fractured her right wrist. Medical aid was summoned at once, but it was several hours before a physician could reach the lady. She is in her sixty eighth year. Her son, L. B. Parker, very cleverly bandaged up the injured wrist, and the patient is getting along nicely.

Last Sunday the wedding of Fred Blazing and Miss Ida Maus, both of Lemont, took place at the home of the bride's parents, Reverend Mr. Paulhaber, German Lutheran pastor, officiated. About fifty guests, composed of relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties, were in attendance, and the bride's presents were many, showing the high appreciation she was held in by her many friends, who all wish the contracting couple a long and happy life.

The board of education held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 2. Trustee Blunge was out of the city. Trustee White was called away by family illness and Trustee Blusser was at the village board meeting. As the school had only begun there was very little business that had accumulated. Miss Bragan made application for leave of absence for four months. After some discussion the matter was left in the hands of Superintendent Scourie, who will secure a substitute in Miss Bragan's place, as she desires to attend classes in the city and will resign. The board was loath to lose the teacher, as she is highly appreciated by all.

State Equalizers in Session

The state board of equalization, of which Captain Rogers, of Downers Grove, is a member, met Monday in regular session. All members were present except Samuel M. Barnes, John W. Yantis and Allen C. Tanner. As only forty five counties had sent in their returns, an adjournment was taken for two weeks.

Village Board Meeting

The village board was called in special session last night. All members were present. An ordinance was passed confirming the assessment appropriation made on July 5.

E. H. Prince was present and complained against the action of the street and alley committee in having the walks on Prairie avenue thrown out. No action was taken in the matter.

The matter of the sewer ordinances was discussed, and the attorney recommended that they be passed at the next regular meeting. All were agreeable and the ordinances will come up for final passage at the next regular meeting in October.

After adjournment Trustee Hughes presented to the water and light committee a plan by which an all-night service of the electric lighting can be instituted without extra labor cost. The final arrangement of the hours of the pumping staff was not settled and another meeting will be held. It is expected that the all night service will go into effect October 1.

Main Street Property Sold

A sale was consummated this week of a very desirable piece of Main and Curtis street frontage property. It is the Burnette property, which is "L" shaped, with a frontage of thirty-six feet on Main street, between D. H. Uhlhorn's and the bank building, and forty-six feet adjoining the bank building on Curtis street. The Main street property is now occupied by William Bonnell as a confectionery store and the Curtis street property by Wohr's cigar factory. The purchaser is H. J. Hawkins, the plumber who has had a shop for some time under the Fair building. Mr. Hawkins will in all probability build a modern block on one of the locations. The consideration paid was about \$3000. The transfer was made through J. W. Tucker's real estate agency.

BAPTISTS TO MEET

Twenty - Seventh Session of the Aurora Baptist Association Begins Here Monday

MANY PROMINENT SPEAKERS

The meeting of the Baptist association of this district, beginning on Monday, will be a very memorable affair. The following will be the main features of the program of the annual meeting:

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE
Monday Evening
Address—"Paul as a Teacher," Reverend T. Katanan, of Chicago.
Tuesday Morning
Address—"The Substituted Teacher," Reverend W. A. Matthews, Aurora.
"The Teachers' Heart Culture," Reverend J. C. Dent, of Aurora.
"Home Department and Cradle Roll," Reverend Charles Henry, of Plano.
"The Teacher's Duty to the Class During the Week," Reverend S. L. Roberts, of Big Rock.
"Fa and Ma," Reverend H. H. Alger, of Chicago.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
Tuesday Afternoon
Organization, followed by annual sermon, by Reverend J. A. Brown, pastor First Baptist church, Aurora.
Open Parliament. Subject—"What should be the attitude of the Baptist churches towards the Divinity School of the University of Chicago?"

Tuesday Evening
Doctrinal sermon, Reverend M. A. Travis, Marley.
Christian education, Doctor E. Hulbert, Chicago. (Doctor Hulbert is dean of the Divinity school, Chicago).

Wednesday Morning
State missions, Reverend J. H. Davis.
Sermon, Reverend H. L. Prescott.
Report of committees.

Wednesday Afternoon
Women's session, Mrs. G. L. Vason presiding.
Home missions, Miss Ellen M. Sprague, of Chicago.
Foreign missions, Mrs. Myron W. Haynes, of Chicago.
Foreign missions, Doctor E. W. Lounsbury, of Chicago.

Publication society. Election of officers.
Sermon, Reverend C. D. Mayhew, Plainfield.
Sabbath school reports.
Annual report of secretary and treasurer.
Roll call of societies.
Address, Reverend Walter Galley, D. D., of Chicago.
Election of officers.

All sessions will be open to the public and a special invitation is particularly extended to all to attend the evening sessions.

Board of Review Meeting

The county board of review has finished its labor, and from the list of figures we glean the following, which may be of interest to our readers:

Downers Grove township has 28721 acres of lands assessable, of average value in 1903 of \$15.48 per acre, or a total of \$444,604. In 1904 there is 28721 acres, average value \$15.55 per acre, total valuation of \$446,819. In 1903 the lot valuation was \$572,900, and in 1904 it is \$576,548. The personal property in 1903 was 276,731, and in 1904 it is \$261,181. The grand total for 1903 was \$1,294,195, and in 1904 it is \$1,294,528, a decrease of \$347 by the assessor and an increase by the board of review of \$3890. This township has the greatest acreage in the county and pays the most taxes in each case.

Among the Churches

"Religion in Small Things" will be the subject at the Baptist church on Sunday morning at 10:45. The bible school meets at 12 and young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church will give a hay rack ride to Hinsdale and return on Tuesday evening. On returning the party will be entertained at the home of W. Heintz, East Grove, where a social will be in order. All members and friends are invited. Meet at the church at 7:30 o'clock.

The ladies' aid society of the Congregational church will hold a "county fair" in the Auditorium, September 29 and 30. Fruit, vegetables, poultry, fancy articles, etc., will be on sale at all hours during the two days; also, in booths, jellies, canned goods, candies, popcorn and peanuts. There will be music, a fortune teller and all the attractions of a genuine old-fashioned county fair. Come one, come all. Remember the date, September 29 and 30. A fuller program will be out next week.

BIRTHS
RENN—To the wife of Ernest Renn, Downers Grove township, on September 12, a son.
MOORE—To John Moore and wife, Downers Grove, on September 3, a daughter.

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