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Gossip of the Town

New families are arriving every day. See us grow.

Mrs. Thomas Stevens has returned from Colorado Springs and other points in Colorado.

The gas company are making every effort to be able to turn on the gas to consumers this week.

Miss Georgia Mitchell has accepted a position as soloist in the Methodist church in Rogers Park.

Miss J. Petterman, of Zion City, made a visit on Sunday at the home of J. C. F. Rommeis, East Grove.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lemon, of South Bend, Indiana, is the guest of her son, E. G. Lemon, of Lemon Lodge.

Miss Harriet Strong has returned to Evanston for her senior year at the Northwestern university.

M. K. Bush is spending a week visiting with his brother, Guy L. Bush, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Captain Rogers was in Springfield this week, attending the meeting of the state board of equalization this week.

Mrs. Barr, of Chicago, visited her sister, Mrs. W. E. Farrar, and other relatives and friends here last week.

C. Wertler and wife, of Chicago, spent Sunday at the home of his brother, A. Wertler, East Grove.

There will be considerable movement in land throughout the county this fall, caused by the exceedingly good crops.

Communion services will be held at the Congregational church next Sunday morning, commencing at ten forty five o'clock.

The Lindley cottage on Warren avenue has been rented by William Kittmeyer, of Louisville, Kentucky, who has moved his family here.

Mrs. E. G. Lemon entertained a few friends at a luncheon on Wednesday, in honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Lemon, of South Bend, Indiana.

A meeting of the entertainment course committee will be held on Saturday evening, at eight o'clock, in D. G. Graham's office.

Every effort is being made to make the Downers Grove poultry fair a great success. It will be held during the first week in December.

Supervisor Blodgett went to Springfield on Wednesday to attend the state fair which opened on Friday. He has charge of the poultry exhibit.

A wise man who has the means will invest in a home here this fall, for without doubt property will be much higher here next year.

D. G. Graham will be in his office at six thirty o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, October 4, and all day, for the transaction of pension and other business.

The bee men report that the honey crop is only about one half of its usual yield, owing to the temperature being of a wrong kind to produce the nectar. Prices will accordingly advance.

The machinery to be used in the Downers Grove Furniture company's new building is arriving and being installed. The building is nearly completed. The interior fitting work is in operation.

Lightning struck Michael Antkowiak's residence, in "Gostyn," on Wednesday morning. The roof was badly shattered, and some other damage done, but no one injured. The damage is under process of adjustment by D. G. Graham, agent of the insurance company.

The machinery used at the Straube piano works here is being removed to Hammond, Indiana. Some of the men are still at work, and a final closing down will not take place until about end of October. About six men and their families will remove on account of the change.

P. Leibenguth, who was the first to put in one of those hideous green hitching posts in front of his property on Main street, saw the results of it one day this week when a driver of a wagon unconcernedly attached his team to it about eleven in the morning and left them there till five in the afternoon, creating a miserable nuisance thereby. Mr. Leibenguth at once had the post removed, so that he is the first to do away with those unsightly green posts. Who'll be the next? For hours each day these posts are used by the Chicago delivery wagons to hold horses, and the new sidewalks are used as feeding troughs. Come, come, gentlemen of the village board, have it stopped. If this is to be a residential town such things should not be allowed. They detract and disgust people who might locate. Every new citizen is an asset. Better try to secure them by being up-to-date.

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L. Ballard Waples is making arrangements to erect two cottages near his residence at the corner of Warren avenue and Washington street. The cottages will be of a valuation of \$1900 each, including the lot, and will be for rental or sale. A Chicago contractor will have the job, and it is expected that operations will begin next week.

Just think! For a dollar and a half this paper will be sent for a whole year. What better appreciable present could you send to those friends of yours in other towns who were once residents of Downers Grove? It will save you writing long letters and will be a mammoth letter each week. Better subscribe for a copy to be sent to your friends or give us the names and addresses and we will send sample copies.

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The sewer pipe work at Naperville is expected to be completed soon.

If you are in need of superior job printing call at this office.

William Harvey, Jr., and wife were guests of Mrs. Mitchell on Sunday.

E. P. Ames has purchased a home in Hinsdale and will move there soon.

D. S. Brown and Miss Leta Rhoden, of Chicago, visited at F. H. Barnhart's this week.

Miss Pearl DeGroot has accepted a position temporarily in W. H. Edwards' office.

H. J. Hawkins has added neat new signs at the entrance to his shop in the Fair building.

Miss Margret McLeman leaves today with the Hornbeck and Ames families for their new home at West Hinsdale.

William Bonnell and wife were among the Frisco excursion party that left on Tuesday. They will visit Springfield and Bolivar, Missouri, and be gone for two weeks.

There is a possibility that the gas company will extend its lines to Naperville. The lines to Wheaton are nearly all laid and soon the county town will be enjoying the new fuel.

They have visionary dreams in Naperville. The local paper thus comments on one: "Harvey Kaiter had a streak of bad luck last night. He was just about to step into his new \$10,000 automobile when three bed-slats gave way and he awoke."

The new bakery will be opened out in the Cadwell block, corner Main street and Maple avenue, some time next week. The alterations on the building are nearly completed.

Political clubs are being organized and the different political parties will get in their best "licks" between now and polling day. The speechmakers are anxiously waiting the chance for an audience.

The Lotus club, of this place, sang on Thursday night at Millard avenue, Chicago. There was a large audience and everybody seemed pleased. A return engagement of the club for the near future was spoken for.

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in this way the fire brigade loses this commission. Now, as all standard insurance companies' rates are the same, it makes no difference where you place your risk; it is as well to give it where you are liable to receive some little return. The fire company members receive no salaries, and to outfit them with necessary fire-fighting apparatus these funds are used. This article is not written as an advertisement, but purely as a home benefiting proposition.

Doctor S. A. Roberts has moved to 3 east Maple, upstairs. Later on she expects to take an extended trip through the state of Florida.

It is unlawful to ride bicycles on sidewalks. Violators may be arrested and fined if complaint is made and proof furnished.

Ice crop is nearly all disposed of and the cooling season opens under very favorable auspices, with prices on an upward tendency.

The La Grange gas company is asking for a franchise from Lombard village. When this is granted the chain of cities to be connected in Du Page county will be completed.

Furnaces are superseding hard coal heaters in a number of residences, and the time is not far distant when these modern improvements will be placed in every new residence.

Those who wish to vote at the coming election will have to register. No matter whether you actually voted for Jefferson, Madison or Lincoln, and ever since, you'll have to register.

The storms which visited this section Saturday and Wednesday nights were the worst electrical and rain storms that have passed over here in years. Much damage was done to buildings and stock throughout the country by lightning.

If a city has a desire for notoriety and free advertising, all it has to do now is to start a street carnival, and public sentiment and the press will do the rest. Inside of three weeks we guarantee nearly every exchange in the state will be making good news items out of the local public feeling.

Under an order signed by the postmaster general, Wednesday an innovation was made in the postal service, by which identical pieces of mail matter of the third and fourth class may be mailed without postage stamps affixed thereto. Persons, firms or corporations, in order to avail themselves of the new privilege, must apply for a permit. In all cases postage must be paid in money at the time the mail is presented at the postoffice.

A number of visiting scientists were entertained last Friday evening by T. S. Baldwin and wife at their residence, one hundred and thirty six Saratoga avenue. Those present were: Doctor George Klein, Ph. D., L. L. D.; W. G. Linn, L. L. D., University of Kentucky; Professor J. S. Frank, Columbia university, New York city; Frank M. Needham, M. A.; Frank Cass, Princeton college; Dr. W. W. Gourley.

Making book covers and studying her ability is a pastime that very few would think of engaging in. Our citizen, W. E. Trowbridge, has spent much time at this, and there is not much about ancestry, genealogical trees, and heraldry that he is not familiar with. He brought to our office the other day some very beautiful specimens of book markings, covers, and labels, another art which he has become proficient in.

The people in the little city to the east, Naperville, have been "scrapping" so long over the matter of improvements that the editor of the Clarion suggests that the great steamer Baltic, which recently brought into New York harbor a load of 2537 passengers, be chartered and the whole town visit the "old sod" while the sewers and waterworks system are being constructed. They could do their "scrapping" on board the big boat and not impede progress.

Recently we were privileged to view the exhibit of photo views and art productions in the studio of William H. Baker, 200 south Washington street, and greatly enjoyed the same. One has very little knowledge of how pretty a place Downers Grove is till he sees a collection of the views of these scenic spots secured by a capable artist. Mr. Baker has a large room literally loaded with photographic prints taken hereabouts and in other places.

At least there is one "honest" man in Naperville, and of course that is ye editor, even though he has his "doubts" about the rest. This week in the Clarion we note an item about the sewer construction work there, over which there is some trouble, and the editor says: "We decide to make an honest confession, to-wit: That we absolutely know nothing about the construction of a sewer system." Well, well, we have had our experience of giving advice, from "raisin'" babies to "huskin'" corn, and if any one had asked us about constructing sewers we might have made a "dab" at it, too.

Among the Churches

Miss Edith Bodkey, principal of the schools here, has been secured as leader of the Methodist choir and will assume that position for the first time tomorrow.

The finance committee and guilds of Saint Andrew's church will tender a farewell reception to the Reverend H. E. Chase, at the home of W. Barber and wife, on Wednesday evening, September 5, at eight o'clock. All friends of the mission are invited to attend.

At the Methodist church on Sunday morning the pastor will conduct the quarterly communion service and receive new members into the church. The evening worship is at seven-thirty. This is the last Sunday of the conference year.

At the Baptist church, as a part of the morning service, the "Lord's Supper" will be observed, and the subject of the sermon will be, "The Strong Ought to Help the Weak." The subject of the evening sermon, at seven-thirty, will be, "The Sin which Hath No Pardon."

At the First Congregational church, communion services next Sunday at ten forty five in the morning. In the five o'clock vesper service hour the pastor will speak of "The Heathen Temples in India." Sabbath school at twelve, noon. Christian Endeavor at six o'clock, immediately following the five o'clock sermon.

The annual session of the Rock River Methodist Episcopal conference will open in the Evanston avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Chicago, Wednesday morning of next week, and will probably continue its sessions for one week. Pastor Rood leaves for the conference on Wednesday morning.

Services at Saint Andrew's Episcopal church on Sunday, October 2, as follows: The early celebration of "The Holy Communion" will be omitted. Sunday school at two-fifteen. Evening prayer and sermon, by the Reverend H. E. Chase, at three o'clock. Seats free. All are welcome.

The subject of the sermon at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, for Sunday, October 2, will be "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" Text: "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."—Matthew xi:5. Masonic hall at ten-forty five on Wednesday evening, testimonial meeting at eight. All are welcome.

The members of Saint Andrew's Episcopal church are to lose the services of their pastor, the Reverend H. E. Chase, M. A., who finds it necessary to devote his whole time to his own parish at Hinsdale. Bishop Anderson has appointed the Reverend John Carr, formerly of the church of the Holy Communion, Maywood, to succeed Mr. Chase. Sunday, October 9, Rector Chase will preach his farewell sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to all the friends of Saint Andrew's to hear him on that occasion.

Nearly a Conflagration
What might have terminated in a fearful conflagration occurred on Tuesday of last week at the home of J. W. Hughes, Highland avenue. It seems that a housemaid had been filling a gasoline stove, and by some means it ignited when she had left the room for a few minutes, and on her return the whole place was a mass of flames. Some neighbors came to the assistance of the family, and soon the blaze was under control, but the shed adjoining the house, where the stove was kept, was destroyed. It seems that three attempts were made to arouse the watchman at the pumping station, but failure resulted. It was about six-twenty-five in the morning. It seems this is the hour when the men are changing "shifts," or something of the kind, and no one was on duty. The fire bell was rung, but a small boy might as well beat on a tin pan as that signal. No doubt this will hasten the all-night service of the electric lights and running of the pumping plant. This town is paying out a good sum of money for the running of its electric light and pumping plant, and there should not be a minute at which a fire alarm can not be instantly made, but as it is now it is very unsatisfactory. The Reporter has repeatedly tried to get the pumping station over the phone, but after "desperate" ringing had to give up the job. This should not be. Some of these days there will be a big conflagration resulting. A loud sounding gong should be put in at the pumping station so that the employes there can at once answer.



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Hess—In Downers Grove, to Paul W. Hess and wife on Thursday, September 23, 1904, a son.
Gross—In Downers Grove, on Monday, September 27, 1904, to Marion Gross and wife, a son.
Rosa—In Downers Grove, on Saturday, September 25, 1904, to W. H. Rosa and wife, a son.