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Gossip of the Town

Louis Klein visited the world's fair this week.

W. H. Radell is in the southern states on a business trip.

Miss Wilcox is back to town after a visit at Dixon, Illinois.

Supervisor Blodgett is attending the state fair at Springfield.

A new double door exit has been added to the auditorium building.

R. A. Schryver, wife and children spent the past few days visiting relatives in Sugar Grove.

Mrs. H. E. Saunders and daughter, Miss Olive, are back to town after an extended visit in the east.

Misses Hila Brees, of Riverside, and Minnie Coak, of Aurora, were guests of Miss Rose Bunning over Sunday.

It is expected that Samuel Alchuler the well known democratic orator, will speak here for the democratic club in a few days.

Miss Virginia Clark has returned to her home in Quincy, Illinois, after a pleasant visit in town with her sister, Mrs. F. I. Mason.

Miss Georgia Mitchell has accepted a position as soprano soloist in the choir of the First Congregational church at Rogers Park, Illinois.

Miss Louise Hutti, who has been visiting Mrs. Thomas Bunning and family, has returned to her home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Chief Hoffert succeeded in destroying the troublesome houseless cur that has been a nuisance about town, for the past three months, one day this week.

Robert D. Wall left for Saint Louis on Thursday with a troop of cavalry who will act as escort to the Chicago official party during the Chicago day celebration.

Naperville is said to contain eleven wonders, and more to be discovered. Naperville Clarion. No doubt the next wonder will be the fellow who never told a lie.

Reverend Charles Reynolds, of the First Congregational church of this place, was the delegate at the association meeting of the Congregationalists at Englewood (Chicago) this week.

The West Chicago Democrat was slightly in error in reporting the sewer ordinances for this town as being passed last Monday evening. They were laid over till next Monday.

Frederick Crouse and family, former residents here, expect to return to America soon. They have been in China for two years as missionaries, but owing to boxer outbreaks are unable to continue their labors.

De Kalb county papers are fighting over which farmer bought the first automobile. Must be pretty thrifty farmers up that way. Maybe the automobiles will turn out to be horseless carriages (wheelbarrows).

G. Werner left Downers Grove on last Wednesday for Hammond, Indiana, where he goes to take charge of the sounding-board department in the new Straube piano factory. He will spend Sundays with family here.

Contractor J. D. Horton has been fortunate enough to be awarded a contract for 200 houses at Fort Smith, Arkansas. It is said Andrew Carnegie is interested in these houses. Mr. Horton will leave about December 1 and will remain all winter at the work.

Mrs. (Reverend) L. B. Lott is visiting here with her parents, George B. Hearitt and wife, and other relatives and friends here. Reverend L. B. Lott has resigned his charge at Geneva, Illinois, and will take a course in the Northwestern university at Evanston.

Mrs. Tillie Kinney is desirous of selling the old home residence of the Kinney family, located here on north Foote street. She is now located in South Dakota, engaged in conducting a ranch in that section. See "Miscellaneous Locals."

Doctor Gourley was called on Sunday to attend a man by the name of Mooney, father of Mrs. R. W. Hawkins. It seems that Mooney, who is quite aged, was inspecting the new house of his son-in-law, on Oakwoods avenue, and fell from a ladder to the basement, cutting his head badly.

Naperville has had trouble galore lately. First, the troublesome residents who wanted to live "as our forefathers did," and drink water out of unsanitary cisterns, had to be squelched, and now a sub-contractor on the sewers has run out of money. According to the local paper he owed his trench diggers \$300 and only had half the sum, and the men went on strike. A trench digging machine will now be utilized for the work. Machines don't strike nor need to be paid.

Miss E. A. Todd, of Sandwich, is a guest at Captain Rogers' this week.

Patting yourself on the back is a difficult task—seldom done gracefully.

Miss Anna Higgs, left Tuesday, for a visit with relatives in Denver Colorado.

Arrangements have been made by the Downers Grove Roosevelt-Deneen club for a mass meeting in the auditorium on Saturday evening, October 15. Judge Lawrence Y. Sherman, candidate for the office of lieutenant governor, will speak and there will be good music. This will open the local campaign on the republican side.

Announcements are out for the wedding of John Benjamin Juno and Miss Agnes May Stewart, daughter of John Stewart and wife, of 161 east Maple avenue. The nuptials will be solemnized in Saint Andrew's church, at seven thirty o'clock, on Monday evening, October 17, 1904. Invitations are being sent out.

General Humphrey has just complimented Post Quartermaster Sergeant E. Rohlfing, son in law of Mrs. J. M. Millett, by putting him in charge of the government clothing depot at St. Louis, Missouri. Sergeant Rohlfing and family will proceed to his permanent quarters about the third of October.

The home of John C. White, 44 Saratoga avenue, was the scene of a merry gathering on Monday evening. The event was a celebration of the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. White and his amiable wife. About forty were present and all brought presents in conformity with the occasion, in tin. In fact it was an affair of tin. The host and hostess very hospitably entertained all and a right royal good time was spent.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union will meet at the home of Mrs. B. R. Puffer, on Wednesday of next week, at two thirty in the afternoon, October 12. Selections from the "Watchtower" and "Union Signal" will be read and considered. The first copies of the "Watchtower" for those who have subscribed will be on hand. A full attendance is requested by the secretary, Mrs. H. H. Rood, as there is some important business to transact.

Mrs. Webb has resigned the position recently accepted by her as teacher of the eighth grade of the school and has accepted a position in Madison, Wisconsin. Mrs. Webb held high degrees and the new position will be more in keeping with her station as a teacher than the one here. Miss Carrie Ruppel of Elkhart, Indiana, has been selected to take charge of the department made vacant by Mrs. Webb's resignation.

The lightning struck in three places on the "plank" road just north of the village on Tuesday evening. The barn on the Venard farm, tenanted by D. Quiner, was hit, but only about five dollars damage was done. Many telephone wires were struck and some instruments put out of working. A beautiful locust tree near John Fender's house was struck and another locust tree on Jacob Way's farm near Belmont suffered.

During the heavy electrical storm on Wednesday morning a "fireless bolt" struck the residence of Captain T. S. Rogers and shook it up pretty thoroughly. The bolt struck on the main building, near the eaves on the north side, circled around and finally entered the building in a closet where a big hole was ploughed out of the flooring. Mrs. Rogers and a young lady were alone in the house at the time, the captain being at the state fair at Springfield. The telephone and telegraph wires at the Rogers and also at J. W. Tucker's house adjoining were put out of working order very suddenly.

Mesdames Lancaster, Lower and Olson, entertained the ladies of Oakwood avenue on Saturday, October first with a "Koffee Klatsch," in honor of Mrs. A. C. Riddler who leaves soon to make her home in California. All drank good coffee to Mrs. Riddler's happiness in her new home, and by way of remembrance presented her with an elegant cut glass fruit bowl. The majority of the ladies present have been neighbors eight or ten years and it will be a long time before another face will look right in the Riddler house.

The new motor car of the Burlington was given its first test over the suburban lines to Chicago a few days ago. The test brought out more defects that will have to be remedied before the car will be fit to be used to displace steam even on the branch lines. The officials believe that the difficulties will be eventually overcome. The trial was made with the motor and two cars, and at times a speed of thirty miles an hour was registered. The car will have to develop more speed than that, as the

suburban trains make the fastest time of any of the passenger trains. The gasoline engine, though of the improved pattern, does not work satisfactorily. Another difficulty is the vibration caused by the large fly wheels with which the motor is equipped.

Failed to Have Quorum

The board of education could not do business on Tuesday, owing to failure of members to attend in sufficient numbers to complete a quorum. Those present were Messrs. Graham, White and Bunge. In accordance with a previous order passed, the teachers' salaries of \$835.35 were paid by order of the president. The other bills and matters went over till next meeting. The finance committee examined the following bills and will recommend them to be paid at the next session:

Joseph Butterham	50 00
Robert Olinger	40 00
Kelmecott Press	1 50
Atlas School Supply company	88 78
Camron, Amberg and company	4 25
Gunn and company	1 35
Hick and Simpson	7 00
A. J. Thompson	2 40
J. W. Nash	3 25
R. Ra-wisher	3 25
Total	198 98

Downers Grove Woman's Club

The Downers Grove woman's club has recently published in booklet form a program of the meetings of the club for the current year. The book is a very pretty production and was issued from The Kelmecott Press. The following is a list of the different committees: Social, house, village improvement, domestic science and library. The club will hold its first meeting on October 12. Mrs. William Straube will read a paper on "Old Mexico" and Mrs. Robert J. Darnley will take up the subject of "Indian basketry and bead work." There will be displays of articles from Mexico and Indian basketry and bead work. The club has a membership of fifty active, two associate, three complimentary, besides teachers of schools and wives of resident pastors. The officers for the past year were: President, Susan Paul Foster; vice president, Luella J. Dawes; recording secretary, Ruth J. Stanger; corresponding secretary, Jennie C. Lyman; treasurer, Allie Thomas. The officers for the current year, 1904-1905, are: President, Ruth J. Stanger; vice president, Jennie C. Lyman; recording secretary, Allie L. White; corresponding secretary, Jessie Byrne; treasurer, Adelaide Dunn Horton; honorary president, Sara Vernon Lancaster. The club was organized in 1897, was admitted to the state federation in 1908, and to the general federation in 1902. The club flowers are red and white carnations. We note that the program committee has as its chairman Mrs. F. A. Root, and to her a great deal of credit is due for the splendid program that is presented.

Old Fashioned County Fair

The county fair which has been held in the auditorium under the auspices of the ladies aid of the Congregational church, on Thursday and Friday, was a great success. The large hall was decorated in good style. About the sides and on the platform were located booths where the exhibits were placed and articles were on sale. The exhibits were good and the competition keen. The booths were presided over by the ladies who took great pleasure in showing the merits of their collection. The following was the order, beginning at the right and continuing about the hall, the booths with the ladies who were in charge: Candy booth, Mrs. William Blodgett and Miss Bessie Nash; hand painted china, Mrs. William Heintz, Miss Earnest and Mrs. Robert Darnley; embroidery and fine needle work, Mrs. Prince, Mrs. Winters and Mrs. C. V. Carpenter; Japanese fortune teller, Madame Poli wali hana No-yo-so-ky; popcorn booth, Mrs. Allen Barnhart and Mrs. Walter Wells; home-made candy, Mrs. Bessie Hall and Miss Julia Giddings; flower booth, Miss Kittie Wermuth and Miss Mabel Radell; sale table, Mrs. John Gollan and Mrs. Samuel Johnstone; Indians, Mrs. Hannum and Mrs. Graham; home-made bakery, Mrs. Collier and Mrs. Walter Chessman; canned goods and jellies, Mrs. George W. Hughes and Mrs. M. McNaught; fruits vegetables and farm produce, Frank Lacy and wife and E. E. Easton; poultry and live stock, William Heintz and William Lempe; ice cream, Miss Jennie Lyman.

In the farm products exhibits some of the potatoes, corn, squash and other vegetables were very large. Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Prince had some beautiful exhibits of needle work, some being quilts nearly a century old. In the live stock department could be seen small pigs, cats, dogs, rabbits, white rats game cocks, a sheep and a goose. Yesterday afternoon there was a baby show. This was a great event. Over thirty entries were made and there were babies and babies. In the evening a musical program was rendered.

THE BIDS ARE OPENED

Tenders for Sewer Construction, and the Purification Work, Below Estimates

WORK WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

The board of local improvements met on Thursday night at the village hall to open the bids on the sewer construction and purification work to be put in here. Twelve different firms placed bids and the prices varied between a hundred and ten thousand dollars. A score or more of representatives of the different bidders were present at the meeting which was held in the village hall. Below we print the tenders as made:

Name of Bidder	Total	Per ft.	Total	Per ft.	Total	Per ft.	Total	Per ft.	Total	Per ft.
Charles M. Forrester	\$10,000	100	\$10,000	100	\$10,000	100	\$10,000	100	\$10,000	100
Edward Connor	12,000	120	12,000	120	12,000	120	12,000	120	12,000	120
M. Nichols & Co.	15,000	150	15,000	150	15,000	150	15,000	150	15,000	150
W. N. Dearborn	18,000	180	18,000	180	18,000	180	18,000	180	18,000	180
Handing & Nelson	20,000	200	20,000	200	20,000	200	20,000	200	20,000	200
C. W. Barnhart	25,000	250	25,000	250	25,000	250	25,000	250	25,000	250
Monthan Bros.	30,000	300	30,000	300	30,000	300	30,000	300	30,000	300
Andrew Maloney	35,000	350	35,000	350	35,000	350	35,000	350	35,000	350
Jan. B. Booth	40,000	400	40,000	400	40,000	400	40,000	400	40,000	400
Jan. A. O'Hara	45,000	450	45,000	450	45,000	450	45,000	450	45,000	450
J. W. Alvey & Sons	50,000	500	50,000	500	50,000	500	50,000	500	50,000	500
F. G. Mortimer	55,000	550	55,000	550	55,000	550	55,000	550	55,000	550
Total	200,000	2000	200,000	2000	200,000	2000	200,000	2000	200,000	2000

The tender of F. G. Mortimer, Glenwood, Ill., as will be seen, is the lowest on the total work of sewer construction but he placed a clause at the foot of his tender that he would not accept same unless he received the contract for the septic tank also. His total bid would then be \$44,537 and the next lowest bidder on construction work was Connor, of Chicago for \$37,045 but he did not bid on the tank. O'Heron of Chicago had placed the lowest on this, of \$7410. These two total \$44,455. As will be seen there is but a difference of eighty-two dollars between the combined bids and that of the single bid for the whole work by one contractor. The committee seemed to be in favor of awarding the work to the one contractor for the whole job. He is highly recommended by the engineer, W. B. Shields. In all probability the committee will report Monday night at the special meeting of the board. It is gratifying to see that the bids are nearly nine thousand dollars less than the estimate provided for by the engineer.

The Entertainment Course

The meeting to arrange for the entertainment course was held on Saturday evening at Judge Graham's office. Owing to causes that compelled some to be absent the attendance was not as large as it should have been, only about ten being present. The meeting was called to order by D. G. Graham, and Professor Searles acted as secretary. It was decided, after some consideration, to have a committee prepare drafts for the series of entertainments and to submit same at next meeting, which will be held tonight at the same place, when it was expected a larger attendance would be present. The committee appointed was Messrs. Towsley, Downer and Hazen. A representative of a Chicago entertainment bureau then addressed those present on the merits of some of the entertainers that he could offer. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that a lesser number of entertainments will be given this year and the quality will be better, that is, people who command more money for their services will be secured, and also that at least three good lecturers will be on the course. The meeting adjourned, each present agreeing to do what they could to get out a good attendance at the next meeting (tonight). If you are interested in this entertainment course come out tonight and assist the committee with your presence and advice. Any suggestions that will in any way improve the course will be gladly received.

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