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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

Gossip of the Town

Gas mains are being put in on north Main street.

Supervisor Blodgett is back from his Springfield trip.

Hinsdale has approved of the laying of \$70,000 worth of walks.

The old soldiers are happy. Their pension remittances are arriving.

The sidewalk dispute case will be tried today (Saturday, October 15).

J. D. Striker, the man who was hurt at the piano factory recently, is able to be back to work again.

La Grange has opened its new public library, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. The building cost \$12,500.

C. S. Hughes, who formerly conducted a hardware store here, has moved his family to Kankakee, Illinois.

On Monday evening the wedding of John Juno and Miss Stewart will take place in the Episcopal church.

Misses Edna Wright, Lena Baker and Adelia Gansberg spent Sunday of last week with friends in Hinsdale.

The gas company has opened its office here ready for business. Gas mains and connections are still being laid about town.

The gas company seems to be having difficulties in securing the necessary help for laying their mains and other work. We must have prosperity here at least.

The gas company has an exhibit of gas stoves in their office window. The company is installing a lot of these modern kitchen necessities about town.

A wireless communication between Chicago and Saint Louis has been established, messages being handled between the lake front and the fair grounds.

It seems but a few days ago that stoves were removed into storage quarters, and now the expert stovepipe adjuster is replacing the heater for winter use.

John Paden has moved his family and goods to 56 Carpenter street. E. E. Clithero will occupy the house formerly tenanted by Mr. Paden, at 43 west Curtis street.

The wooden sidewalk in our towns and villages will soon be as much of a rarity as is the old "stake and rider" rail fence on our farms. The cement sidewalk is here to stay.

Reverend H. H. Rood was drafted on the standing committee on "Un-denominational benevolence" at the Rock River conference in session at Evanston the past week.

The citizens' association of La Grange and Lyons township has now a membership of upwards of two hundred. The business people of the village to the east have good "snap" about them.

Several weeks ago farmers were afraid of a killing frost; now they would like slight touches to start corn on the right way. Rains and cool weather has kept corn green and growing.

George Shindler has bought the house and lot previously owned and occupied by William Tucker. The latter has moved into the house at the corner of Gilbert avenue and Foote street.

The new walk about the post office and bank building adds much to the appearance of the corner. A new entrance to Edwin Frank's barber shop, under the bank building, has been made.

The young lady friends of Miss Austin, daughter of A. B. Austin, met at her home on Friday night of last week and treated that young lady to what is termed a "linen shower." A splendid time was given all.

John Pahally, who resigned his position as operator for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway and went with the excursion to Missouri last week, has purchased a farm at Mansfield, that state, and started in to work on same.

Harry Snider has moved his household effects from the Rogers' house, at 14 Warren avenue, to the residence of his mother, Mrs. Shindler, at 23 west Maple avenue. A man named Dewey and his family, from La Grange, have moved into the Rogers' house.

William Bonnell and wife have returned from their trip to southern Missouri, where they went recently on the excursion. They are so well pleased with that country that they will sell their business here and buy a farm in the southern part of that state.

R. O. Curtiss was visiting the world's fair last week. He went to meet his son-in-law and his daughter, E. W. Deming and wife, of New York. They have made the trip from New York to Saint Louis in their yacht "Zeta," by way of Pittsburg and the Ohio river to Cairo, Illinois, and thence by the Mississippi to Saint Louis. They will go to New Orleans for the winter.

A new platform is being built in front of the village hall.

Miss Mabel Leech is in Saint Louis this week attending the fair.

I. Mead, of Chicago, visited at D. G. Graham's the first of the week.

Mrs. W. W. Tucker returned Tuesday from a visit in Iowa and Nebraska.

T. Verlinus and wife returned this week from a visit to the world's fair.

We had quite a bit of July weather—right out of the furnace—in September.

J. I. Rounds left Saturday night for West Water, Utah, on a business trip.

The flag pole has been re-erected on Main street, near J. W. Tucker's office.

Doctor W. Barber and H. M. Bateman are visitors at the Saint Louis fair this week.

W. H. Edwards is erecting a new barn in the rear of his residence on Maple avenue.

The wood work and other decorations of the Oldfield block are being repainted this week.

Mrs. D. K. Foote entertained a few friends at an informal luncheon on Tuesday.

A hallowe'en party is scheduled for Carpenter's hall on Saturday evening, October 21.

The frosts of the past week are crimsoning the leaves of the trees to a beautiful hue.

Miss Bertha Prince has gone to Michigan to teach a drawing class in one of the state schools.

Mrs. Kellogg is visiting in Hinsdale and Downers Grove. She recently returned from California.

Supervisor Blodgett had charge of the poultry exhibit at the Illinois state fair at Springfield last week.

H. W. Walbaum and wife have returned from the Saint Louis fair and report having a good time.

Miss Shepherd, of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Back-steier, of Midlough avenue.

Frederick Mochel has bought the Nelson place, on north Foote avenue. D. G. Graham negotiated the deal.

Gay Earnest started on a vacation trip to New Orleans on Tuesday. He expects to be absent about two weeks.

Already nearly seventy gas connections have been made or contracted for. A large force are hustling the work along.

Miss Lena Modlin, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Charles Love, of Chicago, were guests at Lemon Lodge the past week.

J. A. Teeple, of Portage, Wisconsin, was the guest of Mrs. D. K. Foote and her mother, Mrs. Van Patter, on Wednesday.

The all-night service of the electric lighting plant went into effect on Sunday evening. J. Italy has been added to the pumping staff.

Frank Cramer and wife will leave this evening for the Saint Louis fair and will also spend a week at Vandalia and other points on their return.

Mrs. Van Patter, of Saint Thomas, Ontario, Canada, who has been here on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. D. K. Foote, has returned to her home.

A football match was played here on Saturday between the local team and that of La Grange. The locals came off the victors by a score of "fifteen to nothing."

The engagement of Miss Mattie Downer, of Downers Grove, formerly of Hinsdale, to P. Mayle, is announced.—Hinsdale Doings.

About a score of Hinsdale young men were summoned before the grand jury at Wheaton last week to testify relative to illegal sale of liquors in that town.

Several new advertisements have been planted in the columns of The Reporter lately, and our list of subscribers, already quite large, is on a steady increase. Thanks all around.

The plan of securing magazines in co-operation with others has been devised here. Three different clubs of eight families each have organized, and by so doing they get some eight high class magazines for each club at greatly reduced cost to each.

Bro'r Givler, of the Naperville Clarion, hasn't forgotten his "mooning" days, many, many moons ago. This week he says: "A brand new moon now graces the southwestern sky. Some very fine weather may be expected during the remaining weeks of October. A snow storm may be headed this way, due to arrive the day after election."

The political campaign will open this evening under the auspices of the Roosevelt-Deneen club, at the auditorium. Judge Lawrence Y. Sherman,

candidate for the office of lieutenant-governor, will speak on issues which confront the voters. Judge Sherman is known to many of the residents of this village as a clear, forceful speaker. The club is extending a special invitation to the women to attend the meeting. The speaking will be at eight o'clock.

The commissioner of pensions at Washington states that one hundred veterans die each day. The applications for pensions are still coming in at the rate of seven hundred per day.

The gas mains have now been laid to within about one mile of Wheaton. Several car loads of pipe have arrived there and work in that city will be commenced some time next week.

County superintendent Morgan called for a short visit at the school on last Friday. He came for the purpose of inquiring what the school was doing in the line of manual training or what the prospects were in that direction.

Contractor Mortimer expects to begin operations at once on the sewer work, and if the weather is at all open will work up till Christmas. The contractor is said to be a "hustler," and will complete the whole job by June 1 of next year.

The game of football is receiving very close attention these days, and it is estimated that there are some bruised shins occasionally. However, this condition of things is usually a part of a well regulated game of football.

Mrs. J. Stout, of Downers Grove, spent a very pleasant day on Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. J. Little, of Chicago. Accompanying Mrs. Stout was Mrs. C. Puffer, of Hinsdale, Mrs. George Binder and Mrs. F. Gerwig, of Downers Grove.

We beg just to call the attention of our esteemed cotem., the Hinsdale Doings, that Downers Grove is spelled without the insertion of that lop-sided apostrophe ('). As you will in time be a part of this growing town, it's well that you remember how to spell properly.

The Northern Illinois teachers' association will meet at Evanston on October 27-28. The general subject is, "The Twentieth Century Child." Some of the prominent educators of the state are on the program. Among them are president James, of the state university, state superintendent Bayliss, W. H. Hatch, O. P. Bright and others.

This is the proper time of the year to look after the cleaning out of the soot in the chimneys. It is a job that does not take much time, and in the end perhaps a disastrous fire will be averted. Cooler weather is close at hand when fire in the stove will be a necessity.

Charles Baker left last Monday for his future home with his uncle, George Kline, of Williamsburg, Iowa. The latter has a large furniture and undertaking business at that place. The departure of the young man from town will be regretted by his many friends here, but all will join in wishing him success in his new home in the west.

There is not a week but what Wheaton has from one to a dozen marriages of contracting parties coming from Chicago. The scenery between the court house and justice offices has been improved by the playing of a "Billy" goat on the land-escape just east of the depot.

The laws of this state make ample provision for offenders against the peace and safety of its people. The condoning of evil by a few, causes suffering to hundreds. While the punishment of flagrant violators of the law causes a few to suffer, but saves hundreds from the resultant evil influence of unpunished crime.

The officers and members of the poultry club are working energetically towards making their first annual exhibit a success. Already about 300 entries have been promised, some of which have been made by parties living at long distances from town. There will also be exhibits of pet stock for which special prizes will be awarded. A descriptive program and list of the prizes will be issued in a few days.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal church, Chicago, was the scene of a wedding on Wednesday of this week. The contracting parties were Frederick William Mueller and Miss Alice Shaw, both of Downers Grove. Only immediate relatives were in attendance. Reverend W. C. De Witt, rector of Saint Andrew's church, Chicago, officiated. The happy couple left for a trip to Saint Louis and on their return will be "at home" to their many friends, in Chicago.

There is one young man in Downers Grove that is wearing "a smile that won't come off." It is the superintendent of the printing department at The Kelmscott Press. He has just received some news from his home in Chicago, where a "bouncing" boy made his appearance one day recently. Mr. Townsend intends to move his family to Downers Grove in a few weeks, having bought the Wallace residence, corner of Benton avenue and Orchard street.

TOWNSMEN HONORED

M. Slusser out for County Judge
and G. H. Bunge for States
Attorney

REPUBLICAN, I DEMOCRAT

Two of Downers Grove citizens have been honored by their respective political parties as candidates for office. On Friday last states-attorney M. Slusser was chosen to be the candidate of the republicans for the office of county judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge Ruth. G. H. Bunge, village attorney, has received the nomination for states attorney by the democrats. At the last election Mr. Bunge was a candidate and ran considerably ahead of his party ticket, but was unsuccessful. Below we give short sketches on the lives of each. While this paper leaves to each citizen the privilege to choose his party affiliations, it certainly feels sure that each and every resident of Downers Grove is pleased to see that the village has been honored by these nominations and that each is a worthy representative of the town.



Maximi Slusser, the present Republican candidate for Judge of the County Court of Du Page County, has lived for more than ten years in Downers Grove.

He came to Illinois from Ohio in 1882 and the next year moved to Downers Grove. Since then he has been prominent in village and county affairs. In 1890 he was elected to the office of States Attorney which position he has since held to the satisfaction of the voters of the county and with credit to himself. Recently he has held the position of attorney for the village for a number of terms, and his advice has been many times appreciated by the village board.

By training and inclination he is a lawyer and in addition to his official duties has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He is now a member of the firm of Carnahan, Slusser, Hawkins & Co.

In the course of his work as States Attorney he has been vigorous and active. While he has an enviable knowledge of the intricacies of the law, his stronghold is before a jury, where he is particularly effective.

Mr. Slusser has always stood for progression in village affairs.

G. H. BUNGE

G. H. Bunge is a native of this state, being born in Kewanee, Henry county, where he went to the county school till he was sixteen, when he entered the Elmhurst seminary where he remained three years. After graduating he took up bookkeeping in Chicago for a couple of years when he entered the railway service and was employed by the Santa Fe, Chicago and Alton and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy systems. He was agent at Streator, Illinois, for some time. Here he worked a half day for the railway company and taught the commercial class in the high school of that city for two years. In 1894 Mr. Bunge came to Downers Grove, being appointed agent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway here, and held the position till 1898. He had been studying law privately for some years and in 1898 he passed an examination at Ottawa, Illinois before the supreme court. One hundred and fifty applicants tried this examination and only fifty secured their diplomas.

In 1898 he resigned his position and entered a partnership with A. J. Gray in a law office in Chicago. About a year ago this partnership was dissolved, Mr. Bunge retaining the business alone.

Four years ago the subject of this sketch was the democratic candidate for the same office as he now contends.

He was a member of the village board for four years and is now the village attorney. Besides his law business Mr. Bunge is secretary-treasurer of the American Forwarding and Mercantile Company of Chicago, and is connected with the Downers Grove Furniture Company.

Death of J. W. Sherwood

J. W. Sherwood, who lived in East Grove, and who has been ill for the past six months, died Wednesday. He was fifty-five years old and had lived here for sometime. Mr. Sherwood was born in Canada but had lived the most of his life in the United States. For a number of years he had been in the employ of the railways. The funeral takes place this morning (Saturday). The friends and acquaintances of the family will meet at the late home of the deceased at 8:30 and the interment will be at Mount Greenwood, near Morgan Park. A wife and two married daughters are left to mourn the deceased.