

About the Schools

"Look here," said the postmaster the other day to the superintendent, "it's no use for the school children to stop six or eight times a day for mail. It is a nuisance to have them come crowding and pushing without any respect for the rights of others. I wouldn't mind it if the pupils came in orderly and quietly, but they come in a crowd and forget that men and women who have important business have a right to the office as well as they have." The superintendent agrees with the postmaster and asks the co-operation of the parents to stop the disorder. Let the parents instruct their children to keep out of the post office on their way to and from school, except in special instances. Let them be taught at home as well as at school to respect the post office as a place where public business is to be transacted and not a place to rush in and out with no apparent or necessary purpose.

One of the prominent ladies in the church fair which was held last week complained about the ill manners of the boys about the door of the auditorium. They were noisy and rude, and in some cases not respectful. It would be a happy condition in Downers Grove if parents required their boys and girls to come directly home after school, so that they might know where they are and what they are doing. A boy may soon form habits of discourtesy in such company on the street, if nothing worse. The teachers of the school are trying to get their pupils to go directly home from school, and solicit the co-operation of the parents. Boys need training in good citizenship. They are not getting it when they are interfering with others, when they are impolite on the street, and when they are forming habits of disrespect toward public places and public assemblages.

Three of the teachers have already taken their visiting day. Miss Hahn and Miss Reeves were in the Aurora schools, Friday, October 8, and Mrs. Woodruff was in one of the Chicago schools on Wednesday, September 28.

The general teachers' meetings are held every other Tuesday evening at the south building, in the high school room. They are studying this year a text on the teaching of English, by Percival Chubb, of the New York ethical school. Anyone interested is welcome to these meetings, and the teachers would be very glad to have visits from patrons.

The teachers desire through the columns of The Reporter to invite parents to visit the schools. They are urged to come for the purpose of seeing the regular work of the school and becoming acquainted with the methods in use and the results which are obtained.

Jay Littlefield, a member of the class of 1903, entered the state university, at Champaign, this week and expects to take a complete course there.

Attendance for month of September, 1904, in the schools of Downers Grove:

Table with columns: Teacher, Males, Females, Total, Daily average, Per cent, Violations. Lists names like G. N. Maxwell, Grace E. Storer, Carrie L. Hull, etc.

The number of pupils who have never attended school before that have entered at this time is sixty-five.

A glance at the table of attendance shows an unusually large number of cases of tardiness. Neither the teachers nor the superintendent can give any explanation of the cause of this. All cases have been excused by the parents, and every effort has been made on the part of the teachers to prevent it. Will parents interest themselves earnestly in the matter, help to create a spirit of promptness in their children, and refuse to excuse tardiness unless it is necessary?

The Entertainment Course

The meeting on the evening of Saturday, at D. G. Graham's office, to receive the report of the entertainment course committee, was quite satisfactory, both in the number present and the decisions on the programs as presented. The committee, composed of Messrs. Towsley and Hazen, brought in two drafts for entertainments. Each had six dates, one each in November, December, January, February, March and April. After some discussion the following was adopted as the entertainment course:

- November 21—Thomas McClary, Lecturer.
December 2—Chicago Lady Entertainers.
January 12—Germaine, Marcellin.
February 4—Nellie Peck Saunders Concert Company.
March — John P. D. John, Lecturer.
April 15—The Dunbar Company, Male Quartet and Bell Ringers.

The management of Thomas McClary speaks thus of him: "There are very few men upon the lecture platform who have made as great a success as Thomas McClary. He has the humor of an Artemus Ward combined with the rare oratory

and learning of a Wendell Phillips. He has done as much to make the lecture popular, and at the same time instructive, as any man in the lyceum field. Nature has endowed Mr. McClary with a face and figure like that of Sam. Smith, Russell, and the same power with which to make an audience laugh or cry. His ideas are fresh, his illustrations apt and his wit keen."

He comes recommended by Bishop Merrill, Chicago, Bishop Fowler, Buffalo, Honorable William Jennings Bryan, Reverend Doctor Shutter, Minneapolis, Honorable J. T. McClary, Washington, District of Columbia, and others. Some of his subjects are: "The Man With the Hoe," "The Mission of Mirth," "The American Home," "Through Ireland on a Bicycle Built for One," "Evolution in the Land of Cakes," "The Evolution and Use of the Social Nature." The Chicago Lady Entertainers is made up of Estelle M. Clark, Bessie M. Merger, Jessie I. Christian and Marcia M. Moorhead, and their line of work is readings, solos, duets, trios and quartets. They come highly recommended. Germaine, the Wizard, will no doubt amuse old and young, particularly the latter. He will be accompanied by his sister, Miss Ida Germaine, an accomplished pianiste, and also an attendant to assist in the various experiments. The repertoire is extensive and the magic-worker has always a few new surprises "up his sleeve."

The Nellie Peck Saunders Concert Company is made up of a splendid array of talent. Nellie Peck Saunders is one of the most talented of readers. She is possessed of magnetism, a strong mind, a vivid imagination and a charming personality that is sure to be appreciated and enjoyed by all lovers of good literature well portrayed. Allan Campbell, of the company, is a pleasing baritone. He has made a specialty of Scotch ballads. The other members are Miss Crum, violinist, whose stage appearance is said to be perfect, and her playing appeals as none but the work of an artist can, and Miss Editt, pianiste and accompanist. The latter has been a professional accompanist in Oberlin musical circles. John P. D. John, the lecturer, was formerly president of De Pauw university. He has been on the platform for the past five years, and has in that time delivered two hundred and eighty addresses in his own state of Indiana and nine hundred throughout the United States and Canada. The press has been full of praise of his work. Some of his subjects are: "The Worth of a Man," "The Sublimity of a Great Conviction," "Seeing Without Eyes, or the Vision of the Invisible," "Did Man Make God or Did God Make Man?" "The Three L's of the New Era, or the Hope of the Under Man," "The Battle of the Giants." The Dunbar Company, Male Quartet and Bell Ringers, include Ralph Dunbar, the American Cellist. They are a novel and versatile company. They present an extensive repertoire of classic, popular and humorous selections. As bell ringers they are said to stand unequalled. They use a peal of one hundred musical hand bells.

On the whole the committee who have drafted the program has done well. The talent will be some of the best in the country, and the patrons of these entertainments can rest assured that they will be well pleased with the course. As will be seen, the number of entertainments has been reduced to six, so as to get the best people obtainable. The following have pledged themselves to the sale of the necessary tickets to finance the course: Captain T. S. Rogers, J. Warren Rogers, M. Sluser, M. A. Sacksteder, Reverend H. B. Hazen, W. B. Towsley, C. W. Meyrick, F. A. Dove, J. R. Huling, Professor O. M. Seales, G. B. Heatt, W. J. Herring, M. B. Downer, Charles Carpenter, Doctor Gourley, Levi Mertz, Charles Caldwell, John Gollan, John Rutherford, V. Simonson, John Burns, W. Harry Spears. It was decided to overcome the complaints about "reserved seats," which caused some trouble last year, by having a date set, which will appear on the tickets, on which all purchasers can have their seats "reserved" for them for the whole course. Only the purchaser or some member of the family can "reserve" a seat, and it must be done in person. The price of the tickets for the whole course as before will be one dollar and a half. All persons named above will have tickets to sell.

Successful "County Fair"

The "county fair" at the auditorium closed on Friday evening of last week. The ladies of the Congregational church are to be congratulated for the capable manner in which they carried out the whole affair. When they got through and had gathered all the "cash receipts" in one pile they found that they had the neat sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars. The baby show on Friday afternoon was a "lively" affair. The babies came from all parts of the town. Big babies, little babies, and of course they were all pretty babies. There was over a half hundred of them. The judges, Mesdames Stickle, Frizzel and Murray, had the "job" of their lives to make a decision, but finally they decided that Miss Virginia Waples, aged eleven weeks, daughter of L. Ballard Waples, Master—Olson, aged eighteen months, son of John Olson, and Miss Margaret Wolf, three years old daughter of C. Wolf, were entitled to the ribbons. In the evening a musical program was presented. The high school musical organization gave three well rendered selections.

Among the Churches

Reverend F. E. Farniloe, of Elgin, will preach his initial sermons in the Methodist church next Sunday at the usual hours.

The services at the Congregational church will be as usual, at ten forty-five in the morning and at five in the evening.

The subject of Reverend H. Booth Hazen's discourse on Sunday morning at the Baptist church will be "Aggressive Christian Work." In the evening Reverend Doctor Stevenson, of the University of Chicago, one of the leading Sunday school workers, will preach.

Local Happenings

Miss Alice Hartt, of Chicago, was the guest of Miss Mabelle Radell last Saturday and Sunday.

The high school chorus at the church fair was well received. The boys and girls deserve credit for their work.

Invitations are out for an assembly to be held at Carpenter's hall on next Wednesday evening. Shurtz's orchestra will furnish music.

On Wednesday of last week Mrs. M. E. Mitchell gave a birthday luncheon in honor of her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Selter. The table was decorated in pink and white. The guests included Mrs. William Fraenkel, Mrs. V. Frodenhagen, Mrs. James Mitchell and Mrs. J. S. Bond.

The 1904 directory of the village has been issued and is being distributed about town. The book contains 1050 names and claims a population for the village of 3000, against 800 names in last year's book, which claimed 2558 population. This shows how the place is growing.

On Friday evening of last week Elbert C. Stanley and wife entertained the members of the Baptist young people's union. The evening was one of the most enjoyable spent by the society. Special mention should be made of the decorations, an artistic arrangement of flowers and autumn leaves, converting the house into a veritable fairyland. One of the principal features of the evening was a "strenuous" contest, to decide whose knowledge of our trees was greatest. The prize was awarded to Miss Cora Handy. The society anticipates many pleasant social evenings during the winter.

Two Chances to Register

The first registration day for those who desire to vote at the presidential election will be held October 18, when the judges and clerks of election will meet at the various precinct polling places and enter the names of those entitled to this privilege. This is according to a general law passed by the legislature at the time of the adoption of the Australian ballot. The time set is the third Tuesday preceding election. The board will convene at nine o'clock and remain until five o'clock. At this time a copy will be made of the last poll book and any man whose name is not there may have it entered either in person or by a friend. The list will be made out and posted outside the building, hanging there for two weeks or until the second meeting of the registration board, which will occur two weeks later. At this time the first list will be revised, and any whose names do not appear there are entitled to register. This is the last opportunity afforded them. The meeting is from eight o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock at night, and those whose names do not appear after this revision will be compelled to swear in their vote by affidavit if they desire to cast a ballot. One copy is then given to the county clerk. On election day the board will have a copy of the registration list, and as each man asks for a ballot he will be looked up on the list. It therefore behooves every voter to register at one of the two opportunities given him.

There are two precincts in Downers Grove. All north of the railway track will go to J. W. Tucker's office to register while those south go to the village hall. The judges in the former place will be J. W. Tucker, Frank Rogers and C. Graves and those at the village hall will be C. B. Blodgett, Charles Caldwell and L. P. Naramore. There are some new voters in town and the judges will investigate as to their qualifications and decide thereon.

Unreliable Newsgatherers.

Some would be clever news monger "loaded up" the Chicago Evening Journal on Wednesday about the burglary of Mertz and Mochel's store. This enterprising sheet stated that the value of the looting was \$3000 and describes the affair in these words: "The store robbed, owned by Mertz and company, is one of the largest carrying an exclusive hardware stock among the small towns west of Chicago, and a headquarters for sportsmen, well known for its large stock of firearms and hunting knives. Shotguns, repeating rifles, magazine pistols and ammunition of all kinds were taken. It is believed the pistols and revolvers taken from the Downers Grove store will play parts in many daring holdups in the near future unless the thieves are caught and their plunder recovered. The escape of the burglar band was due to a large part to the caution of Marshall Hoffer. He heard a noise in the store, which is owned by Mertz and company, and saw a wagon standing in front. But instead of facing the thieves unaided, as it was certain they would be unaided, he started out to raise a posse and surround the store. He raised the posse and surrounded the store, but when, with drawn revolvers, he and two members of the posse opened the door, no burglars were there. While the marshal was giving the alarm and summoning assistance the robber band had departed with its valuable booty, hauling it away in the wagon. The pursuit was at once taken up by Hoffer and his assistants. Aid was summoned from surrounding farms and the officers of Naperville, Hinsdale, LaGrange, and Aurora notified to be on the outlook for a wagonload of hardware."

Notice of Award of Contract

Board of Local Improvements, Village of Downers Grove, Illinois.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the bids for furnishing all labor and material and the construction of a sewage purification plant, an outlet and main sewer with certain branch sewers, manholes and house connection branches, to be laid in the village of Downers Grove in accordance with an order providing therefor, were opened on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1904, and that F. G. Mortimer, being the lowest responsible bidder for constructing and installing said sewer and sewer system, the contract for said work was awarded to said F. G. Mortimer on the 24th day of October, A. D. 1904. Said bid being as follows:

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Includes items like 3000 feet of 18 in. sewer at \$1.25 per ft., 200 feet of 12 in. sewer at \$1.25 per ft., etc.

Total amount of contract \$4157.00

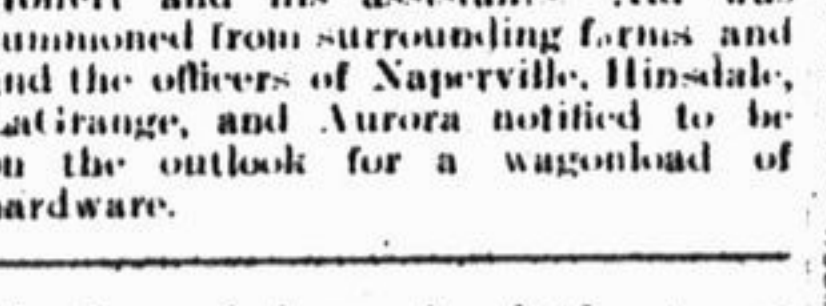
The owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands upon said streets above named herein and work to be done may, within ten days from the date hereof, object to take said work and enter into a written contract to do said work at 10 per centum less than the price at which the same has been awarded. CHARLES MOCHEL, President JOHN W. GRAVES, GEORGE B. HEAVETT, Board of Local Improvements.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

Wanted Nursing, confinement or other sickness. Address Mrs. L. Mae Davis, box 400, Downers Grove P. O., or call at 135 North Main Street.
Wanted—Two girls, 17 or 18 years of age, to learn to set type. Workroom is light, clean and healthful; fair remuneration and good treatment. Call at The Kehnscott Press.
Wanted—A bright boy, 16 to 18 years of age, to learn the printing trade at The Kehnscott Press. A boy who means business will be well treated. This is an opportunity.
Furnished home wanted—Anyone having a furnished house that they wish taken care of by a young couple for the winter, write to Box "H" 308 Reporter office.
Wanted Men and women in this county and adjoining territories, to represent and advertise an old established house of solid financial standing. Salary to men \$21 weekly, to women \$12 to \$18 weekly with expenses advanced each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Horse and buggy furnished when necessary; position permanent. Address, Blow Bros. & Co., Dept. A, Monon Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
For rent Entire lower floor three pleasant rooms, partly furnished, or unfurnished, good location. Address Reporter, box "X".
Wanted House accommodation for 20 to 25 sewer men, at Downers Grove, starting October 21. Address F. G. Mortimer, Glenview.

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