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Gossip of the Town

Mertz and Michel are rebuilding the scales in the rear of their store.
A new cement platform has been erected in front of Rang's bakery.
Mention this paper when writing to or making purchases of our advertisers.

Miss Effie Funk, of Urbana, Ohio, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Edward Lemon. The exterior wood and iron work about the bank building is being repainted.
D. H. Merrill, editor of the Hinsdale Doings, was a caller at our sanctum on Monday.

Mrs. Willard is spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bird, of Hinsdale.
Mrs. Lucinda B. Chandler spent last week in Downers Grove. Her home will be in Austin, Illinois, during the winter.

D. Cadwell has opened his new bakery in the old Crescy store, near corner of Maple avenue and south Main street.

The building on Main street occupied by William Bonnell and recently purchased by H. J. Hawkins is being raised and a new foundation built.
Halloween promises a stir in Downers Grove social doings. Likewise the small boy has started his preparations, and in the absence of fences and gates they might tackle the newly paved street.

Reverend H. Booth Hazen and wife are spending the week at the Saint Louis fair. They left early Monday morning and will return home today. Two brothers of Mr. Hazen, from Ohio, are accompanying them.
Chicago newspapers are models of accuracy (??) that cause suburban editors to blush with shame. The sensational reports of the Downers Grove and West Chicago burglaries outrival the best efforts of Conan Doyle and his Sherlock Holmes creations.

Saturday was the last day for filing nomination papers in the office of the secretary of state. There are now seven full state and electoral tickets in the field—the democratic, republican, prohibitionist, people's, socialist, socialist labor, and continental.
One day last week a break rail on a car on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train got loosened, and as it went through here it plowed a great hole in the wooden crossing planks at Main street as evenly as if it had been "gouged" out with a machine.

The lot owned by James Fiddham, at the corner of Prairie and Foote avenues, have recently been purchased by one of the members of The Kelmco Press corporation. They are very desirable building sites, and a couple of residences are to be built thereon next spring, in all probability.
The old Downers Grove loan and homestead association has gone out of business. The last two small pieces of property which were owned by this association being lot five in block one, Straube's addition, and lots forty and forty-one, block one, Gostyn, were sold to Captain T. S. Rogers.

The subject of Reverend Doctor Stevenson's discourse last Sunday evening in the Baptist church was "Cardinal Points in Child Training." At four o'clock he addressed a meeting of the mothers and fathers in the same church building. The speaker is one of the best informed on the Sunday school question of anyone of the day.
On Friday afternoon, October 7, Mrs. J. P. Cracraft, of 73 Curtiss street, gave a farewell luncheon in honor of those she was most intimately acquainted with in the village. A visit to the "baby show" and back to the house for luncheon was the entertainment for the afternoon. Those invited were: Mesdames Curtiss, Radell, Straube, Carpenter, Anderson, Foster, Stanley, Dawe, Lemon, Caldwell, and Miss L. MacDowell.

The village improvement committee of the woman's club desire to commend the thoughtfulness of the builders of cement walks in stamping the names of the streets in the walks at the crossings, thus doing away with the unsightly board signs nailed on the trees or telephone poles, and would recommend a continuation of the plan wherever new walks are put in.
This is the unique way one of our townsmen accounted for the recent "boom" in Downers Grove when queried by a visitor: "It is very simple; it is because the 'boosters' are so busy talking and doing that the 'knockers' can't hear themselves croak, consequently have joined the great majority. Now everybody has confidence in the future of the town and want to be enrolled among the ranks of the helpers rather than the hinderers. Where everybody is busy doing good there is always happiness."

J. Warren Rogers' house at 14 Warren avenue is being repainted.
Oscar Dewey and family, formerly of La Grange, are now residents of village.
Mrs. Nancy Foster has returned from an extended visit to Ann Arbor and Clayton, Michigan.
Now that most of the corn crop is in shock, farmers are wishing and waiting for cold, crisp, drying weather.
Edgar Howland and son, Herbert, of Maywood, New Jersey, are guests with L. N. Naramore and wife this week.
The water in the fountains in the park at the depot has been turned off for the winter and the basin has been cleaned.
The boys are gathering many bushels of walnuts and anticipate much neat enjoyment next winter with boon companions.
Monroe Fulkerson, of La Grange, attorney for the Chicago fire department, was a guest at Lemon Lodge during the past week.
Mrs. Elizabeth Lemon, who has been visiting her son, E. C. Lemon, has returned to her home at South Bend, Indiana.
Miss Mamie Gentzer, of Ottawa, Illinois, and Miss Vernon, of Chicago, spent Sunday of last week at the home of F. C. Lancaster.
New catch basins are being put in the pavement in the depression near the bank and Oldfield blocks. The original ones were not large enough.
Mrs. (Doctor) Warner, of Chicago, and her sister, Mrs. Vilmer, of Crown Point, Indiana, have been visiting at Otto Crawford's, on Oakwood avenue.
Real estate is beginning to move this fall with a vengeance, the prices not declining any, but rather going up. The good crops make people want to buy.
Misses Bessie Herring and Hattie Bryce entertained a party of young folks at the home of the latter, Monday evening of last week, in honor of Miss Mildred Reed.
Lawrence E. Cook, formerly of Berwyn, who recently purchased the Davis place, on north Main street, has taken up his abode here and is making considerable improvement in the property.
These beautiful autumn days are most delightful. The poet may say they are "the saddest of the year," but nevertheless they are very agreeable to the sadder soul and reflective mind. Wish they would last until Christmas.
Postmaster Carpenter has received notice from the post office department that there will be some new rural routes established here in the near future and that applications will be received for the positions of carriers.
Oakwood avenue is a busy place these days. Several cement walks have been laid this week. Walter Farrar and C. S. Sutherland are repainting their houses. The R. W. Hawkins house is nearing completion, and Joseph Taylor's barn is being built rapidly.
Your attention is called to the Wheaton college, at Wheaton, Illinois. The purpose of the college is to train young men and women for useful citizenship. The first effort is to secure a proper attitude toward life itself and a true center for action.
If you want to vote this fall you will have to be registered. This is required every four years. The old books have served their purpose and will be thrown away or burned, and new ones will take their place. Don't fail to make a note of these facts if you want to vote for the winner.
Your attention is called to the Cross eclectic shorthand advertisement. Mr. Cross, whose father is the originator of this shorthand course, is a resident of Downers Grove, and any wishing to learn a good system of shorthand should try the Central Institute, Chicago, where he teaches.
One of our real estate men reports that he had four applications for a house of which he has the renting, within two days after he received notice that his tenant would leave in a month's time. Applicant for houses are calling at the real estate offices on an average of eight to ten a week.
The following is a list of those for whom are uncalled for letters at the post office here: E. A. Hartwell, Joseph C. Andrews, Mrs. Marie Anderson, Miss May W. Oliver, Miss Lucy H. Whittle, Miss McMullay, Cornelius E. Werner, J. H. Davids, Frank Howes, J. H. Wilson, Andrew Anderson and Maurice Woolfe.
A party composed of L. P. Naramore, J. W. Foster, H. D. Foster, W. H. Edwards, Joseph Richards, W. Harry Spears, of Downers Grove, and E. and H. Howland, of Maywood, New Jersey,

enjoyed a fifty mile ride through Du Page and Kane counties on Wednesday. Saint Charles, Geneva, Batavia, Lombard, North Glen Ellyn and Warrenville were visited. The party were the guests of L. P. Naramore, of the firm of Naramore and Foster. The Dunham stock farm was visited and a couple hours was spent viewing the splendid stock on this place.
Miss Klinkner, of South Bend, Indiana, is the guest of Miss Alice Wallace.
The Downers Grove democratic club will meet in the old club room, Oldfield block, tonight. Honorable W. E. Bowles will address the club.
Marshall Field's grandsons, Marshall and Henry, with their governess, spent Saturday and Sunday with Walter Scott Bryan and his niece, Miss Martin, and on Sunday Marshall Field, Senior, took luncheon with Mr. Bryan and his niece, leaving for Chicago on the three-o'clock train in the afternoon.
At the annual athletic meet between the sophomores and freshmen of the university of Illinois, Jason Littleford won the mile event from a large number of competitors. Littleford, who was the "miler" of the championship Lewis institute team, will, by the winning of this event, in all probability make good on the regular university track team.
The editor of the Naperville Clarion gets off the following after reminiscing with himself over the Napoleonic Wheaton county seat fight of bygone days: "Please don't blame Naperville people for trying to wreck the court house at Wheaton. The county seat fight has been almost forgotten and the misdeeds committed thirty years ago forgiven."

The opening of the political campaign here took place in the auditorium on Saturday evening. Judge Sherman, the republican candidate for lieutenant-governor, was the speaker. In the evening marching clubs and bands from West Chicago and Hinsdale paraded the principal streets. The hall was filled to overflowing, many being unable to secure seats. Captain T. S. Rogers was chairman. The speaker, who is a very clever orator, was very humorous throughout the address and had his audience laughing continuously as he made peculiarly turned epigrammatic thrusts at the democratic party.
On Thursday, October 13, Mrs. A. F. Heddman gave an "afternoon" to the neighbors and friends in honor of Mrs. Emma Whiffen, who has been a resident of the village for the past twenty years and is now preparing to leave Downers Grove and make her home with her children. The afternoon was most delightfully spent in reminiscences of other days. Refreshments were daintily served by the daughters of the amiable hostess. Those present were: Mesdames Towlesy, Marsh, L. Curtis, D. O. Cole, D. G. Stanley, Hartman, E. O. Stanley, J. W. Rogers, W. Handy, E. J. Miller, C. E. Bush, E. Whiffen, O. H. Whitney.

The Juno-Stewart Wedding
The marriage of Miss Agnes May Stewart, daughter of John Stewart, and wife to John B. Juno, of Schenectady, New York, took place Monday evening, October 17, at Saint Andrew's Episcopal church, the service being read by Reverend H. E. Chase at eight o'clock.
William Stewart, uncle of the bride, sang a solo, "O Promise Me!" before the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Jack White, the organist, played softly during the service "Thine Own." The bride was attended by Miss Mabel Austin, who served as maid of honor, and Miss Louise Hartman, of Saint Louis, who served as bridesmaid. J. D. McLeod, of Providence, Rhode Island, served as best man. The ushers were H. O. Weiss, of Washington, District of Columbia, H. A. Clark, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and C. H. Lathan, of Chicago.
The church was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves.
The bride wore a gown of white liberty silk made over white liberty satin, trimmed with duchess lace. She wore a full veil of tulle and carried a white ivory-bound prayer book.
The maid of honor wore pale yellow silk mull, made over silk of the same shade, and carried yellow chrysanthemums. Miss Hartman was gowned in white lace made over pale yellow silk, and carried white chrysanthemums. Both the maid of honor and bridesmaid wore short white tulle veils down to the waist.
The bride's small sister, Lucille, preceded the bridal party, carrying the ring in a white chrysanthemum.
Following the ceremony a reception was held for the bridal party at the home of the bride's parents, on Maple avenue.
Mr. and Mrs. Juno will go south on their wedding journey, and will be at home after November 15 at Schenectady, New York.
A great number of presents were received by the bride, but owing to our limited space we are unable to print the entire list.

Paint Gasoline Cans Red
To avoid all accidents by the mistaking of gasoline for kerosene, in some parts of the country the plan has been adopted of painting the gasoline cans red. In Iowa this has become a statutory law, and violators are punished. Some of the members of the woman's club have taken the matter up here and sent the following petitionary appeal to each of the local dealers in oils. It remains now to be seen whether the dealers will comply. They can hardly resist when the women take such a matter in hand. Here is the petition:
To oil dealers:—We, the undersigned, members of the village improvement committee of the Downers Grove Woman's club, most earnestly petition the merchants of this village to require the consumers of gasoline to paint their cans red, thereby helping to lessen the danger of horrible calamities resulting from getting the wrong can.
"EMMA J. MILLER, Chairwoman."
"ALLIE L. WHITE."
"MARY S. BURNS."
"SUSAN F. FOSTER."

RELIEF LIST
A subscription list is being passed to aid the family of the unfortunate woman who lost her life, and any who wish to contribute can leave their names and contributions with E. Ahrens, East Grove, or D. G. Graham, police magistrate, Downers Grove.

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY

Mrs. Collier's Home Destroyed— Polish Washerwoman Burned by Gasoline Explosion

East Grove was the scene of a very destructive fire, on Tuesday morning, and a shocking tragedy. It was at the home of Mrs. Mary Collier, on Maple avenue, East Grove. As near as can be learned the fire was caused by the igniting of a gasoline tank on a gas stove. It seems that a Mrs. Bedroni, a Polish woman, was working in the kitchen, doing the family washing, and was in the act of pouring boiling water from one vessel to another, when the gasoline ignited and in a moment the whole room was a mass of flames. The alarm was given and the neighbors came as quickly as they could, but nothing could be done to save the house. The flames spread, and in less than an hour the fine two-story home was a mass of burning ashes. The poor woman was burned from head to foot, her clothing forming inflammable matter for the ignited gasoline blaze. She screamed for help. Mrs. Collier and other members of the family were at the time, about seven forty-five o'clock in the morning, out on the street purchasing some fruit from a Jewish vendor named Nathan Fein, of 2477 west Thirty-Eighth street, (Brighton Park), Chicago. The woman ran excitedly and her blazing clothing seemed to unnerve all but Mr. Fein, who went to her assistance and succeeded in some measure in stopping the flames. She was carried to a neighboring house and Doctor Gourley was called. It was found by the physician that the awful burns had seared her body so badly, that he had very little hope for her recovery. The Catholic priest was summoned, and rendered unto the suffering woman the solace of the last rites of her church. Some of those who came to the assistance kept water on the adjoining houses and barns and saved them, but all of Mrs. Collier's furniture and household effects were consumed. The Downers Grove fire appliances were taken out to the scene of the conflagration, but as the place was several times the length of the stretch of hose the boys had, from the nearest hydrant, no aid could be rendered. Four ton of hard coal in the basement was consumed and made a severe heat for a while. With Mrs. Collier lived her son-in-law, William Heintz and his wife, and they also lost all their effects. There was an insurance on the house of \$1500 and on the furniture of \$1000, but this will not nearly cover the loss.

Mrs. Bedroni, the victim of the explosion, died from her terrible burns on Thursday morning. She leaves a husband, one daughter, sixteen years old, and four other children, ten years old and under. The services and interment will take place on Sunday at Saint Mary's chapel.
Mrs. Heintz, who lived with Mrs. Collier, was secretary for the Royal Neighbors, a woman's branch of the Modern Woodmen, and her husband was treasurer of the Congregational Sunday school, and they had about one hundred and twenty five dollars in money in the house which was consumed.

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