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## Gossip of the Town

Get ready to welcome the chrysanthemum.

The turkeys are preparing for their annual thanksgiving offering.

Mrs. C. P. Scott has been visiting with friends in Rockford, Illinois.

The Downers Grove Furniture company have moved to their new factory.

A pumpkin pie social was given at the home of E. O. Stanley on Thursday evening.

Several car loads of sewer pipe has arrived for the work being done by contractor Mortimer.

Engineer Shield's staff of surveyors are at work on the streets laying out the lines for the sewers.

A new platform now graces the space between the new granolithic walk and Judge Graham's office.

A. C. Riddler and family left Monday for Los Angeles, California, which will be their home in the future.

Candidate Sluager and Honorable G. W. Brown addressed meetings at Lombard on October 26.

Mrs. L. H. Thomas and daughter, Nina, left the first of the week for a visit with friends in Moline, Illinois.

Reverend H. H. Hood was in town on Monday to remove his mother, who is an invalid, to their new home in Elgin.

A new iron railing has been placed about the entrance to Edwin Frank's barber shop under the bank building.

A reception is being arranged for to be tendered to Reverend H. H. Hood by the members of his new charge at Elgin.

Some fine specimens of corn grown by E. E. Downer, on his farm just north of the village, are on exhibit in the post office.

The old Hathaway building has been fitted up as a boarding house for the men engaged by contractor Mortimer for sewer work.

A new walk has been built on stone pillars and steel girders over the creek in front of the Balcorn store, south Main street.

John Downer has leased the Wiley residence on Rogers street. Mrs. Murdock, the former tenant, has moved to the south side.

Mrs. Emma J. Miller is having a new foundation placed under her residence on south Washington street, and the lawn in front filled in.

Mrs. James Mitchell entertained the south side Thursday club at a progressive card party and luncheon on Thursday of last week.

The new porch and railings in front of the Congregational church are about completed. They will add considerable to the appearance of the edifice.

The democrats held a meeting in the Oldfield building last Saturday evening. There was a good sized crowd present. The speaker was candidate Bowles.

Captain Hoodtiller and Alonzo Wilson held a prohibition meeting in the auditorium on Friday evening of last week. A fair sized audience was in attendance.

A movement is on foot to organize two indoor baseball teams. Any young men desirous of joining should be at the Congregational church on Tuesday evening, November 1.

A horse belonging to Harry Blodgett one day recently got tired waiting for its owner, suddenly took "French leave," winding up the escapade by wrecking the buggy to which it was hitched.

Miss Lillian Trevette, formerly a resident of Downers Grove, was married to John Harms on Saturday, October 15, 1904, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. L. W. Winchester, in Ravenswood.

The West Chicago Journal says: "John Flanz, of Downers Grove, was struck by a passenger train on the Illinois Central, at South Elmhurst, on Wednesday of last week, and died while on the way to the hospital."

Miss Julia Giddings, accompanied by C. V. Carpenter and wife, left for the Saint Louis fair on Thursday of last week, on a private car, to Quincy, from which place they will go down the Mississippi river, the guests of the United States fish commission.

In a Michigan town a philanthropic gentleman, who has taken a deep interest in beautifying the town, has placed boxes with covers, neatly painted with appropriate mottoes, at the corners of the streets. To these everything that would deface the village is promptly consigned.

After eighteen years paddling his own canoe on the seas of journalism the editor of this paper isn't losing any sleep over any petty remarks that the "tryin'" correspondent of the West Chicago Democrat or the infantile lullaby from Hinsdale make.

Attorney Cooper, of Glen Ellyn, was in town on Wednesday.

Main street is being treated to a cleaning which it greatly needed.

F. Stevens and family, of Austin, spent Saturday and Sunday at S. F. Haller's.

C. B. Blodgett and wife are considering the spending of the winter in California.

Mrs. Birdie Rose visited over Sunday with relatives at Mayfair and Irving Park.

Mrs. McKee and daughter, of La Grange, visited her relatives here on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. W. Bradbury entertained the matinee whist club, of Millard avenue, Chicago, Tuesday afternoon.

D. C. Stanley has sold blocks seven and eight in Stanley's addition. The purchaser also bought block 14, Gostyn.

Gustave Nelson, formerly of north Foote avenue, has moved with his family to Minnesota. He is going to try farming.

Mrs. Bates and her sister, Mrs. McNaught, left Tuesday for Oklahoma to spend a few months with relatives there.

Several of our farmers in the south part of the county are arranging to move to Polk county, Missouri, where they have purchased farms.

Quite a number of our people attended the Lowden meeting at Hinsdale last Saturday night, where a large audience listened to the address.

The scattering of the sewer pipe about town begins to look as though the contractor meant to get a good deal of the work done this fall.

Mrs. Bertha Stovel, sister of Mrs. Theo. Aldrich, is visiting here. She has just returned from Africa, where she has been for some time as a missionary.

E. E. Bunge, a former resident here, now living at Western Springs, is arranging to establish his home here again soon.

Mrs. R. T. Fleming, who has been visiting Mrs. W. C. Williamson the past six weeks, has returned to her home in Buffalo, New York.

Edgar Howland and son, Herbert, of Maywood, New Jersey, who have been visiting L. P. Naramore and family the past few days, have returned to their home.

The Rathbone Sisters will give a ball in Carpenter's hall on Thursday evening of next week. The admission will be seventy-five cents a couple, including refreshments.

Miss Iva Dunn, of Syracuse, Nebraska, arrived last Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Horton. She will remain several months, continuing her studies in elocution.

The village board of local improvements met on Wednesday evening, at the village hall, where the contract between the village and F. G. Mortimer, for the sewers and disposal plant, was read, corrections made, and signed.

Mrs. Louise Coleman Hunt has been sued for \$50,000 damages by Hilda Schmidt, a laundress, formerly employed in the Hunt mansion, who charges slander and defamation of character, following a recent diamond robbery at the Hunt home.

The fire loss which occurred at Mrs. M. E. Collier's, East Grove, on the 18th was adjusted on October 21. She received the full amount called for in the policy, \$2500. The insurance was made through D. G. Graham's agency and the loss was adjusted at his office.

The Wheaton Illinoisian says: "Downers Grove is booming its poultry show. These 'cackle exhibits' are becoming annual events in many of our neighboring towns. As a result eggs are getting larger and chickens lay from one to three every day, except Sunday."

A team from among the Carson, Pirie, Scott company, of Chicago, will play the local "leven" on the Downer field this afternoon. The local team has defeated all comers so far and should be encouraged. Turn out and "root," but don't forget the hat when it is passed to pay expenses.

The Chicago Lyceum company, of which J. K. O'Neil, of this place, is manager, are preparing for the winter season's work of entertaining the public. Their repertoire embraces such plays as: "Love's Difficulties," "The Doctor," "My Lord In Livery," "Yellow Roses," "The Chimney Corner" and "Lend Me Five Shillings."

The first snow of the season fell last Friday evening about six o'clock, but it was so slight and continued for such a short time that very few saw it. It was very light and came down in between the drops of rain. As soon as it fell it

melted. Again Saturday morning it was dropping for a short time, but it didn't last. The weather for the past few days has been raw and we have received the first touch of winter. Old residents claim that the number of snow storms can be told by the distance of the date of the first one to the end of the month. The one on Friday was October 21, and this designates ten snow storms for this section this winter.

The Downers Grove fire department have arranged to hold their annual ball in the auditorium on November 23, thanksgiving evening. This is an annual affair and is the only way the fire ladders have to raise funds to meet their necessary expenses, so all should patronize them. First class music will be in attendance and a good time will be assured all. A committee, composed of chief John Woelfersheim and C. H. Staats, have been appointed to sell the tickets for this event, so that when you see these two "worthies" coming your way be prepared to "buy."

The shots that count are the shots that hit, the knocks that hurt are the knocks that bruise; the women who fall are the women who sit while others are wearing out their shoes. The thumb that aches is the thumb that's sore, the eye that looks is the eye that sees; the wisest men are the men whose lore is such as to make them prodigies. The work that counts is the work that's done; the men who rule are the men who lead; the man who aims with an empty gun never causes the bounding stag to bleed. The rain that soaks is the rain that's wet, the night that's dark is the night that's black; no train has ever arrived as yet, by just standing idly on the track.

Our village officials should make an appropriation, when fixing the budget next spring, to install street signs in the village. We will soon have to do as we were wont to do in the rural district, many years ago, if we do not have street signs. In those days we knew where people lived because they lived three blocks north, two blocks east and near the big red barn; or they lived just east of Jones' corn-crib; or next door to where the goat abuts. Let's get down to business and have signs on the streets, so that strangers may know, when they look for a street, they can look intelligently. As it is now, we cannot tell them intelligently.

Some people do not know the system for firealarms here, and there have been a couple of mix-ups about fires recently. The system is as follows: First there will be a long whistle as a fire signal, then a short wait, when the ward in which the fire is will be blown, viz.: one, two, three or four. Then will follow a wait again, when the same thing will be done. Do not count the long whistle with the short ones which follow. When you hear the long whistle, wait and count after it stops and you will have the word correct. But above all, when you go to a fire keep out of the firemen's way and leave the apparatus alone. Several accidents nearly happened at the last alarm and some over anxious ones will be getting into trouble some of these times.

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## With the Fraternities

The Odd Fellows meet tonight in their hall, Central block.

Naper post met on Thursday evening October 14, in their hall, over Penner's shop.

The Macraebes met on Wednesday of this week. Their next meeting will be on November 9.

Grove lodge 824, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in their hall, Oldfield block, last night.

The Knights of Pythias met on October 19. Their next meeting will be next Wednesday evening.

The Modern Woodmen met on Thursday in Carpenter's hall. Next meeting will be on November 10.

Victory Council, number 110, Royal league, met on October 18. The next meeting will be on Tuesday next.

The regular meeting of Vesta Chapter, Order Eastern Star, was held on Tuesday evening in the masonic hall, Oldfield block.

Vesta Chapter, number 242, Order Eastern Star, will give a presentation of the "floral work" on Tuesday evening, November 1, in the masonic hall.

Mrs. Mattie M. Carpenter, Worthy Matron of Vesta Chapter, number 242, Order Eastern Star, entertained in a most delightful manner the officers of the chapter at luncheon on Wednesday, October 19. The decorations were stars, the luncheon table having for its centerpiece a large star composed of flowers of the symbolic colors of the Order. The cards designating the seat of each guest bore a star, and in many ways those present were pleasantly reminded that it was a "star" luncheon.

## RAISED CHECK AFFAIR

William Root Accused of Stealing  
One Hundred and Fifteen  
Dollars

\$1.16 CHECK BECOMES \$116.16

On Tuesday a couple of Chicago detectives arrived in town and proceeded to the home of William Root, who has been living on a farm about a mile east of the village, and arrested him, taking him to Chicago on a charge of securing money on an alleged raised check. As near as could be learned the affair was this. Root had received from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy a rebate check or some excess paid, or unused transportation, for one dollar and sixteen cents and had taken it to Rothchild's department store and secured an identification of himself by Charles Leech, son of Doctor Leech, of this town, who knew him, so he could get it cashed in the counting room of the store. Soon after he presented the check and received one hundred and sixteen dollars from the lady cashier. The mistake or alleged check raising was not discovered till the cashier exchanged places with her assistant and was checking up when it was found that the check read one dollar and sixteen cents. The lady teller claims that when she paid the check it distinctly read the larger amount. It is thought that a kind of ink that fades away after being exposed for a time to the air was used to raise the check. The check was exhibited here to different parties and the wording was plainly the smaller amount.

Later—Root was arraigned in the police court in Chicago on Wednesday evening. He paid over the money received but was fined twenty-five dollars for disorderly conduct and in default was locked up.

## Presentation to A. C. Riddler

The many friends and well wishers of A. C. Riddler presented him with a fine watch and chain on the occasion of his leaving town for Los Angeles this week. A subscription paper was passed, mostly among the "Q" employees, and thirty-five names were secured in a few hours and a good sum collected. The following address was presented with the watch and chain to Mr. Riddler: "To A. C. Riddler:—In view of the cordial and pleasant relationship that has existed between yourself and the undersigned, we consider it a pleasure and a privilege to present to you this tribute of our esteem and best wishes for success in your far-away home, trusting it will ever remind you of your many friends and associates of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway."

## The Poultry Exhibition

The poultry club are making big preparations for their exhibition to be held here on December 13-15. The entries close on December 9. Already a great number of entries have been made and the exhibition promises to be a great success. A prize list is being printed showing some fine premiums for the exhibitors. The spacious auditorium has been secured for the show, and high class judges will be in attendance, so that critical breeders who appreciate the advantage of conscientious, judicial scoring are especially invited to send in their entries. Careful attention will be given to all birds and pet stock, and prompt shipment of all stock, after the show closes, will be the aim of the committee. Two prizes, one five dollars and another two dollars and a half, in gold, will be given to the person or firm who has the largest number of entries of qualified birds.

## An Historic "Treasure"

Some time ago a "treasure party" was given by a couple of energetic ladies here, and among the many "treasures" exhibited was one the owner of which was granted the first prize, as it was considered a historical "treasure." It was a "treasure" owned by Mrs. W. S. Carpenter. In a beautiful oxidized case, on a cushion, lay a battered bullet and a human tooth. On a card appeared the following description of the relics:

While the American army was retreating from Tecumseh, being pursued by the enemy, this ball, discharged from a British musket, was received by Josiah Roberts—grand-son of Rev. Samuel Isaac N. Roberts—in the right cheek. It struck out three double teeth, passed between the windpipe and esophagus, and lodged near the left ear-socket. When extracted, three days after, it had settled several inches below the surface. This tooth, lost at the time, he coughed up sixteen months after. After recovering his health, he returned to the army, where he served his country to the close of the war.

Mrs. Carpenter, who is a great descendant of the warrior, values the relic very much.