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ADVERTISEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Hon. Samuel Alschuler
and R. E. SPANGLER**

Democratic candidate for auditor of public accounts

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

Gossip of the Town

Did the boys leave your lot?
Keep up your fly screens. Indian
summer is with us.

Reverend Doctor F. F. Farmiloe spent
Tuesday at Elgin, Illinois.

Did you find any surprises around
your lot Tuesday morning?

Alonzo Chatfield, of Washington,
District of Columbia, is visiting at F. C.
Lacy's.

The new Darnley residence, on
Highland avenue, is fast nearing com-
pletion.

Oliver Crawford, of Oakwoods avenue,
left on Tuesday for a trip to Mansfield,
Missouri.

Mrs. W. W. Tucker returned Saturday
from a few days' visit with relatives
in Chicago.

Village trustee C. F. Davis has been
nominated on the democratic ticket as
circuit court clerk.

Miss Mary Spears, of Thorold, Ontario,
Canada, was the guest of her brother, W.
Harry Spears, over Sunday.

Go and shoot a few dimes into the
treasury of the library association at
their unique entertainment.

A. F. Beidelman, wife and daughter,
Miss Helen, and L. S. Beidelman spent
Sunday with relatives in Crown Point,
Indiana.

The Downers Grove senior football
team defeated the La Grange team, at
La Grange, last Saturday, by a score of
"10 to 0."

Although there has not been as much
excitement as usual in the campaign, the
small boy kind of evening things up on
Monday evening.

Five families left here for Missouri
last week. They were Myron and Elmer
Oldfield, John Schultz, Albert Wehr-
meister and John Hopp.

A novel entertainment will be given by
the library association on Saturday
afternoon, November 12, at the home of
W. H. Radell, Gilbert avenue.

J. D. Horton left on Monday for Fort
Smith, Arkansas, where he will assume
the management of the United States
House Manufacturing company.

Aunt the campaign, this is the way
one voter puts it: "It's all over but the
shouting, but there will be enough of
that to fill a good sized vacuum."

Mrs. Katie Eihman and son, of San
Antonio, Texas, are visiting this week
with their uncle and aunt, Joseph S.
Miller and wife, of Linden Heights.

The carpenters who have been working
for J. D. Horton this summer made him
a present of a handsome nickel-plated
(carpenter's) square before his departure
on Monday.

A pleased reader of The Reporter in
Washington, District of Columbia, in
writing to us says: "I am glad to note
that the paper is much more newsy than
it was formerly."

Fully two hundred and fifty thousand
square feet of cement walk has been laid
in this place during the past year. Of
this, contractor Conley has laid over one
hundred thousand feet.

Today (Saturday, November 5) in the
afternoon, the Downers Grove football
team will play the Mavis athletic as-
sociation team, of Chicago, on Downers
field. Game called at three thirty o'clock.

The woman's club will meet next
Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. S.
Carpenter, Lyman avenue. This will be
known as "Federation Day." Speakers
from out of town will be in attendance.

There died on Saturday evening of
last week, at Hinsdale, a former resident
of this place. It was Mrs. Robert
Eadie. The funeral took place at the
west side cemetery on Tuesday af-
ternoon.

The democrats have secured Samuel
Alschuler, of Aurora, and R. E. Spangler,
their candidate for auditor, to speak at
a meeting to be held in the auditorium
here next Monday night. See ad-
vertisement.

The musical concert under the au-
spices of the Congregational church, last
Friday evening, was a very successful
affair as far as the quality of the music
was concerned, but the numbers at-
tending were not as large as they should
have been.

S. J. Perkins, the barber, has refitted
up his barber shop in thoroughly modern
style. He has added bathrooms, a
marble wash sink, a cigar cabinet, and
will add a beautiful plate mirror soon.
The bathrooms are a boon to the town.
They will be open on Sundays.

The Downers Grove poultry club have
issued a list of the premiums to be
awarded at their exhibition in the au-
ditorium here, December 12 to 15. Many
valuable prizes are offered. All in-
terested should write to the secretary,
George M. Kline, Downers Grove.

Registration closed on Tuesday. At
the south side polling place 417 were
registered, while 373 is the number at
the north side polling place. At the
south side poll there was only 379 at the
last registration and at the north side
the number was 327, showing that our
village is greatly increasing in popu-
lation.

The news is going the rounds of the
press that the board of the First M. E.
church of Sioux City has decided that
women must remove their hats during
services. Why shouldn't they remove
them there as well as at an on-
tainment in a public hall? The con-
gregation in the church likes to see the
speaker as well as does the audience in
the hall.

John Olson, of East Grove, who went
on the E. L. Sheers excursion to Ok-
lahoma on October 18, purchased a 320-
acre farm near Olustee, one of the boom
towns of the new territory. The price
was \$4500. The town named near the
farm is only a year and nine months old
but now has nine stores in it and is
growing fast. Olson has a river about
the size of the Du Page through part of
his farm, good buildings and well
fenced. It was part of an 1800 acre
farm owned by a Texan, being broken up
in smaller lots.

Hallowe'en passed off with the usual
little boys' pranks, some of which were
performed by the "big" little boy. A
few gates were removed, old vehicles
scattered about town and on top of
buildings, and other jokes performed.
Some beguiled themselves with blowing
screaming whistles and in otherwise
making hideous noises. Warren De-
vereaux and Louis Klein, and the janitors
at each of the schools, were appointed
special police for the evening and they
no doubt considered that they "earned
their pay."

The ladies of the library association
have arranged a shooting match in the
grove just west of the Radell residence,
Gilbert avenue. Those who wish to take
part in the contest will pay ten cents for
three trials at the target. There will be
prizes, one for the lady and one for the
gentleman making the highest score.
Those who wish to use their own guns
may do so, but rifles and ammunition
will be furnished. Remember the date,
Saturday afternoon, November 12.
Young and old, large and small, will be
most cordially welcomed. Bring plenty
of dimes and help add new books to the
shelves of the library.

"Hallowe'en parties" were in order on
Monday evening, and the young people
enjoyed themselves in many a home.
Master Samuel Kennison, of Prince
avenue, gave his friends a "real" Hal-
lowe'en party. The basement of the
house was decorated with evergreens,
lunch was eaten from baskets, and a
right, royal, good time was spent. At the
home of M. A. Secksteder, 131 Middaugh,
the little ones also enjoyed a treat in the
nature of a party. If parents would see
to it that their children were given Hal-
lowe'en pleasures of a social nature
many of the senseless performances of
the evening would be dispensed with.

McLean and Cook counties will vote
on the question of adopting voting
machines in future elections. Voting
machines can only be used in election
districts after a favorable vote thereon
by the people. It seems to be the
general opinion that the proposition will
carry by a large vote in both counties.
Voting machines register the vote more
accurately and more promptly than is
done by the present method, and the
returns can be given out within five
minutes after the polls close. Nearly
every county in New York state now
uses voting machines. The voters are
ready counted as soon as the poll closes,
and the builders defy anyone to "beat"
the machine or make a mistake.

The souvenir of Downers Grove, just
issued by The Kelmescott Press, is one of
the neatest publications of this kind
issued of any suburban town about
Chicago. The booklet contains forty
pages, with over fifty views of the
residences of citizens, public buildings
and of the pretty little nooks and
corners that abound in plenty in and
about this village. The souvenir has
been printed on heavy plate paper, with
an illuminated cover, and is one that
will be appreciated, by everyone who
secures it, in after years. It is expected
that a great many will purchase them to
send to friends who once lived here.
These books will be on sale at this office.

Vesta Chapter, No. 242, O. E. S., en-
tertained at Masonic hall, on Tuesday
evening, the members of Grove Lodge,
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and
their families. A program of vocal and
instrumental music and recitations, each
number of which was of especial merit,

was rendered, after which the "Floral
Work" was presented by the members
of the chapter in a creditable and
pleasing manner. Refreshments were
served and a social time enjoyed.

Mrs. L. R. Mohr, of Denver, Colorado,
is visiting Mrs. R. S. White.

Mrs. M. J. Miles, mother of Mrs. R. S.
White, has gone south for the winter.

Mrs. James Lee, of La Grange, was the
guest of Mrs. John Stewart on Tuesday.

Miss Mary Brookins, of Minneapolis,
and a former resident, is now visiting
here.

Mrs. W. E. Ary, of Tiskilwa, Illinois,
has been visiting at the home of Mrs.
George Barr.

Miss Louise Hartman returned this
week to her home in St. Louis, after a
very enjoyable visit here.

Charles Hodges and wife, formerly of
this place, and who have been away for
the past ten years, have returned to
town.

If the crackmen who dynamited the
court house vault can't be found and
arrested, why not apprehend the re-
porters who wrote the exaggerated
accounts of the affair and compel them
to foot the bills for repairing damages?
There ought to be some way devised to
mete out justice.

In reading over this paper don't miss
the advertisements. If you want a
bargain at any time, go to the liberal
advertiser for it. A man who hasn't "got
up" enough about him to advertise his
business won't do much business, and
what he does do he will charge enough
for to make up for what he failed to get
by not advertising.

Last Saturday evening, October 29, a
jolly company of young people came out
from Millard avenue and surprised Miss
Wertzler at her home in East Grove.
After a delightful evening of music and
games, refreshments were served, then
eighteen happy young ladies and gen-
tlemen hastened to take the one o'clock
train back to the city.

All-Hallowe'en Party

Miss Lucile Bradbury entertained a
party of young friends on Hallowe'en.
The house was beautifully decorated
with autumn leaves, and jack o' lantern
illumination. Miss Bradbury received
at the door, and a "ghost" directed the
girls upstairs. The games were of a
suitable nature, and wound up with an
immense bonfire. Refreshments were
served to the guests seated on a carpet
of leaves. The winners of prizes were
Misses Lela Puffer, Elizabeth Findley,
Arthur Tope, Douglas Tweedy. Miss
Grace Beidelman acted the "ghost" part
of the evening's entertainment very ably.

Board of Education Meeting

The board of education met on
Tuesday evening at the south side
school building. Those present were
president Graham, secretary Dove, J.
W. Worley, M. Slusser and C. B.
Blodgett. After the opening routine the
following bills were duly presented and,
on motion, all that had been vouched for
by the person contracting same, and had
passed the finance committee, were
ordered paid:

Kelmescott Press.....	\$ 1.50
Atlas school supply company.....	18 18
Atlas school supply company.....	4 00
Canon, Amberg company.....	4 25
Ginn & company.....	1 25
Ha-h & Simmonson.....	1 75
A. J. Thompson.....	2 00
J. W. Nash.....	3 25
R. E. Rawseiler.....	10 00
Thomas Duning.....	5 75
Garden City Educational company.....	1 00
A. McClurg.....	1 05
Daily & Binder.....	18 00
Robert Gordon.....	44 91
Curtiss & Heartt.....	2 44
J. Rafterham.....	50 00
R. Olinger.....	40 00
Salaries, teachers.....	82 25

A communication was received from
the Middle West publishing company
requesting fifteen dollars for their atlas.
Professor Searles advised that the book
be returned, as it is useless.

Slusser—Did we order the book?

Dove—Order was put in but book
does not come up to expectations.

No action was taken.

Trustee Blodgett gave notice that he
would at next meeting move to have
report of finance committee for August
reconsidered.

Trustee Blodgett was given authority
to have a defective roof of one of the
buildings repaired.

Professor Searles reported that several
sets of supplementary readers, and
supplies to amount of about fifty dollars,
were required. Authority was given him
to order what was needed before the
next board meeting.

Professor Searles also reported of one
flagrant case of truancy in which the
parents were cognizant and concurring.
President Graham will notify the parents
to send the child, which is only eleven
years old, to school or a prosecution will
follow. He will do likewise with all
other cases of truancy reported to him
by the teachers. These letters will be
in the nature of a friendly warning, and
if not complied with the parents will be
prosecuted.

SEWER WORK STOPS

**Recent Decisions of the Supreme
Court Makes Bonds
Worthless**

NO SEWERS UNTIL SPRING

Two decisions of the supreme court
were rendered last week in cases which
went to that court on appeal from the
circuit and county courts of Inquois
county, in this state, involving the ne-
cessity of frontage consents before
making public improvements by special
assessment, such as waterworks and
sewer systems, so all work on the new
sewer system and the drainage work
has ceased here and also in a hundred
or more other towns. Under an act of
the legislature, adopted in 1896, before
any improvement could be made by
special assessment in cities, towns and
villages of the class to which this place
belongs, it was necessary for a majority
of the frontage and a majority of the
resident property owners of the prop-
erty affected by the improvement to
petition for such an improvement before
any proceedings could be had or any or-
dinance passed. In May, 1903, two acts
passed the legislature by which the
frontage consents were done away with
in cities, towns and villages of our class,
and it was under this statute that the
sewer systems were commenced. These
decisions hold that these acts of 1903
are unconstitutional because of the class
legislation that the statute imposed.
The court further held that these
frontage consents were jurisdictional
and without them the entire proceeding
was null and void. This invalidates the
bonds and vouchers issued to pay for all
such improvements and consequently no
funds can be secured from sale of bonds.
Not only here but at Wheaton, Na-
perville and Hinsdale assessments have
been affected by the decision. Other
parts of the state are also affected. As
nearly as can now be ascertained, there
is scarcely a village or city of any size
but what has proceeded under the acts
of 1903. It is safe to say that many
million dollars' worth of bonds and im-
provements are nullified by these de-
cisions. At this writing it is hard to say
just what way can be devised to get out
of the difficulty. The loss and damage
to the contractors will be heavy and the
failure to receive the benefit of the
sewers will be a great disappointment to
all our people. The village board will
meet next Monday evening in regular
session and they may instruct the at-
torney to prepare petitions on the old
frontage law and get signatures so that
the work can go ahead next spring. Con-
tractor Mortimer has over five thousand
dollars' worth of pipe stowed about
town.

Among the Churches

Saint Andrew's Episcopal church.—
Services on Sunday afternoon, November
6; Sunday school, two-fifteen o'clock;
evening prayer with sermon, three
o'clock. Celebration of "The Holy Com-
munion" at seven forty-five in the
morning. Seats free. All are welcome.

The subject of the sermon at the First
Church of Christ, Scientist, for Sunday,
November 6, is "Mortals and Immortals."
Text: "Depart from evil, and do good,
and dwell for ever more."—Psalm
xxxvii: 27.

At the Congregational church, Rev-
erend Charles Reynolds will preach in
the morning, but the evening service
will be cancelled, owing to the union
meeting at the auditorium.

Owing to the union service in the au-
ditorium next Sunday evening the
special musical program being prepared
by the Methodist choir will be rendered
the next Sunday following, November 13.

The ladies' aid society of the Con-
gregational church will serve light re-
freshments at the auditorium on Tuesday
evening, November 8, as the election
returns are being given. The proceeds
go toward the repairs on the church.

In the morning at the Baptist church
the "Lord's Supper" will be observed.
The subject of the pastor's discourse
will be "The Parable of the Great
Supper." There will be no evening
service, owing to the union services at
the auditorium.

NOTICES

For Sale Cheap—Sleds, sleds, sleds,
and other furniture, ice-box, etc., at
E. Morse's house, Duane estate.