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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

Gossip of the Town

D. M. Hunt has moved to Hammond, Indiana.

Mrs. W. H. Blodgett is visiting in Chambers, Ohio.

Mrs. D. K. Craig and family are visiting in Macomb, Illinois.

Just a few bargains in summer weather in order to make room for a new stock of fall goods.

M. E. Echer, of Chicago, is spending a few days on his farm, putting the buildings in order.

Have you been vaccinated? If not, why not? Smallpox is in Chicago in quite large quantities.

H. F. Lawrence, county clerk, was in our village Monday last with the ballots for the election.

John Stanley and wife left Wednesday evening for Ottawa for a short visit with Mrs. Cole, their daughter.

During the nights of the past week or ten days old Jack Frost has been getting in his work all right enough.

M. B. Downer has been spending a few days in Missouri where he has a large farm and is having new buildings erected.

Milton Platt, who has been undergoing a surgical operation at the Chicago homeopathic hospital, has returned to his home and is improving.

We have an automobile ordinance at last. It was high time, because some of the owners of these machines were quite careless in traveling through the village limits.

It is reported that Captain Reed has sold his north Main street property to Mrs. Venard, also that Theodore Aldrich has sold his seventy-acre farm to Andrew Reed.

Mrs. H. P. Kellogg and her niece, Miss Ruth Beach, were guests of Mrs. John Stanley the first of the week. They were on their way to Lewistown, Illinois, where the former will spend the winter with relatives.

On Sunday night thieves broke into the stables of John Kahner, living on the Carpenter farm, just north of the village, and stole a fine team of yearling colts. It is thought they took them to the city to sell.

Miss Lucy Craig left Tuesday for her new home in Macomb, Illinois. Miss Craig has endeared herself in the hearts of her many friends and schoolmates here and all join in wishing her the best of success and happiness in her new home.

Marshall Field, Junior, and his two sons, Marshall and Henry, with their governess, spent last Saturday with Walter Scott Bryan and his niece, Miss Martin. The boys and governess are spending the week with Mr. Bryan and will return on Sunday.

On Monday evening, the night before election day, Messrs. Harbour, Spangler and Alschuler spoke to a large crowd at the auditorium. The latter is a clever orator and was carefully listened to. He was the democratic gubernatorial nominee four years ago.

The lecture season, the opera season, the club season, the social season, may be said to be formally opened right now and the amusement loving people are kept quite busy most of the time keeping up with the march of events in the realm of real enjoyment.

Ducks and chickens, native and wild, have been ripe and on the markets for some time, and the turkey, the emblem of American liberty and the great appeaser of full-grown appetites, is beginning to put in an appearance in our midst. The markets will be full of 'em for Thanksgiving.

Miss Jessie Belle Potter and George Carroll Sagar were married in Chicago on Wednesday of this week. The bride was for some years a resident of Downers Grove and has many friends here who will wish them a long and happy life. Their home after December 1 will be in Dubuque, Iowa.

The Reporter will be on sale in future at W. S. Carpenter's drug store and at Bush & Simonson's drug store for the accommodation of any who do not wish to come across the tracks to this office. Keep this in mind and do not bother other places. Only on sale at the drug stores and at this office. The souvenir booklets are also on sale at the same places.

The first entertainment in the course will be a lecture by Thomas McClary on November 21. Those who have not secured course tickets should do so immediately in order that they may have them to reserve their seats for the course, on and after the hour, seven o'clock, November 15, next Tuesday evening. Reserved seat tickets are on sale at the editorial room of The Reporter office.

Miss Libbie Iehl was a visitor in Downers Grove the past week.

October, one of the pleasantest months in the whole year, has departed.

Lee Stanley, of Cincinnati, came home to help swell the republican majority.

The building just east of the post office, occupied by E. Wochrl as a cigar factory, is being repaired.

Suicide, in epidemic form, continues to be raging in Chicago—five victims on a Sunday a couple weeks ago.

The little son of E. Easton, who lives just south of East Grove, has been a victim of scarletina, but is recovering.

Last Sunday was an ideal day—it was bright, sunny, mild and cheery, and was much enjoyed and greatly appreciated.

A musical will be held by the high school pupils on Thursday evening next at the Congregational church. The funds are for the school library.

To vaccinate, or not to be vaccinated, that is the question that has been agitating the public in Chicago, for some time past, and it is at it still.

Frederick Woelfrum and wife have been visiting here at W. H. Edwards', on their return from the world's fair to their home at Cedar Lake, Illinois.

Arthur, the young son of Luther Farrar, met with an accident recently at school. While playing in a boys' game he was tripped and had his head badly cut but is getting better again.

The ball given by the Rathbone Sisters in Carpenter's hall on Thursday evening of last week was a very successful affair. The sisters made every one "at home," and one and all enjoyed the evening.

Robert Barnard, of Clarion, Iowa, called upon Downers Grove friends last Friday. He reports his mother as being dangerously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nichols, of Naperville.

Doctor William De Lap, of Rosland, British Columbia, Mrs. Clara Smith, of Vicksburg, Michigan, relatives of Mrs. R. D. Parker, also her sister, Mrs. Minnie Wright, of Chicago, are visiting in town this week.

On Sunday night at the auditorium there was a union service of three of the church congregations. Honorable John G. Wooley, the well known temperance lecturer, was present and gave an address on local option.

A fellow in Hopewell saw in a paper that a certain firm offered 11 cents for 1902 pennies. He sent them 50 of the coppers of the 1902 mintage. He received an immediate reply, saying just as soon as he sent 1852 more pennies—sufficient to make up the full number, 1902—he would receive his 11 cents. Then he went out behind the barn and kicked himself.

We learn that over forty dollars was contributed by the people of East Grove to assist the family of the Polish woman, Mrs. Bedroni, who was burned so badly that she died in the recent fire, but only one lone dollar was subscribed in Downers Grove. It was expected that much more would be contributed here, and no doubt it was forgotten by many. Police magistrate Graham received the contributions.

On next Tuesday evening, November 15, at seven o'clock, plans for reserved seats in the entertainment course will be in each drug store, where holders of tickets may present them and reserve their seats without extra expense. Reservations can be made by one person for his or her immediate family only. Remember, on and after seven o'clock next Tuesday evening and not before. Reserved tickets are on sale at the editorial rooms of The Reporter office.

Liste Local Items

Charles Leppla and wife, of Chicago, visited at F. Haumesser's on Sunday.

Frederick Chaplin spent Sunday afternoon with Jack Littlefield at Cass.

Horace Aldrich, wife and little girl spent Sunday with Charles Lacey and family.

Mrs. Hall and Miss Alma and Mrs. Nearmore, of Savannah, Georgia, visited at B. F. Daily's on Sunday.

Rally day was observed at the Lisle church last Sunday. The attendance was good and an interesting program was rendered.

By permission of Mr. Jaffray some of the young folks went into his woods on Saturday and chopped and prepared a good supply of wood that will be used at the church this winter. They not only did a good deed, but they also say that they had a fine time.

Some towns had extra watchmen and policemen on duty on Halloween. Lisle folks tried a scheme that worked well.

A party was given at N. A. Tate's to which all the young folks were invited, especially those inclined to do mischief. They all had such a good time until a late hour that they forgot all prankish intentions.

Methodist Choir Program

A musical program of several numbers has been prepared by the choir of the Methodist church for Sunday evening next, which is the occasion of their regular monthly Sunday evening sacred concert. Miss Rodkey has proven a very able leader and the choir is endeavoring to render music which shall be pleasing and attractive to the church and congregation. The following is the program to be rendered Sunday evening:

Organ voluntary..... Miss Bryce
Hymn—Anthem..... Choir
Anthem—Selected..... Choir
Praise the Lord..... Male Quartet
"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"..... Choir
Solo..... Miss Rodkey
"The Wayside Cross"..... Male Quartet

Downers Grove Souvenirs

A copy of the souvenir of Downers Grove, just published by The Kelmscott Press, will be placed in every home in Downers Grove and suburbs. They will be left for a few days, when a representative will call and receive payment from those who desire to buy and receive orders for additional ones that may be desired to send away to friends. The price is twenty-five cents per copy. We would ask as a special favor that care be taken with the copy of the booklet if you do not want it. The booklets are put up in envelopes ready for mailing. It is one of the finest gifts you can send away to your friends to let them see how the village is growing. The leaving of these souvenirs at your residence is for the purpose of allowing you a chance to look them over before buying. If you don't want it, keep till called for.

The "Sewer" Mass Meeting

The board of trustees on Wednesday night decided to hold a mass meeting in the auditorium or some public hall on Monday night to lay before the citizens all the facts relative to the sewer matter. This will save individual explaining. Let every citizen come to the meeting and help to start to secure the sewers at once. Petitions are ready for beginning again on the frontage plan. If the signatures are secured at once the preliminary work can be gone ahead with so that there will be no delay as soon as the spring is open. Every citizen should attend the meeting. If you want to know all about the sewer and drainage matters come out and ask questions.

The First Entertainment

The first of the series of entertainments to be given by the entertainment course committee will be in the nature of a lecture by Thomas McClary. He is one of the best speakers on the lecture platform today and has delivered many very able lectures. All ticket-holders who wish to have seats reserved for them should go next Tuesday evening to the drug stores at seven o'clock and choose their seats. None but the purchasers of tickets or members of families will be allowed to "reserve" seats. The committee are determined that absolute fairness shall be carried on about the reservation of the seats. If you don't go to have your seats "reserved" don't blame the committee or the more fortunate ones who do. Tickets are on sale by all the guarantors and at The Reporter office.

"Federation Day"

At the home of Mrs. W. S. Carpenter "Federation Day" of the Woman's club was one of unusual interest; instead of the delegates giving the reports, the educational and civics departments were brought to us by prominent workers. Miss Mary McCowan, of the McCowan oral school for deaf children, told of the great work being done at their home. This was very interesting and prepared all for the entertainment given by seven young children, with their teachers—Misses Bingham and Kniseley. It was shown how they learned, by feeling, to tell an apple, then write the word and draw upon the blackboard. They could tell different kinds of music, and songs. The older ones told their impressions of the St. Louis exposition, and the departments they liked best, the government building being the favorite. A battle ship was drawn by one of the boys and showed great talent; the work done by them would be very creditable to any pupil in any school. Mrs. Henry L. Frank, of the civil service committee, gave a report of the work accomplished by the clubs in the past three years, and it is no small work they have undertaken. Much has been done; more remains to be done. Tea and wafers were served, while a discussion followed upon the benefits derived from the afternoon. Club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Straube.

A MASS MEETING

To Discuss the Sewer Construction Work With the Property Owners

AUDITORIUM—MONDAY NIGHT

The village board met on Wednesday evening. All members were present excepting trustee Hea tt. After the usual routine of opening, reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular and special meetings the communications were taken up.

The first communication considered was one from M. A. Sacksteder about a defective water meter at his residence and about an inefficient catch basin and drainage sewer near the corner of his property.

Trustee Hughes thought the engineer should attend to the matter.

Engineer Babel on query stated that he had examined the meter in question but had not made a test, as Mr. Sacksteder claimed he had done so. He then went to plumber Hawkins, who put in the meter, to have him repair it, but in the meantime Mr. Sacksteder had secured the services of another plumber.

Trustee Hughes still thought that the engineer should make the test. Said he, "We owe that much courtesy to a citizen to make a test if a meter is not working right."

All the board concurred and the engineer will investigate. The other matter complained of by Mr. Sacksteder went to the committee on streets and alleys.

A communication was read from George F. Steers, 64 Boston avenue, complaining of a defective drainage sewer near his residence. The matter was sent to the street and alley committee and the health officer for investigation.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

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| Thomas Downing..... | 5 47 |
| H. J. Hawkins..... | 25 00 |
| Garlock Paving company..... | 16 00 |
| Greasy Electric company..... | 24 15 |
| E. W. Hatcherford company..... | 18 00 |
| Nation District Coal association..... | 100 00 |
| General Electric company..... | 11 25 |
| Fred Hoffer..... | 64 00 |
| L. Klein..... | 3 00 |
| P. C. Conley..... | 20 00 |
| Illinois Lumber and Construction company..... | 44 25 |
| H. T. Aldrich..... | 5 00 |
| Marta A. Mosher..... | 27 00 |
| W. H. Hart..... | 24 00 |
| G. C. Babel..... | 25 00 |
| C. E. Zook..... | 60 00 |
| W. Kleckhoff..... | 25 00 |
| J. Raby..... | 20 00 |
| G. H. Bunge..... | 1 00 |
| M. Slesser..... | 1 00 |
| B. C. White..... | 15 00 |
| C. Rillworth..... | 30 00 |
| J. W. Nash..... | 21 00 |
| George W. Wilson..... | 5 00 |
| Du Page Publishing company..... | 7 00 |
| C. Carpenter..... | 10 00 |
| J. W. Middleton company..... | 4 00 |
| Kelmscott Press..... | 2 00 |
| Farmers and Merchants bank..... | 65 00 |

The collector's report was read and showed receipts for the month of October to be as follows:

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| Electric Light..... | 276 00 |
| Materials and labor..... | 67 01 |
| Water rent..... | 4 00 |
| Water rates..... | 19 25 |
| Tapping fees..... | 60 00 |
| Interest on installments one to ten of special assessment number seven..... | 50 25 |
| First installment number seven..... | 107 01 |

Total.....\$1005 17

The treasurer's report was read and received. It was as follows:

| FUNDS | On hand last report | Total receipts | Total amount owed | Balance on hand |
|---|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| General..... | \$321 86 | \$175 27 | \$497 13 | \$209 59 |
| Street and Alley..... | 725 51 | 100 24 | 825 75 | \$45 50 |
| Water and Light..... | 673 18 | 427 05 | 1100 23 | \$15 50 |
| Sinking..... | 748 18 | | 748 18 | |
| Special Assessment..... | | | | |
| Fireman's..... | 35 74 | 8 00 | 43 74 | |
| Special assessments Special assessments..... | | 100 12 478 17 | | |

Trustee Staats thought there should be an ordinance to cover the walks that would bind the contractors to build satisfactory walks before beginning on the same.

A bond for \$1,000, from Bush & Simonson, druggists, was received and accepted.

A bond for \$1,000, from plumber Hawkins, was received and accepted. Trustee Hughes wanted to know if the superintendent of the water and light department had filed his bond.

Clerk White—He has not.

A trustee—Was it filed last year?

Clerk—I think not.

Engineer Babel—Yes it was. I have the old form at my home.

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