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Gossip of the Town

J. D. Shields, of Omaha, was a guest at H. D. Foster's over Sunday.

Mrs. E. W. Lewis spent several days of last week with friends at Aurora.

H. D. Foster and wife entertained C. W. Howard, of Watertown, New York, and Mrs. Emma Miller on Thanksgiving.

C. W. Ballard, wife and children, of Austin, spent Thanksgiving day with their aunt, Mrs. Belden.

Miss Florence Riffett, of Hinsdale, spent Thanksgiving with Miss Lena Becker.

All the song birds have gone south, and there even seems to be a scarcity of sparrows.

The long-deferred cold wave arrived Saturday, making fleece lined underclothing and fur overcoats a necessity.

Students and scholars were given a brief vacation last week, and it was indeed an agreeable respite from the strain of constant application to puzzling problems and general lessons.

The Yeomen of Berwyn entertained their friends at the Masonic hall of that place, Tuesday evening, at "progressive cinch." L. M. Cook and wife, of this place, were in attendance.

Alfred Penhale, wife and daughter were guests at D. K. Foote's this week on their return from the world's fair. They live in St. Thomas, Ontario, the former home of Mrs. Foote.

The football season is over and no serious accident to any of our players can be recorded, for which everybody is thankful. Many casualties, however, are reported all over the country, from Maine to California.

Judge Slusser has arranged to hold court at an earlier date than was announced in last week's paper. At Wheaton on Monday, December 5, the newly elected judge will hold his first court.

Circuit Court was in session at Wheaton last week and as the jury had served two weeks they were discharged Friday and a special venire issued for a jury, as there are still a number of cases for trial.

From a tabulated statement of property assessed for the year 1904 in the several counties in the state we find that horses, cattle, watches and clocks, melodeons and organs, lands and town lots are assessed higher in Du Page county than in the majority of counties in the state, but it is also a fact that counties with low assessments are usually in debt.

Dealers are casting about for more corn—old, new, shelled or in the ear—but they find very little for sale among the farmers. Claims of having hundreds of bushels stored away in most cases prove unfounded in fact, empty bins being the rule and not an exception. And if they have any quantity they are keeping it for better prices.

Over in Naperville the people evidently have run out of something to do lately, as the local editor speaks thusly: "And now, if you have nothing else to do, figure out how much it costs the city to blow the evening whistle 365 times in a year. Remember, that 10 mills make one cent, 10 cents one dime, and 10 dimes one dollar."

The officers of Vesta Chapter, number 242, Order of Eastern Star, pleasantly surprised Mrs. Louie E. Hall at her home on Friday evening. Mrs. Cora Burt, in a happy little speech, presented Mrs. Hall with a beautiful cut-glass bouquet holder filled with carnations. Mrs. Hall is the retiring secretary of the Chapter, having served in that capacity for seven consecutive years.

The old building which has stood at the corner of Carpenter street and Maple avenue has been divided into two parts, one part moved to a lot near the western suburbs of the village and the other is being moved to a lot near the railway crossing on Maple avenue, where it will be fitted up for a residence. This house was one of the old landmarks of the village, but will soon blossom forth in new shape and be part of the new Downers Grove a growing.

We are sending out many sample copies of The Reporter to those who have not been regular readers in the past. We wish all to see just what kind of a paper we are publishing and to have them become regular readers. Those whose names we have secured will receive the paper for a month, free of charge, and by that time we expect that a great number will want it continuously. If so all you have to do is to notify this office and it will not stop at the end of the month. Every resident of this village and in the township adjoining should be a reader of this paper. We have made a special effort to add new features and to have it carefully edited so as to make the paper a welcome visitor.

W. H. Edwards and C. H. Dicke are "doing" the World's Fair this week.

Mrs. A. E. Courleigh of Fowler, Indiana is visiting friends here and at Naperville.

H. M. Bateman left Monday for a three months' trip in Kentucky and Indiana.

Miss Lillian Dawes returned to Ripon, Wisconsin, where she is attending college, this week.

Walter Leyman is in attendance at the Northwestern Bee keepers Convention in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Emma Cordes Johnston and her mother, Mrs. Cordes, of Mitchell, South Dakota, were guests of Mrs. J. H. Bateman the past week.

Announcements of the marriage of C. W. Hunter, of La Grange, are now out. Mr. Hunter is a relative of Mrs. J. H. Foster.

The season of autumn bonfires is nearly over, the leaves having been raked together and burned without accident to interested spectators.

The scarlet fever attack on the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Huling was very slight the danger sign was removed this week by health officer Mertz.

There will be no lack of good apples this winter, as nearly every dealer in groceries is displaying fine samples of attractive fruit, and selling at very moderate prices.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kuetemeyer and daughter, Myrtle, also Miss Martha Ilgen, of Chicago, were guests of William F. Kuetemeyer and wife for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Bateman and Dawes entertained Honorable George M. Hollenback and wife and Mrs. Doctor S. C. Gillette and daughter, of Aurora, and Mrs. Martha Van Pelt, of State Center, Iowa, recently.

The First National Co-operative society of Chicago, which has several stock holders here, will soon erect a new eighteen-story building. This is the old Cash Buyers Union which does an extensive mail order business.

Beginning January 2nd, two new rural mail routes will be established here. The one will take in the section of country to the northwest of the village, the other the northeast while the present route covers the southwest. The southeast is covered from Hinsdale.

Corn shredders are running throughout the farm sections now. These machines have been fitted with safety appliances which will minimize the danger of accident to hands and arms. No fatalities have been reported thus far.

J. L. De Groot, of Tahlequah, Indian territory, made a brief visit to his old home and friends in Downers Grove last week. He left Monday night for Tahlequah and stopped off in St. Louis to visit the fair. Mr. De Groot is practicing law in his new home.

Some of our Du Page county subscribers are sometimes appointed administrators or executors of the estate of persons deceased. This item is to remind them that they are hereby invited to publish what legal notices are necessary in this paper.

If you have any news notes don't forget to use the item cards that this paper has distributed to all houses in town. If you are out of these cards let us know. Drop your cards or news contributions for "The Reporter" in our box just outside of the post office. It is not necessary to put postage on cards so placed, but if you leave in the post office attach a stamp.

Coal handlers are very accommodating and patient men. They must adapt themselves to all kinds of conditions, inasmuch as every other convenience is found in a modern home except a handy place to unload coal. In some places an airship would be handy, as the coal could be dropped down from above into an out of the way place. Deal gently with coal carriers.

The postoffice department sends out a note of warning to merchants and other persons cautioning them against the purchase of postal money orders from strangers, for the reason that recent operations have developed that persons have been passing raised money orders upon merchants and others in the purchase of goods for small amounts, receiving the balance in cash change.

pavement as the wagon swung around the corner of Queen street. Mrs. Crysler escaped with a severe shaking up, but Miss Crysler was less fortunate. She was taken into the office of Doctor Mulock, who reduced the fracture, after which both were taken to their home in Grantham township. It will be at least a month before Miss Crysler will be able to be about again. The young lady mentioned was on her way to leave for Chicago, where she was to be married to W. Harry Spears, editor of this paper, at the home of friends in Austin, Illinois. The many friends that Mr. Spears has made here since coming to Downers Grove will no doubt extend to him heart felt sympathy and hope for the early recovery of his fiancée.

The commissioners of highways of the townships of Lisle and Naperville have granted permission to the La Grange gas company, of La Grange, Illinois, to lay gas mains for the transmission and distribution of inflammable gas for fuel, lighting, etc., along the public highway. The pipes will be laid at such points along the highway as shall be designated by an inspector to be appointed by the highway commissioners, and will not be laid in the pipe except where it is necessary to cross from one side of the highway to the other.

Nat. M. Brigham Lecture
Mr. Brigham's lecture, on the "Men Who Won the West," which will be given in the Methodist church on Tuesday evening, December 6, is the most original work of its kind ever undertaken. The lecture treats with interest for American people, and Mr. Brigham shows, in eloquent words and with over one hundred stereoscopic views, the vivid march of a century of progress in the west. The lecture is not only instructive but intensely interesting from a historic standpoint. He will deal particularly with the thrilling experiences of Daniel Boone, the Lewis and Clark expedition, David Crockett and the Battle of the Alamo, Kit Carson, General John C. Fremont, General Pike, Major Powell's trip down the Colorado, the Mormons' emigration to Salt Lake valley, and the early trappers and border soldiers. Nearly four hundred tickets were sold for the series of four lectures given by Mr. Brigham in the church last spring, and they were so highly appreciated that we are certain nearly everyone will be glad of the opportunity to hear him again. The admission is twenty five cents for adults, children fifteen cents.

Woman's Club Meeting
The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. William Straube on Wednesday afternoon, November 23. As no minutes were read or business transacted on 11 minutes and Federation days, some time was taken up in disposing of the same. One new member was admitted to the club and two names proposed. The program was opened by a piano solo by Mrs. J. H. Lipsey, followed by a very interesting paper on "Old Mexico," by Mrs. William Straube. Having visited Mexico, and spent some time there, Mrs. Straube was able to entertain her hearers with many personal experiences and observations, and also to display quite a collection of Mexican relics. Miss Powell sang the national air of Mexico in a very pleasing manner. The report of Mrs. E. A. Root, as alternate to the state Federation meeting, was read by Mrs. Emma J. Miller. The club then adjourned to meet for "Music Day," December 7, with Miss Mabel Rutherford, who has the day in charge. The board meeting will take place on Monday, December 5, at the home of the president, Mrs. M. E. Stanger.

The Poultry Club of 1874
Mrs. E. J. Miller sends us a newspaper clipping about a poultry club here in 1874. She informs us that of the four named in the article only Doctor Huggard is now living and he is somewhere in Nebraska. The late Francis Miller, husband of our correspondent, was a member of this early organized poultry club. His specialty in the chicken raising was "Buff Cochins" and "Sebright Bantams." Here is the clipping:

Downers is not only celebrated for its beautiful groves, its delightful scenery, its well tilled farms, its herds of fancy cattle and fine horses, but is becoming equally famous for its choice poultry, prominent among the owners of thoroughbred chickens being Doctor Otis, who expects ere long to exhibit buff cochins, dark brahmas and red game fowls; J. S. Shannon, dark brahmas; Messrs. Paul and Haggard, light brahmas, and Messrs. Blodgett and Farrar, dark brahmas and partridge cochins; also, several other poultry growers. At a recent meeting of the poultry fanciers of this village an organization was effected, to be known as the Downers Grove Poultry Association, the object of which is to be the introduction and improvement of the best breeds of fowls. Officers of the association were elected, as follows: Doctor Haggard, president; Eugene Farrar, vice president; Charles Blodgett, secretary, and H. L. Bush, treasurer.

WAS "MR. DOVE" HERE

Chicago Detectives Claim to Have Found Traces of Him Hereabouts

CAREFUL MAN-HUNT MADE

Detectives are still hunting for the murderer of a man recently found on the highway near Lockport. This unfortunate victim of somebody's malice, who had hired an automobile in Chicago, was found near the vehicle. Thus far every clue has been misleading, and several suspects have been arrested and discharged. However, the mystery will probably be solved and the guilty person brought to justice. Many murders have defied the most arduous and persistent efforts to solve the mysteries connected therewith and bring to justice the guilty parties. To this long list may be added the slaying of this automobile driver.

It seems that the Chicago detectives thought that Downers Grove would be a very good place for the mysterious "Mr. Dove" to hide himself away. They have been making several visits here the past few days, and, while they will not make public what they have learned, it is given out that they have "strong suspicions" on the actions of a certain party who has been a resident here. As nearly every town for fifty miles or more surrounding Chicago has produced a murder suspect, labeled "Dove," of course it will be quite in keeping for Downers Grove to let the public know it is on the map, too. It may be that the "suspicions" have about as much reality about them here as elsewhere. There are lots of people here who are "handsome, tall, carry suit cases," but very few who wear "red" ties. No doubt from now on red ties will be "tabooed" by all.

Election is in Doubt
The election of minority representative in this senatorial district is still in doubt. It is one of the strangest cases ever known in the state. Wilson and Bowles both claim their election. One set of returns in the hands of the secretary of state shows Wilson elected by nineteen votes. The abstracts from the county clerks put Bowles ahead thirty-five votes. A remarkable discovery has been made in the total vote. The official returns show that three thousand, three hundred and ninety-one legislative votes are missing and are probably ballots thrown out and not counted. From the admission of judges of various precincts it is learned that there were all kinds of methods used in counting the legislative vote. Wilson claims to be elected by over 1000 plurality. The state canvassing board may settle it next week or the case may go to the supreme court.

Among the Churches

The many friends here of Mrs. Root, mother of Reverend H. H. Root, of Elgin, will be grieved to learn of her recent illness. Very little hope is entertained for her recovery.

The subject of Reverend H. Booth Hazen's discourse tomorrow morning will be "Power Responsibility to the Church of the Future." In the evening he will speak on "Taking Jesus into Account."

There will be a celebration of "The Holy Communion" at St. Andrew's Episcopal church on Sunday, December 4, at seven-forty-five in the morning. Services as usual in the afternoon. All are welcome.

The ladies' aid society of the Congregational church will serve lunch in the church basement on Thursday, December 15, at noon. There will also be a Christmas sale table of useful and fancy articles, home made candy, etc.

The subject of Reverend F. F. Farmiloe's sermon next Sunday at the Methodist church will be "Sources of Power." In the evening a short discourse will be given. The monthly musical program by the choir will be rendered.

Reverend F. F. Farmiloe spent Sunday and Monday in Rockford where dedication services for the new church were being held. Eight thousand five hundred dollars was the amount Mr. Farmiloe was able to raise at the meetings for that purpose.

A Common Mistake
Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally the loss itself is the price of a mistake. It will never be wrong if you take the New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Headache, Liver, Bowel troubles, etc. They are gentle, thorough, and strong.