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POULTRY SHOW



AT THE
AUDITORIUM
DOWNERS GROVE
December 12, 13, 14, 15
1904

All kinds of Poultry,
Pigeons and Pet
Stock on exhibition

Admission, Adults 25 cts.
Children 10 cts.

DOWNERS GROVE
POULTRY CLUB
F. A. ROOT, President
GEO. M. KLINE, Sec'y

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Headquarters for

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For young and old, at prices that are right

Children's Doll Carriages	\$ 0.25
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Downers Grove Fair
Telephone 611 28 and 30 South Main Street

Gossip of the Town

Mrs. William Barber is somewhat recovered from her recent illness.

Lee Singletary is spending a few days in northern Wisconsin on a business trip.

A. W. Foster spent Sunday in Waterloo, Iowa, visiting the scenes of his "barefoot" days.

Principal Freeburn, of the Plano schools, called on Professor Searles last Monday.

Remember the second entertainment in the course, December 17, at the auditorium.

A. Y. Tully, now of Chicago, and formerly a resident here, was a visitor in town on Monday.

H. S. Gilmore and wife, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, visited in town this week with their daughter, Mrs. W. R. Clough.

Did you ever hear dolls sing? Come to the auditorium on Thursday evening, December 22, and hear the dolls sing of what they can do.

Do not fail to hear the chorus of "Blackbirds, all baked in a pie," at the auditorium on Thursday evening, December 22. "Jack Horner" will be there to cut the pie.

Purchasers of commutation tickets who have been using the early morning train which previously left here at 7:07, and which has had its time changed to 6:58, are petitioning the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy company to change the time of leaving to 7:04.

H. T. Aldrich and wife celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary at their home on Monday evening, December 5, by entertaining a few of their friends at "Flinch." Refreshments were served. Among those present were L. C. Farrar and wife, W. E. Farrar, C. E. Lacey, A. Durst, L. Barr, Mrs. Moore, Misses Edna and Ethel Barr and Miss Helen L. Briggs.

We note with pleasure that the village board took up the advice we gave last week about the blowing of the waterworks whistle at regular hours and acted accordingly. It will be a great convenience to many who have to take the early train to the city, as it will assure them of the correct time. The whistle will be blown at six in the morning and six in the evening every day, Sundays excepted, beginning on Monday next. Don't mistake it for a fire alarm.

The attention of our readers is again called to the poultry exhibition to be held in the auditorium on December 12, 13, 14, 15. Everything is in readiness for a splendid show. Any who have not made entries yet should do so. The entries will close Sunday evening. Secretary Kline reports that a great number of entries have already been made and many more are expected today. Turn out and see the most excellent collection of feathered beauties that you ever gazed on.

There has been considerable change in the time table of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy suburban trains. The train which used to stop here at 7:07 in the morning does not stop here now and a new train has been put on, starting from here at 6:58. It seems that owing to the great numbers taking this early morning train at this point, and at the points west of this place, when it arrived at Hinsdale there was no seating room for the patrons from that point. Now the Downers Grove passengers will have a train all to themselves. There are some other minor changes, such as the noon train east arriving at 12:40 instead of 12:50 and the early train west on Sunday morning stopping here.

The would-be-smart correspondent of the West Chicago Democrat for Downers Grove never misses a chance to say something of a derogatory nature of this paper, or its editor, particularly the latter. Last week he says that we "erroneously" announced the date of judge Slusser's first court. This is untrue. We announced the date just as the newly elected judge gave it to us (and of which we were careful to make memo) at the sewer mass meeting. If judge Slusser made an error or changed the date it was not our fault. We made the correction in our last issue at his request. Some people, particularly those who are a dismal failure themselves in life, seem to think a newspaper is a "sewer" to print all the mistakes or shortcomings of their neighbors, and the would-be-smart who makes his weekly peregrinations between this place and his labor, and incidentally may hold his job by "corresponding" for this place, may not be far removed from this class. We've met the same kind of fellow many, many times in our past score of years about a newspaper office and know his caliber.

B. J. Russell has moved his family to Chicago.

Leslie Puffer has been quite ill for the past week.

Mrs. Edwin Dietz has been ill with an attack of tonsillitis.

Walter Prince of Iowa City was the guest of relatives recently.

George Hoffert is able to be about again after a week's illness.

Two weeks till Christmas. The year 1904 is rapidly drawing to a close.

W. M. S. Ellis and wife, of Washington street, are the happy parents of a son.

Mrs. E. F. Walker of Plattsmouth, Nebraska is visiting at W. H. Barnhart's. J. S. Bond and wife will move to their new home in Milwaukee on December 16.

Miss Pearl Moss who visited here last week has returned to her home in Morris, Illinois.

Charles Mattox has gone to Orio, Maryland, to spend the winter with relatives and friends.

Mrs. David E. Russell who has been visiting in Creston, Iowa, and Wyoming, Illinois, has returned.

The many friends of J. P. Mitchell will be pleased to learn that he is improving after his attack of typhoid.

John Mitchell who has been ill the past five weeks with pneumonia has decided to go to Florida to recuperate.

W. H. Radell has gone to Alabama, where he will seek a new home. His family will remain here till spring.

Mrs. Edw. Waples, of Chicago, has been visiting here with her sisters, Mesdames Binder, L. Mpoke and White.

Mrs. T. S. Rogers, who has been ill for some time, is considerably better. Her many friends will hope for her early recovery.

William H. Blodgett and wife went to Riverside on Wednesday evening to attend the wedding of Spencer Ellwell Anderson and Miss Hila M. Breese.

Miss Ruby Crescy was given a kitchen shower Thursday evening of last week by several young ladies, at her home on Gilbert Avenue. The evening was much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Wm. Straube gave a luncheon to eight ladies Tuesday to perfect arrangements for the organization of the Bohemian club meetings of which the first was held Friday evening at J. W. Hughes.

Geo. M. Kline, secretary of the Downers Grove Poultry Club, requests that persons who have not yet made their entries do so before the evening of Dec. 11, as that will be the last opportunity. Anyone desiring information will please call at Mr. Kline's residence, 162 south Main street.

This paper does not have to "eat crow" like the other county papers. Recently the Hinsdale Doings published a report of a divorce suit of a former citizen of that town, and stated that he had a wife living in Michigan. Nearly every county paper copied the article, except this paper. Now they are just as anxious to make the "amende honorable" since the Hinsdale man has found out that he was in error. One county editor speaks thus about the matter: "Inasmuch as we published the original article, we owe it to Mr. Kimball to inform our readers that the charge is not true, and to further assure them that the next time we clip from the Doings we will take care to verify the same before publishing."

They're Happily Wedded

On Wednesday morning there occurred at the home of the bride's mother a quiet wedding. The contracting parties were Emil Woehrel and Miss Ruth Ellen Crescy. Rev. H. Booth Hazen performed the ceremony and only a few relatives were present. Many valuable and much prized presents were sent by numerous friends of the young people here and in Chicago where Miss Crescy has been employed. The newly married couple departed on the nine o'clock train mid a shower of rice, for Streator, where they will spend a couple of weeks at the home of Mr. Woehrel's parents. The groom is well and favorably known here. Miss Crescy is a member of the Baptist Church and has been a teacher for some time in the Sunday School.

Flood Grove Lake

The Reporter has been requested by a great number of its young and not a few of its older readers to use its influence in advocating the flooding of Grove lake on the north side, by the village water system, for the benefit of the skaters. When the matter of lighting the lake was before the board on Monday night it was dismissed because of the cost that it would incur, but we understand that the lake could be flooded at practically no expense except a little water.

No doubt the village trustees will be inclined to grant this request for the social pleasure of the young folks of Downers Grove. Skating is one of the best healthful exercises that the young people can engage in. One of the residents near the lake called us up this week to say that, while the young people did some times make noises, yet she knew it was enjoyment for them and she would contribute towards the expense if the village board would not meet same. Think it over, Messrs. Aldermen. You were young once yourselves, and what better sport did you enjoy than buckling on those old "rocker" skates of by gone days for yourself—or well, we'll leave it with you.

A School Publication

The students at the schools here have undertaken a very creditable enterprise. It is no less than a monthly publication devoted to the schools of Downers Grove. It will be a twenty page magazine and will contain matter prepared and edited by the pupils. That such a publication will be a great help to the students is quite evident. The research for original matter will be a brain culture if properly conducted. Professor Searles has been asked to act as censor-in-chief of the publication. The boys are hard at work securing subscriptions and advertisements to sustain the venture. We bespeak for them good patronage.

The Nat. C. Brigham Lecture

A very enjoyable evening was spent by the large audience that attended the Brigham lecture on Tuesday evening at the Methodist church. The speaker very ably handled his subject, "The Men Who Won the West." The lecture was in the main historical. Mr. Brigham took up the great feats performed by such men as Daniel Boone, David Crockett, Lewis and Clark, John Smith, Kit Carson, and Fremont, "The Pathfinder," showing the bearing these men's lives had on the great nation we now have and how they had stamped their individuality on the country about them. The large audience listened very attentively to the interesting talk given and showed their great appreciation for the same.

Naper Post Elects Officers

Naper Post of the Grand Army met at the hall over Penner's shop, Thursday evening, and elected officers. The following is the list:

Commander	T. B. Rogers
Senior vice commander	F. A. Rogers
Junior vice commander	M. A. Stanger
Officer of the Day	E. W. Farrar
Quartermaster	George Heurt
Sergeant	Doctor C. H. Loeb
Chaplain	Allen Wheeler
Officer of the Guard	A. A. Palmer
Delegate to state encampment	Thomas Heurt
Alternate	Charles A. Allen
Judges advocate	R. A. Childs
Musical director	Mabel Fuller

The newly elected officers will be installed at the next meeting, on the second Thursday in January.

McNeils Will Play Here

Maple Grove Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of this place have been fortunate to secure a date for a performance here by the Chicago Lyceum Company of which J. K. O'Neil and wife are members. The date set for the entertainment will be December 28 at the auditorium. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neil are both known to our townspeople, having been residents here for some time past, and having given good entertainments before large local audiences. They have with them this year a company of refined entertainers. One especially good artist with them is J. Lawrence Marion formerly of the Bush Temple Lyceum Company. They will play a double bill here, producing "Loves Difficulties," a two act comedy and "Uncle's Will" interspersed with clean and up-to-date specialties.

Woman's Club Meeting

Wednesday was "Music Day" with the Woman's club. After the routine business of the day, Miss Rutherford took charge of the program, giving a paper on American composers, illustrated by vocal and instrumental numbers from their works. Before each number a short sketch on life of the composer was given, also a description of the composition or some anecdote relating to it. The following is the program: Duet, Nevin, Mrs. White and Miss Rutherford; lullaby, Root, Miss Downer; "My Rosary," Nevin, Miss Hayward; three sketches for piano: "A Deserted Farm," "The Will o' the Wisp," "A Wild Rose," Misses Carpenter and McDowell; "Sing, Oh! Sing," Babcock, Mrs. Russell; minuet, Seobeck, Mrs. Lipsy; lullaby, Vannagle, Miss Powell; "Oh! Promise Me," De Koven, Miss Hayward; "Stars and Stripes," Sousa, Miss Downer. Two new applicants were voted on and accepted as members of the club.

THE BOARD MEETING

Addition to Hawkins Building
Considered a Fire Limit
Violation

MINOR MATTERS CONSIDERED

The village board met on Monday evening in regular session. All members were present. After the usual opening routine the report of the superintendent of the water and light plant was received and sent to the committee in charge.

The collector's report was read and received. It showed the receipts for the month of October as follows:

Electric lights	\$43 07
Material and labor	40 02
Water rates	2 50
Tapping fees	58 04
Licenses	48 00
First installment, special assessment number 7	181 75
Installments 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	547 45
Total	\$1,762 41

The treasurer's report, showing the financial standing of the village, was read and received.

A claim ordinance was then presented and passed for the amounts as below:

Straube Piano company	9 25
C. F. Davis	10 00
John Healy	40 00
Gregory Electric company	225 12
E. W. Blackford company	2 50
Napies District Coal association	329 15
James Mc'ross & company	6 75
Fort Wayne Electric works	30 00
H. J. Hawkins	26 00
Curtis & Heurt	1 00
Kelmscott Press	2 00
Postage C. Carpenter	5 00
F. F. Choman	1 00
P. C. Conley	6 50
Illinois Lumber & Construction company	10 04
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J. Kegan	1 25
Mertz & Mochel	20 00
W. H. Mertz	42 00
H. H. Woelfersheim	20 76
American Contractor	18 00
S. Hoffert	1 25
D. H. Uhlhorn	25 00
J. W. Nash	20 50
F. Hoffert	60 00
H. C. Babel	60 00
C. K. Zook	60 00
William Elshoff	15 00
G. H. Bunge	25 00
Farmers & Merchants bank	250 00
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The matter of the complaint of M. A. Sacksteder, to effect that his water meter was registering too fast, was taken up. Superintendent Babel reported that he had sent one of his assistants to test the meter, and he found it correct, but Mr. Sacksteder was not satisfied, so he went himself and drew off ninety gallons of water and the meter showed a registration of twelve cubic feet for same, which was correct. He thought Mr. Sacksteder had no cause for complaint.

The board then took up the matter of the Hawkins building, adjoining the post office, which is being repaired. It was thought by some of the members that the work of rebuilding the porch and making it two stories was a violation of the fire limit ordinance. The matter was referred to the attorney, who, on examination of the ordinance, informed the board that the adding of the second story to the porch part of the building was clearly a violation, as the ordinance specified "any additions thereto" in describing violations.

It was moved by trustee Hughes, seconded by trustee Staats, that the attorney, notify Mr. Hawkins of his violation of the ordinance and that work must cease without same is in compliance with the law.

Trustee Heurt called attention to the defective walk on Railway street. This brought up the matter of the negotiations pending with Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway about the deed of this street to the village. Attorney Bunge was instructed to see the railway people and have matter closed up.

The disposal of the cinders at the waterworks plant was considered and left in the hands of the water and light committee.

Trustee Graves wanted to know what had become of the free telephones that the village was to receive, and after some discussion it was left with the clerk and attorney to secure the phones, as per agreement with the telephone company, that should be given to the village in lieu of the use of the streets. The chief of police made claim for a phone, and superintendent Babel reported that he had discontinued his and same would be taken out unless the village wished to have one placed in his house.

Chief of police Hoffert reported that the phone at the waterworks was defective, as he had tried to call

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