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\$1.50 A YEAR

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

The Woehrel Cigar.
Beef by the quarter at L. Klein's market.
Just received a large supply of horse blankets—C. Penner, Downers Grove.
Two furnished rooms, heated, near depot for rent. Address "237" Reporter.
Wanted—Second-hand heating stove, cheap. Address S., The Kelmecott Press.
Have you seen those good value storm horse blankets at Penner's, Downers Grove.
We have stable blankets from \$1.00 and up Best values. C. Penner, Downers Grove.
Wanted—Two boys 17 or 18 years of age, for positions in the press room.—The Kelmecott Press.

Will do all kinds of housecleaning and general work around house at reasonable prices; also would like to take home two or three washings each week. Address, lock box 335.
Wanted—A bright boy, 16 to 18 years of age, to learn the printing trade at The Kelmecott Press. A boy who means business will be well treated. This is an "opportunity."
Wanted—Men and women in this county and adjoining territories to represent and advertise an old established house of solid financial standing. Salary to men \$21 weekly, to women \$12 to \$18 weekly with expenses advanced each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Horse and buggy furnished when necessary; position permanent. Address: Biew Bros. & Co., Dept. A., Monon Bldg., Chicago 111

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Gossip of the Town

Take down your awnings—the hot days are past.
Naperville children are suffering from a whooping cough scourge.
"The night before Christmas," now looms up on the small boy's vision.
About the most appropriate Christmas gift to a large family would be a turkey.
A rare treat—the Chicago Lady Entertainers. Don't miss them. At the Auditorium, December 17.
The golf ball and foot ball, the red sweater and the plaid trousers are now laid aside for another season.
The rainfall last month was considerably below the normal. Many cisterns are empty and rain is much needed.
The turkeys that survived will now draw a breath of relief and settle down to enjoy life until the pre-Christmas suspense comes.

Aurora dealers who violated the cigarette ordinance were brought up with a short turn the other day. The "anti-league" got after them in the interest of the boys.
Christmas is "in the air." The stores are displaying Christmas gifts, Christmas shoppers are visiting the city often, and school children will soon be going to the churches regularly for rehearsals for entertainments.

The wonderful autumn weather we had all through October and November is said by old residents to have had a parallel in 1871—37 years ago—when the weather was similar to this year and continued so up to Christmas.

No ill wind blows unladen with some small-pox, and in the small-pox scare the doctors reap a vaccination harvest. Seriously, small-pox warrants every preventive measure, and science has demonstrated the merits of vaccine.

The pupils in the public schools are looking forward to their Christmas vacation with a good deal of pleasure and anxiety. Make their resting spell from books all that can be desired on the part of those who are storing the mind with useful knowledge.

The holiday season promises to be very lively in a business way. Merchants are preparing to meet a large demand for seasonable goods. And the more important features of the Christmas time will not be neglected. Already plans are being formulated.

The Chicago department stores are said to have formed an agreement that they will not hereafter prepay express or freight. This will cause many of their patrons to patronize home dealers, who are willing to deliver the goods at your door and promptly rectify any errors that may have occurred in the transaction.

Only three victims of brutal treatment were reported in a recent game of football in Chicago. The injuries were tabulated as follows: "Kicked in the side, condition critical; taken home. Internal injuries, condition critical; taken home. Four fingers on right hand broken." Glory enough for one game. Healthful exercise.

Circuit Court will convene December 19, when a new jury will report to assist in the trial of the cases remaining on the trial calendar. As the names of jurors are exhausted a new lot will have to be drawn at the next meeting of the Board of supervisors and placed in a box from which the names are drawn by the circuit clerk in the presence of the circuit judge.

It is reported that the participants in a recent divorce case in Chicago, before Judge Brentano, are former residents of this place. Their names are Frederick N. Pease and Mrs. Grace Wheeler Pease. The case was held after the adjournment of the regular court session. Mrs. Pease testified she had been married to the defendant on July 10, 1892, and that the separation came on April 1, 1903. She told Judge Brentano that they had quarreled over a mysterious woman and that this had caused the separation.

Some people have almost the same faith in the country editor and his pen as they have in the family doctor and his nostrums. His advice is sought on nearly every subject, from "raisin" babies to "huskin'." We freely "shell out" of our great store of knowledge when asked, but of all the requests ever presented to our kind, the editor of the Naperville Clarion certainly had the "peachiest" recently when he was requested by a life-long subscriber to "notice" a sick cow. Here is how Br'er Givler tells the sequel to the story: "Notwithstanding a favorable mention in the Clarion last week, Mr. Hall's famous jersey cow had to be put under ground, much to the regret of the owner. A good cow is a valuable piece of property."

Keep your snow shovels handy.
Charles H. Leech is in St. Louis this week.
Get ready for the proper observance of the holiday season.
Contractor Mortimer, of Glencoe, was in town on Thursday.
V. Tholin has opened a gents' furnishing shop in the store next to the gas office.

Mr. Redmond, of Sycamore, is visiting the Venard, Butler and other families in this vicinity.
The first day of the week, the first day of the month and the first day of the incoming or new year fall on Sunday.

E. H. Prince has had his office building moved from the railway property near the depot to a site next to Selig's millinery store.
Large and small groups of children are tuning their voices for Christmas exercises. The attendance should increase this month.

It seems that a "tabou" has been placed on red neckwear. If you wear a red neck tie people might think you are "Dove" or "Hugg."

N. E. Matter, of the Wheaton Illinois, was in town on Wednesday, engaged as coroner on the post mortem on the death of the two section men killed near Belmont.

Do your Christmas shopping with your home merchant. He is prepared to supply anything you desire. Go to him early and examine his stock of holiday goods.

Farmers along the highways where mains are laid will be able to use gas for heating purposes, adding another convenience to rural homes not dreamed of by pioneer settlers.

Rabbits are hunting their burrows and dodging dogs and guns as much as possible. However, some sportsmen succeed in hitting a few "cotton tails" on the jump and elsewhere.

Before you do your Christmas buying consult the advertising columns of the Reporter. The wide-awake merchant speaks most forcibly through the advertising columns of the local newspaper.

Only a fortnight left to fulfill some of those resolutions which were made on January 1, 1904. Prepare to get square with the world and adopt another budget of good resolves in the fourteen days from now.

Incidentally we might say that if the expense of lighting the lake with electricity will be so great, a portion of that supply that the town is to have from the gas company might be donated for the purpose. Gas light would be preferable to darkness.

The Board of Supervisors had a meeting Saturday to check up the accounts of county officers and transact routine business. They visited the county farm and looked over the improvements made there the past summer.

January 2nd, four rural delivery routes will run out of West Chicago covering an area of 42 square miles. These, together with the three routes from Wheaton, will give the northern end of Du Page county excellent mail service.

Don't forget the O'Neils will be here on December 28, at the auditorium. This company of entertainers have already over twenty weeks of continuous bookings ahead of them. They put in good entertainments and carry a first-class, refined company.

No doubt the many friends of Mrs. Oliver, (better known as Katie Schwartz) will be grieved to hear that she has been in the hospital at Salt Lake City, Utah, since November 8, suffering from a severe attack of blood poisoning caused by extracting a sliver from her thumb with a pin. She is still in danger of losing her arm.

At the residence of Mrs. F. W. Hayes, 125 Linscott avenue, on Tuesday evening, December 13, the marriage took place of Samuel Moore and Mrs. Susan Hyde, police magistrate D. G. Graham officiating. The groom has been a trusted employee of the Hayes family for many years and is highly esteemed by all who know him. The bride is the widow of the late Reuben Hyde. Both long-time residents and favorably known here. The newly wedded couple will continue to make their home in town.

Rev. H. H. Rood's Mother Dies
Mrs. Ruby Rood, mother of Rev. H. H. Rood, pastor of the Elgin Grace M. E. church and formerly of Downers Grove, died at the church parsonage Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Death resulted from old age. Mrs. Rood was 94 years old and was born in Wayne county, Pennsylvania. She removed to Elgin

from Downers Grove with Mr. Rood when he went there as pastor of the Grace church. Mrs. Rood was the mother of three ministers. Revs. H. L. Rood of Grand Rapids, and John S. Rood, formerly pastor of Prospect street Congregational church of Elgin are the other ministers of the family. One other son, F. M. Rood a cattle dealer in South Dakota, survives her. The funeral was held at the parsonage Saturday afternoon at 2:45. The burial was at Clifton, Pennsylvania. The great number of friends of the late Mrs. Rood and her son and family here where he labored for many years will extend their condolence to the sorrowing relatives.

Will Secure the Signatures
The board of local improvements has appointed Jonas R. Foster as solicitor to secure petitions for the sewer systems. Mr. Foster will make a canvass of the whole village, and by so doing it is hoped that sufficient names will be secured so that the sewer systems can be gone ahead with at once. Any who have not signed will find one set of the petitions at Mr. Foster's office, 24 south Main street, at any time. Don't wait till the last. Help the improvement along. The only way the two systems can be secured is to attach your name at once. This will enable the board to have all the preliminary work done so that nothing will be in the way of starting the work at the earliest date in the spring. If you know of any non-residents, write to them and get their permission to sign for them as an agent. Let each do his share towards helping along this necessary improvement for the village.

A Successful Poultry Show
The first poultry exhibition under the auspices of the Downers Grove Poultry club has been held and was a decided success. Nearly two hundred exhibits were displayed. One of the pleasing features was the fact that, with the exception of three or four "coops" of the entries, all were home grown birds. Many of the exhibitors had never shown birds before, and when the judges got through many things had been learned. The proper condition to have their birds in before placing them in a show was impressed on them when the "scorers" checked down for the slightest little imperfection that could have been remedied had they known how. The members of the poultry club will begin operations on a more extensive plan for next year. The auditorium was well patronized by our townspeople. Some very pretty specimens of pet stock were on exhibit. Possibly one of these, the exhibit by Edwin Frank of his pedigree Scotch collie puppies, attracted as much attention as any. We will publish the list of prize winners in our next issue.

Burlington Cuts Suburban Rates
The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy gave notice last Thursday of a radical reduction in round trip rates between Chicago and all points as far as Downers Grove, twenty-two miles out, and the end of the suburban train runs. For several months passenger traffic manager Eastus of the Burlington has been considering the advisability of lowering the suburban rates. The company makes the cut of its own volition, and when it was sent out the patrons of the line were surprised. While the cut in fares does not include all classes of tickets, it presages a general lining up of rates to meet new conditions. The reductions are in round trip tickets and amount to about 25 per cent. all along the line. The return rate between Downers Grove and Chicago is now 65 cents. Single fare is 64 cents. Previously return rate was 95 cents.

Du Page Co. Teachers' Meeting
The Du Page county teachers will meet at the court house at Wheaton on Saturday, December 17. The following will be the program of the day:
Opening exercises.
Teachers' Reading Circle Work—County superintendent Lewis M. Gross, manager Illinois State Teachers' Reading Circle.
Paper—Miss Rosa Wauke, Naperville.
"Art of Teaching"—Hubert M. Skinner, Ph. D., of Hinsdale.
Adjourn to one-thirty in the afternoon.
Notices and business.
"The Teaching of English in the Higher Grades"—Superintendent O. M. Searles, of Downers Grove.
"The Normal Idea in Teaching"—Doctor John W. Cook, president Northern Illinois Normal School, De Kalb, Illinois.
It is expected that every teacher in Du Page county will be promptly on hand to give Doctor Cook the rousing reception which he so richly deserves, also to enjoy the rare intellectual treat which the names on the program indicate.
Teachers' Reading Circle books will be on sale at the meeting, and important notices concerning the coming Farmers' institute will be given.
We want to secure correspondents to send in regularly each week the news items from Lombard, Lacey, Naperville, Hinsdale, La Grange, and all the surrounding towns. Write for terms to Downers Grove Reporter.

TWO MEN ARE KILLED

Andrew Shafer and Michael Cavanagh Struck by C. B. & Q. Fast train.

HURLED TO INSTANT DEATH

Two employees of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy were instantly killed while walking the track near Belmont, Wednesday morning, by the fast train, number two. As near as can be learned the men were sent to Belmont from Naperville where they resided. Their names were Andrew Shafer and Michael Cavanagh. The former was forty years old, the latter sixty years. They were engaged in what is termed "floating" or inserting "splices" under the rails. They had been in the habit of taking a train to Downers Grove and working back, but since the train does not stop here they took the earlier train to Lisle and walked to their work. As they passed the section men at Lisle they told them to send up a load of "splices" as soon as the fast train had passed. It seems that a freight train was on one of the tracks and to avoid it the men stepped aside and onto the north track, where they were struck by the fast train, number two. They were instantly killed. One of them was badly cut about the head. The engineer and fireman on the express say that there was a blinding snow "whirl" ahead of the train, that the whistle was blown and the train slowed down from sixty-five miles to forty miles an hour, but the men did not seem to notice the signals. The bodies were brought in to this station and coroner N. E. Matter, of Wheaton, was notified and an inquest was held. After hearing the evidence, viewing the remains, and other formalities, the jury brought in the following verdict:
"The deceased, Andrew Shafer and Michael Cavanagh, came to their deaths while walking on the north track of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway near Belmont station, on December 14, 1904, by being struck by passenger train number two."

Light For the Skaters

A communication has found its way to our editorial table in which the writer asks our assistance in raising a subsidy of twenty-five dollars for the expense of lighting Grove lake for the skaters.
We are ever ready to advocate any thing that we can for the interest of old and young. Last week we advocated the flooding of the lake by the village, and we are informed by the president that the water will be given for the purpose. All the skaters have to do is to make the necessary arrangements with the firemen to do the flooding. The Reporter will gladly assist in the lighting affair in the way advocated by our correspondent. We will accept subscriptions from any and all who wish to assist in that way. We learn that the village finances are pretty low and the trustees are hush-banding them and in no way desirous of being adverse to assisting the young people. They would gladly assist if the funds were available. However, it should not be a very difficult task to raise the necessary twenty-five dollars to put the light over the lake. Let all who wish to assist the young people in having a good winter's entertainment leave their contributions here for that purpose. A full list will be published of all who contribute.
To start the affair we have called upon a few of our telephone friends and secured the following promised contributions:

A friend	1.00
Illinois Lumber & Construction company	.50
J. W. Nash	1.00
Book & Bindery	1.00
W. S. Carpenter	1.00
Curtis & Heaster	1.00
Mrs. E. L. Godfrey	1.00
The Reporter	1.00
Total	8.00

The young people should organize a club and appoint committees to take charge of the affairs connected with the season's enjoyment. Several other business men are ready to contribute if called upon. Any who wish can call us up or let us know. Help the young people along. You were young once yourselves.

Since writing the above we find there is opposition to the project on behalf of some members of the board because of the precedent it would establish of asking for lights in different parts of the town, and it is claimed that the superintendent of the lighting now estimates the cost at eighty-five dollars, with somewhat less if the light is on the side of the lake. It would be best for the young people to organize themselves, as suggested, and secure reliable parties to look after the management of the "flooding" lighting and collections necessary to reimburse the town for the necessary outlay. The matter has brought out some good suggestions, however, one member of the board and several business men offering to contribute towards converting the lake into a park.

Downers Grove

is located on the suburban division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway, twenty-one miles from Chicago. Twenty nine suburban trains are operated each way daily, furnishing excellent transportation for those having their business in the city and home in Downers Grove. It is a healthful and beautiful place, possesses every modern convenience and is an ideal location for a suburban residence. The streets are wide and clean, with an abundance of beautiful shade trees everywhere, making it just what its name implies—a grove. Two grammar schools and one high school afford splendid opportunities for education, and all the leading religious denominations maintain places of worship.

Downers Grove operates its own electric light plant and water works, and gas is now being installed.
The population of Downers Grove is composed of sturdy American people who conduct the affairs of the municipality in a truly democratic manner, ably and conservatively, and render to the tax payer value for every dollar of taxes paid.
Beautifully situated building lots may now be purchased at reasonable prices, and those who contemplate building homes should visit Downers Grove before investing. The Reporter will be pleased to answer any correspondence from those interested.

Downers Grove Fair

Headquarters for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

For young and old, at prices that are right

Children's Doll Carriages	\$.25
Doll Go-Carts	.48 to 1.98
Child's Red Painted Chairs	.25 and .35
Trunks	.50 and .69
Tool Chests	.25, .48, .59, .75 and .98
Drums	.35 and .75
Child's Tea Sets	.10 to 1.48
Child's Dressers	.25, .50 and .98
Wheel Barrows	.25
Ten Pins	.15 and .25
Albums, Toilet Sets, Gloves, Handkerch'f Boxes, Etc.	
Over 250 doz. handkerchiefs to select from,	
price, each	.04 to .25
Initial handkerchiefs put up in boxes of 1/2 doz., price per box	.50

Many More Useful Presents

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