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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	\$ 0.25
Child's Red Painted Chairs	.25 and .35
Trunks	.50 and .69
Child's Tea Sets	.10 to 1.48
Ten Pins	.15 and .25
Child's couches	1.25 to 1.69
Fancy Naval Oranges, per doz.	.25 and .35
Mixed Nuts, per lb.	.16
Fine Broken Candy, per lb.	.11
Choice American Mixed Candy, 2 lbs.	.25
Children's Small Wagons	.25
Children's Large Hay Racks	.25

Albums, Toilet Sets, Etc.

The Fair wishes you all the compliments of the season. Open Monday, December 26, till 10 a. m.

Many More Useful Presents

It will pay you to see our line before going elsewhere

Downers Grove Fair

Telephone 611 28 and 30 South Main Street

Gossip of the Town

Christmas. Merry Christmas. Greetings to our readers. Got your calendars for 1905 ordered yet? Thomas Atwood of Vandalia, Illinois, is visiting in town. Fred Gilbert of Minnesota is visiting Walter Willard of this place. Dr. S. A. Roberts has gone to Florida to spend the winter months. Miss Lydia Willard of Lisle is visiting Florence Willard of this place.

At this time of year the Sunday School classes are filled to overflowing. S. Elliott and wife of Chicago were guests at Bert C. White's on Sunday. Rang, the baker, got in a big supply of Christmas trees, but they sold like hotcakes. The almanacs tell us that Wednesday was the shortest day of the year. Did you notice it?

The Illinois state teachers' association will hold its fifty-first annual meeting in Springfield, December 27, 28 and 29. Representative Bush and family are expected to return the first of the year so that Mr. Bush may attend the legislature.

The Congregational people held their annual business meeting at the Congregational church on Wednesday evening.

Robert Allen of Burlington, Iowa, spent a few days in town, last week visiting friends. He was on his way to Liverpool, England.

Send the Reporter to some distant friend who will appreciate its visits as a Christmas present. Best present you could send.

A new telephone directory for Downers Grove will be issued soon. The many additions to the telephone subscribers has necessitated this.

R. J. Cooper has gone to Fort Smith to work for the United States Home-building company for whom J. D. Horton is manager at that point.

The Lotus club filed an engagement in Chicago on Sunday. This club is becoming very popular, their singing being greatly appreciated.

Charles J. Albright, formerly employed by J. P. Downer, left Saturday evening December 10, for St. Louis where he intends to spend the winter.

The Sunday schedule will be enforced on Monday, December 26, but on January 2, the regular week day schedule will be carried out by the C. B. & Q. railway.

John Haas of Naperville was in town Saturday looking after his property interests here. Mr. Haas owns the property on the south side of Main street next to the Oldfield block.

The sparrows have returned in large numbers. They had migrated to the country where snowless fields gave them a rare chance to do some profitable gleanings.

The little city of Plymouth between Galesburg and Quincy on the C. B. & Q. road was visited by another disastrous fire early last Friday morning, December 16, when damage to the extent of \$30,000 was done.

Let the people, through the columns of this paper, know what holiday good you have to sell. In your advertisement they will see just what they want and consequently stay at home to do their holiday shopping. Try it and be convinced.

Master Archie McPherson entertained a number of his school friends at his home on the "Plank Road", Thursday evening, December 15, by giving a popcorn party. The evening was enjoyed very much and the time for going home came all too soon.

That new gong attachment for the telephone at the fire station has not yet been placed therein as was expected. What's the matter? The plant employees say with the noise of the machinery they cannot hear a telephone call. Often a few minutes would make a difference of a great deal in case of a fire.

The local band now has about fifteen players. Practice during the holidays will be omitted. The band expects to be able to furnish weekly concerts in the summer. The town may be asked to build a band-stand, but failing to get it that way the boys will take up a popular subscription for the purpose.

Rev. F. F. Farmiloe will go to Rockford on January 20 to install the officers of the local camp of Modern Woodmen of that town. Mr. Farmiloe for a number of years has had the honor of installing the Head Camp officers of this society. He is also connected with the Archean Union, a Rockford fraternal society, in which he is supreme chaplain.

Now for Christmas. You'll soon have to write it 1905. J. S. Bond and wife have moved to Milwaukee.

Irving Heartt has been on the sick list the past few days. Elmer Escher of Chicago was a guest of friends in town on Sunday.

T. W. Stevenson and wife of Chicago visited with relatives in town on Sunday. Bought your thermometer already? If not, better buy early and avoid the rush.

Mrs. Mary Lyons has sold her property to Mrs. Walker of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Christmas time makes one realize that he has heavy liabilities, relatively speaking.

Mrs. R. S. White will entertain a large party of out-of-town friends, on Christmas Day.

Misses Myrtle and Grace White will return Friday December 23, for their Christmas vacation.

The butcher-shops, the post-office and some of the business houses will be closed on Monday.

Send along your list of Christmas visitors. That's what the item cards are left at your home for.

G. Melville Downer, Jr., is spending his Christmas holidays with friends in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Walker of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, who has been spending a few days here, has returned to her home.

Misses Maud Cassitt and Kitty Eaton, and Arnold Renner, of Chicago, were guests at Mrs. Morton's on Sunday.

The hint of one of our readers about those old posters in the windows should be taken. Tear them down as soon as the events are over.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Platts, 185 east Maple avenue on Wednesday afternoon at two thirty o'clock, December 28.

If you run out of item cards let us know and a supply will be sent. Our many associate-editors are making The Reporter a welcome visitor.

New phones have been placed in the residences of village treasurer Rogers, and Reverend Charles Reynolds. The former is number 503 and the latter 653.

Rev. F. F. Farmiloe was one of the speakers at Aurora on Friday night at the meeting of the district Epworth League. Dr. Roe and Dr. Sheets were the other speakers.

Jonas R. Foster is having very good success with securing the sewer petition signatures. He has met very little opposition as yet. We knew the people wanted improvement.

There is a place in town where you can always get a hot or cold bath—at Perkin's barber shop. Just added a new bath tub so there will be no waiting. Open Sundays for baths only.

Mechanics have enjoyed a long season of fair weather for out door work, but the snow storm put a stop to operations and now they can take a needed rest and cast up the summer's profits.

This is the season of the year when our citizens throw ashes in the road, and just the time they should not. When the snow comes and the ashes are mixed a heavily loaded sleigh will usually get stuck.

On Wednesday, December 10, at the home of A. L. Proctor, there occurred a quiet wedding. The contracting parties were Ernest Leroy Johnston and Miss Alvina L. Shaver, both residents of this place. Rev. F. F. Farmiloe officiated.

S. J. Perkins has added another bath at his parlors. He has also just put in a beautiful plate glass mirror which extends across one side of his shop. The frame work and attachments are in carved quarter-sawed oak and makes one of the finest barber outfits to be seen in any suburban town.

Next Wednesday at the auditorium the O'Neils will give their entertainment. There will be two comedy farces and much singing and other specialties. The entertainment will be under the auspices of the local Knights of Pythias lodge. As the O'Neils are residents here and have always given good entertainments it is expected they will have a big house.

In making his rounds for the sewer petition signatures, J. R. Foster informs us that many of the owners are absent from their homes and have failed to leave authority with their wives or members of their families to sign for them. Do this and it will save expense by necessitating a second visit from Mr. Foster. Just "write down" the authority for some member of your family to attach your name and it will be done.

The "Short Talks" magazine is four and one-half by eight inches; eight pages and cover, of one thousand words; just some rest-time paragraphs once a month for those who wish to think a minute a day on how to do things accurately. It is five cents a copy or twenty-five cents a year. The Kelmscott Press, Downers Grove, Illinois.

At the meeting of the Board of supervisors Saturday December 10, it was voted to resist the application of Fred Linn for pardon from the penitentiary. Linn killed Rapier, a blacksmith of Laoc in 1894, and was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. The supervisors thought their action would be considered faulty if at one meeting they voted \$500 for the arrest and identification of a forger and at the next meeting did not take some action to keep a cold blooded murderer in the penitentiary.

Among the many holiday editions of newspapers yet to hand the Aurora columns' Christmas number compares very favorably. An illuminated title page graces the twenty-four page edition showing old Santa seated at a table distributing goodies to an interested assemblage of young folks. The news pages are up to the usual standard and a special eight-page supplement of appropriate holiday matter makes good reading. The Beacon prints a good paper every day and has kept up its high standard in this Christmas number.

The incoming week and the one following no doubt every reader of this paper will have at least one visitor or know of some that visit our town. Now let's have the truly Christmas tide spirit, by not keeping this information to ourselves but making it known. Each family in Downers Grove has received a supply of news item cards from this office. Just write down all the news you have such as visitors at your home, visits you make, holiday meetings, social functions, in fact anything of news, that may come under your notice, on those cards and drop them in our news box in the post office entrance (without postage) and we'll attend to the rest. If you will assist, it will greatly improve The Reporter. Try it.

The dates of January 19 to 24 have been selected for the poultry show by the Naperville Pigeon, Poultry and Pet Stock Association, with one of the leading judges of the United States, Charles McClave of New London, Ohio, to place the awards. A score card by Mr. McClave will be well worth the effort of sending your birds. The association has held four successful shows, at the last one there were 65 specimens on exhibition, and the next one will be one of the strongest held in northern Illinois. The management can successfully run the show, and the many fanciers in this vicinity will assist. The largest building in Naperville has been secured for the exhibition. Your address on a postal to Oscar H. Gilver, corresponding secretary, Naperville, Illinois, will bring you a catalog.

If there is one woman in the world who knows what she is talking about and can handle a subject to drive that truism home it is Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago. Miss Addams' work in the interest of the "submerged tenth" will always be an ever present monument to her. Her investigations and report of the awful conditions in the southern cotton regions; where mere babies, six years old, work ten and twelve hours per day in the mills, made the people of this country shudder. Recently Miss Addams had the honor of being the only and first woman requested to give a convocation address at the University of Chicago. Miss Addams will give an address in the Congregational Church on January 6. All should hear her.

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Earl M. Pratt, the "Forethought Man" of the C. B. & Q. Railroad, is inviting individuals, organizations and publications all along the line to work with him on the daily sources of better memory and profitable originality. Ask him questions or send him any kind of written or printed item for his note books which were started in 1872, contain unpublished information dating back to 1796 and plans extending to 1952. He lives at Oak Park, Illinois, but would like to live near an old oak tree in Girard, Pennsylvania. He must have an oak heart if he thinks he can saturate us with enough wisdom to make us do as well as we know how. He has letters on two-hundred various subjects in printed form and some of them are well worth reading. He is always ready to send you something free for any thought on any subject you send to him. The editor of this paper has read some of his letters and letters regarding his letters from people who know a good idea when they see it. He is trying to be useful and is succeeding.

POULTRY FAIR PRIZES

A Very Successful Show and All Accordingly Well Pleased

LOCAL FANCIERS SCORING

The following is the list of awards made by the judges at the recent poultry show held here:

- Barrad Plymouth Rocks—John A. Olson, cock 1, cockerel 4; Lester Barr, pullet 2, 4; E. J. Heen, Naperville, cockerel 3; E. O. Stanley, pullet 1; George M. Kline, cockerel 1, 2, pullet 3, hen 1, 2.
 - Silver Laced Wyandottes—L. H. Valentine, Oregon, cockerel 2, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, hen 1.
 - White Wyandottes—G. C. Kirchgasner, Naperville, cock 1, cockerel 3, hen 1, 2, 4, hen 1; M. L. Root, cock 2, hen 3, pullet 4, hen 2; F. D. Lempe, cockerel 2, pullet 2; George M. Kline, cockerel 1, 4, pullet 1, 3.
 - Huff Wyandottes—L. E. Singletary, cockerel 1, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, hen 1.
 - Black Wyandottes—J. G. Wallace, pullet 1.
 - Partridge Wyandottes—W. L. Singletary, cockerel 1, 2, pullet 2, 3; L. H. Valentine, pullet 1.
 - Partridge Cochins—L. H. Valentine, cockerel 1.
 - Brown Leghorns—R. W. Bond, cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3, 4.
 - Brown Red Game Bantams—Foster brothers, cockerel 1, hen 1, pullet 1, 2; J. M. Reel and son, pullet 3.
 - Golden Duckwing Game Bantams—J. M. Reel and son, cock 1.
 - Herchen Game Bantams—J. M. Reel and son, cockerel 1, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4.
 - Silver Duckwing Game Bantams—S. H. Palmer, cock 1, hen 1.
 - B. B. Red Game Bantams—Grove Poultry Yards, cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3, pullet 1.
 - Black Cochins—W. H. Adams, cockerel 1, pullet 1.
 - Huff Cochins—Grove Poultry Yards, hen 1, 2, 3, 4.
 - White Cochins—Grove Poultry Yards, cock 1, cockerel 1.
 - Silkies—J. M. Reel and son, pullet 1.
 - Huff Orpington—W. F. Kuester, cock 1, hen 1, 3, 1, pullet 1.
 - Red Pyle Game Bantams—Grove Poultry Yards, cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3, pullet 1.
 - Pekin Ducks—William Luther, Morton Park, young drake 1, duck 1; J. A. Olson, old drake 1, old duck 1.
 - Toulouse Geese—Alex. Caird, hen 1, 2.
 - Pigeons, Blue Pouter—J. M. Reel and son, cock 1, hen 1.
 - Red Pouter—J. M. Reel and son, hen 1.
 - Black Pigeon Pouters—J. M. Reel and son, cock 1, hen 1.
 - Clean Leg Tumbler—W. F. Adams, 1904 bred 1, do. 1.
 - Black Pouter—J. M. Reel and son, cock 1.
 - Bell Neck Tumbler—Ralph Mason and brother, cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2.
 - Working Homer—Ralph Mason, cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2.
 - Blue Runt—J. M. Reel and son, cockerel 1, hen 1.
 - Silver Runt—J. M. Reel and son, cock 1, hen 1.
 - Runts—1904 bred, J. M. Reel and son, 1, 2.
- County Court Jurors. Following are the jurors now being summoned for the January term of county court, which convenes in Wheaton January 9, 1905:
- Addison—Herman E. Schmidt.
 - Bloomington—Charles Stegman, jr. Wm. Kroger.
 - Wayne—Frank Ahrens, Adolph Titts.
 - Winfield—Douglas Madison, Daniel McFaren, Jacob Kress, John Kruse, J. Edward Warne.
 - Milton—Ira Brown, Geo. Kelley, J. B. Grove, Chas. Stanford, Chas. M. Ackerman.
 - York—A. H. Buchholz, J. W. Marwood, Herman Malwitz, Theodore Suggs, W. A. Albers.
 - Downers Grove—Geo. Ostrum, Homer Andrus, H. R. Thayer, Lester Barr, J. W. Brown, G. N. Maxwell, R. Benweiler, Chasles Mochel.
 - Lisle—W. S. Greene.
 - Naperville—George Flemming.
- The Chicago Lady Entertainers. On Saturday the second of the entertainments of the course was given. A good sized house greeted the amusement company known as the Chicago Lady Entertainers. This is a good company. It is headed by Estelle M. Clark a very accomplished reader, and impersonator. The audience thoroughly enjoyed every piece in the program and enthusiastically cheered the ladies. Miss More's recited a special favorite being that she recalled. Miss Clark's impersonations classes her as a clever student. She has a good grasp of dialect and all of her impersonations particularly peculiar to her plantation selections. In "Hattie's Wooing," she also did well. A quartette the company were very good.