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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.

## COAL • COAL COAL

This is the season of the year when your coal bins should be renewed. We have all kinds of coal for sale. Leave your order early so that you will be provided against a sudden cold spell.

## STOVES OF ALL KINDS

We have the best makes and can suit your taste, we feel sure. Our prices are the lowest for the best goods. Full line of Hardware, Paints, Oils, etc., kept on hand at all times.

## MERTZ & MOCHEL

Downers Grove, Illinois

## Downers Grove Fair



Commencing January 1, 1905, the Downers Grove Fair will close every evening at 7:30 excepting Saturdays

28 and 30  
So. Main St.

Telephone  
No. 611

## Gossip of the Town

Miss May Olson is spending the holidays in Austin.

Mrs. Victor Tholin is entertaining her sister during the holidays.

H. Henning and family of Plano are visiting here during the holidays.

Mrs. John H. Shurte spent the latter part of the week with friends in Irving Park.

A. P. Tholin, of this village, spent Christmas day with friends at Western Springs.

Miss Edith Shaw is spending the holidays with her grandmother Rhys in Chicago.

James Soper and wife spent Christmas day and Monday with J. H. Lipsey and wife.

John Olson, of Hammond, Indiana, spent Christmas with his family in Downers Grove.

The Illinois factory inspector made a tour of the factories in Downers Grove on Wednesday.

T. W. Stevenson, wife and baby were out from the city Monday, eating turkey with their parents.

S. F. Haller, proprietor of The Fair, has been ill with the grippe for a couple of days, but is now improving.

Harry Slusser, who is attending law college at Ann Arbor, Michigan, is spending his holiday vacation with his parents.

Miss Hazel and Wm. E. Shurte, of Lowell, Indiana, spent Christmas with their brother, John H. Shurte and family.

Elmhurst has three rural mail routes and Lombard has recently been granted one. The farmers throughout the county will soon have a daily service.

Lombard village board has granted a fifty year franchise to the La Grange Gas company. The provisions of the ordinance are similar to other franchises granted this company in the county.

Miss Rosemond Gilmore, principal of the business and shorthand department of the Monmouth, Illinois, high school spent a few days this week with her friend, Miss Jennette Shaw, of Highland avenue.

M. H. Shaw, B. W. Shaw and family, and F. W. Mueller and wife, of Chicago, H. H. Shaw and family, of Cass, and Miss Hattie Schwartz, of Naperville, spent Christmas with Mrs. Shaw, of Highland avenue.

The annual ball of the Deering foot ball team will be held in Belmont hall, Chicago, on January 7. The Ideal orchestra, of five pieces, has been engaged to supply the music and a special invitation is extended to all who desire to attend.

The third of a series of social dances given by the young people will be held in Carpenter's hall on Saturday evening. The committee in charge are planning to give those in attendance one of the most pleasant times of the season, as novel features will be introduced. The Ideal orchestra will supply the music.

Naperville has a connected system of water works now. Several days after turning the water into the mains the hose company had an opportunity to demonstrate the value of the improvements at a fire. It was not necessary to wait ten or fifteen minutes for the fire engine to get up steam as in bygone days.

People go to the city to buy goods, thinking they can buy them cheaper. Ordinarily prices are higher in the city than in the country and the only reason the customer does not buy at home is because he thinks he can buy cheaper in the city. It develops upon the home merchant to obliterate that "think" by liberal advertising.

Arguments pro and con are again being presented in reference to the value or harm in the Santa Claus story. Some people, over thirty years of age, declare this cherished myth to be harmful in its influence. Well, now, when stopping to think about it, we believed in this "lie" and it can be confidently stated that few "true stories" in later years have given half as much pleasure as this Santa Claus fairy tale. May he continue to live in the hearts of the children.

A railway mail clerk calls attention of the public to the importance of putting up holiday presents in secure packages. Numbers of them come loose before they reach their destination, causing the clerks a great deal of unnecessary labor, besides having the package arrive in an unsightly and often damaged condition. He suggests that a shoe or corset box or a breakfast food carton makes a package of convenient shape for handling in the mail. It of course should be securely tied with strong twine and plainly marked, having the sender's address in the upper left hand corner.

Mrs. George Binder is on the sick list. Q. Smith is numbered among the sick in town.

John Brown has been at home a week sick with la grippe.

Miss Alice Cole spent Christmas with her parents in Ottawa.

Mrs. F. C. Hayes has gone to Florida for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. Garlein spent Christmas with relatives in Chicago.

Miss Anna Meyers spent Christmas at Aurora and at Warrenville.

Marshall's meat market windows have been very gracefully decorated.

Mrs. John Soss spent Thursday with P. G. Maitland of Oak Park.

Miss Gertrude Chambers, was the guest of friends in the city on Sunday.

E. C. Stanley, rural mail carrier is ill. J. D. Hough is carrying the mail for him.

James Drew and family from Oswego Kendall County are here visiting relatives and friends.

Lee W. Colville of Fenton is spending his vacation with grandpa Colville, and his aunt Mrs. M. E. Stanger.

Mrs. A. B. Cole, of Ottawa, with E. C. Stanley and wife spent Tuesday, with their parents, John Stanley and wife.

Mrs. Ella Chilvers is anticipating a pleasant visit from her father who will arrive here next week. He resides in Kansas.

H. L. Lanstrum, of Chicago, has been visiting here for three days before going abroad.

E. C. Pye, of Peoria, Illinois, spent the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. A. L. Tenney.

Mrs. John Brown, who has been laid up for six weeks with sciatic rheumatism is better.

"The Fair" store will close each evening at 7:30, except Saturdays, from January 1 to April 1.

Lee Gosw, wife and sons, Wesley and Charles Farnilow, all of Elgin, were holiday guests at the Methodist parsonage.

William Stafford, and wife, Charlie Stafford, and Miss Dora Mild spent Christmas with William Tack in Star City, Indiana.

Shepley Moss and family of Morris, Illinois, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

A letter from Elmer Oldfield reports a delightful country and climate near Bolivar, Missouri, where he has taken up his residence.

A. L. Tenney and wife will spend new years day at Kankakee, Illinois, with their daughter Mrs. Hawk.

Mrs. W. Alfred entertained friends from Aurora in honor of her sister Mrs. A. Bellinger of New York City.

Miss Alice Cole, and Miss Gertrude Chambers, will spend New Years at the former's home in Ottawa, Illinois.

Miss Christine Fretts who has been visiting for some time at L. P. Narmore's has left for a visit at Rochelle, Illinois.

Miss Maude Lamb and Messrs. H. M. Hoover, and C. S. Steffy, took dinner with Miss Nina Thomas on Christmas at her home on Saratoga Avenue.

Next Wednesday January 4 is quarterly pension day and D. G. Graham will be in his office at 7 a. m. and all day as usual in transacting pension as well as other business.

Next Thursday evening, January 5, at the auditorium will be the third in the season of the winter entertainment course with Germaine, the magician, as the star attraction.

Poultry shows are attracting fanciers of the feathered tribe. A blue ribbon rooster is guaranteed to crow the national anthem backwards or forwards; while a pullet scoring 991 may lay golden eggs, but don't.

Superintendent Olsen, of the Straube Piano company, spent the Christmas holidays with his family here. He reports the company as having a fine building at Hammond and doing an excellent business.

If you want to enjoy an evening with a lecturer of merit, fail not to attend the Congregational church on January 6 when Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, Chicago, will speak. There is no more truer worker in the settlement field than Miss Addams.

To-night the year of 1904 will have passed into history. It opened with the most appalling disaster of modern times, the burning of the Iroquois theatre in Chicago, and a month has not passed without some disaster attended with a great loss of life. What makes this statement all the more startling is the fact that nearly all of them could have been prevented, or at least attended with

little loss of life, had proper safety appliances been provided. The Iroquois and Stocum disasters would not have been attended with such great loss of life had the law regarding safety devices been observed. This is also true in regard to railway accidents.

Jay Littleford of Urbana, Illinois, is holidaying in town.

Daily & Binder have the contract for the new addition to Miss Meyer's store.

Mr. C. W. Ballard of Austin spent Christmas with his Aunt Mrs. Belden.

Mrs. Roberta Rose spent Christmas night and Monday with relatives at Mayfair.

John Thatcher, of Ottawa, a former resident here, was in town on his annual visit with old friends.

Miss Helene Kenyon entertained a good sized crowd of young people at her home on Christmas day.

Mr. William Gibb and Miss Jennie Gibb, of Austin, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George R. Smith.

J. D. Horton is visiting here for ten days. He is actively engaged in building work at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Miss E. Atwood, a former resident, was married to Fred Emmel, of Vandalia, Illinois, last week. Particulars later.

Edward Huntington and wife, and the latter's mother, Mrs. Emma Smith, will leave in a couple weeks for a trip to California.

Miss Edith Neal, of Chicago who taught several years in our school, spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. C. B. Blodgett and family.

M. W. Mills, of Chicago, has bought a lot on Middaugh street in the Prince addition. He will have a residence built thereon soon.

We are compelled through great amount of news notes this week to carry over till next week, a very able article for our woman's department.

V. Tholin has his windows very prettily decorated. Some of the other business men might "catch on." Neatly dressed windows make a town look up to date.

J. A. Fitzgerald, wife and daughter Miss Esther, of Chicago, spent their Christmas with Mrs. Fitzgerald's mother, Mrs. E. M. Smart.

The gong attachment to the telephone at the fire station has been put in. Some of the staff think the Reporter's "air up" must have helped to get it.

The electric lighting plant was hit pretty heavy by Tuesday night's storm. The incandescents in the streets were badly damaged, fifty one being burned out.

I. P. Blodgett and family, Charles Blodgett, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Miss Ellen Blodgett, Amherst, Mass. and W. H. Blodgett and wife, ate Christmas dinner with C. B. Blodgett and family.

Miss Violet Tweedie entertained the scholars of her Sunday school class at her parent's residence, 51 Saratoga avenue on Thursday afternoon. About twenty little boys and girls had a very enjoyable time.

It seems that there is a lot of complaint against the way the gas men are leaving the streets. After the storm this week, where cuts had been made across streets in several parts of the town, became dangerous pit falls for horses. The attention of the street committee should be directed to this.

The death took place on December 2, 1904, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. H. McIntosh, in Chico, California, of Mrs. Mary A. Jellies, aged 83 years, wife of Thomas Jellies, an old resident of Lisle, DuPage county. Mrs. Jellies will be remembered by many as a kind friend and neighbor, having lived at Lisle for forty years.

Amidst the grime of factory, shop, and store, and surrounded by misery, want, and crime on all sides, the one bright oasis in a desert, is Hull House, Chicago, and when one speaks of Hull House it means Jane Addams. This lady has made a life study of sociological work. Hear her at her lecture here at the Congregational church, January 6.

Marshall Field, junior, and his two sons, Marshall and Henry, with their governess, Miss Maffey, took luncheon on Friday with Walter Scott Bryan and his wife, Miss Martin. Mr. Bryan gave Mr. Field a fine drive across the Du Page valley, on the river way, south. He was delighted with the country whilst the boys enjoyed themselves rambling about the woods, with their governess. They left on the 3:55 train for the city.

Just a half century ago the first railway train steamed into Galesburg from Aurora, and December 7, 1854, became a memorable day in the history of not only Galesburg and Knox county, but the territory tributary to Galesburg. It marked the birth of one of the largest railroad systems in the country, and the C. B. & Q. has become full grown and has attained strength and vitality in the first half century of its existence.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

Christmas Events Gladden the Hearts of the Old and of the Young

ALL ARE IN A HAPPY MOOD

A watch night service will be conducted at the Methodist church Saturday evening, commencing at half past ten and continuing till midnight. The pastor will preach.

Sunday services at the First Methodist church: Love feast at 10:00 a. m. Communion and reception service at 10:45. Sacred concert by the choir and short new year sermon by the pastor in the evening.

At St. Andrew's Episcopal church, on Sunday, January 1, the early celebration of holy communion will be omitted. Other services as usual. Sunday school at 2:15 p. m. Evening prayer, with sermon, at 3:00 p. m. All are welcome.

At the First Congregational church next Sunday morning, January 1, there will be a new year sermon by the pastor, Communion and reception of members at the 5 o'clock vesper service. All are invited.

Miss Jane Addams of the Hull House will deliver her celebrated lecture on, "Count Tolstoi and the Russian war," in the First Congregational church of Downers Grove, next Friday evening, January 6, at 8 o'clock. Every citizen of this town should hear this lecture.

New year's day at the Baptist church: 10:45 a. m. worship, and the "Lord's supper." Subject will be "The Lord's supper as a Reminder for the Year;" 7:30 p. m. the new year sermon, "Ennobled Past, Present and Future." Young people's meeting, at 6:30, and Sunday school at 12 m. A welcome will be extended to you in all these services.

The Christmas program given by the Lisle Congregational Sunday school on Saturday evening, December 24, was largely attended by parents and friends. The church was beautifully decorated with Christmas colors. At the end of the program Santa Claus gave the school a visit which greatly delighted the little folks. No one was forgotten and all went home happy with many Christmas presents from the "good old fellow."

The Baptist Sunday school enjoyed their Christmas entertainment in the auditorium this year, and at the close of the rendition of their grand Christmas cantata, which was so well attended on Thursday evening, and repeated free on Saturday evening, "Mr. and Mrs. Santa" made the children glad with a Sunday school treat. A part of the regular Sunday school session Christmas day was given by the children in song and recitations, while from the classes a large store of provisions was donated, and about eleven dollars in money to be used by a committee, if they found opportunity to help any. The annual counting of the birthday offering for the Baptist orphanage, amounted to nearly \$30.00. The Ladies aid society remembered the pastor and his wife with a fifteen dollar check, and the young ladies class gave their teacher and pastor a fine bible.

Christmas was celebrated by the Sunday school of the First Congregational church, in the audience room, on Christmas eve. The exercises consisted of readings from the scholars, solos and anthems appropriate to the occasion, and all were well rendered. The house was filled by the scholars and friends of the school, who were delighted with the programme. Leon Stimpson, the superintendent, managed the affair well. John Gray, the Santa Claus for the occasion, came in at the proper time through a window near the south chimney dragging a huge sack of candy, which was liberally distributed to the audience. Among other presents given by teachers and friends was a very handsome bound volume of "Sights and Scenes of the World," presented to Miss Lizzie Strong by M. B. Downer on behalf of the officers of the church.

S. J. Perkins and wife will spend new years at Lansing, Michigan, with relatives. They will leave tonight. The former's barber shop and bath rooms will be closed from 10:30 today (Saturday) till Wednesday noon, January 4.

Miscellaneous Locals  
The Woehrl Cigar.  
For Rent—Seven room house with half acre lot, near East Grove station. Barn and poultry house. Address V. Froehner, Downers Grove.

Lost—Monday evening, December 26, on train arriving at Downers Grove at 5:57 p. m., a package, dimensions about 15 by 4 by 3 inches. Left in coach from engine. Finder please bring to depot at The Kelmscott Press.