

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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## News of the Neighborhood

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Handy left on Thursday of last week for their home in Iowa.

The Wheaton Illinois is forty-five years of age, celebrating the anniversary event on January 1.

F. W. Kettering and family, who formerly lived on Blodgett avenue, have removed to Carpenter street.

Rev. W. K. Fulton, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church at Columbus, Ohio, visited at D. G. Granger's on Wednesday.

According to the United States weather bureau in Chicago the mercury did not get down to zero in this part of the country during the year 1906.

Mrs. Alvin Scott, wife of Supervisor Scott, of Lisle, died this week and was buried on Thursday at Naperville after services in the Presbyterian church at that place.

Rev. Dr. F. F. Farnill preached special sermons at Naperville on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday and Thursday at Joliet. In each of the places special revival services are being held.

Mrs. Loucks of Rockford, Miss Caldwell of Beloit, sister and cousin of W. D. Herrick, Mrs. Mary E. Olfiver and Mr. Raymond Olfiver of Chicago, were guests of Mrs. John Stanley the past week.

### MISCELLANEOUS LOCALS.

WILL FURNISH ROOM AND BOARD FOR two intelligent, refined young men. All modern conveniences; two blocks from depot. For particulars call at Reporter office.

EXPERIENCED NURSE, WITH MODERN home, will take invalids or old people to board and care for. Physicians' references. 107 Belmont avenue.

WANTED—\$1,000 FOR ONE YEAR, AND \$2,000 for five years. Real estate security. Inquire of Narasimha & Foster.

WANTED—BY A PROMINENT MONTHLY magazine, with large, high-class circulation, local representative to look after renewals and increase subscription list in Downers Grove and vicinity, on a salary basis, with a continuing interest from year to year in the business created. Experience desirable, but not essential. Good opportunity for the right person. Address Publisher, Box 55, Station 41, New York.

FOR CALL—SIX ROOM HOUSE, CITY water, good closets; small barn and other outbuildings; large lot (60-100 ft. x 150 ft.); ample fruit and shade trees; five minutes' walk to depot; on East Maple avenue; a great bargain. For price and terms, call on or address J. W. Pearce, 240 E. Maple avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.

NOTICE—MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE who sold season tickets for the entertainment course and have not yet turned over money and season tickets to Simonson, treasurer, will do so without delay, and oblige D. L. Graham, President.

WANTED—10 MEN IN EACH STATE TO travel, distribute samples of our goods and take signs. Salary \$85 per month; \$3 per day for expenses. S. A. SIMMONS, Dept. P, 40 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

A. F. BEIDELMAN WILL NOW TAKE orders for cement sidewalks in the north west ward. Prices cheaper than if laid by the village. Phone 241.

WANTED—MAN TO REPRESENT HIGH class enterprise, calling on a large number of qualified permanent positions with compensation of \$50 per week. Application must contain full particulars. Address The Atlas Mailing Co., Iron Works, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE INTERNATIONAL POULTRY FOOD will prove just as successful for your poultry as the International Stock Food has for Dan Patch, the great record-breaking horse. Penner has it.

WANTED—LADY TO ADVERTISE OR goods locally; several weeks home work; salary \$12.00 per week; \$1.00 a day for expenses. BAINBRIDGE CO., Dept. W, 46-48 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

BLANKETS—OYSTERS—OYSTERS! AT Beaulieu's House. Prices right.

DR. M. L. PUFFER WILL BE IN THE Potter Manufacturing Company's office, over Bush & Simonson's Drug Store, Downers Grove, every Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p. m. Eyes examined and tested, glasses fitted and adjusted; new lens put in old frames.

THE GREENING NURSERY CO. MONROE, Mich., one of the largest nursery concerns in the United States, writes us that they want a good live agent in this section to solicit orders for their trees, shrubbery, etc. Experience not necessary. They offer good pay weekly, and furnish canvassing outfit free. We advise any man or woman in our community who has spare time to take orders to write them for particulars immediately. Mention this paper when writing.

OYSTERS—OYSTERS—OYSTERS! AT Beaulieu's House. Prices right.

WANTED—MEN IN EACH STATE TO travel, take signs and distribute samples and specimens of our goods; salary \$80 per week; \$2 per day for expenses. BAINBRIDGE CO., Dept. S, 46-48 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

D. G. GRAHAM HAS DOWNERS GROVE Improvement bonds for sale.

MORNING NEWS OF \$200 AND up—good security; good security required. Simmons & Foster.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE ON EAST terms; three minutes' walk to depot. Water, sewer, gas, bath, modern. Write XX, care Reporter.

YOUR OLD CLOTHES OR CARPETS CAN be made into articles of great value and sell rapidly. See THE HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY PART about it, corner Main and Maple avenues, Downers Grove, Telephone 621.

CHICAGO PAPER ENTHUSIAST—I WILL deliver any of the following Chicago morning papers—Daily News, Record-Herald, Times or Tribune—on commission, by making regular routes. Agents for sale of news stand every day at 50 South Main Street.

WHY PAY MORE WHEN YOU CAN BUY a desirable home and lot on one of the best streets in Downers Grove, Ill. with all modern conveniences, by making a small investment and the balance monthly? Apply to "PROGRESS," Reporter Office.

THE HAWK NURSERY CO. WADSWORTH, N. Y., have a good location for any small farm. They have a building and a well. They will sell you a building and a well. They will sell you a building and a well.

The friends of J. B. Huling will be pleased to learn that he has sufficiently recovered from his recent accident to be able to go to Chicago to partly attend to his business. He is still compelled to use crutches to assist him in locomotion.

If you would build up your business, try an advertisement in these columns. It reaches more homes by many hundreds than is reached by the handbills scattered by your out-of-town competitors—and is read more, and the cost is considerably less.

J. P. Mohr of Fullersburg called at this office this week and announced that he would be a candidate for reelection as highway commissioner this year. Mr. Mohr claims that the \$40.000 of interest on township moneys held by him has been turned into the funds and it is the first time it was so turned in.

Chicago is the greatest railway center in the world. No other city in America and no city in Europe can compare with it in this respect. Radiating from Chicago are twenty-five lines or systems of railway, which operate fifty thousand miles of track. These railway lines find entrance to six great union terminals.

An East Grove man whose wife was away on a visit became tired of "bacheling" and hit upon a plan to induce her to return. He sent her copies of The Reporter with some items clipped out. The scheme worked admirably. In less than a week she was at home to find out what it was that had been going on that her husband didn't want her to know about.

A surprise party took place at the home of Miss Belle McPherson Wednesday evening, it being her birthday. A very enjoyable time was spent. Music was rendered by our local entertainer, Philip Roth, also some pieces on a graphophone belonging to James Barnacle of Lisle. Refreshments were served, after which all went home wishing Miss Belle many happy returns of the day.

We understand that special pains have been taken to make a grand success of the program that the Downers Grove and Holton factory bands are to play together Tuesday night, February 5. It will consist of three or four rousing marches, two good overtures, one fine selection of popular waltzes, two grand patriotic numbers and several popular characteristic concert numbers.

The improvement association held a meeting in Moffatt's hall on Tuesday evening. Owing to there not being attendance sufficiently the general quarterly session was not held, but all present were invited to remain for the executive board meeting that followed. Several matters were discussed, such as beautifying the lake, paving, taxation, cutting of trees by the telephone men, etc.

The regular reader, if you have had The Reporter for a long time and know in your heart that you have not yet paid for it, and that you ought to have done so long ago, start the new year right by sending in your subscription at once. Don't hesitate. Even a newspaper can't live on appreciation only. And think how cheerfully we could write your obituary, should you die soon, if we had in memory the fact that you had just sent us one at a half!

At the home of Miss Cora Wheeler, Saturday evening, January 26, the annual Arcadian club banquet will be held. This is the fourth banquet the club has given, and every arrangement has been made both in the way of menu and program to make this annual function a success. This club is one of the finest young people's clubs in Downers Grove, being both a literary and social organization, and though there have been times in its history when attendance and interest was at a low ebb, we now have an organization of young people who meet twice a month to spend a few hours to improve themselves mentally as well as having a social time.

The saxophone is a rare instrument in America, especially in small bands, on account of the difficulty of playing it and its high cost. There is a complete family of saxophones, soprano, tenor, alto, baritone and bass. The tone of the saxophone is reedy and sonorous and possesses a beautiful ally found in no other instrument. The blending of four saxophones is especially beautiful and sounds something like the playing of the reed pipes on the pipe organ. An opportunity will be given the Downers Grove residents to hear this odd and beautiful instrument at the band concert at the Auditorium Tuesday night, February 5, when the Chicago saxophone quartet will be a prominent feature on the program.

Frank Holton, who is to be the trombone soloist at the Auditorium Tuesday night, February 5, was when he was actively engaged in music, considered the greatest living exponent of that exceedingly difficult instrument, the slide trombone. While he no longer pretends to be in the same excellent form that he was when he delighted thousands as soloist with some of the best organizations in the country, yet he does things on the trombone to-day that are rarely attempted by even the best soloists. He has an enormous

range, getting every note between "Pedal F" and "F in Alt." a range of four octaves. The following are some of the more important positions he has held during thirty years of his professional experience: First trombone and soloist Ellis Brooks' New York concert band, several seasons; trombone soloist Nantasket Beach, Boston; trombone soloist Ponce de Leon hotel, St. Augustine, Fla.; first trombone Sousa's band, world's fair and continental tour; trombone soloist Alva Heywood concert company; trombone soloist Weldon's Chicago band; trombone soloist and manager Brooks' second regiment band, Chicago, for five years; first trombone Phinney's U. S. band.

### Resolutions of Condolence

The Sunday school of First Baptist church of Downers Grove last Sunday unanimously passed the following:

Whereas, It has seemed good to our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our late worthy and esteemed brother and fellow member, Melville Downer; and

Whereas, The intimate relations long held by the deceased with the members of our Sunday school render it proper that we should place upon record our appreciation of his loyalty to the school and his merits as a young man; therefore

Resolved, That we deplore the loss of Melville, with deep feelings of regret, softened only by confident hope that his spirit is with those who, having fought the good fight here, are enjoying perfect happiness in a better world.

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted family our sincere condolences and our earnest sympathy in their affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions signed by the superintendent and certified by the secretary of the school be presented to the family, and that a copy be spread on the records of our school, also that a copy be transmitted to the editor of our local paper for publication. E. N. Sucher, secretary; W. B. Towles, superintendent.

### The Great Musical Event

The Downers Grove band has made arrangements with the musicians from the Frank Holton band instrument factory to combine them and give a grand concert in the auditorium Tuesday evening, February 5. This combined band will be the largest ever heard in this place. The instrumentation will be about as follows: Piccolo, flute, 2 Eb clarinets, 9 Bb clarinets, 3 saxophones, 9 Bb cornets, 6 altos, 5 alto trombones, 1 tenor horn, 4 basses and 3 drums. There will be between forty and fifty men in all.

Arrangements have been made for the two bands to rehearse together, and a fine program has been prepared which will be published in full in this paper next week. Some of the special features on this program will be: A vocal solo with band accompaniment, by S. L. Lovett; a number by the Chicago Saxophone Quartet, and, best of all, a trombone solo by Frank Holton, president of Frank Holton and Company, and late trombone soloist with Sousa's band.

The band will be conducted alternately our local director, Prof. H. E. Taylor, and E. J. Delano, bandmaster of the Holton factory band and the Illinois naval reserve band. The proceeds of the concert will go to the Downers Grove band.

This concert will also afford an opportunity for our people to see what kind of a musical organization Downers Grove can support should the Frank Holton factory, with its many musically inclined employees, be permanently located here.

### Tree Trimming Vandals

A gang of men from the Chicago Telephone company construction department dropped into town on Tuesday and began to cut and slash the trees in Downers Grove in a very wild and erratic manner. As about nine-tenths of the male population of the village are absent during the day, it was possibly easy for these fellows to persuade women to let them "just cut the twigs," and getting a quasi-permit, they signed the name of the owner of the adjoining property to permit and started. Spurs were used and down on Washington street several trees near I. G. Heatt's new home were badly lacerated. A fine twenty-inch elm standing near the creek in the parkway was cut down. This tree was at least forty feet high and possibly eighteen to twenty inches in diameter and had been planted there about thirty-five years ago. The telephone people got a permit from the owner of the lot adjoining, S. Burgraff, who wanted the tree taken out. Burgraff had no more right to give the permit to cut the tree than would a native of Timbuctoo, Africa. He got a silly idea in his head that because he paid for sewers he owns half the road. Last summer the same fellow, Burgraff, deliberately girdled two of the big trees in front of his place and has not been prosecuted for it. The village ordinance is plain and says:

"No person shall cut, break, or otherwise injure or destroy any shade or ornamental tree allowed to be planted in the streets of the village other than his own. Any person cutting, breaking or otherwise injuring such tree or trees shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars for every offense; provided nothing in this ordinance shall prevent or inflict any penalty on any person, acting under the authority of the village authorities, when

### Epworth League Entertainment

The fourth entertainment under the auspices of the Epworth league of the First Methodist church will be given in the beautiful audience room on Monday evening, January 28. A quartet of lady artists of exceptional talent in their line will be the entertainers. Miss Marion Chase, the unexcelled elocutionist and soloist, will need no commendation. Her work with us last year was of the highest character and proved a rare treat, as well as a great

surprise by its very excellence. She is a pleasing soloist as well as a distinguished reader. She will be assisted by Miss Tessie A. Naughton, a talented violinist, who ably sustains Miss Chase in her work. In her solo work she will be accompanied by Miss Mary Eames, a pianist of great ability. Miss Grace Leach, B. M., is widely known as one of the best pipe organists in the city. She is a graduate of Chicago musical college, a pupil of Dr. Ziegfeld and Arthur Friedheim, and studied for three years under Hans V. Schlicher. She holds two diamonds, two gold, be-

lieve other medals, won for her proficiency in piano and harmony. After studying with Emil Liebling, she spent two years under the great William H. Sherwood, graduating with the post-graduate degree. Her rendition of Rubenstein's great concerto before an immense audience on that occasion is still remembered. This will be a rare opportunity for our music-loving people to hear these delightful and able musicians. An evening of rare enjoyment is assured. A special privilege is extended in the way of reduced admission fee to public school pupils.

they deem it necessary to trim, uproot or destroy any of said trees."

There has been an idea prevalent that property owners were owners of the trees in front of their property, and that is why the clause "other than their own" appears in the first sentence possibly. Attorney Bunge has given to the village president an opinion that the trees from lot line to lot line are in the custody of the village board.

The telephone officials have written to our editor as follows:

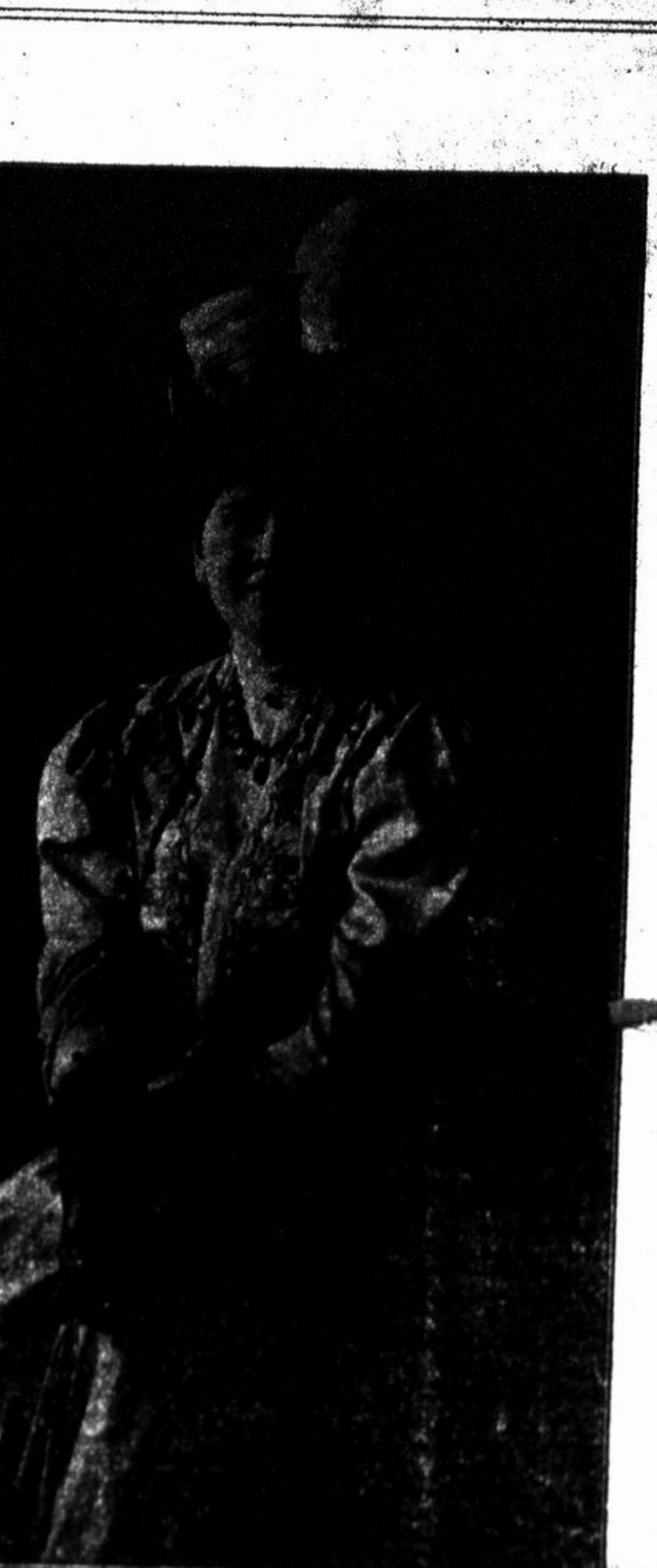
Chicago, January 23, 1907.

Mr. W. Harry Spears, Editor, Downers Grove Reporter, Downers Grove, Ill.:

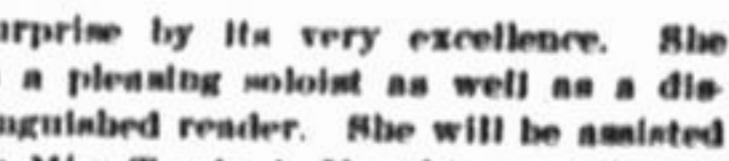
Dear Sir—Upon looking over a copy of the ordinance, giving to this company a right to operate in Downers Grove, I find the one clause relating to the trimming of trees to be as follows:

"Section 3. No tree or trees in any street or alley of said village shall be cut or trimmed by said company, its successors, lessees and assigns, without the consent of the abutting property owner."

From this you will understand that the company has the legal right to trim these trees by securing only the con-



MISS MARION CHASE



MISS GRACE LEACH.

sent of the abutting property owner. However, it is not the disposition of this company to take advantage, arbitrarily, of this permit and every effort will be made to arrive at some arrangement whereby the work may be done both with the consent of the property owner and under the direc-



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tion of city officials. Fraternally yours, B. A. Pratt.

We want to say right here that from the opinion given by the attorney and from the experience of the suit between a citizen and the city of Mt. Pleasant, Illinois, which was carried to the supreme court of the state, the clause above, if in the franchise, has no force whatever, as it would be illegal for the board of Downers Grove to grant such permission, so it is void. The law must govern in all cases. Down on Maple avenue and Mackie place these "tree harkers" sawed off a limb from a beautiful maple, leaving three other limbs pointing each way and a hole where the "butcher's" was done. The symmetry of the tree had been spoiled. Of course, the limb taken off was towards the wires. Whoever heard of a telephone company being so magnanimous as to cut even a dead limb off a tree to "shape" it up if it grew on the side away from the wires? Such acts would mean outlay of valuable time and diminishing of the eleven or twelve per cent profits of the company on its mayhap watered stock.

Seeing the acts of what appeared to be vandalism, the editor of this paper took a hand personally to stop it. A strong complaint was lodged with the local management and head office of the telephone company and village authorities and an arrangement was made to have an official of the village go along and inspect the work.

To property owners and particularly to women we say don't allow these "trimmers" to touch your trees unless a village official is with them. A beautiful tree takes years to grow and why should a corporation that is making millions out of the people (to say nothing of the poor service given as noted last week) be allowed to destroy these natural assets? All the telephone company cares for is dividends. Let them put in underground conduits or cables.

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Depot Agent Scott has received orders to prohibit all loading in the depot here. Large cars have been found warping all of locomotives who load. The village officers will arrest any person caught loading in the depot, so all should govern themselves accordingly.



GEORGE T. HUGHES

From a Photo Taken About Forty Years Ago.

The picture, mounted and unmounted and in little frames, the lucky guesser was F. A. Rogers. Among the guessers were the following: M. E. Stanger guessed Allan Wheeler, Merz and Mechel guessed Allan Wheeler.

F. A. Rogers guessed Geo. T. Hughes, T. L. Bunting guessed William D. Herrick.

James Steiger guessed Capt. T. E. Rogers, Mrs. Reider guessed George D. Heatt.

A. L. Palmer guessed D. Laing, G. Houck guessed P. Leuband.

Several other guesses were made given to us, but not conforming to the rules could not be recorded. Among these latter was P. Leuband, who guessed Allan Wheeler, and John King, who guessed William Meier.

### What is This?

Here is a chance for you if you are a student of physiology. The prize printed is from an old copy of one of our citizens who may be seen every day on the streets. To the first person sending in a correct guess with this person is we will give The Reporter for one year free. Contest closes Saturday at 12 o'clock and all answers must be in writing and sent by mail. They must be enclosed in the envelope of the envelope "Picture Contest." Contest will close Wednesday noon following. If no one guesses correctly it will be reopened next week. Next week we will announce the winner. Only subscribers may contest and paper must be sent to a non-subscriber.

Fire at the Convention. A small fire took place at the convention house at Wheaton on Saturday. The cause was the crowding of electric wires leading into the attic. The employees of the county, who have offices in the building, attacked the flames and put out the fire before the local company arrived on the scene. The damage was only \$25.00. Supervisor Blodgett went over on Monday to see in the settlement of the damage.

More Basketball Games. Saturday evening, Jan. 26, the two teams of the girls' society will play together with the boys of the basketball club, who meet the William M. E. team of Chicago. The two girls' teams will play very evenly matched and will no doubt make a very interesting and novel game to witness, while the game for the boys promises to be quite a proposition. The home boys, though they are from the "Willards" will have to be beaten. Don't forget the date and come and see your girls. Auditorium, 8:30 p. m. day night.

### Among the Churches

Rev. Robert Altshuler will preach in the Congregational church, at 10 o'clock Sunday. Morning service at 10 o'clock, 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 8 p. m.