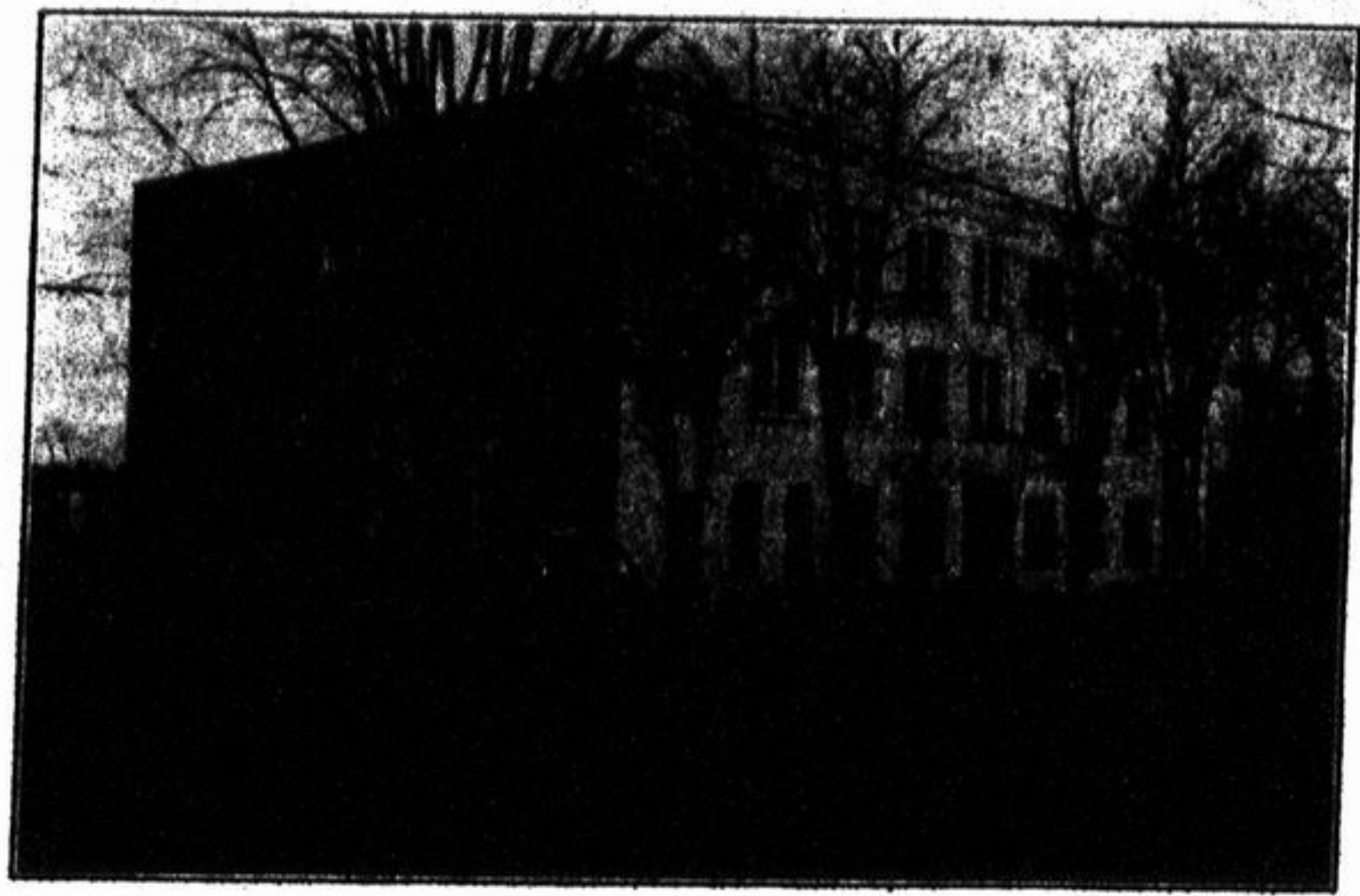
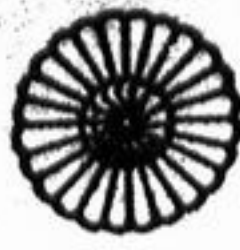


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DO WE WANT THE FACTORY?

Would fifty new families help Downers Grove? Would \$700 a week, distributed among fifty well paid men, help this town? If so, pick out the lot shown in the accompanying diagram which you are willing to buy and put your name down.

There are only thirty-three lots—not as many lots as there are new families coming to town with the Frank Holton & Co. band instrument factory.

To buy one of these lots and put a house on it would be about as good an investment as one could make. Why? Because there is a strong demand for houses here. Last May 100 more houses could have been rented if they had been obtainable. What will it be next spring with this additional number of homeseekers.



Probably the most picturesque phase of American railroad operations is found in the manner in which the steam roads of the West battle with the giant snowdrifts of the mountain regions. This novel activity is seen in its most spectacular form on the higher levels of the Rocky mountains.

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MANY IN PEORIA GRAFT TRAP.

New Charges Are Filed and Numerous Subpoenas Are Issued.

Insurances of many subpoenas for witnesses in the graft investigation into the affairs of county officials at Peoria has been ordered by State's Attorney Scholes.

Further attempts to suppress the investigation for indications of graft among county officials in Peoria by the grand jury are said to have been made the other day.

Neighbor-Harry Huber, comes home immediately. Your wife has suffocated herself with gas. Huber-Heavens! There'll be a nice gas bill to pay.

Did you say your new doctor's name was Steed? Yes; Doctor Steed.

Mr. Jawback (savagely)—I wish you were somewhere I'd never be able to see you again.

Smallpox on the Increase. State Health Reports Show No Improvement in Scarlet Fever.

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Constable S. Sulceki and his wife, Josephine, both deaf and dumb, were found dead in their bed in Chicago.

The grand jury engaged in ferreting out the irregularities in the sheriff's office and that of the board of supervisors continued its work in Peoria.

Because the parents of the bride objected to the bridegroom's religious faith, Miss Bertha Reed, a young society worker of Decatur, and Thomas Nolan, an assistant yardmaster of the Wabash railroad, eloped to Chicago.

Without a home, separated from his wife, poor and alone, Thomas Leopold, a Civil War veteran, aged 60, lay down by a railroad track near Litchfield and from to death.

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All Over the State.

Chester Mills of Grand View fell while skating and died from a fractured skull.

The Illinois clayworkers closed their meeting at Champaign and elected as president W. M. Pratt of Earlville.

Perry Duck died in the hospital in Paris. This makes seventeen dead in the Big Four railroad wreck at Sandford, Ind.

The Sterling Gas and Electric Light Company announced a straight reduction of 20 per cent in the price of electricity to commercial users.

John Cassidy, a mail carrier, was struck by a train at Arlington. He was taken to the hospital in Mendota, but his injuries proved fatal.

Prof. Wilbur B. Jackman, dean of the school of education at the University of Chicago, died after an illness of less than twenty-four hours.

Four men are dead and seven others injured as a result of a powder explosion in the west side mine of the Johnston City and Big Muddy Coal Mining Company.

Otis Eddy, aged 102 years, died at his home in Rockford. He was believed to be the oldest Mason in this country in years of membership. He was initiated in 1826.

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