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News of the Neighborhood

Ten prisoners are now confined in the county jail.

Miss Blanche Rand, of Carthage, Ill., is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Bush. C. V. Wolf is building a house on the lot adjoining his new greenhouse on Prairie street.

Miss Manon of Chicago was the guest of Mrs. L. H. Clement of Linscott avenue on Thursday.

J. B. Juro and wife of Chicago were guests of John and Mrs. Stewart on Thursday.

Miss Ethel Barr of Carpenter street expects to leave for California in the early spring on an extended visit with friends.

Naramore & Foster have a new advertisement in this issue in which they announce the sale of several houses on easy terms.

The house now occupied by Frank Dove at the corner of Saratoga and Franklin streets is being repaired. A second story is being added.

Miss Mary Carpenter of Evanston spent from Friday of last week till Tuesday of this week in town as the guest of Mrs. C. V. Carpenter of East Maple avenue.

The first touch of spring was experienced last Saturday. It made the big coal pile look like a foolish luxury. The coal bin will not be overladen two months from now.

If you want to know all you have ever done, and many things you have never thought of doing, just run for office, and you'll get your character aired in good shape.

A social "at home" will be given by the promotion committee of the Royal League on March 5, in Moshoff's hall, at which the members and their male friends will be invited.

George D. Fronties and wife of Morgan Park spent Sunday in town as the guests of John Pierce and wife of East Maple avenue, and of N. C. Pierce and wife of the north side.

MISCELLANEOUS LOCALS.

LOST—ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, A gray wolf-dog, with red band, collar, presumably on East Maple avenue. Finder please leave at Mertz & Mochel's, suitable reward.

FOR RENT—THREE ROOMS WITH TWO closets, gas and bath, suitable for light housekeeping, partly furnished. Apply to Mrs. Norton, 135 North Post.

FOUND—NEAR THOMPSON'S STORE A young girl's ring. Finder may have same by calling at Thompson's, 714 North Post, and paying for this advertisement. J. Neidinger.

WANTED—NICE WOMAN FOR COOKING and laundering wages \$4. Mr. B. D. Cleveland, 67 Lincoln street, Hinsdale.

ORGAN WANTED—ANYONE HAVING AN organ to sell will allow to be used in the school, should communicate with Miss Walker.

FOR SALE—CHOICE LOT OF WHITE Plymouth Rock Cockerels, Ring and Finsel straws. Prices ranging from one to three dollars. Eggs, one dollar per five, call at address. H. Moshoff, Downers Grove, R. F. D. Box 18, or telephone 924.

FOR SALE—YOUNG HENS, ROCK ISLANDS. Tom may on hand. J. J. Verbeck, Highland avenue; telephone 971.

LOST—ON GROVE STREET OR SOUTH Main street, between Grove and Maple avenues, on Thursday, February 7, a round gold pocket set with small diamond. Finder please leave at 23 Grove street and receive reward.

MONEY TO LOAN IN SUMS OF \$500 AND upward; 6 per cent; good security required. Naramore & Foster.

YOUR OLD CLOTHES OR CARPETS CAN be made into artistic and useful rag and fluff rags. See THE UNIQUE RIG COMPANY about it, corner Main and Maple avenues, Downers Grove. Telephone 627.

DOWNERS GROVE WEAVING SOCIETY, 44 North Post street. Have your old carpets made into beautiful rags.

FOR SALE—FINE STOCK OF TOULE geese, first price at Downers Grove and Chicago, at \$12 a pair, or exchange for chickens. Eggs for hatching in season. Fred Moschereck, 45 R. Main St.

FOR RENT—5-ROOM COTTAGE, WITH chicken and incubator house and 100 feet ground. L. B. Waples.

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

BLANKETS AT PRINER'S—THE KIND that will keep your horses warm and dry.

WANTED—MEN IN EACH STATE TO travel, distribute samples of our goods and rack signs. Salary \$25 per month; \$2 per day for expenses. RAINDOR, 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

FOR SALE—SIX-ROOM HOUSE, CITY water, good closets; small barn with outbuilding; large lot (66-100 of an acre), ample fruit and shade trees; five minutes' walk to depot; on East Maple avenue; a great bargain. For price and terms call on address J. W. Pearce, 240 B. Maple avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.

WANTED—10 MEN IN EACH STATE TO travel, distribute samples of our goods and rack signs. Salary \$25 per month; \$2 per day for expenses. RAINDOR, 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

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

WANTED—MAN TO REPRESENT HIGH-class enterprises, rapidly growing. To one qualifying permanent position with compensation of \$50 per week. Application must contain full particulars. Address The Catus Vlejas Mining Co., Iron Block, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE INTERNATIONAL POULTRY FOOD will prove that an economical for your poultry as the International Stock Food for Dan Hatch, the great record-breaking broiler. Pinner has it.

WANTED—LADY TO ADVERTISE OUR goods locally; several weeks home work; salary \$12.00 per week, \$1.00 a day for expenses. RAINDOR, 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

The "Sylvan Socials" of Edgewater, of which Miss Nellie B. Farley and Sherman Farley of this place are members, were entertained at the home of the latter here on Sunday, February 17.

County supervisor James McClintock of Hinsdale is a candidate for the post-mastership of that village, owing to the death of postmaster Carleton. Mr. McClintock is receiving the support of the county organizations.

Just as we go to press the banquet which has become an annual affair in Downers Grove is being held at the Methodist church. It is in honor of Washington, and a full account will appear in next issue of the affair.

John Bradbury and wife left on Thursday for the Pacific coast. They will stay for some time at Seattle, Washington, and on their return will spend some time at Cody, Wyoming, arriving here about the middle of March.

The local Royal League council is steadily adding to its members. One candidate was initiated at the meeting on Tuesday evening, another will be initiated at the next meeting, and the members have several "prospects" in view.

George A. Coleman, from Alaska, is visiting his mother and sister in East Grove. He will stay for two or three weeks with them. He has been in Alaska for nine years, having gone there when the country was in a very crude state.

On Thursday little Miss Ruth Clement, daughter of L. H. and Mrs. Clement, entertained ten little girls at her home on Linscott avenue, the occasion being Miss Ruth's eighth anniversary. Ice cream and cake were served and many games indulged in.

N. Kubitz of Chicago, who recently purchased a large tract of land on West Maple avenue adjoining Mrs. J. C. Aswell's home, is having considerable "movements" made. A couple of scrub, overgrown willow trees have been cut down and other beautifying done.

Valentine day arrives every February 14 promptly. Cupid is fondly expected by many, with his gauze wings, sweet face, bow and cruel arrows. Queer, too! He never seems to grow old. Whoever saw a gray-headed Cupid? Generations come and go under his reign, but he always has the same bright and happy face, stamped with youth and beauty.

The closing lecture of the Epworth league course will be given on Friday evening, March 1, by Rev. Dr. DeLoe N. Tompkins, of De Kalb, Illinois. His theme will be "The Wreck of the Tamarisk." Dr. Tompkins is one of the most scholarly men of the Rock River conference. He is a fluent speaker and a delightful entertainer. For some years he served in one of the most responsible positions in India. The lecture will be an account of his personal experience in the wreck of the above named vessel, in which both he and his family passed through most exciting experiences and narrowly escaped death. The incidents and information which his doctor gives makes a most thrilling address. We predict that many will declare after hearing the doctor that the management have kept the best until the last. Do not forget the date.

A Valentine Party The music committee of the Congregational church entertained the girls' club in a delightful manner at the home of Mrs. John Graves, on the evening of February 14. That the evening was dedicated to St. Valentine was quickly recognized by the guests as they entered the pleasant parlors, as each room had blossomed forth in a profusion of bleeding hearts. The entertainment was a novel one and entered into with zest by the participants. The "dimes" pastebored "nickels" and paper "pennies" were hidden in all conceivable places, and the guests were straightway instructed to search them out. A merry hunt for "spoils" began, which resulted in each guest having sufficient "change" with which to visit the bargain counter, where "valentine supplies" were sold, from which they were expected to construct original "valentines." After much painstaking with paper, scissors, paints and other accessories, the valentines were submitted to the judges. Miss Beulah Simonson and Roy Johnson were the lucky prize winners. Refreshments consisting of warm biscuits and maple syrup were then served. The guests departed expressing their gratitude to the music committee for the pleasant evening they had given them.

Gillian the Humorist Strickland W. Gillian, the humorist-poet from Baltimore, will be the entertainer to-night at the auditorium in the regular entertainment course.

Gillian is one of the most original and unique characters on the platform today. He is irresistibly funny. You are compelled to laugh whether he says anything or not. An evening with Gillian is like a mythical mixture of Bill Nye, Whitcomb Riley, Eugene Field and Will Carleton. His monologues are done in that droll, easy, conversational style that keeps the hearers in constant good humor. His wit fairly sparkles and his imitations bits of original verse contain the best that is in

humanity and a dash of pathos that is truly delightful. "The best feature of the course" is the verdict of those "present every time. His is not a city entertainment or a country entertainment—it is a human entertainment, and he is sure of success wherever there are human hearts and a sense of humor.

Gillian is a type of the American humorist that people have learned to appreciate. But he is not all humor. There is good, deep sentiment in him, and it wells up in the hearts of his hearers.

Death of Miss L. A. Dunn Miss L. A. Dunn died at her home on Maple avenue on Sunday afternoon, and was buried on Tuesday at Cass. Below is the obituary as read by Rev. Dr. Farnillioe:

"Isabella Anna Dunn was born November 24, 1862, in Cass, Du Page county, Illinois. She was the youngest child of a family of nine children given to William P. and Isabella Dunn. When about two years of age her mother died and the motherless child was most tenderly cared for by Mrs. James Mackie, a half sister. Twenty-eight years of her life was spent in Cass and the remainder in Downers Grove. At the age of fifteen years her eyes began to be very troublesome and in spite of the best medical care grew worse until she became almost blind. About five years ago her eyeballs burst, which resulted in total blindness. She was a very great sufferer, but wondrously cheerful and patient amid it all. Her mind was remarkably clear until the very last. She kept in part the management of her household affairs until within a day or two of her death. In early girlhood she gave her heart to God and united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Cass and transferred her membership to the Downers Grove church on moving to the village. Her conversion was clear and most satisfying. Her testimony constantly revealed an implicit and abiding confidence in God. It was so cheery and full of sunshine in the midst of the most severe physical afflictions.

"She always spoke of God's goodness, counting her blessings rather than uttering complaints. The joy of God's salvation was her strength and the abiding presence of God in response to her faith in his promise was a conscious experience until the end. In spite of her many disabilities she managed to minister to others and many are the kindly words of those to whom these ministrations were given. Her last illness has confined her to the home for over a year. Loving friends administered to her necessities with tender devotion, but it was seen that the end could not be postponed. She died at 10:15 Sunday night, February 17, 1907. A noble, devoted, Christian woman who was loyal to God and greatly prized the privileges of her church has gone to her eternal reward. She is survived by six brothers, four of whom are privileged to attend these funeral services."

Fifth Annual Banquet The Christian Endeavor society of the First Congregational church held their fifth annual banquet on Friday evening, February 15. A large number of friends and members of the society were present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ladies' aid society certainly deserves credit for the manner in which the supper was served. The tables were decorated with carnations, and were very attractive.

Owing to the fact that several who were to have taken part were unable to be present, some changes had to be made in the program. Below is the program as given:

Adolph Winter, toastmaster; invocation, D. G. Graham; solo (selected), Miss Josephine Paden; "Girls' Progressive Club," Inez McVean; "Honorary Members," D. G. Graham; paper, John Gray; solo (selected), Wm. Lempe; reading (selected), Miss Myra Reil; "Tempest and Sunshine in C. E.," Florence Spahr; solo (selected), Wm. Lempe; "Aspiration and Perspiration," H. Jonathan; "Basket Ball," Chas. Taylor; song, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"; "Mizpah."

Delta Phi's Party The Delta Phi Epsilon sorority gave a Valentine party at Modoff's hall on the evening of February 13. About fifty young people were present, the hall was beautifully decorated, red colors predominating. About two hundred "paper hearts" were hung about the hall. The "Ideal Husband and Wife" contest caused a great deal of merriment. Each lady and gentleman received a heart-shaped piece of paper and was requested to write down their conception of an ideal wife or husband. Then all were read aloud in turn by Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. George Downer. Mrs. V. Simonson was elected judge, and she awarded the first prize to Miss Glenna Potter and Delbert Austin. At about ten-thirty o'clock refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served, the cream being served heart-shaped.

The postal authorities at Washington, recognizing the liability of post-masters to make mistakes in getting letters in the wrong boxes, have fixed a penalty of \$200 on persons taking mail out of the office other than their own and not returning it at once. This law also includes newspapers. The excuses that it is the postmaster's fault is not acceptable. If you have been getting other people's mail, you had better take warning or you may get yourself into trouble.

The Arcadian club will meet at the home of Miss Anne Findlay, Saturday evening, March 2.

Village Board Meeting The village board, in adjourned session on Monday evening, all members excepting trustee Davis were present. Trustee Graves acted as clerk in the absence of clerk White.

A letter from Engineer C. H. Prout was read. Mr. Prout proposes to make a survey of the village and to furnish certain maps, etc., for \$250.00.

Attorney Bunge read the law on the matter, which states that where certain sections or tracts of land in a village or city are indicated on deeds and conveyances by "meas" and "bounds," that it was the duty of the county clerk to have a survey made and indicate each lot by numbers and the same to be paid for by a general assessment on the property benefited. The attorney explained that in the case whatever it would cost would be in addition to amount that the village collected as general fund, and it paid by the village as a whole it would come out of the general fund of the village. After some discussion the matter was left in the hands of the village attorney, to have the county clerk go ahead with the work and make his own agreement with engineer Prout in accordance with that gentleman's proposition.

W. J. Herring, representing the P. A. Lord Lumber company, then addressed the board. Mr. Herring took up the matter relative to the cement used in the sidewalk by contractor Bartlett and against which certain charges were made by M. A. Sacksteder at the last meeting of the board. Mr. Sacksteder having presented laboratory analysis to the fact that the cement known as Marquette brand fell below the government standard. Mr. Herring went on to say that he had learned of no complaint as to the quality of the cement. In some cases sidewalks had been built with this cement and had failed to come up to the required standard, but it was not the fault of the cement. It was because of the walks not being protected and having been frozen by the early frost in October. In other cases salt had been used on the sidewalks, and of course the same were destroyed. The speaker knew of placed in town within a block of the depot where two other brands as well as Marquette were used and all had proven satisfactory. He had investigated all the different makes of cement manufactured in the west, and he believed that Marquette was the best. The firm of which he was a member had been here for a number of years; they had considerable property interests, not only here but at Hinsdale and LaGrange, as well as private holdings in the village. They were here to stay, and it would be poor business for them to sell to the village of Downers Grove, knowingly, an inferior grade of cement, even if it was a fact that there was more profit in the same, which was not the case, as Marquette cement costs more money than some of the other western cements. When the cement had been sold to Mr. Bartlett, the engineer, J. S. Lottier, he demanded a test and he (Mr. Herring) had provided ample bricks for that purpose and also laboratory tests.

Some discussion then arose between the speaker and M. A. Sacksteder in regard to whether these tests had been made by the company furnishing the material or the recognized authority independent of such.

Mr. Dickenson, of La Salle, Illinois, vice president of the Marquette Cement company, then addressed the board relative to the manufacture of his cement, and explained how at a small portion of the kiln might be underbaked in the manufacture, and the same might not come up to a certain analysis, and for technical reasons might be refused by the C. B. & Q. railway, but for all purposes would be equally as good for certain work. Some of the cement that the C. B. & Q. railway did refuse was used afterwards in the construction work of their own factory at La Salle for pillars and foundations upon which heavy machinery was placed. His company was capitalized for a million dollars and was prepared to guarantee the quality of all cement sold by them.

The matter of a viaduct under the C. B. & Q. railway on Maple avenue was then taken into consideration, and it was left in the hands of the attorney to try to get the C. B. & Q. authorities to go ahead with the work and not compel the village through the inaction of the company to pass an ordinance ordering the same to be done. It seems that the C. B. & Q. officials claim that it would cost one hundred and ten thousand dollars to build the viaduct, and that the amount was considered by the village officials to be excessive.

Congregational Song Service At the vesper service on Sunday evening at the First Congregational church, a song service has been arranged for as follows:

Clarinet solo by George F. Greenwood; two numbers by the choir; solo by William Lempe; violin solo by Miss Aileen Northrup; number by the boys' orchestra, and a number by the ladies' quartette.

Lecture on Live Topics Rev. Dr. Goodwin of LaGrange is delivering a series of lectures here under the auspices of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, the newly organized church which has succeeded the Catholic league. The lectures will continue during Lent and will be held every Sunday evening at Thompson's hall. There will be a short ceremonial opening from 8 to 8:15, after which the lecture will be given. All are cordially

invited, particularly non-Catholics. Last Sunday evening the subject was "The Church and Secular Education." Dr. Goodwin stated that the Catholic church was not opposed to the public school, as has been stated. It was highly commendable, but for the reason that they believed that moral as well as mental training should be instilled into the young, they favored parochial schools.

The subject of the lectures in the future will be as follows:

February 24—"The Church and Politics."

March 3—"The Church and Socialism."

March 10—"The Church and Labor Union."

March 17—"The Church as a Censor of the Press."

March 24—"The Church and Spiritualism."

Methodist Evangelistic Services

The special services being held in the Methodist Episcopal church are increasing in interest and accomplishing much good. Rev. T. K. Gale of West Pullman, has been assisting the pastor during the week. The increasing interest has made it desirable that the services be removed from the basement of the church to the audience room above. C. K. Roe has had charge of the music and has proved an inspiring leader. Rev. Mr. Gale consented to spend next Sunday evening here and will preach on that occasion. It is very probable that the services will continue for one more week. The people of all denominations are most cordially invited to join in these services. An effort is being made to secure a good soloist to assist us during the coming week.

Boy of Local Merit

The Downers Grove laborer, mechanic, office man, business man or manufacturer figures that at the end of every week or every month he has a certain income. This may be in the form of salary or profit, but it is there. Salary means the profit which a man's arms or a man's brain, or both together, are capable of earning. Profit, in the general meaning of the term, is the difference between the cost of the goods as well as the cost of the sale and the selling price. In these days of general prosperity the profit shows up considerably larger than in hard times.

Now, at the end of every week or every month it should be the business of the Downers Grove laborer, mechanic, office man, business man or manufacturer to spend in Downers Grove whatever part of his profit is necessary for his living. We are all living here under circumstances which are naturally advantageous. We enjoy clean streets, well lighted thoroughfares, protection from those who prey upon others, and all other comforts of a well-regulated municipality, simply because we pay our money into a common fund. So by all working for all we bring about the ideal government.

That same spirit of mutual assistance should prevail in the business world in this town. Downers Grove merchants work hard to please their customers and they offer as good goods as can be purchased anywhere in the country. Business men in various lines of trade owe it to each other to patronize home stores. Downers Grove is the best town in this part of the country. There is no doubt about it. It naturally follows that Downers Grove merchants are not to be excelled in this section. Buying from Downers Grove merchants insures the proper spirit of local pride in home institutions.

Perseverance, but True. There are two kinds of men in every community, the men who help and the men who do not. Every man belongs to the one or the other of these classes. He either helps to build up a town or he drags it down. To which class do you belong? The man who goes to the public meetings, and takes a part in the active work of uplifting is a helper. The man who stays at home, refuses to subscribe to public funds, takes no part in public enterprises and grumbles about everything the helpers do is a dead weight upon the community and he ought to get in the game or out of town. If you can't be a helper, for the sake of the people who want to make your home town a better place to live in and a more attractive place for the stranger seeking a location, emigrate to some community where you can join an Old Foggy Club and live in discontent, knocking and hearing others who knock. The world loves a man who does things. It bows to the man who accomplishes what others are afraid to undertake. It respects the man who helps others to accomplish what nobody can accomplish alone. The world has use for the helper where he is found, but for the knocker, the bright active word of to-day has little regard or respect.

Money a Mere Superstition There is so much pleasure in publishing a newspaper that some editors are refusing money as a reward for their services. It takes gall to run a newspaper. It takes a scintillating, acrobatic imagination and a half dozen white shirts and railroad passes to run a newspaper. But money—heavens to Betsy and six hands around, who ever needed money to run a newspaper? Kind words are the medium of exchange that do the business for the editor—kind words and church social tickets. Don't worry about the editor. He has a charter from the State to act as the door mat for the community. He'll get the paper out somehow and stand up for you when you run for office, and lie about your pigeon-footed daughter's wedding and blow about your big-footed boys when they get a four dollars per week job, and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from your grasping body and laugh at your wife's second marriage. He'll get along.

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Death of Mrs. E. T. Vore The death of Margaret Cecilia, beloved wife of Edward T. Vore, occurred at her late home on Oakwood avenue after a lingering illness on Thursday of last week, February 14, 1907. A beloved husband, two sons and a daughter (Mrs. W. S. Waples, of this place), and four grand children, mourn her. The funeral services were conducted in accordance with the rites of the Roman Catholic church, Rev. Father Bohmann of LaGrange officiating, and was largely attended.

Near shady wall a rose once grew, Budded and blossomed in God's free light. Watered and fed by morning dew, Shedding its sweetness day and night. As it grew and blossomed, fair and slow, Slowly rising to loftier height, It came to a crevice in the wall Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength; With never a thought of fear or pride. It followed the light through the crevice's length And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view Were found the same as they were before; And it lost itself in beauties new, Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve, And make our courage faint or fall? Nay; let us faith and hope receive; The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Scattering fragrance far and wide, Just as it did in days of yore, Just as it did on the other side, Just as it will forevermore.

It is a courtesy to out of town guests at your home that mention is made of their visits in the leading local paper of the city. It is the duty of the host to see that the editor or reporter knows of the fact. This is not blowing your own horn, but is showing respect for your guests at your hearthstone. Items of this character are always welcome at this office, especially from homes not mentioned in nearly every issue.

We are never too busy to get a report of a public meeting or private gathering, and the smallest personal is just as gladly printed as the longest news story. We will esteem it a favor if you will call up telephone 47 and tell us any item, for no matter how small the item is, some one will be interested in it.

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Among the Churches

Special song services at Congregational church Sunday at vesper time.

Services at Congregational church next Sunday as usual. Preaching service, commencing, 10:45; vesper, evening, 8; Sunday school, 12 m.; Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.

Rev. Allen L. Curtis, who was previously accepted at the Congregational church last Sunday, will occupy the pulpit again this Sunday. An invitation is extended to all.

At the Baptist church on Sunday, February 24, the Rev. J. W. Prescott will preach as follows: "The evening subject, 'The Fall of the Roman Empire.'"

Services to-morrow at the First Baptist church as follows: Class meeting, 10:30 a. m.; public worship, 10:45 a. m., at which the pastor will preach; Sunday school at 12:00; Junior League at 3:00 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:00 p. m.; evening service at 7:30 p. m., at which the Rev. T. K. Gale will preach.

Disorderly Citizens

The inordinately love of the law too often makes men impatiently disloyal to the town and the country in which they live. They will not only refuse to patronize home stores, refuse to subscribe to public improvements in their own town, but they will be the first to advance the price of their property as a result of the public sacrificing work of others. Loyalty to your own town is just as commendable a type of patriotism as any one can find, and no matter how much your patriotism boils over on the Fourth of July in a general way, if you are disloyal in little things to your town you are a poor citizen of the republic; you are like him who makes long prayers in the church and jaws his wife and children at home.

The City—and the Country. Read this little story from a Chicago newspaper, just bubbling over with "human interest," and see if it doesn't make your heart ache.

"Four little girls who never had seen a tree arrived at the Tribune hospital, in West Chicago, yesterday afternoon. They were sisters, and the youngest was a year old, the oldest was five. They had spent their lives in the Eastman ward. They never had been in the hospital before. Only once in her life had Mother, when she was far from home, and that was one day when she was sent to buy a loaf of bread at the corner store, and, impelled by curiosity, walked on to the street to see the fire engine.

"An hour after Mother arrived at the hospital she had asked the nurse to write a letter to her mother. Mother dictated the letter, and this is what the nurse wrote:

"Mama: they is the biggest ever out here I ever saw. They is as big as the whole house. Miss Jennings says they ain't flowers, they're trees. But she is wrong. They is flowers, because they look like the flowers in the window, but hasn't the red blooms on them. I guess the blooms hasn't come yet. There is cows out here and horses and dogs and cats and chickens and ducks. Ducks is the chickens only fatter. Cows has things stickin' out from their heads like sticks. They has holes on them and they walk slow like Lizzie."

Just think of it. Hundreds of little children living within fifty miles of Aurora and yet have never seen a tree of that nature which is distinctly vital. Certainly the majority of us do not appreciate the benefits we have.

Master Arthur Frohman, of Downers Grove, who has been attending the Young Men's Christian association school at Chicago, is home for a few days this week with an attack of grippe.

Candidate for Highway Commissioner. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Highway Commissioner. William B. Heston, Fullerton, Ill.

Candidate for Highway Commissioner. The undersigned hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of highway commissioner for the township of Downers Grove. J. P. Miller, Fullerton, Ill.

Candidate for Township Collector. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of township collector.—C. Ford Davis.

Candidate for Township Collector. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of collector for the township of Downers Grove, subject to the decision of the primary ward F. Neidig, Hinsdale.