

## News of the Neighborhood

Ralston McCotter of Tipton, Ohio, was a visitor here on Saturday.

Chicken fanciers are preparing to fill up incubators with sure-hatch eggs.

The Woodmen have an assessment levied for the month of March.

G. A. Huntington of Waterloo visited here on Wednesday with J. R. Foster.

An epidemic of gripe is going the rounds, and doctors are working overtime.

Mr. Walter Roscoe Briggs of Chicago is visiting with R. C. Briggs this week.

J. S. Lozier was called to Tipton, Iowa, last week by the death of his mother.

Miss Marger Harter of Chicago is a visitor at the Grove Hotel with Mrs. Mounteer.

Scarlet fever has broken out in the home of Charles Meadel on East Maple avenue.

Mrs. W. W. Tucker returned home on Thursday last week after ten days' visit in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Smith of Provo, Utah, spent Sunday of last week with E. M. Cook and family.

To-night the East Grove Chapel Sunday school will be entertained at the home of F. W. Kettinger, Carpenter street.

Rev. Dr. Thompkins delivered his lecture here last night in the Methodist church. The subject was "The Wreck of the Tasmania."

An oratorical contest will be held under the auspices of the Y. W. C. U. in the near future. Watch for date and program.

Mrs. Bert C. White has just returned from a trip to Huntington, whither she was called by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Frank Stussar.

The property owners on Highland avenue held a meeting on Friday evening to determine the kind of pavement they wanted on the street.

Mrs. M. J. Cardy spent Friday last in the city, where she was the guest of her daughter and niece, who were celebrating their joint birthday anniversary.

It is well to remember that personal property tax cannot be returned delinquent. The collector must levy on personal effects to secure the amount if not paid, or stand the loss.

The Illinois supreme court holds that a school district may issue bonds to an amount value of all the property in the district for the purpose of building schoolhouses, and in addition to this levy a building tax of two and one-half per centum until the building is completed. This decision comes as a great relief to a large number of districts that are unable to erect suitable buildings by bond issues alone.

### MISCELLANEOUS LOCALS.

Advanced styles in spring millinery at Miss Goodspeed's, second floor, bank building.

LOST—ON GROVE STREET OR SOUTH Main street, between Grove and Maple avenue, on Thursday, February 7, a round gold pocket set with small diamonds. 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 articles and useful rag and stuff runs. See THE UNIQUE RIFG COMPANY about it, corner Main and Maple avenues, Downers Grove. Telephone 627.

DOWNERS GROVE WEAVING WORKS, 44 North Pointe street. Have your old carpets made into beautiful rugs.

FOR SALE—FINE STOCK OF TOILET goods, winning first prize at Downers Grove and Chicago, at \$12 a pair, or exchange for chickens. Eggs for hatching in season. Fred Mosherbrock, 43 S. Main St.

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

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

WANTED—MEN IN EACH STATE TO travel, take signs and distribute samples of our goods; salary \$30 per month; \$3 per day for expenses. SAGE-DIBBS CO., Dept. 8, 46-50 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago.

FOR SALE—SIX-ROOM HOUSE, CITY water, good system; small barn and other outbuildings; large lot (60-100 ft. 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 or address J. W. Pearce, 240 E. Maple avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.

WANTED—10 MEN IN EACH STATE TO travel, distribute samples of our goods and take signs. Salary \$35 per month; \$3 per day for expenses. SANDERS CO., Department P, 46 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.

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

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

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

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

Rev. Thomas K. Gale closed his evangelistic work here on Tuesday night. His subject was "The Unpardonable Sin." Rev. Dr. Farniole continued the services for the balance of the week.

Mrs. E. W. Lewis returned home last week after a three months' visit with relatives in Cedar, Montana. She left Mrs. O. Z. Boree, a former resident here, in good health. Mrs. Boree will be ninety-six years old in May.

Thursday closed the short, fat month of February. With four Sundays and two holidays in twenty-eight days, and Valentine's day thrown in for good measure, everyone should be prepared to meet the windy month of March courageously.

Taxpayers are paying tribute to the collectors. A few are complaining because they have so much property to pay tax on. Anyone wishing to give any of their belongings away to avoid paying their assessments can probably find takers.

If there is a chance to boom business, boom it. Don't put on a long face and look as though you had a stomach ache. Hold up your head, smile and look for better things. Hide your little hammer, and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you may know yourself to be.

Several members of the woman's club visited the art institute of Chicago on Wednesday of last week to view the exhibitions of works by Chicago artists. In the party were Mesdames J. M. Burns, E. M. Moore, Geo. T. Hughes, M. E. Stanger, E. J. W. Dietz, B. H. Graham, J. C. White and Miss Fannie L. Stewart.

Two young men named B. Diener and Alfred Smith got into a "mix-up" with a C. B. & Q. brakeman named Norman Harbur one day last week and the two first named "beat" up the latter badly. They were arrested and Judge Graham fined them twenty dollars and costs each.

The Lisle tax collector had his faith in mankind strengthened when he received a remittance of over one hundred dollars for personal tax from a former citizen who had moved away before the tax books had been issued. Morally the obligation was due, but under the law the taxpayer could not be held for the amount.

Bills are due for Chicago papers. The same may be paid at the Reporter office. The collectors will start out to-day, so be ready for them. As money must be paid to the Chicago publishers by the tenth of the month we must request all to be ready to pay when we call or bring it to the Reporter office.—Clyde News Agency.

Many of our readers will be glad of the opportunity to be given next Thursday to again hear Rev. George T. Moser, who will deliver his famous lecture entitled "Home, the Eternal City." Dr. Moser was for several years pastor of the Baptist church here and has many friends in the village.

One of our citizens, who recently visited the city of Champagne telling us that people who wish to attend religious service at the Baptist church there must go early in order to get in. Rev. Dr. Moser, the pastor, is a very popular man and his lecture at the Baptist church here next Thursday night on "Home, the Eternal City," bids fair to be equally well attended.

The regular monthly meeting of the Downers Grove poultry club was held on Friday evening, February 15, in the office of the president, W. H. Edwards.

E. G. Lemon, former secretary; L. M. Cook, superintendent at the recent show; Mrs. E. G. Lemon and Mrs. C. E. Hodges, who so ably presided at the candy booth, were each presented by the club, in recognition of their services, with a beautiful silver cup, handsomely engraved. On account of the lateness of the hour all speeches were reserved until the next regular meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hoover entertained at dinner Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Isabel Stevenson, who leaves next week for California. Miss Gladys Rogers, who has made her home with her grandparents, J. W. and Mrs. Rogers, has gone to live with her mother in California. She left last week and went to Mississippi, where her mother has been residing and there they journeyed to San Jose, California, where they will make their future home. Miss Gladys leaves a host of friends here who were sorry to have her leave.

**HOW EVANS SAVED HIS LEGS.**

Admiral Robley D. Evans was a midshipman in the civil war and was badly shot up at the attack on Fort Fisher. He was taken to the hospital in Norfolk, where he overheard a surgeon say to his assistant: "Take both his legs off in the morning." Bob managed to secure a revolver, and when the assistant appeared the next day the midshipman at first protested against amputation, but in vain. Then he pulled his revolver from under the pillow and told the doctor that it had six cartridges and that if anybody entered the place with a case of instruments six men would be killed before the operation began. The legs were saved.

A steady-going woman is one who keeps on the go so steadily that it is difficult to find her at home.

Mrs. A. Weisskopf of Chicago is visiting in town this week.

John Watts of East Grove spent Saturday and Sunday in Mendota.



REV. DR. REECE BOWMAN KESTER.

Pastor Hemenway Methodist Church, Evanston, Ill.

**Annual Washington Banquet.**  
The Methodist church was the scene of a merry gathering on Friday evening of last week. The occasion was the annual banquet given by the ladies' aid of the Methodist church in honor of George Washington, the first president of the country.

In the basement below the church the ladies had prepared a splendid repast and covers were placed for two hundred and fifty, and we doubt that there was any vacant plate. At the head of the auditorium was the table reserved for the speakers, singers, press representatives and other invited guests.

After the banquet the program was begun. Rev. Dr. Farniole, pastor, presided, and as usual was in fine humor. Dr. Farniole has a reputation far and wide as a platform director and on this occasion he was usual did splendidly.

The first speaker was Rev. Dr. Harlow V. Holt, the presiding elder of the Methodist church in this district. The subject of his remarks was "Greetings." He referred feelingly to the early evangelistic work done by Dr. Farniole and himself many years ago when the speaker was a school teacher.

He advocated more of the home feeling in the church and vice versa.

Next followed a reading by Mrs. Kate C. Longher entitled "A Modern Washington." It was given as an infallible impersonation and was well delivered and heartily applauded.

Dr. Farniole then stated Rev. Dr. Green, a former pastor, sent his regrets for being unable to be present, owing to a similar entertainment at his home town.

Rev. Dr. Reece Bowman Kester of Hemenway Methodist church, Evanston, then delivered the oration on Washington. It was a splendid address, full of wit and terse sayings. The stories told were new and highly humorous, the lessons to be drawn were well brought out.

The speaker humorously referred to the cherry tree story of Washington's life by saying that the first president "never walked if he could ride." His first experience was when he took a "hack" at his father's cherry tree.

The speaker referred to the fact that Washington created a nation here, that he planted a new flag in the firmament of nations, that he spurred a crown when it was tendered to him.

The speaker then took up Lee's eulogy on Washington, "First in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen," and spoke on each part. He referred to Washington as a warrior telling us we do not advocate war to-day, our every desire being for peace.

Our slogan is "Speak softly and carry a big stick," which means keep out of the national bickering, but have a big navy to protect the nation if need be. He believed the war of the revolution was righteous war, as was that engaged in by this

nation when we went to free the Cubans from the rule of Spain. He believed the civil war was a glorious one. It had an end as glorious as was its preface in the war of the revolution. When the revolutionary war was over America had not only secured her freedom, but England was freer after that time.

The war was a war of grants. On one side was the king of England, and the parliament, but not the people, while on the other side was Washington, Lee, Anthony, Adams and the people. To-day we have no time to "twist the lion's tail." The speaker then repeated Alfred Austin's, the poet laureate of England, poem feelingly.

Washington as a man of peace was not so spectacular. His was the magic of a creative mind. As a man of peace he participated in the work of the formation of the constitution that was necessary to rule this country with.

In the time between the close of the war and the signing of the constitution there was much trouble. The people came very near to anarchy many times. There was trouble in Massachusetts and down in one of the Carolinas a new state was formed called Franklin. In the convention the delegates came many times near to blows, but the guiding spirit of Washington prevailed and at last his efforts were crowned with success.

As to Washington being "first in the hearts of his people," the speaker said he believed that when the words were uttered by Lee at the pier of the first president they were true, but since we have had the great life's work and martyrdom of Lincoln to reverence he believed that not only Washington, but Lincoln were a sort of "two firsts" in the hearts of the people.

Washington was a president who established a precedent. He would not accept a third term and so the unwritten law has gone forth ever since. The speaker finished his discourse with a splendid peroration on the duties of each person as a citizen of the republic founded by Washington, and to the fact that here in America we had the greatest of liberties of any country in the world.

Rev. Dr. James Rowe then gave a very humorous address on "Unfinished Things." He interspersed several local "bits" which were appreciably enjoyed.

Miss Anna Roe played a couple of splendidly rendered piano selections, and Miss Aileen Northrup gave a violin solo that was much appreciated.

Mrs. Allie Edwards then replied to a toast, "His always morning somewhere." Her local "bits" were up to date.

Miss Maudie Bateman had a toast entitled "The better half," which sparkled with witty sayings and brought forth much applause.

The piano solos by Miss Thomas, Miss Roe and Mrs. Cook were good.

### WANTED—A MAN

The spring political campaign is advancing slowly. The names of men who will stand for election for the offices of president and trustees of the village for the next two years are being brought forward with deliberation and much thought.

There is an evident desire to place men in these offices who have the ability, the time and the will to conduct the village government in a manner that will be for the best interests of the village and the people.

Naturally the office of president is the most important, and the fact that no one has yet been definitely announced as candidate for that position shows that efforts are being made to find the most suitable man—one that has the three requisites necessary for the office.

The work of the president of the village increases each year as the village expands, its interests multiply, and the office needs a clear-thinking, tactful, business head.

The position requires considerable time for the transaction of the village's business outside of the meeting of the board of trustees held each month. Questions are almost daily brought before the president which need immediate action.

The financial management is one that requires constant attention and a complete knowledge of the needs and abilities of the village, and while this does not fall alone upon the president but also upon the trustees, especially those constituting the finance committee, yet he must have a complete knowledge of everything that is being done and has the power to approve or veto any measure taken.

With a village growing as fast as Downers Grove is, there is a constant drain upon the financial resources. It is something like the growing boy or girl, who outgrows their clothing before it has given the amount of service required.

This is therefore the situation to-day. There are men with the ability and will, but not the time; there are others with plenty of time, and the will, but not the ability. To find one combining the three requirements is not easy.

### Early Morning Blaze

Fire broke out in the home of Edgar Barrett, on Grove street, about two thirty on Wednesday morning. As near as can be learned the fire started in the lower floor and after burning the board-board through ran up the space between two sculleries which acted just like a chimney. The fire then caught somewhere between the upstairs ceiling and the roof and soon the top of the house was in a blaze. Mrs. Barrett and children had retired in the early evening and Mr. Barrett who is employed by the Western Union Telegraph company, came home about twelve o'clock and soon after retired. About an hour after Mrs. Barrett smelled smoke and on investigating found the house afire. The alarm was given and Mr. Barrett got his children down and with the assistance of some neighbors saved some of his household goods.

Night policeman Hogan saw the blaze as he was patrolling the streets and gave the alarm by ringing the fire bell. Because of the winds prevailing only a few of the firemen heard the fire whistle and these worked energetically. The fire hose wagon was drawn up to the scene of the fire by hand and two streams were played on the fire. In a short time the boys had control of the blaze. The roof of the house was badly damaged. The household goods of Mr. Barrett were insured for \$500 and \$300 on the piano. The house is owned by G. Blackburn, of Chicago. It is insured for \$1,000.

### The Sophomores Entertain

The sophomore class of the high school entertained the junior and senior classes at the home of Miss Frances Hughes Tuesday evening, February 26. Other guests were the high school teachers, Professor and Mrs. L. G. Avery and Professor O. R. and Mrs. Scurlis. The house was beautifully decorated in the class colors, maroon and gold. A very enjoyable evening was spent playing games and listening to Misses Elfhorn and Bentley and Hughes. Miss Nash gave several pleasing violin solos. In addition to these Ruth Hughes sang a solo. Ralph Fleming sang several well-rendered solos. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served at a late hour, and the guests, after heartily congratulating the sophomores, left.

### Township High School

We learn that there is some opposition to the township high school over the site. Below we reprint what the Hinsdale Dolgas has to say:

"The mass meeting, Thursday evening, brought out some intelligent and decided opinions on the township high school proposition. About sixty persons were present and opinions were expressed by Messrs. Crosby, Farr, Carter, Holcomb, Childs, McClintock, Ritchie, Hall and Prof. Avery, of the Downers Grove schools.

That a township high school is needed was unanimously acknowledged, but the location of the same at Greages, as proposed by Downers Grove, met with pronounced disapproval as being inconvenient and without the necessary fire protection, or water or sewerage. To locate it at Downers Grove would meet with solid opposition from Hinsdale, as the train accommodations west in the morning are inadequate.

The legal status of a township high school was explained and approximate revenues that could be raised discussed. As little of a definite nature in the way of proposed plans, estimated cost, possible sites, etc., was at hand, chairman Gordon appointed a committee of five to secure and prepare the necessary information, and the meeting adjourned subject to the committee's call.

It is likely the township high school will be favorably considered by Hinsdale, provided Downers Grove will agree to the locating of the school near enough to Hinsdale to be reached by our water and sewer systems. Otherwise the proposition may be defeated.

### From Far Away Florida

We are in receipt of the following from a former citizen, which will no doubt interest many: McMeekin, Florida, Feb. 24, 1907. W. Harry Spear—Downers Grove, Illinois: Dear Sir—We are having beautiful weather here and have been all winter. At Christmas time we had quite a freeze, which injured fruit in some localities, also vegetables that were sown for winter use. My fruit (oranges and tangerines) was not injured at all. We have lettuce, onions, greens, etc., in our garden, which we are using right along. The seed was sown in October. We have no fire in the house except to cook with and on an occasional evening

when it gets a little cooler. At present writing (10:45 a. m.) the thermometer registers 78 degrees above zero, which has been about the average except about a week around the last of December. I have finished parking and shipping my tangerines and get very good prices right through. We are very dry down here and wish we could have had some of your extra rains that you had last fall. I am very glad you enjoyed the tangerines I sent them, for I can assure you I enjoyed sending the same to the "boys." I have a warm spot in my heart for the "boys" in old Victory No. 110, and it would be one of the greatest pleasures to me to walk in upon them some evening. Please give them all my best wishes at the next meeting. Very truly yours, C. H. Caldwell.

**Maccabees Will Entertain**  
The local five of Lady Maccabees will give an entertainment on March 8, the anniversary date of the inauguration of the order here. It will be held in Modaff's hall and the guests will receive invitations from the members. Each person invited will be requested to wear some appropriate designation, such as a flower, birthstone or some other that will represent the date of his or her birthday or month. No doubt the affair will be quite unique. A short musical will be given, followed by "contests."

**A New Factory**  
Downers Grove will in a few days have a new factory which will employ one hundred men on the start. The deal is practically closed. The firm now employs upwards of a thousand in its Chicago factory and if the suburban factory proves successful it will move its whole plant here.

**Hinsdale Gets Free Delivery**  
Official notice was received at the Hinsdale post office this week that free mail delivery would be established in Hinsdale May 1. The authorization comes from first assistant postmaster general Hitchcock and provides for two letter carriers, one substitute, fourteen letter boxes and two package boxes. The delivery route does not cover the entire village at present, only the more populous portions.

**Little Church Notes**  
Little Congregational church, March 2.—Sunday school at ten a. m., morning service at eleven a. m.; pastor, Rev. H. E. Hunt will preach on the subject, "Something Everybody Wants"; the young people's meeting at seven thirty p. m. will be conducted by the student volunteer band of Wheaton college. There will be special music and short addresses on missionary topics.

**George Bager for Supervisor**  
George Bager, of Hinsdale, is to be the candidate to succeed James McClintock as supervisor for the township of Downers Grove. Mr. Bager is a coal merchant at Hinsdale, where he has resided and been in business for nearly twelve years. He used to live in Leno.

**McClintock Gets the Post Office**  
Among the names of postmasters sent to the senate by President Roosevelt for appointment appeared that of James McClintock for the Hinsdale post office. This amounts to a semi-official announcement of the lucky contestant, and Mr. McClintock is now suffering neuralgia in the arm from congratulations. Just when the appointment will be received is a matter of considerable speculation, but it will probably be soon, as this is an emergency case.—Hinsdale Dolgas.

W. S. Bryan wishes us to state that he proposed to vigorously prosecute all parties caught taking wood from the field estate near Oakwood avenue, or anywhere else on the estate. Mr. Bryan states that children are continually hauling away fallen trees and young saplings for firewood. Recently he employed a man to cut firewood there, and when he went to draw away his product nearly the whole of same had been pilfered. This certainly is a sad state of affairs and one into which parents should look. Children should not be allowed to touch the property of other people, no matter whether the owner uses it or not. If we are law-abiding people such is the edict. To allow children to do these acts as noted by Mr. Bryan is but inviting for them dangerous pitfalls that may be injurious to them in future. It is in these little things that the child is formed into a man or woman of rectitude or degeneracy. If parents neglect their duty to their children they must not blame those who prosecute them for their misdeeds.

### Among the Churches

The subject of the lesson sermon of First church of Christ, Scientist, for March 3, is "Man." Text taken from Hebrews 7:3.

Next Sunday the regular evening service in the Evangelical church will be conducted in the English language. Young people's society, six forty-five p. m., and preaching service, seven thirty p. m. All are welcome.

Methodist church, Love Feast at ten a. m., followed by reception and communion service. Sunday school at twelve, Junior league at three p. m., Epworth league at six thirty, preaching service at seven thirty with special music.

Services as usual next Sunday at St. Andrew's Episcopal church; Sunday school two p. m., evening prayer with sermon by the Rev. H. E. Chase three p. m. During Lent, service every Tuesday night at eight o'clock. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

Baptist church, The pastor, Rev. E. L. Prescott, will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "Christian Progress." Evening service for fifteen minutes. Subject of sermon, "The Man on Board." A cordial invitation to worship with us.



STRICKLAND GILLILAN.

**The Poet-Humorist Who Was the Entertainer at the Auditorium Last Saturday Evening.**

**Notice of Town Primary**  
A primary election for the purpose of nomination of town officers will be held on Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 6 o'clock p. m. Polling place will be at Hinsdale Village hall for the first and fourth precincts; Village hall, Downers Grove, for second and third precincts, and at Laco hall for fifth precinct.

By order of town committee, JAS. MCCLINTOCK, F. H. CHAMBER, J. F. SMART.

**Notice to Voters**  
To the voters of the township of Downers Grove: I understand a report is being circulated that I have withdrawn my name as a candidate for the office of Highway Commissioner at the coming primary election, which takes place on the 16th of March, 1907.

To the voters and those who have volunteered their services in assisting me in my campaign in the coming election, I want to say that the report is untrue. I wish it understood that I am still a candidate for the office, and solicit the support of the voters throughout the township.

Furthermore in appreciation of the interest manifested in my behalf, toward securing my election according to the reports which I have received, I wish to extend my hearty thanks, WILLIAM R. RUCHITT.

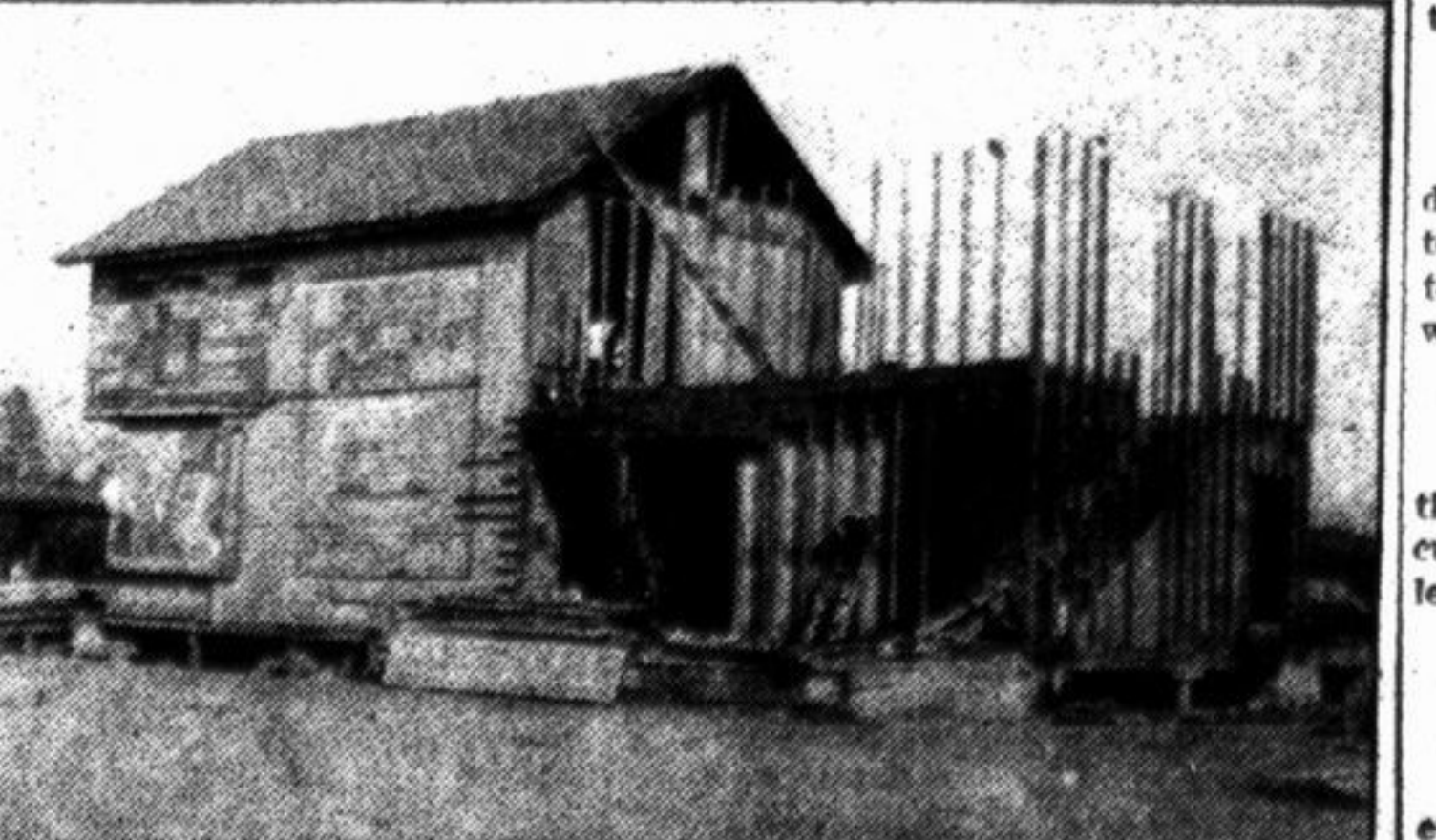
**Candidate for Highway Commissioner**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Highway Commissioner. William R. Hutchby, Fullersburg, Ill.

**Candidate for Highway Commissioner**  
The undersigned herewith announces himself as a candidate for the office of highway commissioner for the township of Downers Grove. John F. Mohr, Fullersburg.

**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.—Edward F. Neidig, Hinsdale.

**Plans People of Peace.**  
In Paris bells ring for prayers five times a day and merchants, clerks and customers rush off to the mosques, leaving all business at a standstill.



The last of this building has been torn down by J. W. Pearce, who bought it some months ago. Since its demolition the old cattle sheds show up badly. A determined move should be made now to have all these buildings removed.