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News of the Neighborhood

The Anna Dunn house on Maple avenue is being repaired.

The Arcadian club met at the home of Miss Chessman on Saturday evening.

Miss Lillian Clark, one of the teachers here, has resigned to go to South Chicago.

Mrs. Kate C. Pougher has gone to Tampa, Fla., where her mother lies very ill.

Lee Hineman's little daughter Hattie has been quite ill with pneumonia for several days past.

A. J. Dent is in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where he is superintending the erection of a big Miehle press.

A mass meeting was held in Dick's hall on Thursday evening to discuss the township high school project.

Mrs. L. G. Smith enjoyed a short visit with her brother Elmer Leighton, who was in town a few days this week.

The woman home missionary society meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Heatt on Friday evening. Good music.

Murray Skinner has gone to Washington state and will locate at a place called Kennewick. F. Marion Stanley is at the same point.

A school caucus will be held on Wednesday evening, April 15, at the south side school house for the purpose of nominating a president and two trustees.

Today is the day we decide whether or not we want the high school. The election is from one to six and the polling place will be in the village hall only.

Little Miss Ruth, daughter of L. H. Clement, is in Chicago at a hospital being treated for disease of the brain and ear. She has been very ill for some weeks.

We are glad that W. C. Pierce, the well known poultry judge, is slated for Downers Grove the coming year. Poultry raising is a wide field, the annual show is a good thing for it awakens interest along these lines.

The Austin Nurseries company are planting quite a number of shrubs and flowering trees on the grounds of ye editor, East Maple avenue. When through they claim it will make one of the prettiest home sites on the avenue, and we guess they know what they are talking about.

The ladies' aid of the Lutheran church surprised Mrs. Schindler on Friday afternoon last, it being her birthday. About twenty ladies were present and all spent a very enjoyable time. Mrs. Schindler was presented with a beautiful sideboard scarf with centerpiece to match, of drawn work.

There are some Chicago paper bills still owing. The collectors have already made one trip and left bills where patrons were not at home. If you wish your papers continued it will be necessary that you call at the office (Reporter office) and settle, as we cannot carry accounts. Cryder News Agency.

George H. Whitney, of East Grove, well known in town, has been dealing in sporting goods for several years, and the local boys have always been pleased with what Mr. Whitney sold to them. Recently he has changed his place of business to 151 and 153 Wabash avenue with Moore and Evans, where he will be pleased to greet all friends.

We are pleased to note that the Downers Grove poultry club has extended an invitation to all poultry breeders, whether directly interested in their work or not, to attend their next regular meeting, April 19. Their club is trying to raise the standard of poultry bred in Downers Grove which is commendable for it takes no more trouble to raise a bird of which you may be proud than to raise one fit only for market. We hope all poultry raisers will accept this invitation.

Another Street Straightening
A proposition is before the property owners on West Curtiss street to straighten the north side of the street from Main street to Foote street so that the eleven-foot jog and the "hump" in the street will be eliminated and thrown into the street, making the same sixty-one feet instead of fifty as it now is. If it is done Pomer's shop will have to be moved over eleven feet, or possibly will be removed altogether and will make a site for a block. There are applicants for rental of a building already if President Mochel decides to build.

A Delightful Surprise
In some mysterious manner it became known to members of Napier post of the G. A. R., that their comrade, R. W. Bond, had reached the sixtieth milestone of life's journey on the ninth of this present month. They determined with the assistance of his housekeeper, to make him a surprise. For this purpose they met at the store of M. E. Stanger and from there, led by the commander, T. S. Rogers, they marched to the home of Mr. Bond on Railroad street. In response to the ring of the bell they were admitted by the much surprised gentleman. It was a jolly crowd which filled the pleasant home. This had already been made fragrant by bouquets of beautiful carnations, which had been sent with compliments of admiring friends. Rev. Dr. Prescott presented to Mr. Bond in behalf of Napier post, a lovely bunch of roses. The evening was passed in the relation of experiences of comrades in war times. Very delightful refreshments were served by Miss Coleman, who had assisted in the raid on the comrade's home. She was assisted in serving by Miss Latham of our village school, Miss Nellie Reader and Elvira Sucker. After the refreshments a number of comrades responded to the toast "Woman." Comrade Bond then, in a few well chosen words, thanked the "Old Boys" for the pleasure they had given him in their remembrance of the occasion, and all departed for their homes leaving behind their good wishes for the future of their comrade.

Newcomb Sells Out
R. B. Newcomb has sold out his store at 114 South Main street to F. J. Hoffert. Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb will move to Wheaton, where they will start a stationery store. They will leave many friends here in Downers Grove who will wish for them great success in their new location.

Appomattox Day Services
The Appomattox day memorial at the Baptist church was well attended. A portion of the church was reserved for the old soldiers who came to hear Rev. Dr. Prescott review the events leading up to the surrender by General Lee and the final closing of the great four years' struggle. Dr. Prescott was a private in the Army of the Potomac and went into service when only seventeen years old, serving three years. He reviewed the war in a general way and very graphically told of those final days when the great Titanic struggle occurred when Grant

defeated Lee and caused his surrender after almost continuous fighting from March 26, to April 9, 1865. The doctor told his story in a very able manner because he was there, and told of what he saw, being a member of the 145th Pennsylvania regiment and in the second corps. The lecture was a treat for the "old vets" and very instructive to the younger ones.

Crescent Club Reorganization
The Crescent club has been reorganized under a new constitution. The aim of the club will be to promote the physical, intellectual and moral life of its members, and to acquire a gymnasium for the young men of the town. Several influential men, citizens of the town, have offered to help start a gymnasium. The qualifications for membership are as follows: Any young man over fifteen years of age, who is of good moral standing, and a member of any Sunday school in Downers Grove may become a member of this club upon application to any of the following people, after said application has been passed upon by the members: W. W. Helntz, Newton Miller, Edward Helntz, Frank Allison. All young men who wish to become members of this club should meet in the Congregational church parlors on the evening of April 15.

The Poultry Club
The next regular meeting of the Downers Grove poultry club will be held on Friday evening, April 19, in the village hall at eight p. m. As is well known, the object of the club is to aid poultry breeders in raising standard bred birds. At the last meeting of their executive board it was voted that this next meeting be an open one, so the poultry club extends a hearty invitation to all interested in poultry, whether you have birds at present or not, to come and bring as many friends with you as you can. If you have been experiencing any of the troubles attendant upon poultry raising bring "your troubles with you" and ask all the questions you wish and the club may be able to help you. The meeting promises to be one of much interest. E. J. W. Dietz will have a paper upon "Recent discoveries in the raising of little chicks." W. S. Ellis has prepared a talk on "The Mother Hen, or the natural method of rearing little chicks." These subjects are timely and a thorough discussion of them can only bring out facts of great interest at this time. We are glad to know that a number in Downers Grove are making a great effort to raise some first prize poultry this year for the show to be held January 9, 10 and 11, 1908. The services of W. C. Pierce of Indianapolis, as judge for these dates, has already been secured and interest in the coming show has increased accordingly. Mr. Pierce won a place in the esteem of every exhibitor at the last show, in the wholly satisfactory manner that he judged the four hundred birds entered, a feat not easily accomplished when you remember that every exhibitor expressed the opinion and knew that he had received fair treatment in every respect. Preparations are now being made to make the next annual show as interesting and profitable to its exhibitors as was the one of this year. Each year's show cannot but be one step in advance, as there is one more year's experience behind.

Don't forget the date, April 19, eight p. m., at the village hall. This meeting is for you, if you are interested, come; if not, come anyway and bring somebody else with you.

To Cover the St. Joe
The old St. Joe, which at best is an unsightly affair, will be covered from Mackie place to Belden avenue. The property owners along that street have shown a good spirit and joined in with the proposition. It was found that to pave the street it would be difficult to do a good job the way it is now. At Belden avenue the street narrowed up sixteen feet, and down in front of J. M. Riel's property the creek was in the street to such an extent that scarcely more than sixteen feet of pavement could have been laid, and a retaining wall would have been necessary to protect the bank from washing into the creek. In the end this would have been an unsightly job, so the proposition was made to widen the street by cutting off of Messrs. Dietz and Riel's properties sixteen feet so as to make the street the same width all the way and to make a conduit for the creek from the Mackie place conduit-bridge to the Belden place conduit-bridge. This has been agreed to. The cost of the improvement will be about \$2,000, and the property owners will pay one-third, the village at large one-third, and the whole improvement of the street will pay one-third. Messrs. Riel and Dietz donated the land and the latter pays one-half of the property owners' share, while C. K. Roe, Miss Roe, H. J. Hawkins, T. E. Brooks and E. J. W. Dietz pay the other half, which is divided as follows: C. K. Roe, \$100.00; Miss Roe, \$50.00; H. J. Hawkins, \$33.00; T. E. Brooks, \$100.00; and E. J. W. Dietz, \$50.00. This certainly is a splendid deal, as it beautifies a piece of ground that has always been an unsightly spot.

Nine years ago the First M. E. church at Morning Sun, Iowa, was painted with Bradley & Vrooman paint. Repainting was not required till seven years later. Sold by Modaff's Pharmacy.

In Paris last year 45,000 horses were sold for food.

The Local Election
C. H. Stants has resigned from the citizens' caucus ticket and this practically leaves the full complement to be elected from the other three, L. Singletary, G. B. Hartt and J. W. Bradbury. There will be a contest between J. W. Hughes and T. E. Brooks for the presidency. Both men are well known to Downers Grove people.

J. W. Hughes came here in 1893 from Chicago and has lived here ever since. He has been an employe of the Marshall Field company for twenty-five years. Mr. Hughes is noted for his careful and shrewd business ability and is a valued assistant to the Field company. For eight years he served on the village board and took part in much of the legislation that has brought Downers Grove to its present enviable position as an up-to-date suburban town. He took a deep interest in the town system that was installed in 1903 and also was instrumental in the establishment of the all-night electric light system for the village. A year ago he declined nomination to be a candidate for the office of a great number of personal friends that he consented to be a candidate this year. Mr. Hughes is a property owner, having a modern residence on Highland avenue, where, with his estimable wife and family he lives. Mr. Hughes is a man of many qualities, of a strong personality and would give Downers Grove a good rule if he is chosen.

T. E. Brooks, the other candidate for the presidency, also came to Downers Grove fourteen years ago. For twenty-one years he has a valued and trusted employe of the Adams Express company, running between Chicago and Omaha. About a year ago he resigned his position and started in the coal business, which he has developed to a large extent. Some months ago a stock company was formed with Mr. Brooks as one of the principal stockholders. The company deals in coal, wood, tile, building supplies, and does general teaming. Mr. Brooks bought the Lyman and Wallace properties lying between the railway tracks and Curtis street, and will use same for supply yards for building material.

T. E. Brooks is a member of the Masonic and Royal League fraternities, and is well known. He has a good natured disposition and one and all know him and greet him as he is very democratic in his ways. While Mr. Brooks has never served on the board his friends think he is qualified to fill the position and claim that because of his being here all day he would give the village good service, particularly this year, with the great number of improvements to be made. Last week the candidate presented his views to the voters in the columns of this paper. It elected, T. E. Brooks will give the people an honest administration.

The two men are before the people. Make your choice.

Pariah-like Tactics
Why is it there is always the one individual in a community who will resort to just what everybody else dislikes or will not mix up with? The query is one of the mysteries of life. Here in Downers Grove there was no need for "sand slinging" and attacking of the characters and peace of mind of any person just because there is a village election on hand. Then why should any individual want to dabble in such tactics? Is it because of selfish motives, or is it just because the nature of a person who will start to "sling mud" like the hog in the wallow is one that enjoys it? Common decency should teach otherwise, yet it seems not. We have only this to say, that "chickens come home to roost." Last week we deprecated these tactics, but it seems that our advice was not acted upon by all and quietly a "stabbing in the dark" tactics is being done without authority. We are glad to learn that the author of these acts is doing the same without the desire of any of the office-seekers. The best way to treat such ilk is to let them flounder in their own South State street political muck. We want none of it in Downers Grove. Petty charges and innuendoes are the meanest things that can be promulgated, and as soon as the person instrumental in their being started is treated as a pariah, the better for the community.

Deserving Charity Case
The East Grove ladies send us this contribution, which we gladly publish: "In an effort to provide a home for a poor but deserving woman who has had more than her share of misfortune, the East Grove ladies' aid society has launched the most pretentious undertaking which their organization has yet attempted. However, the circumstances are such as to warrant special endeavor. The woman whom it is proposed to aid is a widow of middle age, whose husband died under distressing circumstances several years ago, leaving her practically destitute with five children to care for. In spite of the almost helpless aspect which confronted her however she bravely took up the battle of bread-winning for herself and her children, and her fortitude would have been rewarded but for breaking down of her health. In addition there has been much sickness among her children, and in the care of one of them it became necessary to send him to a state institution. For years she has struggled against long-continued and bitter adversity, working hard to remain self-supporting under conditions when she should have

been in a hospital. For an abode for herself and children she has been dependent upon her husband's relations and has occupied what is little more than a shed in the rear of their home. Notwithstanding these serious handicaps she has managed to get along with comparatively little outside assistance and her principal need is a place in which to live and bring up her children. It is this that the ladies' aid society has determined to provide. It is proposed to build a small cottage for her occupancy for life or until her sons are old enough to care for her. A lot on which to erect the house has been donated by J. W. Worley, and some of the men of East Grove have pledged themselves to give their labor free in building the cottage. To secure the necessary funds for building material the ladies will during the spring and summer give a series of functions and entertainments, and it is hoped to raise the bulk of the money in this way. An appeal is, however, made for cash donations to help along the cause, and it is felt that the people of this community, where there is so little call for the exercise of charity, will liberally and promptly respond. Anyone who wishes to aid this worthy project in any way, large or small, may do so by communicating with Mrs. J. W. Worley, treasurer of the ladies' aid society, and all contributions will be publicly acknowledged. Mrs. M. E. Collier, president; Mrs. J. W. Worley, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Logan.

Contributions may be left with Judge Graham at Downers Grove.

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We are informed that William J. Sinyard of Archer, Iowa, is soon to head a large colony of emigrants to the boom country of northeast Colorado, starting from Sioux City, Iowa, on April 16th. The party will visit several counties in northeast Colorado with a view to purchase and settle. Mr. Sinyard is well known to most Cass people, having lived here for many years.

Village Board Meeting
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The report of the collector was read, showing the total collections for the past month to be \$4,878.19, of which \$405.90 was for electric light.

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The claim ordinance was then passed for the following amounts: E. H. Huntington, \$12.50; N. C. Pearce, \$12.50; E. Marshand, \$3.00; D. H. Uihorn, \$3.00; E. Woehrel, \$10.00; Commercial company, \$73.05; George Gelsert, \$55.00; E. E. Overholt, \$90.00; C. E. Zook, \$65.00; G. O. Babel, \$85.65; F. D. Lindley, \$1.50; Pennsylvania Chemical company, \$56.26; Pennsylvania Chemical company, \$18.46; H. J. Hawkins, \$15.55; Samuel Curtiss, \$73.00; B. C. White, \$25.00; G. H. Bunge, \$15.00; S. Hoffert, \$0.50; O. K. Roe, \$39.25; H. F. Aldrich, \$7.90; P. A. Lord Lumber company, \$1.24; Merts & Mochel, \$13.38; S. Hoffert, \$2.90; William Hogan, \$67.50; Downers Grove Reporter, \$90.80; \$2.20; Kelmacott Press, \$1.75; S. Hoffert, \$2.90; W. H. Merz, \$61.10; S. Hoffert, \$1.75; William Straube, \$6.76; J. R. Foster, \$29.52; J. W. Rogers, \$30.91; Geo. Hoffert, \$55.00; H. Kellogg, \$2.17; \$1.75; \$1.75; \$1.75; D. O. Graham, \$2.24; H. F. Lawrence, \$46.80.

Trustee Graves reported that the village treasurer's books has been audited by Edward Huntington and N. O. Pearce at a cost of \$25.00.

The select committee on the fire properties reported through Mr. Schultz. He said the fire hall being used by the village employes to store tools, etc., as these

were in the way and might retard the getting out of the apparatus some time and cause serious loss. He recommended that a firehouse be built on the north side in which the gas be put, also in the present fire hall, and use some of the free gas to dry the hose instead of coal.

Attorney Bunge reported on the Maple avenue subway.

The president reported that he, Trustee Heartt and Engineer Losier went to Evanston and LaGrange to investigate the pavements. Trustee Heartt stated that LaGrange's macadam streets had from two to two and a half inches of dust on them.

The president stated that the board of local improvements has arranged to meet in conference with the property owners on Curtiss street west to arrange for the widening of that street from Belden to Mackie on the south side and to cover the creek with a concrete conduit.

It was arranged that the old gravel pit in the Layman woods is to be used for a dumping ground for refuse in future.

The board then adjourned till April 18.

Prepare This Yourself
For those who have any form of blood disorders; who want new, rich blood and plenty of it, try this: Fluid extract dandelion, one-half ounce; compound sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Any good pharmacy can supply the ingredients at small cost. This is the prescription which, when made up, is called "The Vegetable Blood Purifier." It acts gently and certainly does wonders for some people who are sickly, weak and out of sorts, and is known to relieve serious, long-standing cases of rheumatism and chronic backache quickly.

Make some up and try it.

Dr. and Mrs. Gourley, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Stevens were pleasantly entertained at the home of L. M. Cook on Friday evening of last week.

The new band uniforms have arrived and the boys will soon appear in new "logs," spick and span. The band boys are keeping right abreast of the times, both in appearance and musical training.

Dr. Morris Roe, a brother of G. K. Roe, died this week at his home in Oklahoma. He was born and reared here. After graduating he practiced in Lemont and afterwards left for the west.

Among the Churches
The ladies' aid of the First M. E. church of Downers Grove will give a dinner Thursday evening, April 18, 1907, in the store formerly owned by Moyer and company. Part of the net will be in paper next week.

Baptist church—The pastor, Rev. L. Prescott, will preach morning and evening. Morning subject: "The Man's Greatest Need Was Spiritual." Evening: "Good News from a Far Country." Fine music and a cordial welcome.

There will be a meeting in the church parlors April 18, at three p. m., of the home department of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, for a review of the quarter's work and to get acquainted. All members are urged to be present.

Regular services at the Methodist church on Sunday, April 14. The pastor will preach in the morning and evening. Class meeting at ten a. m. Sunday school at twelve, junior league at three p. m., Epworth league at six-thirty and evening service at seven-thirty.

The German Lutheran Congregation will hold their confirmation classes at the Congregational church next Sunday at two-thirty o'clock, followed by the sacrament of the "Lord's Supper." Seven children will be confirmed. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Strangers especially welcome.

The ladies' aid society of the Congregational church will sell home-made bakery goods at the home of Mrs. D. G. Graham, April 19, commencing at ten o'clock and continuing throughout the day. The following ladies take orders: Mesdames D. G. Graham, John Graves, Samuel Johnston, M. B. Downer. There will also be a sale in table where they will sell or take orders for aprons, etc. Mrs. Samuel Johnston will be in charge.

The Downers Grove women's club entertained about twenty members of the Naperville club on Wednesday at Modaff's hall. The occasion was a very enjoyable one.

Mrs. Stover has gone to Tipton, Ind., to visit with her daughter.

Not Old Enough
"If I were younger," said the old man, "I believe I might win you for my wife."

"Yes," replied the cold beauty, dreamily considering his sixty years, "my age, fifteen or twenty years older."—Philadelphia Press.

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T. E. Brooks
The above is a very good likeness of T. E. Brooks, the candidate for the office of president of the village. Elsewhere we present a short sketch on Mr. Brooks, and in this paper is a letter to the public by him.

TO THE PEOPLE

I wish at this time to extend my sincere thanks to you for the encouragement that has been given to me during the past week. I have been the recipient of a great many gracious offers of assistance in my candidacy for president of the village board. It has been said "that a man should become a candidate for an office to find out what his neighbors think of him." If this is so, it is extremely complimentary in my case, for it has been a source of gratification to me to receive so much encouragement and so much assistance, for while I knew that I had a large number of friends, it certainly is beyond my comprehension to account for the enthusiasm my candidacy has aroused. It has also been pleasing to me to see the absence of all personalities and petty bickerings that sometimes take place during a campaign of this kind, and I hope that the feeling of good fellowship that has so far existed will continue to the end, so that whoever is the fortunate one, he will be able to say that it was a "fair field and no favors" and have no regrets for having resorted to any unfair methods to win, and feel that it was an expression of popular opinion and know that he is worthy of the esteem that has been shown him. If the present indications are a fair barometer of the intentions of the people I feel sure that I will be returned the winner on Tuesday next, and assure you that your assistance will not be misplaced as I will continue to try and win your approval and good will of my fellow citizens. Again thanking you for many courtesies that have been extended to me, I remain, as ever, your sincere friend.

Make Your Choice—Hughes or Brooks—Boh