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## News of the Neighborhood

George B. Heardt spent Monday in La Salle, Illinois.

Mrs. Rex Hawkins is visiting relatives in Chicago.

The village board held an adjourned meeting Thursday night.

W. Keyes has moved from one of the Ducaut houses to La Grange.

Did you lose or did you win on Tuesday? Is the query this week.

The ladies may vote today at the village hall on the school election.

J. K. O'Neil has sold his Oakwood house and lot and moved to Chicago.

Mrs. Griffith, of Chicago, has been the guest of Mrs. Stover the past week.

What has become of the early spring we were all talking about a few weeks ago?

Don't forget the school election at the village hall to-day from one to four.

Some timely muckraking may be seen nowadays in the back yard garden plots.

The baseball season may not open to-day, but the baseball germ is on the scene.

Mrs. F. A. Dawes entertained a few Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Harry Meyer.

A. E. Olson has started his new home on Oakwood avenue next to his present residence.

J. J. Alverson, of Chicago, has leased the Batterham house at 30 East Currier street.

F. M. Keiser is having considerable improvement done at his residence on the north side.

It is reported that some La Grange parties have leased the Ducaut cottage on Maple avenue.

There is a foot of snow in Wisconsin, but cheer up. The weather's fine in southern California.

The grounds about the depot have been neatly cleaned up and present a much better appearance.

J. Karpen has leased the Wallace residence on North Main street and moved there from Chicago.

Mrs. Carlson and daughter, of Minnesota, are guests at the home of the former's brother, E. J. W. Dietz.

E. A. Starkeder has returned from his eastern trip. He visited New York, Boston, Washington and Baltimore.

Mr. Neilson, of North Foote street, is building an addition to his home recently purchased from Mrs. Millett.

The home department of the Methodist church Sunday school met in the church parlors on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood have moved into the home they recently purchased from J. K. O'Neil, on Oakwood avenue.

Sunday papers may be had at the Reporter office from six a. m. to twelve noon, and in the afternoon at Bonnell's hotel.

Remember the dinner to be served in the Heart block by the ladies' aid of the Baptist church on Thursday, April 25.

Won't you be glad when the time comes that you can read a newspaper all through and never once light upon the name of Thaw?

Frank Knight and George Thoma were in town on Tuesday night in connection with the spreading of the south side storm sewer extension.

Mrs. G. O. Babel was called suddenly to St. Louis, Mo., on Sunday morning, because of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Anderson, of that city.

Frank Miller, son of J. B. Miller, recently met with an accident while doing some electrical work, and is spending a few days here recuperating.

Mrs. A. Wetzler, of Fairview and Fifth avenue, East Grove, will entertain the members of the St. Aloysius social club on Wednesday afternoon, April 24.

It is reported that a Chicago plumber is negotiating for a location here. Such an act would look as if somebody expected a big lot of building operations the coming season.

Mr. Greenwood, who purchased the O'Neil house and lot on Oakwood avenue, is having the same thoroughly fitted up with sanitary conveniences. John T. Clifford has the contract.

C. K. Roe is always a jolly fellow, but recently he has increased not only the size of his smile, but it is told on him that his hats are all too small in size—cause, a boy. Congratulations.

The Ladies of the Macabees will hold their next meeting in Madoff's hall on Friday, April 26. Every member is urged to be present, as business of importance will be transacted.

The state women's annual tourney will be held at Kewanee this year. Downers Grove boys will take part. It is to be hoped that they will be treated fairer than they were last year at Urbana.

The Chicago Tribune is giving away a beautiful set of dishes as a premium to subscribers to their paper. Call and see us about same—Cryder News Agency, 24 South Main street, Telephone 112.

The people of Downers Grove township decided on Saturday last that they did not want a township high school. The question now is how are they going to maintain the schools they now have?

The school caucus on Wednesday evening was well attended, nearly every seat in the room where the meeting was held being filled. This shows that a greater interest is being taken in school affairs than previously.

Many of our German readers who desire evening German papers, call at this office and receive a free sample of Free Presse, a well known evening German paper. They are on sale regularly on the stand, but samples will be given away to readers.

Fred Hofert has bought out Newcomb's stock and will continue the business. Mr. Hofert is well known here and should do a good business. He will keep a supply of Sunday papers on sale all day for the accommodation of those who live in that section.

The woman's club musical given last week at the home of Mrs. Bunze was a great success both financially and socially. Professor Elliott and Miss Elliott, of Chicago, and Miss Lillian Dawes furnished the program, which was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

The property owners along Maple avenue met in the village hall on Monday evening for the public hearing on the paving of that street. The board of local improvement, on the suggestion of the property owners, changed the base from six inches to seven inches of macadam.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burns entertained at their pleasant home on Prince avenue on Saturday evening. The guests were Messrs. and Mrs. L. L. Corey, Dietz, Lemon, Dawes, Avery, Lipsy, Campbell, Waples, Murray, Cook, Lancaster, Smith, Sacksteder and Mrs. Ada Anderson and Miss Fanny Stewart.

We learn that it is expected that work will begin on the new Catholic church which will be built at the corner of Franklin and Main streets in about a month. It will be a handsome and imposing structure, costing about twelve thousand dollars. It will be built of brick and will be known as St. Joseph church.

Many people often wonder how long it takes to grow a tree. Postmaster Stanley has in his possession an old diary kept by his father, the late John Stanley, which states that the massive elms near Judge Graham's office were planted on April 14, 1865, the day after Lincoln was assassinated, so they are now forty-two years old.

A stereopticon lecture on Ireland will be given in the Congregational church on Thursday evening April 25, by the Rev. W. E. Paul, of Chicago.

Mr. Miller, a noted elocutionist, will entertain the audience for a part of the time. There will also be a young lady who will sing several songs. Tickets may be had at the door or can be procured from Christian Endeavor members.

John Townsend, of North Washington street, will continue to keep a few of the Sunday Chicago papers for the accommodation of the residents of that section. Mr. Townsend does this without remuneration and wholly as an accommodation. Anyone ordering papers laid aside for them must pay for same. If you cannot get supplied by Mr. Townsend come to the head office (Reporter office) and buy from the stand.—Cryder News Agency.

The death occurred at his home in Downers Grove township of Albert W. Eberhardt, a young man just in his twenty-fifth year, who was well and favorably known. He originally lived in Indianapolis, and from there moved to Oak Park and afterward to Downers Grove township. He leaves his two sisters to mourn his early death. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, services being held in the German Evangelical church. Rev. John Keist, of Oak Park, spoke in German, and Rev. W. H. Shuster, of Naperville, spoke in English.

The Miller Well Drilling company, who have the contract for the sinking of the well at the water works, have certainly had a run of ill luck here. About a month ago when they reached the depth of 832 feet their drill became fastened in the rock and every effort that the best of experts could put forth has been tried and still the instrument sticks. A month has been consumed and a large force employed in the work of endeavoring to loosen the sticking drill. It is expected that it will be freed in a few days and drilling operations will begin.

Obituary on Dr. Roe  
Matthew Pool Roe, oldest son of the late Dr. F. M. Roe, for many years a resident of this village, died at his home in Falls, Oklahoma, on Sunday, April 7, 1907. The deceased graduated with honors in early manhood from the Bennett medical college of Chicago, and soon left his home and friends to practice medicine in the west. Among other places he practiced in Wichita, Kansas; Little Rock, Arkansas, and Guthrie, Oklahoma. He spent the last six months of his life in the south, traveling with his family, visiting Copus Christ and San Antonio, Texas, returning to his home in Falls only a few weeks before his sudden death. During recent special meetings at Falls he accepted the early teaching of his parents and professed religion. Dr. Roe was of a buoyant disposition ever on the alert to do good, making many friends wherever he went. All the business houses and schools of Falls were closed during the funeral services. He leaves a wife and daughter, Mrs. Clara Castanor Roe and Mrs. Raymond Lawton, and a brother and three sisters, Charles K. Roe, Mrs. Lou Lamb, Mrs. Peter Rowland, and Miss Marianna Roe. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Kelly at the Methodist church in Falls, and the body of the deceased was laid to rest beside that of a predeceased son in the Carney cemetery.

Excursion to Niagara Falls  
The Chicago and Suburban Publishers' association, of which W. Harry Spears, publisher of this paper, is president, composed of a large number of publishers of the weekly newspapers and magazines in Chicago and suburbs, are arranging for a summer outing to Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Toronto, Canada. A special train has been chartered from the Michigan Central railway and arrangements are being made to make a "round" run over the route. The party will be composed of about one hundred of the newspaper publishers and their wives and also some friends outside of the publishing fraternity, who wish to join the party. This paper will have a limited number of tickets for its friends who may wish to join the party. A very low rate has been secured from the railway people, and many free concessions will be given at Niagara Falls.

C. B. & Q. Officials Visit Town  
The C. B. & Q. officials made a tour of inspection of the grounds about the depot here on Monday of this week. Among those who were here were second vice-president Willard, general manager Gruber, and general superintendent Judson. They made a careful inspection of all the property of the company at this point, and it is possible that several changes will be made here in the near future. The officials stated that they were surprised to find that the old building which had been ordered moved by April 1st was still standing, and we learn that it was decided to give notice to the lessees to at once remove the same.

Former Citizens Entertain  
The Pasadena Daily News contains the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Riddler, of No. 1077 Chicago street, had as their guests Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Howland, of Riverside, Illinois, who are stopping for a time at La Casa Grande hotel. Mr. Howland has been connected with the Burlington route in one capacity or another for fifty years, starting with the road as brakeman and reaching the age limit and being retired as superintendent. Mr. Riddler served under Mr. Howland on the Burlington for seventeen years, previous to coming to Pasadena to make his home. A. C. Tubbs was another congenial guest with Mr. How-

land, he having also served the Burlington during a portion of Mr. Howland's superintendency. In the afternoon C. F. Johnson, a Burlington conductor temporarily stopping at the Ostrich farm, joined the party. The quartette of Burlington employees passed a very pleasant day viewing the city together and recounting incidents of their service to the great road in which they still take so much pride.

A Yearly Life Insured  
With feelings of particular sadness, the many relatives and friends of Albert W. Eberhardt heard of his sudden death, which occurred on Saturday morning, April 13, 1907, in Downers Grove township. Mr. Eberhardt was born in Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 2, 1881, and spent the greater part of his life at that place. Some time ago the family left Indianapolis for Oak Park, Ill., Mr. Eberhardt then finding employment in the First National bank of Chicago. Here he labored with considerable success, gradually rising to higher positions of trust and responsibility. His health beginning to decline, he was granted a vacation of several months which time he spent at the Pacific coast. Having returned home much improved he again took up his work with renewed interest, only to find after a short time that because of his ill health he must entirely withdraw from the work.

For the past two years the family has been living in Downers Grove township, having located in the country with the hope that Mr. Eberhardt would regain his former good health. During the winter of their first year's stay at this place the young man again went to the west and spent considerable time in California, returning in the spring somewhat improved. During the past year he was able to work in Chicago a greater part of the time. Sometime ago he was taken ill with la grippe and suffered considerably from its effects until an attack of pneumonia apparently ended his years of affliction.

Mr. Eberhardt was a young man of a sterling Christian character. As long as health permitted he was actively engaged in the work of the church, Sunday school and young people's alliance. He was always hopeful in reference to the future and patiently endured all without complaint. His life was true Christian, therefore his end was peace.

O that life is!—'tis like a flower  
That blossoms and is gone,  
It flourishes its little hour,  
With all its beauty on,  
Death comes, and, like a wintry day,  
It cuts the lovely flower away.

Lord, what is life?—if spent with thee  
In humble praise and prayer,  
How long or short our life may be,  
We feel no anxious care,  
Though life depart, our joys shall last  
When life and all its joys are past.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Shuster, assisted by Rev. J. C. Keist, formerly of Oak Park, Ill. Interment took place in the West Side cemetery.

Downers Grove Candidate  
Miss Etgenia Dixon, who is trying for a place among the one hundred teachers to be awarded outing trips to all parts of America the coming summer by the Chicago Examiner, now has forty thousand votes and is slowly creeping up among the fortunate ones. There are one thousand competitors, so that Miss Dixon deserves great credit to reach the position she holds a few days ago. No. 182 on the list. Many of her pupils are working hard to secure the coupons from the Examiner, particularly the Sunday edition, for her. Here in Downers Grove many are saving them for her, yet there are many more who could assist in the securing for a Downers Grove lady one of the prizes. There are between six thousand and seven thousand ballots distributed each Sunday in Downers Grove and if the purchasers would clip them out of the Examiner on page two at the top of the page and send to Miss Dixon or leave at this office it would help along the contest. Many are doing so, but some are not. Coupons are no good after ten days, so send them early. The Sunday ones are good for forty votes and the daily ones count five votes. Let's help a Downers Grove lady win out.

Meeting with Success  
The ladies of East Grove who are soliciting funds for the building of a home for the deserving woman and her family of East Grove are meeting with great success. They have already secured considerable towards the project, but not enough to start the work at once. It will be a building of two or three rooms and it will not be done all at once, as it will be built only as the contributions come in. Mrs. Fred Logan, of East Grove, will also receive donations, as well as the officers of the ladies' aid.

Base Ball News Notes  
Some Hinsdale and Millersburg ball players are going to play the East Grove players at East Grove on Sunday afternoon, April 21. Skeels will pitch for the visitors and Biergraf for East Grove. The East Grove boys have reorganized for the season.

John W. Pearce, of East Maple avenue, expects to move into his new house on the north side during the present week.

The Village Election  
The village election of Downers Grove is now a thing of the past. Both sides worked hard and one of the most friendly contests that was ever waged here resulted. To the credit of the managers of both factions, the election was clean and honorable. It was simply a race to see who had the most friends. Mr. Hughes won over Mr. Brooks by a majority of twenty-two votes. Several times during the day it was conceded that Mr. Brooks was elected, but the final summing up required otherwise. Five hundred and twelve votes were cast, the largest number ever recorded in Downers Grove. From what we can learn there was not over thirty or forty possible votes unrecorded, and in many cases these were those of persons who were away from town, sick, disabled or compelled to go on early trains to their employment and unable to return in time to vote. Both sides had carriages conveying voters all day; in fact, few walked on Tuesday. In the morning the rush taxed the physical abilities of the clerks to get the names down as fast as they filed in to vote. One hundred and thirty-four votes were recorded in twenty minutes, and many times the judges had to hold back the line because all the five voting stalls were in use. At seven o'clock there was a line from the first judge's chair in the village hall out to the telephone office, and it kept augmenting as the moments went by. Below we give the vote as it was recorded:

FOR VILLAGE PRESIDENT.  
J. W. Hughes ..... 204  
T. E. Brooks ..... 242

Majority for Hughes ..... 22

FOR VILLAGE TRUSTEES.  
Lee E. Singleterry ..... 331  
George B. Heardt ..... 325  
J. W. Bradbury ..... 304  
C. H. Staats ..... 4  
W. V. Deveraux ..... 1

A vote was given to "Cap Rogers" and another to "Davis," but as such was not a correct designation they could not be counted. The votes to Messrs. Staats and Deveraux were also written in and intended to be complimentary, no doubt, as neither were candidates. The interests of Mr. Hughes and the "Citizens" ticket were looked after during the day by S. Currier, V. Simonson, W. Wells and B. C. White, while those of Messrs. Brooks and Bradbury were attended to by John T. Clifford.

Messrs. Bert C. White, E. Schultz and John W. Graves, who had in hand the management of Mr. Hughes' campaign, and J. T. Clifford, who did likewise for Messrs. Brooks and Bradbury, are to be complimented for the fair manner in which they conducted the election.

The School Proposition  
The township school election went against the project by a big majority. Downers Grove cast one hundred and thirty-seven for and one hundred and thirteen against, while Lace voted every vote against, and, as was expected, Hinsdale went strongly against the project. The district school proposition at Hinsdale was also defeated. Below are the figures:

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL PROPOSITION.  
For. Against. Majority.  
Downers Grove, 115 137 24  
Lace ..... 81 81  
Hinsdale ..... 23 462 439

HINSDALE DISTRICT SCHOOL.  
For. Against. Majority.  
Clarendon Hills, 10 12 2  
Hinsdale ..... 390 196 114

As the district school proposition did not carry in both districts it also fails. Considerable fault is found with the alleged interference with the voters at Hinsdale by advocates of the district school and opposed to the township project. To Mr. Middaugh, of Clarendon Hills, an extensive property owner, is attributed the defeat of the district project. He was an ardent advocate of the township proposition and opposed the Hinsdale district school plan. As there were only twenty-two votes in his district, it was easy to defeat all the work of the Hinsdale people with their big vote. This leaves the schools in each place in just the same condition as they were before. The boards of education of each district will have a big problem before them to meet the bills when they have not money enough to do it, and still the public will demand more and more.

Successful Day for Bradburys  
Tuesday was a red letter day for the Bradburys. J. W. Bradbury, of this place, was elected to a position on the village board as trustee, and his brother, Samuel Bradbury, was elected mayor of the city of Kewanee.

The School Directors' Cases  
A caucus was held in the southside school on Wednesday evening to nominate two school directors and a president. Bert C. White called the meeting to order and was elected presiding officer for the occasion. Professor L. G. Avery was elected secretary. Nominations were then called for. A. L. Palmer moved and J. W. Rogers seconded that J. R. Foster succeed himself as president. There was no opposition. E. Schultz moved and James Burns seconded that Howard P. Jones succeed B. C. White, who declined to be a candidate for re-election. There was no opposition. Captain Rogers moved and E. Schultz seconded that

F. E. Dove succeed himself. There was no opposition. The caucus then adjourned. The election will be held to-day during the afternoon at the village hall. The election is conducted under the old system of balloting. Ballots will be provided with the names of the above candidates, but any voter may scratch a name, write in a name instead, or present a ballot with the name of any other person he chooses. All men and women of legal voting qualifications may vote. At this writing we have heard of no opposition to the ticket nominated, and it will likely be the one elected.

Baptist Choir Concert  
The concert given by the Baptist church choir, Thursday evening, April 11, was considered by everyone to be a grand success. The chorister, H. J. Greenwood, revealed himself in a new role, that of reader, singer and director, showed marked ability. The choruses by the choir were exceptionally well given, and were enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience. The piano duets and the selections rendered by the quartets and trio were prominent features of the splendid program. Much credit is due to Miss Anna Roe, the choir accompanist, for her faithful and efficient service. The leaders' poetic genius was made manifest on this occasion by the following bit of verse (which was so aptly given just preceding the silver offering. Here is their production:

It seems to be in the nature of men,  
And especially ladies, now and then,  
To desire a place to sit down;  
And to stand all the time would exceed  
Heavily the members of our most amiable choir.  
Their choir of some renown.

It's always somewhat of a bore  
To seat yourself upon the floor  
And try to feel at ease;  
And common chairs placed in a row  
Are rather infra dig you know,  
And apt to cause a squeeze.

I'm sure there's no one could desire  
To look upon a finer choir  
Than you are now beholdin';  
With such a fund of tune and time  
As cannot be expressed in rhyme  
Continually unfolding.

For such sweet strains to be repeated  
One must be comfortably seated  
In strains of music hearty and strong,  
No chairs were bought, in the opera style,  
And steel drew a light to stay awhile,  
And rid us of much care.

But makers of chairs have a curious way  
Of presenting their bill and demanding their pay.  
In real, old-fashioned cash;  
We'd like to pay in musical notes,  
In strains of music hearty and strong,  
But this they consider rash.

So in order to settle this just demand,  
And square it up at once—off hand,  
We kindly ask your aid;  
And hope that by our effort to-night,  
Which we've tried to make both pleasant  
And light,  
You all may feel repaid.

The silver offering was a generous one and practically met the present financial needs of the choir for which they are grateful.

Golden Wedding Anniversary  
A golden wedding anniversary will be held at the home of Charles Oldfield, Sr., in Cedar Springs, Michigan, on April 22. Mr. and Mrs. Oldfield are well known in this section, being relatives of C. K. Roe and wife, C. E. Oldfield and wife, and C. Marker and wife, of this section.

Something New  
The ladies' aid of the Baptist church will serve dinner "A La Cafeteria" on Thursday evening, April 25, in the room formerly occupied by Meyer and company. Dinner will be served from five thirty p. m. until all are satisfied.

It is not the site of a town, but its character that makes it a desirable place to live at. A live, prosperous town is a desirable one to live in, and a town may be prosperous and yet small. Every citizen in a town should be deeply interested in its prosperity, and one of the best ways to help a town is to speak well of it. It is the part of true patriotism to stand by your own town, for the interests that affect the town affect every citizen.

There is no reasonable excuse for any man to live in a town if he doesn't like it. If you have no word of commendation to say for your town, its institutions or its people, perhaps you won't stop the town clock by going away. The church bells will have the same musical ring; the little dog will play just as well, and the pure air, bright sunshine and sparkling water will have the same health-giving properties. Speak a good word for your neighbor if you can; if you cannot, don't overestimate the damage on their fault. If you have a home thoroughly disgruntled, move away to some place where things will suit you.

Among her numerous other possessions, our town has her full share of old bachelors, although they are by no means the past-revolution kind. Just why these men travel alone is not quite clear—especially to a goodly number of the tender sex, who are simply chasing their heads off in an effort to catch them.

## Among the Churches

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

Baptist church—the pastor, Rev. L. L. Prescott, will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Abolitionment." Evening, "The Faith of Slight in the Divine Doctrine." The music and a cordial welcome.

## Cass Correspondence

Mrs. J. B. Oldfield's health is slowly improved at this writing. Grain sowing has been much retarded on account of the unseasonable weather.

Mrs. Ida Chilvers is recovering from her recent illness and is able to be around again.

The high school proposition was voted against at Leece by a small majority of eighty-one votes.

Thomas O. Wilson is on a two week trip in Michigan, traveling in the interest of a wholesale grocery house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyon, of Newark, Nebraska, have been spending a week with friends and relatives in Cass.

Insure with the Farmers' Insurance company and save one-half of your insurance bills. Fire, lightning and tornado risks.

Sam Berlin, our rural carrier on Route No. 1, makes regular time on his route and serves the patrons faithfully and courteously.

Miss Florence Gregory and John Gregory, of Downers Grove, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gregory in Cass the past week.

Farmers are much disappointed over the rise in the price of milk this summer. An advance of ten cents per can is expected over last season's price.

Little Frank Chilvers met with a serious accident while jumping the rope at school in Lower Cass last Monday. He tripped in the rope and broke his left arm at the elbow. He is getting along fairly well at this writing.

August Heints was recently married to a widow in Denver, Colorado, she having four children, the eldest being twenty-three years and the youngest eight years. Mr. Heints is well known to most Cass people. He is conducting a large poultry and bee farm and has the largest apiary in that part of the state. His friends gave him a home-warming upon his arrival.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The following excerpt from the general ordinances of the village of Downers Grove is herewith published by order of the Village Board, and all persons are notified to govern themselves accordingly:

Section 31, Chapter 27, Village Ordinances—

Sec. 31. No person shall drive any wagon, cart or other vehicle across any curbing in the streets within the limits prescribed and allowed to the property owners for improvements, or ride, drive or lead an animal, or drive any vehicle along or over any plat of ground so improved, or destroy or injure any shrub or plant or pick any flowers planted in such plats without the permission of the owner, or injure or destroy any tree, shrub, flower or improvement in any park or public place within the said Village under the penalty of not less than three dollars or more than fifty dollars for each and every violation.