

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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## News of the Neighborhood

Keep cool (always). There are still some vacant lots on "Easy" street.

Ward two is getting nicely built up with new walks.

Miss Ruth Ballard is visiting in Chicago with relatives.

Many a man who looks wise can't make a living at it.

How long the days seem when you are short of money.

James Auld left this week for Phillips, South Dakota.

George Hillard is improving his residence on the north side.

E. O. Stanley has one of the best kept lawns on Maple avenue.

One method of dodging popularity is to give your neighbors advice.

It doesn't pay to advertise unless you are able to deliver the goods.

Mrs. F. C. Hayes and daughter are spending the summer at Lake Delavan.

Have you noticed that the Reporter gives all the social news of the village?

Miss Lena Penner is spending her vacation in Canton, Ohio, with relatives.

William Richardson is having a new roof put on the porch about his residence.

Miss Florence Schindler has been spending the week at Brighton Park, Chicago.

The Manning house on Maple avenue looks bright and tasty in a new coat of paint.

George Hoffert has had a cement walk placed in front of his property on Grove street.

J. J. Hiley and wife leave this week for Boston, Mass., where they will enjoy some holidays.

James Adams will be moving to his new home on Lincoln and Prairie avenue in a few weeks.

Mrs. L. B. Waples leaves this week, accompanied by her children for a visit at Lake Delavan.

A. J. Dent has been spending some days at Hammond, supervising the removal of some premises.

F. N. Pesse and wife and little daughter, Miss Josephine, are guests with Mrs. J. C. Austin.

John Sans is having a new roof put on his barn in the rear of his residence on West Maple avenue.

Lee Stanley and wife are rejoicing in the arrival of a son and heir. Congratulations are in order.

The home of George Edwards, which has been quarantined for some weeks, is now free from infection.

R. A. Stryker will move from West Maple avenue to the north side just north of the Austin nurseries.

W. D. Herrick is supplying his cus-

tomers with nice strawberries and green peas. They are dandies.

Were you among the baseball fans who went to Hinsdale last Saturday and helped to win the game for Downers Grove?

William Hogan, who has been night policeman here for a little over a year past, has resigned his position and gone to Denver, Colorado.

Caretaker Olinger has the south side school grounds in fine shape. The grass is neatly cut and an air of "spick and span" prevails.

Andrew Dilger, father of Mrs. John Sans, possibly has the finest showing of a garden in the village. His patch of potatoes are "hummers."

The ladies' aid of the Baptist church held an ice cream social in the church parlors on Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The Downers Grove citizens who have been doing jury duty have gotten through. Some of them became quite weary of the monotony.

It would take you a long time to call on everybody in Downers Grove. You can meet them all through a "want ad" in the Reporter in a few hours.

R. S. White and family have returned to town after a year's residence in California, whither Mr. White was sent by his firm after the earthquake happened.

Poison ivy is growing to some extent in some parts of the village. Some children have already been poisoned. This noxious weed should be destroyed wherever found.

E. E. Easton has some excellent strawberries that he is selling to his patrons. Somehow everybody likes Easton's strawberries. They are much finer flavored fruit.

"I saw it in the Reporter." That's what several thousand people in Downers Grove and vicinity say every day, and that's why they are always ahead of their neighbors.

The board of education met on Tuesday night. Several improvements are being contemplated by the board. The roof of the north side school house will be repaired.

George R. MacDougall's auto set some people guessing on Sunday. Something went wrong with the gasoline tank while on Main street, and the explosions were like giant crackers.

All the Reporter "ads" are unique. Tell us what you want to say and we will say it for you. You sell goods when you advertise. A little money spent judiciously in printer's ink is never lost.

W. Turnbull, of Maple avenue, has a very pretty piece of award on the west side of his residence. Mr. Turnbull has made many improvements about his residence since purchasing the same.

Few people realize what a great improvement to Maple avenue was the rebuilding of the Baptist church. Now when the foliage is at its best the church stands out in splendid relief and looks well.

Delbert Austin is making some tasty improvements on his property on the west end. He has built a new barn, laid a new cement walk to the family residence and otherwise greatly beautified the old home.

T. F. Potter has been making some improvements at his West Maple avenue residence. His lawn is being neatly graded up and his garden is a vegetable grower's delight. The early tomatoes are coming along nicely.

J. M. Riel is having his residence treated to a scrubbing with soda, soap and water, which cleans up the paint so it looks bright and like a newly painted house. The dust caused by the autos on Maple avenue is hard on the paint.

E. W. Otto has been nurturing lawn grass for his lawn about his south side residence for some months, and now he can sit and look at it grow. The past week has started all the lawns in fine shape. Mr. Otto will soon have an ideal lawn.

The Reporter gives you an account of what is going on in the most interesting place on earth to you—your home town—for three cents a week. It costs many hundreds times this to prepare it. Appreciate the effort by subscribing.

R. C. Briggs who recently visited Minneapolis, with his family, while at the falls of Minnehaha found an old Indian war club. Mr. Briggs, who is an ardent collector of old Indian curios and arrow heads, was greatly delighted with the new addition to his former fine collection.

The old cemetery grounds are being improved. The grass is being mowed and other improvements are contemplated, it is said. This site should be kept in better condition. It is located right in the very center of the village, and if allowed to grow tall grass and weeds is an eyesore.

Letter writing is tedious at times and at other times a pleasure. Let the Reporter serve you all the time as a bearer of news and good feeling. How? Why, by subscribing for it for your distant friend. Send us your friend's name and address and we will do the rest. Pay the dollar and a half

when you get ready. This will be a reminder to him regularly every week throughout the entire year that you are thinking of him.

C. B. Blodgett is having sanitary improvements made at his residence on Maple avenue. Mr. Blodgett has an ideal residence site at his home. Few people realize that those trees about his place were planted away back in thirties, when Mr. Blodgett and his brothers were small lads.

M. O'Donnell is engaged in putting in a concrete floor in the basement of B. Roth's house on South Main street now occupied by his son, William Roth. A new walk is being laid about the house. Mike (as he is familiarly called) seems to be well patronized. Wonder if it is his genial, good ways?

Miss Mildred Briggs graduated from the Agassiz school, Chicago, last Friday, June 28. Miss Briggs carried off two prizes, one for a composition on "Shylock," and one on a literary effort of her own entitled, "How the Mail was Carried to Dawson City."

The Western United Gas and Electric company found it necessary to lower their gas main on Maple avenue. Between Carpenter street and the German church there will be a cut of nearly two feet for the paving, and this would have left the gas pipe too near the surface, so the pipe had to be lowered.

I. G. Hearty has had the big elm and box elder trees about his new residence trimmed up by an expert and they look very nice now. He has also had the lawn about his residence levelled and seeded. When it grows over with grass it will be a beautiful spot. Mr. Hearty now has one of the most valuable residences on the avenue.

Fred Bauman, printer, informs us that he will make a systematic and regular canvass of the business houses of the village for job printing. Mr. Bauman is a good printer and has lived here for a long time. He, in company with Messrs. Fleet, Schwabe and Hawlin, compiled and published the Downers Grove directory this year, which is a very creditable piece of typography.

Anyone who desires to see a nice piece of sidewalk work should go down on Grove street in front of J. J. Hiley's home, where A. F. Beideman has built the walk about the big oak tree that stands in the right of way. It certainly has a unique appearance and shows that the retaining of the great tree was worth more than the having of the walk on a line. Let's save the trees every time.

The Burlington passenger train from Denver due in Chicago at ten-thirty Thursday night of last week, collided with a mail train in the yards at Sixteenth street as it was nearing the depot. The engine was wrecked but no one was injured. The mail train locomotive was lifted from the rails and turned over on its side. The engineer and fireman saw their danger and jumped. The passengers were jolted about.

There is room for a few more in the Niagara Falls excursion and the Reporter can secure tickets for its friends on application. Remember this is not an everybody's "hurrah" trip. It will be composed of the weekly and monthly publishing fraternity of Chicago and suburbs, their wives, members of their families and as many of their friends as they may wish to invite. Several Downers Grove people will be in the party. A special train has been chartered. Toronto, Canada, will be visited as a side trip. Circulars can be had at this office.



## OUR BASEBALL NEWS SERVICE

(Special) Written by a Baseball Fan for the Reporter

### BASEBALL

It was a shame to take the money! With Hinsdale confident of having the game safely tucked away under their belts, the Downers Grove boys won a series of errors and a two-base walk, by a score of 6 to 4, in the second game with Hinsdale, at the latter place, last Saturday.

It was a brilliant contest of pitchers, but Pelleteer, having an edge on Ashworth ("semi-pro,") impressed especially to humiliate Downers Grove, all the way. Pelleteer was easily the hero of the day. Hinsdale found him safely but five times, three of these hits being bunched in the sixth inning. He struck out ten men, and saved the day for Downers with a two-base walk to left field, bringing in the tying score, and giving Downers the lead when he scored on Webster's error, and which they made safe by annexing another run immediately after.

Ashworth is some pitcher, too, striking out fourteen men and allowing eight hits.

When the game was started, it was found that there was no umpire present, and finally Gentleman Joe Costitt and Albert "D." Smith ("D." signifying Dutch) were asked to officiate, and both gracefully complied. Albert, however, had no opportunity to display his umpiring judgment on balls and strikes, for the "ump" who, on the way out from the city had fallen asleep in the baggage car, wasn't thrown off until he reached Downers, and had to be tagged and expressed back to Hinsdale, appeared on the scene at this time, and Eat'em-up Joe and Albert D. were summarily dismissed. Joe didn't like it, for he wanted a chance to even up with Downers for his last defeat Hinsdale suffered at our hands, but Albert was glad to relinquish the job for the responsibility weighed heavily upon his shoulders.

There was nothing doing until the second inning, which Oles opened with a single. Wilson sacrificed Hales to

Webster, Barnack struck out, but Reuss got a life at first when Farmer fumbled his swift grounder, and Oles scored from third, which he had reached on a passed ball. Reuss stole second, and Pelleteer singled, scoring Reuss, but was out. Ashworth to Harris, when he tried to reach home on a bad throw by Harris to third.

There was no more scoring until Hinsdale's half of the sixth. In this inning Harris was safe at first when Barnack missed his easy grounder, Hales was safe on a muffed fly by Barnack, but Wells grabbed the ball and tossed it to Brennan, forcing Harris. Ashworth singled, and Webster singled, scoring Hales and Ashworth. Noble, batting for Wagner, dumped a roller to Barnack, and Webster was nailed at the plate by Wilson. Cross dropped Rosie's long fly to left field, and Noble scored. Wreod singled to right, scoring Rosie, reached third on a bad throw by Wilson, but died when Briggs struck out.

The two sides were blanked until the first half of the eighth. Cross came to bat and struck out. Wells singled to center, and on a fielder's choice by Innes, Wreod fumbled and both were safe. Brennan singled, scoring Wells, Oles was out on a high foul to Hales, and Wilson knocked a pop-up that was handled perfectly by Hales.

With the score 4 to 3 against them, Downers came to bat in the first of the ninth. Barnack was out on a pop-up to Webster. Reuss drew a base on balls, and stole second. Pelleteer doubled to left, and Reuss scored. Cross was safe on an error by Webster, and stole second, and Pelleteer scored. Wells was safe when Webster dropped a perfect throw by Hales, and Cross scored. Wells stole second, but Innes popped to Hales, and Brennan committed suicide by striking out.

In the last of the ninth Pelleteer struck out the first three men that faced him, and the game was over.

The score:

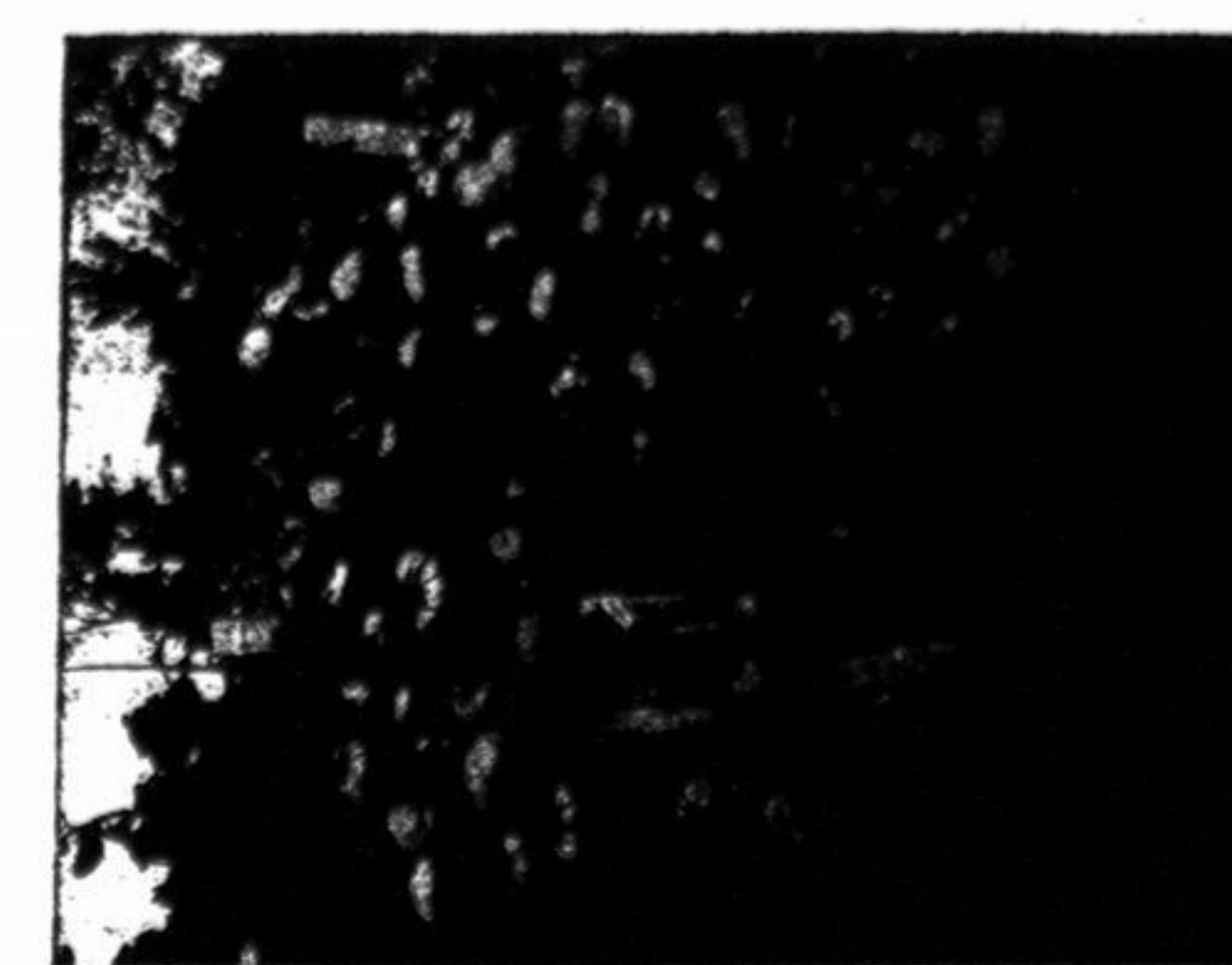
D. Grove	A. B. R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Wells, ss.	5	1	2	2	1	
Innes, cf.	5	0	1	0	0	
Brennan, 2b.	5	0	1	2	1	
Oles, cf.	4	2	2	0	0	
Wilson, c.	3	0	1	1	0	
Barnack, 3b.	4	0	0	1	2	
Reuss, 1b.	4	2	0	0	1	
Pelleteer, p.	4	1	2	0	4	
Cross, lf.	4	1	0	0	1	
Totals	38	6	8	27	10	8

Hinsdale	A. B. R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Farmer, ss.	3	0	0	1	0	1
Harris, c.	3	0	0	1	1	1
Hales, 2b.	3	1	0	4	2	0
Ashworth, p.	4	1	2	1	1	0
Webster, 1b.	4	0	2	4	0	2
Wagner, cf.	2	0	0	1	0	0
Webster, 1b.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Rosie, lf.	3	0	1	1	1	1
Briggs, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Noble, cf.	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	5	27	5	5

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Hinsdale . . . . . 0 0 0 0 4 0 0-4

Stolen bases—Wells, Cross, Reuss, Farmer. Double play—Wells unassisted. Struck out—By Pelleteer, 10; by Ashworth, 14. Two-base hit—Pelleteer. Passed ball—Harris. Base on balls—Off Pelleteer, Farmer, Wreod; off Ashworth, Reuss. Hit by pitched ball—Harris. Sacrifice hits—Wilson, Farmer, Hales. Umpire—Miller. Time—1:45.

## POTTER'S EARLY TOMATO CULTURE



For many years T. F. Potter, of this place, has made a special study of tomato growing with the object in view of producing fruit earlier in the season than the gardener under ordinary conditions can produce. Market gardeners, and all others who raise tomatoes in quantities, know that the fruit put on the market early in the season commands the highest prices. After several years' study and experimenting, Mr. Potter has succeeded in working out a method whereby tomato plants of any variety, by systematic treatment, may be forced to produce ripe fruit nearly four weeks earlier than the usual ripening season. In quality and quantity, tomatoes grown by his method are superior to those placed on the market a month later in the season. Having perfected this method of growing tomatoes, he had no intention of placing the knowledge concerning it before the public, but having had such gratifying success in raising tomatoes this way he concluded to embody the complete information concerning his method in a booklet and offer it for sale to the vegetable growers of the country. The tomato is as extensively grown as any other vegetable and as a commercial product it brings enormous returns to gardeners every season. Mr. Potter's method of growing tomatoes simply means that more and better tomatoes can be raised on the same ground, with the same, or even less care, and that the ripe fruit can be picked four weeks earlier than under ordinary conditions.

The above cuts show a tomato patch in Mr. Potter's garden in which the vines have been cultivated and cared for according to the Potter method. The large quantity of well-formed fruit is to be noted.

ers? They were certainly those with the noise. After all, that's half the pleasure of a baseball game. Downers Grove has the most enthusiastic support of any team in the league for a large delegation follows wherever the boys play.

A singular thing occurred in the sixth with Hinsdale at bat. When Cross dropped Rosie's fly, Noble started home from third. Cross threw straight for the plate, but the ball bounded and struck Noble in the back, preventing Wilson from fielding it, and Noble scored.

In both games with Hinsdale Downers Grove have won by a ninth-inning rally. Don't look much like our boys are quitters.

Ashworth is a big pitcher. He can throw all kinds of speed, but little Pelleteer was a little better. He kept Hinsdale guessing by cutting the corners of the plate. He throws a wide curve that is very deceptive.

Pelleteer drew himself out of a bad hole in the third. He gave Wreod his base on balls. Briggs was safe on an error by Brennan, and both advanced a base on Farmer's sacrifice. Harris was hit by a pitched ball, filling the bases with but one out. But here Pelleteer used his head and struck out Hales, and Ashworth was an easy out on a grounder via the Brennan-Reuss route.

Not a hit was made off Pelleteer until the fourth inning.

Wells completed a double play unassisted. Webster was on second with one out, when Rosie popped a short fly back of second. Wells was under it and stepped to second before Webster, who had taken a long lead off, could return, and the sixth Pelleteer did the same.

Among the rosters Julius Severus deserves honorable mention. With a few more to give the team enthusiastic support like Mr. Severus, the chances for winning the pennant would be considerably brighter.

Engineer Lester is surveying for new walks in Ward two. There will be about fifty one thousand square feet to lay. It is badly scattered about, as pieces have been laid here and there all over the ward.

July 6—Brookfield at Downers Grove; Hinsdale at Riverdale; LaGrange at Clyde.

July 13—LaGrange at Brookfield; Riverdale at Downers Grove; Hinsdale at Clyde.

July 20—Brookfield at Hinsdale; Clyde at Riverdale; LaGrange at Downers Grove.

July 27—Clyde at Brookfield; Downers Grove at Hinsdale; Riverdale at LaGrange.

August 3—Brookfield at Downers Grove; Hinsdale at Riverdale; Clyde at LaGrange.

August 10—Riverdale at Brookfield; LaGrange at Hinsdale; Downers Grove at Clyde.

August 17—Brookfield at Hinsdale; LaGrange at Riverdale; Clyde at Downers Grove.

## COMING CHAUTAUQU ASSEMBLY

An Event That Will Long Be Remembered in Downers Grove

Messrs. Whiteside and Haley, advance agents of the Lincoln temperance chautauqua, met with the local executive committee of the prohibition alliance, at its recent session. It was found that two hundred and thirty bona fide pledges for the purchase of season tickets had been secured. After a careful looking over the field it was decided to make a thorough canvass of the business portion of the village, to secure, if possible, the interest and cooperation of all classes of citizens in order to effect the sale of three hundred season tickets that will be necessary to finance the enterprise. The committee, after a thorough discussion, concluded to assume the responsibility and on motion the officers were instructed to sign the contract so as to secure the assembly. At this writing about two hundred and seventy-five pledges have been secured, and the committee hope that the remainder will be pledged before the week closes. Friends who are interested will greatly assist the committee by reporting the number of tickets they may require as soon as possible.

Through the courtesy of Jonas R. Foster, the large lot at the corner of Cortina and Washington streets has been donated for the erection of the large assembly tent holding over one thousand people. The committee are

arranging to have it lighted with electricity, and if possible, seated with chairs.

An effort is being made to organize a large chorus choir to assist in the exercises and it is hoped that an arrangement can be made with our village band for two or three appearances.

The season tickets are transferred, and arrangements will be made to issue family tickets. A child's ticket can be secured for half price. Children under 10 years of age, if accompanied by their parents, admitted free. The ticket for the season is of the concert style. Single admission will be twenty-five cents.

The following committee were appointed: General committee, consisting of J. M. Platt; John E. Hillyer, secretary; Edward Diener, treasurer. Executive committee of sixteen with A. J. Hales, chairman. Committee of fifty, Rev. F. F. Farnham, chairman. Franklyn G. Halling, George Hales, Grounds committee of six with J. Frankenshild, chairman. Entertainment committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hales, chairman. Music committee, Robert H. Hales, chairman; L. R. Foster and Miss Hales. (To be increased.)

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## EX-GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS, WILL VISIT THE FIELD OF POLITICS THIS FALL

Richard Yates

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## Among the Churches

Local contractors are bidding on the new St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church. It will be a fifteen thousand dollar structure and will be of red brick.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. John Graves, Highland avenue, on Thursday afternoon of next week at one-thirty o'clock.

The first communion class composed of nine little children are being instructed by the pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church, Next Sunday at nine-thirty an interesting convocation in connection with communion will take place at Thompson's hall.

Evangelical church, Sunday, July 7, 1907. In the absence of the pastor, Dr. J. G. Kirm of Naperville, Ill., will preach in the Evangelical church this morning and evening. These services will be conducted in the German language. Sunday school and Y. P. will be at the regular hours. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

First Baptist church—On the next, the pastor, Rev. J. H. Hales, will preach. In the morning there will be a short service, followed by a communion of members and converts.

The evening the pastor will deliver a series of addresses on the subject of "Jim's Father." The church will have some special music in the evening.

**MISSOURIANS LOCALS.**

FOUND—A BROOKLYN KEY WITH ONE owner. Owners may have by paying for this advertisement.

LOST—ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, GRAY sweater, on road between Hinsdale and Downers Grove. Reward if returned to Mrs. Macgregor, Incent Hotel.

A DELIVERY BOY WANTED AT THE Reporter office.

FOR SALE—SHEAF, GREEN PRAS. Phone 907. E. E. Easton.

TO RENT—FURNISHED ROOM WITH OR without board. Address P. O. Box 117, telephone 681.

FOR RENT—EIGHT ROOM HOUSE known as Fair residence on Highland avenue; basement; water, hard and soft; one block from depot. Rental, thirty dollars. Apply on premises.

CHEER UP, CHEER UP! STRAWBERIES are ripe. Better drive now, supply is limited. A. E. Seltzer. Telephone 508.

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT—10 ROOMS and bath, all improvements, barn and chicken house; best location; very reasonable terms; possession July 1. Inquire 174 East Maple avenue, or address Box 476, Naperville, Ill.

DR. M. L. PUFFER WILL BE IN THE Oldfield Building, Downers Grove, Ill., every Tuesday and Friday evening, seven to nine P. M. Eyes examined and tested, glasses fitted and adjusted. New lens put in old frames. Phone 1903.

FREE TO WOMEN—FOR COLLECTING names and selling our novelties, we give big premiums. Send your name today for our new plan of big profits with little work. Write today. Address C. T. Moseley, Prumton Department, 32 E. 23d Street, New York City.

WANTED—A HOUSE PAINTER; MUST be a good brush hand; steady work and good wages. Apply to W. Henry Burns, Naperville, Ill.

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SEE W. S. GRANGER OF WHEATON, FOR home raising or moving. Best equipment in the county. 323 Wesley street, Wheaton, Illinois. Telephone 1194.

MONEY TO LOAN IN SUMS OF \$500 AND upward; 5 per cent; good security required. Messmore & Foster.

DOWNERS GROVE WEAVER WORKS, 44 North Foote street. Have your old caps made into beautiful caps. Tel. 901.

A. F. BEIDEMAN WILL NOW TAKE orders for cement sidewalks in the southward. Prices cheaper than in laid by the village. Phone 561.

Miss Emma L. Wolf, a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, having been a successful piano instructor in Chicago and Downers Grove for several years, will accept a limited number of pupils. Studio 126 N. Main St. Fridays and Saturdays.