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## Local Happenings

Little things are great to little men. Wits make opportunities; the want of it gives them.

N. C. Anderson and wife are visiting in Denver, Colorado.

Wise men never talk to make time; they talk to save it.

A mob is the scum that rises up most when a nation boils.

The most insignificant people are the most apt to sneer at others.

Mrs. E. J. W. Deitz and sister spent Thursday in St. Joe, Michigan.

Mrs. Alle Johnson has gone to Chicago to attend a sick relative.

Mrs. A. C. Farrar has moved to the Manning cottage on East Maple avenue.

Action may not always bring happiness, but there is no happiness without action.

Miss Ellen Taylor, of Pullman, is spending her vacation with her cousin, Miss Florence Schindler.

Rev. Dr. Prescott is enjoying a well-earned holiday in Minnesota with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Coons.

The home of A. H. and W. H. Barnhart is being nicely painted, which greatly improves its appearance.

Mrs. Dr. Haggard, of Lincoln, Neb., is dead. Word has been received in town to that effect. She formerly lived here.

Mrs. David Holland (nee Miss Gertrude 'Chautauqua') is spending a few weeks with friends near South Chicago.

Miss Mollie Watts returned from Mendota Sunday. She has been spending her vacation with relatives at that point.

A number of the members of the Eastern Star of Naperville attended the Downers Grove chapter Tuesday night.

It costs more to live and it costs more to die. The price of carriages at funerals is going up in many parts of the country.

Announcement—I wish to announce that after this week I will cease selling meals at my shop, William Bonnell, Bonnell House.

It is again reported that Naperville is to have an electric road to connect with the third rail at Wheaton. Naperville is willing.

A large banner announcing the chautauqua dates has been stretched across Main street from Bush and Simonson's to A. J. Thompson's.

H. M. L. Innes and wife have returned after a three months' vacation. Mr. Innes was in lower Illinois, while Mrs. Innes was in Missouri.

A week of fair weather will fill many barns with hay and cause the mowers to groan beneath the weight of precious fodder. This is a marvellous country for prosperity.

Master George Schindler, who has delivered newspapers regularly for nearly six years, is now enjoying a two weeks' holiday trip with relatives at Springfield.

The weed harvest is ready. Gather it. If you value the economy of sowing time never let the weeds ripen their seed to grow an additional harvest next year.

A. J. Dent of East Maple avenue is making considerable repairs about his residence. He has had sanitary conveniences added and otherwise improved his property.

Considerable improvements have been made in the Coleman property at East Grove. The home has been neatly painted and a new colonial porch now graces the front.

The Record-Herald has a canvasser here taking orders for the daily and Sunday editions of that paper. A beautiful clock is being given as a premium. Call up 612 for particulars.

The Harvey Herald says: Mrs. Jennie Hearty, of Downers Grove, and Miss Daisy Moore, of La Grange, spent last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Brown, of Lexington avenue.

The village board has ordered sidewalks to be laid opposite the properties of several persons on the north side. These pieces of work were omitted when the big contract was let last summer.

Communications on questions of public interest are always welcomed but to receive attention they must be signed. The name of the writer will not be published, however, without permission.

It is expected that there will be considerable of an influx of visitors in Downers Grove during the chautauqua week. Many people are making preparations for the entertainment of outside friends.

The ball game on Saturday resulted in Downers Grove winning from La Grange and thereby making good from their lost prestige owing to their double defeat with this team on Independence day.

All the local clergy have been invited to take part in the chautauqua program and have responded as have also several outside pastors. The devotional services at each session will be conducted by the pastors.

It is safe to say that nowhere in the world are there more people who are so well cared for than our Downers Grove people. Our towns are so well cared for that they are the envy of all.

Special delivery letters will be delivered to the homes of the subscribers to this paper.

now go all right with five additional two cent stamps and the word special delivery on the envelope. This will be a great convenience for the country section where special stamps cannot be obtained.

We are requested by a Chicago railroad man to state that he wants to buy forty or fifty acres of land within fifteen minutes' walk of the depot. Anyone having such a tract can get the address at this office.

Former residents of Buffalo, N. Y., are requested to send their addresses to the "Old Home Week Committee." In order to receive invitations to the "Old Home Week" celebration in Buffalo, which will be from September 1 to 7, inclusive.

A number of engineers and firemen employed by the Burlington held their annual picnic in the Lyman woods here on Sunday last. A very enjoyable time was spent. Several Downers Grove people were among the party.

The gale Sunday blew toward the storm which passed eastward over Wisconsin. The Mississippi river and tributaries are raging and flooding the country, and all trains from the north were several hours behind schedule time.

It is to be hoped for the sake of the general public that Judge Landis will not make the fine on the Standard Oil company too heavy. Kerosene costs enough as it is, and it will be certain to go up enough to cover the amount of the fine.

On Thursday night a number of ladies from Downers Grove attended a fair at Ravinia park. Among those who were present were Mesdames Guy Bush, Gus Bunge, C. Ford Davis, LaVera Hannum, John Graves, Mary Bates, Daisy Lemon.

Rev. George Cross, who is visiting here with his daughter, Mrs. Law, of Curtiss street, and who was a boyhood friend of the Rev. Dr. Farmiloe, will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning. Dr. Cross is located at Los Angeles.

A wedding took place in Chicago this week of a couple of well known former Downers Grove people. They were Warren Jones, son of Captain George Jones, of East Curtiss street, and Miss Agnes Wetten, daughter of A. Wetten, who lived here a number of years.

To the members of the K. O. T. M.—A meeting will be held on July 30, in Modaff's hall at eight p. m. All members are requested to be present and a special invitation is tendered to all visiting Masons. Deputy Grand Commander John Auld, of Chicago, will be present to address the meeting.

Now that the red war star Mars is only thirty-eight million miles away from the earth instead of its usual two hundred million miles we may expect to be startled some morning on opening our daily papers to learn that we have received a "Message from Mars."

Farmers are nearly ready to begin a heavy crop of hay. They know that it is the part of wisdom to "make hay while the sun shines" and will be ever so much obliged if the governor of the elements will send along a fortnight of clear skies and fervid sunshine.

Misses Rose and Hattie Hatch of Lisle, Illinois, accompanied by Kathryn Williams of Chicago, started for Mackinac Island on Monday. After several days' visit there they go on to Detroit, Buffalo, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. The entire trip is to be made by water, and they expect to be gone three weeks.

Chautauqua ticket holders are requested to write their names on the back of their tickets so that they may be returned if lost. One ticket was found on Thursday, and it is feared others may be lost. If any one finds a ticket or loses same they should report to any member of the committee.

Try and make a live, enterprising place out of your home town, and when working for its institutions or speaking well of the town and country remember you are accomplishing all the more for yourself. Don't be foolish enough to idle away valuable time predicting failures and thereby decrease the value of your property.

We are pleased to see many of our citizens taking active interest in improving their homes and grounds. A little effort on the part of each citizen would give our town a prominent position upon the map. Nature has done much for us in picturesque scenery; now let us do as much for ourselves along the improvement line.

Sunday was one of those days you read about in the almanac. It was an ideal midsummer day, hot, sultry and enervating, giving hired men a rare chance to sleep and rest and be ready for the coming week's toil. Automobile tourists were out early, stayed late, and enjoyed the enchanting landscape only seen in a country where fields are arrayed in living green.

Assistant General Passenger Agent Buckingham of the Burlington railroad, Wednesday announced that within ten days the Burlington would put in operation a two-cent fare schedule between all points on that system, regardless of whether or not the different states have passed a two-cent bill. The Burlington traverses Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota. Clerks are now working on the new schedule, and the rate will be placed in operation just as soon as the schedule is completed. The Burlington naturally desires to retain the business which it carries to and from one thousand points in the same territory.



EUGENE W. CHAFIN.

## DOWNERS GROVE CHAUTAUQUA



KING'S DAUGHTERS.



J. H. HECTOR.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN C. RUFFINS.



MRS. MAE GUTHRIE TONGIER.



M. THATCHER.



JOHN H. HERDON.



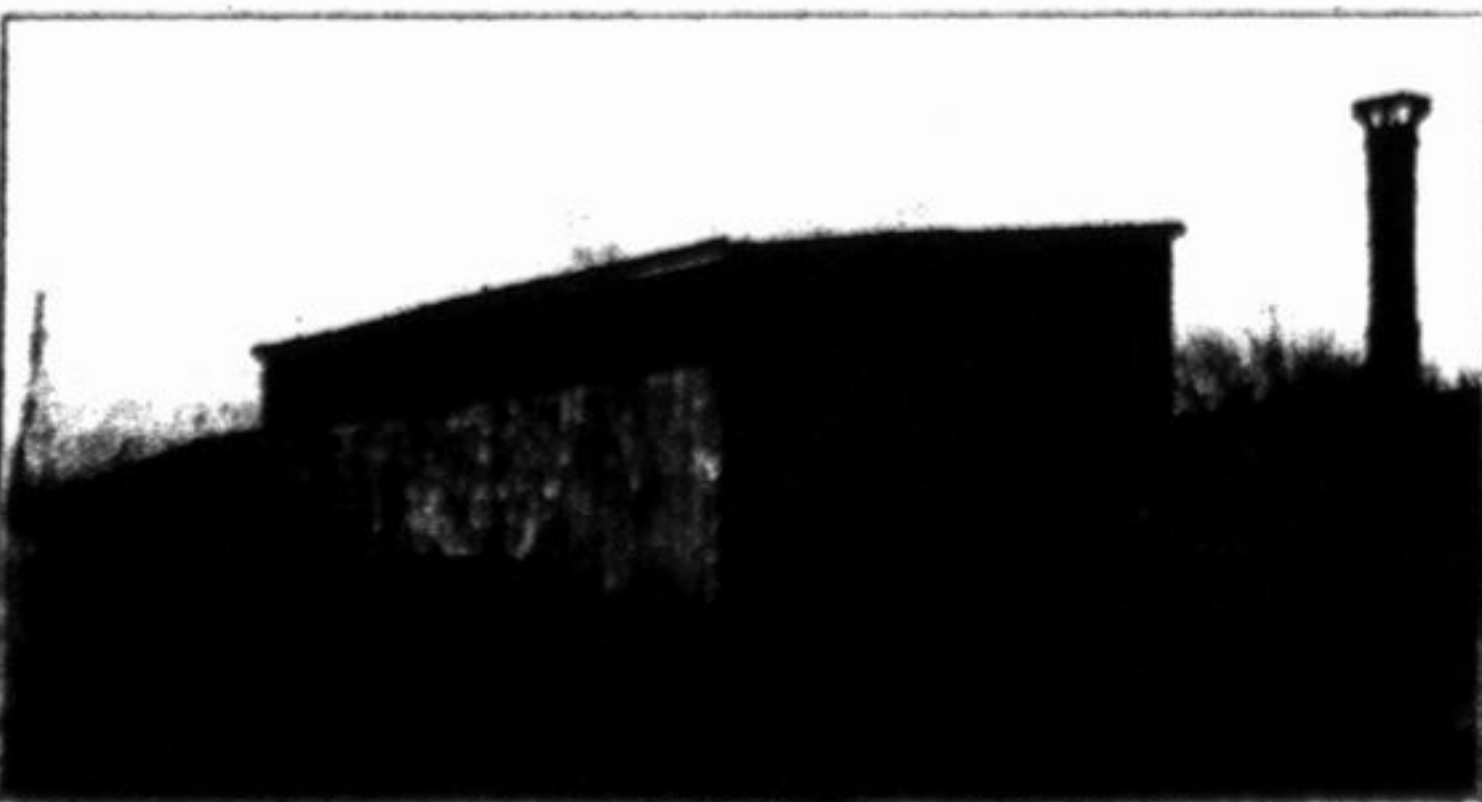
JAMES ROBERT BARKLEY.



MRS. ANNA H. HEDDON.

### COAL SHEDS AND STOCK YARDS

For some time the coal sheds and stock yards, the former located on the Burlington grounds and the latter partly on Railroad street, has been a question not only with the village board, the immediate residents in the vicinity of these old ramshackles, but with every citizen who has the good appearance of Downers Grove at heart. Petitions have been made to the authorities and to the Burlington people to remove these sheds, as they give the village a "black eye" to use a common phrase with visitors who may be



### Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company.

Office of General Superintendent, 209 Adams street, Chicago, July 19, 1907. J. B. Miller, Downers Grove, Ill.: Dear Sir—Your letter of July 19 to Mr. Gruber has been referred to me. In reply I beg to say that the lumber company's sheds and the coal company's sheds in the vicinity of our depot are in a fair way to be moved. I think we will get them out of the way soon, and you will be relieved of this nuisance. In regard to the stock yards. We have tried to move these several times in the last year or so, but cannot find a location. I told the committee of



possible locations here. Now that we are now well under way for the removal of the sheds and already the P. A. Lord Lumber company have demolished one of their big ones and it looks as if all will soon go. The stock yards seem to be the problem. There is no denying that it should be moved from where it is, but where to locate it is the problem. The Burlington naturally desires to retain the business which it carries to and from one thousand points in the same territory.

spent in town so that the business men profit by the shipping here. On the other hand about seventy-five per cent of our people are employed in Chicago on salaries and have no interest in the benefits to be accrued to the village by the farm trade, and consequently they possibly would say move the stock yards outside of the village limits. It is therefore very much of a problem to get the matter settled to the satisfaction of all. We have recently learned that a proposition is to be made to the U. S. & Q. from a

party who has a site that would be suitable and not objectionable for the yards. We trust that it will soon materialize. We present photos of the sheds and yards and their undesirable nature is readily to be seen. We reproduce a letter received recently by J. B. Miller, who has extensive property holdings on Railroad street and who has been endeavoring for some time to get the sheds and yards removed. The letter is quoted from H. P. Jackson, the general superintendent of the C. B. & Q.

Downers Grove people who called on me in regard to this that they ought to help us get a new location. We proposed to put them on the Brooks property; immediately there was a protest; we wanted to put them at East Grove—immediately the people talked about an injunction restraining us. It is absolutely necessary that we have stock yards, and we will have a place to put them; until we do have a place we will have to keep them where they are. Yours truly, E. D. JONES.

### CHAUTAUQUA OPEN ON TUESDAY

Splendid Array of Able People to Take Part

The well advertised and long looked for chautauqua gathering will open next Tuesday afternoon, July 30, promptly at two-thirty o'clock. A large tent capable of seating a thousand people is expected to arrive early Monday morning, and will be erected immediately upon arrival on the lot at the southwest corner of Curtiss and Washington streets, just one block east from the post office. Arrangements have been made to light it with electricity and it will be seated with not less than seven hundred chairs. Space will be left at the front for any ticket holders who may prefer to bring their own camp chairs. A good size platform will be erected and the chautauqua chorus will be on hand under the leadership of Prof. Edward Ellert, for the evening service.

Our citizens will have six days of education and entertainment—concerts, lectures, chalk talks, clay modeling and a little of something good to please everybody. These twelve entertainments can be enjoyed for the nominal price of one dollar. The committee wishes to emphasize that no individual is permitted to make money out of this plan. Anything that is left over—it is not likely that there will be very much if anything at all—will go into a fund for securing another chautauqua a year hence.

As previously announced, children's season tickets are sold for fifty cents and a family ticket, admitting three children of one family, ten to sixteen years of age, to all sessions, can be procured for one dollar. All season tickets are transferrable, which is something new in chautauqua.

All the clergymen of the village and vicinity will participate in the devotional services.

Beginning on Tuesday, regular sessions will be held twice each day at two-thirty and seven-thirty p. m. sharp. The Sunday services will be free to all, and a free-will offering will be taken. All of the congregations of the village will unite in the Sunday services.

The opening number by James Robert Barkley will be a good affair. Mr. Barkley is a fine artist and a popular soloist. He will sing some delightful solos in connection with his pictures. His songs will be illustrated, among them being "When the Frost is on the Pumpkin," "Mr. Barkley is a successful lawyer and a prominent church worker."

Wednesday: Mrs. Mae Guthrie Tongier is the main speaker on Wednesday and she is declared by some to be unequalled on the platform. Her lecture, "Shasta Dakota and Pella," is a gem of the first magnitude, and the delightful songs, the King's Daughters' quartet, will sing both afternoon and evening. They are winning hearts everywhere they go.

Thursday: This will be children's day. Mr. and Mrs. Heddon in their entertainment will use pictures that cost one hundred and fifty dollars. Mrs. Heddon is a delightful speaker and will give a short address preceding the entertainment in the evening. The series of pictures, "Little Journeys Through Our Own Country," are very highly commended.

Friday: This will be a star day—the Ruffins and John H. Hector. The concerts both afternoon and evening by the Ruffins of New York. They are singers of wide reputation and you heard are sure to be recalled. Don't miss them. In addition there will be the lectures of John H. Hector, "The Black Knight of Pennsylvania," who is an extra attraction at our chautauqua. He is said to be one of the most popular colored orators in the world. A man of great platform ability, profound in wit and humor and can sway an audience to tears or laughter at will. As a rule he speaks in the afternoon on "The History of African Slavery," and compares it with the Negro's part in the civil war, especially describing the battle of "Shiloh." General Sherman said of this lecture that it was the finest description of a battle he ever heard in his life. Mr. Hector is a past post commander in the Grand Army of the Republic; he was in several battles, was wounded several times and now carries three rebel bullets in his body. He went out with the Fifty-third Illinois, collecting from Elgin. Mr. Hector is an interesting character. His grandfather was eight feet tall, and was king of the Zulus, who are called the "Highlanders of Africa." His father who was a prince, was snatched from Africa with his mother and sold into slavery in Virginia. They escaped to Canada, where Mr. Hector was born. He is very proud of his family tree. In Europe he was entertained by the nobility and some of the most prominent people in America have entertained him in their homes.

Saturday and Sunday will be the climax. Honorable Eugene W. Chafin, L. L. B., who is often termed the "less orator," on Saturday afternoon will lecture on "No Punishment Without Crime." Saturday night his theme will be, "Government by Political Parties." Prof. Ellert, who is directing the chautauqua chorus and who has words of commendation to the Downers Grove, will sing at the home of Alvin M. Thatcher, of Downers Grove. Thatcher is said to be one of the greatest platform speakers in the world. He has written some of the most successful plays in the world.

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