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News of the Neighborhood

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hoover, a daughter, on August 7.

Mrs. Hayes of Buffalo spent Friday with her friend, Mrs. J. R. King.

R. Fleming of Chicago and Mrs. Carl Sears of Buffalo spent Friday with their aunt, Mrs. J. R. King.

There was an immense crowd in the new steel auditorium at Aurora to hear William Jennings Bryan.

Capt. T. S. Rogers is slowly recovering from his illness. His many friends will be pleased to learn of this.

H. M. Hoover has just returned from a trip to New Mexico, where he has some irrigated land interests.

Mrs. J. W. Brown and children leave this week for a trip to Hubbard, Neb., to visit with O. R. Brown and family.

The men's club of the Congregational church will be entertained at the home of Frank Lacey in the township on August 15.

The Misses Theresa and Margaret Riggs of Woodlawn, Chicago, are spending a few days with Miss Margery Wylie.

Charles Brinball and wife of Schaller, Iowa, are visiting with Frank Lacey on the farm. They are relatives of the Lacey.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goss and family of Elgin have been visiting at the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. Goss is the daughter of Rev. Dr. Farnhole.

Henry Legenhansen has gone to Fenton, Iowa, on a two weeks' visit.

Miss Adelle Filbert of Palatine, Ill., is spending a week at the home of Chas. Stever.

Our local business men are arranging to set out August 22 as a business men's holiday. It has been suggested that they celebrate at Riverview Park, Aurora, Ill.

Mrs. John Bradbury, Mrs. George Downers and Mrs. Jack White will give a thimble party and tea at the home of Mrs. Jack White for the benefit of the Woman's club on Wednesday, August 14, at 2:30 p. m.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Steiger on Monday. About thirty friends of Mrs. Steiger gathered there and gave her a genuine "surprise." A very good time was enjoyed by all present.

The Reporter in future will be published by the Reporter Publishing Company, Graham A. Wylie, manager. While Mr. Spens has ceased to be editor and manager, he yet retains an interest, indirectly, in the same.

MISCELLANEOUS LOCALS.

LOST—LADIES' GLOVES—WASH. IN SOME place between corner Curtis, street and Main street and Saratoga avenue on Sunday morning, August 5. Finder please return and receive reward. R. H. White, to Saratoga.

WANTED—FRESH MILK—COWS—STAT. price. Apply at Reporter office.

FOR SALE—GAS STOVE—DISPOSABLE—used only one season. Also large cans and outfit. 100 envelopes. Cheap. Apply to 101 Washington street.

FOR SALE—TWO LADIES' SECOND wheel. Price reasonable. 170 Oakwood avenue. Phone 572. Best wheels in good riding condition.

REMEMBER BALTIMORE IS ABLE TO WORK again and would be glad to do shop work of any kind. Upholstery in plain work. Shop on Foot street near the church. Baltimore.

FOR SALE—CUTTERS FOR PICK—Kegging outfit sets can be set out this fall for early orders. Very fine. Also sweet corn. E. E. Easton, East Grove, Ill. Tel. 807.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE NORTH RIDE lot. Well located. A bargain. Apply "C. J." care Reporter office.

FOR SALE—PONY CART AND HORSE for sale reasonable. Apply to William Bonnell at the Bonnell House.

LOST—ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, GRAY sweater, on road between Hinsdale and Downers Grove. Reward if returned to Mrs. MacGregor, Duca Estate.

FOR SALE—CHEAP, GREEN PEAS. Phone 597. E. E. Easton.

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

HOUSE FOR SALE OR RENT—10 ROOMS and bath, all improvements, barn and chicken house; best location; very reasonable terms; possession July 1. Inquire 178 East Maple avenue, or address 470, Naperville, Ill.

DR. M. L. PUFFER WILL BE IN THE Oddfield Building, Downers Grove, Ill., Saturdays, every Tuesday and Friday evening, given to him p. m. Eyes examined and fitted, glasses fitted and adjusted. New lens put in old frames. Phone 1003.

FREE TO WOMEN—FOR COLLECTING names and selling our novelties, we give big premiums. Send your name to-day for our new plan of big profits with little work. Write to-day, Address C. T. Mosley, From Department, 22 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 Barnes, Naperville, Ill.

PHOTOGRAPHS—WE PHOTOGRAPH anything, any time, any place. Postal photos a specialty. Edgeworth, Downers Grove, Illinois.

SEE W. S. GRANGE, OF WHEATON, FOR house raising or moving. Best equipment in the county. 223 Wesley street, Wheaton, Illinois. Telephone 1194.

MONEY TO LOAN IN SUMS OF \$500 AND upward; 6 per cent; good security required. Naresmore & Foster.

DOWNERS GROVE WEAVING WORKS, 44 North First street, have new patterns made into beautiful rugs. Tel. 501.

A BRIDEGROOM WILL NOW TAKE his bride to the north. Where this is laid by Mr. and Mrs. Lacey's brother-in-law.

Miss Nancy Heintz left on Tuesday for Denver, Col., where she will make her home in the future with her sister. Her father, Fred Heintz, and sister, Miss Lena, will leave for the same point about the first of September.

John G. Sheild, wife and daughter were guests of the Graves families on Highland avenue on Sunday. Mr. Sheild is general manager and vice president of the Marshall Field business in Chicago. They came out to Downers Grove in their large touring car.

Several property owners are complaining vigorously because of children and dogs, and even some grown people tramping lawns. Some people make a habit of "cutting off" the corners, and in some places pathways have been made through valuable lawns, much to the destruction of the property.

The Downers Grove News, an erstwhile newspaper venture, has ceased to exist, and its "editor" is said to be spending some time in Michigan. There was no need for two papers in Downers Grove as we told the public and as we believe has been demonstrated. Now let all join in and help the new manager of the Reporter. Everybody boost and we believe he will do likewise.

W. Harry Spens, who, with this issue of the Reporter, lays down the editorial pen in Downers Grove, will, in all probability, be identified in the near future with one of the leading papers of Chicago in a special position. Mr. Spens is a member of the Chicago Press Club and also president of the Chicago and Suburban Publishers association, which latter organization he founded, and has been instrumental in building up to considerable proportions.

We are informed by one of our readers who is well versed in sodalistic lore that the "signs" will be just right for the cutting of all weeds on August 11. While we know that the date falls on Sunday, we presume that under the conditions that if the weeds are cut on this date, provided these signs are correct, they will die, it possibly should be an "excuse" for any one caught cutting weeds next Sunday. Remember, however, the Reporter is not advocating Sunday labor.

The board of education met on Tuesday evening at the southside school and transacted considerable business. The annual report was presented by Secretary Downer and ordered published in the Reporter. The tuition fees were raised as follows: First to fifth grade, raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per year; sixth to eighth grades, raised from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per year; high school, from \$10.00 to \$12.00 per year. Several outstanding bills were paid, and arrangements made for the new teaching faculty.

A large number of Downers Grove citizens attended the Aurora chautauq on the opening day. They were disappointed in not hearing "Billy" Mason and the peevish William Jennings Bryan did not arrive until fifteen minutes of nine. They were privileged to see him and hear the introductory of the address and then were compelled to hurry to get the electric car so as to make connection with the Burlington train that leaves Aurora at 10:30, but unhappily for the whole crowd, the cars were stranded and failed to get down town in time, so the entire company were compelled to stay all night in the city. They missed the speech and missed the train, but they had a splendid time all around.

Miss Julia Giddings, of Tulsa, I. T., who formerly lived here, is visiting with old friends in Downers Grove.

A tennis club has been organized, and they have secured the vacant lot near E. Wood's on West Curtis street, where courts are being laid out. One court will be ready to-day (Saturday), and it is expected that the second court will be ready in the near future. Already twelve members have joined the club. Any person who is a tennis player is eligible. T. H. Murray, of East Curtis street, is one of the projectors. Arrangements are being made to have a "round robin" tournament, in which each player contests for points against each other player. It will take place early in the fall.

KICK ON OUR STREETS

Village President J. W. Hughes is daily in receipt of complaints about the condition of our streets. Below we print a sample of one he recently received from a Chicago physician.

Honorable J. W. Hughes, Village President, Downers Grove, Illinois: Dear Sir: I passed through your town on my way from Aurora Sunday evening, August 4, 1907, and was very much surprised at the condition of your roads. Why, they are not as good as when you tore the thoroughfare up a year ago. It seems to me one whole year is a long time to have a public highway in a condition dangerous to life and limb; were anything to happen to my people as we passed through your town in my machine, I should expect to be compensated as far possible for their injuries, and should my machine break as a result of your roads I certainly should demand payment for same. It seems rather foolish for my people to view for a people

living in a pretty place like Downers Grove (which they call home) to make themselves uncomfortable and unhappy by driving over roads which jeopardize not only their vehicles but their lives. Of course we all know that some towns possess a number of superannuated old fogies who oppose all improvement because George Washington or Napoleon are not here to tack them up. Having always considered you a progressive up to date man, ever working for your home town and its best interests, I trust you will, Mr. President, get busy, and have the public highway made at least safe for all individuals whether they live in Downers Grove or not. In closing, I will state I never could see the sense of making myself uncomfortable to spite others. Respectfully yours, W. S. White.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL NOTES

R. O. Curtis, one of our south side citizens, informs us that seventy-one years ago next Wednesday, August 14, he is in company with his parents and brothers came to what was then Downers Grove. There were two houses in the place. One was the old Blodgett home and the other the home of Gary E. Smith. Maple avenue at that time was but a wide trail between Chicago and the settlement on the DuPage river, and at that time ran much farther south of where it does now; it crossed in some where about Randall street is located. Mr. Curtis' father and the late I. G. Blodgett (father of I. P. and C. B. Blodgett of this place) laid the street where it now is and planted the beautiful maple trees that now present such an enticing picture. Mr. Curtis tells us that he has many times witnessed great numbers of deer traversing these parts and one time shot some on the site of the present Methodist church.

FROM MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA

One of the most delightful functions of the season, a gathering of about thirty mothers and daughters, was given by Mrs. Bertram C. Davies on Tuesday afternoon, July 30, in celebration of the eighty-second birthday of her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Marsh. In joyfulfulness of spirit and interest in affairs the senior dames quite out the daughters in the shade, but the latter seemed well content to be eclipsed by the special guests of the day. No formal program had been arranged. Everybody "just visited," and in between there was music, old-fashioned airs on piano and violin, furnished by Miss Aileen Northup and Mrs. George Martin, and sweet old songs sung by Mrs. C. E. Squitres. When the violin swung into "Dixie" feet that had followed its gay measures through the mazes of the Virginia reel years and years ago began to tap the floor, and had the violin continued its invitation long enough they would probably all have been on the floor. "The Last Rose of Summer" and "When You and I Were Young, Maggie," brought merriment to the eyes of more than one guest. Shortly before refreshments were served the mothers were asked to tell their earliest recollections, or the things that had most impressed them in early childhood. The responses were all wonderfully interesting, but the "cup shant" seemed to be furnished by Mrs. S. J. Smith's bear story, which was unanimously pronounced a very wonderful experience. Dainty refreshments were served about five o'clock, and everybody had a delightful time.

THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Sunday school of the Congregational church will be held on the Downers farm next Saturday, August 10. Conveyances for the "old folks" will be in waiting at the church at 9 a. m. All baskets also will be carried from the church if deposited there about same hour. All who are interested in the Sunday school are very welcome. Everybody is hoping to have a good day, and good time. Games and prizes will be in order.



William Jennings Bryan, who spoke at Aurora on Monday evening. Several Downers Grove people went over to hear him.

An Alazan, Mich., reader of the Reporter sends us the following: The Moslemos Wertzler and Rando of Chicago, who have been here for some time with their husbands (who are interested in the All-gan Mirror Plate company), have made quite a sensation in the fishing circles in this city. Mrs. Wertzler has the reputation of having caught the greatest number of fish in the shortest time, the catch being four fish inside of five minutes, while Mrs. Rando is able to boast of having caught the largest. The ladies both feel pretty happy over the fact.



DOWNERS GROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

MAPLE AVENUE PAVEMENT STARTS

The work of paving Maple avenue has been started. This week contractor Routledge brought a force of men here and started the excavation work on West Maple avenue. The editor of this paper, in this, his last issue, feels not a little pride in being able to chronicle this fact. For nearly a year we were identified with this improvement proposition, and while we have differed with some and been criticised for our acts, yet we hoped to see the work just where it is to-day in the course of construction. We believe we will have a good job. Contractor Routledge is a very consistent business man. He had the job of Main street, and everybody is pleased with his work there. When Maple avenue is completed, the viaduct built and the streets leading into the thoroughfare are paved, property valuation will go up.

We shall always be glad to know that we had some little part in the project. Our property interest is located on this street, and naturally we want to see it improved, but even outside of this we believe that for the general benefit of the village the paving of Maple avenue will mean much.

The "County Fair"

On September 5, 6 and 7 the ladies of the Congregational church will hold their annual "County Fair" in the auditorium here. This affair has become very widely known and each year is a greater success than previously. We feel assured that the ladies of the Congregational church will spare no pains to keep up their good record, and no doubt will make this year's "County Fair" a climax. September 5 will be an "old settlers" day, and it is expected that a great number of the old settlers from Downers Grove and other points of DuPage county will be present as guests of the ladies. Speeches will be in order. Dinner will be served at noon, and the program of toasts and music will follow. In the evening a cantata entitled "The Gypsy Queen" will be produced. Mr. King is drilling the young ladies' choir, and the chorus promises to be very good. A very able committee of ladies and gentlemen are assisting in the providing of costumes, etc. On September 6 the children will have a day. There also will be a doll show and a program by the children will be the feature of the afternoon. An entertainment will be given in the evening of which further notice will be given later in this paper. September 7 will be "Automobile Day." In the evening the program will be given, the principal attraction of which will be the moving pictures as presented by T. S. Holshelm.

There will be a department of agricultural products, of which Frank Lacey will be in charge. Mrs. W. H. Blodgett will give charge of the china exhibit, and Mrs. J. C. White, the needlework; Mrs. M. H. Bates, the bakery goods, and T. H. Murray, the art and craft. There will be first, second and third ribbons in all competitions. There will be a first and second prize for the best exhibits of agricultural products by boys under sixteen years of age, and a first prize for the best collection of vegetables, also a first and second prize for the best exhibit of bakery goods by girls under sixteen years of age. Any one in DuPage county can compete in these exhibits, and any one may place goods on sale, but the commission of twenty-five per cent will be charged.

THE CHAUTAQUA CLOSED

The Downers Grove chautauq, which opened on July 30, closed on August 4, proved a very successful affair. Below we print excerpts from the speeches by Hon. Eugene Chaffin and John H. Hector.

"GOVERNMENT BY POLITICAL PARTIES." Chaffin, August 3, 1907.—"I am glad the time is coming in American politics when the voters are getting better, six feet high; no more little two by fours. The people are not only coming out to hear our speeches, that they don't believe in, but are paying twenty-five cents to hear them. We want to lay these facts down before you and then you draw your own conclusions. This is Americanism. Why are not the liquor and other evils settled? No great evil can live in this country, no evil of a national character can live in this country unless it has two political parties to support it. When it has only one it dies, because the majority of voters are always right on an great moral or patriotic question. The majority in both the republican and democratic parties are honest men and want the best government. Evil exists because the good men are divided into two political parties and a few bad men boss them.

The greatest evil of the last century was slavery. The slaveholders governed both political parties. No man can ever be better than his party, and the party cannot be better than the evil it serves to insure the next election. If a man gets better than his party he will get out and join some third party. The czar of Russia never ruled his nation with such an iron hand as did the slaveholders rule this country. The Mexican war was waged at the demand of the slaveholders, who wanted more slave states. A more unjust, unequal and unjustifiable war was never waged than our war with Mexico. Immediately after the civil war the first liquor dealers' congress met. In that congress they discovered to their dismay that the vast majority of their members were affiliated with the democratic party. They knew this they never do and would mean the extermination of the liquor business in this country. To meet this situation they decided that to save their business would mean to divide between the two political parties. They knew that if the people of the United States ever divided on the liquor question they would be defeated, sure. Schiltz and Fabst, who up to that time were democratic party men, were told to become republicans and they did so immediately. Others did the same, and they were killed and half."

BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is good to know that Rev. B. L. Present, pastor of the Baptist church, who has been spending about four weeks' vacation among the lakes of northern Minnesota, will return home on Friday of this week and will assume his regular duties immediately thereafter.

The services at the Baptist church Sunday, August 11, will be as follows: Public worship at ten-forty-five a. m., and Sabbath school at noon. The devotional service of the B. Y. P. U. at six-thirty p. m., and regular preaching service at seven-thirty. There will be good music at all services. A cordial welcome is extended to all not attending other services to come and worship with us.

Cass Correspondence

Charles Zarn threshed his rye last Tuesday. Mrs. John Sinyard is able to be around again. Clinton Cheese is hauling oats to La Grange for W. S. Chilvers. Mrs. George Mochel is still on the sick list, but is reported some better. Miss Annie and Mrs. Sinyard, attending a few days' vacation.

to them that whichever way the election went they would be safe.

The liquor dealers are the pilots on the sea of American politics. There is not a single liquor dealer who would not leave his party in five minutes to save his saloon.

I believe the majority of voters in this country are prohibitionists. Why don't we have it, then? Never, until the good men get together. The way to banish this evil is to let the people rule. Elect the president and senators by popular vote. Give us the initiative and referendum.

No one could tell what the politics of the Standard Oil company and Wall street are. They are half republican and half democratic. That is why it is so difficult to do anything to them, because they dominate both parties. August Belmont of Wall street will be the head of the democratic committee on platform and J. Pierpont Morgan will hold the same position on the republican committee. If we ever get these evils squarely before the people there is no question as to what the result would be. But as things are now it is impossible. This is a most logical and convincing plea for third party prohibition.

You can't make your party do right by voting for it when it goes wrong. Excerpts of lecture by John H. Hector (The Black Knight of Pennsylvania), given at the Lincoln temperance chautauq at Downers Grove, August 2, 1907:

The lecture of John H. Hector was without question the finest number thus far on the chautauq program. It was the largest attended and the most judicious admissions. These two are pretty good indicators.

Words fall in their power to express the excellence of the man and his address. He is a marvel upon the platform. From the first to the last word he held his audience spellbound. There was nothing about it that seemed at all strained, and his description of battles, scenes, with all their horror and their pathos and their humor, were so vivid as to seem almost real.

It will be an evening long to be remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to hear him, and what was said will never be wholly forgotten. War was made to appear in all of its true horror, but when the audience was almost ready to cry Mr. Hector would relate something humorous in connection and all would laugh what is known as a "side-splitting laugh." Mr. Hector won the hearts of his hearers at the outset and never let go of them—holding them even now.

At the close of the session photos of Mr. Hector were sold to benefit a charity for the colored folk in which Mr. Hector is deeply interested. Below are a few sentences from Mr. Hector's address:

"I was the first man of my race appointed to raise money for the charity fund of the Grand Army."

"Just as long as there is a saloon to damn a mother's boy, to wreck a soul that Jesus died to save, so long this voice will ring out against the curse of the legalized liquor traffic."

"This is my opinion of war: I pray God that the dawn of that day will early appear when the civilized nations of the earth will never again set their hands in their brothers' blood."

"There are four things that will solve the race problem: The religion of Jesus Christ, 'his union others as you would that they should do unto you,' education, freedom of trade, and prohibition of the liquor traffic. In connection with the negroes we should seek not for color, but for a man, a character and a principle." Mr. Hector said that a negro insane asylum was never needed, that the negroes were never afflicted with yellow fever, that they never disturbed the virtue of any southern household until the white man put them under the curse of liquor by permitting them to have it, and there is an abundance of witnesses to corroborate this testimony.

CRYSLER NEWS AGENCY SOLD

The Crysler News Agency changes ownership this week, and falls into the hands of Graham A. Wylie. This agency, under the management of W. Harry Spens, has been wonderfully developed and is now a very successful business. Beginning with the purchase of H. R. Foster's news agency for the morning Tribune, Record Herald and Inter Ocean and Sunday American, Record Herald, Tribune and Inter Ocean and handling a limited number of the business has grown. First the Examiner was secured, then the Evening American, then the interests of George Schindler, Jr., and M. K. Brunson were purchased. This placed the exclusive agency for all the morning, evening and Sunday papers under one management. Solicitors were started out and the number of papers now being distributed is nearly double what it was a year ago. Few people have an idea what the number of papers is that comes in to Downers Grove, but when we state that over 20,000 are received every month all will conclude that Downers Grove is considerable of a reading public. It requires the service of over a score of boys to deliver the papers. All accounts from and after August 1, will be payable to Graham A. Wylie, of the Reporter Publishing company. All accounts owing before that date are payable to W. Harry Spens, 24 South Main street. Solicitors who were not at home when the collector called will confer a favor by paying at the office. In the future the news stand will be at 24 South Main street, (between Main and Washington streets), where the boys will be paid.

VALERITYTON

With the issue of this week the designed cases to be edited of the Downers Grove Reporter, and it goes into the hands of the Reporter Publishing Company, Graham A. Wylie, editor and manager (the writer retaining a financial but not an active interest).

The writer bids adieu to the people of Downers Grove with sincere feelings of regret. A little over three years ago we came here knowing no one, to-day we believe we have some friends. We have advanced ideas and made suggestions that may not have coincided with the views of everyone, but we did not expect that much. Our intentions and ideas were honest and ever with the trend of improvement and progress as set out in our editorial columns. We are satisfied that we have done some good and our time has not been lost, and in relinquishing the editorial pen we ask only that in the years that will come your thoughts will run back to the events of the past three years that you, one and all, remember that our connection with what was transacted was ever with a view towards the bettering of the conditions of the people of Downers Grove. We will always look with pride on some of the improvements of Downers Grove and feel that, slight as our efforts were, we were on the side for them.

We have conducted our columns in a purely democratic style. Any and all were the same to us. We cared not whether it was rich or poor, the treatment was the same. We were treating a newspaper, and we believe we succeeded.

All subscribers who have prepaid will have their subscriptions filled by the new publishers, all who owe will pay to the same people. All advertising accounts due up to August 10 will be collected by the former publisher, who will pay all bills contracted by him in connection therewith up to that date.

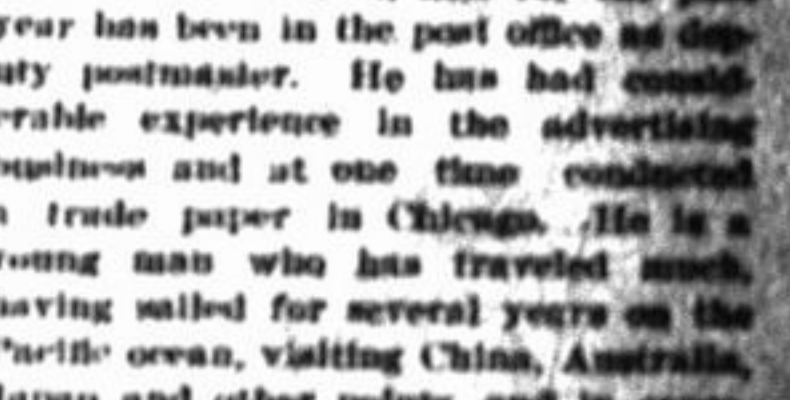
Graham A. Wylie, who takes up the editorial pen, is known to nearly everybody in Downers Grove, having been born in this section, and for the past year has been in the post office as deputy postmaster. He has had considerable experience in the advertising business and at one time conducted a trade paper in Chicago. He is a young man who has traveled much, having sailed for several years on the Pacific ocean, visiting China, Australia, Japan and other points, and in consequence has had lots of experience, and will make just the timber necessary for a successful newspaper man. We trust that the community will give him welcome assistance that has been extended to us will be given to him. Let one and all join in making The Reporter a great newspaper, and by so doing you will be benefited as well.

Again we say to the people of Downers Grove, "Good-by," with a hearty hope and wish that in future success and The Reporter may many times exceed that of the past and become a great town with a live newspaper.

W. HARRY SPENS.

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