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## MURRAY STILL AT IT

### Organizes a Tennis Club for Our Young Men.

One of our hardest and ablest workers for the good of our young men is Thomas H. Murray. He has just made a third successful attempt at organizing a club for the boys of our village. His first attempt was the Congressional Men's club, which invites all men, both young and old, to become members. They already have a long list of members, and so far the club has been a great success. Later he organized a boys' club, and more will be said about this club in the future. His last successful attempt was the organizing of the Downers Grove Tennis club. Anyone wishing to become a member should apply to Harry Slusser, the secretary and treasurer. This club was organized only a week or so ago and the present members have been making great strides in the matter of building their courts. By Saturday afternoon they will have two double courts ready for the game on Curtis street, between South Foote and Carpenter streets. Everybody is invited to attend the opening games. The members of the club to date are: Thomas H. Murray, president; Harry Slusser, secretary and treasurer; Howard Fairweather, E. H. Huntington, Dr. W. S. Bebb, W. F. Heintz, Adolph Winter, Gay Ernest, Rev. Robert Allingham, J. W. Graves and Edward Heintz. The court will be opened by an exhibition game at two-thirty. At five p. m. a meeting of the club will be held and applications for membership may be handed to Harry Slusser at that time. It is hoped that there will be a good, large audience.

### AT THE THEATERS

For the week of August 19, there will be a number of attractive features at the Majestic theater quite in line with the remarkable series of bills given at that theater during the past year.

"Swing Thru the Rye," a musical comedy, will be presented at the Garrick theater, Sunday night, August 19. On the bills is called a "song play," which is perhaps altogether suggestive of a musical comedy. Among the cast will be several excellent actors and the chorus numbers seventy-five.

## Local Happenings

D. J. Huff is enjoying a week's holiday.

A. Z. Blodgett spent Sunday with C. B. Blodgett.

Geo. B. Hewitt has been spending a few days in St. Louis.

F. P. Fossett is visiting with relatives in Ottawa, Illinois.

Have you noticed that D. P. Thompson's house has been painted?

H. H. Woelfersheim is having a new roof put on his house on Maple avenue.

George Shorn is acting as rural carrier during the holidays of D. J. Huff.

James Dickson, wife and baby, left Friday for a week's visit in Sandeitch.

Newton Miller is spending his vacation fishing at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Mrs. Griffith, of Iowa, is visiting her sister, Mrs. B. C. Downer, this week.

The north side school house will soon have a new roof. The old one looks badly.

Mike O'Donnell has been repairing the foundation of the water tank this week.

Hon. J. W. Hughes, village president, is spending some time in New York on business.

Mrs. D. P. Thompson left Thursday to visit friends and relatives in Connecticut.

Mrs. Stehle, of this village, is enjoying herself at the Naperville camp meeting.

There is another stretch of cement sidewalk that has just been laid on Grove street.

Miss Maude Lehl and Roy Miller are taking an outing at the Naperville camp meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Denny, of Lawndale, are visiting with Mrs. Dickson, of Oakwood avenue.

John Stewart's new house on Mid-daugh avenue has been nicely repainted and shows up good.

Robert and Roy Dickson left Tuesday for Sandeitch to spend the remainder of the vacation.

Dr. Farmiloe has taken charge of the Rockford chautauqua and will be in attendance September 1.

Dr. Morris L. Puffer has gone to Nebraska to spend the summer, but expects to return this fall.

A picture of the baseball team can be seen at the Reporter office and orders will be gladly taken.

Miss Etta Dickson is spending two weeks in Denver, Salt Lake City and other western points.

Miss Emma Morcott, of Morrisstown, N. J., is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. F. W. Kettnering.

Captain Dickson and grand-daughter, Ella, of South Chicago, are spending a week with Mrs. Dickson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hyde and children of Chicago spent Sunday with Mr. Hyde's brother-in-law, T. W. Flower.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blodgett spent Sunday with Hon. and Mrs. Guy L. Bush and family at Lake Maxinkuckee.

Have you seen the smallpox bulletins posted by the State Board of Health? You had better be vaccinated.

Mrs. D. L. Latimer and family and spending a couple of weeks with friends in Gotehrich, Ontario, Canada.

While on his vacation Dr. F. F. Farmiloe expects to be present at some of the sessions at the Aurora chautauqua.

Mrs. L. A. Kinyon and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Toland and daughter, Beth, spent a few days this week with relatives in Rockford.

Miss Alice Ross, of Hinsdale, stopped off here on Wednesday, on her way to Aurora to visit her sister, Mrs. T. H. Murphy.

L. E. Singletary left on Monday for Dubuque, Iowa, where he is engaged in business connected with his firm, Trowbridge & Niver.

Mrs. J. T. Pickering, of Ravenswood, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin.

Don't forget our new office is at 64 South Main street and is somewhat of a change from the former office. Come in the front door.

Rev. Reynolds has been engaged and secured to occupy the Methodist pulpit during the absence of the pastor, who is off on a vacation.

An Ohio man has got out a court paper for the return of his mother-in-law. The mother-in-law is evidently no joke in Ohio.

The Misses Thirza and Margaret Riggs of Chicago, who have been visiting Miss Margery Wylie, returned to their home last Monday.

Mrs. T. E. Brooks and son Edward left Monday morning for Mount Pleasant, Iowa, where they will spend a week or ten days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Eckhardt and daughter and Master Herbert Gerling, of Chicago, spent Saturday and Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. Augusta Belg.

The work of paving on South Main street has been delayed several days on account of the lack of material. They expect to begin work again soon this day.

The contractors for sidewalks are now laying the walks on Fairview avenue and are grading preparatory for the new Benton avenue walk near W. J. Herrings.

M. King Bush and wife expect to spend a couple of weeks with the Hon. Guy L. Bush and family at Lake Maxinkuckee, as soon as M. K. Bush is able to leave the hospital.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Frewott attended the Aurora chautauqua on Thursday of this week. From Aurora Mrs. Frewott goes to Morris, Ill., for a short visit with old friends.

The third open air band concert at Western Springs was held Thursday evening, August 15. There were eight pieces played and the band certainly passed its limit for good music.

Caretaker Heintz has the north side school grounds looking fine. He also cleaned the papered walls so that when school opens the children will have a clean and sanitary school to go to.

Mrs. Albert C. Stanley is in Chicago caring for her mother, Mrs. R. T. Davis, who is very ill with paralysis. The latest news from them is that Mrs. Davis is in about the same condition.

Our friend, Logan Stanley, is back in town, having spent a trifle over four months in the west. Logan has had various experiences and can tell you some pretty good hard-bark stories.

The street commissioner has out the weeds on East Christa street, Macke place and East Maple avenue, much to the pleasure of pedestrians who go that way. New lot property owners do likewise.

The ladies' aid of the German Evangelical Lutheran church will give an ice cream social Wednesday evening, August 21, on Mrs. Baker's lawn, 102 Carpenter street. Everybody is welcome.

Grenville Fridham, who made a short stay in Michigan lately, dropped into town late Tuesday night, but left the following day. Grenville doesn't seem to have much love for Downers Grove.

After twelve-thirty, noon, Sundays all Chicago Sunday papers can be had at the Bonnell House or Fred Robert's Notion Store, which will make it convenient for people on either side of our village.

Samuel Ambrose of South Washington street is having his lawn graded up to street level. Mr. Ambrose has a very nice home, and this recent improvement has added much to its appearance.

Warning—There is poison ivy on Maple avenue near Lane place. Be careful and be on the look-out when passing this point. This ought to be looked after by the residents of this district.

Hon. Guy L. Bush and family, and Mrs. Bush's sister, Miss Dell Wilcox, of this village, are occupying, for the summer, a cottage, "The Teepee," recently erected by Louie MacDonald at Pottawatomie.

It is thought that the fire department would have a great deal of trouble finding the fire hydrants as some of them are almost covered with weeds. Commissioner W. H. Merz has been ordered to cut them.

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## THE REVEREND ALLINGHAM "TRIED"

### Found "Not Guilty" Court Adjourns and a Jolly Time to All.

The men's club met and held their meeting at the farm of Frank Lacey. They were taken to the farm in a hay-rack, wagonette, and several went in their own carriages. The assembly numbered forty-six in all. As soon as the horses were cared for and all present settled down, the meeting was called to order. A few remarks about the club were made by Rev. R. Allingham, of which he stated that Downers Grove was in great need of just such a club as is now started to bring the men together in a social way and work to the good of all.

Complaint for warrant for felony. At the close of Rev. Allingham's remarks Judge Graham presided and the following "mock" complaint was brought up:

People of the State of Illinois

vs.

Robert Allingham,

Complaint and information given by Ford Davis, Charge being that Robert Allingham did feloniously steal, take and carry away a package of cigarettes, known and marked as Turkish Trophies, did then and there unlawfully, obnoxiously and abominably use, consume and smoke to the terror and fright of the people, and against the peace and dignity of the people of the State of Illinois. That this complainant has just and reasonable grounds to believe that said Robert Allingham committed the said offenses, and therefore prays that he be arrested and dealt with according to law.

The witnesses for the prosecution were sworn in as follows:

Judge—Mr. Blodgett, will you promise to tell the truth if you haven't been "lodged" by the attorney? Answer—Yes.

Judge—Mr. Huff, will you promise to answer all questions as intelligently as you know how. Answer—Yes.

The witnesses for the defendant were sworn in without question.

Mrs. Allingham was sworn in as a defending witness.

The witnesses were allowed to remain in court.

The jury was composed of the following: J. R. Foster, foreman; John Golan, Frank Lacey, Sam Johnstone, W. W. Heintz and A. H. Barnhart. They were duly and solemnly sworn in.

The witnesses were sweated through a severe cross examination which caused a great deal of laughter and enjoyment.

All objections on the part of the prosecuting attorney were overruled by the court.

Great applause was rendered when Mrs. Allingham was on the stand. A question was put to the witness by the defending attorney, and her answer almost lost the case. It was this way: Question—Is this gentleman, your husband, in the habit of smoking cigarettes? Answer—Not usually.

This brought down the house. Mrs. Allingham being the last witness on the stand the attorneys made their pleas to the jury and the jury retired to the adjoining room. They were a long time coming to an agreement, and in the meantime someone from the kitchen reported to the Judge that the meat, which had been placed in the wagonette at the start of ride to the farm, was missing. The Judge objected that a little meat was of no comparison to a stolen package of cigarettes. Again applause, which the Judge forgot to have stopped.

After much time the jurors decided that they should examine the defendant's hands to see if they were stained yellow and the judge defined the hands as exhibit A and exhibit B. The hands of the defendant were examined and by the jurors and the defendant pronounced "Not guilty."

The jury was discharged without pay and the court adjourned.

Guest selections were then rendered by Mrs. T. H. Murray and Mrs. W. H. Blodgett accompanied her.

Coffee, sandwiches and cake were then served, and after a short talk about the men's club, by Thomas H. Murray, the party broke up and amid peals of laughter and talking they bid all at the farm good-bye and returned to the "Grove."

## Among the Churches

There will be no service at the German Evangelical church, Sunday, August 18.

A joint meeting of the official board and board of trustees of the Methodist church was held on Monday. The regular routine of business was transacted.

The subject of the lesson sermon of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, for Aug. 18, is "Mind." Text taken from 1 Peter 4:1. Meet in the Masonic hall. Reading room open every Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Farrar.

Rev. Dr. Reynolds will preach at the morning service of the Methodist

church, Sunday, August 18. There will be no service in the evening. He will also preach morning and evening on August 25. The subject for the evening will be "Twelve Years as Captain in a Government Prison."

At the Baptist church the pastor, Rev. Dr. B. L. Prescott, will preach morning and evening. Morning subject, "Christ Adapted to the Individual Life." In the evening a continuation of the summer Sunday evening talks "That Boy Jim's Home" will be the topic Sunday morning. Fine music and a cordial invitation to the public.

Congregational church—Morning service at ten forty-five, subject: "True Brotherhood." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Men's and women's bible class at same hour. Vesper service is abandoned during the month of August. C. E. meeting will be held at the usual hour, six p. m., and will be glad to greet any who may wish to attend whether members or not. Subject, "The Value of Decision." Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Subject, "Romans 12:3." Junior C. E. recently organized, under the leadership of Miss Marie Downer and Miss Frances Hughes is well attended and holds its sessions on Wednesday afternoons at three thirty in the church. Mothers should send their children to the meetings.

## A NEW BAND STAND

### Has Been Erected at Corriass and Washington Streets.

Our local band has made a new step towards entertaining the residents here. My donation they have received enough to erect and light a very good band stand on Henry Paul's property at the corner of Curtis and Washington streets. The first concert was given on Saturday, August 10. There was quite an audience in attendance that evening and the boys of the band made a good impression on all. They expect to do much better this Saturday, August 17, and will have about fifteen players or more beside their leader. They will play from eight to ten p. m., opening at eight p. m., with the "Eighteenth Regiment March," and closing with the "Star Spangled Banner." They will not play every Saturday this season but will announce their concerts through our columns as they feel able to entertain the public. The cause of their not giving regular concerts this season is that they have not played together long enough. H. C. Taylor, the band leader, states that in all probability they will be able to give regular weekly concerts next season as they will have plenty of practice by that time.

The Downers Grove Women's club will serve ice cream at the corner of Washington and Curtis streets on the band stand grounds Saturday evening, August 17. The proceeds are to be given to the band.

## THE NEW AUTO-MOBILE LAWS

### Regulating Speed and General Conduct on Public Highways.

Section 9.—Brakes, Horns, etc. Every motor vehicle while in use on a public highway shall be provided with good and sufficient brakes and also with a suitable bell, horn or other signal device. No part of the machinery of any motor vehicle shall be left running while such vehicle is left standing without an attendant on any public highway in this State.

Section 10.—Speed. The following rates of speed may be maintained, but shall not be exceeded upon any public highway in this State by any one driving a motor vehicle or a motor bicycle: (a). A speed of one (1) mile in ten minutes when turning a corner of intersecting streets or cross roads, and a speed of one mile in four (4) minutes where any street, road or highway passes through the residence portions of any incorporated town, city or village. (b). A speed of one mile in six minutes where such street or highway passes through closely built up business portions of any town, city or village. (c). Elsewhere and except as otherwise provided in sub-sections (a) and (b) of this section, a speed of one mile in three minutes: Provided, however, that nothing in this section contained shall permit anyone to drive a motor vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable, having regard to the traffic and use of highways, so as to endanger the life or limb or injure the property of any person.

Section 11.—Racing on Public Highway. Any person driving a motor vehicle or a motor bicycle upon a public highway in this State in a race, shall upon conviction, be fined in a sum not exceeding \$200.00.

Section 12.—Whenever it shall appear that any horse ridden or driven by any person upon any of said streets, roads or highways is about to become frightened by the approach of any such motor vehicle it shall be the duty of the person driving or conducting such motor vehicle to cause the same to come to a full stop until such horse or horses shall have passed.

## DR. FARMILOE'S

### Address on "The False Imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick."

At the Methodist church last Sunday evening Dr. Farmiloe preached his last sermon before leaving for a short vacation. The subject of the address was "The False Imprisonment of Mrs. Maybrick."

"But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh and bring me out of this house, for indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also have I done nothing; that they should put me into the dungeon." These words are the cry of the prisoner Joseph, incarcerated in the Egyptian prison under the command of the officer of the government. Dr. Farmiloe said that this verse came to his mind with wonderful force as he listened to Mrs. Maybrick narrate her story last Thursday at the Aurora chautauqua. "May I call your attention to some points which I trust will be suggestive and helpful to you. God has many ways of preparing instruments for important work. We have become familiar by the history of the past with the fact that few come to real helpfulness to the race who do not pass through some sharp, severe trials by which they are fitted for usefulness. If you have never come to a Gethsemane, if you have never come to a Calvary, you are not among those who will count heavily for the world's uplifting." All who have been great "in word or in deed have been those who have passed through these trials. You will not for a moment think that it would be possible for me to tell the story as Mrs. Maybrick told it. I cannot do it. It would miss the personality of the woman. I went upon the platform and set in consultation with her. Right in the audience was a man and a woman who came from Liverpool, where all these events had taken place, and when the arrest was made—one whose father was one of the officers of the police and had something to do with the arrest of the woman. From these I learned some additional facts. My purpose is not so much to dwell upon the story, giving you as far as I can from memory that which came to me in the conversation, the facts which were given by her, but also to find the lessons that will come as we pass along. And while you will be interested undoubtedly in the narration, I trust you will hold to the lessons that come from these experiences. When Mrs. Maybrick was a girl of 18 years, she received attention from a man who was 48 years old, a lover of the world, the race course and all that pertains thereto. She was possessed of wealth in her own right. He may have been the most distinguished of this life; he is surrounded with the pleasures the world might give. This man formed the habit of taking drugs, among them was arsenic. Suddenly he was taken ill and the physician was called; he went steadily down until death. Some time afterward through the word of some one suspicion fell upon Mrs. Maybrick and she was charged with the murder of her husband. It is an awful thing for an innocent person to be charged with any crime. It is necessary that times be held until we know the truth. Oh, the wickedness that has been wrought by those who have told what they did not know! At first she thought there was no possibility of conviction. By and by there came a change of attitude on the part of the judge. What influence caused this, she does not know. She was then committed to prison, though she was as innocent as an unborn child.

"When Mrs. Maybrick found herself in the prison, she made up her mind what the end of her life would be. She came also to the determination that if death should come she would meet it bravely. She spoke very severely of the system that brought her into such experiences. She declared her innocence with all boldness and candor. She has never heard a word from her children since they were taken away from her when she went to prison. They were two beautiful children. She was a woman devoted to her children. Mrs. Maybrick said, 'I don't know where they are; I have hunted high and low for them, but they are not found yet.' A strange providence seems to be over her. She spoke of the awful conditions of English law. When the judgment is once pronounced there is no appeal. In America we have a number of advantages in that the innocent will have every chance to prove their innocence."

Mrs. Maybrick related her awful prison experiences. Her hair was shaved off. The prison garb was put on her, and she was subjected to the most menial work. She had to shovel coal and clean out the boilers. Think of such work for a woman. She said, "I made up my mind that I would call upon God and do two things: Make manifest that American grit (she is an American) and trust in an All-wise and All-seeing God." "If you have grit and grace you are likely to be a victor, not matter what the conditions are. These are two great factors to bring success in life. Her cell was so small that she could go only four steps and a turn, and she finds herself doing that even now. What an experience and yet she held on to God, trusting that deliverance might come. It is a magnificent thing to be innocent. It gives a man courage.

"For fifteen years there came no word of affection, no word of love, not a kiss to be pressed upon the brow or lips, and we began to realize what it means for a womanly heart to be deprived of affection." Dr. Farmiloe said that but for one thing Mrs. Maybrick said she would have lost her mind and have gone insane, and that was the capturing and training of a little mouse that she found in her cell. It is a wonderful solace when the heart loves God. It is the Gethsemane and the Calvary that bring us to our best." Her mother was permitted to come to see her once in three months, and if there was any violation of the prison rules, however slight, her mother could not come to see her at all. The United States never ceased to use the most determined efforts to free her from that prison, but English law grips like a ball dog. She had no means of communication with the outside world and knew absolutely nothing of what was going on. When they came to take her from her cell she shrank back and was afraid to go. Fifteen years out right out of her life. When given a fine room in a hotel by the manager she tried to light the incandescent lights with a match. Knew nothing of electricity, etc., etc. Now that she has come out of prison and knowing what it means, she is appealing everywhere for the well-being of prisoners. "Some of the worst criminals are not in prison. There are some of them who have only committed one crime; they are not vicious, they do not love crime." She made some startling revelations about our own jails. Mrs. Maybrick was asked by the warden of the jail in one of the towns she was to speak in, to come and address the prisoners in the jail there.

She was asked to tell them her story. "They all came into accord with her because she had been in their place." She said, "Now, men, you have been following your own notions and devices; I want to ask you if you won't take the Lord Jesus Christ and try

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## THE BUSINESS MEN'S OUTLOOK

### Cloths Want a Holiday

The business men of Downers Grove with the exception of two or three, lay down their work and take a holiday on August 22. They will have hands with the business men of Lombard and Elmhurst, and it is expected that they will go to Aurora and enjoy themselves at Riverview Park. Forty-two business men have already promised to close up shop and enjoy themselves. It has been a long time since our business men had a vacation of this kind and they surely need one. Let us all wish them a pleasant time and join them if possible.

### NEW POULTRY BULLETIN

The Department of Agriculture has just issued Farmers' Bulletin, No. 877, on "Poultry Management." It is designed to supplant the other bulletins on the subject. It is free upon application either to your member of Congress or to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## SMALL POX

### Is Prevented by Vaccination.

Smallpox prevails to an alarming extent in some parts of the State of Illinois at the present time. Smallpox is a cold weather disease. Spreading as it is now during the summer months, it may be epidemic throughout the State before winter is over, causing much suffering, perhaps death, great pain, financial and business loss in every city, town and village. YOU may contract the disease at any moment by coming in contact with smallpox patients or a person who has been exposed to the disease, or with any article of clothing or merchandise which has come from infected persons, or even by receiving a letter from a house where there is smallpox. The experience of a century has taught that vaccination is a SAFE AND POSITIVE preventive of smallpox. No harm can result from a vaccination performed by a physician. Why not get vaccinated? Physicians, nurses and attendants at smallpox hospitals who have been properly vaccinated never get smallpox. THEIR SOLE PROTECTION IS VACCINATION. Let it be yours—get vaccinated.

Miss Nettie Anderson and Miss Lillian Elwood, who have been traveling abroad for three years, studying music and the languages in Paris, France, Germany and Switzerland, spent last Sunday at the home of A. L. Palmer on Fairmount avenue.

Mrs. C. P. Knox of Hinsdale and Miss Evelyn Gibson of Chicago spent last Sunday at the home of A. L. Palmer.

Miss Mary L. Parrish, who is to teach in our schools during the coming year, arrived from Iowa. She will stay with her sister, Mrs. E. V. Lawrence, 144 Prince avenue.

Peter Finner, an older brother of Conrad Finner, our local harness maker, passed away at Holston, Ontario, last Wednesday. Conrad Finner was unable to get any particulars of his brother's death, on account of the telegrapher's strike.

G. O. Downer of Buffalo, N. Y., is visiting his brother, M. B. Downer. Before his return home he expects to visit other relatives here and in Chicago, and to renew some old acquaintances.

## SCENES IN AND ABOUT DOWNERS GROVE



St. Joe River, Looking West from Washington Street.