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TOWNSHIP ELECTION.

Local Option as an Issue.

Hardest Fought Contest in Years.

The election Tuesday, which resulted in a victory for the wets, was the most hotly contested election held in the township for years. Although there was no contest on the officers to be elected, the full vote of the township was gotten out by the issue at stake on the little ballot. The battle in the village was fought in a good, friendly and decent way, devoid of all acrimonious feeling which usually crops out at elections. The local option committee deserves credit for the way in which they handled the campaign and brought out the vote, and some people have not been able to figure it out yet just how they did it. The result in the two polling places here was as follows: Village Hall, for local option, 219 against 114; blanks 9. North Side, for local option, 173 against 162, blanks 5, making a total vote of 683, giving a majority of 115 for local option.

The vote at Lave resulted as follows: Total, 176; of which 131 were against and 45 for local option; 4 blanks; giving the wets a majority of 90.

Hinsdale: Total vote cast 775, of which 417 got wet in going to the polls and 358 carried umbrellas, and got there dry, leaving a majority of 20 for the wets, leaving the township wet with a majority of 34.

TOUR OF THE WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Baldwin, of 716 Saratoga avenue left Tuesday, the 12th, on a three weeks' tour of the west, during which they will visit the Grand Canyon of Arizona, and in company with two scientists will explore the western end of Cataract Canyon, visiting the Havasupai tribe, the most primitive of all the Indians of the southwest. The party will be well equipped with photographic apparatus and Mr. Baldwin will collect much data and many photographs as material for a new illustrated lecture on the "Canons of the Southwest."

DOWNERS GROVE CITIZENS' ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

There will be a meeting of the committee and all interested in the Downers Grove Citizens' Entertainment Course at D. G. Graham's office on Saturday evening, April 11th, at 7:30 o'clock to hear reports and transact other important business. A full attendance is requested.

By order of executive committee,
D. G. GRAHAM,
President.

Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this page should be sent to the editor, not necessarily by publication, but as an evidence of good faith on the part of the writer. Write only on one side of the paper. Be particularly careful in giving names and dates, to have the letters and figures plain and distinct.

—Wonder if the weather affected the result.

—Mrs. W. Norton has been on the sick list.

—Miss T. D. Aldrich arrived from Iowa, Kans., on Thursday.

—Try something new: Rice pudding in 2-pound cans, at F. Gerwig's.

—F. M. Stanley intends leaving Sunday night for Myers Falls, Wash.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Webster, of

Fresh Delicious Candies

Made from pure, wholesome sugar, syrups, creams, fruits, nuts and chocolate. The only kind of candy it is safe to give to children. They can eat it and enjoy it without the slightest danger of its doing them any harm. You cannot get daintier confections anywhere. The quality of these pure nutritious candies is really twice as good as you will get elsewhere for the price. Try them and be convinced.

Modaff's Pharmacy
THE Small STORE

ANTI-SALOON CONTEST

High School and Grade Scholars Compete.

The result of the contest planned and carried out by the Local Option Committee, under the personal direction of Mrs. M. Stusser, was announced at the meeting in the Auditorium Saturday, April 4th.

Prof. O. M. Searies was the one selected to announce the winners of the contest. Mr. Searies stated that fourteen compositions had been submitted, one of which was eliminated on account of its length. There were six prizes offered by the committee, three for the high school and three for the grades. The first prize was \$5, second \$3, and third \$2—making a total of \$20. The high school prizes were awarded to Edgar Tholin, Hazel Easton and Gleney Porter, respectively. The prizes for the grades were awarded to Ruth Briggs, Fred Hayner, and Ruth Iola, in the order named.

We print below the two essays on "Why Downers Grove Should Become Anti-Saloon Territory" which were awarded the first prizes.

FIRST PRIZE—HIGH SCHOOL
Edgar Tholin,
WHY SHOULD DOWNERS GROVE TOWNSHIP BE ANTI-SALOON TERRITORY?

April has now found us eagerly discussing an important question, namely, "shall Downers Grove Township become an Anti-Saloon Territory?" This means that there will be no liquor traffic, or else we will still have the wagons delivering it to the houses.

It is true that the saloon keeper pays his license and helps to circulate money. In that way he is an aid to business. But the license paid by the saloon keeper does not begin to pay the police force and the cost of keeping the criminals influenced by drink.

Drink is a source of crime. Four-fifths of all the crimes committed in this country are caused, directly or indirectly, by the use of alcoholic drinks. This we learn from several judges, who have extensive experience in the trial of criminals and in the investigation of crime, and from the reports of the keepers of various prisons.

Drink is a cause of poverty. From the official reports of various states and charitable organizations we learn that one-half of all the taxes paid by the people, is used for the support of institutions made necessary by the use of alcoholic drinks. From the same authorities we learn that strong drink is the cause of three-fourths of the pauperism in this country.

From these facts we draw the conclusion that Downers Grove Township should be an anti-saloon territory, for it is better that we spend our money for the improvement of the township rather than for its destruction. If we cannot keep the men from the glass, let us work hard to keep the glass from the men. There are already seven dry states, and we hope that Hinsdale will make the eighth. Let us put an example in Downers Grove.

FIRST PRIZE—GRADES
Ruth Briggs,
Why Downers Grove should be anti-saloon is very plain.

To begin with we do not want drunk men hanging about, or the class of people to come here who go where there are saloons.

If we had saloons here it would not only look bad, but prove, that there are not enough true, Christian workers working to make our town a pure, clean place to live in.

It would be unsafe for women or children out after dark, because saloons bring together a low class of men who would not scruple at doing wicked deeds.

Some men who earn small salaries, instead of using the money for needful purposes such as paying off the mortgages on their homes, paying up their debts, buying coal, food and clothing, would spend it at the saloons.

As we go to church on Sunday and everything is quiet and peaceful, how different it would be if there were saloons from which came the odor of liquor.

Now as it is, without saloons, when our friends from out of town come to visit us, we can show them all around and feel proud of the place we live in.

The bad effects it would have on the young boys of the town is another reason why Downers Grove should be anti-saloon. How can the young boys have a clean mind and a clean body if there are places where they can go and hear and see things which would put unclean thoughts in their minds?

Taking all into consideration there are many reasons why Downers Grove should be anti-saloon; but I have not space enough to write them down.

Judge Stusser was called upon by Mr. Herring to make a few remarks. The judge stated that he hesitated somewhat to say anything, because of his position as county judge; but this he did say: "I do not hesitate, however, to say to my friends and neighbors that while I do not wish to make any address—any partisan address, I do not hesitate to say that it is my earnest wish that Downers Grove township and Du Page county, and the state of Illinois, and the United States, will ultimately and shortly be 'Anti-Saloon Territory.'" (Much applause.) Continuing, he said, "I do not want to hide

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

"Why is the Club Worthy Our Time and Effort?"

The program at the Woman's Club on Wednesday was much enjoyed by all who heard it. The members of the Hinsdale Club who were present joined in the response to roll call, which was, Misses Dawes and Diel, of Downers Grove, and Miss Doris Carter, of Hinsdale, furnished the musical numbers, the piano solos being given by Miss Dawes and Miss Carter, and the vocal solos by Miss Diel. Mrs. J. H. Behlen, of Hinsdale, gave a most delightful description of a trip by water that she had taken, and related many personal experiences connected with the trip. Mrs. Walker, president of the Hinsdale Club, and also a member of the Board of Education, told of the work done by their club during the past year.

Miss Hancock, of La Grange, also gave a short talk. At the close of the program a social hour was enjoyed and dainty refreshments were served by the social committee.

The following were the guests of the club: Mesdames Walker, Edwards, Hotter, Delano, Holcomb, Behlen and Kingsley, and Misses Carter, Kingsley and Bushnell, of the Hinsdale Woman's Club; Mrs. Hancock, of La Grange; Mrs. R. J. Dempsey, of Chicago; Mrs. W. H. Colville, of Fenton, Ill.; Mesdames Daniels, R. S. White, and Dawes, and Misses Dawes and Diel, of Downers Grove.

HIVE NO. 110. L. O. T. M. ENTERTAIN.

The Ladies of the Maecabees gave an entertainment at Modaff's Hall, the 27th of last month, the feature of which was a drill performed by the members of the Hive. The ladies dressed in white, and led by the Misses Baker, gave a very pretty exhibition of marching and counter marching, forming some very pretty and unique figures, one of them in which they formed a cross, and on a green signal kneeling in concert and singing "Nearer, My God to Thee," being especially striking. The ladies will probably have another entertainment in the near future, at which they expect to be able to give some new features.

DEATH OF DR. FREAS.

Dr. Frank Leslie Freas died Tuesday night at 11 o'clock, after a sickness of two months. The local camp of the Woodmen took charge of the funeral, which occurred Thursday noon, the body being taken down east to Pennsylvania for burial. Dr. Freas was a newcomer in the Grove, coming here from Milledgeville, Ill., in November, but during his short residence here he made a host of friends, who extend their sympathy to his bereaved wife.

Dr. Freas was born in Lime, Pa. He moved to Chicago in 1900, being a carpenter by trade, at which trade he worked about two and a half years. He began the study of medicine and was made Deputy Coroner, filling his duties during the day and studying at night. He graduated in 1899, since which time he has been practicing in Chicago and Milledgeville, Ill.

SENECAS ARE SUB-URBAN CHAMPIONS.

Local Team Defeats Rivets in Easy Fashion.

By defeating the Riverside, La Grange and Hinsdale teams at basket ball the Seneca Club's team won the Suburban championship. The other suburban teams were no match for the local team and the championship was practically decided when the Senecas defeated the La Grange High School team by the overwhelming count of 23 to 21.

The team work and all-round playing of the local boys was nothing short of marvelous, inasmuch as they have never been coached, and all of the plays, etc., which were instrumental in winning games were planned by the boys themselves. So effective were these quick, short passes that from Jan. 1, 1908, until the end of the season they were only defeated twice. Once by the famous Lincoln, a team which has the proud record of having played a tie game with the Central Y. M. C. A. team, which latter won the

DOMESTIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

April Meeting at Wheaton, Ill.

The regular monthly session of the DuPage County Domestic Science Association was held at the courthouse in Wheaton at 2:30 p. m. April 8, the president, Mrs. Manning, in the chair. The special business of the session was a study of the possibilities of manual training and domestic science in all the public schools of the county. Mrs. Kennedy gave a report of visits to various schools in which these two branches of study have been made a part of the regular school course, and in no case have they been found any hindrance to progress along any other line of study, nor, indeed, objectionable from any cause. On the contrary, pupils have been stimulated to better work in mathematics because of the necessity of accuracy in measurements and calculations in the shop, and to more thoroughness in study when the definite and practical odds to be secured were understood.

Representatives from seven or eight women's clubs in the county were present, some reporting both manual training and domestic science in their home schools, and all seeking information as to how to promote these two valuable aids to the development of mind and character. Reports from Hinsdale showed both these branches in the schools there. Means of inaugurating and carrying on the work have been secured from many sources. The Gas Company donated gas for the cooking experiments. Private subscriptions were secured and donations of house-keeping articles, notably a Singer sewing machine, which was given by the Women's Club. The Board of Educa-

LOCAL OPTION.

Very Much Alive.

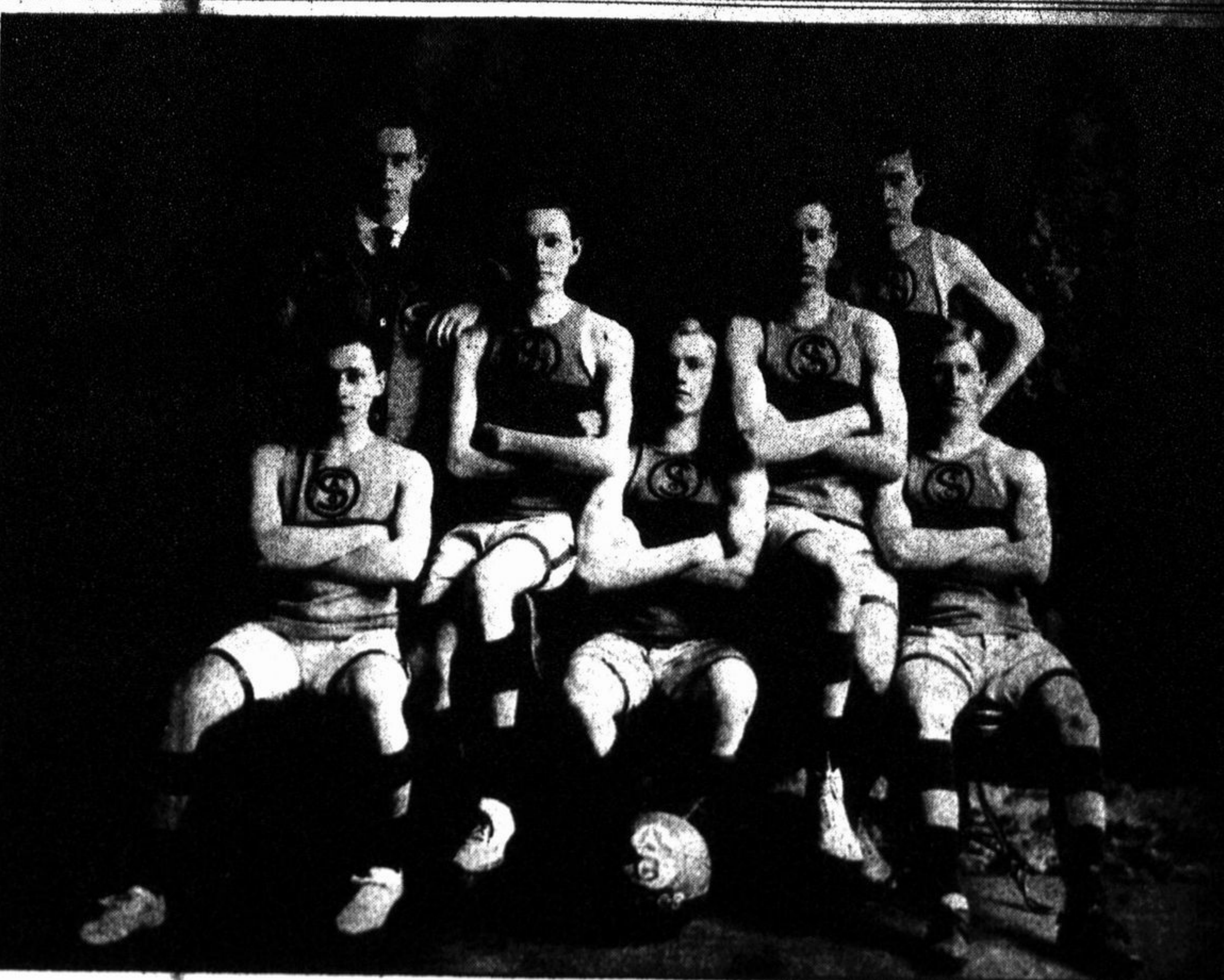
The following words, spoken by Mrs. W. H. Edwards at the union prayer and praise service held in the Baptist church last Wednesday night, seemed to voice the thought of the temperance element after Tuesday's election.

"All during the weeks past, while this bitter war has been waged against old King Alcohol, we women have adhered strictly to the admonition of St. Paul and maintained a perfect silence, except for our prayers.

"To-night we have not come to say with one accord, 'We told you so.' Defeat? No! How can we know defeat when we still have the promise of the Almighty—'I will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly?'"

"Long ago the Children of Israel encountered their 'wall of Jericho,' and methinks I can see that great throng marching daily around that massive wall, retiring each night to their tents to pray, and the next day take up their long, tedious tramp about the still unyielding 'Jericho wall.' There came a time—God's own appointed time—in which to shout, 'Yea, verily, our wall of Jericho will fall, when fathers vote as mothers pray.'"

Expressions of regret were heard from some that this township did not have a majority of affirmative votes, but said they were glad that this side of the township gave such a substantial majority favoring the proposition. Many spoke of the satisfaction they felt because of the wide anti-saloon victories throughout the State, and fervent petitions were offered, punctuated with hearty "Amen's," that the contest be carried forward.



Top row, left to right—S. McLean, Guard; H. Carner, Mt. Guard; L. Fuller, Center; C. Carner, Left Guard. Bottom row—C. Farnilio, Forward; O. Carlson, Captain and Left Forward; C. Innes, Mt. Forward.

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Among the Churches

—Christian Science church will meet at Modaff's hall Sunday at 10:45 a. m.

—St. Joseph's Parish, Mass at 10:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Boffman.

—German Evangelical church at the Congregational church at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 1:30. Rev. Merbach, pastor.

—St. Andrew's Episcopal church. Services on Sunday, April 12th, as usual. Sunday school 10 a. m. Morning prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 11 a. m. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

—Services at the Evangelical church on West Maple avenue, Sunday, April 12, 1908. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting at 10 a. m. Y. P. C. at 6:45 p. m., and at 7:30 Rev. Otto Jake will preach in the English language. All are welcome.

—Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. F. F. Farnilio, pastor. (Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Power Possessed but Restrained." Evening subject, "Election Evoked." Sabbath school at 12:15 p. m. Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

—Congregational church. Morning service at 10:30. Theme, "It Was

HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR SALE.

3 beds and springs.
1 heating stove.
1 couch.

D. D. KIMBALL,
Cor. N. Main and Lincoln Sts.

—The Cottage Dining Room has been compelled to move to larger quarters on account of increased trade. They are now at 12 Curtis street, near DuPage to their former location.

FOR SALE---AT A BARGAIN

House and 50 x 200 foot lot
J. W. BRADBURY, 44 Elm St.

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