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A TRIP TO RIVERVIEW.

Last Friday night "General" Gilbert Lacey gathered his forces about him and gave orders for an attack on Riverview Park. Ten responded to his call. The general was not in good physical condition, having been in poor health three days before the attack.

Upon their arrival at the park they viewed the scenery on the scenic railroad, also the monuments left by former travelers and tried to identify some of their lost articles. At the entrance hung a collection of scalps, wrecked headgear, a switch and some buckskins and ribbon bows. Get the scenic loc in your bonnet and it's worse than Hop!

Then came the velvet coaster, which gave the cellar door curbs and spades—no nuts, no knots, no splinters—which is something. The general was in his element as he viewed the battle of the Monitor and Merrimack.

Best of all—the Ticker. This unique device is the most surprising, the most disconcerting (speaking from the inside), the element becomes purely aesthetic. They laughed at the tub full of unfortunates until, catching the fever, the girls tightened their hairpins and declared they would try their luck. One young lady held her mouth to keep her teeth in, screaming through her fingers. Another young lady was completely isolated on account of her "Merry Widow" hat. She was compelled to sit alone and was asked to kindly remove it on many occasions.

On their return trip the youngest of the general's men became footsore and attempted to care for the disabled member in the car. The general promptly gave orders to "beat it" and it is not necessary to say the disabled member was cared for on the rear platform.

Now as they arrived in Downers Grove filled the whole horizon from somewhere: "Love me-see-see" and "I'll work it out for you."

THE NIEMAN MYSTERY.

At the bottom of an old abandoned well, half filled with debris, on the Henry Niemann farm, near Downers Grove, is believed to be concealed the body of a girl, the discovery of which may save Herman Biltek from the gallows.

The corpse is believed to be that of Anna Stuck, a pretty German girl who once stood high in the affections of Wilhelm Niemann, who afterward became Emma Venzel's husband.

State's Attorney Hadley and Coroner Matter of DuPage County decided yesterday to dig into the muddied well in a search for the girl's body.

Details of the young woman's mysterious disappearance in August, 1905, which led to the belief that she was thrown into the well, were unscrutinized by Detective Probst, working under the direction of Father P. J. O'Callaghan.

If the body is found it will be considered almost positive evidence that the murder of Anna Stuck was the first in the series which included the six members of the Venzel family and Henry Niemann. Such a development would be considered absolute proof of the innocence of Herman Biltek, and would start the effects of the law on a new trail in the search for the murderer of the persons whom Biltek is now under sentence of death for the killing.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

All citizens interested in a Downers Grove entertainment course are invited to meet at D. G. Graham's office on Thursday evening, August 27th, at 8 o'clock, to consider further action in regard to said course. By order of president and committee.

THE DOG NUISANCE.

Again we have occasion to call attention to one of our village ordinances which is not enforced. Within the last week there have been seven children bitten by dogs in the village, although none of them have been seriously injured and none of the dogs as far as known was suffering from rabies, there is always the danger at this time of year of some dog going mad, and biting some person before being killed. The bare possibility of such a thing ought to be sufficient grounds for the village authorities to compel a strict compliance with the ordinance.

The life of one of our citizens or one of our boys or girls is worth more than that of all the dogs in town.

Extract from Chapter 7 of our ordinance: Sec. 5. That between the first day of May and the first day of November, in each year, all dogs running at large or unrestrained of liberty, within the Village of Downers Grove, shall be muzzled with a good substantial muzzle, securely fastened to such dog, so as to prevent him from biting any person.

Sec. 6. Any person, or persons, who shall violate any of the provisions, or fail to comply with the requirements of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this chapter, shall be fined not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars for each and every offense.

CORN SHOW OFFICE AT STATE FAIR.

The Illinois State Corn Show which is to be held in the Armory Building at Springfield, November 23-28, will have headquarters in the Dome Building at the State Fair, where corn growers can get the final premium lists and other information in regard to the exhibition.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the special classification for boys. Besides the \$200.00 in cash which the association has offered for the best corn grown by a boy, many merchants throughout the state are supplementing this prize by offers of gold watches, farm machinery, suits of clothes, etc., so that the winner of the boy's prize will be nearly \$1,000 richer for his efforts.

MASS MEETING AT DICKES' HALL THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH.

There will be a mass meeting of the property owners and citizens of the village, under the auspices of the Improvement Association, at Dickes' Hall, Thursday evening, August 27th, at 8 p. m. All citizens who have the interests of the village at heart should not fail to attend this meeting. The question of improving the lake by planting shrubs and making other changes, which will make this a beauty spot instead of a mere mosquito-breeding body of water, as at present, will be discussed, as well as other measures that will help to make the town the best and most desirable residence suburb on the C. & N. O. Everybody invited to come, bring your ideas and suggestions with you, and do not be afraid to express them.

Buy Your Season Tickets for the WHEATON COUNTRY FAIR Before August 24th

Not sold after that date. Seven admissions, good for any person and on any day, \$2.00. Regular admission 50c. Tickets for sale at Bush & Simonson's, Downers Grove and at Mayme H. Engel-schell, Lis. e.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County at a special meeting held at the court house in Wheaton, on Monday, the 10th day of August, A. D. 1908, pursuant to call of chair.

Meeting called to order with Supervisor Fischer presiding. On roll call all members present. Minutes of last preceding meeting read and declared approved.

All bills and communications on file with the Clerk were read and the claims referred to the respective committees. On motion of Supervisor Steven the board took a recess to 1 o'clock p. m. in this day.

On reconvening for afternoon session committee on claims made the following report, which on motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, was declared approved.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee to whom was referred the claims beg to report they have examined all bills presented, recommended the payment of the following, and that the Clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

William Hammerschmidt, committee work and mileage	\$ 12.30
West Chicago Press, publishing proceedings to July 1, 1908	7.50
American Heater Foundry Co., castings for boilers	4.04
P. F. Pettibone & Co., stationery for county offices	21.97
City of Wheaton, light to August 1, 1908	15.84
George Bassett, bringing insane man to county jail	3.00
Dr. T. H. Barlow, consultation fee	3.00
Callaghan & Co., appellate report C. D. Bartlett, Sup't. civil for county farm	2.75
Boyd Bros., labor and material for county farm	143.72
Chicago Telephone Co., toll to July 20, 1908	23.15
F. J. Mulhaupt, deputy sheriff's badge	11.25
Illinois Industrial School for Girls, care of county inmates for July, 1908	32.10
Illinois Hospital for Insane, care of county inmates to July 1, 1908	124.15
Bullard & Gornley Co., repairs for lawn mower	1.00
Wm. C. Fox, services as night watchman at jail	46.79
J. A. Pugh, painting sign	2.50
Ames Churchill, committee work and expenses	4.30
West Chicago Press, blanks for county offices	12.75
H. T. Morgan, clerk hire for July, 1908	20.00
P. H. Cramer, committee work and mileage	1.00
C. B. Gorham, Sheriff, board and washing for prisoners to July 21, 1908	1,762.25
A. H. Fairbank, committee work and expenses	5.70
F. S. Rogers, 10 days' services	20.00
Board of Review	20.00
M. J. Boyle, same	20.00
G. A. Fisher, same	20.00
Allen F. Bates, 27 days assistant clerk for Board of Rev.	111.00
The bill of C. D. Bartlett, \$258.91, for the care of county inmates previously paid upon the O. K. of the county farm committee, we have examined and find correct.	

Respectfully submitted, A. H. FAIRBANK, Chairman.

The following report of committee on fees and salaries was, on motion of Supervisor Steven, approved: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors:

Your committee to whom was referred the claims for fees and salaries beg to report they have examined all bills presented, recommended the payment of the following, and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants, to-wit:

C. B. Gorham, Sheriff, sheriff's fees, as per bill	\$1,199.25
Wm. W. DeWolf, deputy fees	43.00

Respectfully submitted, FRED NEDDERMEYER, Chairman.

The following report of the finance committee, was, on motion of Supervisor Churchill, declared approved: To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors of Du Page County:

Your committee on finance beg to report that they met at the Court House in Wheaton on the 13th day of July, 1908, and checked and examined the books and vouchers of the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk and Recorder, Sheriff and Superintendent of Schools, from December 1, 1907, to June 1, 1908, and find the same correct, as per their reports herewith presented, which said reports we hereby recommend approved.

Respectfully submitted, WM. HAMMERSCHMIDT, A. H. FAIRBANK, F. H. CRAMER, Committee.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors: I herewith submit the following report of fees earned and received by me as County Clerk for the half year com-

SCHOOL NOTES.

The public schools open Tuesday, Sept. 8th, this year.

The following assignments for the coming school year have been made: L. G. Avey, Superintendent.

Miss Maude Manley, Principal of the High School.

Miss Zella E. Allen, assistant in the High School.

SOUTH SIDE SCHOOL. Miss Mary L. Parrish, 8th grade.

Miss Grace L. Galsley, 7th grade. Miss Florence Bradley, 6th grade.

Miss Susie McLaren, 6th grade. Miss Henrietta Latham, 5th grade.

Miss Zella M. Field, 5th grade. Miss Eliza J. Herman, 4th grade.

Miss Anna Henig, 3d grade. Miss Agnes Ross, 2d grade.

Miss Clara Hill, 1st grade.

NORTH SIDE SCHOOL. Mrs. Maude Whiffen, 4th grade.

Miss Elsie Irene Ward, 3d grade. Miss Esther McFarland, 2d grade.

Miss Agatha Sweet, 1st grade. Miss Lillian Colton, substitute teacher.

Miss Jane B. Baldwin, Supervisor of Music.

PIANOS AT A DISCOUNT OF 20 TO 40 PER CENT.

When Lyon & Healy, of Chicago, bought for cash the entire retail stocks of three leading Chicago piano houses, viz.: The Thompson Music Co., the Healy Music Co., and the F. G. Thearle Co., the entire piano trade of the United States wondered what Lyon & Healy could do with such a vast collection of fine instruments in addition to their own big stock, for these are no cheap factory pianos, but pianos of makes of the highest reputation.

What Lyon & Healy have done is to mark all these pianos, and there are hundreds of them, at a discount of 20 to 40 per cent. The response upon the part of the public is marvellous.

If you know the names of good standard makes of pianos and the prices always paid, you will need no second invitation to write to Lyon & Healy, 77 Adams street, Chicago, for lists and terms. For you can secure a genuine \$500 upright for \$180, or other bargains in proportion.

Lyon & Healy give their own guarantee with every one of these pianos no matter whether it is from the Thompson, or the Healy, or the Thearle stock. Nothing like this opportunity has ever been given to music teachers, students and music lovers heretofore.

15TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

On the eighth of August a very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, of Bel-den avenue, it being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. The evening was spent in games and music, after which a fine supper was served.

A number of beautiful presents were received, among them being three pieces of cut glass from the mother and sister of Mrs. Brown, of Vandalia.

Other presents were one berry net, two berry bowls, one salad dish, water set, every tray, one set silver cups.

Those present were Mrs. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. Verelias, Mr. and Mrs. Tank, Mrs. Munly, of Milwaukee, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell and the Misses Cornell of East Grove, Mrs. Cornell and Miss Cor-nell of Plains, Miss Duggert of Chicago, Mrs. Watts and the Misses Watts, Mrs. Dunn and the Misses Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Mount and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden and Miss Tilden.

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. Bollman.

—German Lutheran services at Congregational Church, 2:30 p. m. Rev. Niekle, Pastor.

—Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. F. F. Farmiloe, pastor. Class meeting at 9:20 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

—There will be no services at the Evangelical church, Sunday, August 23d, and Sunday, August 29th, as the congregation will participate in the camp meeting at Naperville Park. All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

—The Baptist pulpit will be filled next Sunday morning by Rev. Isaac H. Beckhoff, of the Chicago University, who will have as his subject "Mutilated Faith." Sunday school at 12 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30; subject, "Vacation Religion."

—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—During the months of August, September and October the services will be as follows: Sunday-school, 10 a. m. Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 7:30 p. m., excepting that on the third Sunday of each month there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m., and the evening service will be omitted. A cordial invitation to all.

—Congregational Church—Morning service 10:30 a. m., theme, "Moses Before and After the Burning Bush." Sunday school at 12:00. Men and women's Bible classes, C. E. at 6 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30, theme, "Churchianity and Christianity." The evening service is brief, bright and breezy. Junior C. B. Wednesday at 8:45. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

A GOLD MINE.

Do you want to invest some money on the chance of getting big returns? If so, come and look at the samples of ore from the mine located by two young men of our village. Chas. Iticus and George Kelsor left Downers Grove last April going from here to Cripple Creek, where they put in about three weeks.

From there they went to Hillside, Colo., where a man named Wolf had located a mine next to the Gem mine (the owner of which, by the way, has had an offer of \$250,000 for it). Mr. Wolf got into some trouble last winter and left for parts unknown. On account having patent stakes on the claim, the natives supposed he had a title to the mine.

Charlie Regus and E. C. Metz, who joined them out there, went to Canyon City to the Recording office, and found that no patents had been issued. They immediately filed on the claim and went back to develop it. They have had an offer from the Saluda Smelting Company, but do not care to accept an offer for the whole mine, as they are pretty certain they have the real article and want to get the benefits of their labor.

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and a fine team of young well matched blacks.

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—Herbert I. Miller, who will be married soon, has made arrangements to rent the Verard farm, now occupied by H. McPherson.

—Miss Edythe Durand returned to her home in Naperville Saturday after a few days' visit with her friend, Miss Henrietta Wolfershehn.

—There is some talk of prosecuting all those voters who voted at the primaries, and had previously signed the petition of another party. The fine in the case is \$100 or one year in the penitentiary or both.

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BASEBALL

SUBURBAN LEAGUE STANDING.

La Grange 13
Downers Grove 12
Western Springs 7
Hinsdale 7
Clyde 6
Riverdale 1

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS.
Downers Grove 4, Western Springs (ten innings).
La Grange 9, Hinsdale & Clyde-Riverdale, no game.

GAMES SATURDAY.
La Grange at Downers Grove, Clyde at Hinsdale.
Western Springs-Riverdale, no game.

The Downers Grove team last night with La Grange by defeating Western Springs last Saturday in an exciting ten-inning game by the score of 4 to 1.

Up to the ninth inning the score stood 2 to 0 with Downers on top, but an error and a timely hit up in the ninth and made the winning run necessary. Perfect pitching by Downers' pitcher, Ed. Doolittle, served a shutout. While the game was being played, the crowd was more free and at opportunity.

Downers scored the first run in the fifth inning. With one out, Downers precipitated his own downfall by hitting a two-bag wild throw into the pitcher's roller. Dugger took the Carner's out and scored when he beat out a hot to Schuler. Downers left stranded when Mackay passed Doolittle.

Western Springs threatened in the third and only a regular Turner double