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TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT HINSDALE.

Downers Grove and La Grange Called on for Assistance.

Last Friday night while a blizzard was raging and the wind was blowing a gale the firemen and citizens were startled by the shriek of the fire whistle.

There was general relief when it was learned that the call had come from Hinsdale. The firemen, rolling up 400 feet of hose, tried to get an engine from the Q. to take them down, but were compelled to wait until the 10:49 pulled out, thereby losing at least forty minutes of valuable time.

Besides the members of the department the following volunteers went along and did good service: J. W. Hughes, Dr. Corey, Alvin Sucher, Phil Bath, Adolph Baker.

The fire started from unknown causes in the basement of the Anderson Building, occupied by the grocery firm, and evidently had a good start before discovered. Within five minutes after the alarm the entire rear of the store was wrapped in fire, which the high wind swept through the building rapidly. An iron-covered wooden floor house and delivery room adjoined the rear of the store, and from this the fire spread to several wooden structures along the alley. Wm. Bohmann's barn and outbuildings, with their contents, excepting the horse, went next and carried the flames into the barn of Friesler & Pfeiffer. This firm had only brought out the undertaking business of Charles Pfeiffer last week, and they were fortunate in saving the hearse, ambulance and team.

Half an hour after the outbreak of the fire it became apparent that unless outside help was called a good part of the business district would be doomed. Superintendent of Water and Light John B. Hess telephoned to La Grange and Downers Grove, and met a ready response. The La Grange department was the first to arrive with a hose cart drawn by two teams. Their wild drive over the blizzard swept flats was a terrible experience, and some places the wind was so bad that the firemen were compelled to walk. The high wind blew the cutting snow into the men.

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WEDDING AT EAST GROVE.

The Catholic church at East Grove was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sunday afternoon, when Miss Martha Urbanski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Urbanski, of East Grove, and John Wajda of Brighton Park were united in marriage by Father Joseph Kruska. The bride was gowned in a white silk dress heavily trimmed with embroidery, wore a bridal veil of white tulle and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridegroom and attendants were as follows: Valeria Urbanski and John Kudla, Martha Banks and Julius Kudla, Mary Wajdanska and Mike Biela, Helen Wierniarski and Stanley Miszkowski, Ella Urbanski and Joe Blaida. The bridesmaids all wore white dresses and carried pink roses. After the ceremony the newly married couple and their invited guests adjourned to the hall, where an elaborate wedding dinner was served, after which dancing was indulged in. In the evening, according to Polish custom, the bride's dance was held, where all present are supposed to take a turn around the hall with the bride and make their donations. This is a good sensible way of giving the young people a send-off instead of getting a lot of useless presents. They receive the cash and use it to furnish their home to suit their own taste. The contributions to the bride amounted to \$250.00. The young couple will make their home in Brighton Park.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Walter entertained thirty relatives and friends at dinner on Jan. 31st in honor of their mother's eightieth birthday. Six sons and three daughters, being all of her children, were present, and nine grandchildren.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Walter, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Walter and two children, of Hinsdale; Fred A. Walter, of Hinsdale; Dr. and Mrs. Will Walter, of Evanston; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Walter and two children, of Berwyn; Mr. and Mrs. Lou Walter, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Frank Stout, of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jarrard and five children, of Berwyn; Mr. and Mrs. Giles A. Webb, of Pontiac, Mich.; Mrs. Wilson, of Berwyn (a niece); Mrs. Yore and two sons, of Chicago. This was the first time the family has been together in thirty-three years.

The peace of the world is said to be in the Kaiser's hand. The trouble is it is a mailed hand.

A LIVE ENTERPRISE.

The new livery and boarding stable, a picture of which is shown herewith, is one of the most substantial buildings erected in the village.

This building has been erected with an eye to the future, being built on Railroad street, which will some day be the business street of the town. It was built according to plans and ideas of J. Klein, and will be run by Charles Baker, who has shown his business ability in that line in the past year.

On the lower floor of the building is the office and bunk room for the man, a large washroom, harness room and carriage room.

At the rear there are three box stalls and twenty-four single stalls downstairs and ten stalls upstairs; also large room for straw and one for hay, with smaller room for oats and feed, all fitted up with up-to-date appliances for feeding, watering and taking care of stock.

There is also a large paint shop and storage room, and outside is an open shed for the accommodation of farmers, where for the nominal sum of ten cents they can hitch and feed their teams. Peter Johnson, who had the contract and built the stable, certainly deserves credit for the workmanlike manner in which he fulfilled his contract. The total cost of this improvement is close to \$18,000.

With the best of horses, good rigs and business ability he has shown, we are sure Mr. Baker will make it a success.

Among the Churches

—Christian Science church will meet at Modaff's hall Sunday at 11 a. m.
—St. Joseph's Parish, Mass at 9:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Bollman.
—Swedish S. S. and Bible class at 3 o'clock; preaching at 3:30, 54 Foote St., every Sunday afternoon.
—German Lutheran services at Congregational Church, 2:30 p. m. Rev. Nickle, Pastor.
—At the Baptist Church: Communion service preceded by a short service entitled "Mountains and Sunshine." The evening subject will be "The Benediction of Evil (David)."
—Methodist Episcopal Church: Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12:45 noon. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Junior League meets Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. General prayer meeting in the evening. You are invited. F. F. Farmiloe, Pastor.
—Services at the Evangelical Church Sunday Feb. 7: German preaching at 11 a. m.; English preaching at 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; Junior Alliance meeting at 2:30, and Senior Alliance meeting at 6:45 p. m. Special music at all services. Come for you are invited.
—Congregational Church—The pastor will preach morning and evening. Morning worship at 10:30. Special sermon, "Abraham Lincoln—America's Greatest Citizen." At the Sunday school hour Judge Stusser will address the school on "Lincoln." C. E. at 6:30; E. F. Lacy, leader. Evening service at 7:30; theme, "Emancipation." We extend an invitation to worship with us.
—St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.—During the months of November, December and January, the services will be as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 11 a. m., excepting that on the first Sunday of each month there will be evening prayer at 7:30 p. m., and the morning service will be omitted. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

FOREIGN SOCIAL.

The foreign social given by the Young People's Society of St. Paul's German Church, was most liberally patronized.

The home of Mrs. Selig was almost too small to accommodate all who wished to patronize the various lunch rooms. The German room especially was overcrowded. The ladies as waitresses were dressed in the national costume of the countries which they represented. The German room was looked after by Mrs. Kirchgasser, Mrs. Philip Wander and Miss Emma Wander. The French room was presided over by the Misses V. Becker, I. Becker, Della Kirchgasser and Lydia Zell; while in the Japanese room the Misses Lena Schmetz, Louise Zell, Laura Selig and Beesie Wander displayed hospitality. The event socially and financially was a great success.

DOWNERS GROVE INVOLVED IN PATENT LITIGATION.

About six months ago notice was served on the President and Village Trustees of Downers Grove that the sewage disposal plant installed there three or four years ago infringed patents owned by the Cameron Septic Tank Company, and as the Village Trustees have declined to accept a proposition for settlement of the claims of that company, suit has just been commenced against the village. Patent litigation is at best an expensive luxury, and in order that the responsibility for this suit may be placed where it belongs, I have prepared a brief history of the case for the information of the taxpayers of the village, who will later be called on to foot the bill.

At the time the village authorities were considering the installation of a sewage disposal plant, I was invited to attend a meeting of the Village Trustees for the purpose of explaining to them the merits of the septic process. I did so, and later designed a complete plant for the village, but, for some reason or another, our plans were not accepted.

Later, when it was decided to build a plant, the designs of W. S. Shields, an engineer of Chicago, were adopted, and his unsupported statements that the Cameron patent was invalid, and could not be sustained in the courts, were accepted. In the meantime the suit of the Cameron Septic Tank Company vs. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., involving the validity of the Cameron patent, was in progress. This suit was commenced in 1904. In the fall of 1906 the case was heard in the U. S. Circuit Court, Northern District of New York, and in the following March a decision was handed down declaring in effect that not only were both the process and apparatus claims of the patent antedated in the prior art, but that there

THE PHILATHEA.

The Philathea Bible class held their regular business meeting in the church parlors on Monday evening, Feb. 1st. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Thompson, Miss Frankie Thompson and Miss Abbie Andrus. Nearly forty were in attendance and all report a most enjoyable time. Two new members were added to the roll, Mrs. Nielsen and Mrs. Gustus. The Vice President, Mrs. De Mill, took the chair in the absence of the President. The first ten minutes were put in the hands of the Dev. Committee, under the leadership of its chairman, Mrs. Chaplin. The month's review of the Sabbath lessons given by the teacher, Miss Barnore, was extremely interesting. Committee reports showed the year's work well under way.

At the close of the business session an enjoyable musical program was given, a duet played by Mrs. Thompson and Miss Farmiloe deserves special mention. Adjournment followed.

ONE OF THE OLDEST SETTLERS OF DU PAGE COUNTY Passes Away.

Mrs. Mary Smart was born in Lincolnshire, Eng., July 4th, 1817. When about two years old, nearly ninety



MRS. MARY SMART.

years ago, she came with her parents to New York.

When about 20 years of age she made the trip around the lakes with a family of friends and landed in Milwaukee. From there she came to Chicago, and then by stage to Cass.

She was married to Wm. Smart Nov. 5th, 1839. She was the mother of four boys and one girl, Sylvester, Henry, George, Albert and Alaura. Three sons survive her.

The deceased was an earnest, devoted Christian and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for more than thirty years. She was noted for her cheerful spirits, generous hospitality and unflinching industry. Scores of her friends and relatives have taken of her handwork which she made and gave them since she became unable to leave home. Only a few hours before she died she asked a neighbor that was sitting by her bedside to stay and have a cup of tea.

She especially enjoyed partaking of the communion which was administered to her several times after she became a "shut-in."

She was a great reader and the Bible was an unending source of consolation to her. She gave constant evidence in her words and prayers of trust in her Savior and hope of meeting her loved ones that have gone before.

She passed away peacefully, and it is believed, painlessly, at about 6 o'clock, Jan. 27th, 1909, and was buried Jan. 31st in the Fairview cemetery, Cass.

Local Happenings

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be sent to the name of the editor, not necessarily the publisher, 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 leave the letters and figures plain and distinct.

- For bowling news see page 5.
- BEST of all FLOUR is BEST
- Mr. Matson is in New York this week.
- Mrs. Jones Foster is confined to her home by sickness.
- Miss Margaret MacLean is reported on the sick list.
- Mrs. Jonas Foster is recovering from her accident.
- Armour's Star Ham and Bacon, at Moebel & McCabe's.
- Mrs. D. G. Graham is confined to the home by illness.
- Warren Jones of New York spent Sunday with his parents.
- The Neighborhood club met with Mrs. Avery on Thursday.
- Mrs. Dietz entertained Miss Hull and Miss Ross on Friday.
- Mrs. W. H. Barnhart spent Tuesday with friends in Naperville.
- Dr. Washbourne's little daughter was quite sick for a few days.
- Miss Fletcher is now steadily improving after her severe illness.
- F. I. Mason is taking treatments for rheumatism at Mt. Clemens, Mich.
- A. L. Horn, of Aurora, was a Downers Grove caller on last Wednesday.
- Remember Friday, the 19th, at the Auditorium, Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard.
- Dressmaking, plain and fancy sewing. Mrs. H. F. Ware, 163 North Main street.
- If a Sunday school workers' union should be organized here, would YOU PUSH?
- J. H. Griffiths visited at the Myrtle Shrine in Medinah Temple last Friday evening.
- New York Buckwheat Flour, guaranteed absolutely pure. New crop. J. W. Nash.
- Sunday, February 27th, will bring the Philathean contest to a close. All schools are urged to attend.

THE MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME WILL SPEND \$75,000.

La Grange has been highly honored by the Masonic Fraternity of the State by its selection as the location for the orphan's home. Many suburbs around Chicago vied with each other for several months in landing the prize, but La Grange was given the preference.

The block of ground on the northeast corner of Goodman and Ninth avenues has been purchased from various owners, the deal being closed recently. The grounds will be beautified at a great expense, and during the summer the erection of a building to cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000 will be commenced.

The site selected, while high and beautiful, never has been an ideal residence section owing to its close proximity to the gas works and the Belt railroad, but for such a purpose as the Masonic Fraternity will utilize it, it will be ideal and enhance the value of real estate surrounding it. While many citizens have the impression that a home of this sort is not desirable in a strictly high-class residence suburb, they should not lose sight of the fact that the Masonic institutions are conducted in a superior manner, and the institution will be a continual advertisement for the best people of the State.

The consideration for the tract of land was in the neighborhood of \$11,000.

CIRCUIT COURT.

As the time draws near for the primaries to nominate a judge for the Circuit Court of this judicial district, it behooves us to study the records and fitness of the candidates for the position. We the citizens of DuPage county have an ideal candidate for the office in Judge M. Sumner who has made good in all public positions, he has held and who is winning the approbation of all with whom he comes in contact by his able and impartial administration of justice in the last capacity as judge of the 10th.

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TAX COLLECTOR NOTICE.

The undersigned will be at Plevka & McDougall's hardware store on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 26 and 27, and on each Tuesday and Wednesday thereafter until March 2nd and 3rd, for the purpose of collecting and receiving the personal and general taxes for 1908. Early payment is requested. Personal tax cannot be returned delinquent. EDW. F. NEIDIG, Collector.

CLOSING OUT.

Millinery—Closing out all the best trimmed hats at \$3.50, \$5.00 each. Miss Goodspeed, 2d floor, Bank Building.

DOWNERS GROVE FAIR 28 and 30 South Main St. PHONE 22

A FEW THINGS OF INTEREST FOR THIS WEEK

- Strawberries in heavy syrup, per can 15c
- Peanut Brittle, per lb. 10c
- 1 lb. package Seeded Raisins 10c
- 3 lbs. of Peaches 25c
- Pillow Cases, the pair 20c
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