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NEARLY 150,000 VOTES

Cast in Reporter's Popular Voting Contest.

Second Grand Special Offer in Free Bonus Votes.

Next Count Just Three Weeks Away, Thursday, December 23.

A New Home sewing machine valued at \$40 will be awarded to the contestant that makes the greatest gain in votes from this count until the next count, Thursday, December 23.

MRS. PETER JOHNSON WINS \$10 IN GOLD.

The first count in the Reporter's piano voting contest came to a close at 4 p. m., Friday, November 26, at which time the votes were counted by Judges Graham, Hoffert and Naramore.

It is safe to say that there was not a busier place in this section of Du Page County than the Reporter's office within the last week. We have been kept busy taking in new subscriptions, back subscriptions and renewals by the score. The Reporter has added a number of new subscriptions during the first part of the contest, which, added to our already large circulation, makes the Reporter a much better medium for advertising. We have also been very busy with job work that the contestants have been bringing in.

Many votes were cast on the first count, but it is safe to say that several of the contestants, who have not made any showing, are still working in the contest, for we hear of a large number who complain about not receiving their paper, and in this way we can tell that they have not turned in their subscriptions.

The next special count in the contest will be Thursday, December 23, which is just three weeks away, at which time we will award a New Home sewing machine, valued at \$40, to the contestant that makes the greatest gain in votes from this (the first) count until the next count, Thursday, December 23. It does not matter whether the contestant had any votes all on this (the first) count; consequently this will place those who did not do any work at all last month on an equal basis with those who have several thousand. Remember, this prize is for the greatest gain in votes.

Mrs. Johnson will be barred from competing for this second special prize; but, of course, what votes she had on this count and what votes she receives from now on, will count on the piano and other valuable prizes donated by the merchants. We do this in order to equalize the chances of other contestants, so that they will all be as near equal as possible for the final count of the contest.

That the contest is a valuable business-getting scheme to the merchants has been demonstrated by the way they have been giving out coupons with each \$1 sale.

While Mrs. Peter Johnson won this special prize of \$10 in gold she was followed closely by Mrs. Herbert Miller, of Rural Route No. 1; Miss Henrietta Woelfersheim and Miss Ida Shanabrook, Lillian Radke, Lucy Robbins and Mary Meyer, of Downers Grove.

We have prepared the following bonus votes, which will hold good on all the next count, Thursday, December 23.

For every 5 years' new subscription, 6,000 extra, making a total of 8,000 votes.

For every 5 year renewal or back subscription, 5,000 extra, making a total of 7,000 votes.

The ballots of this special count have been safely preserved in the ballot box.

The judges have canvassed the votes and find the following to be correct:

Name	Votes
Miss Sophia Baron	50
Miss Lillie Downer	50
Miss Julia Farrar	50
Miss Anna Wilming	25
Miss Cecelia Goldsberry	25
Miss Lottie Childers	25
Miss Hand Sodewick	25
Miss Hazel Easton	25
Miss Gertrude Nadelhoffer	125
Miss Dorothy McKee	350
Miss Viola Clappitt	200
Miss Mary Meyer	200
Miss Hazel Stebben	12,950
Miss Agnes Johnson	2,375
Miss Lillian Radke	16,050
Miss Miller	21,100
Miss Ida Shanabrook	13,575
Miss Henrietta Woelfersheim	13,550
Miss Peter Johnson	35,275

Following nominations have been made:

Name	Votes
Miss Goldsberry	12,950
Miss Agnes Johnson	2,375
Miss Lillian Radke	16,050
Miss Miller	21,100
Miss Ida Shanabrook	13,575
Miss Henrietta Woelfersheim	13,550
Miss Peter Johnson	35,275

DOWNERS GROVE.
Miss Elizabeth Willis
Miss Lillie Radke
Mrs. Peter Johnson
Miss Anna Wilming
Miss Lottie Childers
Miss Henrietta Woelfersheim.
R. F. D. No. 1.
Agnes Johnson
Mrs. Herbert Miller
R. F. D. No. 2.
Miss Gertrude Nadelhoffer,
Miss Vivian Lottler,
Miss Hazel Easton,
Miss Lottie Childers,
Miss Alice Pfaff,
Miss Abbie Herbert,
Miss Pearl Kilpatrick,
Miss Abbie Trapp,
Miss Margaret Hasty,
Miss Sophia Schoen.
R. F. D. No. 3.
Miss Margaret McDonald,
Miss Mary Burke,
Miss Hattie Dierks,
Miss Martha Stobben,
Miss Elizabeth Sorenson,
Miss Agnes Dunn
Miss Fannie Whitney
Miss Lillie Dierks,
Miss Lucy Stobben,
Miss Lena Schumaker,
Miss Muriel McDonald,
Miss Bessie McGinnis,
Miss Marie Ahrens
HINSDALE R. F. D. No. 1.
Annie Hogrefe.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

The following account of the Plowboy's Victory, the second of the tales of early days in Downers Grove as told by The Old Settler, may not be historically accurate in every detail, but that the pioneers of the village did good work and played good ball is beyond question.

If the tales call out of the distant past only a single happy memory to any of the Old Guard who linger on the shoreward side, they will have accomplished their purpose.

A REAL GAME OF BALL.
"It was on just such a day as this," said The Old Settler, one fine afternoon in the early fall, to the members of the Every Day Club, as they sat in front of the real estate office on Main street, "that the Plowboys beat the Wheaton Stars in the best game of base ball I ever saw. That was way back in the fifties," he continued, gazing reflectively across the street as if to bring back the vision of other days.

"You never heard of the Downers Grove Plowboys? Say, let me tell you that they were a jim dandy crowd, and I don't know that they'd have to back water very much for these Cubs and Tigers and White Sox we hear so much about nowadays. First, off they marched in torchlight processions and went to barbecues whoopin' it up for Old General William Henry Harrison. They had a big banner with a log cabin and 'Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too' on it in real old colors, with tassels and ropes of gold cord and the name of the club worked in silk that took the women of the sewing society high onto a month to finish. The uniforms were the finest you ever saw: red shirts, white trousers, shiny black visored caps and black leather belts. Say, they looked pretty fine marching along with four six-footers heading the column. What times we did have those nights."

Again he paused, but rousing himself resumed the tale. "But that wasn't what I started on. It was this weather that reminded me of the ball game. You see, after the campaign was over some of the fellows thought it would be a good thing to keep the organization going, so they just picked out the best players and kept the old Plowboy name and took to practicing base ball.

"We used to play right across from the grave yard, where Cape Stanley's place is. There wasn't any Main street then, nor no need of one, for there wasn't any railroad, and many a time I've looked against the grave yard fence and watched the fellows cut up big files or have a game of scrub.

"The Plowboys had been all over that year playing other clubs and beating every time. They played at Batavia, and Plainfield, and Joliet, and Chicago, and they were some set up on themselves. The Wheaton Stars were a good team, too, and our fellows knew they had their work cut out when they challenged the Wheaton boys to a match game on the big day of the county fair.

"There was four hay rack loads went over and there wasn't a man, nor a woman in the town that didn't want the boys to beat. I tell you they were careful all the morning not to eat too much popcorn or drink too much red lemonade, for that game meant a whole lot to the Plowboys, and they didn't want to take any chances.

"The game began early in the afternoon, and John Perry, who was captain and first base for the Plowboys, won the toss and took the outs. There wasn't any grand stand, but maybe our crowd didn't cheer when the Plowboys ran out on the field and took their places.

"Let me see. I can remember just how they stood. There was John Perry on first, great big fellow, and you couldn't throw them too hard for him; Labe Stanley, he went to Dakota afterwards and bossed the Indians, was pitcher. He had an underhand throw that puzzled the batters, and say, couldn't he put them in swift. Emerson Stanley, we always called him Em same as they do now, was catcher, and he used to crouch down right under the bat and take them hot as Labe could throw them. Seems like sometimes he picked them off in front of the bat, he got so close. Rox Curtis was shortstop, and about the gamest little shortstop you ever saw. He'd jump right in front of the ball when it sizzled off the bat, and soak the runner before he rightly got started for first base. Mart Perry was second base, and he used to play over toward first, while Jim Carroll in center field would come in and watch second base. Hank Bush, who lived down at Lacton, the place we call Belmont now, was third base, and he was a wonder to bat. Silo Carpenter was right field and Cape Stanley was left field, and John Stanley was ready to take any place when he was needed.

Right from the start we saw that it was going to be a hard battle for our boys. Those Wheaton lads were good players, and inning after inning went by without either side getting what you would call a good lead. First our boys were ahead a few tallies, but then the other fellows would gain a little. In the ninth inning the score stood 24 to 24.

What are you laughing at? We were playing a real game of ball, where every fellow had a chance to show what was in him, and not one of those hitless games where two men do all the work.

Wheaton came to bat and got two runs before the Plowboys put them out. When our turn came Rox Curtis was the first man up. He called for a low ball. Then we the boys, when you could ask for the kind of

RECEPTION.

An informal reception in honor of Rev. Lawler and wife, was held in the church parlors Monday evening, Nov. 22, and proved to be a very delightful affair. The evening was under the management of the ladies of the church, through the Aid Society.

The opening number on the program was a vocal duet, given by the Misses Lela and Martha Puffer, in their usual pleasing style. Speeches of welcome to the new pastor and family followed, Dr. Washburn speaking for the official board of the church; Rupert Batesman, for the Sunday School; Miss Carrie Barnore, for the Epworth League, and Miss Emma Fletcher, for the Ladies' Aid. At this point the hearers were charmed by a soprano solo given by Mrs. Ralph Rassewiler. Rev. Allingham, Rev. Stamm and Rev. Babcock then voiced words of welcome from the sister churches in the community, Rev. Lawler making response to them all in his genial, happy way.

After another vocal number by the Misses Puffer, the guests were served with ice cream and cake and a most pleasant evening passed into memory.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.
A very enjoyable meeting was held at the clubrooms Nov. 24. The reports read by the delegates to the Eleventh District and to the State Federations were listened to with much interest. C. F. Davis, accompanied by his son Charles, gave two violin solos, and the enthusiastic applause conveyed the appreciation of the club members and guests.

The Rev. Robert Allingham read a paper on the "Comparative Essays of the Poets of the Nineteenth Century," and at the close of his reading one and all wished he had only commenced, so interesting and instructive was his subject. The next meeting will be held Dec. 8. Program to be on the Revolutionary period.

Cards for a luncheon given by the Lake Bluff Woman's Club have been received by several club members.

Mrs. Lemon was the guest at a luncheon given at the La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Friday, Nov. 19, by Mrs. Cannon of St. Louis, one of the founders of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Mrs. Robert Plummer was elected delegate to the Cook County League for the year 1909-1910.

BASKET BALL.
The Cubs defeated the First Methodist team of Chicago in a very hard fought game, 22 to 18, last Saturday evening.

C. Staiger starred for the Cubs making four field baskets. McLean made two and Kirchgasler got one brilliant one from the center of the field.

The Cubs showed some excellent team play, especially in the second half when they pulled away from a tie of eleven to eleven and put the game beyond doubt. G. Staiger also showed excellent form in free throwing, getting eight baskets out of thirteen chances.

The Downers Grove team lost to St. Martin's Episcopal of Chicago, 29 to 20. The absence of Oscar Carlson from the lineup made a considerable difference in the showing of the home team.

C. Carner, Wells and Puffer did some excellent work, but could not save the game.

The games for Saturday evening this week will be between the Cubs and Eli Bates Settlement House and the Methodist Sunday School team and a team from the Burlington general offices in Chicago. While the Methodist team is new to the rosters, there is every reason for the thinking that they will make an excellent showing, as they have some good material.

The games this week will probably be unusually interesting.

Local Happenings

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily in 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 leave the letters and figures plain and distinct.

—Mrs. Mounter is not feeling very well.

—Armour's butterine for sale at L. Klein's.

—Mrs. Fred Duthie is slowly improving.

—Miss Mary Hastert spent Sunday at the Grove.

—Mrs. George S. Foster was in Chicago last Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fisher spent Sunday in Chicago.

—Mrs. Berner spent part of the week at Ravenswood and Sheridan.

—Fine assortment of bread and cake boxes at M. Plevka & Co.'s.

—H. D. Foster and wife were here from Omaha for a few days.

—Miss Esther Billie of Chicago spent Sunday at the Cook County

THE CHERRY SUMMERS' FUND.

Rev. Robert Allingham, Downers Grove, Ill.

My Dear Mr. Allingham—I have this morning received from you as a committee the \$43.13, taken up at the Union Thanksgiving service at Downers Grove for the Protestant Cherry Relief fund.

We appreciate greatly the spirit which moves the people of Downers Grove to send this offering through our Congregational committee at Chicago, having been a Protestant member to the Protestants of all denominations and this is in a way a union church. We have received a good deal of money, therefore, from other denominations for this relief work and shall use it without discrimination, except that it shall be largely spent among the Protestant people of the town. There are altogether 275 families which have lost the bread winner in this disaster, with a little over 550 fatherless children.

On their behalf I sincerely thank the people of Downers Grove for their Thanksgiving gift.

WM. W. NEWELL,
Chairman Cherry Relief Committee.

Chicago, Nov. 23, 1909.

Sunday School, Downers Grove Congregational Church, Downers Grove, Ill. Rev. Robert Allingham.

My Dear Mr. Allingham—I enclose receipt for \$6.00 sent by the Sunday school of the Congregational church at Downers Grove for the relief fund in Cherry. Let me thank your school for this generous gift, which is greatly needed and which will do a fine work.

Very sincerely,
WM. W. NEWELL.

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL.

The International Live Stock Exposition, to be held at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, Nov. 27 to Dec. 10, is the world's largest and best show of live stock.

It is a school of ripe education ready to use.

It is a stimulator of useful thought and action.

It is a measure of progress, a maker of standards.

It is a guide for breeders, a breeder of feeders.

It is an eye-opener to the public, a fountain of human interest.

It teaches, inspires, entertains, awakens and directs.

It reveals the scope and strength of the live stock industry, increases trade, brings men into contact with one another and enlarges their horizon.

It trains the eye, builds business, broadens men and compels improvement in live stock.

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It encourages beginnings in stock breeding and feeding and imparts practical information through eye and ear.

It presents for inspection the best draft horses, the best cattle of all the best breeds, including their grades and crosses, the best sheep of all the breeds, with grades and crosses, and the best hogs, with their grades and crosses, that the breeders of the United States and Canada can produce.

It is educationally adapted to the farmer, the breeder, the feeder, the ranchman, the student, the business man, the woman of farm and city, and the public in general.

No person at all interested in the progress of agriculture can afford to miss this greatest and best of all live stock shows.

SUCHER-MUELLER HOME WEDDING.

A very pretty home wedding was celebrated on Tuesday afternoon, November 23, 1909, at 2:30, between Mr. Adolph Mueller and Miss Lydia Sucher at the home of the bride.

The bride wore a hand-embroidered white pearly gown and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. She was attended.

The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Rev. G. J. Mueller, of Arlington, Neb. Lohmeyer's wedding march was played by Miss Edith Wilson, cousin of the bride. Decorations were pink and white carnations and smilax.

Many beautiful gifts were received. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller left for the West shortly after the ceremony and will spend a portion of their honeymoon at the residence of the groom's parents at Arlington, Neb. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin, Mrs. C. H. Wilson, W. B. Towsey, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Deveroux and son, Mr. Ernest R. Gager, of Alpha, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Mueller, of Arlington, Neb.; Miss Sarah Sucher, Mrs. W. H. Head and daughter, of Chicago; Mrs. A. Johnson and Miss Allie Johnson, Mrs. Emil Woehrl and son, Mr. John Bender, Mrs. W. S. Baker, of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cole, of Chicago; Mrs. Mary Sucher, Miss Mary Coleman, Miss Glenna Potter, Mr. Theodore Mueller, Mr. J. W. Sucher and Mr. Elvin N. Sucher.

—W. D. Norton and wife entertained Mr. and Mrs. Hood from La Porte last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Zell and family spent Thanksgiving week with relatives in the city.

—Furnished Room to Rent—Heat, electric light and bath. Address P. O. Box 554.

—Mr. Sam Curtis and wife, with other friends, spent Thursday at Fullersburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ballard Waples entertained friends from Chicago on Thanksgiving.

—Mrs. D. C. Stanley has been on a visit to her sister at West Chicago for several days.

—Louis Fink of San Antonio, Tex., is visiting at the home of Carl and George Staiger.

—Parties borrowing our ladders from back of store will please return same. M. Plevka & Co.

—Mr. Westblade and family returned from Galesburg, where they spent Thanksgiving.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodges took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Beldeman.

—Mrs. C. Moebel and Mrs. J. H. Griffiths were in Chicago visiting friends last Monday afternoon.

—E. J. Pateiski of Chicago spent Thanksgiving at the home of J. H. Griffiths and family at Belmont.

—Mrs. Straube and Mrs. Berner enjoyed a luncheon with Mrs. Gillespie and Mrs. Donnegan on Wednesday.

—Miss Harriet Jones, Oakwood avenue, entertained her Sunday school class and friends last Saturday evening.

—Mrs. Walter Bobb is now convalescing at the hospital. Friends hope Mrs. Bobb will soon be in her own home.

—Pure New York buckwheat flour, the same kind we have sold for 15 years. None "just as good." J. W. Nash.

—J. W. Rogers and wife, T. S. Rogers and wife, spent Thanksgiving in Aurora with their sister, Mrs. S. D. Kinley.

—We are advertising the largest number of real estate bargains this week that has ever been advertised in the Reporter.

—Thursday, Mrs. O'Connell entertained the Neighborhood Club from 3 to 5. The ladies were working on Christmas gifts.

—Murray M. Skinner is having plans made for a new house on Lincoln street, Hinsdale. He expects to occupy it in the spring.

—E. E. Stevens returned home Saturday from his trip to old Mexico and is charmed with that country's fine climate and opportunities.

—Miss Mabelle Marshall, who made her home on Belmont street with her sister, Mrs. Statton, has gone to spend the winter at Champaign, Ill.

—Annual Holiday Bazaar, Dec. 9, at Congregational Church, to be held under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Keep the date in mind.

—Miss Copeland of Indiana is a guest of Mrs. Lee Stanley. Miss Copeland has visited in Downers before and made many friends here.

—Don't drug the stomach, or stimulate the heart or kidneys. That is wrong! It is the weak nerves that are crying out for help. Vitalize those weak inside controlling nerves with Dr. Sloop's Restorative, and see how quickly good health will come to you again. Test it and see! Sold by Bush & Simonson.

—Professor Butler, Charles Moebel

(Continued on page 5.)

PHILATHEA.

A most important meeting at Mr. Geo. Heatt's, Monday evening, Dec. 6, Miss Lott, hostess. Candidates for our coming election will be accepted at this meeting. Every member ought to be present! Other matters will be up for discussion. Do not forget the date—first Monday in December; 54 East Maple avenue.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR.
You will see dainty and useful Christmas gifts at the Congregational bazaar on Thursday, Dec. 9. There will be a large assortment of aprons, scarfs, bags, etc. Several home-made quilts and rugs will also be on sale. And do not forget about the ready-to-eat cakes, pies, doughnuts and bread. Purchases may be made from 10 to 4 o'clock in the basement of the church.

ART CALENDARS.
Lovers of the beautiful should not fail to see the collection of hand-colored calendars, the work of our fellow townsman, William H. Baker, now on sale at Bush & Simonson's. They are especially attractive as holiday remembrances, being from photographs taken in and around Downers Grove, and reveal the possibilities of the camera when combined with the artist's exquisite sense of color.

CALIFORNIA AUTO TRIP.
A reunion of five members of the former Young Men's onward Club of Downers Grove was held on November 21 at Ontario, California. It happened thus: James Gumbrell, Frank Lin Huling and John Huling of Los Angeles were invited out to Monrovia by Dr. B. C. Davies for an auto ride. The boys gladly accepted this invitation, and were on hand at the appointed hour.

Dr. Davies has a very large practice, in and about Monrovia and nearby cities, and his speedy Buick automobile is in almost constant service. But the doctor has to take a few hours' respite once in a while, and this was an instance.

As suggested by one of the party they go to Ontario, a distance of nearly three miles from Monrovia, to see Fred Alford, who is doing fine in the electric wiring and fixture business in that city, under the name of the Alford Electrical Company. Fred has just completed a fine new house for himself and parents in Ontario.

The ride by auto was through the finest orange land in Southern California, over good roads, up hill and down, and there was no slow riding on either the going or return trip. The weather was ideal.

A stop of twenty-five minutes was made at the Alford home, during which time John Huling got all the music he could out of the pinola. Photos of the group were taken by Mr. Wm. Alford, with F. G. Huling's camera, and the return journey was then begun.

No accident of any kind occurred to mar the trip, and sincere gratitude was expressed to Dr. Davies for the very enjoyable afternoon.

An interesting addition has been made to the contents of the army museum in Paris in the shape of the red and white ensign, ornamented with gold beetles, which Napoleon gave to the troops in the island of Elba during his sojourn there. A French contemporary informs us that the flag came into the possession of Col. Campbell, whom the allies set to keep watch over the emperor, when he made his sudden departure from the island, and has remained in the family ever since. The gift is one which the French nation will no doubt be glad to have in its possession.—Westminster Gazette.

The permanent international peace bureau at a recent session in Brussels took action in favor of the establishment of an international relief fund. Donations to this fund would be received at any time, and payments from it would be made in case of great distress in any part of the world.

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