

NEW ELECTRIC LINE

A new company has been organized for an electric line from Joliet running through Downers Grove, Hinsdale and to connect with the Metropolitan Elevated, which will be extended to meet it, bringing the cars right down to the Chicago loop district.

The company will be known as the Northern Illinois Traction Company and will be run in connection with the Joliet and Southern. It is said to have the backing of Chicago bankers, who will finance the project.

The line will parallel the C., B. & Q. R. R., whose officials are said to be in full accord with the plan, and will assist in carrying it out, the design being to get rid of its suburban business as much as possible, that business being unprofitable to the company.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Miss Rose Klein entertained several friends at a birthday celebration last Friday.

The time passed very quickly and pleasantly in guessing games of various sorts.

Mrs. L. Hannum and Mrs. J. Clamatt won the prizes.

The dining room was decorated in cherry branches and flags and a dainty luncheon was served.

At a late hour the ladies departed, leaving Miss Klein a very delightful hostess.

NOTICE.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of Farmers and Merchants Bank, Downers Grove, Ill.

Notice is hereby given that the 20th annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Downers Grove, Ill., will be held on Saturday, March 9, 1912, in the directors' rooms of said bank at 2 o'clock p. m., to hear the report of its officers, election of directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

V. SIMONSON, Secretary.
Dated at Downers Grove, Ill., this 17th day of February, 1912.

NOTICE.

Township primaries will be held Saturday, March 16, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Polls located at Hinsdale Village Hall, Downers Grove Village Hall and Lace Hall.

When She is Eloquent.

When a woman speaks from the bottom of her heart she always has a lot to say.—Florida Times-Union.

M. E. CHURCH BANQUET.

The Washington banquet at the M. E. church last Thursday evening was as usual a decided success, the menu was excellent and was enjoyed by all present, but not more so than the program which followed.

The musical numbers were well rendered, two songs, "Voices of the Woods" and "Spring Song," by the Ladies Quartet composed of Mrs. A. Michel, Mrs. R. Rassweiler, Mrs. T. Drew and Miss M. Roe, a vocal solo by Mrs. Vena Brink Rogers of Riverside and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. M. Blackburn were much applauded.

The speakers of the evening kept the audience in good humor by telling anecdotes and stories of wit and repartee.

The Rev. J. H. Williams was an ideal toastmaster and the interest and attention of the audience never flagged until the end. This banquet is an annual affair and is eagerly looked forward to by those who have had the good fortune to be one of the attendants.

The program, which was handsomely gotten up in red white and blue, was donated by Victor Peterson.

BROTHERHOOD BANQUET.

The first annual banquet of the St. Paul's Evangelical Church Brotherhood was given in the church basement Thursday evening, February 22. One hundred and forty plates were laid and seats were at a premium.

Mr. Henry Woelfersheim acted as toastmaster and speeches were made by Mr. G. H. Bunge and Rev. A. Pahl, and recitations by the Misses Mabel and Babe Riel. The Young People's Quartet rendered several numbers in good style.

The banquet was such a success that they have decided to make it an annual affair.

CHINA SHOWER.

Mrs. T. F. Kelley entertained at a china shower last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Mabelle Dewey. The rooms were decorated in red hearts, and after all the girls had arrived they were given a guessing game called a floral wedding, the answers being names of flowers.

The prize was a hand-painted plate, won by Miss Henrietta Staats.

The dining room was in red and white and hand-painted place cards and favors decorated the table.

One end of the table had a miniature wedding procession which was much admired.

Those present were Miss Genevieve Dewey of Chicago, Miss Myra Bohlander of Hinsdale, Misses Mildred Prentiss, Ruth Kidwell, Florence Willard, Henrietta Staats, Maude Dewey, Agnes Vevard and Mrs. A. Beideman. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Milroy and Mrs. Stevenson.

PROGRESSIVE CLUB

The Progressive Club of Downers Grove (a non-partisan, non-political village organization) which is using every legitimate means of informing the public of the merits or demerits of the commission form of municipal government, has been fortunate enough to arrange for another meeting along educational lines at Dicke's Hall, on Monday evening, March 4, at 7:45 o'clock.

Judge H. S. Pomeroy of Kewanee, Ill., who was the first municipal judge elected by that city, will address the meeting, promptly at 8 o'clock, on what has been done in Kewanee under the new form of government as against the old or aldermanic form.

Mr. Clarence Diver, commissioner of accounts and finance of the city of Waukegan, Ill., who formerly filled the office of alderman of that city, will speak authoritatively on both forms of government from an individual and governmental standpoint.

Both gentlemen will be fortified with data and facts, and these public meetings cannot but educate our people to a thorough and comprehensive view of the commission form of government, and will enable all to vote intelligently when the election as to its adoption is called for, under the petition now before the County Judge.

We predict an interesting meeting on Monday evening, and hope the visitors will meet with a hearty reception and a full house.

The ladies are cordially invited to give their countenance and inspiration to the meeting.

Last Monday evening the Downers Grove Progressive Club met at its hall and enjoyed a very entertaining and instructive talk on the commission form of government by W. F. Hunter of Elgin, Ill. Elgin is under the commission form of government. Mr. Hunter is one of the commissioners and spoke with authority. The speaker brought out many points indicating the advantages of that form of rule over the old system in our village.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

Sunday night at 11:45 fire was seen on the roof of the cottage of Mr. R. Hibner on the corner of Chicago avenue and Geary street, by Harry Drew, who phoned the pumping station to blow the fire whistle and then ran over and woke up the Hibner family, who were unaware of their danger. Owing to the lack of water in the vicinity house and contents were a total loss. The house was built five years ago and has been occupied by Mr. Hibner since completion. Mr. and Mrs. Hibner are very thankful to Mr. Drew and others who assisted them at the time of fire. The house was insured for \$1,500 and \$1,000 on the furniture.

A FIVE DAYS' STUDY IN CHURCH LIFE AT DOWNERS GROVE, ILL.

Sunday, March 3, to Thursday, March 7, 1912.

A signal honor is conferred upon Downers Grove in having as its guest for five days in March, Bishop John H. Vincent, the mold of the modern Sunday school, an enthusiastic advocate of popular education, the founder of Chautauqua, an eloquent and inspiring lecturer and preacher, an honored and beloved bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

PROGRAM.
John H. Vincent, LL. D., conductor.
First Day (Sunday, March 3)—Sermon, 10:30 a. m.; subject, "The Church." Men's meeting, 3 p. m.; address, "Strength and Weakness." Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.; Chautauqua vesper service; lecture, "The New Creation and Recreation."
Second Day (Monday, March 4)—3 p. m., lecture, "The C. C. C.—A Unique Club." 8 p. m., foretalk, "Our Immigrants; lecture, "A Young Fellow's Trip to Europe."
Third Day (Tuesday, March 5)—3 p. m., lecture, "A Gospel for Grown-up and Old People"; 8 p. m., lecture, "Some Great Men I Have Known."
Fourth Day (Wednesday, March 6)—3 p. m., lecture, "Revivals and Survivals"; 8 p. m., lecture, "The Story of Sidney Lanier."
Fifth Day (Thursday, March 7)—3 p. m., lecture, "Church Finance—A Sane Theory"; 8 p. m., A Question Drawer; lecture, "That Boy."
All lectures are free. A freewill offering will be taken at the closing lecture as a token of gratitude to Bishop Vincent for his services.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

The Dixie Chorus, Something New in Jubilee Comedies, in a Presentation of "The Epic of the Negro," at the Auditorium, Saturday, March 3, 1912.

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POINTS TO BE REMEMBERED.

A PRAYER.

O Thou unknown Almighty Cause
Of all my hope and fear!
In whose dread presence, ere an hour,
Perhaps I must appear;

If I have wandered in those paths
Of life I ought to shun,
As something loudly in my breast
Remonstrates I have done;

Thou know'st that Thou hast formed
me
With passions wild and strong;
And listening to their witching voice
Has often led me wrong.

Where human weakness has come
short,
Or frailty steeped aside,
Do Thou, All-Good, for such Thou art,
In shades of darkness hide.

Where with intention I have erred,
No other plea I have,
But, Thou art good; and goodness
still
Delighteth to forgive.

—Robert Burns.

LOCAL NEWS

—Any fire alarm call from outside of corporate limits, the expense must be paid by the owner of the property.

—W. E. Canedy of Chicago Heights, former resident of this village, has purchased property in Los Angeles and will build a fine home thereon.

—Leslie Dunnagan and family will move into the Lindley residence on Highland avenue April 1.

—Murray Skinner and family are with the Skinned family on Washington street for the present.

—Miss Maude Merts spent Washington's birthday at home.

—Mrs. I. P. Blodgett on Warren avenue is slowly improving after her severe illness.

—Mrs. E. Roth is slowly growing stronger after her operation. She will spend a little time with her sister for a change.

—Frank Lindley is having his residence on Curtis street decorated new and will have it ready to occupy in a short time.

—Prof. Butler and family are getting settled in their fine large home on North Main street.

—Mrs. Rutherford is visiting Mrs. Whiffin, an old Downers Grove friend, at Webster Groves, a suburb of St. Louis.

—R. W. Bond has recovered from a severe cold.

—Mrs. De Groot had the misfortune to run a needle in her hand which caused her a great deal of pain.

—Mrs. Crecy is in the sanitarium at Hinsdale. Her friends hope to hear she is very much better and treatment will be a benefit.

—Mrs. James Downer, Mrs. Ed Heints, Mrs. N. C. McKeloy, Mrs. Ernest Dawson, Mrs. M. W. Mills and Mrs. M. H. Prince spent last Friday at Riverside at the pleasant home of Mrs. W. D. Work.

—Mrs. Henry Lyman, who is living on the old homestead on the Plank road and who is now in her ninety-first year, is recovering from a slight indisposition. Her books, the newspapers and her friends furnish her the same delight they always have.

—Mrs. Ethel Woerle and husband of Chicago visited her mother, Mrs. Bartell, over Sunday.

—The fourth grade is without a teacher, Miss Pratt, who has a severe cold, being compelled to remain at home.

—Prof. G. H. Butler is in St. Louis, Mo., attending a convention of school superintendents.

—Mrs. J. B. Hulling is anticipating a visit to her sister, who resides in Florida.

—Miss Beth Johnson, formerly of Downers Grove, visited here on Tuesday. The friends of Miss Johnson are sorry to know she has suffered a nervous breakdown and has been a patient at the sanitarium.

—Mrs. Charles Caldwell is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Dunn, of Chicago.

—Joe Drew has been on the street.

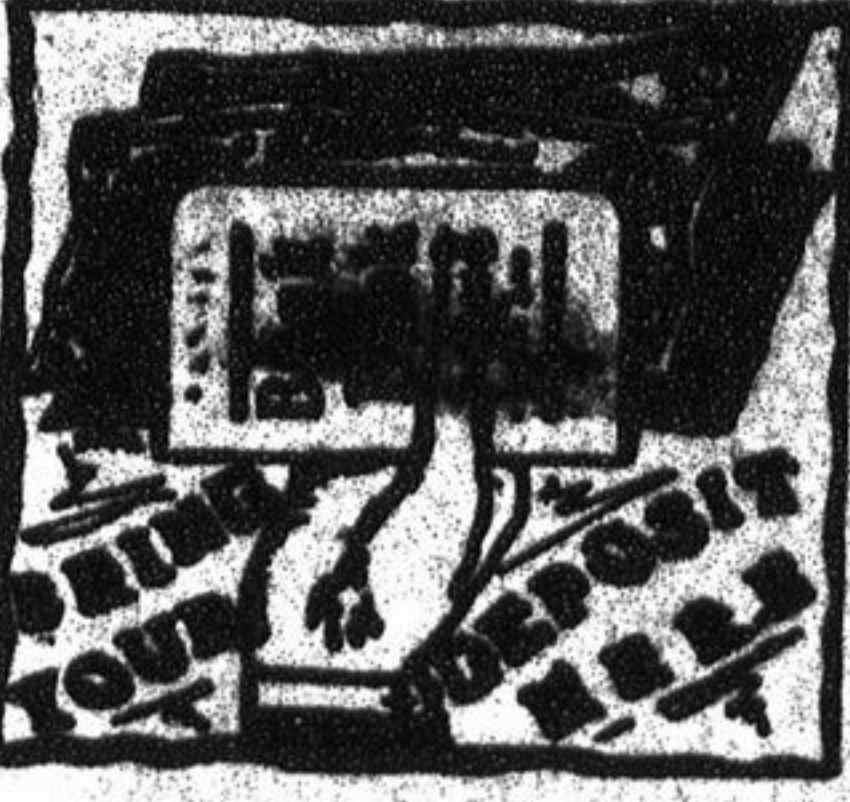
—The Van Orkin family are stricken with diphtheria. It seems they have more than their share, having the scarlet fever in the fall, and now being under quarantine with this dreadful malady. Much sympathy is expressed in their behalf and we hope their affliction will be of short duration.

—Dad Biddler, who has been on duty at night at the Wootton farm, will soon be relieved by Mr. Klein, who took charge on Monday.

—Mr. William Furling is recovering from a severe cold.

—Mrs. Josephine Goodwood returned from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Frank, who resides in Dallas, Texas.

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MOTIOGRAPH NEWS

In ADDITION to the regular entertainment, we have been fortunate in obtaining "Birth of a State" for

Saturday, March 2nd, 1912.

First pictures of interior of the White House, President Taft signing official proclamation making Arizona the 48th state of the U. S. These pictures plainly show President Taft in the executive mansion, and many other interesting facts in and about the White House. The fact that these are the first pictures taken of action in the White House, makes these the most interesting pictures ever produced.

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