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WHOLE NO. 145



HON. THOS. H. RILEY,  
Joliet, Illinois.

You can always judge a man by the hobby he rides. If that hobby has practical ideas for the betterment of his fellows, then you know he is a safe man to tie to. Everybody knows, or should know, Hon. Thomas H. Riley of Joliet, because it is the popular things to be acquainted with men who stand for and do things. He is not a hard man to reach, but he is a hard man to get away from if he feels you have the allotment of brains nature entitles to the ordinary individual, for he begins at once to make you a disciple to the cause of Transportation. He considers Transportation one of the intensely vital questions of the day, and being known from Chicago to St. Louis as the Father of the Deep Waterway, he can talk better on that subject than any other man in the State with the possible exception of Senator William Lorimer and Lyman E. Cooley. This trio of men have done more for that great project than any other score of men in the country.

Hon. Thomas H. Riley is seeking the Democratic nomination in the Eleventh district for Congress. His long association with matters of public policy and interest entitles him to the consideration of all members of his party as well as all other progressive citizens who are in earnest

in demanding legislation for the benefit of the people. He has served three terms in the Illinois state legislature, and has always been a prominent factor in the local affairs of his home city and county. While Transportation is the favorite horse in the hobby stable, he exercises often on the health steed, Sanitation. Next to Transportation and the Lakes-to-the-Gulf project, he delights to use his influence and efforts in the fight against the White Plague. He believes in plenty of fresh air and proper sanitation, and with these things he is certain that tuberculosis can be reduced to a minimum. He fostered and fought for the movement to establish a State law providing for a sufficient fund for the fighting of tuberculosis, and largely through his efforts the penitentiary at Joliet will be moved to more habitable quarters.

Tom Riley—everybody calls him Tom—being a man of strong ideas and convictions, and having established views on what is needed for and by the people, is going before the people of the Eleventh district, seeking the nomination for a member of the National House of Representatives. He wants your support because he knows he has something he can deliver for the good of the people. He knows the high cost of living can be materially reduced by regulating transportation; he knows the health of the people of the country can be increased by fresh air and sanitation; and that prosperity and happiness

will follow if these things are accomplished.

When you find a man with definite ideas who knows how to do things which you believe in as thoroughly as he himself, you feel pretty close to him and can afford to get out and work for him.

## A SPLENDID MEETING

The spirit of consecration and earnestness was wonderfully in evidence at the first meeting held in the Baptist church by Dr. L. D. Lamkin. Almost three score of people came forward at the close of an eloquent and masterful address to grasp the hand of the evangelist as a token of their devotion to these meetings and their willingness to help in every way.

The church was well filled and the evangelist more than sustained his former record. He has been holding meetings all over the northern part of Illinois during the last few months, at Princeton, Masen City and Stonington. In every place great numbers were brought into the churches and the kingdom of God.

Dr. Lamkin is not a sensationalist, though he is "dead in earnest," he is not an egotist, though he uses every ounce of power he has; but he is a God-filled and God-sent man with a burning message to the people of Downers Grove. A very cordial invitation is given to all to attend.

He preaches every afternoon at 3 o'clock and every evening at 7:45. A large chorus choir, special music, and a fine sermon ought to repay everyone for coming to the Baptist church.

On Sunday morning he will preach especially to the Christian people. On Sunday evening he expects to see one of the largest and most interesting meetings of the series. There will be special music, solos, duets, etc., and a burning sermon to all. Remember the time and the place. Everyone is invited.

## GUESTS' DAY.

The Catholic Woman's League had a "Guests' Day" on Thursday, March 7th.

The afternoon was in charge of the program committee, the members being: Mrs. M. Holohan, Mrs. S. Englebach, Mrs. A. Hemphill and Mrs. J. T. Condit.

The program included violin and piano selections by Misses Nora and Eliza Hosty, of Austin, followed by a talk by Rev. James Leddy, of Chicago, who is associated with the Rev. G. J. Quille in the work of caring for destitute boys. The speaker chose for his subject "The Juvenile Court," and made it both instructive and entertaining. He touched very lightly on the work of himself and Father Quille but his earnestness in the subject and entire understanding of things having to do with the uplifting spiritually and materially of the down-and-outs of "Boyville" especially assured his audience of the great and good work they are doing and that they are helping to make good citizens of the unfortunates (and they are many) who come within range of their work. The object of their training is to help the boys to help themselves which after all is the highest form of charity.

## WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting in the Masonic Lodge parlors Wednesday afternoon, March 13.

The club had as honored guests Mrs. A. E. Walker of Hinsdale, president of the 11th Congressional district, and Mrs. E. G. Lemon, vice president of the 11th district. Both ladies addressed the club, Mrs. Lemon giving a toast to Eve, the first woman.

Current Events, Mrs. Hannum; instrumental solo by Mrs. Haller; violin solo by Geo. Nargney; Browning's "In the Balcony" by Mrs. Wm. Brown; instrumental solo by Mrs. Whitmore. All present were agreed that the day had been rich in helpful counsel and delight. The next meeting will be held at the house of Mrs. J. C. White, March 20.

Program as follows:  
Topic and demonstration, vegetable, Mrs. Knox; topic and demonstration practical points in nursing, Mrs. White; food and its appeal to the senses, Mrs. Butler; paper, Place of the Home and Homemaker in the Economic World, Mrs. Heckman.

## Italian Winters.

The people of Florence, Italy, have a dislike for heating devices in their houses, although the weather in winter, especially when the tramontane is blowing, is uncomfortably cold. None of the houses have fireplaces, and the man who warms himself by means of the "scaldino," a pan of glowing ashes, is considered effeminate.

Four Companies Conquered Empire. In the sixteenth century a whole empire was conquered with four hundred soldiers and sixteen horses. This was the extent of Cortes' strength when he conquered Mexico.

## POEMS TO BE REMEMBERED.

### LIFE.

Life! I know not what thou art,  
But know that thou and I must part;  
And when, or how, or where we meet  
I own to me's a secret yet.

Life! we've been long together  
Through pleasant and through cloudy  
weather;

'Tis hard to part when friends are  
dear—

Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;  
Then steal away, give little warning,  
Choose thine own time;

Say not good-night,—but in some  
brighter clime

Bid me good-morning.

—A. L. Barbauld.

## LOCAL NEWS

—The Downers Grove Band had their first meeting of the season Monday evening at the S. S. School, planning their season's work.

—Fire broke out on the roof of the cottage of F. J. Alderson, 30 E. Curtis st., last Sunday morning, and was extinguished with small loss.

—Wonder how many fire plugs in the village are in shape to use in case of emergency. Whose business is it to see that they are in shape? Some one is responsible and the sooner the responsibility is placed the better it will be for the village.

—Are you one of the many who have suddenly and unwillingly sat down on the sidewalk? Some way should be found to make the walking reasonably safe.

—The Free Public Library in its infancy finds many needs that it is unable to fill at first; among these are good reference books, biographies, histories, and a good dictionary. Any person in the town having such—good up-to-date reference books, biographies, histories, or good fiction for adults or juveniles—and desiring to donate them to the library would be most acceptably received, as at present the directors have not money for such expensive books. A good Standard Dictionary would be a splendid gift to some one to make the library.

—The Public Library will be open every day except Sundays from 10:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. during the month of March for the purpose of cataloging and assorting the books and getting the library ready for opening early in April.

—Those wishing to avail themselves of the privilege of taking out cards and securing books from the new public library should call at the library and secure an application card from the librarians, so that the borrowers' cards can be made out and be ready for distribution before the opening day.

—The Library Board wish to tender their thanks to Mrs. Bert White for a number of books which she has kindly donated to the Public Library.

—Mr. J. R. King, of President Miller's office of the village has presented the Public Library with a very fine edition of a new book called Progress and Prosperity.

—Miss Mildred Clark, of Chicago, is visiting her cousin, Miss Vera Singletary.

—Miss Harriet Chamberlain and Miss Martha Poggensack, of La Crosse, Wis., spent Sunday with Mrs. T. F. Kelley.

—Victory Council No. 110, Royal League, will give a Victrola Concert at their next meeting, Tuesday, March 19th, and extend an invitation to all members of the order to attend.

—Miss Edna Hemphill delightfully entertained the girls' "500" Club at a Keln Schlaf party last Saturday night. Those present were: Inez Gustin, Marion Dunagan, Genevieve Lacy, Marie Olson, Martha Farrar, Elizabeth Willis, Miriam Butler and Edna Hemphill.

—Harry Williams, who is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. S. Phelps, of Mid-daugh ave., met with a serious accident by slipping on the icy sidewalk, striking the back of his head and inflicting a gash which required the services of a physician.

—Mrs. Wm. Burns, of Saratoga ave., is confined to her home by illness.

—The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jefferson has been quite ill.

—The infant daughter of Mrs. Jewett, of Main st., has been sick.

—J. A. Westblade and son Paul left for an extended trip through the South and along the Gulf of Mexico.

—Mrs. B. C. White has returned from a short visit with her sister at Huntington, Ind.

—Mrs. A. S. Phelps has returned from Arkansas, where she attended the funeral of a relative.

—Walter Daniels spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of L. B. Wells, of Saratoga ave.

—Mrs. J. C. White attended the play at Decatur, given by a stock company of Chicago and under the auspices of the O. B. S. of Decatur.

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## A Day of Trouble



Is not so greatly dreaded if you have one of our deposit books with a good sum to your credit; in fact, it proves to be "the friend indeed." Do not neglect this important matter; see to it at once that you start a bank account, however small and then add all you can spare to it. Remember the rainy day is bound to come.

This will interest you. Ask us about it.

## Farmers and Merchants Bank

Downers Grove, Illinois

Capital Stock \$25,000.00 Surplus \$13,500.00  
Stockholders' Liabilities \$25,000.00

Hours—From 8 A. M. to 3 P. M., and  
Saturday evenings from 6 P. M. to 8 P. M.

## HOME WEDDING.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized last Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Dewey on Saratoga avenue when their daughter, Mabelle, was married to Mr. F. N. Kidwell, also of Saratoga avenue.

The bride was dressed in white messaline and carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

She was attended by her sister Maude, who wore pink crepe de chine and carried a shower bouquet of pink roses.

The groom was attended by his brother John as best man.

Miss Ruth Kidwell played Mendelssohn's wedding march at their entrance into the parlor where the Rev. R. Wilbur Babcock of the Baptist church performed the ceremony.

The house was prettily decorated in spring fowers and smilax lighted by candles.

The wedding was a quiet family affair, none but immediate relatives being present. Mr. and Mrs. Kidwell will be at home after April 1st at 2804 Wentworth avenue, Chicago.

## TO THE PUBLIC:

I have been advised by the Postmaster General that this office has been designated to be a postal savings depository, beginning April 1, 1912.  
Elbert C. Stanley, P. M.

## CONGREGATIONAL HOME DEPARTMENT.

Tuesday, March 19, the Home Department will meet with Mrs. George R. Smith on Forest avenue and the following program will be given:

Missionary Day.

Piano duet, Misses Lancaster and Hughes.

Devotional, Mrs. Jona Foster.

Vocal solo, Chas. Davis.

Lesson review, Rev. Paul Vicks.

Paper, "Palestine, Past and Present," Mrs. Loveland.

Vocal solo, Miss Emma Boatright.

Address, Mrs. J. W. Vallentyne.

Violin solo, Mr. T. H. Wilbur.

The program commences promptly at 3:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all of the ladies of the church to be present.

## More Money Wanted.

"Enchanted" exclaimed Hilbert Kins, who, with a lighted candle in his hand, was hunting for a leak in the gas pipe. A moment later Mrs. Kins' steady said: "That's just our luck. Now we'll have to pay out more money to get the roof fixed."

## Not These Two.

Silicious—"Do you think a man can afford to indulge in two lunches at the same time?" Cynicism—"Not if they happen to be a wife and a champagne supper appetite."

## SPRING-TIME!

The time to do things.  
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Our prices are right.

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3.50	2.50	1.75
3.00	2.00	
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Spring Styles are now ready. If you are not wearing Douglas Shoes, try a pair, they will please you.

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## MOTIOGRAPH NEWS

### "The Test"

A Scientific and Convincing Study of Criminology.

How a Criminal was Made a Man of.  
St. Patrick's Day Programme.  
Saturday, March 16th.

THE MOTIOGRAPH FAMILY THEATRE  
Dicke Building, Belmont and Forest Aves.

## The Fair Store

Now is the time to do  
your sewing for spring  
and summer.

Largest stock of spring gingham and dress goods ever shown in Downers Grove. If you have the slightest amount of appreciation about you, you will come here and look over our dress goods stock and prices. You will be amused at the size of our stock and the remarkable prices. "Let us help you choose a new dress."

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