

Downers Grove Reporter

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Looking Backward

Mud Roads Plank Sidewalks Oil Street Lamps No Sewers

Now—

Good Pavement Cement Walks City Water and Light Sewers New R. R. Station

What we hope for

5000 Population New School-house New Village Hall New Cemetery New Library Twenty-four hour Electric Light Service Trains every 15 minutes

HORSE-RADISH AND A COLLEGE EDUCATION.

Under the above title Fritz Rein, a senior agricultural student of the University of Illinois, tells in the current number of the excellent paper, the "Herald,"...

The business has proved to be a profitable one. It demands much time and work and is sometimes quite disagreeable because the colder the weather, the greater the demand for horseradish. However, I like the business because I am independent of others, my time is my own, I work when I please and know that the profits will be proportional to the work I do.

For a prospective student, he can and will work there as many other methods of earning money. It is well to figure out some original way to make one's college expenses. My plan will not be adopted by many, but there is always some new thing that a fellow can do if he will.

TEACHERS' MEETING, SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1913.

To the Rural School Teachers of DuPage County:

There will be an important meeting of the rural school teachers in the courthouse at Wheaton, Saturday, March 29th, commencing at 10 a. m.

Expert instruction in nature study and seed testing will be presented by a representative of the DuPage County Agricultural Improvement Association, which has generously provided material so that each teacher may carry on the work in her own school. You will also receive a copy of an elementary text on agriculture, furnished by the Board of Supervisors, to be used as a basis for class work in this subject.

This matter is of such vital importance to you and to your district that you are instructed to be present to join in this great forward movement to make DuPage County one of the greatest agricultural and most progressive counties in the state of Illinois.

REAL ESTATE BOOK

Shurte & Jones, the enterprising real estate dealers at Main and Railroad streets, are showing more than ordinary interest in promoting Downers Grove as a desirable home town by publishing a very neat and interesting booklet containing twenty or more views of various points of interest. The distribution of such unequalled advertising matter will result not only in the benefit of the

Nut Colyum

By A-Corn who is also a member of the Nut Corps and very much liked by squirrel... and others.

OUR MOTTO "NUTS"

HOME GROWN DAFFYDILS.

E. L. of Hinsdale, R. R. 1, made the Colyum this week. Did you?

If Levi Mertz sat on the counter and knocked his heels against the wood, would Eugene Pfaff?

If there was another school teacher at Gregg's would Bill Cooper?

Back up the wagon we've got. Oh, excuse me. I forgot we had no wagon here.

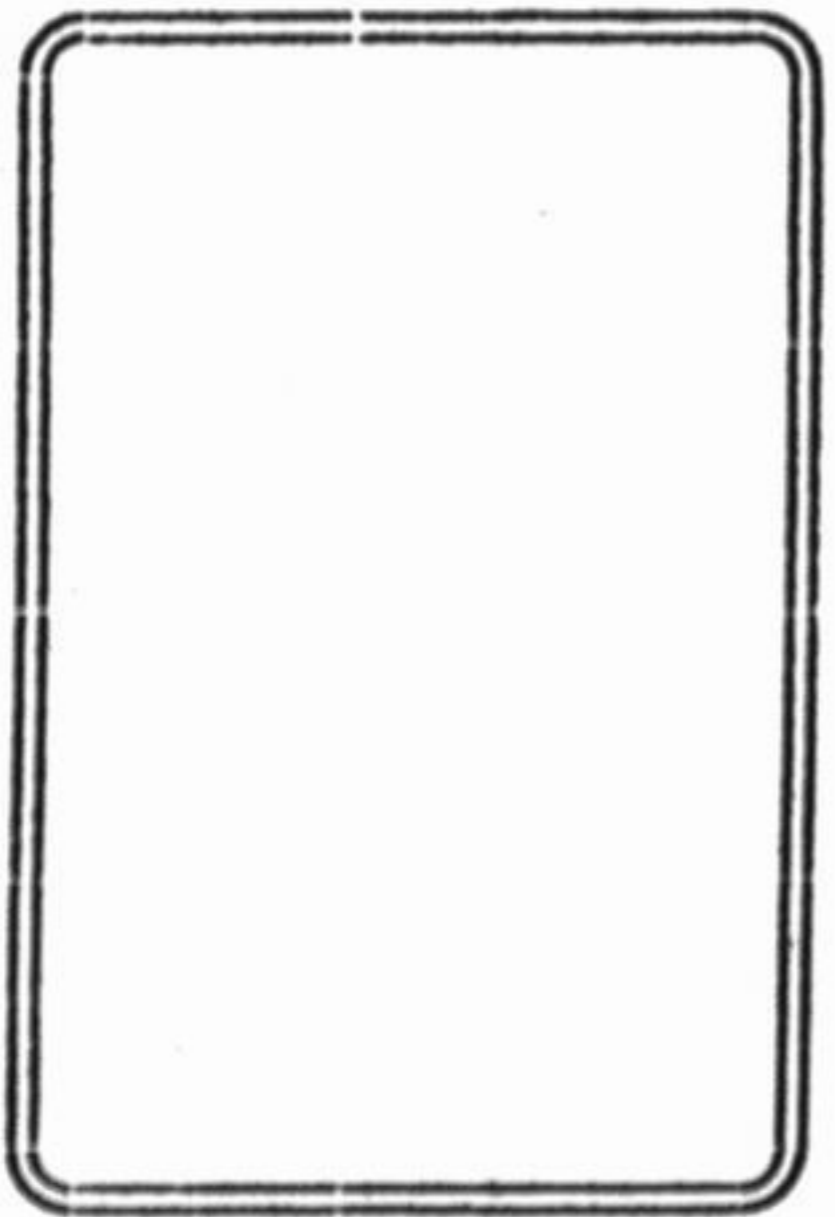
Have you sent in your contrib.?

By "One of Them"

The Suburban Card Players' Association played pitch, euchre, whist, 500 and rummy on all trains leaving Chicago going west and on all trains leaving Aurora and Downers going east, last week. They are thinking of starting a progressive 500 club.

By 'A Nearly Newlywed'

The Downers Grove Hope Chest Sewing Society held their twice-daily meetings on the 7-92 and the 5-19 trains Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. They will continue holding meetings on the same days of each week until further notice.



The above is a picture of our new Village Hall and Public Library combined. We think it would have shown up better if we had not put the hood around it.

I Guess Not Rube

Some farmer out south hauled in his own supply of stove wood last week. He appropriated the telephone poles the wind kindly knove down for him.

Send in your "Contrib"

This could also be turned into a puzzle picture entitled "Find the Village Hall."

GIVE HIM A CHANCE

The Local Retailer Has His Money Invested in Your Town. Give Him a Chance to Figure Your Trade.

There is not a local retailer in all this land who does not want to do business. If he did not he would not be in business.

There is not a local retailer in the land who can not successfully compete with the mail order and catalogue retailers. He may not know it, but it is a fact, nevertheless.

Not a Charitable Institution.

The catalogue retailers are not in business for their health. When they sell goods they make a profit, except in cases where they advertise "leaders" as baits to pull trade. They invariably practice the methods adopted by proprietors of 5 and 10 cent stores.

Go to any of these stores in the cities and you will find on the 10 cent counters articles that cost more than that price at wholesale. Some of these articles commonly retail at from 20 to 50 cents. On the same counter will be found articles that cost from 2 to 4 cents. The profit on the latter more than makes

system.

Investigate for Yourself.

Take your catalogue to your local retailer and ask him to make an investigation concerning the goods you want to buy. If he is an up-to-date retailer, he will know what the goods advertised in the catalogue really are, and, if you insist on buying that kind of goods, he will be able to get them for you.

A firm of hardware dealers in a Wisconsin town keeps on its counter the catalogue of the largest Chicago mail order retailer upon which is pasted a notice that they will furnish any article in their line advertised in the catalogue as cheaply as the buyer can procure the article from Chicago. And they keep their word.

They know that the cheap stoves sold by the catalogue house are light weight stoves; that the cheap iron beds, shown in the pictures as massive frames with substantial corner posts and cross bars, are light, frail castings commonly known as "seconds," that no reputable furniture dealer would keep in stock because he could not sell them to people who were given an opportunity to look at them.

These are facts. It is only on rare occasions that the patron of a catalogue house can be assured of getting the worth of his money.

Can Hold Him Accountable.

On the other hand, the local retailer, if he understands his business, buys his stock from manufacturers and dealers who have reputations at stake and who supply goods of quality to their distributing agents—the retail dealers.

This class of manufacturers and wholesalers will not sell their goods to the catalogue retailers at any price. An instance is known where one of the catalogue houses secured several stoves of standard make in an underhanded way and advertised them as "leaders" at cut prices. The manufacturers immediately had orders sent in by persons employed by them and bought up at retail every one of their stoves offered.

They did this to preserve their reputation. They did not propose to have their stoves, which were standard, advertised by the side of the inferior articles of light weight and cheap construction.

How About Catalogue Paints?

Take also the matter of paints. The catalogue retailers advertise their paints as the best on the market and offer to furnish an impossible guarantee. But they do not ship their paints into states that require a printed copy of the analysis of the contents to be posted on each package.

Why?

Because their paints are not what they are represented to be.

Most local merchants know these facts and they can explain them to their customers if given an opportunity. They can, if they understand their business, explain the difference between the quality of their goods and those sold by the catalogue retailers. They should be given a chance to do so.

If they can not meet this demand upon them as business men they are not up-to-date merchants and they should be educated. If the consumers are awake and alive to their own interests they can begin this work of education by demanding the information asked for and the efficient service required.

At least, it is worth a trial.

NATIONAL CITIZENS' LEAGUE.

The National Citizens' League for the Promotion of a Sound Banking System is an organization of business men, bankers and farmers, having its headquarters at 233 West Jackson boulevard, Chicago. It has no bill for banking reform. It has not espoused any plan. It stands ready, it announces, to endorse any measure that is sound fundamentally and promises to remove the handicaps under which the American business man does business today. It has 10,000 earnest members in the United States, with organizations in forty-four of the states. It is carrying on a patriotic campaign, and it deserves the active support of every patriotic citizen.

Membership in this league costs a dollar. The dollar goes toward the support of the league, but the memberships have paid only a small part of its expenses. The greater part has been contributed voluntarily by business men who realize that the League's unselfish work is for their ultimate benefit.

Members of the League receive free a 450-page book, "Banking Reform," which is the most complete untechnical explanation of this great public issue ever put forth. It is substantially bound in cloth and printed in large, clear type. Members receive also a monthly journal issued by the League, which tells of the latest developments in the campaign for banking reform and explains various points of our banking system lucidly and authoritatively, for the man in the street.

Every business man, every man who has his country's greatest good at heart, should join this League.

State aid in the improvement of highways does not mean a donation of public funds for local purposes. It means that the State pays its share of the cost of such improvement, the amount of the share being determined by the legislature in accordance

Church Services

Sunday Services. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. W. Schumaker of Western Springs will preach Sunday morning. The pastor will conduct the evening service. The Bible school assemblies at noon. Miss Marguerite Miller will lead the Endeavorers in discussing "Missionary Education." Juniors, Wednesday afternoon. Communion service Sunday morning, April 6.

Quarterly business meeting, Wednesday, April 2.

The ladies will sell bakery goods, also aprons and fancy work in the church parlors Thursday, April 3.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

E. A. Lamoline, Pastor.

Week days, Friday, choir practice, 8 p. m.; Sundays, Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning prayer, 11 a. m. Evening, 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Coming of the Spirit" is the subject of the sermon Monday morning at 10:45.

"Loyalty to Self" is the subject for the Sunday evening sermon. This will be a special service. Everyone is invited to attend these services. A warm welcome awaits all who come.

On Friday evening at 6:45 p. m. the church gives its annual supper. All members of the church and congregation are invited to attend.

GERMAN EVANGELICAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE ST.

Sunday school every Sunday, 9:15 a. m. German service every Sunday service, 10:30 a. m. English service, 11:30 p. m. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Lent service, Tuesday, 8:00 p. m. Choir practice. Every first Monday of each month Brotherhood, every second Thursday of each month, 2:00 p. m. Ladies Aid, 8:00 p. m. Young People's Society. Visitors always welcome.

G. PAHL, Pastor.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

to the immediate locality.

When New Jersey inaugurated the State Aid System, more than twenty years ago, the proper division of the expense of constructing good roads was considered to be a third each to State, county and township. A number of states have adopted practically the same idea, while others have held that a larger share should be paid by the State. Still others give arbitrary bonuses and others direct appropriations.

But the underlying principle is the same. It is the realization that the public highway is a matter of State concern and that its improvement benefits all the people of the State. The construction of good roads between two populous centers enables the farmers along or tributary to that road to get their produce to market easily and cheaply. The farmer receives a benefit he can see and reckon in figures, in the increased value of his property, in the saving in marketing his crops, in the increased production due to ease in marketing, and in social advantages which good roads enhance and bad roads diminish.

If the benefit were confined to the farmer there would be no occasion for State aid. He could be told to build his own roads, and reap his reward.

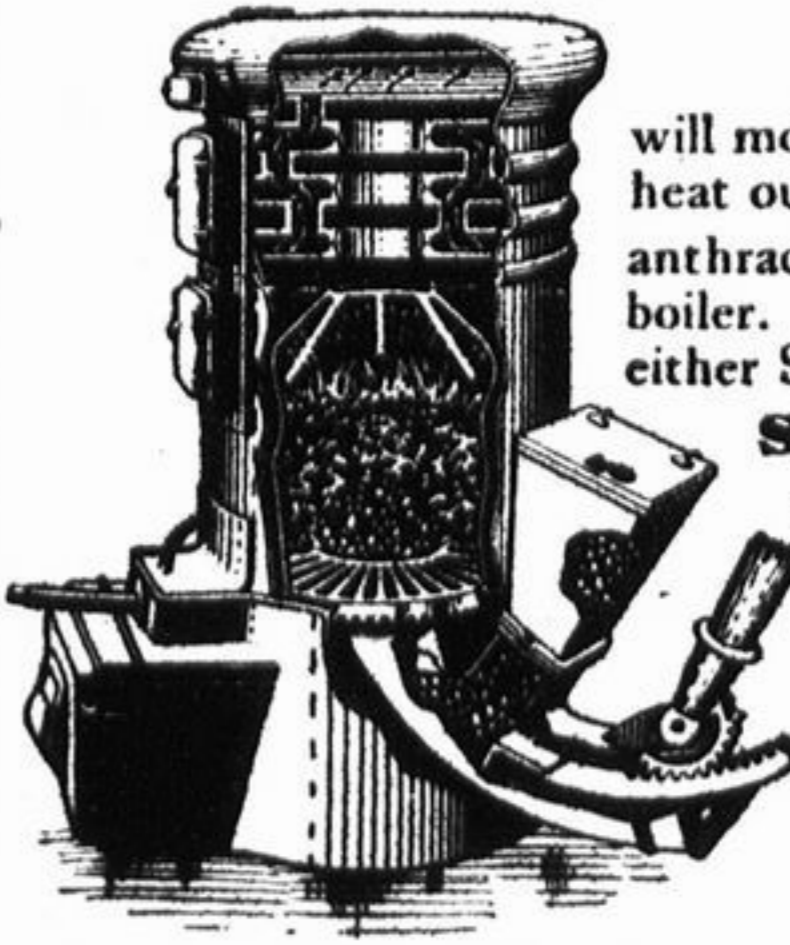
But marketing crops and hauling home supplies is but one factor, though perhaps it may be called the primary one. The market town which is the converging point of improved roads leading from the country enjoys the same proportion of increased valuation, increased business and therefore increased profits as does the farmer. The railroad or other transportation line receives its profit in the increased business and the regularity with which it can be presented for transport, avoiding both the congestion and dearth which invariably result when general marketing is limited to given periods when the roads are passable.

In turn, the economic advantage of good roads extends not only to the people of the local neighborhood, but to the general public.

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"The people are the State," whatever contributes to the welfare and happiness of the people is a matter of State concern. The State profits directly by the creation of additional taxable valuations both in country and city and by the increased volume of business which results from the building of roads, thus enhancing the state revenues from other sources. All classes of people profit by the increased purchasing power of producers on farm and in factory, by the larger volume of business, by the wider using of the increased

With the advantages thus accruing to the State, and to the people as a whole, in the same practical ratio as to the individual in front of whose farm it runs; with travel made wide using the increased