

BURLINGTON EXPERIENCES  
WRECK HERE THURSDAY

The Axle of Large Freight Engine Broke While Passing Downers Grove Depot.

What might have been a bad accident occurred Thursday afternoon as an east bound freight train on the south track, reach the depot, the main driving axle of engine No. 2109, broke, letting the six large drive wheels to the ground. The center driver was forced out against the concrete curbing along the depot platform breaking the concrete in a half dozen or more places.

The engine was in charge of R. J. Keefe, engineer, of Galesburg, and fireman, R. Ginter, of Galesburg, both of whom jumped. Engineer Keefe sprained his foot quite severely.

The wrecking train arrived here about 9:30 and in one hour had the wreck cleared. The suburban trains east bound were run in on the freight house switch and loaded from the south depot platform. Not one train was delayed by the mishap.

A PAID ADVERTISEMENT.

Duty bound I am compelled to make the following announcement: I have discovered the immortality of our physical bodies. Death, our arch enemy, has been conquered. The secrets of Life and Death (that inherent indestructible force) can be comprehended, seized and controlled.

Unbidden, I have come back to Downers Grove purposely to make the above announcement. For the people of this community were consciously and some unconsciously helping to bring about through their efforts and by their activities the desired results that I am able to announce now.

With timely considerations,  
F. J. MILLER.

WILL BUILD \$3000,000 DEPOT AT AURORA

Magnificent New Passenger Station to Be Put Up Here During Elevation Work.

Site is Not Announced—La Salle Street is Location Most Talked Now.

The Burlington is to put up a \$300,000 passenger station in Aurora while the elevation work beginning next year is being done, according to word from Chicago, says the Aurora Beacon. The station will be fully a block long, at least a half block wide and several stories in height. It is impossible to learn just where the station is to be located, but latest rumors say it will face in La Salle street and will take up the block between Main and New York streets. The site which has been most talked in railroad circles fronts in Lincoln avenue and runs from New York to Spring street.

The railroad has made an appropriation of over \$500,000 for 39 new station buildings. This is exclusive of the company's one-twelfth share in the \$50,000,000 Kansas City passenger terminal.

The Illinois cities to draw a new station are:

Table with 2 columns: City, Cost. Rows include Plano (\$25,000), Sandwich (19,500), Earlville (15,000), Oregon (20,000), Ottawa (18,000), LaSalle (16,000), Macomb (26,000), Centralia (22,000).

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 18th day of October, 1913, at the Village Hall in the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois, a special election will be held for the purpose of voting for or against the issuance of bonds of the Village of Downers Grove in the amount of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000), and providing for the levy of an annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereof for extending and enlarging the water works and electric light plant of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, that the polls of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m.

Dated at Downers Grove this 22d day of September, 1913.  
BERT C. WHITE,  
Village Clerk.

Need Not Be Ashamed of Name. The surname Snooks by no means seems to be an imposing cognomen; but, as a matter of fact, it is a name of great antiquity, and one of which nobody should be ashamed. In reality, it is a contraction of "Sevanooka." It was first corrupted to Sennock, which in turn was corrupted to Snooks of today.

Who Buys the Next War? Civilization has at least advanced to the point where a war cannot be prepared without consulting the moon-jugglers of the world.—St. Louis Democrat.

Motiograph Theatre

SATURDAY, OCT. 4.

THE WHIP HAND—"It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," but the heart throbs and pain of it all would make one believe that it is better never to have loved than to have loved and lost. Jim Dowling loved a pretty, demure girl and was rewarded by losing her. "The Whip Hand" is a beautiful love drama filled with pathos and exciting situations, taken in the heart of God's country, among the hills and dales of Ithaca, N. Y.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8.

"HOBNO AND HOBBLE SKIRT" (Kalem).—A light-hearted fun maker with Ruth Roland and John Brennan as a newly married couple. The hobno is not the one who wears the hobble skirt, but John. The hobno had taken his last suit, left out to dry—wife had sent all the others to the cleaner's. There is going to be a surprise party at their house and many comical things are rung into the picture. The players are past masters at fun making and in their hands this offering is acceptable entertainment. The audience here seemed to enjoy it.

"CONEY ISLAND" (Kalem).—A very interesting picture. It is likely to make many people want to see Coney for themselves. As an offering, it has high merit on its own account; there are good laughs in it.

GREAT WRITER A REAL BOY

Charles Dickens, Like the Average Youngster, Had His Dreams of Becoming a Pirate.

The English boys of years ago—there never was any doubt as to American boys of that or any other period before or after—had romantic ideas as to becoming ruthless robbers by land or pirates on the high seas is shown by a recently discovered speech made by Charles Dickens and reported in the London Times of April 13, 1864, from which the following quotation from the London Dickensian is taken: "Mr. Dickens said his first recollections of the northwest of London (this was in 1834, when he was twelve years old), were connected with a certain waste plot of ground used almost exclusively for beating carpets. The only ornaments of the locality, were a piece of stagnant water, a few straggling docks, some stunted greens. With it, however, was associated the romantic story of the 'Field of the Forty Footsteps,' according to which a duel had been fought there between two brothers, the forty dreadful paces over which the victor pursued his victim being marked by the withering up of the grass in forty distinct places. Dickens had often gone there, he said, accompanied by an adventurous young Englishman, aged eleven, with whom he had intended going to the Spanish Main as soon as ever they could amass sufficient wealth to buy a cutlass and a rifle."

The University of London afterward was erected on this site. Dickens as a boy in April, 1837, saw the cornerstone laid and "the ceremony of laying the first stone of a new and splendid public building" of which Mr. Pecksniff was the architect, as narrated in "Martin Chuzzlewit," was a reminiscence of this event.

Japanese Greeting.

Nothing is more amusing than to watch two acquaintances saluting in the streets of a Japanese town. As they come in sight of each other they slacken their pace and approach with downcast eyes and averted face, as if neither was worthy of beholding the other; then they bow so as to bring the face on a level with the knees, on which the palms of the hands are pressed.

A succession of hissing sounds is next heard, made by drawing the breath between the closed teeth, interspersed with complimentary phrases uttered with great volubility, each trying to outdo the other.

At last the climax is reached and each endeavors to give precedence to the other. For perhaps a full minute the polite contest continues; then the ceremony abruptly ends, as if the difficulty were capable of none but a brusque solution, and the two pass on hurriedly, with a look of extreme relief.

The Japanese gentleman who has many acquaintances must require an hour to walk the length of a block on a city street.

He Obeyed Orders.

Sir Henry Roscoe tells this of the scientist Faraday and his assistant, Sergeant Anderson: "Anderson was the sole assistant to Faraday and of course was utterly uneducated in scientific matters, but he could obey orders, which is not always a characteristic of an educated man. One day Anderson was told by Faraday to keep stirring a pot containing some chemicals over a fire until he returned. Faraday, being in the habit of going upstairs to tea in his rooms and coming down directly afterward to work in the laboratory during the evening. For some reason he was prevented from coming down again and forgot that he had told Anderson to watch the pot. On coming down the next morning he found Anderson still stirring the pot, having been at it the whole night and thus carrying out the order which was given him.—World's Work.

COMMUNICATION

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 2, 1913.  
Hon. Anson Backus,  
President Village Board,  
Downers Grove, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I take this opportunity to ask you concerning certain questions which have arisen in my mind in regard to the proposed bond issue of \$18,000 to be issued for the purpose of rehabilitating the electric lighting plant of the village and installing new equipment thereon, consisting of an oil engine of the DeLaverne or Diesel type.

I take it from the circular which you caused to be distributed at the meeting held the evening of September 29th, and from your numerous public expressions in regard to this proposition, that you believe the proposed rehabilitation very desirable. I assume, therefore, that you have at hand detailed information in regard to the matter.

The circular above referred to bearing date September 23, 1913, and signed by yourself and the other members of the board, shows a prospective profit to the village for the first year of operation under the proposed rehabilitation scheme, amounting to \$5,295.33. If such a showing can be made as indicated, there is no one so foolish who would not vote in favor of the bond issue so as to enable our village to make such a handsome profit. Your circular, however, in my opinion, and perhaps owing to its brevity, fails to show sufficient facts from which the above can be logically deduced. In the first place, the cost of operation of the plant for the year 1912, placed at the lump sum of \$17,928.68, is not itemized, so that no true basis of comparison can exist between the cost of operation under the old equipment and the cost of operation outlined in the prospective total under the proposed new equipment. You do not show how many K.W.H. the old plant developed during the year 1912, nor how many K.W.H. the new equipment would be able to develop, nor is there any showing from which the conclusion can be drawn that 125,000 K.W.H. would cover the cost of pumping the water for one year.

The labor item, \$3,720, is not itemized, so that it is impossible to tell how it is made up. However, should you attempt to give the village 24-hour service, as you stated you expect to do, do you not think that this item is considerably insufficient in view of the fact that you would undoubtedly have to employ three shifts of men to run the plant? Have you provided in this labor item for linemen to make repairs on lines which experience has shown constitute a very substantial expense yearly? Further, do you not think the item of \$287 for repairs, etc., is insufficient?

I am informed that the oil engine referred to is an exceedingly delicate piece of machinery, much more so than the old steam equipment, and that it requires almost constant attention in order to keep it in proper working order which would require both time and material.

Furthermore, it being common knowledge that the lines over which the current is carried in our village are in such a deplorable state of repair that by actual test approximately 40 per cent of the current placed upon the switchboard never reaches the consumer, but is lost on the lines, owing to wornout and defective insulation, insufficiently heavy wires, etc., do you not think this item of repairs is grossly inadequate? Do you not think that several thousand dollars should be at once expended upon rehabilitation of the lines used in the village for the conveyance of electricity before any engine can be profitably run?

I notice that your item of depreciation is placed at 6 per cent, or \$1,080. I believe that Mr. Beck, representing the DeLaverne Engine Company, stated that the life of his engine and equipment under the most favorable circumstances would be about 15 years. Is it not probable that the actual life of the equipment under the treatment which the village would be compelled to give it would probably be about 10 years? Even if Mr. Beck's figure of 15 years is taken to be the correct one, your depreciation item of 6 per cent would appear to be insufficient.

In regard to the various replies which you received to inquiries sent out by you as to whether oil engines of the type which you contemplate buying were satisfactory or not, is it not a fact that all of these inquiries which you sent out were sent to concerns or municipalities whose names and addresses you received from the DeLaverne Engine Company, and that practically all of them were located in the oil belt so-called where crude oil can be had at prices far below what we would have to pay? Is it not also a fact that even so, you received some unfavorable responses to your inquiries? If you did receive any such unfavorable responses I personally, and I believe the citizens of the village, would be interested to know what the nature of such unfavorable responses were, and what were the points of criticism—whether the engine criticized was of the DeLaverne or Diesel type.

You stated, I believe, the other evening that you expected for several years to use the two boilers now in operation and the steam equipment as an auxiliary. Is it not a fact that to be at all available the steam auxiliary equipment must be kept in almost constant service in order to be in any shape to be cut in to carry the load on short notice? Unless said steam

auxiliary equipment were kept in almost constant use, would it not be unavailable under less than six to twenty-four hours' notice to be of any assistance to the village in case of a break-down of the oil engine? Would not this fact render the steam auxiliary useless in all cases where most needed, to wit, in case of emergency such as great fire danger? Is it not also a fact that experience has shown that any oil engine such as you propose to install cannot be run continuously for any considerable portion of each day, not to speak of 24 hours a day, but that the same must from time to time be cut out of service and thoroughly overhauled and tuned up, requiring for this purpose a period of rest of at least 24 continuous hours weekly?

Returning again to the circular and to the possibility of your keeping the steam auxiliary in some kind of condition for service by using the same practically continuously, you have in your total cost of production omitted to mention any items for the upkeep and repairs of said steam auxiliary, labor thereon or coal for running the same.

As to the practicability of undertaking to provide the village with light and power for pumping by means of an equipment consisting of one oil engine as indicated by you, do you not think that there is grave danger that the fire insurance rates in our village will be very materially increased? I am informed from reliable sources that the contemplated change to one working unit, namely, the oil engine with only the unavailable steam auxiliary in reserve, would probably cause our village to drop in rating at least one-half class, and cause a material increase in rate of insurance premiums. It would appear to me that the risk involved in the above plan in case of a great fire would constitute such a real menace to the village as to make the plan itself as it stands extremely unwise. Other municipalities are not content with two or even three units or sources of power in reserve for emergencies. It is here proposed to make our entire safety dependent on one unit which if out of commission would leave us helpless.

I do not wish it to be understood that in making the above inquiries, I am hostile to the rehabilitation of the plant. In perusing the circular which you have sent out, however, and attempting to analyze the same and in considering the statements which have been made in regard to the rehabilitation, I was unable to find sufficient basis for the extremely favorable prospect outlined. In the hope that you have in your possession information which will clear up the above matters, I am writing you as a seeker after light. Inasmuch as the answers to the above questions are matters of public interest to the citizens of Downers Grove, as well as to myself, I, therefore, am causing a copy of this letter to be published in the "Downers Grove Reporter" of this week, through which medium I shall appreciate very much a reply thereto.

Very respectfully yours,  
T. H. SLUSSER.

NOT ONLY IN DOWNERS GROVE.

Similar Cases Occur Daily in This Vicinity.

Not only here in Downers Grove, but in our neighboring towns, the same good story is heard. An encouraging instance from Naperville is given here, and will be read by all with great interest.

Andrew E. Wehrli, 164 Center street, Naperville, Ill., says: "There was a dull, nagging ache in the small of my back and lameness and soreness across my loins that prevented me from stooping or lifting. When I exerted myself in any way, I had sharp pains throughout my body. The kidney secretions also annoyed me by their frequency and proved that my kidneys were at fault. Doan's Kidney Pills strengthened my system and removed the aches and pains."

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The Lover's Domain.

"You say," remarked the married man, "that all the world loves a lover. But where do you get that stuff? Poetry, eh? If it's poetry it must be true. A poet wouldn't lie. "So, all the world loves a lover! There's the fellow who has to sit up to let the lover in when he comes home late. Then there are the people at the house who have to sit up until the lover goes home. There, also, are the people who can hear the lover talking through the wall—mumble, mumble, mumble! But that's all right. The fellow is a lover, and all the world loves him!"

"The clerk at the necktie store likes to sell ties to a lover. It's easy—selling ties to a lover. He takes only an hour to select one, and then he brings it back to change it. But the clerk doesn't mind so long as he's a lover. "It is time for Mary, the nurse, to be getting back with the children. But Mary has a lover, which makes it all right. A doctor can save the baby if it catches cold."

Not Quite Blind.

Love may be blind. But you never saw a bride who couldn't tell orange blossoms from sunflowers.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Knights of Pythias Dance



Friday, October 10, '13

At the Dicke Hall,  
Downers Grove, Ill.

Don't Forget the Date

Your Sunday Dinner

The eternal question. Let us help you settle it in the easiest way. Our Prime Roast Beef, Pork Roast, Leg of Lamb, and Spring Chicken is fine, young and tender. Call us by phone or leave your order at the store.

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