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ROENTGEN RAYS IN VILLAGE

SCIENTIFIC MARVEL DOMICILED IN MAIN STREET

If the founders of Downers Grove could have looked down the years when they took up their abode in what is now the village they would have been astonished at many things which have come to pass. The paved streets, the electric lights, the telephones, the countless conveniences of the present day would have more than surprised them, but an apparatus which would in effect strip the flesh from the body and take a picture of the bones within would have, indeed, excited their awe and wonder.

It might be that some of those early settlers in a wild flight of imagination had dreamed of a flying machine, but it is certain none of them in his farthest flight ever fancied that living men would have their skeletons photographed in Main street, Downers Grove.

To us of this callous age the presence of an X-ray machine with its attendant "high frequency" electric apparatus; its vacuum tubes and the startling uses to which it is put, excites only the mild comment: "Well, I hear Dr. Maurice Puffer has an X-ray machine and all that electric apparatus they have at the city hospitals."

Surely time flies and the dreams of one generation are the commonplace of succeeding years. Nevertheless, just for idle curiosity we are going to visit the doctor some day in his new office and have a "skiagraph" or a "radiograph," or a "photograph" taken of our little finger, which we fear was hopelessly knocked out of plumb in childhood's happy years by a cruel baseball.

AN ENTERTAINMENT COURSE.

There will be a lecture and entertainment course held this winter in the Baptist church. This is an attempt to bring into our community high class entertainments to take the place of the regular course that used to be held in the Auditorium. The first number will be held November 7 and will be Dr. Scott Hershey, the famous lecturer.

THE DEATH OF MRS. MARY F. FRENCH.

There passed away just recently a woman of rare faith and hope, Mrs. Mary F. French. She was born in Virginia 76 years ago. From childhood she had walked the way of truth and right. She was buried from the Baptist church, where for thirteen years she had been a faithful attendant. The Rev. R. Wilbur Babcock conducted the service.

A PLEASANT TIME.

The Brister class of the Baptist Sunday school spent a very pleasant evening at the Babcock home on Tuesday, October 28. Thirty-three came out to enjoy the fun planned by the committee consisting of Mrs. Arthur Chessman, Mrs. Frank Dunn and Miss Zollinger, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Chester and Miss Lella Chester. After the games a delicious cafeteria lunch was served.

Read about the reward offered for the arrest of Bandits made by the Supervisors. Local news on page 2

GENEROUS GIFT OF JOHN OLDFIELD

Lot at Curtis Street and Forest Avenue Purchased by George B. Hearitt, Executor, and Presented to Library Board for Perpetual Library Site.

The love which John Oldfield, in his lifetime an honored citizen of Downers Grove, bore the village, bore fruit this week in the presentation, in his name, of a valuable site for the Downers Grove Free Public Library. The spot selected, at Curtis street and Forest avenue, opposite the Congregational Church, met the approval of George B. Hearitt, executor of the last will and testament of the village benefactor, and duly safeguarded by a formal decree of court, the deed has been drawn and recorded transferring the site to the Public Library Board of Downers Grove for a library site forever for the village.

The clause in the will making the public bequest specified that any remainder of the sum set apart for the purchase of a site should be held by the Library Board for use in aiding in the erection of a library building when such a structure should be built. This balance is now on deposit in the library building fund, waiting fulfillment of the wish of those who look forward to the establishment of the village library in a home of its own.

To the transfer of the \$2,000 bequest of the benefactor of our village the executor, Mr. Hearitt, added interest on the amount, the sum being determined by the decree of the court.

In the years that have passed since the death of Mr. Oldfield his executor, George B. Hearitt, has always stood ready to carry out the provisions of the will, and had heretofore been deterred from selecting and presenting the site only by the fact that no duly authorized public body existed to receive it.

That condition was remedied by the creation of the Downers Grove Library Board. While the question of immediate building was being discussed shortly after the establishment of the board it was thought best to leave the selection of a site until building plans were settled.

With the shelving of the "immediate building" idea the site question was again considered by the executor, the Free Public Library Board, and the Ladies' Library Association, and the time and conditions being opportune the transfer was made.

In addition to offering the site at a moderate figure its former owner, Elbert C. Stanley, after the deeds were signed, paid \$200 on outstanding special assessments against the lot and presented the receipts to the Library Board.

At a special meeting of the Library Board the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Through the generosity of our late townsman, John Oldfield, a fund for the purchase of a library site for our village was set apart; and

Whereas, The executor of the Oldfield estate, our fellow townsman, George B. Hearitt, in accordance with the provisions of the will of the late Mr. Oldfield has purchased and presented to the Public Library Board of the village of Downers Grove a library site eminently satisfactory; and

Whereas, The Circuit Court of Du Page County has decreed that the purchase of the library site at Curtis street and Forest avenue in the village of Downers Grove and its presentation to the Public Library Board of the village is in accord with the provisions of the will of the late John Oldfield; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Library Board of the village of Downers Grove, in special session assembled, hereby express our gratitude, in behalf of the citizens of the village, for the gift of our benefactor, and our appreciation of the public spirit of his executor, George B. Hearitt, in making available so excellent a site for a library for the village.

A vote of thanks to Elbert C. Stanley for his generous gift was also entered on the minutes of the board.

RECITAL.

On Friday evening, November 21, a recital will be given in the Methodist church. The following artists will contribute to the program: Miss Frances Hughes, reader; Mrs. Weinheimer of Clarendon Hills, soprano; Miss Stribben, Austin, violinist; Miss Grace Rogers of Oak Park, pianist.

The high character of these musicians insures a program of unusual merit and interest.

NEIGHBORHOOD CARD CLUB.

The Neighborhood Card Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee Beidelman Tuesday evening, October 28. Mrs. J. H. Vennard won the lady's prize, and Mr. T. F. Kelly the gentleman's prize. The house was very appropriately decorated with autumn leaves and pumpkin jack-o'-lanterns. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all present.

SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Louise Tuck, second grade teacher in the Naperville public schools, spent Wednesday morning visiting the second grade at our South building.

The sand tables were put into use this week in Miss Moore's and Miss Hennig's grades.

Almost our entire High School attended the football game last Friday afternoon at La Grange, between the team of the Lyons Township High School and our High School team. Our boys proved entirely too much for the La Grange team, and won easily with a score of 34 to 6. We play the Naperville team Saturday afternoon at the South Side school ground. Game will be called at 2:30. Come out and encourage our boys.

E. S. Parks, representing Roe, Peterson Publishing Co., was a caller at the office of the superintendent Tuesday afternoon.

I dare say you think that schoolmasters are often a bit hard on you in requiring you to do things in order that you may pass the tests of the school, but I want to warn you that when you get out of school you are going to have harder schoolmasters than you had before. For the world requires that we make good, no matter what happens, and the man that does things amounts to a great deal more than the man who wishes he had done things and who promises he will do things.

The schools will be closed Friday, November 7, in order that the teachers may attend the Northern Illinois Teachers' meeting at Oak Park. An excellent program has been prepared.

Our second month of school ends Friday.

We are pleased to note quite a number of visitors in the different grades this week. We hope many others will avail themselves of the opportunity.

Wm. A. McCormick, the student of nature, bird warbler and imitator of things animate and inanimate, and his true friend, Bronte, visited our schools Tuesday. Bronte is the most wonderful dog in the world. She has amused, entertained, instructed and mystified thousands upon thousands of school children, having already given more than one thousand entertainments in public schools. Educators everywhere have marveled at her wonderful feats of mind reading. There is no trick, her work is purely mental work.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE FOR OUR VILLAGE

Last April the Century Lyceum Bureau of Chicago entered into a contract to give a six-number entertainment course in the Methodist church in our village, commencing in November. At that time a number of tickets were pledged for support of the course but work was not completed. Miss Lounsbury, representing the Century Lyceum Bureau, is now here to complete the work and will visit all of the homes in our village in the interest of the proposed course.

The entertainers for the different numbers of the course are high class and the very best that money can buy. The first entertainment, which will be given by the middle of November, is by the Metropolitan Ladies' Orchestra, and the numbers besides the orchestra will consist of ladies' quartets and solo work. This company is recognized as one of the best now appearing on entertainment courses and have pleased large audiences wherever they have been.

The other five numbers on the course consist of the Lyric Glee Club, one of the finest male quartets in Chicago, Dr. Wirt Lawther, a noted lecturer, the Fishership Concert Company—this entertainment will consist of vocal solos and duets, instrumental solos and duets, readings and sketches. W. Powell Hale is recognized as one of the best impersonators on the lyceum platform now and entertains in a most original and versatile manner. The Mand Stevens Concert Co. is made up of three young ladies who appear in impersonations and monologs besides their violin and other musical numbers. They are artists of rare ability and have always delighted their audiences where they have appeared.

The proposed course cannot be given unless it is well supported by every one in the village and it is hoped all on whom Miss Lounsbury calls in the next few days will respond heartily.

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