LOCAL NEWS

Minnie Haskell is seriously ill at home.

Geo. Allison left on Wednesday for a trip west.

R. W. Bond entertained at bridge on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Mertz died Wednesday morning, January 13th. Obituary next week.

Mrs. Rutherford and daughter, Mrs. Noble, were guests of Downers Grove friends this week.

Miss Ida Shannabrook is making an extended visit with friends in Bloomington.

Mrs. D. G. Graham has been brought home from the hospital and is lying very ill at her home on Gilbert avenue.

Mrs. M. A. Sullivan and Mrs. Addis spent Monday in Blue Island visiting friends.

Miss Ruth Boydston and Miss Gladys Timpke spent Sunday in Naperville visiting friends.

Sleighing is nearly gone. The roads around Downers are still in fair shape, but a few more day's sun will finish the joys.

The Ladies of the Maccabees will hold their installation of officers on Friday evening, Jan. 22. All members are urged to be present.

Miss Ruth Stevenson spent several days last week in Winnetka at the home of J. H. Clampitt and family, and reports a very nice time.

Mrs. Ray Sinderson, who was very ill with acute indigestion, has recovered sufficiently to be out of the doctor's care.

Why wasn't the electric light plant sold when a good offer was made? The majority of the voters decided not.

Have you paid your subscription to the Reporter in advance? That is the way it should be paid and we will be glad to make out a receipt if you will come in with the money.

Edwin Haumesser was seriously injured while coasting Friday evening. He struck his head on the ice and was unconscious from early Friday evening until Saturday forenoon.

In answer to a query in the Reporter a month ago, "Buck" Baker says, "I'm traveling west so much because I have won a new home," or words to that effect.

The school committee of the Woman's Club have given the order for a stage curtain for the new High School assembly hall to our local merchants, Lehman & Michel.

The social committee of the M. E. Philathea met at the home of Mrs. E. L. Dickerson last Friday evening to plan the work for the class for the coming year.

The pony picked up by Martin White about three weeks ago and advertised as strayed or stolen, has been sold to The North Side Grocery and Market for charges.

Did you see the big yellow sale bill announcing a sale at Lehmann and Michel's store? That is a sample of the good printing which is done in this office.

If the snow holds out the Young People's Alliance of the First Evangelical Church at Main and Maple will have their annual bob-ride tonight. This is an event looked forward to from one winter to the next.

The second bowling team of Hinsdale have challenged the second team, or "Comets" here, to a match to be held next week. It is expected that the games will be played on the local alleys.

Who are YOU blaming for the present condition of Downers Grove's electric lighting? Read the letter sent in by H. D. Wyllie in this issue and take some of the blame on your own shoulders.

Saturday evening a sleigh load of seventeen young men attending Northwestern College at Naperville, had an oyster supper at the Wright Hotel. Monday evening nineteen more of the students came over here on the same errand.

Thorough Reading.

A few books well studied and thoroughly digested nourish the understanding more than hundreds but gaped in the mouth, as ordinary students use.—Osborn.

Miss Mina Sumner attended the consecration of Dean Sumner at S. S. Peter and Paul last Wednesday, when he was made Bishop of the State of Oregon. Sunday, accompanied by Miss Allene Pettit, of Chicago, Miss Simonson was entertained at dinner at Dean Sumner's home.

Nearly every grade in both the north and south schools have taken advantage of the good sleighing the past two weeks and have been out for a bob-ride. The merry shouts of the children can be heard for a mile, as they glide over the snow in the most fascinating of the winter sports.

The decorations for the new Motiograph Theater are now being installed and it is conceded that when this new building is finished it will be the prettiest, safest and best moving picture show between Aurora and Chicago. As Mr. Dicke says, "the best isn't good enough for the people of Downers Grove."

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COMMUNICATIONS.

The columns of the Reporter are always open to its readers. We will be glad to print any signed statement about Downers Grove or Downers Grove affairs.

COMMUNICATION ANENT LIGHT PLANT, FROM H. D. WYLLIE.

Chicago, Jan. 9, 1915.

The Editor, Downers Grove Reporter.

Dear Sir—The performance of our recently installed oil engines has become so erratic that no electrically lighted home is complete without an auxiliary system, either gas, oil lamps or candles; nor is our water pressure what it should be with our limited fire-fighting apparatus. Who is to blame?

I understand that a very liberal offer was made to take the old plant off our hands and furnish us light and power for less money than we could produce it, but it was turned down in favor of municipal ownership. Furthermore, we voted bonds for the installation of oil engines to replace the old system. Again, who is to blame?

Personally, I was in favor of selling the old plant, and we voted accordingly, believing that we were not in a position to enter such a technical field economically, and to relieve the Village Board of a responsibility that it is not, either by training or association, particularly well qualified to handle. At best, the production of power and light is evolutionary; so much so, that even had our Village Board the necessary ability and money to install for us the most efficient and up-to-date plant at this time available, it would probably be obsolete long before it was paid for.

Fundamentally, we ourselves, as citizens, are responsible for the present unfortunate state of affairs, because when we had an opportunity to express our opinions at the polls, about two-thirds of the voting population failed to do so. Unless we get out and vote on these important questions we have only ourselves to blame when things go wrong. We tacitly leave our public affairs in the hands of a few enterprising and public spirited men, who not only select our various representatives, but, having spent a whole lot of their spare time and energy in deciding what is best for us, they are naturally disposed to resent any interference with their plans. Moreover, when it comes to a vote they are "there with the goods," and VOTES COUNT.

If, therefore, you happen to be one of the delinquents who failed to vote on the questions leading up to our present unfortunate predicament, you are hardly in a position to blame the Village Board, whose greatest indiscretions seem to have been in so willingly accepting a responsibility that better informed men would have hesitated to assume.

MORAL—Get out and VOTE! ! !

Respectfully,
H. D. WYLLIE.

Russian Sport.

Russian horses are good racers on turf, but during the long winters when sport is wanted they are shod with a special kind of light shoes with sharp calks and raced on the ice. It is said that their speed is often astonishing.

Daily Thought.

There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good—myself. But my duty to my neighbor is much more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.—R. L. Stevenson.

SCHOOL NOTES

Our first game of basket ball will be played Friday evening in our new gymn with the Blue Island High School. Blue Island has a strong team and we hope with the splendid coaching given our boys the past week by Mr. Robison and Mr. Hawley they will make it interesting for our visitors. An admission fee of 15c will be charged to these games, and after expenses are paid will be put into a fund for an athletic field.

The statue of Hebe, presented to the H. S. by the High School students, arrived and was placed in the new assembly hall Monday. This is a beautiful work of art and must be seen to be appreciated.

We were pleased to see so many of our citizens present at the reception Saturday evening, and to hear the words of praise for our new High School building. With the completion of our new H. S. we are much better prepared to take care of the boys and girls in both the grade school and High school. The character of work all along the line will be much better because of our better facilities. We have lengthened the session in the H. S. School opens at 8:30 and closes at 3:30, though school work of the ordinary character ceases before the final hour each day, and that period is devoted largely to assisting those pupils who did not make good in the work of that day, with a view of having them start right the next day. Under our present plan no child should be allowed to go from school either dazed or discouraged by failure. Why the failure? How to provide against a second failure? These are the vital questions regarding every child that is not up on his work at the close of each day. Our schools are now provided with a good gymnasium whereby the physical side of the boys' and girls' education may be taken care of. With the ever increasing length of the school year and the growing complexity of our educational systems, there is danger of neglecting the physical side. The physical well-being of our boys and girls should not be neglected. We know with teachers generally it is easier to educate the intellectual life at the expense of the physical life, because to develop both together means in most cases to get out of ruts. Ofter we see high school pupils, especially girls, who are approaching inevitable failure due to the fact that they have educated their brains at the expense of their physical body. These plays and games should begin when the child enters school and be carried on throughout the entire school course. Good school buildings and surroundings, good text-books, modern courses of study and methods, properly equipped teachers, all of these must come, but first and foremost a live, happy and responsive boy and girl with abounding health and a mind alert to absorb the truth when presented.

Island of Cyprus.

The island of Cyprus has been identified by scholars with the Chittim of the Bible, and it is recorded that Hiram, king of Tyre, who assisted Solomon in the building of the temple at Jerusalem, had to put down a rebellion of the Cyprians, who had refused to pay tribute. It is more than possible that some of the copper used in the Solomonic temple came from Cyprus, for it was only a day's sail from the mainland, and at that time was under Phoenician control.

His Situation.

"What's the matter, Patrick?" a good-natured hostess asked of her boyish visitor, seeing the pie plate vainly offered. "Don't you want another piece of pie?" "Yessum, I want it," replied the unconscious verbal purist, "but I can't eat it. My mouth's awful hungry, but my stomach's awful full."

Unappreciative Daddy.

"What's that?" asked Mr. Cumrox, as he looked at the notes from which his daughter was trying to play the piano. "That's music." "You may think it's music, daughter, dear, but if you could hear how it sounds you'd realize that it's some kind of an optical illusion."

Her Problem.

First Modern Parent—"Aren't your two children something of a problem?" Second Modern Parent—"Yes, indeed. They go away to school for thirty-eight weeks, to camp for ten, and that leaves four whole weeks when I don't know where to send them."—Life.

Put Fear Aside.

To face life bravely is not only best in theory, but it is also best in practice. The great mass of our fears are only illusions, which needlessly take possession of our daily life and harass our peace of mind. When boldly faced and challenged, they shrink and disappear as unrealities, figments of the imagination.—Christian Register.

Care of the Feet.

The more the feet are bathed and rubbed the more comfort you will have. Rubbing the soles of the feet with a raw lemon is very restful after the bath. Keep the toe nails cut straight across, never cut down on the sides, and the cuticle around the nails should be kept loose. A strong, hot salt bath is very restful for the feet.

England's Oldest Port.

Falmouth is probably the oldest port in England. It was used by the Phoenicians at least twenty-five hundred years ago.

Legal Notices

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO PAY DEBTS.

State of Illinois, County of Du Page, ss.—In the County Court of Du Page County. In the matter of the estate of Arthur P. Hoomer, deceased.

James A. Wagoner, Administrator of the estate of Arthur P. Hoomer, deceased, vs. Inez Hoomer, Winifred Johnson and the unknown heir or heirs, if any, if living, whose name or names, address or addresses, residence or residences, are unknown and cannot upon due and diligent search and inquiry be ascertained, heirs at law of said decedent, defendants.

Order to sell real estate to pay debts. General No. 3680.

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decretal order made and entered of record by said Court, in the above entitled cause on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1914, the said Administrator will, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, the 20th day of February, A. D 1915, at the corner of Main and Curtis streets, in the Village of Downers Grove, in said Du Page County, and State of Illinois, offer for sale and sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash, to pay the debts of the estate of said deceased, all or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts now due from said estate and the cost of administration now due and to accrue, the right, title, interest and estate which the said Arthur P. Hoomer, deceased, had at the time of his death in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois, to-wit:

Lot Three in Block Seventeen of E. H. Prince & Company's Addition to Downers Grove, Illinois.

The above described property will be sold free and clear of mortgage or incumbrances. No deed or deeds will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers until said sale has been reported to and approved by said County Court.

Dated this 15th day of January, A. D. 1915.

JAMES A. WAGONER,
Administrator of the Estate of Arthur P. Hoomer, deceased.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF DU PAGE—ss.
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DU PAGE COUNTY.

In the matter of the application of William M. Carpenter, Guardian of Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, minors, for leave to sell real estate—Gen. No. 3118. File Box 101.

TO ROBERT W. CARPENTER AND CHARLES V. CARPENTER AND ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned, William M. Carpenter, as guardian of the estate of the above-named minors, has filed a petition in the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, for leave to sell the real estate of said minors hereinafter described; and that at the February Term, A. D. 1915, of said County Court, to be held in the Courthouse, in the City of Wheaton, State of Illinois, aforesaid, the first Monday of February, 1915, the undersigned, William M. Carpenter, as guardian of the above-named minors, will present said petition to said Court and make application to said Court for leave to sell at public auction, at such time and upon such terms as the Court may direct, all the interest of said minors in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

"North ten (10) feet of lot five (5) and all of lot four (4) in Blanchard's Subdivision of part of the southwest quarter (S. W. ¼) of section eight (8), township thirty-eight (38) north, range eleven (11), east of the third principal meridian, situated in the Village of Downers Grove, County of Du Page, and State of Illinois"—

in which said real estate the said minors have a two-ninths (2/9) interest subject to the right of dower of Gussie Carpenter, the mother of said minors, in and to said lot four and also subject to the dower right of Emma A. Carpenter, widow of Charles Carpenter, deceased, in and to the said north ten feet of said lot five.

Dated, Downers Grove, Illinois, December 28th, 1914.

WILLIAM M. CARPENTER,
Guardian of Said Minors.

BUNGE & HARBOUR,
Attorneys.

State of Illinois, County of Dupage, ss.:
In the County Court of Dupage County.

In the matter of the Guardianship of Brian M. Carpenter, Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, Minors. Gen. No. 3118. File Box 101.

NOTICE.

To All Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, William M. Carpenter, guardian of Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, minors, and heirs of Charles V. Carpenter, deceased, will file a petition in the County Court of Dupage County, Illinois, at the January term thereof, to be held at the court house in Wheaton, Ill., on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1915, praying for an order of said court empowering and directing said guardian to mortgage the following described property belonging to said minors or so much thereof as shall seem to said court necessary, to-wit:

The north ten (10) feet of lot five (5) and all of lot four (4) in Blanchard's subdivision of part of the southwest quarter (S. W. ¼) of Section eight (8), Township thirty-eight (38) north, Range eleven (11) east of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the Village of Downers Grove, County of Dupage, and State of Illinois, for the purpose of paying taxes and special assessments and maintaining said property.

WILLIAM M. CARPENTER,
Guardian of Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, minors.

BUNGE & HARBOUR,
Attorneys.

The foregoing notice refers to the Main street property, formerly the residence of Charles Carpenter, grandfather of Brian Carpenter, Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, minors, interested in same as heirs of their father, C. V. Carpenter.

Mean Man.

Customer—"I want to get a collar for my wife's poodle." Dealer—"Something plain, sir?" Customer—"No, something showy and expensive looking. I want someone to steal the little beast."—Boston Transcript.

Woodcraft.

You can make fire by rubbing two pieces of dry wood together, but it is not believed that this method will ever supersede the plan of rubbing a match against a piece of sandpaper.

Daily Thought.

Take note of the hour ere it slips past; so seldom does the moment come which is truly fateful and great. —Schiller.

Difference Made by Years.

When a girl is six, she weeps if the seams of her best doll loosen up and let out sawdust. When she is twenty-six, if her beau doesn't loosen up and spend some, she's equally peeved.

Indelible.

Mrs. Gray—"The window in my hall has stained glass in it." Mrs. Green—"Too bad! Can't you find anything that'll take the stain out?"—Boston Transcript.

Not European Kind.

Wireless telegraphy travels at the rate of 175,000 miles a second. Given a fair start, it ought to keep ahead of Dame Rumor.—Rochester Post-Express.

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Daily Thought.

What does the word "cheerfulness" imply? It means a contented spirit; it means a pure heart; it means a kind and loving disposition; it means humility and charity; it means a generous appreciation of others and a modest opinion of self.—W. M. Thackeray.

Fabulous Cockatrice.

A cockatrice was a fabulous animal of the basilisk species. Its distinguishing characteristic was a crest or comb like a rooster's. Sir Thomas Browne, in his "Vulgar Errors," draws a clear distinction between a cockatrice and a basilisk. He even argues for the existence of such an animal.

Memory Governed by Will.

The will governs the memory. We forget what does not concern us; we remember what is of lasting importance to the will.—Friedrich Paulsen in "Introduction to Philosophy."

No Expense Attached.

Alkali Pete—"Heard about Pinoche Shorty's bereavement?" Red Dog Sam—"No. Who's dead?" Alkali Pete—"His father." Red Dog Sam—"Means a kinder heavy funeral expense for Shorty." Alkali Pete—"Oh, no. County stands it—they hanged him."—Spokane Statesman.

Smoke Evil Curable.

Extensive investigation of smoke prevention by the United States geological survey has led to the conclusion that it is mechanically possible, and that the best results have been obtained by the use of mechanical stokers.

Knew All About It.

"What sort of a school is Lester Twitchett's niece going to, up in the city?" "A conservatory of music, I believe they call it; she's learning to be a chair warmer."—Puck.