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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Chas. Sens, Driver of "Holsum" Brand Wagon Hit by Train at Maple Avenue.

Chas. Sens, of Chicago, a driver for the Heister & Jung Co., had a narrow escape from instant death as can be possible Monday morning. He was making his usual morning trip from Chicago with an auto truck load of "Holsum" bread, just as he was crossing the Maple avenue crossing the west-bound 8:49 train struck the auto. It was thrown clear of the road bed and completely wrecked. How Mr. Sens escaped with his life is a mystery to all who saw the wrecked car.

The train crew picked him up and carried him to the St. Charles hospital at Aurora, where it was found he was injured, but not very seriously. At the present writing he is getting along fine, and will soon be back at his old route.

Accident Near Repetition.

Mr. Steinmetz, who delivers yeast to the local merchants, had a narrow escape on the same crossing in the afternoon. He had made his deliveries and was heading back to Chicago. No. 22, east bound, missed his flange by inches, as he crossed the tracks.

Board Asks for Flagmen.

At the Village Board meeting held Monday night the "dads" of the town wrote a letter to A. G. Smart, superintendent of the Aurora division, asking that crossing guards be maintained at the Forest, Washington and Maple avenue crossings.

Maple avenue in particular should have a crossing watchman, as it is unguarded, except for the electric bell, and at this season of the year when closed cars are the rule a bell does little good.

NO. 56 AGAIN HITS DE-RAIL

Engine Leaves Rails and Runs on Ties for One Hundred Feet.

NO. 9 HITS HAND CAR

No. 36, the crack Missouri Limited, east bound, again hit the de-rail just west of the tower, Sunday morning. Only the locomotive left the rails, but it ran along on the ties for over one hundred feet before the momentum of the train could be checked.

The fireman was thrown from the gangway by the jar, but was not injured very badly. The passengers have considered as the triumph of all voiced their thankfulness that it was no worse. The train arrived in Chicago several hours late.

For some unknown reason the day was nearly over before the engine was again on the steel and ready to make the run to Chicago.

No. 9 Hits Hand Car.

Shortly after the derailment Sunday morning the East Grove section gang loaded their hand car with tools and started for the Grove to help clear the track.

They had nearly arrived at their destination and were west of Forest avenue when warned by shouts of the townsmen that they were in danger they jumped. And just in time, for No. 9, the Chicago-Denver Limited, had been speeding down on them without their knowledge. The hand car was thrown clear of the right of way and reduced to match-wood. Six men had been able to look right into eternity and they live.

HIGH OPENS B. B. SEASON WITH WIN.

The Downers High School basketball team defeated Plano, starting the season with a win, 27-20. It was an exciting game throughout; the Purple went into the lead about the middle of the first half and kept the lead for the remainder of the game. There was no individual star on the Purple team, for all got into the game and they played well together. Fields caged the majority of the visitors' baskets, getting four; while Davenport shot five of the Purple's baskets.

The locals now have a good start and if they maintain their present gait will finish with a good record. They cover up and follow the ball well and will improve as the season advances. They journey to West Chicago Saturday night and will play Hinsdale first and second teams here next Wednesday evening. Line up:

Table with columns: Name, FR, Foul, TP. Rows: Fields, Gray, Steward, Harrington, Burch.

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Substitutes, Plano, Lawry and Wilcox. Referee, Winters. Scorer, Carpenter.

NOTICE

Grove Lodge No. 824, A. F. & A. M. will have special meeting tonight, Friday, for the purpose of installing officers. Every brother is requested to be present. Rev. C. White, Secretary.

OBITUARY OF MRS. G. A. MANSHARDT.

The name of the deceased was Mrs. G. A. Manshardt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Green. She was born March 12, 1866, at Davis, Ill. She died Dec. 5, 1918, at Downers Grove, Ill.

On the fifth day of August, 1890, she was united with her now grief-stricken husband, Rev. G. A. Manshardt. They lived happily together for 25 years.

To them were born five children, four daughters and one son. Two of these preceded her in death, having died in infancy. The surviving ones are Mrs. E. J. Blumenshine of Valley City, North Dakota; Vera, who is at home, and Clifford, who is a student in the Chicago University. She is also survived by three brothers and four sisters. Her father and mother, two sisters and one brother passed on before.

Mrs. Manshardt had been in failing health for some years. She was obliged to undergo several surgical operations of a very critical character, but her strong determination, her splendid courage, and her fine constitution, carried her through all of these critical experiences. But about a year ago she began to fail. It was soon evident that she had a hard fight ahead. All was done that human power could do, but still she kept failing, and in the past few weeks it was evident that the end was not far off. Death claimed her on Wednesday morning, Dec. 5, about 3 o'clock. Her end was peaceful and calm. She was as calm in death as she was in life.

The religious and social life of the deceased was beautiful and made for her hosts of friends. In early youth, when a mere child, she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she was a faithful member, taking a deep interest in all the activities of the church—a member of the choir, a teacher in the Sunday School, and a leader among the young people. When she united her life with that of a minister she took her place as a true servant of the church by the side of her husband. She assisted him in his work on the frontier as well as in the large and influential city. She was beloved by the people in general, which is evidenced by the many touching and beautiful tributes which the family has received from many former congregations where she lived and labored.

The funeral services were held in the First Evangelical Church at Downers Grove on Saturday, Dec. 11. The services were in charge of Rev. E. Burt, presiding elder of the Naperville district. The scriptures were read by Rev. J. G. Schwab, presiding elder of the Chicago district. The prayer was offered by Prof. S. J. Gamertsfelder, president of the Theological Seminary at Naperville. The sermon was preached by Bishop S. P. Spreng. Six ministers served as pallbearers. About twenty ministers were present, were shaken up and given a scare, and besides friends from Chicago, La Grange, Naperville, Washington, Ill., Hoopdale, Ill. and Topeka, Kans. Beautiful floral tributes were presented by the several churches of Downers Grove, by the Ministerial Association, and the different organizations of the First Church, and other congregations, and from friends. The burial took place on the family lot at Naperville, Ill. This ended another life useful and beautiful at the age of 49 years, 8 months and 24 days.

CONCRETE ROAD DEDICATED

On Saturday afternoon, December 11th, the new concrete road constructed by the state near York Center was properly dedicated.

Although the weather was not suitable to have exercises on the road itself, the crowd gathered in the store of Mr. Deicke and listened to addresses by Mr. A. D. Gash, president of the State Highway Commission, and Mr. Wm. W. Marr, chief State Highway Engineer.

Among other things, Mr. Gash said that we should pay a good deal of attention to the type of road constructed, and should not pave the county with good intentions. He also explained the difficulties that were encountered in constructing this particular piece of road, and was glad that it had been so successfully completed by the bonding company.

Mr. Marr spoke on the question of bonding the county for good roads, and also discussed the type of road to be constructed.

Mr. C. W. Hadley, president of the DuPage County Good Roads Association, also spoke on the needs of the county in reference to its roads.

The meeting was then thrown open, and the road question was discussed by all present.

This road is now known as State Aid Road No. 1, Section "A," and will be forever maintained by the state.

STARS WIN FROM HINSDALE

In a bowling match at Hinsdale Tuesday night, featured by the stellar performance of Babe Bunnig and by the poor showing of the rest of the team with the exception of Stamp, the Stars won from the Hinsdale stars by 94 pins.

This is the closest Hinsdale has ever come to winning a match from the Stars. They captured the last game by three pins. The Star team had two subs in line, Stank and Via, Mr. Krivka and Danica not rolling, this no doubt pulling down the total.

The averages of the local livers were as follows: Bunnig 194, Stamp 184, Danica 144, Stank 114, and Via 114.

WHO'S WHO IN DOWNERS

Who is it in the village that for years more than two score, with cheerful, pleasant countenance, has kept the corner store; who in that time has garnered out to his occupation—enough of groceries to feed the half of all creation; who is it that has sold at least a hundred gross of shoes, and who, whenever he breaks a "Ten" counts out the change by "Twos;" who used to have a shaggy horse to make deliveries, but now employs an auto-car, as scrupulous as you please; who can preside with dignity, when he is in the chair, but who for titles fine and large don't hardly seem to care; who is it that some years ago would play the violin and who perhaps could be induced to do the same again; who is it manures up and down thrice what he does across, but who within his business place is certainly the boss; who is it that will sell you goods on credit or for cash? J. W. some call him, but his name is just JOHN NASH.

WHO'S WHO?

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."—Matthew, 25:46.

"Dear Martin Holmes: I wish to thank you and the kind staff of Downers Grove who came with a Thanksgiving dinner and also sent me money. They said they would call again. Their gifts were a God-send, for we were sadly in need. Wishing you good luck."—Mrs. G. Chicago.

Note: The above article appeared in the Chicago Daily News under date of Dec. 15th, 1918. We probably will never know the names of the parties referred to. But, somebody knows. Who's who?

SCHOOL NOTES.

The schools will close Wednesday, Dec. 23, for the Christmas vacation and resume on Monday, Jan. 3.

We wish in behalf of the pupils of the schools to express our sincere thanks to the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank and to the First National Bank for penholders and rulers presented to each pupil of the school. Both are very useful and helpful articles for school work.

We want to say just a word now that our high school basketball season has opened in regard to the conduct of some on the side lines. No team can play a winning game, nor a clean game, with people on the side lines rooting for unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the players. The real value of basketball as a community sport depends not so much upon the players, as upon those who go to look on. A coach can teach his men to play clean, and conserve their strength by holding their temper, but this amounts to nothing if some people on the side lines insist on doing things which are unsportsmanlike. We believe that a majority of our people who attend our games enjoy a good, clean, hard-fought contest, but this enjoyment is often made unpleasant by a few who are on the side lines making hoodlums of themselves. We want to extend every team that comes here to play our high school team the most courteous treatment, and all that we do we want to reflect back a good name for our school and this community. In other words, we want to do for our visitors what we would have them to do for our team when they go away. If our visitors make a good play cheer them and show them that you appreciate it. Our school and community are judged by the treatment we accord our visiting friends. What I have said above in this article applies also to the games played by our Young Men's Athletic Association.

We are very glad to report Miss Taylor improving in health, and we hope to see her back to her work fully recovered after our holiday vacation. Miss Long is filling her place this week.

The grade pupils of both schools will hold a Christmas program Wednesday afternoon in the gymnasium. A splendid program is being arranged and the true Christmas spirit will be carried out. We will have about 500 children in this jubilee.

Mr. Pifer of our H. S. English department spent last week end with friends at Lockport.

Mr. H. A. Hollister, university high school visitor for the state, visited us last week.

Supt. G. C. Butler will be in Springfield, Ill., the 22nd, 29th and 30th in attendance at the State Teachers' Association.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE METHODIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19.

Organ voluntary, "March of the Magi Kings" (Lull), Miss Roe; Anthem, "The Nativity" (Hambo), Mrs. Ransweiler, Mr. Herring and the choir; offertory, "Trinity Chimes" (Decker), Miss Roe; two traditional carols, (a) "I Saw Three Ships," (b) "The First Nowell" (Stamer); the choir; solo, "Noel" (Adam), Mrs. Ransweiler. Four selections from the cantata, "Promises and Fulfillment," by Achford, (a) "A Christmas Lullaby," Miss Moore and women's chorus; (b) "Three Kings Journeyed," men's chorus; (c) "Hymn of Adoration," (d) "Rejoice Greatly," Mrs. Ransweiler and Mr. Herring and choir. Organ postlude, "Statens hymn" (Lull), Mrs. Ransweiler.

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