

### Downers Grove Reporter

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### SUNDAY BASEBALL IN THE GROVE? WHY, OF COURSE

Tomorrow all legal voters will have a chance to register their opinion for or against the playing of baseball in Downers Grove on Sunday.

We have no wish to unduly bore our readers with a discussion on the merits or demerits of the proposition. There are in another part of this paper four letters bearing on the subject—two for and two against, as always our columns are open to anyone who wishes to say something on any subject regarding the life of the village.

Five letters on the subject have found their way to the waste basket, four favored the repeal of the ordinance and one opposed it. That they were not signed is the reason for their disposal.

We favor Sunday baseball! It is our honest belief that those either playing the game or watching it will not desecrate the Sabbath day by their so doing.

The American Legion promises good clean contests and we believe that is the kind they will put on.

If Sunday baseball turns out to be a nuisance, as its opponents say it will, the easiest thing in the world will be stopping it.

As we said before, we believe the ordinance should be repealed and also that a majority of the voters will tomorrow express themselves the same way.

### 25c, 12 YEARS AGO BOUGHT AS MUCH AS DOLLAR TODAY

On August 8, 1907—just twelve years ago today—a Downers Grove housewife ordered a few necessities from the stores. The things she purchased were what every woman has then as well as they do now. Establishments which are the mainstay of breakfasts, dinners and suppers in the average American family.

She purchased six articles and the bill was \$1.08. Today the same articles total \$4.32. JUST FOUR TIMES AS MUCH.

According to these figures a dollar today will purchase just exactly what twenty five cents would twelve years ago.

Who is at fault? Have wages risen proportionately in the same time?

Here is the real cause for the state of unrest which has the United States and the entire world wondering what it will lead to. Here is the underlying cause of strikes of demands by workers for more money.

It is almost time the government is taking steps to combat the high cost of living. Almost every government department and official from the president down is starting some kind of investigation. Those who pay however, are skeptical about any results coming from these "hearings." They have seen so many attempts to stop profiteering come to naught and a liberal coat of "whitewash" applied to the packers and others that they are not to be blamed for their attitude.

Following are the figures of the commodities purchased twelve years ago and what the same would cost today:

today:	Aug. 8, 1907	Aug. 8, 1919
Pork Chops, 1 lb.....	9c	44c
Milk, quart.....	6c	13c
Potatoes, bushel.....	60c	3.00
Butter, lb.....	27c	60c
Sugar, lb.....	5c	12c
Yeast cake.....	1c	3c
Totals	\$1.08	\$4.32

One can easily see that these things are not luxuries but necessities. Substitute pork chops for some other meat and you can see they are things used every day in every household.

The charge has been made that the American people are spending their salaries for luxuries. How can they when the bare necessities cost so much?

The food angle is only one phase of the price question. Take clothing, shoes or what you will in lines which we must have and see the enormous rise in price during the last twelve years.

These figures are taken from an account book kept by the housewife, a north side resident, who has lived here nearly all her life.

Has her husband's salary increased in proportion to the cost of living? It emphatically HAS NOT!

He is doing the same work today that he did then. Let's compare the wages. In 1907 his pay was \$60 a month; now it is \$140. Two and one-third times as much. BUT the cost of necessities has risen in the same period four times. Where does he and millions like him stand today? What is the remedy?

### CALLS SUNDAY AUTO RIDING SAME AS SUNDAY BASEBALL

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 2.—Applause greeted Rev. D. T. Stephenson of the High Street Methodist church here when he declared during the course of a sermon that playing baseball on Sunday was no worse than spending the day riding in automobiles. "The principal consideration," he said, "is whether our Sunday activities cause us to lose sight of the value of communion with God."

The above "story" heading and all appeared in last Saturday's Chicago Evening Post and shows that all clergymen do not take the same stand which a majority of the local clergy have taken.

### WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

La Grange is to have a Community picnic and outing under the auspices of the business men's association. Last year Downers Grove did not hold an annual picnic because of war conditions. Let's get together on this outing and have a good old fashioned picnic. We have enjoyed several in the past, let's enjoy another one.

Chicago's street car and elevated strike has been called off. Many Chicago people living near stations of the railroads serving the suburbs found how convenient it was to step on a train and ride to work. They lunged to handrails on the platforms.

rode the roof and anywhere a hand or foothold could be found, greatly inconveniencing the regular patrons of the roads.

A strike has been called on the third rail lines leaving Aurora, Elgin, and other cities without street car service. People along the Northwestern at Wheaton especially are finding what a blessing is a municipal electric light plant, even if it does shut down for a few minutes once in a while. The folks who depend on their electric railway for their "juice" are now doing without it.

Bloomington has furnished a cot for each member of its reserve militia on duty in Chicago in connection with the race riots. What has Downers Grove done to show its appreciation of our men? Let's do something!

Dempsey, champion heavyweight boxer, will take on all comers. There is one young man who won't stall around in defending his title as Willard did. We think anyone worthy of challenging him will get a fight.

Many strangers in Chicago are stopping cars and asking for a ride with a result that they turn out to be highwaymen and relieve the drivers of their valuables. Better be careful, you autoists.

President Wilson and the entire government forces are lining up to fight the high cost of living. For the love, go to it. We're with you and so is every person in our country who uses groceries, meats and the necessities of life.

### AMERICAN LEGION TO HOLD REGULAR MEETING MONDAY

Everyone in Vicinity Who was in Military Service of U. S. Asked to Attend.

Alexander Bradley Burns Post, American Legion, will hold its next regular meeting, Monday evening, August 11th, at the G. A. R. Hall.

Important business regarding the activities of the local post in the life of the village, will come up for discussion. Plans were tentatively advanced at a meeting last Friday night which will come up for adoption Monday.

Temporary chairman Robert Carpenter and those who have signed the application for a charter are enthusiastic. They are working to make the local post one of the largest and best in this vicinity. To accomplish this they ask every person in Downers Grove and vicinity who served Uncle Sam in a military capacity during the world war to attend the meeting Monday night and join the organization.

More than 1400 of these posts have been chartered throughout the nation. The headquarters in New York City have many more applications for charters awaiting their sanction to begin real organizations.

To show the nationwide character of the Legion we print below editorials clipped from papers north, south, east and west.

Minneapolis, Minn.

Minneapolis Journal, June 17, 1919.

THE AMERICAN LEGION From all that can be gathered the American Legion promises to be a super-American affair. It stands to reason that the organization will exert great influence the next thirty or forty years, as did the Grand Army of the Republic throughout a like period after the Civil War.

The Legion is all American, nothing but American and intolerant of everything here that is not wholly and enthusiastically American.

A radical, aggressive Americanism is what we need. The Legion's going to help furnish it. Americanism has sat back and let the non-Americans, anti-Americans and something-else-Americans have their innings. That complaisance, indifference, patience, or what ever it may be is over. The Legion goes to bat presently and it will deliver. Count on it!

Why? Because the Legion will comprise four million young Americans who have been under the flag. They have seen the glory of the Republic. They have realized that the United States is literally "God's Country." They do not want any others in theirs.

Anniston, Ala.

Anniston Star, June 29, 1919.

THE AMERICAN LEGION IS ORGANIZED HERE

The American Legion is a democratic organization in every sense of the word. There may have been castes in the army, and certain distinctions were considered necessary for discipline. But militarism is foreign to American ideals and institutions, and it cannot permanently survive. The Legion will help to bury it and its false standards, and will strive for permanent peace with honor. At the same time its members will fight Bolshevism, anarchy and other un-American doctrines, and they will band together for mutual helpfulness and comradeship, to recall and to cherish the memories that have been recorded in blood and sacrifice. It will take up the fight for social and political justice where the Confederate veterans and the Grand Army of the Republic leave off, and in the hands of men who potentially laid their all on the altar of their country the future of this republic may be presumed to be safe.

Philadelphia, Pa. Philadelphia Press.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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Incorporation of the American Legion by Congress is eminently proper. It is a great national organization to perpetuate the principles established by the American servicemen in the war. Two millions of them fought in France and Flanders' fields. Two millions more were mobilized under arms. These soldiers, sailors and marines, barring only their heroic comrades who made the supreme sacrifice, are to be gathered into one patriotic brotherhood which should prove a commanding influence in establishing the conditions of human freedom which have been bought with their blood and valor.

The noble purpose of the American Legion as expressed in the bill before Congress may be taken to convey America's answer to Bolshevism and the mischievous apostles of social unrest. The American Legion is formed "to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States, to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles for which the members of the military and naval forces contended in the war, to maintain law and order and to foster and perpetuate 100 per cent. Americanism."

Such a program is one of the holiest which could be inscribed as a declaration of principles on the banners of those who fought that this nation should be free from molestation by the enemies of democratic institutions. The American Legion has made a good start. Units should be established at every point where a group of soldiers and marines can be assembled.

Boise, Idaho. News. THE IDAHO AMERICAN LEGION No group in convention assembled in the history of the state commanded more respect than the Idaho members of the American Legion. These are the men who went to France to defend the honor of our country. Having performed that duty they have returned to their various occupations as citizens. The American Legion is an outgrowth of the world war similar in many respects to the G. A. R., created following the Civil War. Idaho this week organized a state branch of the Legion.

The alien who seeks to enjoy the benefits and free institutions of this country, but declines to become naturalized, found no friends among these soldiers. They have no sympathy for the slacker of their own nationality and less for the alien slacker who is willing to take everything a free country offers and give nothing himself. General approval will be given their act in urging congress to pass legislation asking for the deportation of the alien who surrendered his citizenship papers to avoid military duty or declines to become a citizen of this country, together with the confiscation of his property. That is Americanism, and if a little more of it was practiced the foreign anarchist and plotter would find American a very unprofitable field for the seeds of dissension he sows. The Idaho Legion struck straight from the shoulder at the greatest evil in the United States.

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