

Downers Grove Reporter

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SPRING IS HERE

It may be only February 13th, and this section of the country tight in its grasp. The weather man may predict snow and colder or cold wave or any thing of the usual things for this time of the year but in spite of all of this—SPRING IS HERE!

Where do we get our information? Simple. The other day three young boys went up the street playing "chase." To the uninitiated this may not mean very much. To those in the know, however, it signifies a game of marbles.

Marbles? Yes. Old man winter and the weather man may be able to fool some people about the seasons, but the small boy? Never!

JESS WILLARD AIMS AT COME-BACK



The horse of backers of former champion Jess Willard may have the opportunity of again showing their faith. Tex Rickard, who has had word from Willard, who is now in the mountains undergoing a strenuous training, which indicates that Jess is thinking "fight" and that he is going to try and redeem himself for his miserable Toledo showing.

NO LIMIT TO RANGE IN SPRING MILLINERY



As usual, the turban has found its way into favor with many for early spring wear. In the center the Bulgarian turban of black straw trimmed in black satin is quite popular. From monkey fur to unburied ostrich and on to tiny buds are used—as may be seen by studying the models shown in the grouping.

Spring is here, barring that, it's on the way.

WHY NOT ADVERTISE?

The logical way to reach the buying public of this community is thru a medium which is read by the people of this community. A medium in which they take a personal interest. Such a one is The Reporter.

As a community newspaper it is in the highest rank. It publishes more NEWS than any other paper in Du Page County, more than any two other papers, some weeks.

It goes into the Homes of the people of this community. It is read by the entire family. More than four thousand people read its columns every week.

That is the kind of a paper which the merchants of Downers Grove have as a medium through which to announce their wares. Why not advertise? It pays!

ASK THE PRICE!

If you want to help bring down the present high cost of living, never buy without first asking the price, says the Woman's Department of the Fair Price Commission of Illinois.

"But that's not enough!" says Mrs. Joseph T. Bowen, state chairman. "When you know the price, ask the reason!"

The Fair Price Commission issues weekly a statement of the prices that wholesalers may charge retail dealers, and the prices which retail dealers may charge the public. Their price lists, issued in Chicago, are furnished to a Commissioner in each of the Districts of the state, who adds to the fair retail price the necessary cost of transporting the goods from the nearest wholesale center.

With a Fair Price List to refer to, the purchaser knows how much he should pay for the staple articles of food. If asked more, a complaint card filled out by him will be acted upon by the U. S. District Attorney, for the selling of goods at more than the prices fixed by the Commission is punishable by fine and imprisonment or both.

Complaint cards and other information can be obtained by writing the Woman's Department, Fair Price Commission of Illinois, 602 Federal Bldg., Chicago.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the sickness and death of our beloved father.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Heintz and daughter.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heintz.

Free From Enemies.

The redwood is peculiarly free from enemies. It is rarely wind-blown and the thickness of the bark renders resistance to fire so great that it is almost impossible to kill the trees by burning. Furthermore, the tree is not subject to attacks by insects. About the only way they can be killed or shattered is by a powerful bolt of lightning. By far the greater part of the reproduction of redwood is by sprouts. It is also peculiar in its ability to produce excellent sprouts from very old stumps.

DO WE WANT BETTER FIRE PROTECTION?

The fire fighting equipment of our village is by far the most important subject that needs the immediate attention of every property owner. At present we have two five gallon chemical extinguishers and about a thousand feet of three inch hose of rather doubtful condition and a ladder wagon.

One of these extinguishers is kept at each garage and during the hours they are open we receive exceptionally good service, but generally considerable delay is caused waiting for the

homes and contents at the present high prices.

Shall we continue as in the past? Shall we take a public subscription? Lemont raised over \$3,000 by public subscription with which they purchased this improvement. Lemont is much smaller than Downers Grove but this sum was raised in less than two weeks. Business men subscribed as high as one hundred dollars and every one paid as much as they could afford. In one case a very old lady without being asked insisted on subscribing all she could afford which was twenty-five cents. Lemont could do this. CAN DOWNERS GROVE?

The Fire department and the village council wants to hear from every

BREAKING QUARANTINE RESULTS IN SIX DEATHS

No, This Didn't Happen in One of The Older Countries—It happened in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 9, 1920.—For several years National and State health departments and leading physicians have sought to educate the public to the point where it would understand that pneumonia is a dangerously communicable disease, and that the strictest isolation of all the cases should be observed. Rules and regulations relating to the quarantine of the disease, adopted by the Illinois Department of Health, have been placed in the hands of physicians and health officers, and an educational campaign has been carried on for years. Yet, with all these precautions for the safety of the public, an Illinois man broke quarantine with the following results:

A Mr. _____, about forty years of age, went to a city in a neighboring state to visit relatives, and became sick. He was placed in quarantine, but at the first opportunity broke it and came home. He was sick when he left the train, but rode twenty miles in an automobile to his home. Pneumonia of the hemorrhagic type developed promptly, and he died on January 31st. His wife died January 25th; one child died January 28; a nurse on the case died January 31, and the informant states "since I have been writing word has come that another child and a sister of the deceased husband are dead." The writer, in further explaining the situation says: "His wife and all his six children were taken sick and every attendant but one were taken sick; and this one is almost prostrated from exhaustion. This makes six deaths in ten days and the end is not yet. I hope this may serve as a terrible example of what may result from breaking quarantine and from the improper handling of infectious cases in the home."

These things happened in Illinois in the month of January just ended, and the quotations are from a letter addressed to the State Department of Public Health and are published that the public may grasp the importance of cooperation with local health authorities and their physicians in strictest observance of quarantine and other preventive measures.

Providing Against Trouble.

The twins, Frank and Joseph, were the same age as their cousin Richard, at whose home they were to spend the holidays. A few weeks before Christmas Richard wrote a long letter to Santa Claus, then added this postscript: "You had better bring three of everything, or I will have to fight the two of you at once."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many neighbors and friends for their expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful floral offerings in our recent bereavement.

A. J. Kreitzer
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dickson
and family.

BROTHERLY LOVE IN LETTER AND SPIRIT



Brotherly love, both in letter and spirit, has been presented in a war romance which is now interesting the nation. Miss Emily Knowles, a young English girl, was wooed by Lieutenant Perley A. Spiker, U. S. aviation service, while he was stationed there during the war. Lieutenant Spiker was married, his wife living here at the home in Baltimore. Now Emily Knowles comes to America with her three-months-old baby, upon the invitation of Cora Spiker, wife of the aviator. Then enters Guy Spiker, unwed brother of the father of the baby, who offered to marry the English girl and give the baby name and home. The pictures are of Emily Knowles and her baby, Mrs. Cora Spiker, wife of the baby's father, and Guy Spiker, the brother who is making the sacrifice for the girl and babe.

CLEVER STUFF?



adders; by this time the fire has grown so large that we must use the three inch hose, which should only be used as a last resort, the result being a very large water damage.

The State Fire Marshal's records show that fully 95 of every 100 fires are put out with large chemical tanks that are conveyed to the fire on an auto with necessary equipment—an outfit of this kind does not cost a town many times smaller than the Grove have them and would not part with them.

Our Village Council is in favor of purchasing this better apparatus but lack the necessary funds—the public have not demanded the improvement therefore no great amount of thought has been given this subject. During the past twelve years that I have been a member of the fire department the various village councils have always answered "NO FUNDS" which is the truth today. However, we must have more efficient apparatus. Most people do not carry enough insurance to replace the

every citizen. Let's solve this important question at once—your home may be the next! Do you want your possessions ruined by delay and water? A suggestion published in this paper will help. Remember the cost of one home will more than pay for a good outfit.

Do not condemn on the department or the village council but get busy. Make your suggestions through the columns.

Respectfully,
Henry C. Dicke.

Trees Worth Having.

F. J. Clamer of Collegeville, Pa., has in his private greenhouse two lemon trees, one with 75 lemons, and the other with more than 20, besides a large number of blossoms. Some of the lemons measure 14 inches around.

A Lady Boss.

Many a man who'd clares he'd never work under a female boss labors under a "Miss Apprehension."

JOE STECHER AGAIN CHAMP OF WRESTLERS



Sure they come back—in wrestling at least. For instance, Joe Stecher, Nebraska farm boy, is again world champion heavy-weight wrestler. He regained the title he lost to Earl Caddock of Iowa, in a one-fall match, which went 2 hours and 34 minutes, at New York.

DEMOCRATS NAME WOMAN DELEGATE



When the Democrats go into presidential convention at San Francisco in June, no doubt women delegates will be seated. However, the Ohio Democrats were the first to name a woman to the place, the honor going to Mrs. A. B. Pike of Lakewood, O., a suburb of Cleveland.

MAKING A NEW SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



Changing cabinet members is quite an important event—even in Washington. These photos show the cabinet change when Secretary Houston became secretary of treasury and Edwin T. Meredith of Iowa, was made secretary of agriculture. Chief Clerk R. M. Reese is administering the oath of office to Secretary Meredith. Below is a "close-up" of Secretaries Houston and Meredith.

HOME SWEET HOME

by Jack Wilson

