

Downers Grove Reporter

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THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Downers Grove has a bunch of fire laddies of which we may well be very proud. They went after and secured the best fire fighting apparatus there is on the market, guaranteed the payment and have demonstrated by actual work, that it will (and has) saved its cost many times over.

Unquestionably they should not have had to go out into the highways and byways to gather up the money to pay for the truck. The village board should have furnished the necessary funds. But the village could not spare the money and the need was great. In this hour of need the firemen, recognizing the grief they would go through in collecting the funds by private subscription, and still going ahead, have accomplished wonders.

They have, by various schemes, paid off all but three thousand dollars of the purchase price. Most of the people have supported them, a few have not.

If a fireman approaches you with a request to buy a ticket for something or other, if you don't buy, at least treat him with courtesy. He is doing this work to protect your property from loss in case of fire.

BACK THEM UP.

HARD ROADS

Many people have complained about the condition of Maple avenue between Downers Grove and Hinsdale. It is rather rough, to say the least.

The hard roads tax, voted for by the people of the township last year would have been used to pave that road with the Tarvia construction last fall had it not been for just one thing.

As most everyone knows, contracts have been let for the paving of the Plank road and the work will be done this summer.

If Maple avenue had been paved last fall, all the traffic would have been diverted to the paved road and not only that, but all the material for the Plank road would, no doubt have been hauled over Maple ave.

Taking these things into consideration, as well as the fact that the heavy stone trucks would have done great damage to paving on Maple avenue. Township Commissioner of Highways, Chas. Roe, and County Superintendent of Highways, E. L. Gates, decided to wait with the paving of Maple avenue until the Plank road had been completed.

We believe they were right and should not be censured for their farsightedness in the matter.

THE BASEBALL FIELD

As will be noted on another page, a meeting will be held at the Legion rooms, next Tuesday night, to finally make some disposition of the controversy regarding the North Side Field.

The committee from the local Legion post feel that the post should not have anything to do with the property, once it is purchased. They feel, and rightly, that the title to the property should vest in the village, so that the purpose of the project will not be lost.

Several of the men who donated money toward the cause feel that the Legion should have the title and the full say as to the final disposition of the field.

Here they are deadlocked. The meeting next Tuesday should settle the question one way or the other. Unquestionable the Memorial idea should be carried out and the land purchased for an athletic field. We believe, as does the Legion, that it is better to have the title to the land rest in some community body that will be here always.

How Noiseless is the Growth.

Much has been accomplished; more than people are aware, so gradual has been the advance. How noiseless is the growth of corn! Watch it night and day for a week, and you will never see it growing; but return after two months, and you will find it all whitening for the harvest; such, and so imperceptible in the stages of their motion, are the victories of the press. —De Quincy.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR CO. CONFERENCE

Expect Splendid Group of Men and Boys at Hinsdale, Saturday March the 18th

All of the arrangements have been completed for the County Older Boys Conference to be held at Hinsdale, next Saturday, March 18, and the boys from most places in the County are showing a very lively interest. The indications are that there will be a full attendance. The Boys Council feel that they have done everything they can to make the Conference a success.

All boys in the county between the ages of 15 and 20 are welcome as long as there is room to take care of them.

They are expecting a splendid group of men in for the banquet and the evening meeting.

Registration should reach Colin Gordon, Hinsdale, by Monday, March 13. For further information write or phone County Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Chas. A. Caster, Wheaton, Ill., under whose supervision the conference is being held.

R - A - D - I - O

In the past few months radio has been brought before the public by the advent of the radio-telephone, or in the more descriptive word, "Radio-Phone."

It has been improved upon until now regular programs are being sent out each night from all cities of importance in the United States. In Chicago the stock reports, weather forecasts and news of the world is sent out every thirty minutes of the day. The Board of Trade furnishes the station with reports also. At seven in the evening children's bed time stories are broadcasted.

All this is done by actual voice, exactly like the land telephone only much louder and more distinct.

In the eastern cities, particularly Pittsburg, it is estimated that one out of every six homes has a wireless set.

There is absolutely no skill or previous knowledge of radio necessary to operate one of these sets.

Anyone interested in Radio is invited to attend the next meeting of the Downers Grove Radio Club to be held Thursday, March 16 at the home of Elmer O'Neill, 123 Summit street.

At 7:30 news items are sent and from 8:00 to 9:00 a wonderful musical program is sent out on which the names of the world's greatest artists appear. Every Saturday a prominent speaker lectures. Last Saturday one talked on income taxes.

What a Man Seeks

What a man seeks through his education is to get to know himself and the world; next, that for his knowledge it is before all things necessary that he acquaint himself with the best which has been thought and said in the world. Finally, that of this best the classics of Greece and Rome form a very chief portion, and the portion most entirely satisfactory. With these conclusions lodged safe in one's mind, one is staunch on the side of humanities.—Matthew Arnold.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

The Downers Grove W. C. T. U. will meet Friday at the home of Mrs. J. D. Gillespie, 94 Fairmont avenue. It will be an all-day meeting each member bringing something for the luncheon.

Will anyone having old pieces of cotton or linen send them to Mrs. Gillespie's, 94 Fairmont, or Mrs. Lott 54 East Maple avenue? Remember the date, Friday, March 17. Come and help work for the hospital.

W. C. T. U. STARTS FIGHT FOR DRY CANDIDATES

The Women's Christian Temperance union "has fire in its eye" and is going to drop its peaceful methods and fight to a finish to elect dry nominees in the fall elections, the organization announced today in making public an editorial entitled "The Terrible Meek" which will appear in the union's state papers, appearing between March 9 and March 15.

After declaring that peace has always been the watchword of the W. C. T. U. and that "gentleness, forbearance and everlasting perseverance" have won its victories heretofore, the editorial says:

"Next summer there will be a new congress and new state legislatures to be elected. Those legislatures and that congress must be dry.

"The W. C. T. U. has always stood for peace to be gained through peaceful means. It still stands for peace, but, seeing and understanding the subtle propaganda of the wet interests, it is going to fight that propaganda with truth."

Longest Conclave in History.

There is no limit for the duration of a convalesce of the sacred college at Rome. In the Middle Ages one convalesce which met at Viterbo, about 100 miles from Rome, lasted over two years and a half. It ended only because the people of the town, impatient at the state of anarchy in which the papal states were thrown for the want of a ruler, climbed on the top of the palace where the cardinals were gathered and incensed the building.

Efficiency.

It is a convenience when making presents, after they are put away in a closet, to make a list of what you have and fasten it on the closet door with a pencil attached, then when you take a jar out.

Candidate for Sheriff
DuPage County
Republican Ticket

Gordon M. Leonard
West Chicago, Ill.

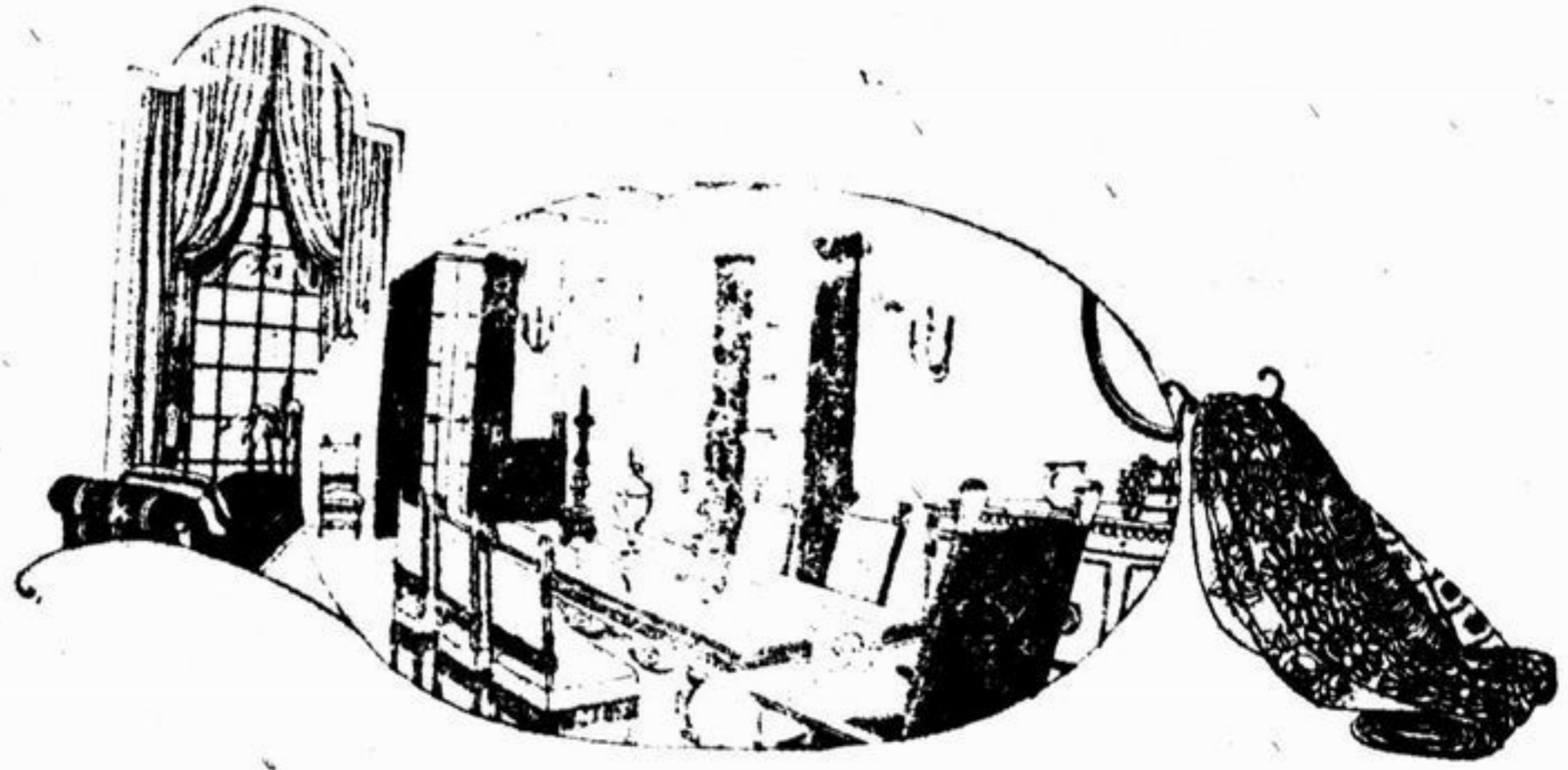
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