

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORT

THIRTEENTH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1896.

## JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

**Time and Place of Holding Republican Judicial Convention Fixed.**

The Republican central committee of the 12th judicial circuit held a meeting at the Sherman House, in Chicago, yesterday to fix the time and place of holding the next republican judicial convention. It was decided to hold the convention at Elgin, on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, at one p. m. The 12th judicial circuit embraces the counties of Kane, Boone, DeKalb, McHenry, Kendall, DuPage and Lake. The present circuit judges are Kellum, Willis and Upton. Judge Kellum sits in DeKalb, Boone and McHenry. Judge Willis in Kane and Judge Upton in Lake, DuPage and Kendall. The judicial election takes place next June, at which time it is expected that Hon. George W. Brown of Wheaton will succeed Judge Upton, who is not a candidate for re-election. Judge Brown does not need an introduction from us to the citizens of Downers Grove. He was born and has always lived in the county. Everyone knows him, and he is highly respected by all. He is a good lawyer, of amiable disposition and would make a splendid circuit judge. Brown has for the past six years been the county judge of DuPage and has filled the office creditably to himself and the people. He would make a worthy successor to Judge Upton who for so many years has faithfully performed the duties incumbent upon the office.

## NEW SECRET SOCIETY OFFICERS.

These Organizations Elected Officers During the Past Week.

The Maple Lodge Modern Woodman of America elected their officers for the coming year last Thursday evening, Dec. 10th. Those who will have charge of affairs will be:

Venerable Consul	Joseph W. Raudo
Worthy Advisor	Chas. Jacobson
Excellent Banker	W. H. Edwards
Physician	W. A. Tope
Worthy Escort	John Stewart
Watchman	John McVeau
Delegate to head camp	Jacob Vix
Manager for three years	J. B. Halling
	Jas Adams

Installation will be held the second Thursday in January. The camp has prospered exceedingly during the past year, and is one of the best camps in the state.

Banner Lodge, Rebekahs, elected officers last Tuesday, Dec. 15th, as follows:

Noble Grand	Miss Cora Escher
Vice Noble Grand	Mrs. Horton
Recording Secretary	Miss Cora Biedger
Financial Secretary	Miss Chetfield
Treasurer	Mrs. F. Schindler
Deputy	Mrs. A. Tope
Trustees	Mrs. Kennison, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Stanger, Mr. John Bradbury and Mr. D. G. Graham.

The Masonic organization elected officers last Friday evening, Dec. 11th. Owing to the appointive places not yet being filled, by the Worshipful Master, the new roster will not be published until later. The ladies of the Eastern Star will elect officers next Tuesday evening.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. FULLER.

The village was startled with and surprise yesterday on learning of the death of Mrs. Mary J. Fuller, wife of D. B. Fuller, at her home on the North side.

Mrs. Fuller was supposed to be in robust health, but the anxiety and care caused by the illness of her husband, had told seriously on her system, and when she was attacked by a severe spell Tuesday night she was in no condition to combat successfully with her disease.

She retired Tuesday evening about 9 o'clock apparently in her usual health. About 12 o'clock her sister, Mrs. Stockwell, who has resided with the family for some time, was awakened by the heavy breathing of Mrs. Fuller and hastened to her bedside. She did all she could to relieve the sick lady with no apparent effect. Neighbors were called in and Dr. Tope was summoned. In the meantime Mrs. Fuller grew continually worse. She complained of no severe pain, but said that she had great difficulty in breathing. When Dr. Tope arrived he did all in his power to relieve the stricken woman, but in vain. Her breathing became more labored and finally ceased about half an hour after the arrival of the doctor. The cause of her death was pronounced by the doctor to be a rupture of the heart valve.

Mrs. Norcott, a daughter of the deceased lady, arrived yesterday morning from Chicago, in response to a telegram. She was accompanied by her husband. Mr. Fuller was not informed of the death of his wife until after the arrival of his daughter, who broke the sad intelligence to him.

Mrs. Fuller was a christian lady of many noble traits of character, and was greatly esteemed by those who knew her.

The funeral will occur to-day at 12 o'clock and the remains taken to Aurora for interment.

## LEAP YEAR POVERTY BALL.

The hard times ball given in the Auditorium last Friday evening was a source of delight to the large party in attendance. The ladies, realizing that this was their last chance in eight years, made great preparations for a good time and they had it. They did the honors in a very gentlemanly manner, indeed. Not the least amusing feature of the evening were the costumes worn by the dancers. With but few exceptions the gentlemen looked the typical "Dusty Rhodes" to perfection, while the ladies, attired in the oddest costumes in their wardrobes, caused much merriment when they entered the hall. A splendid program of twelve dances and several extras entertained the seventy-five dancers until the supper hour. Music was furnished by a Chicago orchestra, and was pronounced excellent by all. A more thoroughly enjoyable dancing party was never given in the village, and to the ladies belongs the credit.

## ROYAL LEAGUE ENTERTAINS.

Tuesday evening Victory council Royal League, entertained their members and gentlemen friends at a poverty social at their lodge rooms. Refreshments were served in a unique manner and consisted of cider and doughnuts. After this course, cob-pipes and tobacco were passed. Impromptu songs, recitations and stories followed and kept the gathering amused until a late hour. All present were highly pleased with the evening's fun. The League's semi-monthly socials are becoming extremely popular, and are making the order many warm friends.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Winwood Marshall, a young man who lives in the city, but who formerly lived in Downers Grove, was accidentally shot in the hand Sunday while visiting here. The young man was engaged in examining a revolver of small calibre, when it exploded, the ball passing through his hand. Dr. Tope treated the wounded member, and no further injurious results are anticipated.

## HINSDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Townsend enjoyed a visit at the home of Mrs. Kenyon, Downers Grove, Monday.

An epidemic of scarlet fever and diphtheria has broken loose in Western Springs and to lessen the danger of contagion, the Board of Education has closed the public schools.

The last yard of pavement has been rolled on Lincoln street and Ayres avenue. C. & T. Iglehart's contracts are complete and with the exception of Maple street the pavement is finished. Maple street, however, is in condition for use during the winter and will be completed next year. As usual the contractors claim to have lost money on the job.

That "the way of the transgressor is hard" was proven especially so last Saturday when Edward Beech, an employee of Bassett & Washburn was fined one hundred dollars and being unable to pay it, was sent to the county jail for twenty-three days. Beech was arrested last week Friday on the charge of having stolen twenty-five dollars from the foreman of the greenhouses, A. C. Benson. The money was part of the amount with which the men were being paid off and at the time was contained in an envelope in Benson's coat which was hung in one of the work rooms. Alone in the room and tempted by the money and the need of it at home, Beech removed the roll of bills. The loss was immediately discovered and Beech was suspected and arrested. He confessed his guilt and at the trial returned the money.

States attorney Batten in his plea for the prosecution said, "The prisoner is not the kind of man that should go to the penitentiary: this is doubtless his first venture in the path of crime and in view of that I would recommend that the charge against him be changed to disorderly conduct. This is my last case as states attorney and closes a service of eight years to the people of this county. Tonight my term expires—I wish to leave the office with a feeling that I have done justice to all, that my duty to the state has been performed and therefore suggest that this man be punished—not harshly but in such a manner that it shall be a lesson to him and to others." Justice Fox imposed a fine of one hundred dollars and costs.

Beech came here from Denver and has worked for Bassett & Washburn since April, being considered a good workman. He has a young wife and his imprisonment is a great blow to her. During the trial the prisoner was greatly affected, especially during Batten's speech, and his eyes were filled with tears of honest repentance. The sentence was generally considered a light one.

Call and examine skates and children's sleds at F. A. Brode & Co.'s.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs.

**Additional local news on fifth page.**  
**Sale bills printed at this office. Get our prices.**  
**H. D. Henning of Plano visited here last Tuesday.**  
**Mrs. John Kimball was quite sick the first of the week.**  
**Mrs. Bradbury is able to be out again, after long illness.**  
**Untrimmed hats, 25 cents up, at "The Style" millinery.**  
**Phil Binder has his new residence on Curtiss street enclosed.**  
**Mrs. E. B. Hills visited over Sunday with Mrs. Prey and family.**  
**Malt or soft feed will not affect those baskets for sale by Brode & Co.**  
**Wm. Wengler of Aurora visited with his son, M. Wengler, over Sunday.**  
**D. G. Graham has two or three cottages which he will rent cheap till May 1st.**  
**Cut and broken mixed candy, 10c per pound; three pounds, 25c, at Nash Bros.**  
**R. O. Curtiss was in the city Monday settling up an estate in which he is interested.**  
**Miss Belle Briggs has accepted a situation as saleslady in Marshall Fields retail store.**  
**BARN FOR RENT:—Corner Curtiss and Washington streets; \$1.50 per month. Enquire of L. Mertz.**  
**Mrs. L. M. Follett, of Chicago, has been the guest of her niece, Mrs. F. Smith, the past week.**  
**Good candy at Nash Bros., 10c per pound; three pounds, 25c. Just the thing for the holidays.**  
**Perhaps your stock of canned goods is exhausted—Thompson's isn't. Best quality and lowest prices.**  
**Mrs. A. B. Cole and daughter of Ottawa, spent Tuesday with her parents, and grandmother, Mrs. D. H. Naramore.**  
**The quarantine has been removed from the W. E. Stephens residence. Little Mina having recovered from diphtheria.**  
**Victor Fredenhagen, Jr., who has been in Colfax, Ia., for several months, taking treatment for rheumatism, returned home Tuesday.**  
**Mrs. M. W. Hanna, who has been visiting her son at Columbus, Ohio, returned to extend her visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. A. Brode.**  
**A baby boy of standard weight and strength of lungs made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wengler last Friday evening.**  
**The "Tigers," a junior football organization, played the High School eleven last Saturday and a victory for the latter team was the result. Score: 10 to 0.**  
**Will Klein, a cousin of Mrs. Baker, has been visiting here the past week. He also paid a visit to his relatives at Cass, returning to his home in Ottawa Wednesday morning.**  
**The officers of the M. E. Sunday school for the coming year are as follows: Superintendent, C. K. Roe; assistant superintendent, W. J. Her-ring; organist, Miss Mabelle Lamb; treasurer, S. H. Moss; librarian, V. L. Lovell.**  
**It was announced last Sunday that the German Evangelical Sunday school will hold its Christmas celebration on the evening of the 24th. A good program is being prepared and a general good time is expected. All are cordially invited.**  
**The C. B. and Q. railway will sell harvest excursion tickets to points west, northwest and southwest and south on Nov. 8 and 17, Dec. 1 and 15, at one fare for the round trip, plus two dollars. For further particulars enquire of G. H. Bunge, agent.**  
**Barr Bros. desire to announce that they are prepared to saw your wood with power saw, anywhere at any time. They also wish to state that they carry a full line of fire-wood, sawed any length, or split ready for stove; also in cordwood length. Prices reasonable.**  
**The new officers of the Epworth League for 1897 are the following: President, Miss Ella Tenny; 1st vice president, C. K. Roe; 2d vice president, Miss Emma Fletcher; 3d vice president, Miss Emma Mills; 4th vice president, Miss Jessie Bryce; treasurer, Miss Mary Fletcher; secretary, Miss K. Schaeffer.**  
**The members of the G. A. R. and their families will hold a social this evening at their hall. Refreshments will be served and will form the principal feature of the evening. Of course the old soldiers will provide impromptu entertainment, for it is well known that among their number are some excellent story tellers and singers. A jolly good time will be had by all who are present this evening.**

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The scholars are being examined for the work done this term. These tests will continue up to the Wednesday before Christmas which is the closing day of the fall term.

The high school football team played its third game of the season Saturday. Johnson's team, with whom it played was defeated by a score of 10 to 0. The Juniors have won two games out of the three played. 'Rah for the Juniors!

One of the high school scholars wrote a letter to William McKinley informing him of the result of the election held in our school on Nov. 3. The answer arrived last week and reads as follows: "Major McKinley thanks you for the congratulatory message contained in your recent favor. He notes with interest the result of the election held in your high school. Very truly yours, James Boyle. (Private Sec'y)."

## TRIED TO KILL HIS WIFE.

E. B. Hills, formerly a resident on Railroad Street, Downers Grove, attempted to kill his wife in Chicago last Friday, by strangling her. The couple have parted since leaving here; the court allowing Mrs. Hills separate maintenance with alimony. Hills called to see her on the day stated, at which time she demanded the amount due her. This so annoyed Hills that he struck her, knocking her down, Hills was completing his cowardly assault by choking the almost senseless woman, when a relative of the lady arrived in time to prevent his dastardly purpose being fulfilled. Hills was drunk at the time. He was arrested and locked up at the Central station to await the charge of attempted murder. When Hills lived in Downers Grove he was an employee of the Burlington, in the yards at Chicago.

## TO OPEN THE SEASON.

The members of the Downers Grove Club and their friends are looking forward to the opening of the winter season of amusements which will occur Saturday evening next at their pleasant parlors in the Hathaway block. The entertainment will consist of a "Club Smoker" that dearsly loved institution of the modern clubman. The house committee has arranged a splendid evening's program consisting of musical selections and other specialties. Later in the season the usual "ladies nights" will be inaugurated, to which the fair sex will be invited. Clubmen are anticipating a splendid season of entertainments this winter.

## CASS.

Miss Sophia Kieffel is visiting friends in Hinsdale.

John Oldfield was in Cass a portion of last week.

Mrs. J. F. Smart was in Chicago a few days last week.

P. K. Hathaway was very sick last week, but is now recovering.

Mrs. McClintock and daughter spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Mary Smart.

Telephone men passed through here last Saturday painting cross beams on the poles.

A certain young man has found it necessary to change his route from Lemont to Downers Grove.

## THOSE GENTLE REMINDERS.

Last week we mailed letters to those of our subscribers who were in arrears. Since that time a considerable number have availed themselves of the opportunity presented to their notice and relieved the depleted condition of our treasury by calling and depositing the amount due, and for which we are grateful. We still have a surplus of gratefulness to bestow upon those who will kindly bethink themselves that there is no season of the year quite so propitious for squaring matters as the present. Is the meaning plain?

## DO YOU WANT TO BUY A PIANO?

We intend to bid good-bye to 1896 by letting our patrons have the benefit of some remarkably low prices.

Until Thursday evening, December 24th, we will sell (not offer for sale) pianos in special designs and odd styles discontinued in our present catalogue, also rental stocks, at prices that defy competition. We guarantee our pianos. Our guarantee is unquestioned. We make our own goods. Save your money. You buy direct from the manufacturers. Elegant display of latest styles. Pease Piano Co., CHAS. H. MACDONALD, vice-president, 248 Wabash avenue, Chicago.

## ANOTHER DIPHTHERIA VICTIM.

The little three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Chas. Wenzel, living on the Escher place, died Monday, from the dread disease, diphtheria. The child was in the West Cemetery Tuesday. Mrs. Wenzel is a sister of Mrs. O. Schultz, and had assisted in caring for that stricken family, when the same disease prevailed there. It is thought the little one contracted the disease from that source.

## YOUNG DOWNERS OFFER.

The young hoodlums who coasted nightly on street corners, and who were treated to a surprise last week when a number of them were taken up before Justice Graham on a charge of disorderly conduct. It seems they were wont to collect in the office and indulge in rough games, coarse jokes, but since Postmaster Stanger has forbidden their presence there, they have sought other localities for their sport. The depot waiting room has been a favorite with them of late. Last Sunday a gang of these young would-be toughs gathered at the depot and followed their usual program of insulting everyone who came near them. This had continued for some time in the waiting room of the depot when they were forced to evacuate by Mr. Bunge. They redoubled their efforts to be offensive in the near vicinity and continued in their amusement until Monday. Mr. Bunge swore out a warrant for the arrest of Walter Weaver and Charles Lamb, the ringleaders, as he thought, in the disturbance of the day before. Young Lamb was released and Weaver was fined \$5 and cost. The boy's fine was paid by his father and in that way Mr. Weaver pays for the evil-doing of a number of boys who should be placed in restraint or taught a more severe lesson.

There is an ordinance prohibiting loitering on railroad property which will hereafter be strictly enforced. Boys who have been guilty of loitering near the depot and on the streets take warning and hasten to improve their deportment.

Policeman Kanway, who has been rather too lenient with the young men who congregate on the streets, will hereafter allow no such gathering. Parents, use your influence, if you have any, over your children and keep them off the streets.

## WHEATON.

The State auditor was there several days later than usual in sending the County Clerk's. Owing to that fact the collection of taxes was delayed until their books by December 1st.

The County Alms House has been a county institution since 1850 and during the seven years there have only been twelve deaths there. Five of those were claimed by relatives and the seven taken up and interred in the new Alms House cemetery last week. Chas. Nelson of Naperville, who died July 18, 1896; Fritz King of York, Aug. 24, 1896; Casper Blaser, Naperville, June 24, 1896; Henry Martin, Naperville, November 4, 1896; John Shepley Milton, March 25, 1897; Peter Martinson, LaSalle, May 8, 1896; Felix Duchown, York, Oct. 28, 1896. Peter Larson, who was killed here Thanksgiving day, was also interred there.

No doubt it will be interesting to the people of Wheaton to know that the young men of this city have organized a military company, with a list of names to the number of forty-five, and some of the most prominent business men in the city. This will be a fine thing for the young men, as a military training is the best physical education it adds greatly to deportment and carriage and general appearance of a man. It is now to be hoped that all interested will work with a will and make it a success, so that in a short time the Wheaton Military Company will not have to take a back seat from any outside company as regards efficiency in drill.

The inmates at the Alms House at the present time are: Addison, Fredrick Schroeder; Bloomingdale, Win. Sleep; Emma Bond; Winfield, Fred Taylor; Henry Lapfel; Patrick, Wm. Milton; Ben Goodrich; Walter Colburn; Lisle, Ross Long; Naperville, James and Edward Deido; Fred Edwards; Downers Grove, Ann Sweetnam; Johnson; York, Wm. Maxwell; Wm. Mink; Martin Krueger; Paul Beasly; Wm. Bowman; Henry ...

The county has a charge in Wm. ... aged 16 years, who is suffering an acute case of Bright's disease, was adopted from a charitable institution by a Glen Ely's family. When he went wayward, they consulted a doctor and sent him back to the institution from which they had just disclaimed him and he died at Glen Ely's where he was born. He was then taken to a ... and they sent a bill to the ... Ly. The supervisors ... is cheaper to care for in the Home than to pay ... Ben Goodrich is his ... and makes a good ...

I offer for sale ...