DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

THIRTEENTH YEAR. DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1896. NUM[illegible]

MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME.

SANTA CLAUS TO HOLD SWAY AT XMAS TREES TO-NIGHT.

THE PROGRAMS AT THE CHURCHES.

The Congregational, Methodist, German Evangelical, Episcopal and Baptist to Have Appropriate Services.

Tomorrow will be Christmas. What pleasurable anticipations this thought brings, especially to the little ones. Christmas, the one holiday of the year above all others, with its merry cheer and loving remembrances, will bring joy and happiness to the many homes in our village. But though the many are happy, some are sad. The poor are perhaps without the bare necessities of sustenance. Some are ill or in trouble; others sorrowing for departed loved ones, who at the last Christmas festivities, were within the family circle. Yet tomorrow all will join in the greeting, "Merry Christmas!" and unite in the anthem: "Glory to God in the highest! Peace on earth; good will to men."

The Downers Grove churches will all observe the Christmas festival, with appropriate services tonight, tending to teach the little ones the great lesson of the observance of this holy season. The churches will all be resplendant with holiday decorations. Brilliantly lighted trees, loaded with presents, will charm the beholders, while the interiors will be gaily festooned with evergreens and holly wreaths, the peculiarly penetrating fragrance of which will serve to remind the older ones of many merry Christmas days now past and gone.

Of course there will be a real Santa Claus at every church, who will have general supervision of the attendant festivities, distribute the presents, etc. Of course there will be candies, nuts, toys and popcorn galore.

Following are the programs of the festivals of the various Sunday schools, as arranged by the superintendents:

Congregational.

This school will hold their celebration for the primary department in the church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. They will have a Christmas tree for the little ones and a program full of interest, such as only the little tots can give. There will be singing, speaking, etc. All are welcome.

This evenipg at 8 o'clock, in the Auditorium, will occur the entertainment of the Congregational Sunday school proper, to which all are invited. A Christmas cantata, entitled "A Trip to Santa Claus Home," will be given. There will be an abundance of candies and goodies for every scholar. Plenty of music, such as solos, duets, quartetts, etc., to enliven the occasion. The special limited train, which has been chartered for the trip, will have the following on board to entertain the children till they arrive at Santa Claus' house:

Santa Claus ..... Ed Graves
Frost Queen ..... Florence Fraenkel
Snow Flake ..... Gertrude Fraenkel
Minerva ..... Bernice Bennett
Hanko ..... Arthur Hughes
Panko ..... Howard Ellinwood
Dick Redhead ..... H. V. New
Mr. Vim ..... F. E. Mayer
Mr. Wait ..... Harry Bateman
Miss Scribbler ..... Belle Lyman
Mrs. Rhea ..... Mrs. F. E. Mayer
Bessie ..... Ina Hall
Clara ..... Gertrude Chambers
Elsie ..... Holeta Giddings
Blanche ..... Ada Wert
Gertrude ..... Evlyn Simonson
Evaline ..... Martha Downer
Percy ..... Eddie Lacy
Harry ..... Spencer Palmer

Superintendent Mayer has received a communication from Santa Claus that he has provided presents for all. Passes for the trip will be furnished all who get to the Auditorium before the train leaves at 8 o'clock.

Methodist.

To-night the M. E. Sunday school will have a Christmas tree and a pleasing literary program. The services will commence at 7 o'clock and everybody will receive a cordial welcome. Considerable pains have been taken to make the decorations, both in the church and on the tree, especially fitting and appropriate. After the following program has been rendered Santa Claus will be introduced and will hold high carnival for the rest of the evening.

Song—"Jesus Lives" ..... School
Anthem—"The Glorious Star" ..... Choir
Organ Voluntary—Selected ..... Vincent S. Lovell
Prayer ..... Pastor
Tableau ..... Infant Class
Song—"Hail, Hail, Hail ..... School
Recitation—"My Baby Brother" ..... Laprence Lace
Dialogue—"Three Little Mother" .....
..... Lela Puffer, Ella Smart, Hattie Bryce
Class Exercise—"The Morning Star" .....
..... Miss Ella Tenney's Class
Anthem—"G[illegible]at and Marvelous" ..... Choir
Recitation—"[illegible]airas Daughter" ..... Pearl Greene
Class Exercise—"Star, Cross and Crown" ...
..... Miss Rassweiler's Class
Duet—"This is Truest Christmas" .....
..... Blanche Weaver, Ruby Smart
Remarks by Pastor .....
Song—"We Thank You Santa Dear" .....
..... Infant Class

German Evangelical.

At this church extensive preparations have been made to entertain the children tonight. Fearing one tree might be inadequate, two have been added to gladden the hearts of the little ones, Kris Kringle will furnish amusement for the mighty host of scholars who will participate in the festival to be observed by this Sunday School. The church and tree have been handsomely decorated, and no pains have been spared to make this Christmas eve a merry one for all who attend. Following is the program which will be presented:

Song .....
Scriptnre Reading by the School .....
Prayer ..... Geo. Diener
Song .....
Remarks by Superintendent .....
Opening Address ..... Mamie Rehm
Speaking ..... Fritz Clausegge, Ella Diener
Song .....
Speaking .. Rosa and Bertha Sass, Reub'n Diener
Speaking .....
..... Clara Rehm, Lena Penner, Minnie Teck
Song by Four Scholars .....
Speaking ..... Lucy Huth, Ella Diener
Speaking .....
Gertrude Scholz, Adolph Teck, Philip Roth
Speaking ..... Minnie Witt, John Penner
Song by Three Scholars .....
Speaking ..... Mabel Beidelman, Albert Rehm
Song .....
Speaking—Matilda Fix, Edward Diener, Joe Clausegge, Lydia Rehm, Louise Fix .....
Song .....
Collection .....
Song by Men's Quartette .....
Speaking .....
Remarks ..... Pastor C. Bast
Solo ..... Ella Beidelman
Distributing Presents .....
Closing Song .....

Baptist.

Tonight the Baptist Sunday School will render Gabriel's "Holly and Mistletoe," a bright little Christmas service, at their church. There will be a tree ladened with presents, over which Santa Claus has kindly consented to preside, and a fine time is anticipated. The decorations this year are especially fine, and are the work of T. S. Watson, whose energy and originality have transformed the church into a holiday bower. Here as elsewhere the public have a cordial invitation to be present. The program to be presented includes many pleasing special features.

Episcopal.

St. Andrews Episcopal Mission will hold their Sunday School Christmas Festival for the children and their friends Tuesday evening December 29th, at eight o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Geo. N. Mead, will deliver a short address. Other exercises will include appropriate Christmas music by the Choir under the leadership of James Lee. This will be followed by the Christmas tree festivities together with a regulation Santa Claus who will provoke fun and jollity for the youngsters. Though rather later than these services are usually held an exceptionally meritorious program is promised.

P. A. LORD'S MOTHER DIES.

Mrs. Lucy Mary Lord, mother of P. A. Lord of the Lord Lumber Co., died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Eastman, in Minneapolis, Minn., Sunday, Dec. 13. She was taken ill about two weeks ago with peritonitis, and Mr. Lord was summoned, who with the daughter were with her until the end.

She made her home with her son P. A. Lord, until the marriage of her daughter. Since then she has divided her time between the daughter and son. She leaves three sons, Eugene L. and Andrew D. of Englewood, P. A. Lord, and one daughter, Mrs. R. D. Eastman, who sincerely mourn the loss of one of the truest of mothers. She was loved by all who knew her.

After a short service in Minneapolis, Mr. Lord started with the remains, arriving in LaGrange Tuesday forenoon. The funeral was held from the home of Mr. Lord, 103 Kensington avenue La Grange, at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday last. Rev. Clancy conducted the services. The interment was at Oak Forest cemetery, Hinsdale.

WORDS OF PRAISE.

When the board of supervisors made C. B. Blodgett superintendent of the building of the new court house, they made a move which assured the county of a firstclass structure. Soon after his appointment, Contractor Moses said: "Mr. Blodgett can not hear very well, but he can see all right." There has not been a day and hardly an hour but what he has been looking after the interests of the county in having everything according to plans and specifications, and when in his estimation the material was not up to the standard, he said so, and the contractor either made things satisfactory or the building committee was called together and upheld the superintendent. The building is first class in workmanship and we would not be surprised if the contractors were losing money on the building, as they had figured on about thirty thousand dollars' worth of extras, but the building committee is holding things to contract price. Public buildings are usually a source of revenue to the contractor, but the DuPage county court house is a building which will stand as a monument for good workmanship on the part of the contractor. —Illinoian.

If Heydon's bread you once will eat,
You'll find 'tis always nice and sweet;
With every kind we keep supplied,
And kinds of cookies multiplied.
He'll bake for you whate'er you wish,
To serve with any kind of dish,
And so to have them not too late
Leave order at an early date
At Mary Diener's bakery store,
Where others ordered things before.
You know she keeps things fresh and clean
As any place you've ever seen;
So leave an order there and try
When you want bread, or cake, or pie.

..Local and Personal Paragraphs..

Additional local news on fifth page.

Extra fancy candy, in boxes, at Mary Diener's.

Sale bills printed at this office. Get our prices.

Go to Brode & Co. for skates and all kinds of pocket knives.

Christmas sale of trimmed hats at "The Style." $1.00 up.

The three children of Mrs. T. H. Hoover are on the sick list.

Fresh Christmas candies, 8 cents per pound and up, at Mary Diener's.

Mertz & Mochel have some good bargains in second hand heaters.

Mr. Allison of Chicago was visiting with the Parks family over Sunday.

Cut and broken mixed candy, 10c per pound; three pounds, 25c, at Nash Bros.'

Rev. H. H. Rood was in Aurora Thursday attending the funeral of Mrs. D. B. Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler of Chicago spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. O. C. Gibbs.

Rev. H. H. Rood exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Mr. Tull of Naperville last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nargney will spend the holidays with their parents and friends in Ohio.

Good candy at Nash Bros.,' 10c per pound; three pounds, 25c. Just the thing for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Leath of Chicago were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Gourley Saturday and Sunday.

Perhaps your stock of canned goods is exhausted—Thompson's isn't. Best quality and lowest prices.

Mary Diener is selling an excellent chocolate drop at 15 cents per pound. Just the thing for the holidays.

H. P. Courtright and family will with his family occupy the rooms vacated by John Wylie on Curtiss street.

H. H. Woelfersheim is laying a foundation for a new house for Ed. Puffer of Belmont, who contemplates building this winter.

Mrs. Ed. DeGroot has been quite a sufferer from nenralgia for several weeks, and is at her mother's, Mrs. Walter Whiffin's.

Mrs. Bodilier left Wednesday for Toledo, Ohio, where she will remain for some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden.

One authority states that in keeping your head cool and your feet warm lies the secret of good health. For the feet try Thompson's warm footwear.

Rheumatism is a foe which gives no quarter. It torments its victims day and night. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood aud cures the aches and pains of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barr leave today for Kewanee to spend the holidays with Mrs. Barr's father, John Whiffin, and brother Frank. They will remain until after New Years.

The Downers Grove indoor ball aggregation went to Naperville Saturday evening to play the team there. The Downers boys were defeated by a score of 24 to 4. The game was played in Scotts hall.

St. Andrews Mission: Service will be held at the chapel on Christmas day, at 11 a. m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 27th, as follows: Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Evening Prayer with sermon by the rector, at 3:39 p. m. All are welcome.

W. E. Farrar received three first prizes for entries made by him in the Pet Stock Show in Chicago last week. A pair of white fantail pigeons and a buff cochin bantam cock and pullet carried away the highest honors for him out a long list of entries in their respective classes.

Among the new arrivals to locate permanently in our village are Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. McKinney of Chicago. The doctor has rented the Hobart residence, corner Curtiss and Washington streets, where he may be found to answer all calls on his professional services. Mr. and Mrs. McKinney are heartily welcomed to the village.

The boys at the piano factory are having a good laugh on Albert Amundson over a joke that has leaked out. It appears that the gentleman mentioned had deen calling on a young lady friend at Clyde the other night, returning home on the last train. He had just comfortably fallen asleep when an obstreperous alarm clock awoke the family who arose and prepared breakfast, afterward calling Albert, who arose and dressed for the day and was just about to sit down to the morning meal, when looking at his watch discovered the time to be 2 o'clock A. M. Needless to add he again retired.

Colville for groceries.

Harry Courtright is recovering from his injury.

Untrimmed hats, 25 cents up, at "The Style" millinery.

Candies, nuts, toys and presents at Wells', on the North Side.

Velvet flowers at 15 cents per bunch up. "The Style" millinery.

Genuine New York buckwheat at Nash Bros. Guaranteed pure.

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

Charles Kickler of Mackinaw is visiting with his sister, Miss Nellie Kickler.

D. G. Graham has two or three cottages which he will rent cheap till May 1st.

J. N. Redfern of Hinsdale was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bush Saturday.

E. P. Hinds, Chas. P. Hinds and W. E. Carleton were over from Hinsdale Sunday.

Elton Escher is very much improved in health since receiving treatment at the hospital.

Misses Maude Cobb and Anna Herring are home from Evanston to spend the holidays.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable and sure.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Graham and Miss Edith Graham will eat Christmas turkey in Plano.

BARN FOR RENT:—Corner Curtiss and Washington streets; $1.50 per month. Enquire of L. Mertz.

C. A. McCotter will spend holiday week with his family. His business calls him from home most of the time.

F. W. C. Hayes is making extensive improvements on his property on Linscott avenue. Trees and shrubbery are being set out.

D. G. Graham will not be in his office after Thursday until the following Monday morning. He: with his family, will visit in Plano.

Victor Fredenhagen returned from Colfax Springs, Iowa, last week, where he has been for some time under treatment for rheumatism.

C. G. Graves was the recipient of a handsome gold watch last Wednesday, Dec. 16th, the anniversary of his birthday, a present from his family.

Geo. Bates of Ohio was visiting the families of Eli Davenport and Delbert Oldfield the past week. Mr. Bates is an old resident of Downers Grove.

A. L. Rose & Will Cadwell are spending the Christmas holidays at Aledo. Rumor has it that the musically inclined member of the couple will not return alone.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Craig pleasantly entertained about thirty of their young friends at a dancing party and taffy pull last Saturday evening. Music and singing helped enliven the occasion.

Miss Mary Diener presented the REPORTER office with a box of fine assorted candies Tuesday. The box contained over 100 different varieties of very choice confections, for which Miss Diener has the heartiest thanks of the recipients.

The C. B. and Q. railway will sell harvest excursion tickets to points west, northwest and southwest and south on Nov. 3 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.

F. E. Mayer is doing an excellent work with his "Boys' Brigade" which meets each week in Thompson's hall. From a membership of thirteen the brigade has grown to twenty-six, and all of the boys take a great interest in the work. Will J. Reed, of Chicago, an excellent military tactician, comes out every month and drills the young men.

The End of the Year Sale of pianos now in progress at Lyon & Healy's affords close buyers an unparalleled opportunity to secure dependable instruments at almost nominal rates. In slightly used and second-hand uprights they offer quite a choice at prices from $100 to $140 and in strictly new 1897 style instruments, they offer values fully as great. You cannot afford to neglect this occasion. Easy monthly payments may be arranged. Visitors welcome. Lyon & Healy, Wabash Ave. and Adams street, Chicago. A copy of the Lyon & Healy Annual, containing new popular music, free to callers.

THE CLUB SMOKER.

The opening of the winter season of entertainments of the Downers Grove Club, occurred last Saturday evening. The occasion was a "Smoker," the first of the season. Club members and invited guests to the number of about 100 were present, and enjoyed the entertainment thoroughly. The program presented, while informal was none the less pleasing. Messrs. Art. Rose and Will Cadwell gave several selections on mandolin and guitar. They were followed by Sam. Davis, soloist of the Weber Quartette, whose excellent rendition of character songs always charms his hearers at the club, where he is a favorite. Prof. Howles, a pianist of rare merit, favored the gathering with instrumental selections. Master Gillette, the boy saprano, another well known favorite of the Club added to his excellent reputation as a pleasing entertainer. Chairman Rogers and M. Slusser made short speeches which were well received. After a luncheon of coffee and sandwiches was served cigars were lighted and songs and stories alternated until time for the guests from abroad to leave for their train. They were Messrs. Dunn, Stiles and Newcomb, of LaGrange; J. N. Redfern of Hinsdale; J. L. Leath of Chicago. Afterward some of the members gathered about the piano and songs were sung. Others found amusement at the pool, billiard or whist tables until near midnight, at which time "good nights" were said, all thanking the house committee for a royal good time.

COUNTY COURT JURORS.

Following is the list of jurors summoned for the law term of county court which convenes January 11. The docket shows several appeal cases for trial. The same jury was summoned for last Monday to try a case in the circuit court:

Addison—D. Deammeier, Henry Droegmueller, Louis Brettman.

Wayne—Chas. Leis, Robert Harris.

Winfield—Edward Warne, Elmer Mack, E. E. Belding, Andrew Campbell.

Milton—C. W. Guild, Geo. H. Brewster, E. S. Gary.

York—Henry Meyer, Edward [illegible], Geo. Rogers.

Downers Grove—F. Blanchard, Robert Buck, John Anderson, Jno. Behnt, A. P. Daniels.

Lisle—John Eichelberger.

Naperville—Mark Kneudal, Thomas Boyle, Martin Drendel, H. J. Gannan, Chas. Knoch, Geo. E. Mason, John Johnson, W. M. Crampton.

RAILROAD TRAINMEN OFFICERS.

Columbian Lodge, No. 479, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, held public installation at their lodge room in Chicago last Sunday afternoon. The boys arranged a nice programme for the occasion which was listened to by a large audience, composed mostly of ladies. A number of Downers Grove people were in attendance. The members of the lodge wish to extend their sincere thanks to those who so kindly took part. Following is a list of the new officers:

Past Master ..... F. S. Reynolds
Worthy Master ..... A. C. Riddier
Vice Master ..... W. H. Shannabrook
Secretary ..... Wm. Roth
Financier ..... H. E. Perrine
Journal Agent ..... H. V. Ivins
Conductor ..... Louis Roth
Chaplain ..... I. J. McDowell
Warden ..... S. L. Soule
Inner Guard ..... John M. Myers
Outer Guard ..... F. Lindsay

COUNTY CONVENTION CALLED.

The county central committee met in Chicago Saturday to issue the call for the county convention to elect delegates to the judicial convention, to be held in Elgin, February 3rd next. The county convention was called to meet in Wheaton next Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 1 o'clock. The basis of representation in the county convention will be one delegate for every seventy-five votes cast for McKinley in November. This gives Downers Grove township fifteen delegates.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will sell at public auction on his farm two miles north of Downers Grove and four miles south of Lombard on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at ten o'clock a. m., the following personal property: 26 choice milch cows, nearly all fresh, some coming in soon; 1 bull, two years old; 1 lumber wagon; 1 bob-sled; 1 cart; 1 two-seated cutter; 1 top buggy; 2 mowers; 1 sulky cultivator; 2 plows; 2 walking cultivators; 1 shovel plow; 1 seeder; 2 harrows; 1 corn sheller; 1 scraper; 20 milk cans; 1 six can milk tank; 1 gasoline stove; 2 heaters; 1 set of double harness; 1 single harness; 1 speed jack; 4 fat hogs; 20 shoats; 5 sows in pig; 2 doz. chickens; 1 invalid rolling chair; and many other articles too numerous to mention. Terms:—All sums of ten dollars and under, cash; on sums over that amount, a credit of ten months will be given on approved notes bearing 8 per cent interest. D. H. DRAPER.

Gray & Frazee, Auctioneers.

WILL BUY THE COMPRESSOR

THE VILLAGE BOARD SO DECIDED AT THE MEETING MONDAY.

IF IT CAN BE PURCHASED FOR $1,500

General Bonds to be Issued for the Amount Which Will be Taken by the First National Bank.

The adjourned meeting of the village board, to consider the purchase of the air compressor for the pumping station was held Monday night. All members were present except Trustees Hughes and Chilvers. C. W. Melcher was present, representing the Ingersoll-Sargent Drill Co.

Considerable discussion was had regarding the advisability of buying the pump. It was shown, from investigation at Waukesha, Wis., where a compressor is in operation, pumping from three wells at the same time, that the results were very satisfactory.

Further discussion showed that from tests made, this pumping system is the only one that will furnish the necessary amount of water.

Attorney Slusser enlightened the board regarding the amount of money the village would be able to raise for its purchase. The amount asked by the company being $1,900. Mr. Slusser reported that the village could issue general bonds to the amount of $1,500, but that this amount is about the limit. It was finally moved by Trustee Bunge that the village purchase the pump for $1,500 under a guarantee from the company, satisfactory to the village board, and conditional that the board be able to negotiate bonds. This proposition was made to Mr. Melcher, who declined to accept at the figure named. Here for the present the matter rests. Members of the board, however, are of the opinion that the Ingersoll-Sargent people will ultimately accept the proposition.

GRAND ARMY'S ANNUAL SOCIAL.

Comrades of the Naper Post G. A. R. held their Annual Camp Fire at their pleasant hall last Thursday evening. Old soldiers and their wives and guests [illegible] hundred attended. Music, reading, stories, conversation and refreshments were the features of the entertainment. Following the regular Post meeting Messers, Townsend, Schindler, Palmer and Hevenor sang several G. A. R. songs effectively. Mrs. H. P. Courtright followed with a reading selection. Capt. Parker related reminiscences of his company during the war, illustrated by views, etc. Mrs. M. E. Stanger pleasingly read a selection, "The Army of the Potomac" which was heartily applauded. Following Comrade E. M. Hevenor sang a solo—"Illinois," after which Wm Colwell related his experiences in journeying from his place of enlistment in New York to New Orleans, which was very interesting. Several of the old veterans followed with remarks and the evening passed in pleasing conversation until the splendid luncheon of coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts was served. The Grand Army boys always make a hit when they entertain and their social was no exception. The occasion was a pleasant one, both to themselves and their guests.

WEDDED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

Last Thursday marked a quarter century in the wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rutherford. In the evening a number of invited relatives and friends assembled at their pleasant home on Washington street to celebrate the important event. A pleasant time was had in visiting and talking over the days of Auld Lang Syne. Refreshments were served, after which the guests departed, wishing the host and hostess many more happy years of married life. The presents were many and beautiful and useful effects, however,

DO YOU WANT TO BUY A [illegible]

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

Until Thursday evening, Dec. 31st, we will sell (not offer for sale) our special designs and odd styles, illustrated in our present catalogue, nine [illegible] at prices that defy competition. We guarantee our pianos. Our prices are unquestioned. We make our own [illegible]. Save your money. You buy of the manufacturers. Elegant [illegible] latest styles. Fence Pickets. [illegible] MACDONALD, vice-president, [illegible] avenue, Chicago.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

I offer for sale [illegible] plate stock;—[illegible] all up-to-date. [illegible]