

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

NUMBER

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME.

SANTA CLAUS TO HOLD SWAY AT THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS.

PROGRAMS AT THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Congregational, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Evangelical and St. Paul's to hold appropriate services.

The Downers Grove churches will all observe the Christmas festival, with appropriate services this year as usual, tending to teach the little ones the great lessons of the observance of this holy season. A number of the churches will have something new in the way of Christmas exercises, but all will have the regulation Santa Claus, who will have general supervision of the attendant festivities. The churches will all be resplendent with holiday decorations of evergreens and holly wreaths and mistletoe.

Following are the programs of the festivals of the various Sunday schools,

to attend. The program will be rendered in the German language.

German Evangelical.

At the German Evangelical church on west Maple avenue, there will be a Christmas entertainment on Friday evening, at 7:30. There will be good singing and speaking, and presents for all. Supt. Spiegler and the teachers of the Sunday school have been working hard to make this an evening that will be held in glad remembrance by all who attend. Everybody is invited.

Episcopal.

The Sunday school of St. Andrews Episcopal church have arranged a pretty Christmas service for Friday evening. There will be music and recitations and a program especially pleasing for the little ones. The public is invited to attend.

SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Old Sol put in an appearance less than a minute later Tuesday and quit work something less than a minute earlier than on any other day of the year. That worn and worried woman who

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

A Merry Christmas. White Rose gasoline, Nash Bros. Searchlight matches at Nash Bros. Additional local news on fifth page. Ash sifters made to order at Brode's. Excellent coffee at Thompson's for 25 cents.

House numbers for sale at Mertz & Moche's.

Mrs. E. Wootton has been quite sick the past week.

Hughes & Gallup have the finest potatoes in town.

J. B. Miller has been on the sick list the past week.

Chocolate drops at 15c per pound at Mary Diener's.

Special perfumes for the holidays at Bush & Simonson's.

A regular lesson of the Club dancing class occurs tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graves will spend Christmas at Glen Ellyn.

Hughes & Gallup have all kinds of feed, hay, grain and straw.

Get your candy at Mary Diener's. Nine cents to fifty cents per pound.

Get your house numbers of Brode Hardware Co., as they carry regulation size.

All those indebted to Mrs. Courtright will please call and settle as soon as possible.

The annual report of the board of education will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Following its usual custom the REPORTER office will be closed all day on Christmas.

Broken and home-made mixed candy 10 cts. per pound, 3 lbs. for 25 cts. at Nash Bros.

M. W. Newcomb is spending his holiday vacation at Janesville, Wis., with his parents.

We have just received a new line of fall underwear. Prices very reasonable, at Thompson's.

Buy your Christmas turkeys at Klein's market. He has fine young fowls—all weights.

Try Hughes & Gallup's new pancake flour. It goes good with our fine table syrup. Try them both.

A number of merchants have decorated the interiors of their stores with holly and Christmas greens.

The schools closed yesterday until after the holidays. Special exercises were observed in several of the departments.

Order your choice teas and coffees at Buck's tea and coffee store on North Foots street. Goods are the best and prices are right.

John Bradbury expects to start for the Klondike region about March 1st. He thinks of remaining there two years or longer.

Mrs. Charles Curtiss and family desire to express their thanks for the kindness and sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

Miss Anna Keilam, who has been spending the past six months in Downers Grove, with her sister, Mrs. A. W. Brode, will return to her home in Los Angeles, Cal., Friday.

To exchange for Downers Grove property—a good renting income property within walking distance of the court house in Chicago. V. Fredenhagen, village, or 177 LaSalle St., Chicago.

What! You never used Emolene oil? Why, if you use Emolene oil once, you will never use any other. Leave an order with W. S. Carpenter at the Central Block drug store and be your own judge.

Anyone who is able to pay ordinary rent can purchase a comfortable and convenient home now by calling at Exchange Office. I have a few bargains in that line if taken soon. D. G. Graham.

The death of Mrs. Hastings occurred last Thursday, of softening of the brain. Deceased was a sister of Mrs. L. H. Thomas and the Misses Kellar. The remains were taken to Kansas City Saturday for burial.

By invitation we visited Miss Graves department in the schools Wednesday afternoon. The exercises consisted of recitations, songs readings, etc., and were very interesting. Quite a number of visitors were present. Other departments in the schools also held entertaining and instructive exercises appropriate to the Christmas time.

F. G. Rang has on exhibition in his show window a model of a railroad locomotive which is a clever piece of work. It was made by Henry Sucher during odd moments and occupied several years in its completion. It is made almost entirely of wood and displays the remarkable ingenuity and

Dry kindling at Brode's. National Light oil at Nash Bros. Coffee 12 lbs. for \$1.00 at Nash's. Hughes & Gallup—olives in bulk. Crockery given away at Thompson's.

Hughes & Gallup have fine sweet cider.

Oil cloth binding and stove boards at Brode's.

Thompson has reasonable fruits and vegetables.

Eastern soft coal at Brode's. See different kinds.

Mrs. Boyer is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Moss.

S. R. Smart talks of going to California for his health.

Mrs. S. E. Mann was a visitor from Chicago yesterday.

Arthur Whiffin is reported quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mayer visited in the city over Sunday.

D. G. Graham and family will celebrate Christmas in Plano.

Brode Hardware Co. handle the Globe washing machine. See them.

Be sure and try Buck's new brand of B. H. coffee. Only 30 cts. per pound.

Misses Mae and Fannie Conette are spending the holidays with friends in Milwaukee.

Miss Florence Bando spent last week with Misses Lulu Wylie and Julia Sapp in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Churchill entertained friends at six o'clock tea last Thursday evening.

A nice variety of outing flannels in all the latest stripes and colors at Thompson's.

The Knights of the Maccabees initiated several new members last evening at their hall.

Thompson has a full line of gents and ladies' shoes in latest styles, guaranteed to fit.

Hughes & Gallup take orders for groceries. Leave them at the coal office of grocery.

Almost all our second-hand stoves are sold. Call if you want one cheap. Brode Hardware Company.

Nice stock of hand axes and toy express wagons at Mertz & Moche's. Call and get prices before buying.

The Congregational Sunday school will give the cantata, "Santa Claus' Vision," at the Auditorium on Friday evening.

Through tickets and baggage checks may now be secured to all points within the United States and Canada at our local ticket office.

L. D. Brode came down from Janesville, Wis., Saturday. He will leave to-morrow to spend the holidays with his parents at Urbana.

Chicago and Hinsdale parties held a contested suit before the police magistrate Monday. Attorney Jennings appeared for the plaintiff and M. Blusser for the defendant.

Will Smart, who went to California on the Christian Endeavor excursion last July, is working on the ranch of our former fellow townsman, Charles Austin, gathering fruit.

E. Wootton shipped his first consignment of spring lambs to the Chicago hotels, Tuesday. Part of the lot was raised by John Gates of Yorkville and the balance by Mr. Wootton.

For Sale Cheap—50 or 100 foot lot, 150 feet deep, west front on Washington street, between Maple avenue and LaSalle street. For particulars address V. Fredenhagen, village, or 177 LaSalle street, Chicago.

Mrs. J. I. Rounds was called to Charleston, Iowa, last week on account of the death of her father, Alfred McMains, which occurred there Dec. 12th. Mr. McMains was a prominent resident of that city and was county recorder. Mrs. Rounds will return Sunday.

On Tuesday evening the Rebekah's elected the following officers for the next six months: N. G., Mrs. Kennison; V. G., Elizabeth Chatfield; Recording secretary, Cora Echeff; Financial secretary, Lottie Schofield; Treasurer, Mrs. Schindler; Deputy, Mrs. Bradbury.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Downers Grove Club met Tuesday evening and perfected their organization by electing membership and house committees. The former is composed of Miss Agnes Weston, Mrs. Gay L. Bush, Mrs. W. H. Radell. The house committee is composed of Mrs. C. V. Carpenter, Mrs. Geo. R. Smith and Mrs. B. D. McKinley. The matter of holding a New Year's reception was discussed, but on account of conflicting engagements it was decided to abandon the plan.

M'KINLEY WANTS BRYAN.

No Doubt of DuPage's Stageman Being Re-appointed and Confirmed.

According to Washington dispatches Col. Bryan still has a chance of going to China. President McKinley expressed his intention of sending Col. Bryan's name to the senate immediately after the recess, unless the situation in China should take such an alarming turn as to render the retention of Minister Denby absolutely necessary. Just before the senate adjourned a quiet canvass was completed which showed conclusively that Col. Bryan was certain to be confirmed in case his nomination came up in the regular way.

The president is understood to have become satisfied that the opposition to Colonel Bryan in the senate is not based on the broad grounds of public policy which were at first alleged. In a recent conversation the president declared he was fully satisfied as to Col. Bryan's ability to represent this country faithfully and well, and he intimated that he had fully satisfied himself as to the propriety of the ap-

BBETS AN AWFUL DRIFT.

EDWARD M. MURRAY OF AURORA KILLED BY THE CAR ON SATURDAY.

THE BODY IS HORRIBLY MUTILATED.

While Switching the Way-Freight Train at Aurora, Ill., Edward M. Murray was struck and killed by the car on Saturday morning.

The accident happened just west of Foots street. Murray was running between the rails in front of four cars and an engine which was backing up on the south side track. While doing so he attempted to pull a coupling which was stuck in the buffer of the first car. In some manner he slipped on the snow and ice and fell. The cars of the train passed over his body horribly mutilating it. The left leg was crushed, the right leg was cut off

at the thigh. The right arm was severed and the head literally mashed out of all human semblance. The body was dragged a distance of ten feet. A section hand, Geo. Giesert, witnessed the accident and frantically signaled the engineer of the freight train, as did also Engineer Dan Smith of the Burlington and Northern train, No. 41, which was passing at the time. The train was stopped and the body taken to the station.

C. F. Davis, undertaking manager, and Coroner N. E. Mattar was summoned from Wheaton.

The inquest was held at two o'clock at the depot, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the facts above set forth. No one was blamed for the accident as it clearly was an own fault.

Edward Murray had been running on the train which caused his death for about three years. He was the middle brakeman of the train in charge of Conductor Hantley and Brakeman Fletcher and Kewley. Mr. Murray was about 30 years old and leaves a wife and a family of four children, the oldest of which is scarcely eight years old. His home was on Weston avenue in Aurora. The body was taken to his home on the 226 train Saturday afternoon, after being viewed by the coroner's jury. Undertaker Corcoran came up from Aurora and took charge of the remains.

LEGISLATIVE APPOINTMENT.

In the new legislative apportionment of Illinois the most important change in the northern part of the state is in Kane county, which is made a district of itself. DuPage county is put with Will, thus making a double district reliably republican. Aside from the political expediency of this it also appeals to reason, justice and common sense, because Kane county contains a population of nearly 50,000, while Will has but about 40,000. DuPage has 25,000, and got the democratic majority of 1896 while Will with its 44,000 a district and it required Kane with its nearly 50,000 and DuPage's 25,000 to make a district. The reason is easily accounted for when it is known that Will was thought to be democratic, but in this they were mistaken, for Senator Murray was elected in Will by a handsome majority in the fall of '96.

A GOOD MEMORY.

A good memory often means money and also good health. If you are troubled with constipation, indigestion or any form of stomach trouble, or member to take home a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and you will be restored to you. Send for a free trial bottle to Dr. W. S. Carpenter.

ALL ABOUT.

At the Methodist church Friday evening, Christmas eve, the Sunday school will present the Christmas service "The King of Love," at 7:30 o'clock. Santa Claus will dispense presents to the youngsters from a cabin erected for his especial benefit, and a tree will also be a feature. Following is the program of the exercises:

Organ Voluntary..... Christmas Bells..... Carol by the School Prayer by the Pastor..... "The Christmas Time"..... Infant Class Chorus..... Responsive Reading..... "The King of Love"..... Delbert Austin, Good Will to Men..... Carol by School..... The Sexton's Dream..... Jessie McLennan, Deed..... Misses Carrie Martin and Olive Lamb, Recitation..... Nora Klein, Recitation..... Howard Law, Happy Christmas Chorus by School Class Exercise..... Primary Department, Glory in the Highest..... Song by the School Santa Claus Knows..... Selma Lawson, Jesus the King of Glory..... Pearl and Ella Smart and Intermediate Dept., Scripture Reading..... Hearld the Tidings..... Song by the School "What would you do?"..... Pearl DeGroot, The Wonderful Story..... Quartette and Chorus Come Now Santa..... Infant Dept., Distribution of Presents..... Closing Song Joy to the World.....

St. Paul's German.

St. Paul's German Sunday school will hold a Christmas tree festival at the Congregational church, on Christmas night, Saturday, Dec. 25th, at 7 o'clock. The exercises will consist of appropriate songs and recitations by the pupils of the Sunday school. There will be a Christmas tree and toys, presents, candies and nuts galore for the children. An elaborate program has been prepared and everybody is invited.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TIMES IN DOWNERS GROVE.

Christmas times in Downers Grove! know it by the way. The little boy is talking 'bout the toys every day. For he's seen 'em in the window where his mother walked along. An' 'What you goin' to buy me?' is his everlasting song!

Christmas times in Downers Grove! just as afore as fair: Know it by the little girls that hang aroun' the gate. Waitin' with a kiss for me when evenin' comes along. An' 'What you goin' to buy me?' is their everlasting song!

Christmas times in Downers Grove! 'Pears to me that they Are in a powerful hurry for to 'mind you o' the day; An' if the old-time fellows that's lived so mighty long Don't know the time of Christmas 'bout that everlasting song!

But—thank the Lord there's some one in the homes aroun' as yet To kiss us all for Christmas so's we never his forget! An' 'Thank the Lord for the little ones that think the time is long An' make us young forever with the music o' that song!

as arranged by the superintendents:

Baptist.

This, Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, the Baptist Sunday school will hold in the Auditorium, something a little different from the usual line of entertainment at this time of year. Around the outer circle of the hall tables will be arranged for every unquenchable game that can be secured. The inner circle will be left open for sports for the smaller children and for the social feature of the evening. Confections will be served free to every member of the Sunday school—a sort of "mid-winter picnic." Sunday morning, Dec. 26, the church will be appropriately decorated and the school will render the beautiful cantata entitled, "The Kingly Guest." This will be at eleven o'clock. Sunday, January 2nd, at eleven a. m., the primary department will give a miscellaneous program that promises to be very interesting. The public is invited to these exercises.

Congregational.

Santa Claus and his band of fairies will be the attraction at the Congregational Sunday school Christmas entertainment at the Auditorium, Friday evening, Dec. 24th, at eight o'clock. A cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Vision," will be presented by the pupils of the Sunday school. There are twenty-three characters represented besides the full choruses in the cantata. The superintendent states it is one of the prettiest Christmas features one can imagine and all the little people have a part in it, and are looking forward to this Christmas eve with pleasurable anticipations. All are welcome.

Methodist.

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had put off all her Christmas shopping until Tuesday would not believe that that day was the shortest, astronomically, in the year. The fact that the sun rose at 7:25 a. m. and set at 4:31 p. m. did not make an appreciable difference to any one else but the astronomers and makers of almanacs. The sun makes a queer wobble in its time of setting about this time. The last two days of November and first three of December it sets at 4:28 p. m., then dodges back to 4:29 p. m., and on the 15th takes a new start at 4:29 again. The fact is Tuesday was less than a minute shorter than Monday or Wednesday.

CASS NEWS.

Everybody is anxious to get rid of their Xmas money.

Wedding bells will chime with Christmas bells this year.

Mrs. Trip of Chicago is visiting with her sister, Mrs. I. Cleveland.

Mrs. Hughes and son Thomas, with Rev. Hughes, will spend the holidays in Cass.

Great preparations are being made for a grand good time Christmas eve. The children, as well as the older ones, are striving to outdo their former efforts to make this joyous season of the year a happy one for all. Distance and weather seem to be no obstacles, and sickness is the only thing which keeps anyone from doing a part. The few who have colds are in a fair way to be well by Friday and everyone is looking forward to a profitable and enjoyable time.

HOUSEHOLD GODS.

The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of to-day is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds and for all affections of throat, chest and lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money returned. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles at W. S. Carpenter's drugstore. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

Through tourist sleeping cars for California leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m. every Wednesday via the Burlington. These cars are in charge of a conductor who goes through to the end of the route looking after the comfort of the passengers. For full particulars enquire of G. H. BURON, Agent.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

The fourth installment on special assessments No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and second installment on special assessment No. 5 are now due and payable to V. SIMONSON, Village Collector.

Have you tried Buck's tea and coffee? They are giving general satisfaction. Free delivery at all times.