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AGAINST A RESERVE.

MAPLE CAMP M. W. A. ON RECORD AGAINST RESERVE FUND.

Vote 20 to 1 Against Establishing Fund—Officers Elected and Delegates to County Convention.

The proposition to establish a reserve fund for the Modern Woodman of America was defeated by the local lodge—Maple Camp—at its annual meeting. At their meeting Thursday night they voted down the proposition to give the head camp at its next convention in St. Paul the power to establish such a fund. The vote stood 20 against and only 1 for the reserve fund.

Many of the local Woodman oppose it because they actually believe no reserve fund is necessary, while there are some who would support a proposition looking toward the establishment of a reserve fund if a definite plan for its collection could be determined. A plan favored by several members is the imposition of one assessment a year for the purpose of establishing the fund the assessments not to go above twelve in a year. One assessment a year would produce somewhere near a half a million dollars with the present membership.

The matter was thoroughly debated before it came to a vote, and the defeat of the proposition was decisive. It has been defeated by nearly all the camps in this county and in the state for that matter, and the result at the national meeting does not seem in doubt. There seems to be an almost universal sentiment against placing the matter in the hands of the convention for settlement. It is probable that the order will have a reserve fund before many years, but from action thus far taken by the various camps it would seem that they demand that the matter be placed directly in the hands of the membership.

The following delegates were chosen to attend the county convention to be held at Wheaton, January 10th: W. H. Barnhart, Frank Haumesser, J. W. Tucker, Fred Innes, J. B. Hulling. Officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows:

Venerable Consul	C. L. Sharp
Worthy Advisor	J. W. Tucker
Banker	W. H. Edwards
Clerk	W. H. Barnhart
Escort	W. W. Belmont
Watchman	W. Jacob Vitz
Secretary	Wm. Bryce
Physician	W. A. Toppe
Manager	E. E. Dexter

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

No better Christmas present can be found for a boy or girl than a good carefully selected book. The difficulty however lies in choosing for the markets are flooded at this season of the year with cheap badly written, badly printed and poorly illustrated books which are gotten up merely to catch the fancy. A safe rule to follow is to buy only the books that have stood the test of actual use. A person who does not keep in actual touch with the publishing world does not know the wealth of the lists to choose from, and perhaps does not know what are considered the best books by those who study the matter more or less. The following brief list is intended to be merely suggestive. These names merely give a suggestion of the many excellent books to be found. One word of caution will help when tempted to buy a Christmas book gotten up for looks and to sell on the special occasion—Don't. Buy books that are always standard and don't spend money for wishy-washy stuff. A most excellent list of books carefully graded and much fuller than the above list has been left in the hands of Mr. Graham by Supt. O. M. Searles and can be referred to by any one who cares to use it.

Websters Academic Dictionary, Fourth grade up. Alice Morse Earle—Costume of Colonial Times, Fifth grade up. Customs and Fashions in Old New England, fifth grade up. Sabbath in Parthen New England, fifth grade up. Colonial Days in Old New York, fifth grade up. Home life in Colonial Days, fifth grade up. Pizarra's Lives, fourth grade up. All the works of C. C. Coffin.—The Building of the Nation, fifth grade up. Old Times in the Colonies, fifth grade up. Five Great American Captains, third and fifth. Four Great American, third and fifth. Little Folks of Other Lands, second and fourth. Hiawatha Primer, first and third. Stories of Great Americans for Little Americans, second and third. Jacknappes and other Tales, second and third. The Warner Primer, first, very beautiful. Wheeler's Primer, first, very beautiful. Old Stories of the East, second. Alice in Wonderland, second and fourth. Alice through a Looking Glass, second and fourth. Books of Golden Deeds, seventh and eighth. Gods and Heroes, fifth and seventh. Hoosier School Boy, fifth up. Ivanhoe. Jangle Books of Kipling. Coopers Leather Stocking Tales. Madam How and Lady Why. Dickenses Works. Polly Divers Problem. Stories from English History. Tales of a Grandfather. Life of Gen. Washington, E. E. Schenck. Any of the standard literature for higher grades. The Birds Christmas Carol. Timothy Quest.

Have you ever smoked Unesda 5 cent cigar? If not give it a trial. Fancy mixed nuts, guaranteed new 1900 crop for Christmas, at Nash's.

THOMAS MEEHAN KILLED.

Father of the Meehan Children Shot by a Business Rival.

Thomas Meehan, father of the Meehan children and known to many in Downers Grove was shot and instantly killed in Chicago last Thursday by a business rival. The Tribune gives the following report of the affair:

Business rivalry was the cause of a murder and suicide that startled the people of Hyde Park Thursday afternoon. Joseph Hufmann shot and killed Thomas Meehan, a rival coal dealer at Fifty-sixth street and Lake avenue at 4 p. m. With the last bullet left in his revolver Hufmann then took his own life, falling near the body of his victim. So quiet was his action and sure was his aim that both men were dead when passers-by on the opposite side of the street reached him.

The rivalry in business had been fanned into hate by Meehan's habit of making fun of Hufmann. The latter was a German, the former Irish, and he seldom lost an opportunity to joke his neighbor. The men nearly came to blows a week ago, after which Hufmann carried a revolver.

Meehan's coal office is in Lake avenue, two doors south of Fifty-sixth street, and Hufmann's forty yards further south. Just before the shooting Hufmann, who had been in a neighborhood saloon, was seen to cross Fifty-sixth street on his way past Meehan's premises toward his own coal yard. As he was passing, Meehan stepped out of his shop. Hufmann stopped—probably at some remark from Meehan—and in a moment the latter turned and hurried north on Lake avenue, followed by his rival, who had drawn a revolver.

Meehan turned west on Fifty-sixth street, and as he did so Hufmann, who was close behind, began to shoot. The bullet struck Meehan in the back. He threw up his hands and spun around, staggering towards his assailant. Hufmann—not ten feet away—stopped, took careful aim, and shot three times rapidly. One bullet struck Meehan in the chest, another pierced his heart, and the last shattered his left hand. He fell on his face almost at the feet of his murderer.

Without a moments pause Hufmann placed the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and fired. The bullet entered the brain, causing instant death. Meehan lived with the occupants of one of his flats at 5606 Lake Ave. He was married twice, but had had trouble with both wives and had secured divorces. By the first marriage Meehan had five children, three girls and two boys. Three girls, with their mother live in Berkeley avenue, near Fortieth street. One son, Thomas, recently went to Montana. The other, along with his two sisters, is in the employ of Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.

NEW MASONIC OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Grove Lodge, No. 894, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held in the Masonic hall last Friday evening. Officers were chosen for the year, the election resulting in the re-election of the present incumbents with one exception. They are as follows:

Worshipful Master	A. P. Hoemer
Senior Warden	John Griffith
Junior Warden	John Olson
Treasurer	W. S. Carpenter
Secretary	E. C. Kessel

The appointive officers have not as yet been filled by the Master, but appointment will be made before the installation meeting. Grove Lodge is in a flourishing condition and its members show a lively interest in the order.

SUPPRESSING THE NEWS.

Requests for the suppression of certain legitimate news matters are often made of newspapers. But the parties who ask these favors are often singularly forgetful of the fact that the matters are public gossip and that an injustice is worked to the paper who is obliging enough to comply with their requests. Persons who are looking for the suppression of certain matters in which they are involved should at least be fair enough to have the thing hushed up all around. If no attempt is made to do this then they cannot reasonably expect that any one paper can keep the matter quiet.

KNIGHTS ENTERTAIN.

The Knights of Pythias held a special convocation Saturday evening for work in the third degree, and incident thereto played host to about one hundred visiting Knights from Chicago and Hinsdale. After the conferring of degrees, supper was served in the Oldfield building following which the evening was given over to speaking, singing and cigars. The out of town guests returning on the theatre train.

Christmas cookies the same old kind at the same old price at Nash's.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Sage cheese at Nash's. Woehrel's Fair 5 cent cigar. Additional local news on fifth page. Ask your dealers for Woehrel's 5 cent cigars.

Absolutely pure buckwheat flour. At Haller's. Watch our smoke: its from a Unesda 5 cent cigar.

January New Idea fashion sheets ready, at Haller's. Emil Woehrel is in Streator this week on a business trip.

New York buckwheat flour. The same old kind at Haller's. Deputy Sheriff Hoffert visited the county seat last Wednesday.

Geo. Moy has been visiting his countryman in Chicago for several weeks. Chas. K. Roe has been spending a couple of weeks over at his Indiana farm.

Mrs. W. T. Johnson visited Mrs. Kellogg and daughter Joa, a few days the past week.

Mrs. Myra Holland of Streator will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McVaan.

A returned missionary from China gave an interesting lecture at the Congregational church Tuesday evening.

James C. Cook who has been identified with the Belmont golf club, has gone to Privitz, Wisconsin for the winter.

Dr. W. A. Tops left last evening for Mt. Clemens, Mich., in the hopes that he will find relief for his rheumatism by the use of the waters.

Miss Lillian Hancock gave a dinner Saturday evening to a number of her friends in honor of her sixteenth birthday. Covers were laid for eight.

Daniel Milley was discharged from the hospital last week and came to Naperville. He was successfully treated and given a new lease of life.—Clarion.

Samuel Stanley and wife were the guest of Pastor Rood and his wife at the M. E. parsonage over Sunday. They were parishioners of Mr. Rood while pastor in the city.

Tomorrow the hours of daylight are the fewest of the year. The electric lighting plant as a consequence is having long hours: beginning at 3:30 p. m. and shutting down about 7:30 a. m.

E. T. Mayer, rural mail carrier, on the Cass-Hinsdale route, had several bones of the right hand broken by a fractious horse last Tuesday and necessitating a substitute on his route.

The annual meeting of the Congregational church will be held on Wednesday evening the 26th inst., at 7:00 for the election of officers, hearing annual reports and transaction of other business.

The promoters of the fourth annual New Years dance are meeting with success in futhering arrangements for that function. The affair will be held in Oldfield's hall, New Years' Eve, Monday, December 31st.

P. C. Gallup expects to leave for California as soon as his business affairs are straightened out, which will be about the first of the year. Letters from Mrs. Gallup, who is at Radlands announces an improvement in her health.

Fred Garwig, the north side grocer, takes a double half-column space this week to announce his holiday sale of groceries, which will pay house wives to carefully consider. Some desirable offerings are made for the Christmas season.

According to the weather prophet, unsettled atmospheric conditions today, with moderate temperature, are on the slate. It is the opinion of the forecaster that the temperature will not stay far away from the freezing point, but he cannot say whether it will snow.

The 'Hidden Hand' was presented at the Auditorium, Friday night as a benefit for the Rathbone Sisters. The attendance was good and the players gave a clever and creditable performance. The ladies are under obligations to the Dramatic Club for assistance in staging the piece.

Mrs. Gwynn Garnett of Chicago, a sister-in-law of Mrs. Cora Hancock, and a prominent member of the Chicago Women's club, will address the Wednesday club here on "Psychology," at its meeting Wednesday, December 26th. Mrs. Hancock will give a luncheon in her honor on that date.

Watch-night services will be more generally observed all over the country this year than ever before. These services are very common in the Methodist churches and are urged upon that body by the discipline of that church. The Methodist church in this place will hold a watch-night service New Years Eve. Further notice next week.

Unesda 5 cent cigar. Oil. Family Safety. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Fancy California fruits at Nash's. Order Christmas turkeys at Klein's. Smoke up; Woehrel's Fair 5 cent cigar.

The finest lot of Christmas goods at Rang's. Mrs. H. H. DeGraw has been ill the past week.

Call at Woehrel's cigar store for holiday cigars. Buy Chicago mince meat in order to have good pies, at Haller's.

Naperville has a number of cases of scarlet fever. Wm. DeGraw of Harvard, visited his brother H. H. DeGraw over Sunday.

Special holiday boxes of 25 at Woehrel's cigar store; the thing for presents. Miss Nina Reminger returned Friday from a visit with friends and relatives at Copenhagen.

The Zenda orchestra has added a piano to its rehearsal rooms in the Club block.

Following the usual custom the REPORTER office will remain closed all day Christmas.

Don't buy your Christmas candy until you get the prices at Nash's, they are below the lowest.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rapp who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank I. Mason are visiting friends in Chicago.

Miss Bessie Herring who is ill with typhoid fever, has passed the crisis and her recovery will now, it is thought, be rapid.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith were calling on friends in Downers, last Thursday, before leaving for California where they will spend the winter.

J. B. Moss and his force of workmen returned from Grundy county last Saturday. They have completed a large building contract he had there.

Many have responded to those statements sent out last week. We are quite willing more should make it a point to call for our signature on a receipt for the amount due.

Ed. Wootton made his first shipment of Dorset spring lambs to the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, this week. Next week he expects to make a shipment to the Holland House in New York.

Harry Lee of Chicago is visiting here this week visiting relatives and friends. He has but recently returned from the Philippines where he was seriously wounded in an engagement with the insurgents.

A burning chimney in C. F. Davis' store on Main street called out the fire department last Saturday morning. Mr. Davis put the fire out with a pail of water before the arrival of the fireman. Damage \$15.

W. H. Barnhart, dealer in paints, oils, varnishes, enamels, stains and wall paper. Floors, the best article for putting on hard wood floors that has ever been used. Also real estate renting and insurance. Miller block.

The public schools close Friday for a two weeks holiday vacation which will extend to January 7th instead of January 2d, as announced last week. Special Christmas exercises will be held in all the grades tomorrow afternoon.

Prof. Anderson will close the present dancing classes with a reception Saturday Dec. 29th. Special features will be introduced to make the closing party as pleasant as possible. New classes will be opened with the beginning of the new year.

The choir of the M. E. Church under the direction of Miss Mable Messner will render a special program of Christmas music. The pastor will give a short address. Those not worshipping elsewhere are cordially welcomed to this Christmas praise service.

Those who have canned-fruit, groceries, second-hand clothing, toys and picture books (used last year) to be sent to the old ladies' home; the colored young men preparing for the ministry and Orphanage at Lake Bluff, will kindly leave such supplies with Miss Emma Fletcher or at the M. E. parsonage, by Monday noon.

Members of the Downers Grove Club inaugurated a revival of interest in club affairs. Sixteen new members were taken in at the last meeting, and about ten will be admitted to membership at the next monthly meeting. The house committee has had the pool table put in perfect condition in preparation for the annual tournament, and new cushions and other repairs will shortly be made on the billiard table.

ZENDA ORCHESTRA CONCERT.

Program of the Second Grand Concert to be Given December 26th.

The second grand concert to be given by the Zenda Orchestra will occur at the Auditorium Wednesday evening, December 26th, 1900, at 8 o'clock. An especially clever program has been arranged which will prove a very attractive entertainment. The orchestra will be assisted by D. Emma Francis, an elocutionist of Chicago. Following is the program:

PART I
1 The Olive Branch—Overture.....Schepegrell
2 Violin Solo (a) Mazurka de Concert, Maanin (b) Fifth Air Var.....Dancin J. J. Rounds, Soloist.
3 Calanthe Waltzes.....Holzmann
4 Old Wisconsin Scenes—Baritone Solo, Wells T. W. B. Murray, Hinsdale, Ill.
5 The Message—Concerto for Cornet Brooks John H. Shurtz, Soloist.

1 Monologue.....Selected
2 "The Told Her Fairy Stories"—Song Rec't'n D. Emma Francis, Elocutionist, Chicago, Ill.

PART II
6 Grand American Fantasia.....Bendix
7 Tone Pictures of the North and South
8 Forging The Anchor—Bass Solo.....Rodney S. H. Frey.
9 The Holy City—Solo for Trombone, Adams L. R. Puffer, Soloist.
10 American Patrol.....Meacham

INSTRUMENTATION
Strings—James I. Rounds, solo violin; first violins, C. E. Siebs, Charles Haller, Wm. Roth; second violins, Wm. Miesitz, C. F. Davis; E. J. W. Deitz, violoncello; E. C. Kennel, bass. Wood—W. H. Babcock, solo clarinet; Geo. Kliese, second clarinet; T. W. B. Murray, flute. Brass—J. H. Shurtz, solo cornet; cornets, Harry T. Slosser; horns, William Lancaster, Harry Bateman; trombones, L. R. Puffer; drums, P. L. Mertz; pianist and accompanist, Mrs. W. H. Babcock; S. H. Frey, director.

TAX RATE HIGHER.

Tax payers in the Village of Downers Grove have anything but pleasant anticipations ahead of them when they greet the tax collector next month. The total tax will be \$9 694 on the \$100 valuation. A general increase is made all along the line, amounting to \$3.484 on the hundred dollars equalized valuation. The largest increase is in the school tax which alone is increased \$2.10 on the hundred, brought about by the levy for building purposes—last year the school tax was \$3 90, this year it is \$5 90 on the hundred, which is the limit. Increases are also made in the state, township and corporation taxes. The county and road and bridge are the only taxes which remain the same as last year. The following table shows the rate of taxation on each one hundred dollars valuation for the Village of Downers Grove for the year 1900:

Tax	Rate per \$100	Increase
State tax	50	50
County	75	75
Township	164	214
Road and Bridge	80	80
Downers Grove Corporation	2.41	2.10
School	2.00	2.10
Total	49.43	42.43

Hinsdale tax payers get off a little easier. The total tax there is \$9.36 on the hundred. State, county, township and road and bridge tax is of course the same there as here. The difference being in the corporation tax, which is \$2.48, and the school tax, which is \$3 57 on the hundred.

GRAND ARMY OFFICERS.

Members of Naper Post, Grand Army of the Republic at their meeting last Thursday evening conferred an additional honor on their esteemed Commander, Capt. T. S. Rogers, by again making him their unanimous choice for that position, an office to which he doubtless will be elected for the remainder of his life. His comrades appreciate his efforts in behalf of an organization that occupies a place in his affections next to his home and family. Capt. Rogers has just cause to feel proud of the esteem in which his old comrades hold him. David Kliese is another Comrade the veterans love to honor and he is again chosen Quartermaster, a position he has ably filled for many years and to which he will no doubt be re-elected as long as he will accept the position. Following are the officers elect of the Post:

Commander	Capt. T. S. Rogers
Senior Vice Commander	Frank A. Rogers
Junior Vice Commander	M. B. Stanger
Sergeant	Dr. T. F. Leach
Chaplain	Allen Wheeler
Quartermaster	David Kliese
Order of the Day	E. W. Farrer
Order of the Guard	R. W. Road
Trustees—V. Wetten, M. E. Stanger, W. E. Colwell.	

L. O. T. M. ELECT OFFICERS.

The Ladies of the Maccabees at their last regular review elected officers for the coming year as follows:

Lady Commander	Emma J. Miller
Lieutenant Commander	Fanny C. Miller
Round Keeper	Ma Norton
Finance Keeper	Williamson Owen
Misses at Arms	Chas. Rank
Sergeant	Rose Kliese
Band	Anna Werner
Flower	Emma Werner
Organist	Clara Kelly
Capt. of the Guard	Mattie Coleman

Unesda or Woehrel's Fair 5 cent cigars, or special boxes of 25 for Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS DOINGS.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FEATURES AT THE CHURCHES.

Usual Programs will be Given in all the Houses of Worship—Christmas Trees and Exercises.

Christmas, the one holiday of all the year which appeals so strongly to all, will be appropriately observed by the churches and Sunday schools of Downers Grove as usual this year. Varied programs have been arranged for the amusement and instruction of the children in teaching them the meaning of the day's observance. Music will be a feature of all the programs. Some of the churches will hold Christmas trees while others will have different forms of observance. Following are the announcements of the churches for Christmas week:

The Baptist church will hold no week night Christmas services this year, but the entire day Sunday will be turned over to the Sunday school. The service entitled, "The Dawn of Peace," by Gabel and Lehman will be given both morning and evening. This is an exceptionally beautiful program and Chorister Arthur C. Wisegarver, assisted by organ, piano and two cornets, is prepared to make the most of it. The decorations will be along the usual lines with some unique features.

The Congregational Sabbath school this year is planning to give a supper to its members on Monday, Dec. 24. The infants will be served from 3 to 5 p. m. The older classes at 6 p. m. Presents, candies and fruits will be distributed. A short program will be rendered in the afternoon and in the evening. Appropriate decorations will be made. Games and frolic will be an essential part of the program. Sabbath services at the Congregational Church morning: "Celebration of Forefathers' Day." Subject—"Why a Congregationalist?" Evening: Hymn Song Service—"Songs of the Christmas Time and Songs of Heaven."

At the German Evangelist church, on West Maple Ave., the Sunday school exercises will be held on Christmas night at seven o'clock. There will be a Christmas tree, speaking and singing by the children and gifts for all. No time or pains have been spared to make this a very interesting entertainment and a general invitation is extended. Santa Claus will be present and decorations in a pleasing arrangement will delight the beholder.

The Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will hold its Christmas entertainment in the church Monday evening, Dec. 24, at 8 o'clock. The exercises will consist of a program entitled "The World's Redeemer." An old-fashioned Christmas tree with family and school presents will be provided for the edification of the scholars. A very material feature will be the decorations. A very pleasant time is anticipated and Supt. W. J. Herring announces all friends are invited.

The St. Andrews Protestant Episcopal church will as usual hold a Christmas tree on Monday evening, Dec. 24. There will be a real live Santa Claus and presents, candy and nuts for all the scholars. An elaborate program of speaking and singing has been prepared. The pretty interior of the church will be handsomely decorated, besting the Christmas season.

STATE DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

No Dairyman of Illinois, and it might be said anywhere who can afford to attend the next state convention of the Illinois Dairyman's Association at Aurora Jan. 8, 9, and 10 can afford to remain away. Special attention is given to the successful dairying, the selection and building up of a dairy herd, the care and comfort to be provided, and results obtained. And the speakers on this subject will include both men from the colleges who are continually investigating and experimenting, and dairymen who are conspicuous successes from the large results they are obtaining from their dairy herds. The Illinois State Dairyman's Association will give nearly \$300 in cash on butter and cheese awarded at the convention.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Following is the report of the various rooms in the Downers Grove schools for the month ending Dec. 15, 1900.

TEACHERS	ATTENDANCE
Miss Thompson	95
Miss Patton	90
Miss Nicholson	85
Miss Smith	80
Miss Jones	75
Miss White	70
Miss Brown	65
Miss Green	60
Miss Black	55
Miss Gray	50
Miss Gold	45
Miss Silver	40
Miss Lead	35
Miss Zinc	30
Miss Iron	25
Miss Steel	20
Miss Copper	15
Miss Tin	10
Miss Nickel	5
Miss Cobalt	0