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MANY PIONEERS DIE

SOME OF DuPAGE COUNTY'S EARLY SETTLERS CALLED.

Other Matters of Prominence Concerning DuPage County and Surroundings Taken From Exchanges.

The Elks of Aurora will put up an \$18,000 or \$20,000 club house. The first floor will be used by business houses, and the second and third will be operated by the Elks. The partitions will be made so as to roll up, and the rooms can thus be thrown into the large one for social purposes.

Charles Schultz, aged 16 years was adjudged insane by jury at Wheaton, last week and sent to Elgin. He left home several months ago and upon his return several weeks later showed the effects of misusage, being badly beaten. He has not been of sound mind since and just what accident befell him or where he received such cruel treatment will perhaps never be known.

The sewage of LaGrange was turned into the new septic tank Saturday afternoon and the microbes are now busily engaged in their purifying work. It requires about three weeks for the microbes to generate in sufficient numbers to thoroughly purify the sewage, although at the present time a vast difference can be noted in the fluid at the point where it enters the tank and where it is discharged.

L. H. Freer is completing a fine residence at Hinsdale, including a large barn with a water tower, involving a total expenditure of probably \$75,000. He has a tract of twelve acres and it is being beautifully improved, in keeping with modern ideas on this subject. The house was designed and its construction supervised by J. C. Llewellyn, while a well known landscape architect designed the improvement of the grounds.

Winslow Ackerman was born in Onondaga county, N. Y., July 21, 1826, and died in Wheaton, November 3, 1901, aged 75 years, 3 months and 13 days. The subject of this notice was a son of John Davis Ackerman, who married Miss Lucinda Churchill in 1824, and took up his residence in Milton township, DuPage county, Ill. There were then but two houses between his home and Chicago, which at that time was a mere village.

Daniel L. Lester, one of the oldest settlers of DuPage county, died at his home at Wayne, last week, after a prolonged illness of kidney and liver trouble, aged 83 years. Deceased was born in Champaign county, N. Y., and in 1835, he settled near Addison. In 1866 he moved to the vicinity of Wayne where he had since resided. He was a highly respected citizen. He leaves one son, Albert Lester, of Wayne, and three grandchildren, Olive, Alvin and Belle Lester.

A good town is where all spend their money with their home merchants for everything they can obtain there; where the citizens help and encourage everything that tends to the upbuilding of the town. The home merchants are the ones who help pay for the streets whereon you walk, the school in which your children receive their education, the church in which you worship. His name usually leads the subscription papers. He is a man who cannot afford to swindle you; when adversity overtakes you he sticks to you through thick and thin. These are only a few reasons why you should patronize the home merchants. By doing this business becomes more lively and the town prosperous and is more pleasant to live in.

The farmers in this community and some of the surrounding towns are very much worried these days for the safety of their cattle, says the Aurora News. It is reported that scores of cattle are dying daily after being turned into fields of corn stalks. These losses seem to be greater in districts where husking is more advanced. This great death rate among cattle is claimed by nearly all to be a result from smut on the corn. But it is not the smut that is killing the cattle, it is the stalks and the leaves. On closely examining the stalks and leaves potato is found to exist to a considerable amount. This potato is a result from the extreme dry and hot weather which has existed this season. This potato causes emaciation, inflammation sets in, then paralysis results. The blood is also poisoned by this potato.

When the animal becomes sick there seems to be but little hope for its recovery, and after a short illness dies in great distress. Veterinarians advise against feeding stocks or leaves until after the fields have been thoroughly drenched with heavy rains, or visited by a quantity of snow. This will separate most of the potato from the fodder. The fodder may be used after being shredded as a quantity of the potato will "sweat out" and depart with the dust or chaff. Feeders are advised to act with prudence and care after the feed passes through this process, for if the stock is to depend upon this exclusively, ill results might follow, even if stalk feeding is begun by degrees.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS BUSY SEASON

House in Gostyn Totally Destroyed Sunday—Fire Damages Geo. Barr's Home

Two fires, one of a very distinctive nature, kept the Downers Grove Fire Department busy during the early part of the week. In both instances presumably stoves have been responsible for their origin.

The home of John Holoski in Gostyn, burned to the ground Sunday night, while the fire department and residents of that part of town and Downers Grove, stood idly by, unable to check the progress of the flames. The nearest fire plug being too far away to be available. The fire was discovered about 9:30 o'clock and the alarm given. The house was a small frame affair, and at the time the fire was discovered was enveloped in flames. The strong wind blowing fanned the blaze to fierceness and prevented the firemen from saving the contents of the house. The property was owned by Mike Kozolek of Chicago, and occupied by John Holoski, who with his family had gone to Chicago, to spend the day, leaving no one in the house. It is supposed an improperly left stove is responsible for the fire. The house and its contents are a total loss.

The cottage occupied by Valentine Wohlbutter, Carpenter street and Rose Court was damaged by fire and water Tuesday morning. The house was occupied by Geo. C. Barr. Tuesday morning Mrs. Barr locked the house and came down town to do some shopping. Shortly afterward smoke was noticed coming out of the upper windows. Neighbors gave the alarm and broke in the house and discovered fire in the parlor ceiling between the joists. The fire had originated from a stove, the pipe of which passed through a ventilator in the ceiling. Becoming overheated it had set fire to the joists and lath around the ventilator. The lath had burned through and let some of the plaster fall. The fire had crept along the joists to the side walls. A line of hose was laid and a few streams of water put out the blaze. Most of the furniture was saved from damage with exception of the carpets which were ruined with water. The building was fully insured.

THE "REMEMBRANCE" SOCIAL.

The "Remembrance Social" and "Old Time Reception" given by the Ladies Aid Society, of the Congregational church on November 21st, was socially as well as financially a success. Nearly a hundred responses came in reply to the circular invitations sent out. Some from members whose absence from the old church span a quarter of a century, from the first pastors, and many others of more recent date; but all came freighted with good wishes and kindly greetings, proving that neither time, absence or new surroundings had crowded out the love for the "Old Church Home." The evening was spent in social intercourse and kindly greetings to the friends present. Mrs. Parker of Chicago gave readings from time to time during the evening, which were finely rendered and much enjoyed by those who had the pleasure of hearing her. A pyrography exhibit was presented over by one of the old members which was of much interest and profit. The following friends from abroad sent "remembrances" which were offered for sale at the Fancy Table and netted the society a good sum: Mrs. Sarah McCotter, Fred Woods, Mrs. May Plummer, Rev. Albert Lacey, John Lyman, Mrs. S. F. Stratton, Misses Lois and Genevieve Stratton, Mrs. A. L. R. Loomis, Mrs. Minnie Torode, Miss Hattie Hughes, Mrs. P. C. Gallup, Miss Florence Bates, Mrs. Minnie A. Johnson, Mrs. Samuel Handy, Rev. T. S. Fisk, Rev. G. T. Holcomb, Mrs. John Graham, Miss Jessie Potter, Mrs. Geo. Otis, Mrs. DuPre, Mrs. Emma Fowler, Mr. Jack, Mrs. E. H. Prince, Mrs. Jennie Hemming, Mrs. Geo. Curtiss and Mrs. W. H. Brewster. Will all the friends who receive this number of the REPORTER, please accept our greeting and hearty thanks as a slight token of our appreciation of the kind memento's sent to the friends at home who so cheerfully responded by gift and labor to make the occasion one not soon to be forgotten. The society extends grateful thanks.

MANY MORE LIGHT CONSUMERS.

Superintendent Babel of the water works and electric light plant is kept busy wiring houses for the new consumers of electric light. During the past few months an increase of almost 50 per cent has been made in the number of lights in operation. Over 100 new lights were wired in during the month of November. The electric light plant has long passed the experimental stage and the excellent service rendered by the village is gaining new patrons almost daily. It is the opinion of the board that within a short time the plant will be a money making institution.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. National Light oil at Nash's. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. Additional local news on fifth page.

Wm. Bryce has been quite ill during the past week.

The Fire Department cleared about \$50 from their ball.

John W. Graves of Dublin, Texas, is here visiting this week.

Wm. Strauble is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

S. F. Haller has been quite ill this week with an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Barr of Joliet, visited the Wilsons and Farrar families here last week.

Delbert Austin will entertain a number of friends at a birthday party Friday.

Economic League meets this Thursday evening at the Congregational church.

J. L. Hedrick of Pullman, spent Thanksgiving day with George McNaught.

Mrs. Laura Curtiss is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Heckman, in Rogers Park.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wisegarver spent Sunday with friends and relatives at the Galesburg.

Mrs. Chas. L. Sharp attended the funeral of Alonzo Hallock, at Yorkville, last Friday.

Lee E. Singletary has purchased the R. M. Cole residence on Randall street and has moved therein.

Miss Della Wilcox and Mrs. D. G. Graham are visiting this week in West Pullman and Englewood.

Miss Hilda Anderson, who has been stopping at the home of A. Olson left Thursday for Geneseo, Ill.

The Sunday schools of DuPage county have an enrollment of about 4,700. It ought to be 6,000.

E. H. Prince of Quincy, Ill., was here over Sunday. After the 1st of the year his office will be in Chicago.

Judge Mason and daughter Mrs. G. H. Bunge, left Saturday for Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter.

Miss Nora Graham of DeKalb county and Miss Ethel Graham of Fremont, Indiana, are visiting at D. G. Graham's this week.

Remember 15 cents worth of Honey Comb candy makes as large a package as one pound of candy. Only for sale at the Downers Grove Fair.

D. G. Graham has legal blanks and all facilities for execution of wills and has had years of successful experience in that line. Give him a call. Charges reasonable.

The service at the Baptist church Sunday night will be specially for young men. The subject of the sermon will be, "The Worth of a Dollar." There will be good music.

The remnants of the past glory of Burlington Park are being disposed of by a Naperville merchant at private sale. The paraphernalia consists of all the crockery, cutlery, glassware, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cole, Misses Alice and Clara Cole of Ottawa, Ills, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Naramore, and Miss Gertrude Chambers, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley, on Thanksgiving day.

The recent "Remembrance Social" of the Congregational church netted the ladies of the Aid Society \$37. The collection for the new P. P. Bihorn song books last Sunday night amounted to nearly \$50.

Walter Dunn who left several months ago for the west in the hope of benefiting his health is considerably worse. He has been staying at Aneth, Utah. J. W. Worley left on the limited Tuesday night to bring the young man home.

Miss Evelyn Brown entertained several young friends at her home on her fifth birthday anniversary Saturday November 23d. Games were indulged in and dainty refreshments followed. Bright smiles and childish laughter indicated all were happy.

The Downers Grove Woman's Club has secured Miss Margaret Haley of the Chicago Teacher's Federation for a talk on the Tax question. The address will be given at the Congregational church Tuesday evening December 10th. No admission will be charged and all are invited to attend.

Communion service at the Clarendon Hills Congregational church next Sabbath 3:15 o'clock p. m. Dr. Brodie of Hinsdale will speak. Fifteen persons will unite with the church. Friends at Downers Grove are invited to attend this service. Edgar H. Libby has supplied the church for six months.

Oil. Family Safety.

Almeria grapes at Nash's. Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Fancy sage cheese at Nash's. Aunt Jemima pancake flour at Nash's. Chas. Wheeler, has been seriously ill, the past few days.

Naperville will hold another poultry show in the near future.

If you want good photos of your baby go to Cowell's studio.

Mrs. Charlotte Hoffert started Wednesday evening for California.

Mrs. E. F. Walker of Plattsmouth, Neb., is visiting friends in the Grove.

Miss Fanny Coslett is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Jas. Haas.

Elmer Escher of Breckenridge, Colo., is here for a short visit with relatives.

New members will be received into the Methodist church Sabbath morning.

New advertisements this week—Downers Grove Fair and Cowell's studio.

Miss Jennie Moore of Lockport, Ill., visited over Sunday with Mrs. McNaught.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Carpenter spent Thanksgiving with his brother at Evanston.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Haas, at Naperville, Sunday morning, December 1st, a son.

The President's Message to Congress will be found on the inside pages of this weeks paper.

Miss Gertrude Hilderbrand from Chicago, spent the past week with her friend Miss Lena Baker.

Jas. P. Willotta who has been visiting at the home of R. B. White returned to Chicago Saturday.

J. W. Morford's son Frank Morford of Butte, Mont., arrived last week, and will make his home here.

Mrs. O. J. Daily returned to her home at Gray's Lake Thursday, after a visit with relatives here.

Miss Rose Frank who has made her home at L. P. Blodgett's for several years, is now living in Chicago.

Evangelist Shawhan preached a very able sermon at the union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist church.

The whole town going wild over the new Honey Comb candy, (a delicious confection) only for sale at the Downers Grove Fair.

Mertz & Mochel are making it warm for the purchasers of heating stoves. Their fall stock is now on display and low prices are being made.

The Baptist church gave up their evening service Sunday night and united with Methodist friends in the closing service of the revival meeting.

Loer.—Setting from diamond ring, Monday; on Main street between depot and post office. A reward of \$25 will be paid the finder. Address Mrs. H. D. Hodier.

Boy Wrisley's white borax and Old Country soap, and get the latest art pictures for the wrappers. The only genuine white borax soap on the market for sale at Nash's.

The Economic League holds a regular meeting to-night. F. A. Dawes will address the league on "Municipal Ownership." A discussion will follow, held by J. W. Graves and J. S. Tylor.

Sabbath services at the Congregational church. Morning—"The Unreal and the Real in Our Lives." Evening—"Three Things We Need to Reserve." The new P. P. Bihorn songs will be used.

The Congregational choir has secured the services of Norman Olmstead of Hinsdale, as leader. This organization is making preparations for special musical features for the Christmas services.

Arthur Romain is in jail at Wheaton, under \$600 bonds to appear at the January term of County Court and answer to a charge of not procuring a forced marriage license. A West Chicago girl is the interested party.

Invitations have been issued for a children's dancing party at Carpenter's hall, Friday evening, from seven until ten o'clock. Madames W. A. Tope, J. M. Nargney, V. Simonson, V. Fredenhogen, J. W. Hughes, W. H. Babcock and Chas. Mochel, will chaperon the little folks.

One of the most pleasant social evenings of the season was enjoyed by the members of Miss Susie Edward's Sunday school class, at her home on Maple avenue, one evening last week. Those present were Messrs Arthur Hughes, John Wermuth, Howard Genser, Walter Chessman, W. W. Helritz, W. F. Helms, Frank Spohr and Clyde Hanson.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENTS.

Mrs. Elmer Escher Dies at Denver—Frank Beidelman at Moline

Mrs. Elmer Escher, formerly Miss Elizabeth Chatfield, well known in Downers Grove, where she made her home for a number of years, died at Denver, Colo., Friday, November 29th. The cause of her death was paralysis. Mrs. Escher had been ill at her home in Breckenridge, Colo., and was taken to St. Luke's hospital, in Denver, for treatment, where her affliction terminated fatally, after an illness of less than two weeks. The body was brought east by her husband, arriving in Chicago, Monday, and was taken to Adams, Wisconsin, for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Jonas R. Foster and Mrs. W. H. Wells, of Downers Grove, Mrs. J. D. Hughes and E. E. Escher of Chicago, accompanied the remains to Wisconsin. The funeral was held there at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning. Elizabeth Chatfield Escher was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Chatfield, of Adams, Wis., where she was born. She was a resident of Downers Grove for a period of five years, being employed as a teacher in the schools. She was married to Elmer Escher formerly of Downers Grove, at Colorado Springs, April 15th, 1900. Mrs. Escher was a member of the Baptist church of Downers Grove, as well as the Rebekah and Maccabee lodges, and had many warm friends here who will receive the news of her death with sincere regret.

Frank F. Beidelman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beidelman of Downers Grove, died at Moline, Ill., hospital Friday, November 29th. The cause of his death was typhoid fever, with which he had been ill for several weeks. The remains were brought to Downers Grove Saturday and the funeral was held Sunday morning. Short services were held at the house previous to the services at the German Evangelical church at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Carl Frederick conducted the services in German and Rev. Herbert H. Hood spoke in English. The burial was made in the West Cemetery. Frank Beidelman was born in Naperville, June 25th, 1869. He came to Downers Grove with his parents and lived here until about six years ago. At the time of his death he was employed in a manufacturing concern at Moline. During his illness Albie Beidelman and H. C. Boideback visited him and expected to bring him home but his condition was such his removal was impossible. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters to mourn his death.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beidelman and family desire to express their thanks and gratitude to their friends and neighbors for assistance and kindnesses shown since the death of their son and brother. Also for the flowers in loving token of remembrance.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

H. H. Rasmussen of Naperville, is vice-president of the state association.

The workers of Wheaton and Naperville will each have a grand Sunday school banquet during the winter.

The Baptist school at Wheaton is so large that part is cared for in the woodshed. A new church is a probability.

County President Wilson and Vice President Leonard will address the teachers of Naperville, next Sunday afternoon.

The Methodist school at Wheaton has organized a home department. All members of that church were mailed an invitation to join.

Superintendent C. D. Clark of West Chicago, gave a reception to the Methodist teachers and the bible class. It was an enjoyable affair.

Kane county employs an expert for the entire year. For five years Mr. Miles has been at work in that county, and has added 2,000 members to the Sunday school rolls. DuPage county never had a Sunday school missionary.

The county association has pledged \$75 for the state work next year. This will come from individual contributions and from Sunday schools. As it is an increase over last year all subscriptions should be increased to help on the good work. Miss Emma Muerner of Naperville, the treasurer, will receive pledges and subscriptions.

KNIGHTS ELECT OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of Maple Grove Lodge, Knights of Pythias was held at its meeting last night. Following were the officers chosen:

Chancellor Commander.....D. J. Milby.
Vice-Chancellor.....Geo. Clousy.
Prelate.....R. J. Morden.
Master of Work.....Geo. Howk.
Master at Arms.....Hugh M. White.
Master of Finance.....Geo. McNaught.
Master of Eschequer.....Dr. W. W. Godfrey.
Keeper of Records and Seal.....M. E. Bush.
Inner Guard.....Henry Leggett.
Outer Guard.....E. M. Mummy.
Trustees for three years.....Chas. Mochel.

HOSE FOR NORTHSIDE

BOARD DECIDES TO GRANT EMERGENCY FIRE PROTECTION.

December Meeting of the Village Board—Will Permit Use of Crown and Keystone Water Meters—Minutes.

Numerous recent fires on the north side have resulted in the petition of residents of that part of town, for a hose cart to be located there, being granted by the board of trustees. The matter was brought up at the December board meeting Monday night, by Trustee Stevens, who advocated the purchase of sufficient fire hose and the maintenance of a hose cart at some accessible spot for emergency use by residents of that part of the village in case of fire, pending the arrival of the regular apparatus. He said the recent fires had demonstrated the necessity of this step, and that he would, as a property owner, donate \$50 toward the purchase of hose, if it were necessary, to secure the favorable action of the board. The question was settled by the appointment of a committee consisting of Trustees Stevens, Martin and Klein, to purchase hose and make the arrangements for locating a hose cart north of the track.

On application of the fire department the board voted that the sum of \$2 be paid the owner of a single horse to haul hose cart to fires which occur during the day time and \$4 for a like service during the night. The ordinance committee was instructed to draft ordinance in conformity with this motion. This sum is in addition to the amount paid for teams hauling the hook and ladder truck to fires, and does not conflict therewith.

The village collector reported a total of \$1,328.63 collected for the month of November as follows: For special assessment No. 6, \$121.85; water rates \$792.25; electric lights \$124.54; material and labor \$97.99; water meters \$42.00. The report was placed on file.

The superintendent of water and lights reported a total of 2,651,513 gallons of water pumped for the month of November; daily average 67,777 gallons; with coal consumption of 88 tons.

The village treasurer's report showed the following totals: Balance on hand \$1,027.21; receipts \$1,328.63; expenditures \$2,455.74; balance on hand \$1,510.40.

Claim ordinance No. 110 providing for the payment of claims aggregating \$1,215.43, was read and passed as follows: From the general fund \$121.45; street and alley \$99.98; water and light \$990.40.

A resolution was passed permitting the use of Crown and Keystone water meters in addition to the Trident meter on the water service of the village.

The question of refund of unearned water rates to consumers was referred to water and light committee with power to act.

ACME CLUB TO GIVE PLAY.

The Acme Players Club has now in rehearsal one of the brightest comedies before the public. The success of the organization made last year, when they presented the rural play "Uncle Rube," will long be remembered by the amusement loving people of this town. The management promises something better this year, in "A Foxy Dodger," the new piece he has secured. It is a very catchy little comedy, dealing with the trials of a young married man and his eccentric old uncle. Billy Lawson will be seen as the newly married man. Budd Kellogg has been engaged to support Mr. Lawson, as has Frank Briggs, Arthur Foster, Miss Lydia Sucher, Miss Gertrude Chambers, and Miss Mable Heppburn, of Prof. Roundtree's Academy in Chicago. Miss Heppburn will be remembered as the city girl in "Uncle Rube." Every precaution has been taken and the management promises one of the most complete performances and best shows of the season. The company is under the personal supervision of R. G. Morden, with E. J. Darnley, as business manager.

NEW MILITARY COMPANY.

The new military company was organized last Friday night at the Auditorium under the name of the Downers Grove Drill Corps. The officers elected were Frank Spohr, president; G. B. Earnest, vice-president; E. E. Beidelman, secretary; E. J. Darnley, treasurer. An executive committee was elected as follows: H. M. Bateman, Billy Lawson and Judson Hancock. F. A. Dawes is the captain and drill master. The company numbers 21 at present, and the membership is limited to this number. The members have voted to secure a full military equipment, including guns and uniforms, and these they expect to secure within a few weeks.

Chicago Plans Meet With the Board.