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FAIR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HOLDS REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING AT WHEATON.

Wheaton to Have Sewerage System—Minister Bryan Returns to Brazil—Old Resident of Lombard Dies—News From Exchanges

The annual meeting of the DuPage County Agricultural Society was held on Tuesday. John Christie was elected President; N. E. Matter, Secretary; Wm. W. Steven, Treasurer; P. W. Stacy, Gen'l Supt.; Frank Hagoman, Corresponding Secretary. Auditing Committee, R. W. Gaten, E. H. McChesney and L. C. Stover. Vice Presidents—Addison, George A. Fischer; Bloomington, Wm. Patrick; Wayne, C. D. Bartlett; Winfield, Jas. McKee; Milton, Arthur Ott; York, Wm. Hamerschmidt; Downers Grove, Jas. McClintock; J. W. Rogers; Lisle, Irving Goodrich; Naperville, C. Stock; H. M. Plummer, William Hamerschmidt and P. W. Stacy were elected as delegates to the State Fair. C. D. Bartlett, Wm. W. Steven and N. E. Matter were elected as alternates. The auditing committee was instructed to advertise for bids for rental of the fair grounds.

Charles Maydwell, a pioneer of Hinsdale, died at his home there Tuesday afternoon at the age of 90 years. He had enjoyed excellent health during his entire life. He had not been actively engaged in business for twenty years. He came to this country from England in 1860 and immediately settled in Hinsdale. For a number of years he was connected with the Burlington railroad. Nine children survive him. A daughter is in England, another in Hinsdale, two sons are in California, one in Denver, one in Aurora and another in Chicago.

Another disastrous conflagration occurred at Clarendon Hills last Sunday night, following only five days after the burning of the Brophy house the previous Tuesday. This time it was the house owned and occupied by Mr. Hase. The fire broke out about 1 a. m., and the family had to hurry from the house to escape injury. The flames had gained considerable headway before the house was discovered to be burning. It is not known how the fire originated. The house was partially covered by insurance.

The matter of having a system of sewerage in Wheaton is just the same as decided. Already over a majority of the necessary frontage has been secured and out of 172 men interviewed on the subject all have signed with the exception of about 14 per cent, a number so small that it will not count very much. The estimate cost is about \$1.25 per front foot and rather under than over this figure. Work will probably be commenced early in the spring.

With his commission as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Brazil, tucked safely in his inside pocket, Colonel Charles Page Bryan left Chicago Tuesday for another four years in South America. The Colonel has made a good record during his first four years in Brazil, and his second term will be still more effective as he now knows the people, their customs and habits.

William Claffin, of Lombard, one of its best known citizens, died Friday last after an illness of five days of pneumonia. The funeral was held from his late home Sunday. Deceased was a member of Wheaton Lodge, No. 269, A. F. & A. M., and of Doric Chapter, No. 166, R. A. M. He leaves a wife and two children.

Dr. Armstrong, who was convicted in the United States court of illegally issuing diplomas, and who was sentenced to one year in the wheaton jail, and fined \$500, was released Wednesday. His year was up the middle of December, and after serving a month was released from the fine under the pauper act.

Arthur Rossmore, of Chicago, plead guilty in the County Court Tuesday and was sentenced to the county jail. An order was entered compelling him to pay \$100 for the first year and \$50 for the succeeding nine years for the support of the child, in default of which he was sentenced to jail.

Four ear loads of imported French horses arrived at Wayne last week by American express from New York for the stables of Dunham, Fletcher & Coleman. The special came through in 58 hours and the cost of transportation was \$4,000.

County Clerk Lawrence is a hustler and will make this county the first one in the State to get the tax books in the hands of township collectors. The books will be ready for delivery this week.

Harriet Taylor died at the county farm last Thursday of dropsy. She was a transient pauper—negro—who formerly worked as cook at the sanitarium of Dr. Fish. The remains were interred at the county farm.

The Illinois Match Company of Chicago is looking for a location and inducements are being made to have its factory located at West Chicago.

Lloyd Klumberry was released from the county jail Monday, he having served a sentence of 90 days for larceny.

FOUR LODGES HOLD OPEN INSTALLATION.

Pythians and Rathbone Sisters Install Thursday.—Masonic and Eastern Star Friday.

Maple Grove Lodge Knights of Pythias and its auxiliary the Rathbone Sisters held a joint open installation at Carpenter's hall last Thursday evening. The hall was comfortably filled with friends of both orders. These occasions have become an annual event of uncommon interest to its members and of genuine pleasure to those who are fortunate enough to be their guests, and Thursday evening's event was fully up to the standard of any of its predecessors.

The Rathbone Sisters held their installation first. Deputy Grand Chief Mitchell of Aurora, was the installing officer and the following officers were duly installed: Past Chief, Jean Webber; Alice Otto, Chief; Clara Courtwright, Sutor; Bertha Muzzey, Junior; Nellie Downer, Manager; Lottie Buck, Mistress of Finance; Dora Riddler, Protector of Temple; Bertha Roth, Guard of Temple.

Following, C. W. Weber as Deputy Grand Chancellor, inducted the officers elect of the Knights of Pythias. The officers installed were as follows: Chancellor Commander, D. J. Milroy; Vice Chancellor, G. W. Glenn; Prelate, R. J. Morden; Keeper of Records and Seal, M. K. Bush; Master of Finance, Tom. Vefnon; Master of Exchequer, Dr. W. W. Gourley; Master of Work, Geo. Howk; Master at Arms, Hugh M. White; Inner Guard, Henry Legenhansen; Outer Guard, B. M. Muzzey. After the ceremonies the remainder of the evening was spent very pleasantly with cards and dancing. During the evening refreshments of coffee, sandwiches and cake were served.

MASONS AND EASTERN STARS INSTALL.

Notable among the pleasant gatherings of last week were the joint installation exercises of the Masons and Eastern Stars which took place at a Masonic hall, Friday evening. Quite a number of invited guests were present to witness the impressive ceremonies, and a dainty lunch was served after the installation. Grand Worthy Matron Pitkin, acted as installing officer for the Eastern Stars and M. Stamer for the Masons. Following are the officers installed in the Eastern Star: W. M., Namoni Roblin; W. P., Chas. Graves; A. M., Emma Miller; Secy., Louis E. Hall; Treas., Lottie Perrine; Conductress, Della Graves; Assistant Conductress, Ethel Barr; Ada, Allie White; Ruth, Elizabeth Davis; Esther, Susan Foster; Martha, Carrie Moebel; Electa, Carrie Gourley; Warder, Edna Barr; Sent., Wm. Beldeman; Marshall, Josephine Austin; Chaplain, Nancy Foster; Organist, Mattie Carpenter.

The various appointive and elective officers of the Masons are as follows: J. H. Griffiths, Worshipful Master; J. O. Gleason, Senior Warden; Ed Graves, Junior Warden; W. S. Carpenter, Treasurer; E. C. Kuenzel, Secretary; Chaplain, C. G. Graves; Senior Deacon, C. Moebel; Junior Deacon, G. S. McDougal; S. ator Steward, Fred Heel; Junior Steward, H. E. Perrine; Marshall, Capt. Rogers; Tyler, W. J. Beldeman.

WOODMEN EXPECT LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Unless all indications fail the Modern Woodmen's benefit ball to be given at the Auditorium tomorrow night will be a record breaker in point of attendance. Several hundred tickets have already been sold and the organization expects to net \$150 as a result of the ball. The dance is given for the benefit of George Rayner, a member of the society who was injured in an accident some months ago. Music will be furnished by Stark's Naperville orchestra. The party is given for a good cause and the members of the lodge are working hard to make it a financial success.

FALL RESULTS IN BROKEN ANKLE.

Mrs. W. W. Stone suffered a serious accident Monday evening which will confine her to the house for some time. She had returned from Naperville on the 5:28 train and started home through the heavy snow storm. When opposite the Brown residence on East Curtiss street she slipped and fell in such a manner that one of her ankles was broken. Passing residents assisted her to the home of Dr. W. A. Tope where the fracture was reduced. She was later removed to her home.

FIREMEN EXTINGUISH PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Fire Department was called out to subdue a prairie fire in the creek and surrounding slough near Maple and Benton avenues last Thursday noon. Some one started a fire in the rank grass along the creek which soon got beyond control and for a time the three houses, east of the bridge on the south side of Maple avenue, were threatened. The fire burned along the creek south for a quarter of a mile. The firemen put out the blaze with mops and brooms.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Bargains at the Fair. White Rose gasoline, Naab's. National Light oil at Naab's. Additional local news on fifth page. Miss Dunn is now employed in the bank.

Collector Davis was a visitor at the County Seat Wednesday.

Ed Huntington was home from his work Monday by sickness.

Wm E. Sucher left Tuesday for a month's visit at Fairmount, Minn.

Walter Wells has gone to West Chicago to work in the post office equipment factory.

FOR SALE—At a bargain; baby carriage, slightly used; good as new. Enquire at this office.

Jake Klein Jr. heads the list with almost 100 tickets sold for the Woodmen's Benefit Ball, with several close seconds.

Skaters have been enjoying healthful exercise during the month of January, the ice affording a rare opportunity for plain and fancy skating.

Under the present balmy skies the recent snow will last about as long as a snowball in a blast furnace. For an ideal winter resort Northern Illinois has them all beset this year.

The "Reciprocity Boys" are arranging to give a dance at Carpenter's hall on the evening of Saturday, February 1st. Miss Compton, Judson Hancock and Charley Wells compose the committee in charge.

In harmony with the national movement for Jan. 26th, McKinley memorial services will be held at the Congregational church Sunday morning. Subject of discourse "American Manhood." A general invitation is extended.

Mrs. F. W. C. Hayes writes from Orange Hill, Florida, to have her paper changed to that address. She is spending the winter there and says she wishes all her Downers Grove friends might join her and enjoy the splendid winter climate of that section.

A free lecture on health will be given Friday afternoon, Jan. 24th, at half past three, in Carpenter's hall, by Dr. Hunt of Chicago. As she comes highly recommended the ladies of the town should avail themselves of this opportunity to hear her. All are cordially invited.

At the Burlington depot in Aurora last Wednesday night an unknown man dashed a quantity of carbolic acid into the face of Charles Stranberger, then with the remark "I made a mistake," rushed into the crowd and escaped. But little of the acid struck Stranberger.

The burning of the Hawbecker house at Warrenville, between eight and nine o'clock last Thursday morning created no little excitement. The house was occupied by Jas. Stafford and family and was totally destroyed. Most of its furnishings were saved. Origin of the fire unknown.

Strayed from 223 East Maple ave.—Dark bay horse, 15 hands high; heavy tail; about two inches of white on one hind foot; foretop has been out and mane somewhat worn; heavy leather halter on. A liberal reward will be paid for his return or for information leading to his recovery. Gary Wallace.

Rev. Chas. S. Dean, who gave three addresses with great acceptability last summer in the Baptist church, will give an address on Temperance, under the auspices of Prohibition Club, at Carpenter's hall, next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Splendid temperance music will be furnished. The public is most cordially invited.

H. J. Snyder has made application to the village board for a license to operate a pool table in his place of business on Main street. The matter was referred to a committee with power. The committee was unable to decide the matter and it was referred back to the board, and will be decided at the next meeting. In the meantime a number of citizens have signed a petition to the board asking that the license be not granted, and stating as a reason for their request the demoralizing effect on the young men of the village.

The new hose for the north side hose cart arrived yesterday, but owing to some of the connections being wrong had to be returned to the factory. It will be about a week before the cart will be in commission. It will be located in the barn of W. H. Mertz, corner of Saratoga avenue and Franklin street, and will be equipped with 300 feet of hose. The fire company wishes it understood that the north side hose is to be used in case of fire on the north side only, and should not be brought to south side fires. The south side apparatus is adequate to care for fires on that side of town.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH CASE AGAIN DECIDED.

New Trial Given W. W. Alford Verdict for \$60—Another New Trial Will be Asked.

A second chapter in the now celebrated case of W. W. Alford vs. W. S. Waples and Bishop McLaren of the Episcopal church, was closed at Wheaton last Thursday. A jury in the county court brought in a verdict in favor of Alford for \$60. The suit is a result of the building of the Episcopal church in Downers Grove in 1897.

William S. Waples of Downers Grove, and the Right Reverend William E. McLaren of Chicago, were made defendants in a suit for \$417.00 for superintending the building of St. Andrew's church, in 1897, by W. W. Alford, the plaintiff claiming that he put in 189 days of hard work and had to hire other help to do work for him which cost \$60. It was shown by the evidence that the amount of \$60 was placed in the hands of C. H. Leech for collection, but owing to his not making the collection at once he placed another account with an Aurora attorney of \$380.00 without notifying Mr. Leech. This \$60.00 was paid to Mr. Leech April 14th, 1899, and he made tender of same to Alford, which was refused; hence the suit. It was further shown by the witnesses that Alford claimed to be donating his services, as he was on the committee at the time and thought a church would benefit the surrounding property, in the place of a hole in the ground.

The second hearing of the case was finished Thursday morning and the verdict read in Mr. Alford's favor for \$60. From this verdict of the jury, the defendant has taken an appeal.

A GLIMPSE OF HISTORIC OLD FULLERSBURG.

Last Tuesday Collector Davis kindly gave us a ride over to his birth place and old stamping ground, Fullersburg. It is a historic place. We called on Old Uncle Coe, who has the appearance of a rugged man of 65 but numbers nearly 90 years, and settled there in '99 on government land; whose associates were Indians and nearest white neighbors two families, one then residing near Downers Grove and the other west of Naperville; his nearest trading point a village settlement on the shores of Lake Michigan, called Chicago.

We saw the house where the now celebrated Lolo Fuller first opened her gladsome eyes on the light of day. We called at the comfortable and commodious residence of Menzo Coffin, another pioneer, whose barn and farm are in two counties and four townships. We were ushered into his large kitchen where the good man of the house was comfortably located in his easy chair and the good woman fed us beautifully on hot doughnuts which she was cooking, delicious, crisp and tender, such as "Mother used to make," and a glass of what she called milk but we pronounced cream, to wash them down with.

We visited the far famed Brush Hill picnic grounds on the banks of Salt Creek and saw a "sea of ice" which the Ruchty Bros with a small army of men with teams and machinery were cutting and storing away the pellucid cubes into their vast ice houses at the rate of a ton a minute, and we took a general and interested view of this good old attractive village which was a settlement and trading point of note when the C. B. & Q. railroad and Hinsdale were not even a prophetic dream.

MORE "HEART TO HEART" TALKS.

Have you responded to that "Heart to Heart Talk" of last week. Many have availed themselves of the opportunity to call and carry away receipts with them for the amounts due the REPORTER. There are only ten days remaining before the first of February. Keep this fact in mind and don't put off calling until the last day. Not that we mind being overworked, but many dislike waiting their turn. Those persons should call early, and thus avoid the crowds when the rush comes. You will be surprised at the ease with which receipts glide from our pen, and will feel better satisfied when you've paid the newspaper man.

ANXIOUS OVER RUMORED ORDER.

Considerable anxiety is being caused local business men over a rumor that the Burlington railway company had or was about to issue an order for the vacation of its property by spring by all lease holders. According to the report the order affects all parties having buildings on its right of way in Downers Grove. The parties it will affect are Mertz & Moebel, The Illinois Lumber and Construction Co. and Geo. T. Hughes, who have coal sheds on the company's right of way. Also Hughes & Curtis, E. H. Prince and Geo. T. Hughes who have their business buildings located on railroad ground.

Lost—Between Carpenter's hall and Carpenter street, Thursday night, Jan. 16th, a Rathbone Sisters sash pin. Finder please return to E. H. Mertz.

DANCED AT MILITARY BALL.

HOP OVER BY THE DOWNERS GROVE MILITARY CORPS A BIG SOCIAL SUCCESS.

Over One Hundred Guests Attended the Company's First Annual Function—After was the Best Effort of the Season.

Respondent in new uniform the Downers Grove Drill Corps yesterday what proved to be the most brilliant social feature of the season at the Auditorium Friday evening. It was the first annual ball given by the organization, and Downers Grove society showed its appreciation of the young men's efforts in patronizing the dance liberally.

Over fifty couples attended and enjoyed the affair to the utmost. The grand march, which occurred at nine o'clock, was led by Captain and Mrs. F. A. Dawes. Following came the members of the company and their ladies, together with their invited guests. The dark uniforms of the men in sharp contrast to the bright and elaborate costumes worn by the ladies made a striking scene. The women were beautiful in gay tulle and the men were handsome. All were in the best of spirits and capable of enjoying to the utmost the efforts made to entertain them.

Every feature of the dance was beyond criticism. Lauletta's orchestra never played to better advantage and the inspiring music was repeatedly accorded. Sergeant F. D. Lemple, E. H. Gallup and E. H. Huntington composed the committee in charge of the general arrangements. Captain Dawes and Lieutenants Bateman and Ingle, and in fact each member of the company, were constantly active to promote the pleasure of their guests. With the hospitality extended even the poor civilian, though it must be admitted the most favored glances of the ladies were reserved for the soldierly men in uniform.

Outside of the social nature of the affair the prime object of the company in giving the ball was to raise funds and in this it was successful. About \$25 were cleared after paying all expenses. The success of the dance was such that the corps has decided to give another some time during the season.

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