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## LODGES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

### ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS COMPLETED IN ALL THE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Fraternal and Benevolent Societies Strong in Downers Grove—Officers Who Will Govern Orders During the Coming Year.

The benevolent and fraternal societies in Downers Grove have practically all chosen officers for the coming year during the past week. The various lodges are all well represented in Downers Grove and have a combined approximate membership of over 1,000. This includes the benefit or insurance societies as well as the fraternal organizations though nearly all of the latter order have affiliated insurance features and the total amount of insurance carried aggregates over \$1,000,000. Of this amount the Woodmen are the strongest and carries about \$300,000 in policies on the lives of its members.

Naper post, Grand Army of the Republic, is the oldest organization in Downers Grove being chartered in 1883. Capt. T. S. Rogers has been the commander of the post since the time "when the mind of man runneth not to the contrary" and will probably continue to be so honored as long as he desires. He was re-elected at their last regular meeting Dec. 11th, when the following officers were chosen:

Commander..... T. S. Rogers  
Senior Vice Commander..... F. A. Rogers  
Junior Vice Commander..... M. E. Stanger  
Officer of the Day..... E. W. Farrar  
Sergeant..... Dr. T. M. Leech  
Quartermaster..... David Klein  
Finance Officer..... A. L. Palmer  
Judge Advocate..... R. A. Childs  
Trustees: Mitchell Heintz, M. E. Stanger, E. Dietler.

Grove Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, the nestor of fraternal organizations, dates its existence since 1892 when it was instituted, and is therefore the oldest purely fraternal society in Downers Grove. It has had a steady growth and has prospered; especially in this true under the administration of Worshipful Master John H. Griffiths, who was again elected to the office Friday evening, Dec. 12. Other officers chosen were:

Worshipful Master..... John H. Griffiths  
Senior Warden..... John O. Olson  
Junior Warden..... C. F. Graves  
Treasurer..... W. S. Carpenter  
Secretary..... Bert C. White  
Vanta Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, the woman's auxiliary to the Masons, has a strong lodge and is in first class condition financially and otherwise. The chapter has always maintained an excellent corps of officers who have put the lodge on a firm footing both as a lodge and in a social way. Officers were chosen Tuesday, Dec. 9th, as follows:

Worthy Matron..... Mrs. Emma Miller  
Worthy Patron..... J. D. Horton  
Associate Matron..... Mrs. Kattie Werms  
Secretary..... Mrs. Lottie E. Hall  
Treasurer..... Mrs. Lottie Perrine  
Conductress..... Miss Ethel Barr  
Associate Conductress..... Mrs. Grace Blodgett

Maple Grove Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is numerically and financially one of the strongest of fraternal societies and now has a membership of about 120. Chartered in 1896 the lodge has maintained a steady growth until today it has, with one exception, the largest membership of any lodge in the village. The lodge is especially attractive to younger men to whom it owes its progress. Semi-annual election occurred at its regular meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 10th, when officers were elected as follows:

Chancellor..... R. J. Morden  
Vice Chancellor..... Dan Latimer  
Prelate..... Henry Legenhausen  
Master of Work..... B. M. Maszy  
Master of Exchequer..... Dr. W. W. Gourley  
Master of Finance..... E. E. Bourge  
Keeper of Records and Seal..... T. G. Vernon  
Master at Arms..... Frank Krambs  
Inner Guard..... B. M. Scott  
Outer Guard..... C. P. Roth  
Trustee..... John W. Nash

The Maple Grove Temple, Rathbone Sisters, the affiliated woman's order of the Pythians has only been in existence about two years, but already has a healthy growth and is achieving results as a social factor in lodge work. The members take an interest in the work of the order and are constantly gaining new members. The officers to govern the order during the coming year were chosen at the last regular meeting and are:

Past Chief..... Mrs. E. W. Otto  
Most Excellent Chief..... Mrs. A. E. Courtright  
Keeper of Records and Seal..... Mrs. C. P. Blodgett  
Miss Fannie Vernon  
Excellent Senior..... Mrs. B. M. Maszy  
Excellent Junior..... Mrs. Ethel Barr  
Manager of Temple..... Mrs. A. C. Ridler  
Inner Guard..... Mrs. B. C. White  
Outer Guard..... Mrs. J. Clithero

Downers Grove lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows is one of the older organizations in the fraternal societies here and has always been one of the leading orders. Officers were chosen at the first meeting in December.

Noble Grand..... Wm. J. Beidelman  
Right Supporter..... Frank Haunmeyer  
Left Supporter..... Geo. Johnson  
Vice Grand..... John Browning  
Right Supporter..... Lester Barr  
Left Supporter..... Geo. Blinder  
Recording Secretary..... Henry Legenhausen  
Secretary..... M. E. Stanger  
Treasurer..... A. F. Beidelman  
Warden..... J. W. Morford  
Conductor..... A. F. Beidelman  
Trustees: Frank Kaunmeyer, J. W. Morford, Lester Barr.

Among the local beneficiary societies Maple Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, leads in membership and amount of insurance carried. It has the largest membership of any local lodge, and has paid thousands of dollars in death claims. The lodge re-elected all its old officers at the regular meeting Thursday evening, as follows:

Consul..... Fred L. Innes  
Advisor..... J. C. F. Rommeiss  
Banker..... W. H. Edwards  
Clerk..... W. H. Barnhart  
Physician..... Dr. W. A. Tope  
Escort..... Allen H. Barnhart  
Manager..... John Rutherford  
Watchman..... Chas. Wells  
Sentry..... E. E. Dexter

Victor Council, Royal League, is almost ten years old and notwithstanding the recent advances in rates made to provide a reserve fund, still retains its popularity as a benefit organization. Officers for the coming year were chosen at the last regular meeting, Dec. 9th. The following were elected:

Past Archon..... C. H. Staats  
Archon..... John Gollan  
Vice Archon..... A. F. Bordwell  
Orator..... G. S. McDougall  
Scribe..... Chas. Caldwell  
Collector..... Chas. Wolf  
Treasurer..... J. B. Haling  
Guide..... E. H. Huntington  
Prelate..... Martin White  
Warder..... John Kessel  
Sentry..... B. G. Hodier

Downers Grove Tent, Knights of the Maccabees, is another one of the benefit societies which enjoys a healthy growth and carries a large amount of insurance for its members. It was organized about five years ago. Election was held last Wednesday when the following officers were chosen:

Commander..... Chas. Peters  
Lect. Commander..... A. F. Beidelman  
Record and Finance Keeper..... Julius Johnson  
Chaplain..... Gus Werner  
Physician..... Dr. W. W. Gourley  
Sergeant..... John Cassidy  
Master at Arms..... N. F. Johnson  
First Master of Guards..... John Olson  
Second Master of Guards..... Olaf Erickson  
Sentinel..... Fred Gerwig  
Picket..... Thos Stevens

The Downers Grove Hive, Ladies of the Maccabees, was instituted about the same time as its affiliated order, the Knights of the Maccabees. It is purely a woman's insurance society and carries thousands of dollars of benefit policies for its members. At the last regular meeting election was held with the following result:

Past Commander..... Miss Rose Klein  
Commander..... Mrs. Emma Miller  
Lect. Commander..... Mrs. Fred Gerwig  
Record Keeper..... Mrs. M. E. Stanger  
Finance Keeper..... Miss Cora Blodgett  
Chaplain..... Mrs. Gus Werner  
Sergeant..... Mrs. H. M. Courtright  
Mistress at Arms..... Mrs. C. H. Staats  
Sentinel..... Mrs. Geo. Heintz  
Picket..... Mrs. F. F. Chessman

My experience and observation in the practice of medicine in St. Joseph, Mo., for 25 or 30 years, during which time I treated many school children, has convinced me beyond a doubt that many lives would be saved by proper medical examinations, writes Dr. Donelan in Medical Health. The great number of contagious as well as non-contagious diseases cannot be detected or diagnosed by superintendent or teachers. Consequently, the importance of an experienced examiner to examine all who are unwell and take proper steps to protect the children affected as well as the other pupils. If it is a contagious disease the child should be sent home with instructions to parents to call on their family physician for the attention the child may require. While investigating the subject of medical examinations for schools I find Boston was the first city to establish the system, in 1894, during the prevalence of a severe epidemic of scarlet fever. The good results were so manifest that New York, where there was great fatality among school children, adopted the system, then Chicago and many others, large and small.

**MONSTER TURNIP.**  
All turnip records were broken on Tuesday when W. P. Konkle of 472 south 18th street brought to the Dispatch office the grand daddy of all the turnips in the state of Ohio. This colossal and good looking turnip is a native of Reynoldsburg and was raised by W. W. Johnson. The turnip weighs 71 pounds, and so far is entitled to the belt. The vegetable would make a full meal for an orphan asylum.—Columbus Dispatch.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Heartt's. Call and see Rang's goods. Prices are right.

A very fine line of Christmas goods at Rang's. Large assortment of holiday goods at Mary S. Diener's.

Order your Christmas turkeys early at Klein's market. The supply is limited.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Reynolds entertained their son from Englewood this week.

C. L. Sharp has recently purchased one of the Straube Piano Co.'s handsome instruments.

Curtiss & Heartt have recently installed a new furnace in the residence of Frank I. Mason.

Miss Adelaide Enmakus of Chicago, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. Krambs, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Willard are now residents of Aurora where they have moved from Hinsdale.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. W. Dietz are in Gloverville, N. Y., where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Brick walks all over town have a very slippery coating and cause pedestrians to seek the roadway for a safe footing.

Clear skies, with brisk winds and a snappy atmosphere, are promised by the weather man for today. No storms are in sight.

Several small school children have been severely hurt as a result of falls on the slippery walks at the north side school building.

The next entertainment of the course will be held January 17th. Isabel Garthill Beecher, the talented reader, will be the attraction.

Henry Pichel of Naperville, had his hand badly crushed Monday morning while working around a corn shredder. The doctors are trying to save all the fingers.

W. W. Peet, who was sent from Constantine to Washington on official business, has been visiting his aged aunt, Mrs. D. H. Naramore and other relatives in Downers this week.

The city of Aurora had a little wind-fall Monday in the shape of a certified check for \$10,000. This is the money which the Aurora, DeKalb & Rockford Railroad company agreed to pay for a franchise in Aurora.

The annual banquet of the Christian Endeavor society will be given in the Congregational church tonight. The toasts will be responded to by speakers from the village and from other societies in the district.

Skating has been in full swing at the north side lake this week, the pond being sufficiently frozen to bear the weight of the crowds of young people who patronize this exhilarating sport. Hundreds have thronged the lake almost every night.

Misfortune appears to mark Mrs. H. M. Courtright for its own. She had scarcely recovered from her previous serious illness when she was taken ill with diphtheria, having a severe attack of the disease. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery.

Last Monday morning Joe Lehman a farmer residing a few miles south of West Chicago, was the victim of a fiery visitation. Barn and outbuildings, hay and grain went up in smoke, entailing a loss of \$3,000, partially covered by insurance. The fire originated in the heating apparatus of a steam feed cooker.

Citizens who pride themselves on their orthography will have an opportunity to display their talent in correct spelling next week. The Ladies' Library association is making arrangements to hold an old fashioned school in the old club rooms in the Oldfield building, Saturday evening, Dec. 27th. Prizes will be awarded to the best spellers. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged.

The boys that work in Chicago and come home on the 5:11 p. m. train have for the last seven years held a Thanksgiving celebration in the last car of the train on Wednesday evening. The celebration this year was unusually large, says the Clarion. The last car on the train was reserved for them and about 75 were present. When this first started there were only Naperville boys but now it includes some from Hinsdale, Downers Grove, Aurora and Naperville. The last car was decorated with flags and bunting. They were served with sandwiches, olives, three kinds of wafers, cake, nuts, oranges, bananas and grapes. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

National Light oil at Nash's. California Toka grapes at Gerwig's. Additional local news on fifth page.

Miss Georgiana Mitchell has been quite ill the past week.

Miss Mauda Nicholson will spend the holidays at her home in Eola.

Leave orders for Christmas trees at Rang's; fine home grown cedars.

Fancy Christmas candy in one-half one and two pound boxes at Mary S. Diener's.

Attention is directed to holiday groceries in the new ad of Fred Gerwig this week.

Miss Agatha Sweet leaves Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents at White Pigeon, Mich.

Will Krambs has received the appointment of bugler of the second division Illinois naval reserves.

The Ideal Dance orchestra plays the first of a season's engagements for the La Grange club at that place Saturday evening.

Naperville dealers are refusing to accept orders for coal in greater quantities than half-ton lots, and that is range and nut mixed.

E. J. W. Dietz of Downers Grove will judge the pigeon exhibit at the Naperville poultry, pigeon and pet stock show next month.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Pope are making preparations for moving to their new field at Grand Island, Neb. Mr. Pope's pastorate begins there January 1st.

The subject of the sermon at the Congregational church next Sunday by Rev. Chas. Reynolds will be "Is the Bible a True Book?" Evening, "Story of a City on Fire."

Mrs. Nellie Huff entertained at dinner Mesdames Barber, Palmer, Beattie, John Stanley, and Ella Beattie to meet their cousin, Mrs. Ida Meacham-Gordon of Webster City, Iowa.

Farmers are drawing green cordwood which will aid materially in solving the fuel question. Preparations are being made to greatly increase the usual quantity of wood cutting during the winter season.

At the Methodist church Sabbath morning the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon. In the evening he will tell the story of "The Other Wise Man" The choir will furnish special music for the evening service.

The luncheon given by the Woman's Club at the Congregational church yesterday was well attended. The domestic science committee of the club desire to thank the Ladies' Aid society of the church for the assistance given.

Local merchants are judged largely in the home town by the character and extent of their newspaper advertising, and the town itself is located to a great extent in the popular estimation abroad by the extent and character of the newspaper advertising announcements displayed by the local merchants.

The county board of supervisors met last week and approved the semi-annual reports of the county officers, audited bills and transacted other routine work. They also authorized the construction of a new brick barn upon the jail property for the use of the sheriff, and appointed a committee to secure plans.

Local dealers assert that there is a large supply of Christmas trees this season and prices will be about normal. Holly which comes principally from Tennessee and Delaware is reported rather scarce and will cost a trifle more than a year ago. Laurel is very popular as a holiday decoration and is reasonable in price. As yet receipts of trees and decorations are light but there will be a material increase in a few days.

What to buy "him" for Christmas will be found at Tholin's on North Foot street. All kinds of gentlemen's furnishings, including correct styles in neckwear, hosiery, shirts, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, mufflers, gloves, underwear, handsome umbrellas, suspenders, cuff-buttons and in fact every thing conceivable in men's furnishings. Nothing but high class goods and at popular prices. Tholin's on North Foot street.

The lecture by Hon. F. X. Schoonmaker last Tuesday evening was pronounced one of the best of the excellent course of entertainments given here. His subject, "China, the Shadow of the World," was handled in such a manner as to interest the audience intensely and gave evidence of familiarity and complete knowledge of the subject. He is an eloquent and forceful speaker and as a platform orator probably has no superior in this country. It is the general wish that he may be secured again in next winter's course.

## POSTOFFICE NAMES THINGS NOT TO DO.

Some Don'ts for the Guidance of Patrons of Local Office at Christmas Time.

Anticipating a big Christmas rush this year the Downers Grove post office issues the following don'ts: Don't forget to put your name and address in upper left hand corner of envelope, wrapper or package so that we can return it or notify you if unmailable; don't use poor paper, envelope or wrappers; don't use weak ink or lead pencil; don't leave off the street and number, post office, state or county when addressing; don't say city or town when you mean Chicago; don't let the address take up all the space, but leave room for postage stamp and post mark; don't fail to have your packages weighed before buying stamps; don't forget to have them fully prepaid; don't overlook the particular and domestic classifications; don't forget to seal your letters but leave your packages open for inspection; don't put valuables or money in unregistered letters; don't send money in an ordinary letter but buy a money order or have your letter registered; don't finally lose sight of the fact that the post master will cheerfully listen to all well grounded complaints and is ready at all times to give all information desired. M. E. Stanger, Asst. P.M.

## WOODMEN EMBLEM MAN A FRAUD.

Modern Woodmen throughout this section have been receiving badges in the shape of a Woodman ax, accompanied by a letter stating that the sender was a crippled neighbor and had adopted this plan of earning a living, and requested the recipient of the pin and letter to forward 25 cents or to return the pin. Many responded to the request by sending the supposed distressed neighbor the 25 cents. It seems that this game was played all over the state, and the "distressed neighbor" no doubt received hundreds of dollars for pins which he could not have sold in any other way. It now turns out that the "distressed neighbor" is a false jeweler who adopted this plan to sell his pins. The postoffice department, says the Batavia Herald, has been notified and his game is at an end.

## "LAUGH AND GROW FAT."

Life is such a serious business to the average mortal that an opportunity for a hearty laugh is more than welcome to most people. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," and so do the humorous features of that great metropolitan daily the Chicago Record-Herald. The first thing that greets you on the first page of every issue is the humorous cartoon by John T. McCutcheon; the well known artist, that frequently tells more at a glance than could be conveyed in a column of reading matter. Every issue contains also a humorous small story on the editorial and the "Alternating Currents" column written by S. E. Kiser, one of the most popular humorists in the country. In addition to all these, the Sunday issue always includes a comic section, guaranteed to produce a laugh.

## NAPERVILLE POULTRY EXHIBITION.

The third annual exhibition of the Naperville Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association will be held in that city in the skating rink building Jan. 16th to 21st, 1903. Competition for the prizes is open to the world and entries close Jan. 15th. In their catalogue which is just from the press the association make the following announcement: "The success attending our first and second annual exhibitions encouraged us to perpetuate our organization, increase our interests in its interests and purposes and induced us to again assume the arduous duties and weighty responsibilities connected with a profitable, satisfactory and attractive exhibition of poultry, pigeons and pet stock."

## VERTICAL OR SLANTING WRITING—WHICH?

Vertical or slanting writing—who can tell which of these two styles of shaping the letters of the alphabet into words and sentences is to endure and prove in the end the most useful in practical business life? Eastern school boards and educators have argued this question for several years. College professors declare that a graduate with a training for slanting letters has a much better opportunity for securing employment, it being claimed that business men object to the vertical system on the ground that it is not so legible as the slanted fashion. The public schools teach the vertical style, but the business colleges are not in favor of such training, contending as do the institutions of the east, that employers dislike the straight lined writing.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of George T. McLaughlin deceased. The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of George T. McLaughlin deceased, hereby gives notice that the will of said deceased, which is on file in the county court of DuPage county, at the court house in Wheaton, at the March term, on the 2nd Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same admitted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of December, A. D. 1902. MARY McLAUGHLIN, Administrator.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

WESLEYAN FESTIVALS TO BE OBSERVED BY THE VARIOUS SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Baptist, Methodist, Congregational, Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran Churches Will Hold Special Exercises.

Next Sunday morning the Baptist church will be turned over to the Sunday school, and Tallie Marshall, company's beautiful Christmas service, entitled "The Light of Prophecy" will be rendered. "In the preparation of this service" say the authors, "we have endeavored to combine external beauty and internal excellence," and they have certainly accomplished their desire. The music is character and the remainder of the program rounds out in all its beauty the true Christmas thought. On Christmas Eve the school will take a trip to Santa's workshop. Several features, "wise and otherwise" will help to entertain the little ones and interest those who are unfortunately enough to be older. Kris will be there and the candy box will not be missing, and parents are invited to make use of this means of giving presents to their children. In former years each child was limited to one present other than the box of candy. This year there will be no limit. This entertainment will be held in the church and everybody, whether a member of this Sunday school or not is invited.

The Christmas festival of St. Andrews Episcopal church will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at 7 o'clock. Evening prayer and address by the Rector, Rev. H. E. Chase, at 7 p. m. in the church. Immediately after the service the festival and Christmas tree will be held in the Sunday school room. Teachers are requested to take charge of their classes and parents are cordially invited. All are welcome, come and help us celebrate.

The Lutheran church will hold its Christmas exercise, "Friede auf Erden," in the Congregational church Christmas night at 7:30 o'clock. The program consists of musical selections and recitations and a real live Santa Claus will preside over the distribution of presents from a Christmas tree. The Sunday school under the direction of Mrs. G. H. Staats will have charge of the exercises which promise to be very interesting and particularly pleasing to the children.

The Methodist Sunday school will entertain Santa Claus with a singing and Christmas tree Wednesday evening, Christmas Eve, "Santa Claus Entertained" is the title of the program which introduces many fine musical features and recitations. Brownies and fairies and others to the number of about thirty will assist in extending a hearty welcome to the patron saint who will have charge of the distribution of gifts from the tree. The entertainment is planned primarily for the children and an invitation is extended to all to attend.

The Sunday school of the Congregational church will be entertained Christmas Eve with a supper, program and Christmas tree. Supper will be served to the scholars in the basement after which the program and Christmas tree in the audience room above.

The German Evangelical church will have a Christmas tree and program of music and recitations in English and German on Christmas night at 7 o'clock and the program follows:

- Organ Prelude..... Rita Iselt
- Song—Selected..... Congregation
- Scripture Reading and Prayer..... Congregation
- Song—Selected..... Congregation
- Prayer..... Pastor
- Grace..... Pastor
- St. Luke's Gospel..... Pastor
- Song—Gloria..... Congregation
- Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Die Heilige Nacht..... Pastor
- Dialog..... Pastor
- Solo—Christmas Day..... Pastor
- Ant. Weihnachtslied..... Pastor
- O Du Gedenke..... Pastor
- Die Tugenden..... Pastor
- Santa Claus and the Moon..... Pastor
- Song—Benedictus..... Congregation
- Collection..... Pastor
- Die Konig aus dem Morgenlande..... Pastor
- Recitation..... Pastor
- For Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Recitation..... Pastor
- Prayer..... Pastor
- Am Heiligen Abend..... Pastor
- Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Ein Weihnachtslied in deutscher Sprache..... Pastor
- Philoque..... Pastor
- Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Recitation..... Pastor
- Am Heiligen Abend..... Pastor
- Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Song..... Pastor
- Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Recitation..... Pastor
- Am Heiligen Abend..... Pastor
- Wellschlaender..... Pastor
- Short address by Minister..... Pastor
- Closing song and Benediction..... Pastor

## CASE ITEMS.

S. B. Caldwell who has been sick is now recovering. Henry Lehmann is hauling corn to his other farm with several tons. Mrs. Isaac Cleveland is slowly recovering from her sickness. It is reported that Homer Anders and other have leased the corner pond of J. E. Oldfield for skating. Booths will be erected and hot and sandwiches will be served. Grand time is expected. Mr. and Mrs. Martha Childs rejoice in the arrival of a son born by their daughter on Sunday, Jan. 7. Mrs. and Mr. Childs say at G. E. Childs.