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COSMORAMA OF TRADE & ART

SPECTACLE FOR BENEFIT OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HELD MONDAY NIGHT.

Striking Costumes Worn by Young Ladies Representing Downers Grove Merchants—Unique and Humorous Features.

The cosmorama of trade and art—a vivid exhibition of young ladies in marches and drills, costumed to represent the various business firms and professions of Downers Grove—was given at the Auditorium Monday evening under the direction of J. Henry Gerts of Chicago. The spectacle which is an elaboration of the merchants carnival idea, was given under the auspices and for the benefit of the Ladies' Library association.

The entertainment consisted of a series of drills and marches by the young ladies, who were dressed in appropriate costumes typical of the business houses represented, interspersed with art tableaux representing Justice, The Fates, Reconciliation, Columbia, Flower Girls and others. Heading the column came the DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER, impersonated by Miss Kittie Wall, who led the marches. Following came the representatives of our local merchants each in striking and novel array. Uncle Sam was also present in the pageant as well as the Indian chief and maiden, with bakers, grocers, smithy, Japanese maidens, dentists, barbers, Chinamen, brokers, dairy maids, flower girls and merchants galore, to say nothing of the "colored" coal black lady, arrayed for a cake walk.

Each representative was first exhibited alone so that the full merit of the advertisement might be obtained. To close the program the ensemble appeared in a grand march composed of many intricate drills, calculated to display to the best advantage the novel costumes worn. Merchants and traders were represented as follows:

Downers Grove Reporter.....Miss Kittie Wall
G N Maxwell & Son, grocers..Miss Lela Puffer
Fred Gerwig, grocer.....Miss Myrtle White
S F Haller, gen'l mdse.....Miss Heintz
A J Thompson, gen'l mdse Miss Fannie Gilbert
Curtiss & Heartt, hardware..Miss Daisy Paden
A E Courtright, furniture.....Miss May Rose
C F Davis, furniture, Miss Clara Woelfersheim
E C Stanley, livery.....Miss Isabell Stevenson
Bush & Simonson, druggists Evelyn Simonson
A H Marshall, market.....Miss Agnes Dunn
F G Rang, bakery.....Miss Nina Thomas
Miss Anna Meyers, dressmaker.....
.....Helen Downer
Dr W C Barber, dentist.....Miss Maud Lamb
H I Snyder, cigars.....Miss Etta Alford
A P Tholin, tailor.....Miss Maude Johnson
C S Foote, florist.....Miss Edith Chilvers
Straube Piano Co.....Miss Mabel Messner
Julius Johnson, laundry.....
.....Miss Beulah Simonson
S Hoffert, blacksmith..Miss Holeta Giddings
Ills Lumber & Construction Co, coal.....
.....Miss Laura Caldwell
J A Toland, jeweler.....Miss Bernice Smith
Barbers.....Miss Pearl DeGroot
Hop Sing, laundry.....Miss Alice Burrows
Alfred Alvin, dairy.....Miss Laura Binder
J W Tucker, real estate,..Miss Tillie Erickson
Gotlan & Wolf, florists..Miss Maebelle Radell
Wm Bryce, wall paper.....Miss Alice Meehan
D H Uhlhorn, dairy.....Miss Lucy Darnley
Uncle Sam.....Budd Hancock
Statuary—Misses Ethel Edwards, May Spach, Grace White, Nellie Reader, Ida Reader.
Pianist.....Miss Gertrude Chambers

The most striking costumes were worn by Misses Bernice Smith and Alice Burrows, who as Indian chief and Chinaman were perfect in costume and demeanor. Other elaborate costumes were worn by Misses Radell and Chilvers, the flower girls, Miss Wall the newspaper, Miss Beulah Simonson, Miss Lilian Hancock as the Japanese, and Uncle Sam impersonated by Budd Hancock.

Other features were the tonsorial abilities displayed by Miss Pearl De Groot, who operated with a razor the size of a cleaver, and Miss Holeta Giddings' prowess as a smithy in shoeing one of the horses from Stanley's livery. Miss Maud Lamb operated as a dentist, pulling in "the only way" with forceps as long as tongs, a tooth a foot in length, from a suffering patient. The library cleared $85 as a result of the entertainment.

CARTER, MASTER MAGICIAN, TONIGHT.

Carter, Master Magician, will be the attraction at the Auditorium tonight—the fifth evening of the entertainment course. "The prestidigitateur, who hoodwinks science, annihilates space and disentegrates tedium," will give one of his evenings of clever amusements. The late Hermann personally taught "Carter" many of the polished and deft sleights with which his uninterrupted success was characterized. "Carter" in turn, has been the tutor of many of the present successful magicians and he has also edited many noble works on magic, among which might be mentioned his latest volume "Magic and Magicians," at present nearing a state of completion. The most innumerable clever conceits propagated by him at once make difficult the efforts of others to imitate. His entire entertainment is an innovation, beautiful and complete and a perfect embodiment of the best in delightful enchantment, healthful humor and artistic charm.

REVISED ORDINANCES ORDERED PRINTED

Village Board Passes on Codified Laws—Plans for Main Street Improvement.

With the exception of a report from the street and alley committee that an engineer had been secured to go over the grounds and prepare estimates for the cost of paving Main street, nothing but routine business was transacted by the village board Monday night. On Tuesday evening the board met to pass on the revised ordinances presented by the village attorney and ordinance committee and ordered them printed in pamphlet form.

A new and comprehensive system for the reports of the electric light and water departments has been inaugurated, and the superintendent's monthly reports now show a complete inventory of the materials, tools, etc., on hand and a comparative statement of the same period last year. 2,170,000 gallons of water were pumped during January, half a million less than last year, 100 tons of coal were consumed. There are 18 arc and 86 incandescent lights in the street lighting circuit. 2,000 commercial lights are wired in, a gain of 600 during the year. The arc light circuit was broken and service interrupted for four hours Jan. 30 on account of heavy wind.

The village treasurer's report showed a balance on hand at last report of $857 42; receipts from electric lights, materials, licenses and water tax $511. 76; expenditures $531 87; leaving a present balance of $837 31. The monthly claim ordinance was passed and the board adjourned.

FIREMEN'S MASQUERADE BALL.

The fourth annual prize masquerade ball given by the Downers Grove fire department will be held at the Auditorium next Friday evening, Feb. 13th. Bonnell's orchestra will furnish the music for dancing and a concert phonograph entertainment will be given during the evening. Costumes will be for rent at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon by a Chicago costumer at the hall. Tickets are 50 cents a person. Following are the prizes to be awarded: Best dressed lady, silk umbrella by the department; flower girl, bottle of perfume by Bush & Simonson; fattest lady, medallion picture by W. S. Carpenter; Topsy, handkerchief box by A. J. Thompson; Indian squaw, napkin ring by S. F. Haller; farmer's wife, set of knives and forks by Mertz & Mochel; smallest lady, cup and saucer by F. G. Rang. Gentlemen's prizes: Best dressed gentleman, silk umbrella by the department; negro, pocket knife by Curtiss & Heartt; fattest gentleman, muffler by J. W. Nash; Clown, box of cigars by H. I. Snyder; Indian, box of cigars by Geo. Bateman; farmer, whip by the department; tramp, ham by L. Klein.

DOWNERS GROVE WOMAN'S CLUB.

Domestic science was considered at the meeting of the Woman' club yesterday afternoon. Articles of domestic art and culinary productions were on exhibition. Each member at roll call displayed some kitchen utensil and gave a description of its utility. Mrs. Frederick A. Dawes gave a vocal solo, "Slumber Sea." An informal talk on "Domestic Science" was given by Mrs Lynden Evans, president of the Chicago school of art and science. Her address was along practical and helpful lines and proved interesting to the club members. Following the program a display of prepared foods consisting of pies, cakes and other prepared foods was given. The merits of the dishes were tested and discussed. Next Wednesday evening the annual reception of the club to the board of education, the teachers and pastors of the village will be held in the club rooms from eight to eleven o'clock. The next regular meeting of the club, February 18th, will be "Children's Day," and the program will be given by the children of club members.

A BOOK ABOUT THE SUBURBS.

The C. B. & Q. have just published a very handsome little book about the suburban towns along the line, and we are requested to say that a copy will be sent without charge to the address of anyone who may be influenced to look for a home in this village. Our people are urged to take an active interest in the matter and send name and addresses of any such persons to P. S. Eustis, general passenger agent of the C. B. & Q. at Chicago and he will attend to the rest.

PLAINFIELD TO HAVE ELECTRIC ROAD.

Word comes from headquarters that the contract for the electric road through Plainfield will be let next month. The price of local property has been considerably augmented by the prospect and what Plainfield will need after her perfect transportation facilities is a sewer system.—Enterprise.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.

Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Best mince pies at Rang's 10 cents.

Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartts'.

Handsome effects in valentines at Mary S. Diener's.

Miss Edith Earnest is visiting friends in West Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanley are visiting their daughter at Ottawa.

Try Rang's Maltex bread, the sweetest and most home-like bread made.

Max H. Schachner left Sunday for a two weeks visit with his sister in New York.

E.C. Duguid a merchant of Fremont, Ind., with a friend, visited here last Monday.

E. J. W. Dietz is at Streator this week officiating as judge at the poultry show.

E. E. Coffman returned yesterday from a two weeks visit with his parents at Thayer, Kansas.

Eastern and local nursery stock, garden and lawn seed and seed potatoes. Gust. Nelson, 160 Foote avenue.

Russell Schryver, a baggage man on the Burlington, was here Saturday. He is likely to soon establish his home in Downers Grove.

Mrs. M. H. Bates and daughter and Mrs. Martha McNaught started Tuesday for a visit in Oklahoma. They go by the way of Memphis.

Wanted—Farm to rent; 50 to 75 acres near Chicago. Suitable for chickens and bees, with stock and machinery. S. T. Sears, 1560 Fulton street, Chicago.

We have just received notice of the death of Harry Wheeler which occurred at San Antanio, Texas. The funeral will be held in the Methodist church here on Saturday at 2 p. m.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Congregational church observed the 22d anniversary of the establishing of the society last Sunday evening, with appropriate exercises. Seventeen new members joined the local society here on that occasion.

Mrs. Victor Fredenhagen returned from Champaign this week where she had been called by the sudden death of her father John Woodruff, which occurred Jan. 24th. Mr. Woodruff was a native of Derbyshire, England, and had lived in Champaign 33 years. He was 69 years old.

J W. Andermann of the Hinsdale steam laundry was transacting business in Downers Grove Tuesday. The superior work of his laundry is finding much favor with Downers Grove people, who claim it turns out the best work obtainable. Note his new advertisement on the eighth page.

Prof. O M. Searles gave a very interesting talk to the members of the Arcadian club last Friday evening. His subject was "How can I become interested in books which are unattractive to me but which would be of great value to me." The meeting was well attended and was very instructive as well as entertaining.

The annual dance of Columbian Lodge, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, attracted a large number from Downers Grove last Wednesday evening. The ball was held in Illinois hall, Chicago, and was one of the most successful ones ever given by the trainmen. A. C. Riddler was chairman of the arrangement committee.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds regular Sunday services at the Masonic hall at 10:45. Subject for Feb. 8th, "Soul." Sunday school for the children at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Masonic hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

Carter the astounding magician, humorist and mystifyer will constitute the 5th of the entertainment course at the Auditorium this Thursday evening. The New York Times says: "Nothing in recent amusement events has created half the interest that Carter's wonderful performance have. He is certainly among the best magicians." Single admission tickets can be obtained at the door for 35 cents.

Some of the enthusiastic bowlers of the village are taking steps to form a club for the purpose of building bowling alleys. The plan is to organize a stock company with a capital of $5,000 in shares of $50 each and construct two alleys to start with and additional ones as the occasion demands. Among the parties interested in the scheme are Dr. W. A. Tope, Geo. Hoffert, V Simonson, Chas. Mochel, H H Woelfersheim, Peter Johnson, Levi Mertz, Dr. W. C. Barber and others. A committee went to Elmhurst Tuesday to inspect the alleys at that place.

Valentines at Diener's.

National Light oil at Nash's.

California Toka grapes at Gerwig's.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Try-a-bits and Malta Ceres breakfast food at Gerwig's.

C P. Scott spent Sunday with his mother at Sterling.

Cranberry sauce in pint jars ready for use at Gerwig's.

Attorney Gray who has been quite sick is slowly recovering.

Klein's market offers beef for sale by the quarter at reasonable cash prices.

R. J. Darnley is taking an enforced vacation owing to an attack of the grip.

E. W. Deming of New York was the guest of his father-in-law, R.O. Curtiss, this week.

Miss Sadie Saltzmann of Lawler, Iowa, is visiting with her cousin, Miss Laura Baker.

Valentines, all kinds, from the dainty lace creations to the comic variety at Mary S. Diener's.

Miss Emma Nagel, the young lady that was seriously burned at the home of Mrs. John Gorman, is slowly improving.

The postponed executor's sale of the Beardley property will be held Tuesday Feb 10th, at two o'clock by Capt. T. S. Rogers.

Frank I. Mason left Monday for Mt. Clemens, Mich., to try that resort for an aggressive attack of inflamatory rheumatism.

Wm. Beidelman was taken suddenly sick at the lodge rooms Saturday evening and the attending physician pronounced it stomach trouble. He is better at present but very weak.

Chas. Bitney after a two years absence residing in Chicago has returned to Downers Grove and occupies his former residence on Railroad street. He will be employed in the chair factory.

The township election will be held on Tuesday, April 7th. Nomination papers must be filed on or before March 23d. Village election April 21st. Nomination papers must be filed on or before April 6th.

"New Thought"—the magazine of psychic research—edited by Ella Wheeler Wilcox and Wm Atkinson, is on sale at the post office at 5 cents per copy or 50 cents a year; or if desired will be delivered at residences by F. J. Littleford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Otto entertained members of the Rathbone Sisters and their friends last Friday evening at their home north of the village. The evening was spent with cards and refreshments were served. B. M. Muzzey drove the party out.

The Chocolate-Menier company will give a demonstration of their products—chocolat-menier and cocoa—at the Fair Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Hot Chocolate and cocoa will be served free all day. All are invited to call and get a sample drink of these delicious beverages.

Superintendent R. T. Morgan was here Monday and put in the day with the president of the board of education visiting the schools. The superintendent complimented the teachers and principal of the schools on the good order and interest which prevailed in the several departments.

The members of the board of education will please meet at the Maple avenue chool building at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday and with the teachers go in a body to the Methodist church to attend the funeral of H. S. Wheeler who was an honored member of the board.
D. G. GRAHAM, President.

The fiercest storm of the winter continued all day Tuesday and Tuesday night. Six inches or more of snow fell during the day and turning to rain and sleet at night beat down pitilessly until nearly daybreak Wednesday morning. Electric light, telephone and telegraph wires were put out of commission. Pedestrians were almost blown off their feet by the high wind and the slippery walks added to their discomfort.

The Burlington company has sent out a circular requiring the station agents along its line to collect brief facts of their respective stations. The facts desired include the population, the number and names of its manufacturing concerns, if any, the names of representative firms in each line of business, and a great deal of other information together with a brief historical sketch of the locality. When these have been collected from every station reached by the Burlington, they will be published in book form for distribution to the commercial agents of the country.

DOWNERS GROVE FURNITURE COMPANY.

Meeting to be Held in Carpenter's Hall Friday Night to Present Proposition to Village.

The meeting of the promoters of the Downers Grove Furniture company in Chicago last Friday night resulted in a definite proposition being made to our citizens and in a committee consisting of Messrs. W. J. Herring, H. H. Woelfersheim and D. G. Graham being appointed to solicit subscriptions to the capital stock. The members of the American Forwarding & Mercantile company and the Monarch Upholstering company have subscribed $10,000 of the amount, and ask the people of Downers Grove to subscribe the remaining $15,000. Letters have been sent out by the committee this week soliciting subscriptions and so far the responses have been very satisfactory. Everything seems favorable for the location of this factory here. In order to bring this proposition before the people who may be interested in the project, the committee has decided to hold a meeting in W. S. Carpenter's hall at Downers Grove, on the evening of Feb 6, commencing at 7:30. At this meeting the representatives of the respective factories will be present, and will be in a position to give any information that may be desired by any resident. It is the purpose of this new company to commence operation at Downers Grove at once, after the necessary arrangements have been made, and employ from 25 to 30 men, most of whom are married and will bring families to this village. The committee feels that this institution will be of considerable benefit to the business men, property owners and citizens of this village and vicinity. As the spring trade is opening up in the furniture line it is the request of both concerns interested in this matter that it be closed at as early a date as possible, therefore, they urgently request your presence at this meeting, whether or not you are prepared to take a financial interest in the situation, your advice may be of service to them.

THAT GROUND HOG SUPERSTITION.

Many people, having but little to do, are discussing the "ground hog" weather sign—a superstition handed down from generation to generation, and just as reliable as scores of signs having no scientific foundation to make it seem reasonable. That certain animals have peculiar instincts cannot be denied, but they are not controlled by a flash light from the sun on a certain day; therefore we conclude there is nothing in it, says the Clarion—neither in the hole nor in the sign. How can a ground hog know whether the sun shines unless he comes out? Do all the hogs come out the same time all over the country? Is the weather governed in each locality by the sunshine or shadow of a certain day? Nay, verily.

CLUB FURNITURE GOES AT AUCTION.

The auction sale of the furniture of the Downers Grove club Tuesday evening closes the last chapter of the career of that organization. The sum secured will be devided pro rata between the present members, the charter will be surrendered and the club will be a thing of the past. A. E. Courtright acted as auctioneer and secured good prices for most of the articles sold. Jas. M. Burns bid in the chairs, library and card tables for the Woman's club. Levi Mertz bought the pool table which brought $33 25, C. H. Dicke purchased the billiard table paying $73 for the same. The club piano brought $95 and was purchased by F. J. Prentice. The smaller articles brought proportionately good prices.

THE WASHINGTON BANQUET.

The annual Washington birthday banquet will occur at the Auditorium Friday evening, Feb. 20th. The endeavor is being made to make this occasion is interest and helpfulness all prededing ones. We are not able to publish the complete program this week as we had intended but will give it in full in our next issue together with the menu for the supper. Tickets will be on sale at the drug stores the first of next week. Judge Orin C. Carter, Rev. J. N. Hall pastor of the First M. E. church, Oak Park, and F. A. Dawes and Mrs. E. C. Kuenzel will indicate something of the character of what is in store for us.

MANAGER WANTED.

We desire to employ a trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage our business in this county and adjoining territory. Our house is well and favorably known. $20 straight cash salary and all expenses paid each week by check direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent. Address Thomas J. Cooper, Manager, 1060 Caxton Bldg., Chicago.

FOUNDER OF WHEATON DE

WARREN L. WHEATON OLDEST SETTLER THE COUNTY SUCCUMBS MONDAY.

Held Up Nine Years and Sold Enough Pioneer Relics of Lithonia Fields Bu—Other County Items From Exchanges.

Warren L. Wheaton, 81 years old, died at his home in Wheaton Monday morning from an attack of the grip. Mr. Wheaton has been enjoying robust health for all of his advanced age until one week Sunday when he attended church over with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Dorr, and caught a heavy cold which terminated fatally. Mr. Wheaton was the oldest settler in DuPage county, having founded the town which bears his name and lived in it sixty years. Within the boundaries of the county 300 of his descendants live. The deceased was a trustee of Wheaton college, a former member of the Illinois legislature and a widely known man throughout the state. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the family home, 411 Naperville street, Wheaton. Mr. Wheaton located upon the farm where he died in 1837. He plowed over a tract of 640 acres and paid the United States government $1.25 per acre for the land. In the early days he gave the Chicago & Northwestern railroad a right-of-way through his land—a strip [illegible] miles long—and refused even a penny compensation. He gave to Wheaton college sixty acres of land for a site and [illegible] in money besides. He represented his district in the state legislature in 1860.

Warren Lyon Wheaton was born in Pomfret, Conn., in 1812, and was educated at Pomfret and Woodstock academies. He came to Illinois in 1837 and took 640 acres of land in DuPage county, on the road between Elgin and Chicago, where his nearest neighbor lived thirty miles away. At his solicitation his brother Jesse C. Wheaton came from Worcester, Mass., the following year and established his claim to 320 acres of government land adjoining. On these two pioneer claims the town of Wheaton now stands. Mr. Wheaton gave land to the Chicago & Northwestern railroad for a right-of-way when land along the line was selling at $10 and $15 an acre, and because of this generosity the railroad company named the town in his honor. He donated six acres to Wheaton college, of which he has been a director since 1860, and helped organize the first Methodist church in Wheaton. He had the unique distinction of being the first member of the first temperance society organized in the United States, the society being established in 1830 in Massachusetts. Mr. Wheaton was married in 1840 to Miss Harriet Rickard, also of Pomfret, Conn. His life has been singularly free from sickness and he enjoyed vigorous health up to the time he was taken with the illness which resulted in his death.

Masked highwaymen Wednesday evening held up and robbed Charles Stark of Hinsdale of $40. After demanding money from him at a lonely place in the woods near Hinsdale and meeting with refusal one of them drew a revolver and shot Stark, inflicting a painful wound in his right leg. As Stark fell back into the wagon the men seized him and robbed him. They then left him and jumped into a buggy in which they had been riding, drove rapidly in the direction of Willow Springs. Stark is employed by W. S. Woodworth, proprietor of a livery stable. He had delivered a number of express packages and had collected the money taken from him. As soon as he arrived at the stable Marshal Nichols, a Hinsdale police officer, was notified of the robbery and word was sent to the Chicago police. The robbery was on Chicago avenue about a mile from the center of the village. One of the three men was tall and another heavy set. All masks so their features were not seen.

The dead body of A. Bittinger of La Grange was found near the Plainfield road Friday morning. Mr. Bittinger, who was in the express business, started for Summit in his wagon on Thursday but as he did not return that night search was made for him with the above result. It appears that Bittinger had fallen from the wagon and when found the body was frozen and the face partially covered with water in the ditch where the body lay. The horse and wagon had not been covered at last accounts. Mr. Bittinger was one of the oldest residents in La Grange.

Rev. Leonard Clifford, who has just celebrated his 84th birthday, is the oldest member of the Rock River conference. He joined the conference in 1840 and labored in Will, DuPage, Cook, Lake, Stephenson, Boone and Kane counties. In 1903 he was given the pulpit of the Dwight Methodist church and has resided in that village ever since.

One of Waynesville's citizens received a letter from an uncle of his who was said to have been worth six more. When asked how the letter was addressed, it was explained that it was addressed to the Hackney man, as the uncle had been notified that he was dead.