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DEATH OF OFFICER KEARNEY

VETERAN GUARDIAN OF THE PEACE SUC- CUMBS TUESDAY AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Funeral Today and Burial Will be at Decatur—
Christian Wilkie Prominent Lisle Farmer
Drops Dead From Heart Disease.

Officer Patrick J. Kearney, for almost ten years guardian of the peace in Downers Grove, succumbed to hemorrhages of the stomach Tuesday afternoon after a brief illness. Although a victim of a stomach disorder for some time, which had grown worse the past few months, he continued on duty until Saturday when he was compelled to surrender his beat. He was proud of the knowledge that he had never missed a night in more than seven years. Sunday hemorrhages developed and followed each other in rapid succession, until weak from the loss of blood he lapsed into unconsciousness Monday morning from which he never rallied. The end came Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Funeral services will be held at St. Patrick's church in Decatur, his former home, this afternoon, and the remains were taken there this morning on the 8:30 train accompanied by members of the family.

Officer Kearney was a native of Ireland and was born at New Ross, August 27, 1853. With his parents he came to America at the age of 17 and located at Decatur where his mother and sister still reside. His father died several years ago. He was married to Miss Mary Holley at Decatur November 1st, 1881. For four years he was connected with the grain inspection bureau in Chicago. The family moved to Downers Grove in 1893. Shortly afterward he was appointed police officer under President C. V. Carpenter's administration and has been continued in this position by subsequent administrations.

During this period he was zealously guarded the peace and property of the residents of Downers Grove. A martyr to duty he was never absent from his post. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic church and also of the Modern Woodmen. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn a loving husband and a kind and indulgent father, whose first care was always for the comfort and welfare of his family.

Christian Wilkie, a prominent farmer living southwest of Downers Grove just across the line in Lisle township, dropped dead from heart disease while at Belmont Tuesday morning. Mr. Wilkie was over 70 years old and had been a resident of DuPage county for many years. He was a member of Naperville post, Grand Army, of Downers Grove. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial will be made in the Laco cemetery by the side of his wife, whose death occurred several years ago. Mr. Wilkie leaves a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters.

DOWNERS GROVE SECURES FACTORY.

The committee, consisting of Dr. W. A. Topp, S. F. Haller and Henry Wolfersheim having in charge the soliciting of subscriptions to the Downers Grove Furniture company, have met with success, which has caused the company in question to decide to locate their factories at this point. A meeting of the stockholders has been called for next Tuesday night, Feb. 24, at Carpenter's hall, where a board of directors will be elected for the ensuing year and committees appointed to carry on the various duties which devolve upon men in charge of an enterprise of this kind. Arrangements are completed for the removal of the Chicago factory to Downers Grove as soon as their inventory may be checked over and by March 1 we may expect to see both factories under the same roof in the building occupied by the Chair Co. and doing business as the Downers Grove Furniture Co. Traveling men have already been started on the road in interest of the Downers Grove Furniture company, and a big business is expected and is being prepared for. It is the intention of the company to build their own factory as soon as arrangements are made for a site, but for the present the present site will be utilized. About 30 men will be employed at the start, but ere long 75 to 100 will be employed. This will not only furnish work for the unemployed, but will bring new families into the town. Those wishing to procure stock at the cash discount should see the committee at once, as after next Tuesday no stock will be sold below par.

The stock subscription list has been left with the Farmers and Merchants bank, where subscribers may pay their subscriptions and receive a receipt, which receipt can be exchanged for the stock certificate after Tuesday night.

William Lowery has given up his position with the Dicke Tool company to accept a place with the National Cash Register company in Chicago.

NOW THE FARMERS TURN TO LAUGH.

Cannot Comprehend Shortage of Fuel Supply. Neighboring and County News.

The thousands of families that dwell upon farms in Illinois, and in the little villages which such farms surround, but faintly comprehend the fuel and provision famine among families in cities, accounts of which are about all metropolitan newspapers have contained for three months. That they do not is no mystery because their larders and wood sheds are full; and a person with an abundance of these essentials of life cannot understand why anyone should remain cold or hungry. The city people who have suffered most are the same people who classify farming as a low profession and the farmers as "hayseeds." They laugh at the farmers' wardrobes, their manners, their simplicity and their candor, and they argue that farming is a low method of becoming wealthy, and a long and circuitous route to fame. This may be true, but it is a certain method of acquiring an honorable livelihood and of providing in a substantial manner for a family; and these exceed the wealth or fame ever acquired by 40 per cent of the city people. Especially so of 90 per cent of the young people who leave the farm to find wealth and fame in large cities. They more often, as age creeps upon them, purchase their fuel and provisions in quantities to last a day at a time, and to do this, in time, becomes the height of their ambition. A shortage in either fuel, provisions or funds develops a case of famine. Remember the farm, and remember that the farmers are the best protected class of citizens in the state against famine pestilence and degenerating agencies of this age.

Last Saturday evening at Dr. F. H. Jenks of Aurora, was sitting in his office he heard a racket of footsteps on the stairs, his door opened and like a cyclone a colored lad rushed in holding his hands to his head crying "Lard, Lard, doctor, I'm done shot and killed!" The doctor examined the boy's head and found sure enough the mark of a bullet hole in the middle of the forehead. But, strangely enough, he failed after considerable probing to locate any bullet. Further search however, revealed the bullet way around by the young man's ear, just beneath the skin and all flattened out. The victim's name was John Menton and he is an assistant steward at the Elk's club. Early Saturday evening he was in a shooting gallery at the corner of Broadway and New York street watching the shooters. In his eagerness to get too near the target a bullet from the rifle of one of the shooters glanced from the target and struck him in the forehead. With the exception of a slight headache the boy is today none the worse for the adventure. If the bullet had struck him in the shin it might have been different.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to increase the pay of members of that body from \$1,000 to \$2,000. The bill ought to become a law. If passed, of course, it would not apply to members of the present legislature. Two thousand dollars would be an extremely rate of payment for good legislators; bad legislators are, of course, exceedingly dear at any price. But it has been the experience of the citizens in the past that fair wages exercise an important influence in weeding out venal and incapable public officers. To double the pay of senators and representatives would do much to raise their average of ability and integrity.

At the meeting of the Kane county grand jury at Geneva Monday, evidence was submitted to show a combination among the local dealers of Aurora to keep up the price of coal. There was only one witness and the jury voted not to take action in the matter. Most of the Aurora dealers belong to the Illinois-Wisconsin association and there is undoubtedly an understanding as to local prices. It will be noticed by those observant that there has been no disparity in the prices of coal except anthracite during the recent short age. In fact there is no competition, the rule being one price only, and that the highest.

A few nights ago there was a murder committed at Franklin Park; however, the killing was done in self defense. The remains of the dead man were taken to the town hall and left there until they were frozen stiff. Saturday night last occurred the regular meeting of the village council, and some who entered the hall early in the evening, took the body and carried the body up stairs and stood it up in the corner. When the council assembled several of them were badly frightened. Up to Tuesday the inquest had been held and the man who did the killing had not been arrested.—Journal.

The local option bill in the legislature is a good measure. There has been much talk of the referendum plan of submitting all propositions to the people, and this bill provides for any city, township or county submitting to the people the question of whether saloons shall be permitted to do business, and upon what terms and in what territory.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.
Cook's Pinked Rice at the Fair.
Beat a lace pie at Rang's 10 cents.

Best in town at Curtiss & Horvitz'.
Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Graham are attending a wedding in DeKalb county today.

Mr. Batterham was taken suddenly ill Sunday evening but is better at present.

Miss Mabel Austin gave a valentine party to a number of friends Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Graves entertained the members of the Christian Endeavor society Tuesday evening.

The supper advertised to be given by the guild of St. Andrews church Friday evening has been postponed.

J. W. Morford returned from a visit with his sister at Huntington, Ind., who was injured in a runaway accident last week.

Geo. Bateman has purchased a half interest in the steam laundry business of Julius Johnson and the firm will hereafter be styled Johnson & Bateman.

Services of particular interest has been planned for next Sunday at the Baptist church. Special music will be rendered, in which the choir will be assisted by Mrs. Otter of Chicago, Mrs. Balfour, and Messrs. Kellogg and F. E. Towsey. The pulpit will be supplied morning and evening by Rev. Frederick G. Davies of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Grove Masonic lodge presented Worshipful Master John H. Griffith with a past master's jewel of chaste design at the last meeting. Appropriate remarks in presentation were made by Maximal Blitzer to which Mr. Griffith made a feeling response. Worshipful Master Griffith has recently returned from Florida where he has conducted a school of masonic instruction in his capacity as deputy grand lecturer of the grand lodge of Illinois.

A petition signed by 167 legal voters of the city of Naperville has been filed with the clerk, petitioning the city council to submit the following question to a vote of the voters at the general city general election to be held April 21: "Shall the city council of said city, as soon as possible after the adoption of this proposition by the vote of the electors of said city, proceed to construct, install, maintain and operate a system of waterworks in said city for the purpose of supplying water to its citizens for fire protection and domestic use?"

Downers Grove firemen and their ladies and friends danced Friday night at the 6th annual masquerade ball of the organization. The party was the best ever given by the firemen and as a result they cleared about \$45. The costumes worn were especially elaborate and excited much comment. Following were the winners of the prizes: Ladies prizes—best dressed, Lena Hesterman; Indian squaw, Vina Hesterman; Topsy, Clara Corcoran; Farmer's wife, Mrs. H. Walbaum; fattest, Julia Straley; flower girl, Lucy Downer. Gentlemen's prizes—best dressed, W. E. Farrar; Negro, Chas. Selig; Farmer, Horace Courtwright; fattest, John Lebandruth; tramp, Henry Lehman, Laco; Indian, R. Sheldon, Naperville; clown, O. A. Thompson, LaGrange.

Proper vaccination with pure lymph, repeated until it no longer "takes," always prevents smallpox, says Arthur Reynolds, commissioner of health of Chicago. Nothing else does. Medicines taken internally are not only useless but are a menace to the safety of the community, because they produce a feeling of false security and vaccination, the only sure preventative, is neglected. Vaccination properly done on a clean arm with a pure lymph and kept perfectly clean afterward will never make a serious sore, and no untoward results follow such vaccination; on the other hand, thousands of lives are annually lost through the neglect to vaccinate. Of the 737 cases of smallpox found in Chicago during the past four years, not one had been properly vaccinated.

The best and most comprehensive work on Nebraska ever produced has just been issued by the Burlington Route. It has 48 finely illustrated pages packed full of just the sort of information a prospective settler wants. In addition there is a large sectional map of the state which is accurate in every detail. There is no country under the sun where men of push and energy have a better chance to succeed. It is a paradise for "good easterners" for they will not be compelled to rent long in Nebraska. Send today for a copy of the book. No charge. F. S. Eastie, Passenger traffic manager, 309 Adams street, Chicago.

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

Delicious apple cake at Rang's—try it.

Mrs. E. M. Gallup is visiting her mother in Aurora this week.

Fine lot for sale on Oakwoods avenue. Address box 188 village.

Wanted—one or two gentlemen boarders in private family. Address P. O. box 104.

Supervisor Blodgett is in attendance at the Farmers' Institute at Wheaton this week.

The Farmers' Institute session commenced yesterday at Wheaton and will close Friday.

Plans are being made by some of Downers Grove's society people to give a masquerade ball February 28th.

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the subscribers to capital stock of the Downers Grove Furniture company will be held in Carpenter's hall on the evening of Feb. 24, at 8 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Every subscriber is urgently requested to be present.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds regular Sunday services at the Masonic hall at 10:45. Subject for Feb. 22d, "Christ Jesus." 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 3 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

George Hofmire, aged 78 years, died at his home in Lisle township Saturday, Feb. 14, 1903, of natural causes brought on by asthma. He was a native of Bavaria, Germany, coming to Illinois forty-five years ago. He has been a sufferer for the past four years, but his demise was unexpected. Coroner Master holding an inquest Saturday. Funeral services were held yesterday; interment in Lamont cemetery. Four children—John, Charles, Abbie and Mrs. William Herbert—survive him.

The Downers Grove Furniture company announces that a sufficient amount of stock subscriptions have been secured to warrant the location of the factory in Downers Grove. About \$2,000 worth of shares have been taken by the company and residents of Downers Grove. This leaves only \$5,000 of stock to be placed and it is thought that subscriptions for this will be secured within a few days. The promoters will call a meeting for the purpose of organization about Feb. 24th when officers will be elected and plans made for securing a site and erecting a factory building.

Children of the members of the Woman's club under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Foster and a special committee contributed to the program of the regular meeting of the club yesterday afternoon. Their part consisted of songs, recitations, choruses, marches and drills. "The Beautiful Land of Nod" was recited by Madeline Hughes. Little Helen Winchester sang a solo, and Lela and Martha Puffer sang a duet. Lucy Bradbury recited "Little Orphan Ann." The program given elicited so much praise that it will be repeated next Thursday evening by request at the club rooms. There will be no admission fee at the door but a collection will be taken during the program. "American day" with Indian displays will be observed March 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hughes entertained a party of friends at cards Saturday evening at their pleasant home on Highland avenue. Hearts was the game played and all the accessories partook of the shape of a heart. The invitations were written of heart-shaped cards, and cards designating positions at tables and partners were also in this form. Prizes awarded the winners of the most games were heart-shaped, being a sterling silver locket and sterling silver key ring won by Mrs. Max. H. Schachner and Hugh M. White. Refreshments of coffee, and salad formed in heart-shaped moulds, and sandwiches in the form of hearts completed the general scheme and enabled the guests to "heartily" enjoy themselves. Miss Mabel O. Hunt and Max H. Schachner were consoled for being unfortunate in winning games with a cushion full of pins and a toy whip. Those present were Messrs. and Madames Roger I. Cuyler of LaGrange, Max H. Schachner, Hugh M. White, Misses Edith Graham, Mabel Hunt, Mabel Rutherford and Pearl Bostwick; Messrs. Edward F. Jones, Will H. Blodgett, Guyard R. Earnest and Lee S. Stanley.

SUPERVISORS NAME GRAND JURORS.

Board of Supervisors Appoint Jurors and Audit Claims at Adjourned Special Meeting.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at an adjourned special meeting held in the court house in Wheaton on Feb. 10, 1903. Meeting called to order with Supervisor Betts presiding. On roll call all members answered to their names, except Supervisor Hamerschmidt. Minutes of last proceeding read and declared approved. All bills and communications of file with the clerk were read and referred to their respective committees.

County farm committee reported buying car load shelled corn for which they paid 44 cents per bushel.

Committee on county supplies reported the purchase of a new typewriter and a chair at a cost of \$104.60.

The following named persons selected by the supervisors of the various townships to serve as grand jurors for the March term, 1903, was on motion of Supervisor Bartlett approved: Addison—August Weber, Edward Pfluger; Bloomingdale—Jacob Segessenmann, George Benhard, Sr.; Wayne—Ira W. Bartlett; Winfield—Ed Galusha, Chas. Kautz, David Martin; Milton—J. D. McChesney, Ira Brown, L. C. Stover; York—F. E. Reber, Otto Ahrens, G. W. Griffin; Downers Grove—J. R. Foster, Geo. Leibunguth; Geo. E. Ruchty, Charles Lindley; Lisle—John Royer, E. W. Hinterlong; Naperville—E. G. Simpson, John Augsburg, Joseph Babat.

On motion of Supervisor Bender the board took a recess to 1:30 p. m. On convening for afternoon session committee on claims made the following report which on motion of Supervisor Fischer was approved: Mr. chairman and gentlemen of the board: Your committee to whom was referred the claims beg to report that they have examined all claims presented and recommended the payment of the following and that the clerk be directed to to issue orders for the several amounts to-wit:

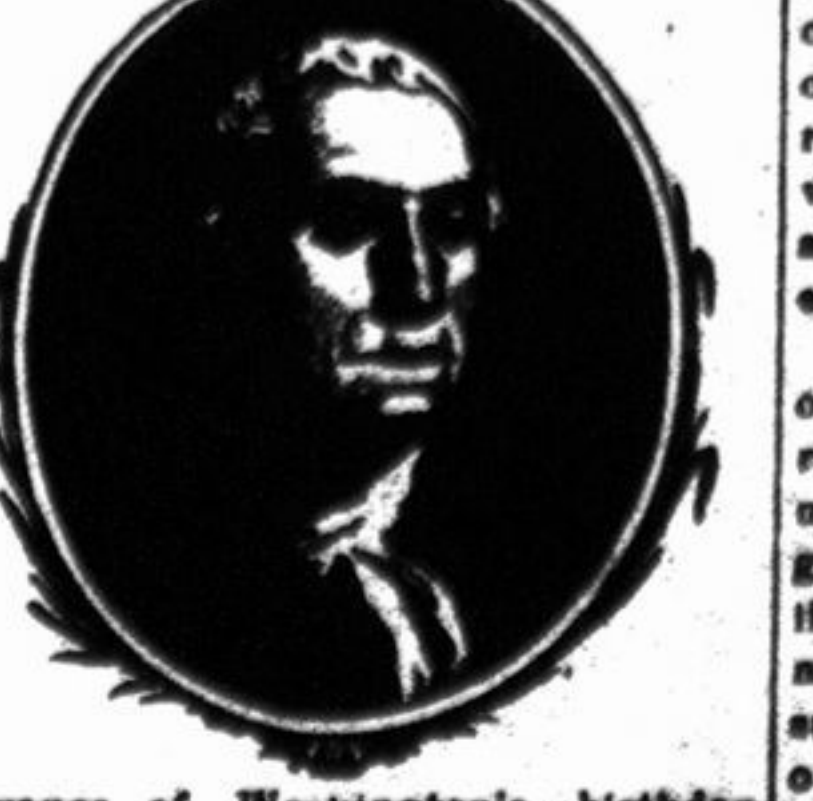
Wyckoff, Beaumont & Benedict, supplies	\$104.50
C. A. Hawk, painting	53.70
C. E. Morris, burial to paupers	20.00
G. W. Wilson, making school map	25.00
Peterson & Co. coal	122.00
Joseph Hiner, board & wash, prisoners	172.00
Chicago Telephone company, rent	9.00
Ill school for deaf, clothing	14.85
Wheaton Electric Co, Jan Lights	24.40
P. F. Ott & Co, auditors	28.00
P. F. Pettibone & Co, assessors' books	207.20
Amos Churchill, coal wags & ex.	11.10
James McClintock same	5.10
Thos Betts same	3.20
J. E. Bender same	16.40
Lois Lochter, nursing paper	4.20
T. G. Ingham, medical services	17.25
Emil Von Leutsch, nursing paper	4.20
Miss Nichols same	5.00
Joseph Hiner, auditors	62.24
H. F. Lawrence making collectors' books	220.00

The following resolution presented by Supervisor Churchill was on his motion adopted: Resolved by the board of supervisors of DuPage county, Ill., that hereafter all bills for transient paupers must be accompanied by verified statements setting forth facts and circumstances by the county agents authorizing such expense and further that all allowance will be based on prevailing prices and fees.

On motion of Supervisor McClintock the board adjourned to call of chair. H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

PATRIOTIC BANQUET TOMORROW NIGHT.

Washington, the father of his country, will be extolled in toasts tomorrow night at the annual patriotic banquet to be held in the Auditorium. The arrangements are all completed and this year's banquet promises to eclipse any of the previous years. Rev. Truman R. Greene, who instigated this annual ob-



servance of Washington's birthday here, will propose the toasts. Judge Orin N. Carter, F. A. Davies, Rev. John N. Hall and Mrs. Myra E. Kneassall will respond. Two things the public may be assured of concerning which there has been some criticism in the past: First, the Auditorium will be kept warm until the exercises are closed. Second, the program will not be too long. Please keep in mind that those holding supper tickets are to be seated at the tables promptly at 8:30.

HOTEL FOR SALE OR RENT.

The American House at Naperville is for rent or sale on easy terms. Good chance for right party. For particulars address Theo. Condit, 48 Main street, Naperville.

WOMAN'S CLUB RECEIVES

BRIGHT SOCIAL EVENT HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING IN THE CLUB ROOM.

Board of Trustees and Trustees, Together With Resident Parents, the Girls of Downers Grove and the Young People.

The annual reception of the Woman's club was held in the club parlors last Thursday evening. Two hundred invited guests attended and throughout the rooms from eight until 11 o'clock. The reception was in honor of the board of education, the teachers in the Downers Grove schools and the clergymen of the village. Other prominent citizens of the village with their wives and families honored the occasion by their presence.

The officers of the Woman's club acted as the reception committee and received the guests in the ladies' reception room. The officers are Mrs. Estelle M. Hughes president, Mrs. Mattie T. Dietz vice-president, Mrs. Lilla E. Prince recording secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Sacksteder corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jennie Strabo treasurer. The principal decorations were American flags which were draped from the chandeliers and from the walls in the main parlors. Cut flowers, palms and ferns were also prominent in the decorations, the colors of the club—red and white, predominating. Several pictures of Lincoln draped with flags hung from the walls.

The program arranged for the evening added considerably to the pleasure of the evening. It was a musical offering exclusively and consisted of tenor solo by Oliver Fitchard of Oak Park, piano solos by Miss Lillian Downer and vocal selections by Miss Mabel Messner. Following the program light refreshments were served in the dining room.

OPPOSED TO RATE REVISION.

The members of Maple camp, Modern Woodmen, are interested in the Woodmen county convention which will be held at Wheaton April 1st, and at the last regular meeting of the lodge the following gentlemen were elected delegates: F. H. Hauninger, Guy L. Bush, W. H. Barnhart, H. H. Wolfersheim, W. N. Jones and H. W. Bryon.

The members of Maple camp and the membership of in this county as a general thing are opposed to the plan of the head officers for readjustment and they will vote against it in the county convention. They are honest and sincere in their belief that there is no present reason for doubling the amount of the assessments and causing hardship among their members in order to lay up more money. Many of the Woodmen of Downers Grove, and in fact throughout the entire order, are working men, and it is figured that about one half of these would be forced to give up their insurance because unable to meet the payments.

But there is also another side to the proposition as it has been presented and agitated for two years to the absolute detriment of the order, and that is, if the condition of the order today requires a change whereby more money must be obtained to meet the order's needs, so many competent to judge any, is the case, then we might just as well meet it now as later.

As heretofore stated the county convention will be held at Wheaton, April 1, and at that time delegates will be elected to the state convention to be held at Bloomington and from there other selections will be made to the national head camp meeting. The principal interest in the next head camp meeting centers in the readjustment of the rates. The head officers of the order have seemed it necessary that a reserve fund must be created to provide for an increase in the death rate, and have proposed various plans to this end.

The plan most favored by the head officials is the one known as the step-rate plan, whereby a member's assessments are increased each year as he grows older. The plan differs from old time insurance in the respect that as a member grows older the cost of his insurance increases, until at the age of 50 or upwards, it would be impossible to carry it.

We can for ourselves investigate the situation and without prejudice or bias decide what is best to do. Now is the time for deliberate judgment and let us take no action that we may later regret, but let us work together harmoniously, with the sole purpose of the order's welfare and we will meet out all right.

WOODMEN TO GIVE ENTERTAINMENT.

Maple Camp, Modern Woodmen, give an entertainment in Chicago, Ill. half past Monday evening, Feb. 23rd, at the Grand Hotel. The program will consist of songs, recitations, and a play. Tickets are 50 cents. For particulars address Theo. Condit, 48 Main street, Naperville.