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Lodges Elect Officers.

Annual Election of Officers Occurs in 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 orders 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 the last regular meeting Dec 10th, when the following officers were chosen

Commander	T S Rogers
Senior Vice Commander	F A Rogers
Junior " "	M E Stanger
Officer of the Day	E W Farrar
Surgeon	Dr T F Leech
Quartermaster	David Klein
Officer of the Guard	A L Palmer
Judge Advocate	R A Childs

Trustees: Mitchell Heintz, P Leibundguth, E Ditzler.

Grove Lodge, Ancient free and Accepted Masons, the nestor of fraternal organizations, dates its existance 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 is this true under the administration of Worshipful Master John H. Griffith who was elected to the office several years ago. Officers chosen were:

Worshipful Master	John O Olson
Senior Warden	C E Graves
Junior Warden	M D Hunt
Treasurer	G B Heartt
Secretary	J H Griffith

Vesta 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 W S Carpenter
Worthy Patron	J H Griffith
Associate Matron	Mrs A C Hurt
Secretary	Mrs Louie E Hall
Treasurer	Miss Bertha Prince
Conductress	Mrs Grace Blodgett
Associate Conductress	Mrs T H Kenison

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 1895 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 2nd, when officers were elected as follows:

Chancellor Commander	F T Kramba
Vice Chancellor	Henry Legenhausen
Prelate	C P Scott
Master of Work	Geo Howk
Master of Exchequer	Dr W W Gourley
Master of Finance	E E Bunge
Keeper of Records and seals	F L Mertz
Master at Arms	Chas Bitney
Inner Guard	Levi Mertz
Outer Guard	H H Woelfersheim
Trustee	B C White

The Maple Grove Temple, Rathbone Sisters, the affiliated woman's order to the Pythians has only been in existance about three 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 A E Courtright
Most Excellent Chief	Miss Ethel Barr
Keeper of Records and Seal	Mrs C P Blodgett
Mistress of Finance	Mrs A C Riddler
Excellent Senior	Mrs E W Otto
Excellent Junior	Mrs W Devereux
Manager of Temple	Mrs Jas Downer
Inner Guard	Mrs D Latimer
Outer Guard	Mrs B Roth

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 order. Officers were chosen at the first meeting in December.

Noble Grand	John Browning
Right Supporter	Frank Haumesser
Left "	Gus Johnson
Vice Grand	O J Hemphill
Right Supporter	Lester Barr
Left "	Geo Bluder
Recording Secretary	Henry Legenhausen
Secretary	M E Stanger
Treasurer	A F Beidelman
Warden	W J Beidelman
Conductor	J W Morford

Trustees: Frank Haumesser, 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 elected officers at its regular meeting Thursday evening as follows:

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

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. 1. The following were elected:

Past Archon	John Gollan
Archon	G S McDougal
Vice Archon	H G Hedler
Orator	Wm Lawson
Scribe	Chas Caldwell
Collector	John Gollan
Treasurer	J B Haling
Guide	A F Bordwell
Prelate	Gust Werner
Warder	Gust Nelson
Sentry	Christ Heintz

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

Commander	Thos Stevens
Lieut Commander	A F Beidelman
Record and Finance keeper	Julius Johnson
Chaplain	Gus Werner
Physician	Dr W W Gourley
Sergeant	Gust Nelson
Master at Arms	D K Craig
First Master of Guards	Fred Gerwig
Second " "	Olif Erickson
Sentinel	E M Gallup
Picket	Julius Oestman

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	Mrs Emma J Miller
Commander	Miss Cora C Blodgett
Lieut Commander	Mrs Clara B Nash
Record Keeper	Mrs Ruth J Stanger
Finance Keeper	Mrs Lavara Hannum
Chaplain	Mrs Anna Werner
Sergeant	Miss Rose Kline
Mistress at Arms	Mrs H M Courtright
Sentinel	Miss Clara Corcoran
Picket	Mrs May A Clampitt
Musician	Mrs Ida Morton
Assistant	Miss Clara Setig

CONCERT AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The concert which the choir of the Congregational church is planning for Saturday evening of this week promises to be one of the most interesting of the season. Mr. Robert Graham Smith whose singing in the Congregational church has won him such favor among the people of that congregation will give three numbers. Mrs. Maude B Stevens of Northwestern university, Evanston, is a reader little known to residents of Downers Grove but we have the assurance that she is possessed of more than ordinary talent. Elvin N. Sucher whose name is familiar to all as one who has mastered the art art of club singing will appear at his best on that evening. The choir will also be favored by the appearance of Miss Lulu Sinclair of Chicago. She is well known to many of our townspeople as a young lady who shows remarkable genius as a violinist. All in all the concert will be well worth attending and it is earnestly hoped that all members and friends of the choir may be able to be present. Congregational church, Saturday evening, Dec. 19. Admission 25 cents.

NEWS ITEMS ACCEPTABLE.

The REPORTER is always glad to receive items of persons who are visiting or entertaining friends or news of local interest, and to that end invites subscribers to send such information to this office. Notices of receptions, parties, building improvements, removals, social events, personals of former residents—all of these subjects come under this head and information will be gratefully received. Telephone, write or call.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woehrel Cigar.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.

Additional local news on fifth page.

Fancy Christmas apples at Klein's market.

Miss Rosa S. Johnson is able to be out after a serious siege of illness.

Mr and Mrs. D. J. Huff returned Thursday from a visit at Fairfield, Ia.

Miss Mabel Radell will return home from Mt. Carmel Friday for the holidays.

Miss Margaret Dawes of Onawa, Ia., was visiting her brother, F. A. Dawes, this week.

Great reduction in millinery, closing out the winter season. Miss Goodspeed, bank building.

Mrs. J. G. Wallace is enjoying a visit from her brother, Orson Potter of Chicago, this week.

J. McMahon of Hinsdale has purchased the Jensen place on Forth Foote street and will occupy it as a home.

R. D Parker left Monday evening for an extended business trip to New Orleans and other points in the south.

The death of Mrs Samuel Colwell, formerly of Downers Grove, occurred last week by suicide from carbolic acid poisoning

Rev. H. J. Withington will occupy the pulpit in the Congregational church next Sabbath, Vesper service from 5 to 6 in the afternoon,

Miss Maurene Sayers of Evanston was the guest of Mrs. Hugh M. White this week before going to her home in Marengo, Iowa, for the holidays.

Friends of the family will learn with regret of the death of Miss Joa Kellogg which occurred at Pasadena, California, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Commencing immediately I have decided to conduct a strictly cash business in the selling of oils and gasoline. All orders must be cash on delivery. JULIUS JOHNSON.

The Downers Grove Fair have put on a number of new employees during the holiday rush. G. N Maxwell has taken a position there as salesman and Miss Spach as cashier.

Jake Klein is preparing to change the old Masonic lodge hall into a modern flat with all conveniences, including steam heat, closets and bath rooms. When finished Louis Klein and family will occupy the rooms.

Last Sunday evening Rev. Herbert Rood preached a special sermon to young men Next Sabbath evening he will preach a special sermon to young women. New members will be received at the morning service.

Dr. G. H. Coonely, optician, who was here a couple of months ago, and severely injured by a fall is back and is prepared to fit all eyes with glasses. He is stopping at the home of I. P. Blodgett where orders may be left or telephone 242.

Arrangements are being perfected to establish a Tabard Inn Library station in Downers Grove. This library supplies the very best of literature to patrons and many are availing themselves of she opportunity to become members. The station will be located in one of the drug stores.

Burlington passenger train No 3, leaving Chicago at 10:30 p. m., was wrecked at Cedar Bridge, three miles west of Albia, Iowa, at 9 Sunday morning. Two men, a woman and a child were killed and nine other passengers were injured. The dead and injured were taken to Ottumwa.

The Woman's Missionary of the Methodist church will hold a parlor meeting at the home of Mrs. Jas. Clifford on Maple avenue tonight. Mrs. Schofield, a home missionary in one of the great workingmen's districts of Chicago, will give an exceedingly interesting address. After the program refreshments will be served. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and both men and women are invited.

The ladies of the Eastern Star lodge surprised the members of the Masonic order last Friday evening by preparing a banquet in the club rooms to which the Masonic lodge was invited at the close of their regular meeting. A very pleasant feature of the surprise was the presentation of $40 in gold by the ladies to Worshipful Master Griffith of the Masonic lodge, to be used in purchasing additional furnishings for their handsome new lodge hall. Mrs. Louie E. Hall made the presentation speech Bert C. White responded and on behalf of the lodge made an address thanking the ladies both for their thoughtfulness in making the gift and the elaborate spread. At the close of the banquet short speeches were made by John H. Griffith, M. B. Downer, Capt. T. S. Rogers, G. B. Heartt and Max H. Schaffner.

National Light oil at Nash's.

Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearitt's.

Order your Christmas wreaths at Klein's market.

V. Wetten of Chicago was calling on old time friends here Wednesday.

Furnished rooms for rent. Enquire of Mrs. R. D. Parker, 71 Gilbert ave.

Do not fail to attend the concert at the Congregational church Saturday evening.

Miss Lillian Dawes will return home from Ripon College next Tuesday for the holidays.

Henry Legenhausen returned Friday from a three weeks visit with friends at Vandalia.

The next entertainment in the course is by the Wegner Ladies quartette and Miss Smith and the date is Jan. 9.

Lost—English setter dog, black, white and tan. Return same and receive reward, to Geo. H. Whitney, East Grove.

A. E. Courtright left Thursday for Fowler, Ind., to visit his parents, and to dispose of a stock of goods for Chicago parties at auction.

Miss Nellie Carpenter gave a party last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Ethel Edwards. The occasion was a linen shower for the bride elect.

The regular annual business meeting of the Congregational church will be postponed from Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, to Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, at 7:30.

Leave orders early for turkeys for Christmas and New Years. These fowls are scarce and to insure getting one orders should be left at Klein's market at once.

Mrs H W. Duncanson of the Chicago Woman's club gave an address on "Woman's part in the development of the race," before the Woman's club yesterday afternoon.

Any person who took a new pair of rubbers, by mistake, from the cloak room at the Congregational Aid society lunch last Thursday, will please return them to Mrs. D. G. Graham, the owner, and oblige.

Invitations were issued last week by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Edwards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Sarah Ethel Edwards to Mr. Edmund H. Poetter of Aurora. The wedding will be solemnized Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 28 East Maple avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. W. Dietz gave a progressive cinch party last Friday evening at their pleasant home on East Maple avenue. Among those present were Messrs. and Mesdames Fred French John Rutherford, F. A. Dawes, W. H. Radell, Wm. Straube and Miss Rutherford.

Many handsome present for men in gentlemen's furnishings are shown at V. Tholin's on Foote street. Pretty and swell designs in hosiery, suspenders, neckwear, gloves, handkerchiefs, muffliers, scarfs, etc., suitable for gifts for men. Come and let us show you something for "him"

Mr. and Mrs. John Rutherford and daughter, Miss Mabel Rutherford, entertained a party of friends last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred French. Progressive cinch was played and prizes were given the lady and gentleman winning the largest number of games. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames W. H. Radell and J. W. Hughes; Misses Grace Peck, Olive Mertz, Pearl Bonistiel, Messrs. W. C. Barber, L. E. Stanley, L. A. Bacon, Henry Peaslee and Louis Jones.

It was not a large audience that greeted Ross Crane last Saturday night but much larger than was expected considering the storm and cold. The cartoon humorist labored under the disadvantage of a severe cold and hoarseness but he demonstrated his ability as a fascinating and interesting orator, artist, humorist and philosopher. It was a bright and unique entertainment, his cartoons were clever and his accompanying talk witty and through it all there was a delicacy and refinement which characterized him as a high class entertainer and won for him enthusiastic applause.

The Baptist Sunday school will do all of its Christmas celebrating next Sunday, the exercises to take the place of the regular Sunday morning service. Ten children from the Central Baptist orphanage, Chicago, are to be the guests of the school on that day and will furnish a portion of the program. Gifts and cash will be presented to them and to the orphanage; the Faith Pope orphanage fund will be opened and the amount turned over to orphanage board. The Sunday school children will be given their presents at home, and this service will be one where they may lose sight of self in the pleasure of doing for others. Everybody is invited.

WILL ESTABLISH TABARD INN LIBRARY.

Branch of Popular Library to be Placed in Our Village Within Next Few Days.

Mr. S. H. Bell of the Booklover's library was here last week to arrange for a local Tabard Inn exchange station. If the necessary membership is secured the station will be in operation in about ten days. Stations of the Tabard Inn Library have been established in Madison, Janesville, Beloit, Rockford, Elgin, Aurora, Springfield, Joliet and many other towns. In Chicago the Tabard Inn service has proved so popular that 40 sub stations were opened in different parts of the city, during the past three months.

Almost all readers are familiar with the world wide reputation of the Booklover's library. Founded in 1900 the book has been phenomenal. Exclusive of its other library departments the Booklover's is now delivering more than ten million books a year to the home of its patrons. It is not only the largest corporate library in the world with a cash capital of over $2,250,000, but as popular and educational factor in American life it is conceded to stand next in importance to the public.

The Tabard Inn library sent out by the Booklover's association, insures the quickest and most trustworthy libarary service in the world. Bookcases are placed in some public place, in towns covering the entire United States. This means a library with thousands of branches. These cases hold from 150 to 350 books each and every book boxed in an attracting case of black cloth, carrying a red band. The books are all new and inviting and it is a delight to handle books so inviting. From 200 to 300 books are kept in a town at a time and every two weeks 50 new books are received from Chicago, a like number being returned. A book may be carried anywhere and exchanged anywhere. The Tabbard Ian book is the only identification necessary. The books may be retained by the members as long as they desire—one day or six months.

Members are placed in touch with and have the privilege of selecting, through the Tabard In library, from more than 100,000 of the newest and best books.

BRILLIANT RECORD OF A NEWSPAPER MAN

The success which has attained Wm. E. Curtiss, the famous correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald is rarely attained by newspaper writers. Beginning his career in Chicago in 1873 as reporter he rapidly rose to the position of managing editor. He resigned that position on receiving a government appointment as secretary of the South American commission. Mr. Curtiss traveled extensively in Central and South America while in this position, producing several popular volumes as a result of his literary labors. Afterwards co-operating with secretary of state James G. Blaine. Mr. Curtiss organized the work of the bureau of American republics, with the result that he was placed in charge of that organization, and at the World's Columbian exposition he distinguished himself by his labors as the executive head of the Latin-American department. As correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald, Mr. Curtiss' travels have carried him into every section of the United States as well as into all quarters of the globe. His China and Japan Letters were published in book form; likewise his letters from England, Germany and France, as well as those written during his travels in Mexico and South America. No newspaper correspondent possesses the faculty shown by Mr. Curtiss in writing on any of the diversified subjects embraced in his correspondence and making it luminous. Nor is any correspondent followed so closely year after year by the readers of the Chicago Record-Herald. On his recent trip to the Holy Land Mr. Curtiss' letters have been read more closely than ever, and his descriptions of that interesting section of the globe as it appears today have been quoted everywhere. A daily letter from Mr. Curtiss appears in the Chicago Record-Herald.

POPE BICYCLE MEMORANDA CALENDAR.

The re-issue of the Pope bicycle daily leaf calendar may be considered the opening gun proclaiming the natural and healthful return of bicycling. Col. A. A. Pope, the founder of our bicycle industries and the pioneer in the Good Roads movement, is again at the head of the bicycle industry. Upon the 366 calendar leaves are freshly written lines from the lines of our greatest college presidents, doctors, clergymen, statesmen and other prominent men and women, all of them enthusiastically supporting bicycling. Half of each leaf is blank for memoranda. This calendar is free at the Pope Manufacturing company's stores, or any of our readers can obtain it by sending five 2-cent stamps to the Pope Manufacturing Co., Hartford, Conn., or 145 Sigel St., Chicago.

Just Around the County

Items of Neighborhood Happenings in DuPage County

Bartlett Demented Man Sent to Elgin Hospital—Epidemic of Scarlet Fever At Geneva—Other News From Exchanges.

At about two o'clock Thursday afternoon Richard Lewis of Hinsdale committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple. He was about 70 years old and reputed one of the most wealthy citizens in that locality. He was an old bachelor but about twenty years ago married but his wife died after a short time. The act seemed to have been premeditated. He gathered together his papers and placed them in charge of J. B. Pogue, bid good by to the undertaker and several friends and went home and fired the shot. The report was heard by a woman who lives in a part of his residence. She at once gave the alarm. Mr. Lewis was an eccentric person but will be greatly missed in that community.

Christian Vopp, the demented man taken into custody by an Elgin officer, was tried Saturday for insanity and committed to the Northern Illinois hospital. Vopp rents a small farm at Bartlett and cares for ten cows. Of late he had milked the animals at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. He imagines that daylight comes about that time and requests members of his household to go to bed. On several occasions Mrs. Vopp refused to do his bidding and he threatened to shoot her. He hears all sorts of noises and claimed to have heard that mysterious beings tap on his window daily. Hopp is in poor circumstances.

The public schools of Geneva and Van Nortwick, the little settlement near the county seat, are closed on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever, which is sweeping over the little place. There are at present some 35 cases in the city, and over 20 families are afflicted. The disease prevails in a mild form and none of the cases are of a serious nature, except that of Miss Gardner, the principal of the Geneva high school. All of the steps necessary to a most stringent quarantine have been taken, and the disease will soon be stamped out, so the authorities say.

General Manager Delano of the Burlington says there is no truth in the report that his company intends to build a third rail electric line from Aurora to Chicago at a cost of $700,000. The suburban traffic, he says, is not large enough to warrant the expense. Until a newer and safer method of running the cars on the electric roads at high speed has been invented, Mr. Delano declares, it is not likely that any of the Chicago roads will supplant their present steam suburban service with electric equipment.

After many trials and tribulations the new machinery at the electric light plant in LaGrange was started Tuesday evening and citizens were again able to turn the button and flood their homes with light. Although light was not furnished quite as soon as promised the authorities have done remarkably well as anyone experienced in setting up machinery will acknowledge.

Robbers broke into the postoffice at Kaneville Wednesday evening, took a number of various kinds of valuables from that combination store and office. The burglary occurred some time after midnight, probably early Thursday morning and the thieves made good their escape without alarming anyone.

A new importation of horses from France arrived at Oaklawn, the Dunham farm, last week, coming through from New York by express in 36 hours. The special train consisted of five cars containing 70 head of horses. The express charges from New York to Wayne were $250 per car or $1,250 for the train.

The West Chicago Savings, Loan & Building association which was organized in 1894, has gone out of business. The funds and property divided among the stockholders and everybody connected therewith are happy.

The Scientific American has issued another special number, this time devoted to the iron and steel industry of the United States. Technically considered the number is one of the best of the special issues which have so far been prepared by the Scientific American. Each article bears the stamp of absolute certainty of fact—a certainty gained by a personal examination of each of the plants described. Instead of giving a condensed account of a large number of less important works the editors have wisely adopted the plan of selecting a certain number of large industrial establishments, and giving them a very thorough inspection. Among the more notable articles of the issue may be mentioned those on an armor plate and gun structural shapes, tube making, chain making, tube making and wire making and a very interesting article on diamond in a [illegible] mean.