

# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

TWENTIETH YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1903.

NUMBER 1

## Xmas at the Churches.

### Holiday Festivals to be Observed by the Various Sunday Schools.

Methodist, Congregational, Evangelical, Episcopal, Catholic and Lutheran Churches Will Hold Usual Exercises.

With the exception of the Baptist church which held its Christmas services last Sunday all the Sunday schools of Downers Grove will observe the usual holiday festivals tonight and tomorrow evening. Some of the churches have unique features for the observance of Christmas but all will have plenty to interest the children and the lesson of "Peace on earth; good will toward men" will be the dominant theme of all the programs.

The Methodist Sabbath school is preparing a novel entertainment for Christmas Eve. An interesting program is being arranged. As announced last week the main thought will be to give to others rather than to receive. The admission fee to the church that evening for both young and old will be a large potato weighing as nearly one pound as possible. Two barrels will be placed just inside the vestibule doors to receive the admission fee. The beneficiary of this Xmas giving will be the Methodist Deaconess Orphanage at Lake Bluff, where more than a hundred little boys and girls are being tenderly cared for and given Christian training by devoted Christian women who receive no salary at all for their labor of love. This large household is fed, clothed and warmed by voluntary contributions. Anything in the way of groceries, provisions, clothing or money for fuel supply will be thankfully received Christmas Eve at the church and will be forwarded to Lake Bluff the next day. It has been arranged for each class in the school to bring contributions entirely different from that of any other. Some interesting and amusing surprises may be looked for as each class, led by the teacher, march down the aisle and deposit their gifts on the rostrum. The primary department are to bring their old toys and picture books which are still in good repair and receive their accustomed gift from the Sabbath school. All the other classes are to bring gifts as above indicated for these orphan children and receive the joy in their hearts of doing something to make someone else happy and comfortable. There will be a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus. Two of the Deaconesses with four of the children from the Orphanage will be present to assist in the program. Everybody will be welcome and all who can do so are cordially invited to bring something for the Orphanage.

The German Evangelical church will hold its exercises Christmas night at 7 o'clock at its Maple avenue house of worship. There will be a Christmas tree and an entertainment of musical numbers and recitations given by the members of the Sunday school. Superintendent Conrad Penner has charge of the program which will be given in English and German. Presents for all the children will be a feature.

The Christmas services of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's church will be held in the Congregational church Friday evening, Dec. 25, at 7:30 o'clock. An elaborate program will be given and a big tree loaded down with presents will fill the hearts of the youngsters with joy.

St. Mary's Catholic church will hold its annual Christmas service on Christmas day. Father Votypka will hold three masses at 6, 9 and 10:45 o'clock. At the nine o'clock mass the English speaking ladies altar society will attend in a body and receive the holy sacrament.

The regular Sunday school Christmas entertainment of First Church of Christ Scientist, will be held at the residence of Mrs. R. B. White, 88 Saratoga avenue, on Dec. 25, from 7 until 9. All members of the Sunday school and congregation are invited to attend.

The Congregational church, instead of having the regulation Christmas tree, will have a fire-place arranged and a genuine Santa Claus to come down the chimney and distribute the presents. The Christmas entertainment at this church will be held tonight. Special attention has been given to the decorations. Loads of holly, evergreen and smilax from the southland have been received from a church at Atlanta, Ga., and have been used in decorating for the service. An appropriate program will be given by pupils of the Sunday school.

The annual service at St. Andrew's Episcopal church for the Sunday school children will be held in the Church on Christmas eve at 7 p. m. Immediately after the close of the service the Christmas festival will be held in the Sunday school room. The parents and friends of all the children are cordially invited. On Christmas morning at 8 o'clock there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion. Every communicant is expected to be present.

## FIREMEN'S SIXTH ANNUAL DANCE.

Downers Grove Fire Department to Give Ball Thursday, New Years Eve.

Preparations for the sixth annual ball of the Downers Grove Fire Department are practically all completed and the firemen expect to have the most elaborate and successful party in its history on New Years Eve. The ball will be given at the Auditorium next Thursday evening, Dec. 31. A program of 24 dances will be given to music furnished by the Ideal Dance orchestra of six pieces. This dance is usually given on the eve of Thanksgiving but was postponed this year owing to the prevalence of small pox at that time. The committee in charge promises nothing will be lost to patrons by the delay, but on the other hand the party will be much more enjoyable than if given when originally intended. Refreshments will be served at the hall. Tickets are 75 cents and may be secured of members of the department.

## CASS ITEMS.

Ralph Chivers now rides a handsome Shetland pony.

Irving Oldfield finished shredding corn Tuesday.

Wanted—A second hand cutter for cash. Address this office.

Fred Reuder of St. Louis is visiting his parents during the holidays.

Ray Andrus of the west part of town was calling on old friends Tuesday.

Warren Devereux and Louis Shultz of Downers Grove were in Cass hunting last Wednesday.

Albert Schlachtra is the champion rabbit hunter of Cass, having killed eleven in one day.

Wesley Kesser who was seriously frozen about ten days ago is in a serious condition and slight hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Christmas tree is in place at the Cass church all ready for Santa Claus. The Sunday school has prepared a lengthy program for Thursday night and all are invited.

Peter B. Barrick, who is employed as butcher by Frank Chivers, slipped on an icy walk at the farm last Saturday morning and broke the bone in his fore-arm. He is now at his home near Barber's corner.

## NAPERVILLE POULTRY SHOW.

The Naperville Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association is now busily engaged in active preparation for its 4th annual exhibition, to be held Jan. 15-20. All necessary arrangements are being completed as fast as possible and the many intending exhibitors and fanciers may be assured of a high class exhibition. It is the earnest intention of the members and directors of the association to give a larger and better exhibition in every way than has previously been held, and the work is being energetically pushed in every particular, the management utilizing their best ideas for making this coming show one of the best to be held anywhere in this vicinity. As has always been the custom this will be a score card show, with Chas. McClave as judge of poultry and E. J. W. Dietz of Downers Grove as judge of pigeons.

## WHAT SHALL WE EAT?

Every day the same old question, what shall we eat for breakfast, for luncheon, for dinner? assails with a monotonous regularity the patient housewife who seeks to provide good living for the family in agreeable variety at a moderate cost. There is a daily department in the Chicago Record-Herald which is intended to answer this question satisfactorily every day in the year. It is entitled "Meals for a day" and provides menus for the three meals every day with the necessary receipts. These menus and recipes are carefully selected by the Record-Herald's household editor and cash prizes are awarded to the best that are received. House wives everywhere are invited to participate in the competition. For full particulars see the "Meals for a day" department in the Chicago Record-Herald.

## FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds Sunday services on the top floor of the Oldfield building at 10:45. Subject for December 20th, "Christina." Sunday school for children at noon. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Oldfield hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 103 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

Nothing makes a more handsome or acceptable holiday present than a piano. Why not buy a Stranb piano today—a piano of quality, tone and finish. E. Herzberg is making attractive prices and reasonable terms for the holidays. See him about it today.

## Local and Personal Paragraphs

Merry Christmas. The Woehrel Ogar. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Fancy Christmas apples at Klein's market.

Merchants all report a big holiday trade.

Miss Mary Nourse is home for the holidays.

Monday was the shortest day in the year—How were you?

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

Tomorrow, Friday, being Christmas the REPORTER office will be closed all day.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Searles leave today for New Carlisle, Ind., to spend the holidays.

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

The post office will be closed Christmas from 10 until 4 o'clock and after 6 o'clock in the evening.

Miss Florence Bates has finished her season's work in Waukegan and will be home the remainder of the winter.

The library will be open for the benefit of its patrons again next Wednesday afternoon and evening, Friday being a holiday.

Miss Fannie Stewart of Franklin, New Hampshire arrived in Downers Grove this week and will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. James M. Burns.

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.

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.

Among the Illinois postmasters appointed last week by the president, the name of Horace H. Paasle appears assigned to Naperville as the successor of Samuel Mather. The change will be made at no distant day in the future.

Glen W. Edwards arrived in Downers Grove Monday for a week's visit with relatives and to attend the wedding of his sister, Miss Ethel Edwards, last night. He is now located at Los Angeles in business with J. D. McVean and is doing well.

The old Goodnough homestead on Maple avenue has been sold through the real estate agency of Jonas W. Tucker to Wm. Richardson of Chicago. After making some modern improvements in the dwelling the family will move here and make this their permanent home.

A Downers Grove young man had a peculiar experience not long ago. The young man's best girl lost a fur boa and he dreamed one night he saw the lost article under a road crossing near a school house. He went to the crossing thrust his arm under it and pulled out a bundle of fur. But it wasn't the boa and he has since buried all his clothes. He has no faith in dreams now.

Invitations were issued this week for the annual New Year's eve dance. The party will be given in Carpenter's hall next Thursday evening, Dec. 31, at 8:30 o'clock, and the committee in charge of arrangements is promising many novel features. Music will be furnished by the Ideal Orchestra. The committee in charge is composed of Messrs. J. W. Hughes, Dr. W. C. Barber, H. P. Jones, Hugh M. White, M. E. Bush, W. H. Jones, W. H. Blodgett and James P. Mitchell.

Figures given out by the pension department show that the old soldiers who survive the Rebellion are dying at the rate of 90 a day and for the first time in many years the tide has turned and there are more names being taken from the pension roll than are being added to it. These figures are startling. Ninety a day means about three regiments of the old veterans being fully mustered out every month, and with growing age the death rate must continue to increase rapidly.

A new and decorative railway station is desired by the residents of LaGrange. A petition is being signed by citizens of the suburb begging the village board to urge a new station building on the C. B. & Q. officials. The present depot is built partly in the street at Burlington and Fifth avenues, and it is said the village can order it removed at any time. The petitioners urge the village board to take pacific means first and legal means afterwards if necessary to secure the desired station. The old building, they assert, gives a poor impression of the town to travelers, besides being ancient and inconvenient.

Merry Christmas. National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtis & Hearst's. La Grange is beginning a war on her blind pigs.

Order your Christmas wreaths at Klein's market.

Rev. Chas. Reynolds has been quite sick but is recovering.

R. M. Heavenor left Monday for Pittsburgh where he will spend the winter.

O. H. Whitney has been confined to his home for a week through illness.

Mrs. Robert J. Darney entertained a number of ladies at luncheon yesterday.

Many of the school teachers have gone to their homes to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Josephine Austin and son Delbert are visiting during the holidays in Chicago.

The schools closed last Friday for the annual holiday vacation. Work will be resumed Monday, Jan. 4.

Misses Susie Edwards and Edith Graham were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Graves at dinner last Friday evening.

Miss Elizabeth McNamee and Frank Robert who have been staying at O. J. Dally's left Tuesday for Woodstock, Ohio.

The Odd Fellows will give a "Smoker" Saturday evening, Jan. 2, at their hall to which all members of the lodge are invited.

O. A. Stoops has purchased the Kussel place and will occupy it as a home in the spring. The sale was made through the agency of D. G. Graham.

Galvanized wire, poultry, laws and field fence, all sizes. Don't fail to call and let us quote you prices before placing your spring order. Mertz & Mochel.

The local mails have been loaded with political literature the past week sent out by the Yates campaign committee. Every voter in town received a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The truth about the governor."

Livy F. Pease a resident of York township, DuPage county, for sixty years, died at his home near Fullersburg Friday, December 18, of paralysis, aged 80 years. The funeral was held Monday and burial made in the Thurston cemetery.

John Kirchgasser died last Saturday at his home on Middleaugh avenue. He had asthma and lung disease. The burial occurred Tuesday in Chicago. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

The 29th of next February is a date unusual, since it will be the first time the date has occurred in eight years. Of course it comes only leap years, but four years ago, which would have been leap year naturally, was not as the end of the century years drop the extra day to make up for the over correction made by an extra day in leap year through the preceding portion of the century.

What to buy "him" for Christmas will be found at Tholia's on North Foots 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 everything conceivable in men's furnishings. Nothing but high class goods at popular prices. Tholia's on North Foots street.

The concert given for the benefit of the choir of the Congregational church Saturday evening was well attended and the program given was of an exceptionally pleasing nature. Mrs. Maude B. Stevens is a reader of merit and held the close attention of her hearers. Robert Graham Smith has an excellent voice and pleased the audience with several selections. Elvin N. Sucher gave an exhibition of club swinging, presenting many novel features. Miss Lulu Sinclair, the violinist, showed genius and talent in her selections.

At the First Congregational church of Downers Grove the pastor will preach a New Years sermon next Sunday morning at 10:45. Vesper services at 5 p. m. Christian endeavor at 6 p. m. On Wednesday evening, the 30, the annual meeting of the church will be held in the audience room, when candidates for membership will be received, officers and committees for the coming year elected, reports from the various branches of the church heard and other yearly business transacted. All members and friends are invited to be present. Sunday morning, Jan. 3, new members will be received into church fellowship, by letter and on confession of faith, and the Lord's supper administered.

## CHANGES IN RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

Burlington Road Allows Men More Insurance Without Increase in Premiums.

Changes in the relief department of the Burlington road have been approved by the directory and necessitate an increased annual expenditure in benefits amounting to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 and affecting 28,000 employees over the entire system.

Under the new rules all death benefits have been increased 30 per cent without added expense to the policy holders, and the amount of insurance that may be carried has been increased 80 per cent. The former limit in amount of insurance was \$5,000 for those of the 5th or highest class, whereas the limit for that class will hereafter be \$9,000, \$1,000 of which can be assumed without increased expense.

Another important change in the extension of the period over which the payment of sick benefits obtains. Formerly one year at full rates, varying from 50 cents to \$2 50 per day, was all the members were entitled to. Under the new rules an employee is entitled to an additional year's sick benefits at half the rate received for the first year. Previously a member was not permitted to increase his insurance after he had reached the age of 45 years but under the new rules he is permitted to take additional insurance providing his pay has been increased since he reached that age.

An entirely new feature has been added to the department, which enables the members to take out extra accident death benefit policies, irrespective of the age of the members, and at the rate of 15 cents per month for every \$300, the limit being \$3,000.

For example, engineers, all of whom earn sufficient to entitle them to the maximum benefits enjoyed by the 5th class, formerly could carry but \$5,000 insurance, conditioned on death from any cause. The new rules enable them to increase that to \$8,000 without additional expense, and then to take out extra accident death benefit policies to the extent of \$3,000 and at an additional cost of only \$1.25 per month. Thus the limit of insurance now possible on the Burlington is \$9,000, costing only \$9.75 monthly and corresponding increases are possible in all five classes.

Important changes have also been made in the rules governing the computation of disability benefits, which will increase fully 30 per cent the amounts which disabled employees will receive. Under the former rules if an employee lost an arm or leg he was permitted, if he so desired, to draw on the department as follows and leave the service: 1st class \$800, 2d class \$1,300, 3d class \$1,800, 4th class \$2,400, 5th class \$3,000. Hereafter these amounts will be \$900, \$1,400, \$2,000, \$2,600 and \$3,200 respectively.

About 50 per cent of the Burlington employees are now members of the department, the expenses of which are borne by the railroad company. Superintendent J. N. Redfern stated that the new rules, offering, as they do greatly increased benefits, undoubtedly will increase the membership. The change were made possible by an accumulated surplus of more than \$600,000. At present the total risk represented by the department is \$15,000,000, and the changes will increase that amount to about \$18,000,000.

## CLEVELAND'S THEATRE.

Winchester the great play of which so much was expected, has really proven the greatest play of the season, and to this Mr. Cleveland, with rare tact and judgment, has added a remarkably strong vaudeville bill, and the combination of drama and vaudeville has found a public response, altogether unprecedented. The beautiful theatre is now crowded to the doors at every performance, and the daily matinees have become popular beyond expectation. Winchester is truly a great war play, the Cleveland Theatre company never appeared to a greater advantage. Miss Margaret Way has scored heavily as "Virginia Randolph," the heroine and her beautiful thoroughbred horse "Virginia Boy" has won the hearts of thousands. The desperate ride for life is one of the most sensational, exciting and absolutely realistic features ever seen on any stage, and is highly received with cheers and unbounded applause. The great war play will be followed on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3, with a magnificent production of the ever popular play called "Woman against Woman."

## NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Downers Grove Farmers Mutual Insurance company will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9, 1904, at the Leco hall, Leco, Ill., at 1 p. m. Dated at Leco this 16th day of December, 1903. Fred Anderson, Secretary.

## Pretty Holiday Wedding

### Marriage of Miss Sarah Ethel Edwards and Edmund H. Foster.

Wedding Celebrated at Bride's Home in Evening in the Presence of Friends and Guests.

Without doubt the most handsome and elaborate wedding ever celebrated in Downers Grove was the happy wedding of Miss Sarah Ethel Edwards and Edmund Herman Foster of Chicago, Washington, which was solemnized last night at the bride's home, 28 West Maple avenue. The ceremony occurred at eight o'clock in the presence of many of guests from Downers Grove and abroad. The spacious parlor of the house were handsomely decorated in holly and palms and three holiday colors, green and red, predominated all the decorations.

Promptly at eight o'clock Mrs. W. B. Carpenter and Miss Nellie Carpenter began playing the wedding march from "Lohengrin." To these strains of music the members of the bridal party ascended the broad stairs and took their position in an alcove in the principal parlor under a canopy formed of holly and palms. Rev. H. Booth Hanson, pastor of the First Baptist church, who officiated, led the party, followed by the bride's youngest brother, Lloyd Emery Edwards, as page. Then came Mr. Bert Galbraith of Aurora, who acted as best man. Following came the groom. Six young ladies with broad bands of white satin ribbons followed, marking out the bride's pathway. These were Misses Misses Mabel Austin of Downers Grove, Julia Barnard of Lisle, Lottie Spring of Aurora, Sue Flamm Valparaiso, Ind., Essie Cassidy of Chicago Heights, Helen Johnson of Chicago and Grace Robbins of MacDou, Ind., a school-mate of the bride at Oberlin. Miss Susie Edwards, a sister of the bride, as bridesmaid, Miss Alice Foster, as maid of honor, were the first to walk down the bride's path, followed by little Geraldine Eggers of Chicago, bearing the wedding ring hidden in the heart of a red American Beauty rose. The bride was met by her father at the foot of the stairs and was given to the groom. In celebrating the marriage the ring service was used. During the ceremony the low, sweet strains of the violin and harp, from the balcony in the hall, were heard in "Then you'll remember me" from the opera, "Bohemian Girl," adding much to the impressiveness of the service. Messrs. Lowry and Lee played many selections during the evening.

The bride was gowned in white silk grenadine over white silk and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. Miss Foster, the maid of honor, wore light green silk mail over green silk, carrying maiden hair ferns. The bridesmaid, Miss Edwards, dress was white organdie and lace over white silk. She carried maiden hair ferns. After the congratulations came the refreshments. W. E. Thornton, caterer, served. The guests numbering one hundred and fifty were thoughtfully cared for. The dining room table was decorated in green and red satin ribbons laid and tied over the table with large bows at the corners over all-American burg cloth. Silver candle sticks, shaded with red poppy shades, and green vases completed the table arrangements. Frappes, colored green, was served in an adjoining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster left for Aurora at ten o'clock where they will spend Christmas at the home of his parents and will leave Saturday night for their future home at Seattle. They had a difficult time escaping the rice and the shoes of their friends in departing. After a merry chase through the house the couple escaped down the back stairs and secured their wraps where they had previously been stored and left the house, going down Maple avenue to Washington street and a carriage in waiting took them to Hinsdale where they caught the train to Aurora. Miss Helen Johnson caught the bride's bouquet as it was thrown from the balcony of the staircase before the party left.

Downers Grove at previous times has hosted, and justly so, of its lovely brides, and in this instance she made forth one of her loveliest—an Oberlin girl and a sweet singer. But aside from her accomplishments Mrs. Foster possesses that virtue—perhaps the crown of all true womanhood—a ready disposition and affectionate nature, which will go to make their future a happy one. Prominent society, less to Downers Grove society will be felt heavily, and her many friends will bid adieu with sorrow, but with the tender wishes for a life that is happiest.

The groom is from Aurora, but is known among our young people as genial, entertaining young man, being to work when a term for the Wisconsin Central railroad in Chicago. He is the office of messenger and collector, his district being Downers Grove and the surrounding territory. Many returns and good wishes of the relatives were sent to the bride and groom from Southern Illinois. W. B. Weeks from Lisle and Fred Anderson from Downers Grove.