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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. DOWNERS GROVE, DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JANUAR

DuPage County Victims

Many Residents of this County Lose Lives at Iroquois Theater Fire.

James McKee, Former County Treasurer, and Dr. C. S. Owen Among the Victims—Other County News from Our Exchanges.

Many DuPage county people were victims of the panic at the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago last Wednesday. Dr. Chas. S. Owen, a physician and one of the most prominent men in Wheaton, died Saturday morning at the Chicago Homeopathic hospital from injuries sustained at the Iroquois fire. On Christmas day Dr. Owen held a family reunion; and eight relatives came from Ohio to spend the holiday week. Wednesday a theater party was arranged and twelve seats were secured at the Iroquois in the front row of the first balcony. Out of the entire party of twelve Dr. Owen was the only one to escape. The twelve victims are Dr. Charles S. Owen, Mrs. C S Owen, William Owen, Mrs S. A. Battenfield, John Battenfield, Robert Battenfield, Ruth Battenfield, Mrs. J. H. Dodd, Ruth Dodd, Charles Murray, Viola Kidwell, Sarah, a colored nurse. Dr. Owen probably held more offices in Wheaton than any other man. He was alderman of the second ward, trustee and secretary of the Gary Memorial Methodist church, trustee of the Gary-Wheaton bank trustee and treasurer of the Adam Memorial Public library and superintendent of the Wheaton fire company.

James McKee, former county treasurer, and Miss Bird, his niece of Eola, were among the victims.

Mrs. C. D. Bartlett, wife of Supervisor Bartlett of Wayne, and her sister, Mrs. John Adaneck, lost their lives.

County Judge Linus C. Ruth and his family of Hinsdale, occupied seats in the orchestra circle of the ill fated theater but retained presence of mind. Waiting until the lower floor was almost empty they then made their escape to the street in safety. Many other Hinsdale people were in the theater but all except two escaped without injury.

The board of supervisors with the county officers as their guests went to the county farm last week Tuesday to inspect recent improvements. The new vegetable cellar which has just been completed and in which is housed the potatoes, turnips, cabbage and apples for the farm, fills a much needed winter storage plant. It is a brick building with frost proof, air spaced walls, and hundreds of bushels of vegetables are stored therein. An inspection of the stock showed 200 ewes as fat as butter; a carload of hogs which are almost ready for market, and a lot of cattle. The alms house has 46 inmates, 21 of whom are classed as insane. Mr. Mooney, whom we mentioned last week as having his limbs amputated, is getting along fine. DuPage county may justly feel proud of this public institution, knowing that those in keeping look after the unfortunate, the poor and the homeless in a manner which in their innermost soul leaves no regrets.—Illinoian.

Sheriff Hiser has been doing a land office business the past week. Adam Gushard of Naperville, charged with stealing a watch and some money; Paul and Richard Oenig who reside on the Churchill farm north of Glen Ellyn, charged with stealing grain, and Albert Regalino and Louie Wagner of West Chicago, charged with burglary, will all start the new year in the county jail.

A peculiar and painful accident befell A. H. Townsend Christmas morning as he was tying his horse in front of the postoffice at Hinsdale. The animal in a playful or savage mood seized his left hand in its teeth tearing out a piece of flesh three by two inches from the fleshy part of the palm. Dr. Scott immediately dressed the wound, grafting flesh from the patient's leg. Mr. Townsend is recovering nicely.

NEW FORM FOR EMPLOYES' PASSES.

With the object of defeating scalpers and others who attempt to raise the value of employes' passes, the Burlington road has decided to issue a new form of free transportation, in which the distance to be traveled as well as the points named will be punched. The new form of transportation is described in a circular issued to employes by General Manager Delaney yesterday, in which he says: "In addition to writing the names of the stations between which each pass is made good, it will be necessary to show the approximate distance between the points mentioned by punching on the margin the number next higher than the actual distance, [illegible] for example, a pass between [illegible] and Galesburg, a distance of [illegible] miles, with corresponding [illegible] at 200 [illegible] of its mileage, [illegible] Chicago and [illegible] their necks, of 206 miles, [illegible] miles. There [illegible] Forty [illegible]. For a [illegible] right hand [illegible] will be [illegible] the [illegible]

METHODISTS GIVE A DOUBLE SURPRISE.

Trustee H. W. Martin and Pastor H. H. Rood the Recipients of Gifts from the Church.

Last Friday evening the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Martin on Grove street was the scene of two genuine surprises. It happened in this wise: Quite a large number of his Methodist friends thought that Mr. Martin's long faithfulness as treasurer of the church and his general all around usefulness and good cheer in all good work ought to be dealt with in a way he would not soon forget, so a goodly purse of money was readily subscribed and an elegant morris chair was purchased with which to embarrass him. The busy hum of pleasant conversation and kindly New Year's greetings was well under way and Pastor Rood was waiting all alert for the famous chair to be brought in and the signal to be given for him to make his presentation speech, when the scene changes and events not known in the pastor's program began to transpire. He was asked to step forward to the middle room and in a moment found himself standing beside his wife. Then W. J. Herring told them in plain but kindly words what the church thinks of them, expressed the gratitude of the people for their return for another year and the abounding hope and confidence for the progress and upbuilding of the Master's kingdom. And then as a climax to his address he presented Mr. and Mrs. Rood an envelope containing $15 as a token of the love and kindly regard in which they are held. The pastor got through his response to Mr. Herring as best he could and then as the morris chair was brought in, turned and paid his respects to Mr. Martin as he presented to him that lazy man's refuge and the weary man's rest. The surprise in both cases was complete which with the refreshments, music and general good cheer made the evening an altogether pleasant one.

BARBER SHOP RULES.

The state board of health has announced the following rules for barber shops: The use of sponges is prohibited. Hot and cold water must be provided. The use of powder puffs is prohibited. No towels shall be used for more than one person without being washed. Mugs and shaving brushes shall be thoroughly washed after being used on a person. No barber, unless he is a licensed physician, shall prescribe for a skin disease. Barbers must wash hands thoroughly with soap and hot water before attending to any person. Floors must be swept or mopped every day and all the furniture and woodwork kept free from dust. No alum or other astringent shall be used in stick form. If used at all to stop the flow of blood, it must be applied in powder form. Combs, razors, clippers and scissors shall be thoroughly cleansed by dipping into boiling water or other germicide after every separate use thereof.

DEATH OF MRS. LILLIAN GOODMAN.

Mrs. Lillian Goodman, wife of A. L. Goodman, 1696 West Monroe street, Chicago, and daughter of Mrs. M. E. Mitchell of East Grove, died at the Presbyterian hospital, December 31, 1903 after a brief illness. Death was due to uremic poisoning. At her bedside were her mother and husband who are almost prostrated with grief by their sad bereavement. One child, a daughter, was born the day before its mother's death. Funeral services were held from the residence in Chicago at one o'clock Saturday afternoon and the body was taken to Boston for interment in Forest Hill cemetery. Mr. Goodwin and Miss Georgia Mitchell accompanied the remains. Mr. Goodman had been married only two years. She was born at Gooding's Grove. Friends in Downers Grove, where she was well known, will learn with regret of her sudden death and all unite in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

WAGNER LADY QUARTETTE SATURDAY.

The Wagner Ladies' quartette will appear at the Auditorium Saturday evening in the fourth number of the entertainment course. The quartette is composed of Miss Nellie Porter, first soprano; Miss Bess Blackburn, second soprano; Miss Lulu Johnson, first alto; Miss Helen Tinker, second alto. These young women have delighted the most critical audiences in both the north and the south. Four beautiful young voices, trained by the best teachers, rehearsed for years for perfect harmony, and used intelligently by young ladies of genuine artistic ability, can but please all who enjoy exquisite melody. They will be accompanied by Miss Elsie B. Smith, the delightful reader and impersonator, whose child and "baby" characters and bird warbling have given her a national reputation.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Woebrel Cigar.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's.

John Hawks left yesterday for a trip to California.

School opened Monday after the holiday vacation.

For Sale—2-seated, square box cutter $10. Enquire of E. Wootton.

A. E. Courtright was at home from Fowler, Ind., for the holidays.

There was an addition of 27 members to the Congregational church last Sabbath.

D. H. Uhlhorn is having his new icehouse filled with ice for summer consumption.

Mrs. A. Krambs entertained a party of ladies at a coffee klatch yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Reed on North Main street entertained company from the city Sunday.

Misses Alice and Clara Cole of Ottawa spent last Thursday with their grand parents.

A McGee heating stove for sale. Call at F. H. Kenison's, 171 Prince avenue. Stove has drum attachment.

S. Smith and wife of Newark, N. Y., bride and groom, are visiting at Geo. R. Smith's on Middaugh avenue.

Many sleighing parties have been taking advantage of the fine sleighing and moonlight nights the past week.

The Knights of the Maccabees are arranging to give an entertainment to be followed by a dance, Wednesday evening Jan. 27th.

Scarlet fever has again made its appearance in the village and the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Binder is ill with the disease.

Wanted in Hinsdale—Reliable girl for general housework, family of two, wages $4.50. Must be neat, clean and willing to learn. Address P. O. box 133, Hinsdale.

Mrs. Bert C. White has been seriously ill for more than a week but is now recovering. Her mother, Mrs. H. L. Rose of Hartford, Mich., who is here visiting her is also sick.

Next Sunday evening the pastor of the Methodist church will preach on the great fire of last week under the caption, "The holocaust of death and some lessons it ought to teach."

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington entertained a party of friends Tuesday evening at their home on Gilbert avenue. "Pit" was the means of amusement and during the evening refreshments were served.

Mrs. J. T. Escher, well known in Downers Grove, died at her home, 643 West 12th street, Chicago, last Monday night. Funeral will be held at the Evangelical church at 1:30 o'clock today and interment made in the West cemetery.

The regular dime social of the Congregational church will be held at the home of Mrs. R. J. Darnley on Warren avenue, Friday evening, Jan. 8. A calendar party will form the entertainment and all are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Rufus Blanchard, one of the best known residents of DuPage county, died at his home in Wheaton Sunday, Jan. 3, aged 82 years. Mr. Blanchard was born in Lyndeboro, New Hampshire, March 7, 1821, and came west in 1854 where he introduced the manufacture of maps in the west. He was the author of several early histories of DuPage county.

E. Wootton has recently purchased a fine flock of pure blood Dorset sheep formerly owned by Barton south of Hinsdale. The flock is considered one of the finest in the country. He also has four thoroughbred Dorset rams for sale at his farm south of town. Mr. Wootton has already commenced shipping spring lambs to the Auditorium hotel in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Gerwig of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. F. Gerwig and Mrs. Morton Gross of Downers Grove attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. A. W. Strickfaden at Gilman, Ills., last Saturday. Mrs. Strickfaden was formerly well known here when she was Miss Lena Gerwig and leaves many bereaved relatives and friends. Her death occurred Dec. 31. Burial was made at Groveland.

The breaking of the axle on the middle driver of engine No. 1723, drawing the Denver express No. 3, just west of the Downers Grove tower Saturday night, at 11:20 o'clock, came near causing a disastrous wreck. "The engineer feeling a lunch coming," said Uncle, "his lever and succeeded in the givin' a engine in time to prevent the national [illegible] The wrecking crew arrived in [illegible] Aurora and took the [illegible] which was easily [illegible]

National Light oil at Nash's.

Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearth'.

W. W. Alford started for California last Monday.

Mitchel Heintz is an invalid suffering from a severe fall.

Mrs. Chas. Mochel has been quite seriously ill for several days.

J. W. Sucher visited his brother Louis at Rockford last week returning Monday.

One heavy wagon and one light milk wagon for sale. Call on H. H. Woelfersheim.

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

D. D. Escher was in Downers Grove Tuesday to make arrangements for the burial of his sister-in-law.

Mrs. Wm. Lowry's sister-in-law and two children of West Groesdale met death in the Iroquois theater fire.

George B. Heartt expects to build a residence on his lots south of the Dr. W. W. Gourley residence on Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Shapley and daughter of Hamilton, N. Y., enroute to California, have been spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Stickle.

Mrs. Frank Lacey gave a leap year party in honor of her Sabbath school class at her home on Tuesday evening, Jan. 5th, ten couple enjoying the eve.

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 Mutual Life Insurance company of New York has recently paid a death claim to the heirs of Solomon A. Tibney of Aurora, amounting to $1,940 on an insurance of $1,000.

Little Miss Gladys Rogers, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers is here for an extended visit. The young lady is only eleven years old and made the trip alone from Los Angeles, Cal., in safety arriving here the day before Christmas.

Mrs. B. M. Muzzey and daughter, Isabelle, leave Friday evening for Los Angeles, Cal., where her husband went last October. Mr. and Mrs. Muzzey have many friends in Downers Grove who regret their departure but wish them success in their new home.

The domestic science department of the Woman's club spent a very pleasant afternoon yesterday with Mrs. F. A. Root. An interesting and instructive paper was given by Mrs. Geo. Hughes on the chemistry of food. Demonstrations on bread making were given by Mrs. Root. The next meeting will be held in February.

Miss Margaret Shea would like to meet all young ladies interested in physical culture at 68 Saratoga Ave., Monday, January 11, at 7:30 p. m. to organize a class for the winter. The class will meet once each week. $3.00 for the term of 12 lessons. Those who were in her class last winter know how efficient Miss Shea is, and will doubtless be glad of another term with her.

Fortunately so far as can be learned no resident of Downers Grove was at the Iroquois theatre at the time of the fire last Wednesday. Several people had planned to go on that day but for some simple reason had been detered. Among those were Mrs. W. H. Radell and daughter and Mrs. F. A. Dawes and daughter. Needless to say they are all congratulating themselves on remaining at home.

The annual New Year's eve dance was given at Carpenter's hall last Thursday evening with a party of about 25 couples in attendance. Owing to the recent disaster in the city the affair was rather quiet. Dainty souvenir calendar programs contained a list of 16 dances. At the moment of the advent of the new year, during the progress of a dance, the lights were suddenly cut off and transparencies were displayed bearing new year's greetings.

The sixth annual dance of the Downers Grove Fire Department held New Year's eve was one of the most successful the firemen have ever given. Over one hundred and twenty-five couples attended and from nine o'clock until long after the greeting of the new year the Auditorium was the scene of merriment. A program of twenty-four dances was given to music furnished by the Ideal orchestra. During the evening refreshments were served in the [illegible] At [illegible] committee in charge of [illegible] and [illegible] E. Schmitt, [illegible] Fredericks, [illegible]

WOOD[illegible]

Assessment [illegible] Higher Rate Assessments [illegible] Fraternal [illegible] in Force.

Our readers belonging to the Modern Woodmen and many others in this matter will be interested in the schedule of rates adopted by the society which went into effect Jan. 1. To the matter may be understood and every member know exactly what he will pay we present this article showing the new rates. While ten has been the lowest and some years twelve assessments have been levied in the past it is the belief of those competent to judge of such matters that eight assessments will be all that will be necessary next year and perhaps this number will be sufficient for some years to come.

As above stated these new rates are now effective and all members will be obliged to pay the sums printed in the table here given. These rates are graded by ages, but in ascertaining his rate a member will not compute from his present age, but from the date of his certificate. For instance, if a person became a member of the society 15 years ago when he was 30 years of age, he will pay 65 cents per $1,000 each assessment and not the rate of his present age of 45 years, which would be $1 per $1,000 each assessment. If, however, this neighbor at age 30 first procured only $1,000 of insurance, then 5 years later secured an increase in his certificate of $1,000, he would pay under the new rates 65 cents for the $1,000 issued to him when he was 30 years of age, and 75 cents for the increase issued to him when he was 35 years of age. If the member will ascertain the date of original certificate, also the date of increase, if any, it will be very easy for each individual to ascertain the rate he will pay.

It will be noticed that the rate is carried above the age of 45 years. This is done because, before the age limit was reduced, some became members of the society at higher ages. While this table shows a rate on $3,000 for those who joined above the age of 45 years, no one can now become a member of the society who is over 45 years of age, and no one above the age of 41 years can secure a certificate for more than $2,000.

TABLE OF ASSESSMENT RATES.

Age at nearest birthday	$1000	$2000	$3000	$4000
From 18 to 25 yrs inc.	.60	.25	.90	.55	.00	.65	.90
From 26 to 27 yrs inc.	.30	.55	1.10	1.65
From 28 to 29 yrs inc.	.30	.60	1.20	1.80
From 30 to 31 yrs inc.	.35	.65	1.30	1.95
From 32 to 33 yrs inc.	.35	.70	1.40	2.10
From 34 to 35 yrs inc.	.40	.75	1.50	2.25
From 36 to 37 yrs inc.	.40	.80	1.60	2.40
From 38 to 39 yrs inc.	.45	.85	1.70	2.55
From 40 to 41 yrs inc.	.45	.90	1.80	2.70
From 42 to 43 yrs inc.	.50	.95	1.90	2.85
From 44 to 45 yrs inc.	.50	1.00	2.00	3.00
From 46 to 47 yrs inc.	.55	1.10	2.20	3.30
From 48 to 49 yrs inc.	.60	1.20	2.40	3.60
From 50 to 51 yrs inc.	.65	1.30	2.60	3.90
From 52 to 53 yrs inc.	.70	1.40	2.80	4.20
From 54 to 55 yrs inc.	.75	1.50	3.00	4.50
From 56 to 57 yrs inc.	.80	1.60	3.20	4.80
From 58 to 59 yrs inc.	.85	1.70	3.40	5.10
From 60 to 61 yrs inc.	.90	1.80	3.60	5.40

NOTED CORRESPONDENT AND TRAVELER.

Few newspapers in the United States are able to command the services of as brilliant a corps of correspondents as that of the Chicago Record-Herald. Its choice of a Washington correspondent is indicative of the Record-Herald's policy of obtaining the best to be had. Walter Wellman, the well known authority on political subjects and one of the ablest writers of the day, acts in that capacity. Mr. Wellman was born in Mentor, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1858. At the age of 14 he began his newspaper experience, establishing at that age a weekly paper in the little town of Sutton, Neb. In 1878 he returned to Ohio, and a year latter established the Cincinnati Evening Post. In 1884 he became the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Herald, and in 1892 he visited Central America and the West Indies, and located the landing place of Columbus on Watling's (San Salvador) Island, and marked the spot with a huge stone monument. Mr. Wellman's dashes to the north pole are well known. In 1894 he made the first of his two arctic voyages of exploration, reaching the latitude of 81 degrees northeast of Spitzbergen. In 1898 he returned to the north, penetrated to Franz Joseph Land, returning again to this country in 1899. On each trip he met with wonderful success in the discovery of islands and lands, and brought back with him scientific data and information of great value to the American Geographical society. Mr. Wellman has been a voluminous writer for magazine magazines and popular periodicals. On returning from his arctic trips he renewed his connection with the Record-Herald, and is now the Washington correspondent of that paper. His interesting discussion of contemporary affairs has given him a high place in the regard of statesmen and journalists of the day. [illegible]

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