DOWNERS GROVE

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR.

DOWNERS GROVE, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1904.

Eligible Bachelors Awaiting Leap Year Girl's Proposals.

Scores of Marriageable Young Men Who Would Make Model Husbands-Girls Make Your Leap Year Selections.

Here's an opportunity for the bachclor maids and marriageable widows who infest Downers Grove to such remarkable degree. Scores, literally scores of eligible young bachelors claim Downers Grove as their residence and still retain their bachelordom habits after eight years of chances to change their condition. This is leap year-the first in eight long years-and the girl who overlooked her opportunity in 1896 is likely to be called an old maid before 1908 if still unmarried.

Below the REPORTER presents a directory of the principal bachelors of the village. It includes the best known ing chap who does not care to get into eligibles, men who for eight years have believed themselves immune from love and men who have defled the efforts of steady character. Modest and shy,perwomen and the beguilments of charm- haps, but that is no reason why he ing girls. In the list are names of men should be overlooked. William is just line shirts, the best shirt in the world 200 subscribers. who for forty years—some for more or the man to make some nice girl an for \$1.00 at Nash's. less-have lived a solitary life. Some ideal husband. are hopeless and incorrigible yet we hope by the aid of this directory to enlist many of them in the army of Benedicts before another new year comes,

take their pick—the bargain counter is solve the problems which the individheaped high. Many of them have been ual is called upon to face, he could too busy making money to marry-to bring happiness to one heart and by whom some women may recal that fact doing that he would also bring happithis year. There are those who have ness to himself. Mr. Jones, we hope, loved and lost and are willing to love will soon be brought to see the matter again-or love and be won. There are in this light. He is old enough to marthose who have sought their affinities ry and it would give us pleasure to in vain and are now waiting for their chronicle his wedding during this year affinities to find them. This year the of grace. affinity may make herself known. Here solections:

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in the bottle, immune bachelor of Downers Grove. He is practically incorrigible and almost beyond hope. In the long ago pioneers thought "Joe's" heart was touched and that a marriage would result but he's always been immune. Still there's always hope while life endures and some bachelor maid might induce him to change his state of single blessedness for the joys and comforts of married life.

George Hoffert is still the dean of the bachelor's club. He does not look or appear a day older than he did eight years ago. Has considerable property and a handsome modern residence on Grove street. He should take a wife and eccupy it himself. May be somewhat hard to land but by patience you can bring him to your feet and make two hearts happy.

Now, there is Mr. King Bush, tall. dark and a handsome man, just the kind that romantic girls rave over. Mr Bush will make a model husband and that he may be brought to the realization of the fact that he ought to have a helpmeet is to be hoped. Genial and of good address one naturally thinks some smart girl will manage to get him to the altar before leap year is past. Has means.

Dr. Walter C. Barber is considered one of Downers Grove's choicest prizes. Is dignified and handsome. But the doctor is reserved and coy and the girl that can win so much as a smile from him feels encouraged. He ranks well in his profession, is quite a talented musician, a small eater and is fond of chop sooy. So the girl that can get him will have plenty of music in her home, but little cooking to do, and she will never have any trouble to make a date with her dentist.

Perhaps you yearn for a life among scenes of rural beauty. Sweet scented meadows, purling brooks and an at mosphere ladened with the fragrance of apple blossoms possess a charm for many girls. The girl who can per surade James Mitchell to crown her queen of his home will enjoy these charms of the country. James is old enough to marry. Perhaps he has contemplated doing so. Rumor says-but, pshaw! Don't let rumor frighten you No girl can be sure of a fellow until the knot is tied and before that there is hope for some one else. Mr. Mitchell, with a very little training, will make a model husband.

David Holland was still a school boy in '96 but he has reached manhood's estate and is one of the most promising of the younger set. He is industrious, enterprising and good looking. be made payable to Chas. Mochel. The advertisers' agency with offices in the members are requested to be present. gage on his affections, "there is many a slip 'twix the cup and the lip"and it's worth your while to keep your eye on

John Heartt certainly ought to be married. Why he is not beyond our The law term of the county court ad-church next Sunday afternoon at the 5 Lacy, on Tuesday, and a joily good most certain cure in the ken. John is as good as they make, he journed until the first Monday in Febru-o'clock service. Her story is well known time was had. No one understands threat and lung troubles. we hope that 1904 will see him a Bene- for the term.

Dan Cupid's Directory. dict. He is modest and bashful, girls, but by a little careful management we dict. He is modest and bashful, girls, believe you can get him to assent to your proposal,

Lee E. Stanley has a prominent posi tion with Armour & company. He i a native of Downers Grove and a man who has had much experience for his years. He is said to make mysterious visits to Naperville, but with six days out of seven in which to smile at him s girl with plenty of goahead-ive-ness ought to be able to offset the charms of any one who has only one in seven

Charles Haller is head clerk for the Downers Grove Fair. A quieter, more industrious young man never gladdened the eye of a Downers Grove maid. Such devotion to business can not fail to win a competence that will provide not only the necessities but the luxur les for the girl that has sufficient perseverance to win.

W. H. Blodgett is a quiet, unassumthe lime light. Has a cheerful disposition, is even tempered, and a man of

Howard P. Jones is of a philosophical turn of mind. If he would divert his attention from the problems which confront mankind enmasse and concentrate Downers Grove's single women may it on assisting some young woman to

James Pentoney is a bright young girls is a good start for your leap year man who would fairly worship the right girl. Now the question is will the Josiah A. Richards is the original right girl offer him her heart and hand and only genuine 18-karet, name blown during this year when maids are sup-

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ONLY EIGHTY-THREE WIDOWS HERE.

Many of our readers are skeptical concerning the truth of the widow story published last week. They doubt the truth of the statement that seventy-five widows reside in the confines of the village-much less eighty. A careful canvass of the town reveals the number to be exactly eighty-three-no more, no less. Presuming these doubters are from the sacred confines of Missouri and "need to be shown" we present the names of the entire number. There's scarcely a street-yes, block in the village in which a widow does not live. All ages are represented; all creeds and colors. Read the list and then if you have the temerity state that for widows. Here's the list; initials and brother at Naperville. given names are dispensed with for the sake of brevity: Mesdames Lyman, Hoffert, Williams, Kenyon, Hyde, Rose, Gumbrell, Bateman, Hancock, Dr. Roberts, French, Davenport, Mackinsworth, Schindler, Watte, Austin, Bush, Belden, Lyons, Naramore, Suffivan, Kelley, Cross, Crescy Lehman, Cole, Emma Smith, Mitchell, Smith, Mitchell, Davis, Krambs, Law, Whiffin, Johnson, Jones, Wells, Pattison, Meehan, Shaw, Willis, ville, Carnes, Bennett, Emigh, McNaught, Bates, Nourse, Wimmer, Chilvers, Melaney, Smart, Morton, Louis E. Hall, T. Hall, Foote, Bentley, Foster, H. Clark, Wheeler, Collier, Corcoran, Strong, Goodspeed, A. Clark, Kearney, Depuy Berner and mother, Anderson, Havens, Rassweiler, Hobart, Towsley, Mills. Eberwine, Miller, Cobb, Kennedy, Hoover, Trevette, Marsh, Hannum, Curtiss.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the board of local improvements of the village of Downers Grove, Ill., natif 7:30 o'clock p. m. January 29th, 1904, at which time said proposals will be opened for grading, curbing and paving a portion of Main street, in said village, requiring approximately 2,710 linear feet of combined concrete curb and gutter and 6,414 square yards of brick pavement on macadam foundation. Plans and specifications may be seen and blank proposals obtained at the of fice of Chas. Mochel, Downers Grove, or at room 1715, Marquette building, Chicago. Payment for above work will be made by special assessment bonds bear. Dietz has given up his position as traf- church will meet for practice tonight ing 5 per cent interest. Each proposal fic manager of the Aurora Electric rail- at the residence of Mrs. V. Simonson,82 must be accompanied by a certified road and has become vice-president of Gilbert avenue at 7:30 o'clock. check for not less than 10 per cent of White's Class Advertising company, Eilert, the new leader, will be present the total amount of the proposal and the prominent agricultural newspaper and take charge of the meeting. board reserves the right to reject any Caxton building in Chicago. and all bids. W. S. Shields, Engineer; Chas. Mochel, President; J. W. Graves, Secretary; G. B. Heartt, board of local improvements.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Wochrel Cigar.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. A. E. Courtright returned Monday

from Fowler, Ind. W. H. Radell left Tuesday for a busi-

ness trip to Arkansas. Mrs. E. Skinner entertains a number

of ladies at luncheon today. Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Tully have returned from Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. J. L. Wilson of Chicago was a visitor at Walter Farrar's over Sunday. Don't forget the luncheon at the

Colonel Woods of Independence, Ia., visited Major Geo, N. Jones here over day, Sunday.

Mrs. E. J. W. Dietz is entertaining company from her fermer home, Glo- February 12.

Wanted-A competent, protestant ceive the tax books from the county girl for general house work; good wag- clerk about the 25. es. 102 Gilbert avenue,

county is hearing the Brennan habeas ily on Gilbert avenue. corpus case in Chicago today.

Sunday merning at the Baptist Gerwig's north side church Rev. Hazen will speak on the changes of ad in this issue. subject, "Sinning against Love."

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith of Chicago visited at F. C. Lacy's last Monday. Mrs. Smith is a sister to Mrs. Lacy.

The Methodist ladies will give luncheon Thursday, January 28th, at the residence of Mrs. Geo. B. Heartt,

Come in and let us write you one of those receipts. Possession of one will ward off insomnia and nervous prostra- 7:30 p. m.

The regular January thaw was inaugurated Tuesday. Rainfall helped Hinsdale Tuesday evening and a train reduce the snow banks and replenished ride back home. cisterns.

resident of Naperville, died in Aurora last Saturday. Burial was made at of less than twenty-four hours. Naperville Monday.

Sanborn formerly of Downers Grove, died suddenly of heart disease Jan. 1, Chicago, Aurora and Downers Grove. at his home in Plattsburgh, N. Y.

Eugene Lindley was taken to a sanitarium at Princeton last Tuesday. He is in a serious condition, suffering from heart trouble and a complication of di- ing.

Downers Grove a few hours Monday which recently failed, have been indicted evening on their return to the city by the grand jury. The charge is em-Downers Grove is not truly a paradise from attending the funeral of their

> Francis Henry McGary died at his residence north of Downers Grove, Thursday, Jan. 14, aged 56 years. Funeral services were held Saturday and burial made at the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Bonifas of Naperville celebrated their golden wedding last week. They were mairied in Prussia 50 years ago and two years later came to America and settled at Naper-

A new directory, dated December, 1903, has been issued by the Chicago Telephone company. It contains the names of thousands of patrons, as well as many facts and figures found in no other book.

Mrs. John Paden attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. James Watson, at Morris, Ills., Moday. Mrs. Watson was 85 years old and had been ill about two months at the home of her son, Dr. W H. Watson, of Chebause, Ills.

Messrs, Fred Mikoleit and F. L. Radell wish to again thank the firemen and citizens for their efficient work in doing all in their power to save the house and furniture at the recent fire factory in every detail. Sold for cash and take this means of showing their appreciation.

Louis Klein states his market will be open for business Monday morning. His son, Emery, has fully recovered from scarlet fever and the premises will be fumigated tomorrow. Mr. Klein says an entirely new and fresh stock will be secured.

Since the first of the year E. J. W.

Helen M. Stone, was captured by the their pastor, Rev. Chas. Reynolds, had turned despair into joy. The first buttle Bulgarians and ransomed for \$50,000, their annual sleighing party to the brought immediate relief and its continwill speak in the First Congregational pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. and nos completely cared her. It's the is a partner in a prosperous firm and ary at 10 a. m. The jury was discharged and will be desply interesting, related making their friends welcome bette

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair.

Best oil in town at Curtiss & Heartte' Berwyn is having an unpleasant experience with smallpox.

The board of supervisors had a mee ing at Wheaton Tuesday. The Naperville show closed yesterday

after a successful exhibition. Mrs. Calla Bush entertained a few friends at luncheon Wednesday.

Geo. B. Heartt intends transforming the old club rooms into modern flats. J. W. Nash spent Sunday with his Congregational church this, Thu reday brother, J. A. Nash, at Hinckley, Ills. Two of the children of Frank Staffeld

> The firemen will hold their annual masquerade ball on Friday evening,

The telephone system is being extend-New styles and patterns in the Red- ed and the local exchange now has over

Collector Buschman expects to re-

Miss Alice Cole is spending the month Judge Geo. W. Brown of DuPage with her uncle, E. C. Stanley and fam-

> The Downers Grove Fair and Fred grocery have

R. C. Granberry of Downers Grove and a lady from Springfield were licensed to wed in Chicago Saturday.

go wish board and room in Downers Grove. Apply at or address this office.

The physical culture class will meet for its second lesson at the home of Miss Alice Meehan, Monday, Jan. 25, at

A leap year party of Downers Grove young people took a sleigh tide

Mrs. George B. Robbins of Hinsdale, Ephriam Hauser, a former pioneer died suddenly at Palm Beach, Florida, Monday of pneumonia after an illness

Misses Clara Deut and Margaret Galevening to about 35 young people from

Geo. Binder was taken ill with diphtheria Thursday and has been in a crittcal condition. His little daughter who is down with scarlet fever is recover-

C. H. Bacon and A. H. Butler, presi-Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Escher were in dent and cashier of the Lockport bank,

> The Baptist Young People's Union will give a basket sociable at the home of Miss E. F. Marsh on Curtiss street. Thursday evening, January 21st. Come and have a good time.

Invitations have been issued for a dance to be given by the Knights of the Maccabees at Carpenter's hall on Wednesday evening, Jan. 27. The Ideal orchestra will furnish music.

Rev. F. H. Sheets, D. D., Presiding Measrs, and Meedames, E. H. Hunting- vember 1, 1903. The bill was re Elder of the Chicago western district will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The pastor will preach in the evening on the topic previously announced.

This year's trainmen's dance promis- Glen W. Edwards. es to eclipse all previous efforts of the railroad men. The ball will be held at Illinois hall, Ogden avenue and Madison streets, Chicago, tomorrow evening. Many from Downers Grove expect to attend.

You want genuine value when you buy a piano. You want to know its intrinsic value. You want your money's worth. The clear toned and beautifully finished Straube planos are satis or on time by E. Herzberg.

Warren Devereux received a severe fall one day last week while working from a ladder on the Escher house on Curtiss street. The ladder slipped from under him throwing him to the ground 12 feet below. His right limb was se verely bruised and it is a miracle that it was not broken.

The choir of the Congregational

than Mr. and Mm. Lacy.

WOODMEN PROSPERS UNDER NEW PLAN. Order in Good Shape and Local Comp is Plant ishing—Much Insurance in Porce

Modern Woodmen camps of the United States are now under the new rates, which west into effect Jan. 1,in compliance with the plan adopted at the head camp w ing at Indianapolis.

The accessments made on members will no longer be numbered by years, begi ning with number 1, etc., but the fi seement of this year will be numbered 196, and the number of assessments w be continued for the rest of the time fre this number. In the 21 years of the der's life, only 195 assessments have bee made, all told, and the new order of thing starts the numbering in accordance with this whole number.

The members of the order have sent circular in regard to the changes, an extract from which reads as follows:

were taken ill with scarlet fever Thurs-"Assessments must be paid before the first day of the month following their call call-not on the first as we used to do. A the assessment of every member who living on the date of the call must be paid and before claim, in case of death, will be settled, it is wiser to pay earlier in the month than the last day, and you avoid the risk of suspension by forgetting it at the last moment."

> The increase in the rate has been caused by the increased death rate. At the very low rate at which this order has been op erating, it would be necessary in a very few years to levy heavy assessments, an at the new rates the number of assess ments have been decreased from twelve (the number last year,) to eight.

The last report showed this organization in a most promising condition, they ing one and a half million dellars in their Two young men who work in Chica- treasury. The Modern Woodmen now number 750,000, with an insurance force of \$1,200,000,000.

LEAP YEAR SLEIGHING PARTY.

"Sleighing under difficulties" might be an appropriate title for a story concorning a leap year sleigh ride arranged by eight young maids and matrons Tuesday evening. As an initial aggravation the driver of the "coach" failed to appear on time and a boy of tender years was impressed into service as coachman. Everything went well until the crowd had all been gathered, when it was found the capacity of the C. D. Moore, a brother of Mrs. W. J. ley gave a leap year party Saturday persuasion and careful calculation room blank, while 1900 shows but 225. was finally found in the sied for the 18 347 licenses issued during the people comprising the party. Hinsdale nearly every state in the union was to be the destination and an oyster | recented—they came from New York supper and various trimmings planned on the east to Salt Lake City, S for refreshment. A mile out of Down. Hot Springs on the west, from Car ers Grove it began to rain-one of those the north to Alabama and Texas steady, persistent rains that wet. Soft south. One reason for the weather made the going poor anyway Dulage county as a marriage and the rain killed the enthusiasm for the gentlemanly and urbane a protracted ride. Hinsdale was ulti- ties of the county clerk and his able mately reached and the supper dis- of assistants. The kindness, tact cussed with pleasure. By that time creetness with which they direct the the rain was falling in torrents. After ple who are looking for trouble mature deliberation the crowd decided home of the nearest justice or the to return on the train. First the ladies of the church whose creed coincid swore every one to secrecy regarding their own .- Journal. the "frost" or rather "thaw" before they would consent to abandon the Will county board within a week in "bob," "Why," they declared, "if it should get out we would never hear the last of the 'boat ride.' '' The party Fitzpatrick, the village health a returned home on the 11:20 train motet bill is for \$5,820 and covers the p but happy. On the excursion were ton, R. J. Darnley, Hugh M. White; the finadie committee. The do Misses Mabel O. Hunt, Edith Graham, Bliss, Laura Hughes, Mabel Rutherford; days services, and account is taken I Messrs. W H Jones, W. H. Blodgett, Lee E. Stanley, Dr. W. C. Barber and

DARING BURGLARY AT EOLA.

A daring burglary was committed at Eola last Thursday afternoon, on the farm of Joe Blake and the thief after a wild chase by the village constable and leading merchant was run down on Edgar G. Simpson's farm where he took refuge in the cow barn. Allen Jordan was the culprit's name. He came from Chicago about a month ago and went to work on the Blake farm. Thursday morning Mr. Blake drove to Aurora on business leaving Mrs. Blake and Jordan on the tarm. Some time about noon Jordan went into the house and took s roll of bilis belonging to Mr. Blake from a mattress in one of the bedrooms and left for town. The roll contained about \$285 all in paper. Jordan was taken to the Wheaton jail Thurs. Mich. His wife was day afternoon.

SAVED FROM TERRIBLE DEATH.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of a carriage Kylen was Bargeton, Tenn., saw her dying and were a tree at the time of his powerless to mave her. The most skillful ing his footing fall six or el physicians and every remedy used, failed, supling which plerced his while consumption was alowly but enrely lived three hours. Thirty-one ladies from the Congrega- taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. The m Mrs. Katerina Tislka, who with Miss tional church and Aid society with King's New Discovery for consumption

city council as that pent, but oil was r

to lot your light chine Wheaton was very bringing in competition promoters and speculator

Ira U. Copley of the La has been the only contest, and by his gout honesty of purpose and fall positions has been a favorite ! found scheming for undue a trying to get clauses embed dinance which would rob the just rights. He met all m members of the city "Johnny on the spot" when the came. He was there with his

ordinance to delay the game The mayor and aldermon fixed imum price for the me fr city of Wheaton at \$4,000 and 3 promptly bid \$4,200, His was bid and the money was laid on

the other company was there?

and picked up by the city to It was a fine colmination question for Wheaton. The members of the city council have ones to make for their acts for

песелемту. Within one year 13 miles of gas will be laid in the streets of Wh there is no question as to service Aurora, LaGrange, Batavia, Bt. and Hinedale are finding no fa the gas and Wheaton can rest a it is a sure thing with no cap-

attachments.

During the past year there has be sued at the office of the county marriage licenses. In 1902 268

The second bill to be presented treatment of smallpox cases in the epidemic at Lemont was sent by Dr. treatment of cases from October 30 est bill calls for \$582 a day for damage to his practice through his the cases for treatment. The pe afraid to employ him for other ill this time, and all things believes the bill is a just one.

The LaGrange Gas company's no fice in Hinedale was completed le and within the next few days al business of the company will be ed there. Miss Grace McClintock in charge. At present the a ment will be of a temporary handsome office fixtures which I ordered not being promised In the windows and on the floor lamps handled. The building with coke stoves, which by be offered for sale to Him

Theodore Kylen, a Swedle Hinsdale, was killed W. Ed Welle' lamber camp telephone station that at the tragic message o she fainted, and had to be