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RESOLUTIONS.
 Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove by the hand of death our respected fellow-citizen, Jacob Klein, Sr.; therefore, be it
 Resolved, That we, members of Downers Grove Lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F., do hereby tender to Brother Jacob Klein, Jr., and his family, our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement in the loss of their kind and loving father. Be it further
 Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, a copy sent to our brother and a copy to the Downers Grove Reporter for publication.
 J. W. READER,
 GEO. BENDELL,
 A. D. SETTY,
 Committee.

Tuesday evening the Lady Macbees of Hinsdale Hive gave a public installation, to which the Downers Grove Hive had been invited. The 7:40 train carried the visitors, which numbered forty-two. One coach was filled with the Bees. The guests were welcomed by State Department Commander Mrs. Tillie Ohmes, who made each and all feel happy to be there. As the guards from Downers Grove Hive assembled in their places to assist in the installing of the newly elected officers, they were highly complimented on their fine appearance, excellent drill work and thorough knowledge of the order. Much of the success was due to the efforts of the ladies from Downers Grove, and, appreciating the endeavors and services rendered, Lady Commander Cora C. Blodgett was presented a beautiful bouquet of roses by Mrs. Ohmes on behalf of the Hinsdale ladies. Refreshments were served, followed by a social hour of music.

Downers Grove lodge, No. 750, I. O. O. F., will have an initiation and second degree Feb. 1st. Lodge opens at 8:00 o'clock. All Odd Fellows welcome.
 A. D. SETTY, Secy.
 P. P. Foskett received a letter from Mrs. E. E. Dexter, from Pensacola, Fla., where he is recuperating from his recent illness, in which he tells, among other things, of sitting out in his shirt sleeves smoking his pipe while reading of blizzards and zero weather in the Chicago papers, and adds: Why such reading is nearly as good as a dish of ice cream; so refreshing, you know. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he is greatly improving in health.

WOODMEN CELEBRATION.

Officers Installed.
 The local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America splendidly entertained their members and friends Thursday evening, January 23d, in Modaff's hall. A great many ladies (members' wives, sweethearts or children) were in attendance.
 The recently elected officers, whose names were given in a previous issue, were installed by Rev. F. F. Farmiloe, who is a member of the local camp, the installation ceremonies being interspersed with many witticisms from Rev. Farmiloe and the Chief Forester, J. B. Huling. This finished, those present were privileged to witness a military drill by the visiting Naperville camp, under the direction of Chief Chas. La-sanska. The Naperville boys were attired in regular military uniform, excepting they carried axes instead of rifles. One of the most interesting features of the drill was the formation of the letters "M. W. A." with the axes. The whole drill revealed long, hard and efficient training, and the enthusiastic applause given at the conclusion of the drill was indeed merited.
 Below are the names of Naperville

company above referred to: Chas. La-sanska, chief; Julian Voss, sergeant; Wm. Luebke, Daniel Slick, Oliver Weinhold, Paul Osterland, Bert Pelling, Ira Marsh, Herman Voss, Chas. Miller, Frank Freiberg, Jan Ory, Albert Leppert, Edward Shindie, John Landorf, Elden Hariden, Ben Burgess, Herman Miller.

A short program followed, consisting of two musical selections and an oration. Refreshments of coffee, pickles, cake, etc., were served by the members of the Royal Neighbors.
 The local camp of this world-wide order is certainly "doing itself proud" in every way, and is constantly adding to its membership.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

AUDITORIUM.
 Last Opportunity to Hear San Carlo Grand Opera Stars—Chicago Auditorium Offers Most Wonderful Musical Ensemble—Nordica, Nielsen, Foria, Constantino, Blanchard, De Segurain. Among the World Famed Artists.

The third and positively last week of a remarkably successful engagement of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company will commence at the Auditorium Theater next Monday night, Feb. 3. Director Henry Russell announces an exceptionally fine repertoire for this last week of the short engagement.

Among the artists of the company, Senior Florencio Constantino, the great Spanish tenor, is doubtless the greatest dramatic tenor who ever sang in Chicago.

Mme. Lillian Nordica, the famous dramatic soprano; Miss Alice Nielsen, the charming lyric soprano; Mmes. Jane Norton, Maria Clausens, Rosa Oltzka, Guglielmina Marchi, Milly Brannon, and Tina Besana will be again seen in different operas. Senior Ramon Blanchard, who fully deserved the enthusiastic applause of the audiences during the performances of different operas in which he sang, especially in "La Traviata," in which he sang the role of the elder Germont; Senior de Segurain, who achieved great success in the role of Escamillo in "Carmen"; Senior Carlo Dani and MM. Maurel, Oppizo, Fornari, Rossi, Villani, Franzini and Giaccone will again sing in the operas given during the last week of the engagement of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company.

Director Russell will put on "Martha," "Don Pasquale," "Lohengrin" and several of the operas which were successfully presented during this engagement.

MAJESTIC.

The bills that the Majestic Theater, Chicago, have been offering during the two years that it has been open to the public are undoubtedly the best to be had in the field of vaudeville.

For the week beginning Feb. 3 Master Gabriel, the celebrated diminutive comedian, is starring in a one-act playlet entitled "Auntie's Visit." Another important act will be the eight Vassar girls in their charming and artistic high class instrumental selections and the brilliant spectacular electrical dancer, Dixon and Anger will be one of the big comedy features of the bill, and Shields and Rogers, whose lasso throwing feats have commanded widespread attention, will give an exhibition of their marvelous skill. The Redouin Arabs is a series of acrobatic stunts; Salerno, the European juggler, and many others equally clever will make up a very entertaining program.

GARRICK.
 "The talk of the town," says James O'Donnell Bennett in the Chicago Record-Herald concerning Augustus

Thomas' remarkable new play, "The Witching Hour," which scored a signal success at the Garrick Theater. Certainly the Chicago newspapers have been devoting an unusual amount of space to this play, with its peculiar theme, and all the critics have been unanimous in praising the drama as one of the most entertaining and delightful that has been seen in Chicago in a long time. Amy Leslie in the News styles it "one of the most amusing, absorbing, speculative and delightful plays of modern times," adding that "more captivating dialogue has rarely been written." Says she also: "The piece is handled with a frankness and energy and force and style which must rank Augustus Thomas among the most adroit writers of plays in the world."

O. L. Hall in the Journal also salutes "The Witching Hour" as "its author's greatest work, which holds the audience in a crushing grip." Not only does he give it the palm as being "the finest example of dramatic construction that has been set upon the English stage by any dramatist of any time"; but he adds, "Any imagined ability on the part of the playgoer to understand the mysteries of the mind treated in this play should by no means deter anyone from visiting the Garrick."

SURPRISE RECEPTION.

Given to Mrs. A. J. Dent by Baptist Ladies' Aid Society.

To express their appreciation of the faithful work of service of Mrs. A. J. Dent, as president of the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, the members of this organization and a few friends gathered at Mrs. Dent's home on East Maple avenue, Tuesday evening of this week.

The surprise was a genuine one, Mrs. Dent having no previous knowledge of the affair. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed, and just before the refreshments were served, Mrs. Alice Edwards, in behalf of the ladies, presented a handsome linen table cloth and one dozen napkins to Mrs. Dent. Mrs. Edwards' words were as follows:

"Years ago—it matters not how many (and we dare not venture even a supposition for fear of giving offense, as to how many decades have passed since)—there was heralded in the little village of Plainfield, way down in Jersey, the birth of a black-eyed, curly-headed baby girl. A most unusual child in every way—in fact, by every tenor year she seemed capable of taking in knowledge without laborious mental study. Never was it necessary to impress a principle or fact, no matter how abstruse, hidden, complex or intricate, by illustrations. Such a child was Laura Dent, destined, if you please, because of these great attainments, inborn, to fill some great position in life; for in later years we see her the president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church of Downers Grove.

"How worthily, how nobly, how faithfully she filled this office is best known by those who have wrought with her, doing all for which the society was organized; and in order that we may show how grateful we are for the service Mrs. Dent has rendered, and in order to express how deeply we feel the obligations under which we are placed, for no time can obliterate them from memory, and knowing that no statute of limitation bars the payment, we want to express our appreciation in a material way, by tendering the fruit of the loom for the fruits we have enjoyed from her faithful service. In order to say 'thank you' for the many (the writer knows far too well, that no personal feelings must be allowed to creep in), this we feel compelled to say: There is many a rugged way through life that might be made smoother—many a heart left wondering if their work of love has been in vain—just waiting for a 'thank you,' and we delay until it is too late. I am reminded of a character in Timothy's Quest, 'Jake Slocum,' who bent all there was in Lincoln county for slowness. He was a carpenter by trade, 'n he was twenty-five years buildin' his house. The stagin' was up ten or fifteen years, 'n he shingled it four or five times before he got 'round, for one patch of shingles used to wear out before he got the next patch on. When his wife died he had to get her embalmed so he could get the front door hung for her funeral.

"So I rejoice that we have not waited until the grim messenger has claimed our fellow worker, and I know that I voice the sentiment of every member of the society present, as we tender this gift to you, Mrs. Dent; that if the good Lord so wills it, that we shall be assembled 'round the throne, when you shall enter the portals, and He shall greet you with the words, 'She hath done what she could,' we shall all with one accord reply, 'Yea, verily, Master.'"

Sarasate's Tallman.
 Sarasate has, like most musicians, a belief in tallmans. His particular mascot is in the form of a tiny replica in silver of the famous Guarnerius violin on which Paganini used to play. Sarasate would not venture to play at a concert unless this little violin was somewhere about his person.

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