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## DEATH OF DR. W. A. TOPE

At Albuquerque, N. M.

Last Friday a telegram from Albuquerque announcing the death of Dr. Tope was received in the village. Although this was not unexpected, still it came as a great shock to the many friends of the doctor, who had endeared himself to a great many people of Downers Grove and vicinity in his practice of 21 years in the village.

Wednesday morning his son, W. A. Tope, received a summons to come to him. He left here on the evening train, arriving at Albuquerque Saturday morning too late to see his father in life.

The body had been taken in charge by the Masonic lodge and prepared for burial. When his son arrived he found everything ready for his sad return journey. The body arrived in Downers Grove Monday evening at 5:40 and was taken to his late residence.

The funeral services at the house were conducted by the Rev. G. D. Adams of the Episcopal Church, Grove Lodge, No. 824, A. F. & A. M., then took charge of the body and conveyed it to the Illinois cemetery, where the beautiful Masonic funeral oration was delivered by Judge Slosser. The pall bearers were Chas. Mochel, V. Simonson, Jake Klein, H. B. Jones, Guy Bush and G. N. Margary. The officers of the lodge were as follows: W. W. Nash, P. M.; Judge Slosser, W. M.; John Golan, S. W.; Louis Klein, J. W.; King Bush, Treas.; C. H. Staats, Sec.; R. Bradbury, S. D.; Dell Austin, J. D.; Elbert Stanley, S. K.; Frank Lower, J. S. About fifty Masons attended. Maple Camp, M. W. A., of which the doctor was also a member, was well represented.

The floral pieces were beautiful tributes from his business associates, lodge brothers and friends, one piece in particular, in the shape of a broken wheel, from his associates in the Farmers and Merchants' Bank, of which he was president, being a work of floral art.

### OBITUARY.

W. A. Tope was born at New Philadelphia, Ohio, July 12, 1850. He came to Chicago when a young man and studied medicine at Rush Medical College, where he received his diploma.

He was married to Fannie Weatherly at Fort Washington, Ohio, May 22, 1887. Dr. Tope came to the village in 1888 and established a large and successful practice. His wife died six years ago, leaving him the care of their two children, Wm. Arthur and Jane, who now mourn his loss.

## GROVE LODGE NO. 824, A. F. & A. M.

The election of officers at the Masonic lodge resulted as follows: N. C. Pearce, W. M.; F. E. Dowd, S. W.; T. S. Baldwin, J. W.; Geo. B. Hearit, treasurer, and J. H. Griffiths, secretary. We will publish a complete list of the minor officers in next week's issue. Rt. W. Dist. Dept. G. M. McCredie will install the new officers Friday, Dec. 18th. A good program is promised and a banquet will be served after installation.

## MAPLE GROVE LODGE, NO. 529, K. OF P.

At the regular meeting of Maple Grove Lodge Wednesday, December 2d, the following officers were elected: J. N. Modaff, C. C.; E. Woods, V. C.; E. Dawson, Prelate; B. Roth, M. of W.; A. W. Mueller, M. of A.; H. F. Leggenhausen, K. of H. and S.; Chas. Caldwell, M. of F.; W. W. Gourley, M. of E.; Fred Daily, I. G.; W. Moberg, O. G.

## DOWNERS GROVE HIVE, I. O. T. M., NO. 110.

At the regular meeting of the Lady Macabees last Friday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past, Com. Rose Klein, Com. Cora Blodgett; Lieut. Com. Clara Selig; Record Keeper, Mrs. L. Hannum; Financial Auditor, Leonora Kline; Chaplain, Abbie Andrus; Sergeant, Ella Wolf; Mistress at A. Lena Kline; Sentinel, Catherine Corcoran; Picket, Viola Clamplitt. Miss Cora Blodgett and Mrs. Hannum have served their respective offices for three years.

## VICTORY COUNCIL NO. 110, ROYAL LEAGUE.

The election of officers at the local Council of the Royal League resulted as follows: J. N. Modaff, Archon; Chas. Caldwell, Vice Archon; C. H. Staats, Orator; J. H. Clamplitt, Scribe; J. B. Huling, Treasurer; John Golan, Collector; Geo. Schneider, Guide; Henry Leggenhausen, Prelate; Otto Schroeder, Warden; Christ Heints, Sentry.

## MAPLE CAMP, NO. 898, M. W. OF A.

Thursday evening, December 10th, the Modern Woodmen of America elected the following officers: Consul, C. A. Bush; Advisor, W. W. Heints; Clerk, W. H. Barnhart; Banker, J. R. Huling; Escort, R. O. Miller; Watchman, J. A. Toland; Sentry, S. A. Dexter; Physician, W. S. Bebb; Manager, J. R. King; Deputy, W. H. Barnhart; Auditor, A. Weiss.

## SPEECH OF PROFESSOR H. BRODT

Of Elmhurst College, at the G. A. R. Meeting at Wheaton.

(By Special Request.)  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, and in Particular, Veterans of the Civil War—Your Committee of Arrangements has highly honored me by requesting that I say a few words to you on this occasion. They request, owing to the fact that a great number of veterans would like to hear a few words spoken to them in the German language as to what part the Germans of this country had taken in the civil war, that I dwell in particular upon the deeds of the German soldiers in the great conflict. I assure you I am very glad to comply with the request of the committee.

It seems to me this theme is highly proper on an occasion of this kind, for too much cannot be said on this subject, nor too much done for our veterans, in order that our country may repay the debt of gratitude which it owes you, for the gallant services rendered by you veterans, and by those who gave up their lives in that great struggle that the Union might live.

Should I extol on this occasion, the deeds of the German soldiers in this conflict, in a manner which will add a leaf to the wreath of glory which you encircle the head of mother Germany, I, as one of her sons, should not be censured for it. For he who does not prize highly the land of his nativity, and regards as inconsequential the characteristics and achievements of his people, is not worthy of being called the son of his mother country, and should not complain if the people of other nationalities look down on him with disdain and contempt.

We Germans have all reasons to be proud of our mother country and its people. Does not the Roman historian Tacitus in his historical work which appeared about one hundred A. D., praise the German nation even in those early days as virtuous and courageous? This early writer said that the most conspicuous characteristics of the Germans of his time were the love of liberty, loyalty, gallantry and bravery, and thus have remained the German people throughout the centuries down to the present time, and throughout the chaos and tumult caused by the migration of nations. In order to convince yourselves of the facts just stated, I suggest that you read the great epic entitled, "Das Nibelungenlied," in which are portrayed the true characteristics of the old Germans.

The cardinal thought of this master piece of poetry, is loyalty in its various forms, namely, loyalty to constituted authority, loyalty of husband and wife, and loyalty to friends. And we will find, according to this national epic that it was at that time a strong trait of the character of the old Germans to consider loyalty to constituted authority, that is, loyalty to their king, as their paramount duty, and a great many tragic conditions were created by reason of that fact, especially when this trait of character came in conflict with love of home and friends.

These virtues, the love of liberty, loyalty, and bravery, have remained prominent traits of character with the German people up to the present time. It is a well known fact that in a great many cases, the love of freedom often-times prompted the Germans to leave the narrow confines of their native land, where rigorous laws impeded their freedom of thought and action, and emigrate to this country of ours, the land of liberty.

The first protest that was raised in this country against slavery was raised by German settlers of this country, under the leadership of the pious Daniel Pastorius, and it is a known fact that the men who continually worked to arouse the conscience of this nation against the stain of slavery, which was resting upon it, were men of German extraction.

All Germans love the country of their adoption as they love their mother country. They have manifested this over and over again, by being true to its constituted authority and customs, by adopting its language, and by gallantly defending our country against its enemies, sacrificing even their lives for that purpose. If there is any doubt on this point, my friends, read about the heroism of General Herkheuber, Baron von Kalb, General von Steuben, and others who took a prominent part in our war of independence, during which war, the Germans of the thirteen colonies were very conspicuous, and fought side by side with their neighbors of English extraction for independence.

If further evidence is sought of the loyalty of the Germans to their adopted country, I kindly ask you to turn to our civil war and compare their bravery and loyalty with that of other nations. Comparatively speaking, more Germans participated in the civil war than any other nationality. The winning of this war was a special honor to Germans to disregard some and parties, and to give evidence of their patriotism, not only by word of mouth, but by deeds, and death if necessary.

After the first call for troops of our president at the commencement of the civil war, the Germans immediately re-



Wait till you hear the song, "The Mearest Man in Town" at the Minstrel Show.

"Give me a seat— a dollar," will be the cry from those who have no seats when the doors are open. There will be no seats to sell on the evening of the show—and no person will be allowed to stand and obstruct the view of those who have seats.

Mr. John Cassidy, better known as "Johnny," will give you an imitation of a man with St. Vitus' dance the night of the Minstrel Show.

Just think what that means. It is almost a month before the Minstrel Show, and tickets are being sold and seats reserved. Indications point to the sale of all the seats before the doors are open for the performance, therefore it behooves you to secure your ticket right away if you want to attend the show.

Mrs. Lacore has a job ready for a prominent citizen that may take the roof off the building.

Did you ever see a red-headed "nigger"? There will be several in the Minstrel Show.

He's "hot stuff" because he's James Jimmy-Jim-Barus. He sits in the middle at the Minstrel Show.

The rivalry between the four ladies and the four end men is getting intense. The manager has his money on the ladies.

Little Ida Shannabrook will bring the house to their feet with one of the greatest musical acts ever produced on any stage.

Miss Mamie Hilliard is the leader of the Minstrel Show, and she has a great deal of money and the manager wants to bet dollars to doughnuts that she has most of the professionals beat.

When you see Alonzo P. Daniels in the middle at the Minstrel Show you will see a repetition of interloquution the way it was done in the palmyest days of minstrelsy.

Please don't laugh until you see the Minstrel Show, as you will not have enough laugh to last them.

Rob Mounteer has "Biliken" backed off the boards. He is going to "act up" in the Minstrel Show.

Come and hear the man with the Foghorn Voice—Sullivan. He sings a solo at the Minstrel Show, and it will be so low that the audience will have to go down in the basement to hear him.

Don't laugh at the with-isms directed at your neighbor unless you are prepared to stand the next one on yourself. Just remember, they will come good and hot right off the bat.

You must see the Beauty Chorus at the Minstrel Show. They are truly "butes."

Tickets are for sale at the drug store and at the rooms of the Association. If you have not time to go for tickets, call up Mr. McKeever at the rooms of the Association, Telephone 502, and inform him of the number of seats you desire and he will send them to you by a messenger, who will also collect.

We understand that Walter Jasper Hansen is somewhat ruffled because we spelled it "son." Our mistake, Walter.

### THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

December the 9th was literary night at the Women's Club. Miss Anna Roe and Mrs. J. H. Lipsey opened the program. They favored the ladies with a vocal duet, and the memory of those two beautiful voices blending together in such perfect harmony left nothing to be desired. Mrs. F. C. Lancaster's essay on Victor Hugo, the novelist, showed a most thorough mastery of the subject.

Mrs. F. M. Lacore gave a character study of Jean Valjean, which was among the best ever presented to the club and is worthy of special mention. The papers are growing better. It seems that each excel the other.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

### CHRISTMAS CANTATA.

Sunday Evening, December 20th, in the Methodist Church.

On Sunday evening next, December 20th, the choir of the First Methodist Church will render the beautiful Christmas cantata entitled "Promise and Fulfillment." All the friends and members of the church are cordially invited to come out and enjoy the evening of song. The cantata tells of the foretelling of the coming of the Savior of the world, and carries out throughout the song the praise and glory of the coming of the Lord. The program consists of solos, duets and choruses as given below. A silver offering will be taken which will go to help on the choir work.

- 1.—"I Have Made a Covenant," full chorus.
- 2.—"Then Thou Spokest in Vision," baritone solo, Mr. Ralph Herring.
- 3.—"The Lord Shall Defend," full chorus.
- 4.—"The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me," solo and chorus, Miss Genevieve Potter and choir.
- 5.—"A Nightly Salvation," full chorus.
- Part II.—The Fulfillment.
- 6.—"There Were Shepherds," obligato solo, Miss May Potter and men's chorus.
- 7.—"The Star by Night," soprano solo, Miss Lela Puffer.
- 8.—"Turning to Bethlehem," men's chorus.
- 9.—"A Christmas Lullaby," Miss Martha Puffer and ladies' chorus.
- 10.—"Three Kings Have Journeyed," men's chorus.
- 11.—"Hymn of Adoration," chorus and trio.
- 12.—"Rejoice Greatly," final chorus.

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

The Sunday school of the Evangelical church on West Maple avenue will give a Christmas entertainment Friday evening, Dec. 25. An interesting program is being prepared. Special musical selections will be featured. One of the special features will be the electrical illumination of the Christmas tree. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this entertainment.

### ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

On Christmas day, at St. Andrew's Episcopal church, service will be at 11 a. m.—morning prayer, sermon and celebration of the holy communion. Choir-master Lipsey is hard at work on the music, and something good may be expected. A special offering will be taken up for the current expenses of the mission. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

The Xmas tree for the Sunday school will be on Holy Innocent's Day, Monday, Dec. 28, at half-past seven in the evening.

### "JOHNNIE DOUBTER" AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist Sunday school will give the cantata, "Johnnie Doubter," next Thursday evening. There will appear on this occasion the different members of Mother Goose's numerous family, representatives from the different nations of the earth, also Santa Claus. These characters will come with song and recitation to clear the doubts from Johnnie's mind. A Christmas tree, with beautiful foliage and appropriate decorations, will bring delight to the little folks. Come and enjoy the evening with them.

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

St. Paul's German Evangelical church will have their tree and exercises Christmas night at the Congregational church.

### CONGREGATIONAL S. S. PROGRAM.

On Wednesday evening, December 23d, the Congregational Sunday school will give its Xmas program. The school has decided to give gifts of clothing, money and food to the Beulah Home. Santa Claus will also be present and then give some gifts to the boys and girls. There will be a special program.

Home Department—The recent social gathering of the Home Department at the superintendent's home (Mrs. Prince) was well attended. An excellent program was rendered. Miss Corwin presided at the piano; Mr. Greenwood with the fagot and Mr. Davis with the violin rendered excellent music. Mrs. Plummer sang two beautiful and much appreciated songs. Mr. Frank Allison did splendid work. It looked good for the closing work of the year.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

Miss Elizabeth Johnson, children's teacher of ball room dancing, will give instructions every Saturday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 o'clock at Modaff's Hall.

For use on rural delivery routes a letter box has an electric attachment which gives the alarm in the house some distance away when mail matter has been deposited within by the carrier.

## A FRIENDLY CRITICISM?

(Contributed.)

What has become of the progressive spirit of Downers Grove that the village school system has been allowed to fall into the existing state of incompetency and dry rot? Are our taxpayers, who support those schools, so intent upon money-making as to place the intellectual and moral development of the children below mere pecuniary gain and allow the present state of affairs to continue? Fine school buildings are all right, but, after all, it is the teachers who count most, so those appointed should have it in their power not only to arouse the ambition of their scholars but, out of the fullness of their own experience, to so direct the minds of their pupils morally and intellectually that what is frivolous and base cannot appeal to them. Instead of this we find there are pupils in the grammar school who have been examined and promoted from one grade to another by their teacher and principal only to be told three months later that their work did not warrant the marks given, or the promotion. Whose mistake is this?

Again—Some pupils graduated from eighth grade last year, supposed competent to enter commercial life, have been turned back from first year in high school as being thoroughly unfit for the work. Are pupils fit for business life if they are not able to do first year high school work? Some one should be held responsible for this state of affairs. Should not the keen competition which has come into American life demand that the youth of Downers Grove get the very best training for life that we can afford? Teachers have taken away from pupils the few minutes of daily recess to which they were accustomed and thus deprived them of a good portion of the child-life happiness found in romping with one another, besides the education and polish which should come from this association. Should teachers who have taught only five months in our schools exercise a right to do this? Have the school board and principal nothing to say? If happiness were left out of the question, health should assert itself and demand that this ridiculous innovation be set aside. ALAN ANDERSON.

## OFFICIAL

### VILLAGE BOARD

Downers Grove, Ill., Dec. 15, 1908. The regular meeting of the Village Board of September, 1908, was called by President Higgins.

Roll call noted present: Dick, Handy, Golan, Mochel, Staats, Verus, Abbott, Truman, Herring, and Higgins.

Minutes of July 28, August 11 and September 4 were read and approved.

Report of Village Collector, Charles Verus, was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Village Treasurer, Higgins, for month of July was read and ordered placed on file.

Report of Supt. of Water and Light was read and referred to the water and light committee.

Mr. L. P. Naramore, representing the Local Improvement Association, was present and addressed the board with reference to caring for the parkway in the village, that the association should divide expense of same with the village. He also spoke of the matter of planting and trimming of trees, also that they would co-operate with the

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