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WHOLE SALES

Another Merry CHRISTMAS for the FAMILY

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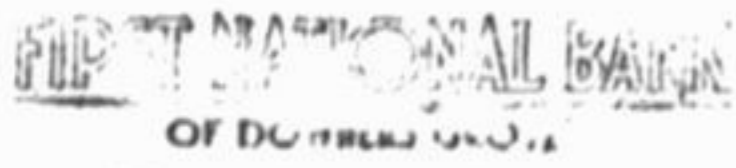
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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

A large number of children of all ages gathered in Library Hall last Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, for the Christmas party given for them by the Woman's Club. The success of the afternoon is due to the united efforts of Mrs. L. E. Jones, chairman of the program committee, and Mrs. L. B. Wells, chairman of the house and social committee. A very pretty Christmas tree, bright with electric lights, stood on the platform, and the room was attractively decorated in red and green.

The following program made the time pass swiftly:

1. Chorus—Seventh and eighth grade girls, led by Miss Zollinger, "Christmas Carol."
2. Chorus from fourth, fifth and sixth grades, "In a Lowly Manger," "Once Unto the Shepherds."
3. Full chorus—"Silent Night."
4. Interpretive dancing—Miss Isabel Tallaferra, Miss Miriam Peabody.
5. Christmas Story—Miss Frances Wade.
6. Kindergarten Pastimes—Kindergarten children, led by Miss Smith, with Miss Bruce at the piano.
7. Christmas Story—Miss Frances Wade.
8. Souvenir March—All the children.

While the entire program was excellent, special mention should be made of the dancing of the Misses Isabel Tallaferra and Miriam Peabody. These talented little girls (in costume) gave two dances, one a "Minuet" and the other a "Dutch dance," both of which were very pretty indeed.

At the close of the program each child received a candied tangerine as a souvenir of the happy afternoon.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

Sixteen young ladies enjoyed a dinner party at the home of Mrs. F. E. Chester on Carpenter street, Wednesday evening. The affair was made notable by the announcement by Mrs. Chester's daughter, Lella, of her engagement to Mr. Wilbur P. Cooper of Glen Ellyn. Mr. Cooper is the second son of Hon. L. C. Cooper, prominent in the affairs of Du Page county for many years, being state's attorney a number of years ago. The date for the marriage of the young couple has not been named.

MISS TWEEDIE RESIGNS POSITION AS INSTRUCTOR OF P. C. L.

Miss Dorothy Tweedie, who has been instructor of the Physical Culture League for the past two seasons, has resigned to accept a position with the Mrs. Sadler in the city. The fact is much regretted by the girls, but they are glad to hear of her good fortune. It has been thought best to suspend classes through the holidays until the anniversary party planned for the middle of January. In the meantime another instructor must be found, and a special business meeting of all members is called for Monday evening, January 3, at 7:30, in Library Hall. P. C. L. girls will please note, for the meeting is important.

FRED EICHORST IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Left Little Toe Amputated and Skin Grafted on His Shoulder.

Fred Eichorst was taken to the Frances Willard hospital on Tuesday morning to have his little toe on the right foot amputated. Skin will also be grafted on his back.

These operations are necessary as the result of burns he received at the electric light plant a short while ago. He was standing on an iron plate and it fell against the switchboard, the full charge went through his body and he had a narrow escape from death. The electricity burned his shoulder and passed down each leg, splitting the little toe on each foot as it passed out.

It is hoped that he will be around again soon.

NEW BAND ORGANIZED.

Composed of the Leading Players Between Riverside and Downers Grove.

The Suburban Band, comprising the leading bandmen of the Burlington suburbs, has been formulated under the able directorship of our esteemed townsman, H. C. Taylor.

The new organization held its second meeting last Monday night in Schwenc's hall, where they will have a rehearsal every week. Mr. Bert Hoeking was elected secretary and Mr. Roy Adams, treasurer. Mr. F. C. Lancaster of Downers Grove is president of the board of directors, which consists of five members of the band.

The Suburban Band is the result of the efforts of a few energetic musicians who saw the need of a good band to represent the towns along the Q, none of which could either support or furnish the necessary material for a creditable organization without outside help, and the new band has been the result.

They will soon be in shape to fill any engagements where a band is required and we also expect some fine concerts next summer. May they have their deserved support from the business men and various organizations needing outdoor music.

DEXTER CAPRON STANLEY

Completes His Hundredth Year January 12th.

Why not celebrate the birthday of the only centenarian in Downers Grove—Dexter Capron Stanley?

Make next January 12th, the day which completes his hundredth year, a gala day in the village. Much of that span has been spent by Mr. Stanley in Downers Grove, and through those years he has been proud of the village. Now let the village show its pride in him. Show its appreciation of the example of good citizenship which he has set for many years—more years than most of us have lived.

Few indeed are the lives stretched out three decades beyond the allotted three score years and ten, and the presence of such a one among us may well be the occasion of public recognition of the sterling worth of our oldest citizen.

As a fitting expression of the feeling of his fellow townsmen for him who is now passing through the twilight of his years, THE REPORTER suggests that a holiday or a half holiday be declared in the village and that resolutions of congratulation be adopted by the village board and presented to our distinguished citizen, Dexter Capron Stanley.

OBITUARY.

Charles H. Dowper, 61 years old, of 3556 Lyndale avenue, a representative of the Lewis Publishing Company, 542 South Dearborn street, and a great-grandson of the late Pierce Dowper, founder of Downers Grove, died in the German-American hospital as the result of a street car accident. He was a nephew of M. B. Dowper of Downers Grove. He was a cousin of James Dowper, the present owner of the original Downers homestead north of the Grove. A widow and one son, John Henry Dowper, survive.

ROBERT A. CHILDS.

Robert A. Childs, lawyer, prominent G. A. R. leader, and former congressman, died last Sunday evening at his residence in Hinsdale after an illness of less than a week. He was taken ill last Tuesday.

He was born in Malone, Franklin County, New York, March 22, 1854. His parents moved to Boone County, Illinois, when he was six years old. At the age of 16 years, he enlisted in Company B, Fifteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the Civil war. He was with General Fremont in the Missouri campaign, at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, the battles of Shiloh, Corinth, Manassas Heights, under General Grant at the siege of Vicksburg, in Meridian raid, and participated in the march to the sea under General Sherman.

After there were no more battles to fight Robert Childs returned to Belvidere, Ill., and began to obtain the education that had been interrupted by his departure for the battlefield. He was graduated from the Illinois State Normal school and for two years was principal of the Amboy, Ill., schools. Later he practiced law in Belvidere.

Attorney Childs came to Chicago in 1873. He had studied law while teaching school, and came to Chicago, was admitted to the bar, and was married Dec. 24, 1873, to Miss Mary E. Coffeen in Normal, Ill., Dec. 24th of that year.

From 1873 until 1884 Attorney Childs was a law partner of General George W. Smith, after that alone until 1893, when the legal firm of Childs & Hudson was established, to be superseded by the firm of Childs & Childs in 1905. Two of his five sons, Lester C. and Robert W. Childs, became their father's partners. Attorney Childs established a home at Hinsdale after his marriage and has since resided there, at 38 South Garfield avenue.

He was a Republican in politics and was elected to the Fifty-third congress (1893-95) from the Eighth congressional district of Illinois. He had been a presidential elector in 1884. He was a former president of the Hinsdale club, and aside from social and legal affairs was particularly interested in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic. He participated in the grand review of the federal troops in Washington at the close of the Civil war and ever afterward was the legal adviser of officers and members of the G. A. R. and was ever closely interested in the organization. The five sons, Lester C., Robert W., George W., John S., and Kent C. Childs, survive.

The funeral was held at the residence in Hinsdale at 2:30 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon. Interment was in the Hinsdale cemetery.

THE NEW YEAR—1916.

The New Year! What shall it bring to us all? Another cycle of seasons four, Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall.

Earth takes her rest time in Winter's embrace, Winter's white blankets unfold; In sudden disfavor the sun looks down, Refusing to shatter the cold.

Spring with her smile and happy, bright face, Will cheer him and soothe him once more. The cycles have proved it in ages gone— Will not this year be as of yore?

—ANNA ELYA LYNCH

WHO'S WHO

IN DOWNERS

Who is it that come rain, come shine, works every working day; who sometimes moves pianos and sometimes a load of hay; who treats with kindness all the beasts with which he has to do, and has a gentle courtesy for human beings, too; who murmurs not nor yet complains when he is hurt a bit, but does not waste a single hour in getting over it; who lives in Gilbert avenue and has a lawn so fine, that you and all the rest of us would like to say, "It's mine;" whose business takes him all around and into every store, quite certainly each fortnight, a hundred times or more; who could not be described as fat, nor yet considered lean, but who with safety might be said to be half way between; whose horses move with steady pace and never stop running? Who is it? Why that gentleman is Mister Thomas Bunning.

ALL STARS BEAT RECORD AND LOST

R-11 2,921 at La Grange, Beating Previous Mark 200 Pins—Gerwig Gets a 225 Average.

The All Stars came back from La Grange last Thursday night with defeat written all over their several countenances, but it was an honorable defeat. They were surely hitting the pins, as they beat their previous high mark by two hundred and eight pins and then lost.

They got a grand total of 2,921 pins, beating their high mark made in the State tournament last spring, which was 2,713. The Oakwoods, their opponents last Thursday, counted 2,995, getting the highest score ever rolled on their alleys.

The work of Lester Gerwig deserves special mention, as he hit the wood for scores of 222, 223 and 232, getting the high average for the evening and the highest average any individual of the "Star" team has ever rolled in a match game.

Emerson David, commonly known as the High School star, filled G. Duncan's place and got an average of 188 for the series.

The All Stars in this match got a large enough total for future Downers teams for some time to shoot at, we venture to predict.

Following are the scores and averages of the two teams:

Downers Grove	1st.	2d.	3d.	Avg.
Mrkvicka	181	201	167	183
Stump	197	184	182	187 1/2
David	159	214	191	188
Gerwig	222	223	222	225 1/2
Hanning	171	190	207	189 1/2
Totals	930	1012	979	2921

West Chicago 21-Downers 19

In a game characterized by the rough playing of West Chicago, the locals dropped the second game of the schedule by a 21 to 19 count. The game was played in a shack about the size of a palace stock car. The ceiling was about 10 feet high and the baskets were about 2 feet below it. This made it almost impossible to throw a basket without the aid of a step-ladder unless one was familiar with the floor. The Downers team as a whole put up the good game which it did in the opening.

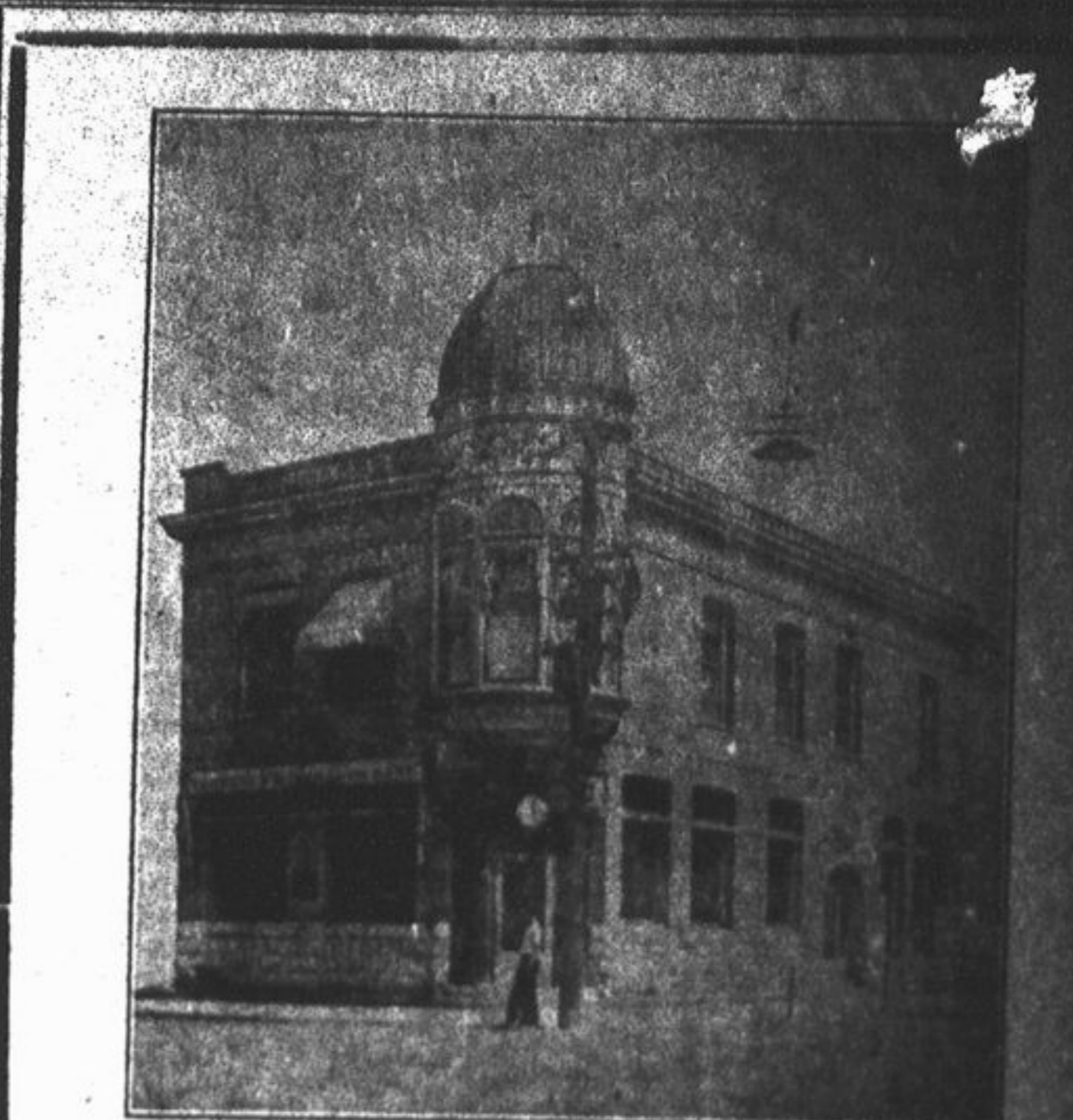
Hinsdale 24 - Downers 9

The purple dropped the game of the schedule in a scrap which resembled a game of football rather than basketball. Both teams did a great deal of roughing and the game nearly terminated in a fight in the second half when Davidson lost his head and hit Carpenter in the mouth. Davidson was put out of the game and apologized afterward. The general opinion seemed to be that while his act may have been justified, he should have held his temper. There has always been a display of amicable feeling between Hinsdale High and Downers High and the two schools should not allow an incident such as this to place a barrier between them.

Both teams showed good team work in spots, Hinsdale having a slight advantage in this department, but the game was altogether too rough for a good, fast game such as the spectator enjoys. The final score was The Hinsdale seconds defeated the Downers seconds.

NEW SEVEN-DAY BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

- The Story of Julia Page (Norris).
- The Prairie Wife (Stringer).
- Eltham House (Ward).
- Felix O'Day (Smith).
- Penelope's Postscripts (Wiggin).
- Heart of the Sunset (Beach).
- The Money Master (Parker).
- Dear Enemy (Webster).
- The Song of the Lark (Oster).
- Around Old Chester (Deland).
- The Melting of Molly (Davies).
- Little Miss Grouch (Adams).
- The Little Head (Howitt).
- Beyond the Frontier (Parish).
- The Story of the Little (Gibson).
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