

SNOW PLOW IN MANY TRIPS TO CLEAN WALKS

Town Buried Under Drifts in Biggest Snow Fall Recalling Old Times.

Downers Grove started Monday morning on the huge task of digging itself out of the biggest snow drifts seen here in years.

A forty to sixty mile gale accompanied by heavy snow started about midnight Saturday night and not until late Sunday evening did the snow stop falling.

The wind piled up drifts in some places to the lower story windows and three and four feet of solidly packed snow across sidewalks was a common sight. Right now each sidewalk is like the bottom of a shallow trench with embankments piled on either side.

The snow plows were out early Monday morning in a vain effort to make paths for commuters and school children. Their task, however, was well nigh hopeless. They have made two and sometimes three trips over every walk in town since and there is but a small path in the center.

Not in years have there been so many bob sleighs, cutters and other runarounds on Downers Grove streets. Automobile traffic is at a standstill and good old Dobbin has once more come into his own.

Chicago weather sharps have estimated that fourteen inches of snow fell on the level. A record breaking snow fall for this district. Chicago's tall and surface lines have not yet recovered from the paralyzing effects of the blizzard and it will take weeks before its streets are again at normal.

The Burlington railroad did not suffer from lost schedules as bad as some roads entering Chicago. All traffic Sunday was way behind and the first train from the East Monday morning hit town at 8 o'clock. An example of the difficulties overcome can be seen in what happened to this train. The engineer was forced to back up and hit the drifts six times before winning a way through the cut at Gregg's. Trains were stalled all along the system.

School teachers, home for the holi-

J. F. FLORENTINE

J. F. Florentine, Sr., passed beyond at his home on Maple avenue in East Grove Tuesday evening. He was fifty-nine years old and a general breakdown was the cause of his passing.

R. W. Bryant of the LaGrange Christian Science church will read the services at the home this morning at 10:30 and interment will be made at Oakridge cemetery.

Mr. Florentine has been a resident of Downers Grove eight years but in this short space of time has made many warm friends.

He leaves a wife, Emma E. Florentine, and three sons, H. K. Florentine, of Chicago, and J. F. Jr., and W. C. Florentine of Downers Grove.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO RAISE FLAG

Service Banner Will Be First Flown at Patriotic Service Sunday Night.

S. Andrew's Episcopal church will raise its Service Flag at the evening service Sunday night. This will be to honor the members of its congregation who are in the army and navy.

Plans had been made for a patriotic service last Sunday at which this service flag was to be raised but the blizzard raging made this impossible. Thus plans will be carried through next Sunday.

An invitation has been issued to the members of Co. H. to be present in uniform Sunday night. No doubt many of them will attend to give the event a military appearance which it should have.

WOMANS CLUB NOTES

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club next Wednesday, Jan. 16, Miss Agnes Fromen of Chicago will lecture on "Sculpture in the Making," with demonstrations of clay modeling and plaster casts.

Miss Fromen is a pupil of Lorado Taft. A rare treat is in store for the members and friends of the Woman's Club. A large attendance is desired.

(We have a long letter to the clubs from the State Federation which we were asked to print this week, lack of space however, crowded it out, and we will run the letter, which is interesting, next week.)

days did not arrive in time for school hours Monday morning and many children were kept at home on account of the drifts.

In many localities bob-sleds are being used for funerals as neither automobiles or wheeled vehicles could buck the fifteen and twenty-foot drifts on country roads.

Even a bob failed, however, to get undertakers thru to Wayne Center between St. Charles and West Chicago to look after the remains of a woman, a Mrs. Gilbert, who died two days ago. The embalmers, C. W. Norson, and son Ernest, going from West Chicago got within three miles of the house where the woman's body lay when they had to give up because their horses became exhausted in bucking the drifts. The road towards the house was broken yesterday.

GEORGE NARGNEY HOME ON TEN DAY FURLOUGH

Just Discharged From Hospital and is Still Weak from Dread Pneumonia.

Private George Nargney of Battery C, 149th U. S. F. A., arrived home Wednesday night on a surprise visit with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nargney of East Maple avenue.

George is stationed at an Atlantic port with a detachment from his regiment helping in the loading of transports for "over there." He was just recently discharged from the hospital where he was very ill with a complication of ptomaine poisoning and pneumonia.

He was able to get a ten day furlough and surprised his father as he stepped in the door Wednesday night. As four days of this leave will be taken up with traveling he will not be here very long.

Other local members of his battery, who by the way are all feeling fine and getting heavier all the time, with this detail are, Sam. Bertolin, Harry Grant and Dwight Cox.

The Cost. Everything is worth what its purchaser will pay for it, according to an old saying.

CHAS. DAVIS ON WAY TO WASHINGTON

Will Take Dental Examinations at Nation's Capitol for Navy Berth.

Chas. Davis left last night for Washington, D. C., to take an examination for entrance into the dental division of the regular navy.

He has been trying for some weeks to get action on his application for entrance into the Dental Reserve, but this is so full that he finally abandoned the idea.

His purpose in going to Washington is to get into the regular Navy, and at once. If he is successful in passing the rigid tests, he will be assigned to a berth at once and probably on board ship.

We hope he will be successful in his efforts to enter this preferable branch of the service as he is well equipped to work on the molars of Uncle Sam's Jackies.

Self-Filler Elevators. The small daughter was taken to the hospital to see her great-grandfather, who was ill, and when the party got to the corridor she exclaimed: "O goody, they have those elevators that are self-fillers."

MRS. J. LEHMANN, SR.

Mrs. Jacob Lehmann, Sr., whose kind and loving disposition endeared her to her family and friends passed away at her home in Hinsdale, Friday, January 4th. Altho in poor health for a great many years her last illness was only of several days duration.

Funeral services were held at the residence 10 No. Washington street, Tuesday, at 1 p. m. after which she was taken to the Hinsdale Evangelical church, the Rev. Stranger conducting the services. She was laid to rest in the Lacey cemetery close by the spot where she was born and spent most of her life.

Mrs. Lehmann nee Salome Klein was born at Lacey on the 12th day of April, 1846. She married Jacob Lehmann January 10th, 1863 and they engaged in farming until 1905 when on account of the failing health of Mrs. Lehmann they moved to Hinsdale and have been making their home with their youngest son, Val Lehmann.

Mrs. Lehmann leaves to mourn her loss a loving husband, 4 sons, Jacob, Jr., Hinsdale, Geo. of Fairmont, Minn., Fred and Val of Hinsdale and 2 daughters, Mrs. Geo. Klein, Downers Grove and Mrs. John Schultz of Naperville; 2 sisters, Mrs. Kate Hodapp, Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. Lawrence Vix, Adams, Neb., one brother, Fred Klein, Hinsdale, besides 26 grand children and 5 great grandchildren and a host of friends and acquaintances.

B. E. BALCZYNSKI NOW CAPTAIN OF COMPANY H, I. R. M.

Appointment of R. H. Bennet to First Lieutenantcy Also Announced Monday Night.

First Lieutenant B. E. Balczynski has been appointed Captain and Top Sergeant R. H. Bennet, First Lieutenant. They have been assigned to Company H, I. R. M. and will act in that capacity in the future.

The appointments were made by Governor Lowden, Commander in Chief of all State forces.

The local company has been without a captain since the resignation of L. J. Foster, several months ago.

Captain Balczynski has had charge of the activities of the organization and has proven his worth for the position he now holds. Under his lead the company has doubled in strength and more than doubled in finances.

Lieutenant Bennet has held the position of First Sergeant since the resignation of Thomas Kidwell and his efficient military methods have earned for him the deserved commission.

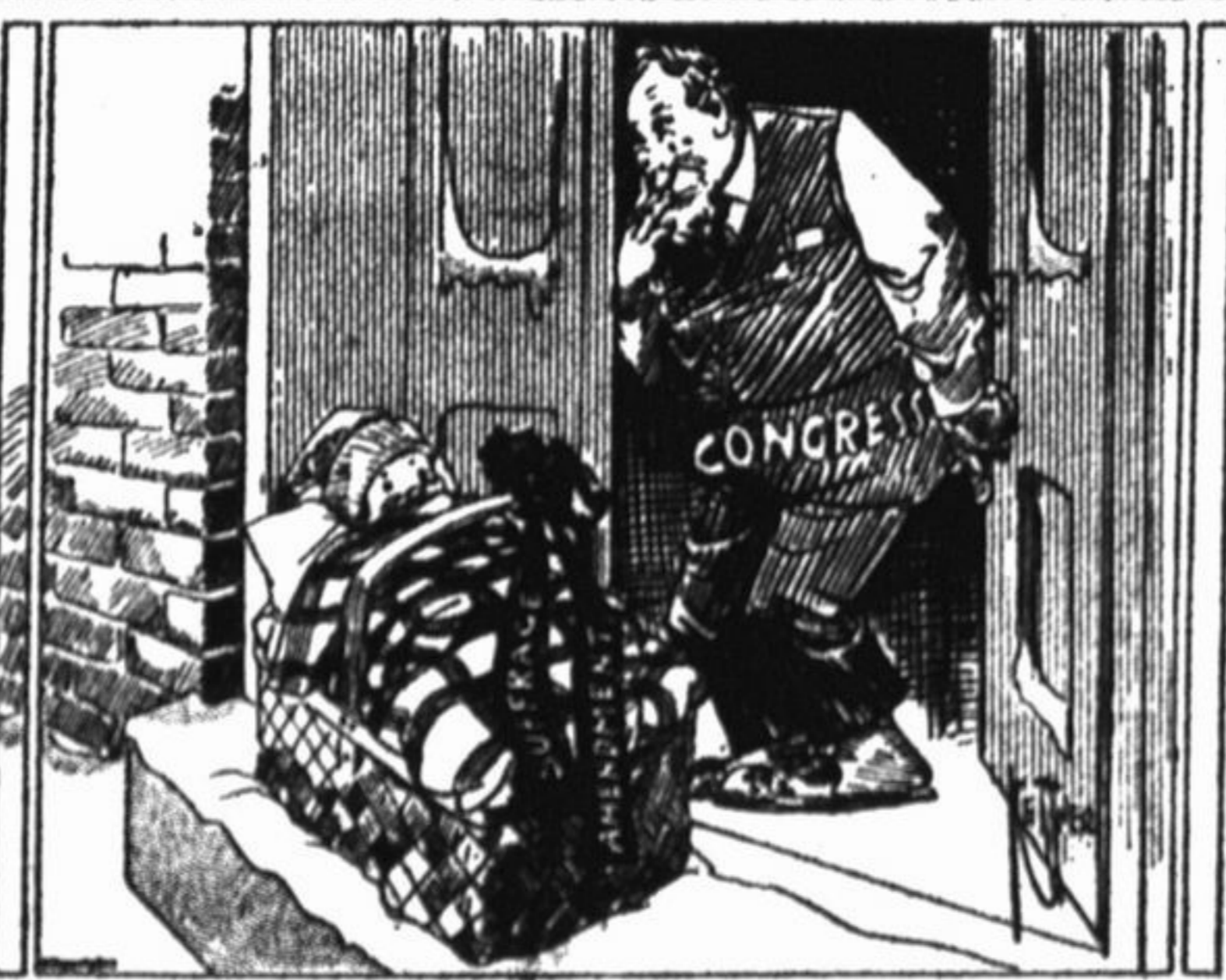
With Guy L. Simonson as Second Lieutenant, Company H now has a very fine staff of officers. Each has that necessary quality of illustrating and drilling men for military formations and time will give Downers Grove the best drilled and disciplined company in the battalion if not in the regiment.

More Money Needed. At a meeting of the Board of Control held at Library hall Wednesday night, plans were discussed looking toward the betterment of the company's finances. Over \$1,500.00 have been subscribed to date which is less than half the amount needed. It has been figured that \$3,500 is necessary to properly finance a company such as this. This has been the experience at Hinsdale, Riverside and LaGrange. The item of overcoats alone will show the cost of equipment, \$1,760 is the cost and the money is due in about thirty days.

Permanent Squads Formed. At drill Monday night permanent squads were formed and squad leaders assigned to their places in the line. This will facilitate the progress of the company as a whole and squads in particular. The "regulars" or members of the Reserve Militia now have a full company as thirteen of the V. T. C. were sworn in last Sunday. The Volunteer Training Corps is also full and new recruits will now be placed on the waiting list until a place is vacated.

Battalion Drill Tonight. Company H, with other companies of the battalion, G, of Hinsdale, F, of LaGrange, and E, of Riverside, forming the 2nd battalion of the 2nd Reserve Infantry, will drill tonight at the Second Regiment armory in Chicago.

At His Door



CHANDLER FINISHES FLYING COURSE

Leslie Chandler returned home Wednesday from the aviation training camp at Kelley's field, San Antonio, Texas, having completed his course in the flying squadron. Mr. Chandler has been given a provisional lieutenantcy badge and is waiting authorized commission appointment from Washington.

He expects to return to Kelley's field the first of the week to await government orders. Mr. Chandler gave a splendid talk before the high school Friday morning.

FIRST 1918 MEETING OF CONG'L LADIES

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will hold its initial meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. A. H. Barnhart, Thursday, January 17, at 1:30 o'clock.

She will be assisted by Mrs. J. W. Graves and Mrs. Geo. T. Hughes. At the annual meeting of the Society held in December, 1917 it was voted to hold a regular meeting the third Thursday of each month devoting the first Thursday of the month to Red Cross work at their rooms.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. P. J. Gouwens a registered pharmacist is now in our employ succeeding Mr. C. C. Garber.

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"GRIFF" LEAVES TOWER AFTER LONG SERVICE

New Manager of "Q" Lost and Found Department After 27 Years Here.

Twenty-seven years and four months ago, to be exact twenty-seven and four months ago last Friday, January 4, John H. Griffiths, or more familiarly "Griff" took charge of the switching service at Downers Grove. Last Tuesday he entered a new position, manager of the Lost and Found department of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad.

There may be men who have been longer in the service of the road, there may be men who have held more important positions, but it is certain that nowhere in the service has there been a man who more faithfully shouldered the responsibility which was his.

That responsibility was not light. The lives of countless thousands have depended on him. Scarcely a day-no scarcely an hour-in all the years when "Griff" was on watch in the switch tower but the lives of hundreds lay in his keeping. A moment of forgetfulness, a moment of inattention, the pull of the wrong lever in the interlocking device and death and disaster would have followed. It speaks well for "Griff" that during the whole of that period there was never an accident at the Downers Grove switch tower which could be ascribed to him.

In addition to fulfilling the duties of his office to the satisfaction of the most exacting John H. Griffiths found time to carve out for himself an enviable position in the hearts of those who knew him and to demonstrate to all his worth as a man and a citizen.

In Masonic circles his fame extends far beyond the confines of his home village. He has filled capably all the offices in the local lodge and in addition for years held the position of District Deputy Grand Master and is also affiliated with the Chapter and the Commandery.

He carries with him to his new work the good wishes of all who know him.

Shortest-Lived People. The natives of New Guinea are the shortest lived people in the world, which is attributed to their diet of the larvae of certain beetles and their practice of drinking sea water.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED BY VESTA CHAPTER

Large Attendance Views Beautiful Ceremonies—Retiring Matron Given Jewel

A very large attendance was present in Masonic hall Tuesday night at the installation of the 1918 officers of Vesta Chapter, O. E. S.

The installing officers, Mrs. Mary A. Graves, Mrs. J. C. White, Mrs. J. R. Foster and Miss Alice Olson, used a beautiful installation ceremony never before used in the local Chapter. Those who have been present at installations in the past say this one was the best of any so far used.

Miss Florence Uhlhorn, the retiring Matron was presented with a Past Matron's jewel and was welcomed to the ranks of Past Matrons in a few well chosen words by Mrs. N. C. Pearce.

Mrs. Olson, Matron and some of the other officers were presented with beautiful flowers.

After the work of the evening was over the officers, members and visitors were invited to refreshments prepared under the supervision of Mr. E. L. Dickerson.

The officers installed were: Matron—Mrs. Minnie Olson. Patron—W. F. Heintz. Associate Matron—Mrs. Isabell Butler. Secretary—Mrs. Ona L. Lower. Treasurer—Miss Fanny L. Stewart. Conductress—Mrs. Nellie Prickett. Associate Conductress—Mrs. Clara Barnhart. Marshal—Mrs. Victor Peterson. Chaplain—Mrs. F. J. Milnes. Organist—Miss Ardona Uhlhorn. Ada—Mrs. Nina Steffy. Ruth—Miss Marie Olson. Esther—Mrs. Jenny Kuegeman. Martha—Mrs. Edith Near. Electa—Mrs. J. M. Weiner. Warder—Mrs. A. A. Shumaker. Sentinel—Delbert Austin.

Wealth and Poverty. Wealth as well as poverty has its hardships—a species of isolation which limits choice comradeships and in some circumstances is very depressing; a suspicion as to the motives of courtesies extended, the sincerity of praise given, and the genuineness of friendship.

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- Coloma canned pears, 18c
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