

FROZEN TO DEATH.

MICHAEL FOLEY FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM WEDNESDAY.

WAS A WELL-KNOWN CHARACTER HERE

Had Not Been Seen Since Saturday Evening—He Evidently Fell to the Floor While Under the Influence of Liquor and Could Not Arise.

The body of Michael Foley was found in his room over the old Aldridge blacksmith shop, Wednesday morning, lying on the floor, frozen stiff. He had worked of late for John Happ, and was there until 4 o'clock p. m., Saturday, when he got a dollar from Mr. Happ and went to Highwood, purchased a pint of whiskey, drank about half of it and came home with the balance in his pocket and went to his rooms a little after 5 o'clock. As he seemed perfectly able to take care of himself Mr. Happ allowed him to go alone and that was the last time he was seen alive, although Policeman Leasch heard him singing and talking before daylight Sunday morning.

The body looked as though he had been in a delirium and rolled about the floor a great deal, and he finally died in his kitchen, probably some time Sunday, without any fire, and remained until discovered by Mr. Happ, who went for him Wednesday morning.

Undertaker Prior took charge of the body, after the inquest Wednesday afternoon, and buried it.

Mr. Foley was naturally a capable man, but strong drink was his ruin, and that pint of whisky was no doubt the immediate cause of his death.

He claimed to have been the sheriff of some Illinois county at one time. He was surely capable enough, had he let liquor alone. He left no trace of relatives anywhere.

His sad death should carry its own lesson.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS FOR POOR.

Turkey and cranberries, nuts oranges and candy, dolls, toys, Christmas trees and Santa Claus. These are the subjects of greatest interest just now to almost every American boy and girl. Fathers and mothers are buying presents for Johnnie, Marie and the baby that will make them dance for joy, while the mince pies and cakes and other goodies for the Christmas dinner are already being prepared. All are

looking forward to Christmas as a time of rejoicing, of giving and receiving, of eating and drinking and making merry.

What a contrast to this "Merry Christmas" is the picture to be seen in the slums of any of our large cities. Sickness, misfortune, poverty, squalor, want; children pinched with cold, crying for bread; parents in despair because Christmas brings no joy to the hovel they call home; such is the condition in thousands of homes in our cities even in these prosperous times.

The day before Christmas the Salvation Army proposes to distribute baskets of provisions to 2,000 of these homes in Chicago. Each basket will contain Christmas diners for five people, making 10,000 Christmas dinners to be given to the poor of Chicago. Perhaps you can't give one of these baskets, but you can help by dropping the price of a chicken or a quart of cranberries into one of the Salvation Army contribution boxes placed in the different stores, or by sending a donation of cash or provisions to Colonel Charles Sowton, Salvation Army Headquarters, Chicago, Ill.

Last year the Salvation Army gave 200,000 free Christmas dinners to the poor of the United States.

RODMAN-ALFORD.

A wedding of interest to many of our readers was solemnized last Wednesday when Miss Emelyne A. Alford became the wife of Dr. Robert W. Rodman, of New York.

The bride is a Highland Park girl, having been born and educated here. She is a sister-in-law of T. J. Forrest, and for several years was associated with him in the NEWS-LETTER office. She is a bright and charming girl and a general favorite among a host of friends here.

Dr. Rodman is a bright young man with a brilliant future before him in his profession.

Dr. and Mrs. Rodman will make their home in Chicago for the present.

MYSTIC WORKERS ELECT.

Park Lodge No. 366, Mystic Workers of the World, at their regular meeting last Tuesday evening elected the following officers: Prefect, J. J. Brand; Monitor, J. P. Kline; Secretary, William Danner; Banker, George Brand; Physician, Dr. Frank M. Ingalls; Marshal, John Peterson; Warden, Mrs. Carrie Peterson; Sentinel, Elmer Hartlet; Supervisor, Ed Moon. The prefect, secretary, banker, physician and marshal were re-elected from last term.

SILVER WEDDING.

An interesting event of last week was the celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Freberg's silver wedding anniversary which took place on Saturday evening, December 6.

Between sixty and seventy guests were present, of which fifteen were from Chicago. Evanston, Highland Park, Highwood and other near-by cities were well represented.

The tables were beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses and carnations. Supper was served from half-past seven to eleven.

Among those who assisted in the diningroom were Mrs. O. Sundborg, Mrs. Charles Freberg, of Chicago, Miss Mary Mower and Miss Ingeborg Sundborg, of Highland Park.

Rev. G. K. Stark, of Evanston, made a very pretty speech to Mr. and Mrs. Freberg, and Mrs. John Crowley, of Highwood, rendered several pretty solos in her beautiful soprano voice. Mr. Sundborg, of Chicago, also sang.

Mrs. Freberg was gowned in black silk. She had a pleasant smile and greeting for all. Misses Alma and Selma Freberg assisted in receiving. They were both gowned in pretty white muslin dresses.

The presents were numerous and beautiful. Among them was a tea and coffee set, consisting of five pieces; a candelabra; a water pitcher; pudding dishes; berry spoons; soup spoon; salt and pepper shakers, and many others both costly and appropriate.

At 1 o'clock the merry party broke up, all having spent a delightful evening.

HIGHLAND PARK CLUB.

The "Dutch Card Party" given at the Highland Park Club last Saturday night was quite a unique affair. Bows of orange ribbon were used as markers to score the game. A

Dutch windmill was used as a center piece for the table, which was also ornamented by a dainty little picture of Queen Wilhelmina. A Dutch supper followed, which was served by the hostesses, Mrs. Henry Ritter, Mrs. William Brace and Mrs. Daniel Cobb. The lady's prize, a piece of Dutch delft, was won by Mrs. Prindiville and Mr. Charles Everett won the gentleman's prize, a handsome stein.

Two entertainments to be given in the near future at the Highland Park Club are looked forward to with much interest. Friday evening, December 12, is to be devoted to "the songs of long ago." A most enjoyable program has been arranged, with good musical talent. The ladies who will receive the

guests are Mrs. Thomas Troxel, Mrs. Rounseville, Mrs. Frank Anderson and Mrs. Bowen Schumacher.

On Tuesday evening, December 16, a chafing-dish supper will be served, cooked by the gentlemen members of the club. During the evening Miss Ephra Vogelsang, a talented young vocalist from Chicago, will sing, and quite a treat is expected.

Saturday night is gentlemen's night at the club.

A "STAG PARTY."

St. John's Court, C. O. F. gave a "stag party" Wednesday evening. High Chief Ranger Thomas H. Cannon attended and made an interesting and eloquent address. He was introduced by Rev. Father Morrissey, who also made a short talk. John A. Brady responded to a call for a recitation, which was received with applause. Mr. Joe Green, of Lake Forest, presided at the piano, and captured the friendship of all by his spirited singing and playing. Mr. Harry Page and his phonograph contributed much to the entertainment. There was plenty of singing and story-telling, and all went away pleased. Mr. Joe Berube demonstrated his ability to manage a "stag party," and he is deserving of credit for the work done by him at this one.

SONG RECITAL.

Miss Ephra Fogelsang is the guest of Mrs. George P. Everhart. Miss Fogelsang will give a song recital at the Highland Park Club on December 16. Mrs. Annette R. Jones will be at the piano. Miss Fogelsang is late of Paris, where she has been studying for the past two years. She was also a pupil of Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Lathrop, of Chicago, for three years. She is a charming and very accomplished girl. The people of Highland Park may look forward to a great treat, and those who do not avail themselves of the opportunity to hear her will have something to regret.

M. W. A. OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of Highland Camp No. 1176, Modern Woodmen of America, was held last week. The result was as follows: Venerable Consul, Emil Oetgel; Worthy Adviser, John Hart, Jr.; Clerk, W. M. Dooley; Ex. Banker, John Dahl; Escort, Bert Kinkade; Watchman, Joseph Rinehart; Sentry, Harry Frieble; Manager, J. W. McKinney.

Dale Sweetland's popular chocolate creams are now in stock in much larger quantities than ever before.