



Henry Restorff.

laurels already won abroad. Since coming to this country he has been associated with its Greatest Concert Bands, such as "Theodore Thomas Orchestra," "Innis' Band," "Liberati's & Brooke's Chicago Marine Band." During the entire Chicago Exposition he was connected with the famous "Liesegang's World Exposition Band." Not yet satisfied that he had mastered his profession, he returned to Germany in 1887 and took a course in Harmony Conservatory, under Professor Angelo Reissland. Since returning to this country he has held the position of Bandmaster with prominent bands in Iowa, Nebraska and Chicago. Mr. Restorff then returned to New York to accept the Assistant Conductorship of the English Grand Opera Co. He is a soloist on different instruments, an excellent Conductor, and has composed many stirring marches and other characteristic pieces. Since coming to Elmira he has composed several pieces. Prominent amongst these is "The Elmira Old Boys' Reunion March" which will be played by the Elmira and Waterloo Bands, on Aug. 12th and 13th. Mr. Restorff has also arranged the March for the piano. Connoisseurs say these are very creditable productions.

A GENTLEMEN to whom much credit is due as an instructor in music and as a furtherer of its interests, in Elmira, is Mr. John H. Ruppel, who was the director of the Elmira Band and leader of the "Mannerchor" and St. Paul's Choir for many years. His many other duties as Village Clerk and Conveyancer forced him to resign some of these charges. However, he still holds the position of organist at St. Paul's Church.

Mr. Ruppel has been clerk of Elmira ever since incorporation. He has discharged his duties with great ability and a good deal of tact, and has been a very decided help to the council, throughout his term of office. He is the oldest son of Post Master Ruppel, was born and educated in Elmira and has lived here all his life.

AMATEUR ORCHESTRAS, Glee Clubs, Mannerchors and Singing Societies have come and gone, and although these may not be regularly maintained, Elmira is never at a loss to procure local musical talent, for special occasions.



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The Elmira Picnic Grounds in the Winter.

The Societies.

Independent Order of Oddfellows, Elmira Lodge No. 216,

Was instituted Feb. 12th, 1879 with the following officers:— Noble Grand, A. E. Minkler; Vice Grand, D. L. Walmsley; Rec. Secretary, Jac. Dunke; Per. Secretary, Ph. Christmann; Treasurer, Peter Levan. The Lodge meets at their Hall in Dunke's Block every Wednesday. There are now 43 members. The present officers are:— Past Grand, Dr. J. H. Ratz; Noble Grand, Dr. H. M. Kallbfleisch; Vice Grand, David D. Ratz; Rec. Secretary, C. T. Laschinger; Per. Secretary, Geo. Ratz; Treasurer, Wm. Behrens.

"Banner" Rebekah Lodge, No. 72, I. O. O. F.

Was instituted March 19th, 1903, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The officers for the first year are:— I. P. N. G., Miss E. Luckhardt; Noble Grand, Mrs. J. A. Schroder; Vice Grand, Mrs. A. Moses; Rec. Secretary, Mrs. H. Ulyott; Per. Secretary, Miss E. A. Dunke; Treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Weber.

Royal Arcanum, No. 1409, Woolwich Council,

Organized April 23rd, 1895, meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month with the following officers:— Regent, Wm. Pfaff; Vice Regent, Wm. Schlitt; Secretary, C. T. Laschinger; Collector, L. A. Jeannerette; Treasurer, Sol. Laschinger.

Chosen Friends.

Past Chief Councillor, L. A. Jeannerette; Chief Councillor, S. Laschinger; Secretary, I. Hilborn; Treasurer, A. B. Snider.