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SCHOOL NOTES.

A Resume of the Week's Happenings in Our Public Schools.

The schools are making an heroic effort to provide such an equipment as is absolutely necessary for first class work. There is no other available fund for the purchase of supplies for the science classes, except what is earned by giving entertainments. The members of the high school realize that the board of education are doing all that can be done under existing circumstances. Determined to surmount the obstacles in the way, they have, with commendable energy prepared two entertainments, for Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. You are cordially invited to be present. Admission for one night 25 cents. For both nights 40 cents.

The high school laboratory is now equipped with two good, well built tables, one for chemical experiments and the other for demonstrations in physics, etc. These are not ordinary tables, but such as are especially adapted to the purpose. A dozen pupils can do individual work at once, at each of these tables. They are supplied with cupboards and drawers, and the chemistry table with bowls, with faucets from which water is drawn from a tank in the attic. A number of pieces of physical apparatus such as air pump, electrical machines, batteries, etc. have in past years been purchased with entertainment earnings, and it is hoped that soon other much needed apparatus will be placed on the laboratory shelves ready for use when needed. From this it will be understood that the laboratory is in a very fair way. The entertainments to be given Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, are for the benefit of the laboratory, and everybody should help along so commendable a project. The money earned will be expended under the direction of the board of education, and whatever is bought becomes the property of the school district, hence this is your entertainment. Will you attend?

PLAYED PROGRESSIVE HEARTS.

Ladies' nights at the Downers Grove club are always enjoyable occasions. Last Saturday night this was a particularly noticeable feature that was manifested by the large gathering at their pleasant parlors. Progressive hearts was the attraction mentioned on the invitations. The members and their friends and ladies, gathered at the tables and with grim determination to win the prizes, played that most exasperating game, known by the quiet and unassuming title of hearts. In the final wind-up it was found that from the greatest number of games won, the first prizes belonged to Miss Lou Stanley and Frank M. Stanger, who received a handsome china cup and saucer, and a silver match safe, respectively. The consolation or "booby" prizes, from force of circumstances, were bestowed upon Mrs. A. P. Daniels and Dr. W. W. Gourley. Mrs. Daniels received a valentine, and Dr. Gourley was presented with a bottle of some fragrant perfume, which no one could analyze.

TRIED PLAYING DETECTIVE.

The police magistrate's court was in session Monday evening. One of our young men had evidently been reading upon Hood and thunder dime novels and "Old Sleuth" detective experiences and being a recent arrival here concluded that he would take a hand in "running the town" after the cowboy fashion prevalent in "select circles" in the mining camps of the west. He borrowed a "gun" and sallied forth flourishing it in a somewhat reckless manner with some wild remarks in regard to "doing" somebody up. Policeman Carney took a hand which resulted in a trial in court. A fine of \$20.00 and costs was assessed and the would-be perpetrator of daring deeds wilted like a young cabbage plant in the noontday sun.

ODD FELLOWS TO DANCE.

The local lodge of Odd fellows are arranging to give a dancing party next week, to be known as their first annual ball. The dance will occur next Friday evening, February 26th, and will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall, on account of their own hall being carpeted. Invitations will be sent out early next week and a large attendance and a good time anticipated.

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

I will be in Downers Grove for the collection of taxes every Friday and Saturday, and in Hinsdale every Tuesday and Wednesday, until March 16th, except this week, when I will be in Hinsdale Friday and Downers Grove Saturday.

F. J. PRENTISS, Township Collector.

IN MEMORIAM.

Last Saturday noon the angel of death entered the home circle of the REPORTER and took therefrom Mrs. EVELYN A. WHITE. Though not entirely unexpected, her anticipated probable sudden death was always looked upon as a thing remote, and the terrible reality of her taking away, came with crushing force to those who are left in the desolate home.

For several years Mrs. White had been afflicted with a heart difficulty, which the utmost skill of her physicians could not successfully combat. She was about the house until within a week before her death, but had suffered considerably from a severe attack of rheumatism, which owing to the nature of her trouble, she was unable to withstand. Gradually she became weaker, while apparently resting comfortably, and despite the efforts of her physician, and the care of those about her, God, in his wisdom, took her from them to his heavenly home. She died shortly before one o'clock Saturday noon, February 13th, 1897. Her death was due to chronic valvular disease of the heart.

Her husband, and her sister, Miss Cathryn Shepard were with her when she died. Her mother, Mrs. A. Shepard, at Traer, Iowa, was communicated with and arrived early Sunday morning. Mrs. P. E. Help of Rogers Park, a sister of Mr. White, came out Saturday evening.

Private funeral services were held Monday afternoon February, 15th, at the residence, Rev. Herbert H. Rood, of the Congregational church, conducting the simple ceremonies. Interment was made in the West Cemetery.

EVELYN ANNA SHEPARD was born at Vernon, Waukesha county, Wisconsin, April 29th, 1872. While still an infant her parents moved to Golden Lake, in the same county. At the age of 10 years the family moved to Oconomowoc, where she resided until going to South Dakota in 1889, where she lived with a sister. In July 1890, she was married to Hugh M. White, at Plankinton, South Dakota, and resided there until coming to Downers Grove, in the summer of 1895. She was a member of the First Congregational church at Plankinton. Her's was a life of patient affliction, but at all times she was cheerful and hopeful for the future, relying upon the assurances Christ has given to weak human beings in their earthly dwelling place. One child, little Bernice, is left to miss a tender, loving mother's care. As for the others who are left, there is bitter sorrow, which they alone know.

THE MEN SEWED APRONS.

The rainbow social given by the Y. P. R. C. E. at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Edwards, was a most enjoyable event. The many colored aprons furnished a fine background for the fearful stitches of the gentlemen, whose efforts to sew straight were extremely ludicrous. Cat stitch and over and over were the favorite varieties, but one ambitious gentleman came armed with an upholsterer's curved needle in order to make quick work around the corners. E. H. Huntington was adjudged the most accomplished seamstress and received a handsome necktie case for his prowess with the needle. The long and the short man appeared late in the evening and held up a clothes-basket filled with popcorn balls, but as usual eluded arrest and are still at large.

MONTHLY LITERARY MEETING.

The regular literary meeting of the Epworth League was held at the home of M. Slesser, on Tuesday evening of this week. An unusually large attendance indicated that this feature of league work had lost none of its interest for leaguers. Miss Mills sang in her own thoughtful way and Miss Roe and Miss Schaeffer gave a well executed play. A floral love story was one of the successful efforts of the evening. The report blanks to be filled with an account of the reading done the past month will no doubt make a good showing. Altogether it was a pleasant and profitable evening.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the 3rd installment on special assessments No's. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the 1st installment on special assessment No. 5 for water works, are now due and payable at the office of the village collector.

V. SIMONSON, Village Collector.

PRESERVE YOUR MAGAZINES.

Bring your world's fair views, art reproductions, magazines, papers, etc., to the REPORTER office and have them bound substantially to preserve them. First-class work in cloth, library or full leather. Prices reasonable.

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Additional local news on fifth page. Lennox soap—3 cents per bar, at Thompson's.

Mertz & Mochel sell the Pochontas smokeless coal. Rev. H. H. Rood visited in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

William Reader is buying and shipping walnut logs to the city. Finest bread in town, fresh every morning, at Mary S. Diener's.

A. L. Palmer and Gary Wallace were in Hinsdale on business, Tuesday. If it is a snow shovel you need you can get one for 15 cents at Brode & Co.

Captain Cornelius has moved into the Kimball house south of Haas' market. Hunt rabbits while the snow flies; all kind of ammunition cheap at Brode & Co.'s.

Thompson received a car load of the famous Pillsbury flour the first of the week. Mrs. F. E. Mayer was quite sick last week, but is on the mend again at this writing.

Arthur W. Brode was confined to his home several days the past week with the grip.

Wanted—Some one who needs a corn-sheller to call at Brode & Co. and buy a good one.

An experienced nurse wants confinement cases. Address Miss Wilms, care J. D. Fowler.

Philadelphia is the strongest center of Odd Fellowship in this country. Buffalo is second.

Jacob Veight has rented the Drew property on South Main street and will soon be a resident here.

List your houses for rent with D. G. Graham. He has secured quite a number of tenants the past month.

The A. R. Heckman residence on Curtiss street is nearing completion and will be an ornament to the village.

E. Wootton received an invoice of fine lambs from the far-famed "Summit Park" farm, Minnesota, last Tuesday.

Geo. Spohr moved Wednesday onto the Ducat estate property. He will have charge of that place for the coming year. A new front has been put in the old Faul building south of Miller's hotel and as soon as completed a fruit store will be opened therein.

Geo. W. Downer is recovering from his severe attack of rheumatism. His children who were sick with the measles are also fully recovering.

The balance of Thompson's stock of gloves and mittens will be sold at less than wholesale price. An early visit will secure the choicest bargains.

Thompson is giving an opportunity for all to secure gloves and mittens at less than wholesale price. The whole stock will be reduced in price to suit yourself.

H. H. Woelfersheim and two assistants, went out to the Puffer farm, Tuesday morning, to commence a foundation for a new kitchen on the old farmhouse.

Thos. Thompson and Isaac Mason are contemplating a trip to the sunny south. They expect to start about the middle of March and will be gone about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Bumstead are residents here now, having moved into the Gray house on the North side. Mrs. Bumstead is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith of Linden Heights.

A very enjoyable valentine party was given at the pleasant home of Mrs. J. G. Morton Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Agnes Stewart. Valentines were exchanged, and a good time enjoyed by all.

Bateman & Palmer are now prepared to supply their customers with nice fresh goods at the old popular prices. New goods are still arriving and the stock is now as complete as ever, with new and fancy goods.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Tops left Monday for a trip through the south. They will visit New Orleans during the Mardi Gras carnival, and other points in Louisiana, Florida and Alabama. They expect to be gone about a month.

Mrs. Geo. W. Glenn was given a surprise on the anniversary of her birthday this week, by a number of her friends, assembling at her home to celebrate the occasion. She was the recipient of numerous handsome presents.

Andrew Diger has accumulated an enormous wood-pile in the rear of his residence on West Maple avenue. It calls to our memory the early days when we were a boy, when wood was the only fuel in use, and coal trusts and combines were unknown.

Colville for groceries. Crockery given away at Thompson's. Mrs. Geo. Caskey visited in the city over Sunday.

Mrs. Blackmore, of Aurora, is visiting relatives here. L. B. Moody, of LaGrange, was a caller in the Grove, Tuesday.

Figs, dates, oranges, bananas, etc., fresh and nice, at Thompson's. Did you see those "Search Light Matches" at Nash Bros. store?

H. D. Henning of Plano, was a brief caller in Downers, last Tuesday. Banner Lodge Rebekahs held initiatory exercises last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Irons and family will occupy the Gibbons residence on the North side. Thursday, March 18th, will be Pres. Cleveland's 60th birthday anniversary.

Operator Richards of U. block, called on friends in the Grove, Monday evening.

Manly Baird and his sister, Hattie, of Chicago, spent Saturday with Frank Kinney.

A few choice bargains in damaged goods can still be found at Bateman & Palmer's.

Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal—best patent flour made—sold by Mertz & Mochel.

Mrs. P. E. Help of Rogers Park is visiting today with her brother, Hugh M. White.

Allen Wheeler and family will be residents of our beautiful village in the near future.

Will Lawson has resigned his position at Steere's market to accept one in the Q. offices in Chicago.

If in need of a sewing machine don't fail to call on Mertz & Mochel and get prices before purchasing.

For Sale—A handsome, brass extension chandelier, nearly new. Will be sold reasonable. Address Box 319.

M. Olencamp, of Elmhurst, was in Downers Grove yesterday writing insurance for the Addison Insurance company.

For Rent—New modern cottages at East Grove, with two, four and five acres of ground. For particulars apply to D. G. Graham.

FARM FOR RENT—A farm of 160 acres. Part of fall plowing done and some manure hauled. Barn room for 30 cows. Inquire of D. G. Graham.

Leave orders at Hughes & Gallup's for hauling trunks, freight and expressage. They will be promptly attended to. J. D. McVean.

Nearly five million persons belong to fraternal organizations in the U. S. and Canada. The Odd Fellows take the lead with almost a million members.

Next Monday the 22nd is the 165th anniversary of George Washington's birthday and a legal holiday in all the states except Iowa, Arkansas and Mississippi.

D. K. Foote gave us a cheery call last Tuesday. We are rejoiced that he is recovered from his long illness and in the enjoyment of his old-time health and spirits.

The younger members of the Downers Grove Club are arranging for a series of dancing parties to be given at the club rooms during the remainder of the winter and spring.

A side track is being laid from the main line of the Burlington road, to the Dicke tool manufactory. This will enable Mr. Dicke to take care of his business in much better manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ducker entertained a number of their friends at progressive hearts, last Thursday evening. The prizes were very handsome; Mrs. C. V. Carpenter and A. L. Daniels being the successful contestants.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Foster and children of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived last week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers and other old friends in the Grove. Mr. Foster returned home Friday. Mrs. Foster will remain for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Churchill and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Churchill visited in Glen Ellyn, last Monday. While there they celebrated the ninety-fifth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Christiana Christian, a sister of W. Churchill. The lady, although confined to her home, has a clear mind and greatly enjoyed the visit of her relatives.

Miss Burnette, who has been sick for some time, has been worse the past week. It is feared that she will not soon recover from the severe strain upon her nerves and strength while nursing a prolonged case of typhoid fever. Dr. McKinsay of Chicago, was called on Sunday in consultation with his brother Dr. Robert D. McKinsay.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS' BANQUET.

Grove Lodge, Knights of Pythias, entertained their friends last night at an open meeting and banquet in their pleasant hall. Before the open meeting lodge work was accomplished in the second degree, after which the public were invited to attend the exercises pertaining to the presentation of a handsome past chancellor's jewel to G. H. Bunge. Visiting Knights from various neighboring towns were present. After the exercises, supper was served.

Grand Outer Guard Cushing of Hinsdale made the presentation speech in choice and impressive language.

The visitors from out of town were all compelled to seek their trains before they could partake of the bounteous spread which had been prepared for them.

Victor Fredenhagen, Jr. is slowly recovering from his long illness. He is able to walk out a little now.

The Columbia Feather Renovating company is now here, located in the Bryce building, opposite piano factory. This firm does fine work and now is the time to have your beds and pillows renovated.

DIED:—In Gostyn at the home of her daughter, Mrs. N. Patrick, on February 12th, 1897, Mrs. Veronika Andresky at the age of 61 years. The funeral occurred from St. Mary Catholic church, on Saturday the 13th. One son and two daughters survive her.

New potatoes are in the Chicago market at 75 and 80 cents a peck. They are red Bermuda and also the white variety from Cuba and are pronounced very fine. There are also strawberries at 75 cents per quart and Louisiana pie-plant at 10 and 12 cents a pound.

A very pleasant and interesting entertainment was given by the pupils of District No. 3, Friday evening, Feb. 12. Songs, recitations and dialogues made up the program. Much credit is due the teacher, Miss Helen C. Kavanaugh, for the manner in which the pupils conducted themselves.

The Royal League social last Saturday evening was attended by about 100 of our townsfolk, who were most agreeably entertained by the program prepared by Orator Cutting and executed by home and city talent. An abundance of cake and coffee was a pleasing feature at the close.

Tuesday afternoon the wrecking train came up from Aurora to amputate a dislocated truck on the west end of a box car going east. The operation was entirely successful. The injured member was placed on a flat car and a sound truck substituted for it. Traffic was delayed for a short time.

The C. B. & Q. R'y will sell harvest excursion tickets on January 5th and 19th, February 2d and 16th, March 2d and 16th, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th, 1897, to all points northwest, west and southwest at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. For full particulars apply to G. H. Bunge, agent C. B. & Q. R'y.

Pres. John H. Batten has called a meeting of delegates from camps in the North Central Illinois Modern Woodmen picnic association to be held at Hotel Bishop, Aurora, on Tuesday, March 2nd, for the purpose of conferring as to the picnic to be held at Burlington Park this year and the election of officers of the association.

Rev. T. R. Greene addressed Victory Council, Royal League, after its regular meeting on Tuesday evening. The approach of Washington's birthday suggested the theme, and those present heard very entertaining remarks about that greatest of great Americans, the father of our country. A rising vote of thanks was unanimously tendered Bro. Greene for his courtesy.

The ladies of the library association will entertain their friends at progressive euchre, next Saturday evening, Feb. 20th, in the parlors of the Downers Grove Club. Liberal prizes will be awarded the winners of the games, but in order to participate therein tickets must be procured at the uniform price of 50 cents each. Refreshments will be served during the evening. The occasion is a benefit for the library association.

Farmers who expect to have wheat to sell next summer will be interested in the statement that the wheat crop of Australia falls so far short of the usual amount as to induce that country from her position as the wheat exporting nation on the globe to about the eleventh place, following an average of 100 bushels per acre. Australia is unable to supply the short crops. It is being urged by growers of the United States to call on to supply some of the deficiency. That means better prices for American farmers.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.

To be Held at the Auditorium, Next Friday and Saturday Evenings.

The public schools of the village have arranged two excellent entertainments to be given at the Auditorium, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week. These entertainments occur annually and are always interesting and well patronized. The programmes for both evenings are as follows:

- FRIDAY EVENING.
- Chorus—"The Wanderer's Greeting".....
 - Recitation—"Nobody's Child".....
 - Three Little Lords.....
 - Song—"Be Like George Washington".....
 - Mother Good's Reception.....
 - Musical Hedge Podge.....
 - Dialogue—"The Little Grandmother".....
 - Oration—"Great Men".....
 - Solo and Chorus—"Consolation".....
 - Tableau—"Snow White".....
 - Dialogue—"The Little Grandmother".....
 - Solo and Quartet—"If the Waters Could Speak as They Flow".....
 - Exercise—"Queen Flora's Day Dream".....
- NATURDAY EVENING.
- Chorus—"Swinging".....
 - "Rose Sprites".....
 - Tableau—"King Copetua and the Hoggar".....
 - Trios—"Coming Through the Rye".....
 - Song—"The Blacksmith's Auld Chorus".....
 - Dialogue—"The Little Grandmother".....
 - Pantomime—"The Little Grandmother".....
 - Solo and Quartet—"That Little German Home".....
 - "The Host Black".....
 - Canata—"Columbia".....
- Admission, single ticket, 25c; for both entertainments, 40c.

HAVE STRUCK IT RICH.

Miners and Business Men Excited Over the Discoveries in the Black Hills.

Ragged Top, the new Black Hills gold camp, on the Spearfish branch of the R. & M. R. R., is producing some wonderful "finds." Black Hills people are very much excited over the recent discoveries and say it is a second Cripple Creek. The remarkable thing about this district is that it shows on the surface no indications of being a rich mining field, and has been passed over scores of times by experienced miners who never dreamed of its richness.

A typical mining camp has sprung up there within the past few weeks, and people are rushing in from all parts of the Black Hills district. There are said to be good openings at Ragged Top for a bank, bakery, a shoe store and furniture establishment. Two new towns have been laid out and buildings are being erected as fast as the limited facilities at the disposal of the inhabitants will permit.

It is predicted that with the opening of spring there will be a great rush to this new country, which promises such wonderful results.

THE HAYMARKET.

Patrons of the Haymarket will have an opportunity next week of seeing and hearing Yvette Violette, who imitates Yvette Guilbert so cleverly. This young woman, previous to essaying her present characterization, was playing leading parts in well-known dramatic companies, and in her imitations of Guilbert has succeeded in copying exactly the manners and appearance of the French music hall artist. Her singing, while it is similar in every way, is of a much finer quality and more pleasing in tone, and wherever she has appeared Miss Violette has made a decided success. Her repertoire of songs will be the same as those sung by Guilbert on her recent appearance at Central Music Hall.

A CARD.

It gives me unalloyed pleasure to acknowledge the receipt, from the Relief Corps of the city of Wheaton, of a beautiful bouquet of red and white carnations, also to my dear young friend, Master Parker Nail, of a splendid bouquet of flowers with a lovely calla lily for a center. They have filled my home with their fragrance and my heart with gratitude to the Giver of all Good that I should be thus kindly remembered while confined to the house. I also wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who have cheered my lonely hours with their presence and sympathy.

Wm. H. JOHNSON.

Wheaton, Feb. 11, 1897.

EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

Through tourist sleeping cars for California leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m. every Wednesday via the Burlington. These cars are in charge of a conductor who goes through to the end of the route looking after the comfort and convenience of passengers. For full particulars inquire of G. H. Bunge, Agent.

ALL ABOUT BUNGE.

As Bunge is the only agent in this city for the Burlington sleeping cars, he is the only one who can give you the full particulars of the route and the time of departure. He is also the only one who can give you the full particulars of the route and the time of departure. He is also the only one who can give you the full particulars of the route and the time of departure.