NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

SOME REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR THE PROPOSITION.

Demands of the District Make It Imperative That More Room Be Provided .-Special Election Saturday.

Any one who will study the water-color picture of the proposed school building which hangs in the postoffice must feel that it will be one of the most attractive features of our little village. While it is simple in design and free from elaborate decoration, every line and color in its every corner and window and wall a roof are so arranged that they yield the highest value symmetry and pleasing ef feet. It is very beautiful. It is so situated that it conceals the old building, and thus avoids the ugliness of a mere addition. From any place on the Maple avenue drive the view will be very pretty. One can not help wondering how excelleatly the architect has done his work. It will be a strong recommendation to the village and will help to attract home seekers where the present situation drives them away. The board of education are to be congratulated on the plan they have secured at such a reasonable cost.

The proposition of the board of education for the construction of a new school house on the Maple avenue site represents a very careful consideration of the problem of more school room the number of children de-It does not put a heavy burden upon the taxpayers. The bonds are made for short time, and mature in installments which can easily be met. The interest which has to be paid is as small an amount as possibly can be made under the circumstances. In deed the interest, at its greatest amount, is but \$675 a year. After two years this will be decreased each year by \$100, and when one considers that the board pays \$300 a year for rent for the Herring building and the Thompson hall, that these places take extra coal amounting to at least \$100; and that in putting new rooms in shape for school purposes every year or sp is the matter of building fences and coal birm and buying stoyes and walks and outsource and blackboards, and doing parsmary painting, the board has to spend between \$200 and \$300 a year, the expenses of interest is practically offset. There is a possibility that money can be saved in another way. If the children are concentrated it may become practical to reduce the number of of teachers by one. Classes can be graded better and the pupils more evenly distributed to the teachers. Because Miss Patton's and Miss Rassweiler's rooms are small, they can have but about thirty-eight or forty chil-With about fifty given them slight increases made in other rooms, one room could be abandoned This single item would effect a saving of \$600. In other words, the board and superictendent both believe that with a new building better work in every way could be done with twelve teachers than with thirteen, as it not is. In these two ways over \$1,000 can be saved. This would go quite a ways, in addition to paying the interest, toward paying the bonds themselves.

small school houses scattered here and throughout the district would the needs of the district better to have two central buildings. suggestion betrays an ignorof practical school work. Any ho really knew what the probforty years and does not attempt to port: make practice square with his theory. Suppose such a system of school houses existed here and there was a one-room building near the lake, another one room building in East Grove, and the two present buildings where they are The teachers in each of the one-room buildings would have to have at least four different grades to teach, and pos sibly five, in order to give her the number of pupils which she ought to have. There would not be more than in the first grade, ten in the nine in the third and nine in the fourth This would make the same conditions necessary in the larger buildings, and our schools would bepractically ungraded country schools. Pupils of ability could not be promoted at proper times, and only contusion and disorder would arise. Then, too, one must not overlook the fact that larger numbers give increased interest and enthusiasm. It is true that a child receives as much education from his schoolmates as he does from his books and teachers In this sense it would be far more educative for the child to meet pupils of his own age from all parts of the district than to go to school with children who have een his neighbors and playmates all his life. He needs the liberalizing in- pixta. Come all Pain.

fluence of boys and girls who have been strangers to him heretofore. This point will no doubt be ridiculed by our friend of the circular letter, but it still is true even if he doesn't see it.

The idea that in a large central building older children would bully and tease the smaller ones more than they would in the single-room building system is far from true. There is very little of such practice anyhow in well-disciplined school-not nearly so much as there used to be in the single room schools of ye olden time. To bring a few older pupils among a few of each of the lower grades, such a the little school house would make necessary, would offer greater opportunity for builying and teasing, because there would not be enough of respective ages to have a good time, and al would have to play together, big and little. What a chance that would give for the big to impose upon the little where now no chance exists!

teachers would have to be employed, | terday. because the pupils could not be distributed to any advantage at all More janitors would have to be employed, on Main street. because no one janitor could hop, ski and jump all over the district, or half of it, in an effort to warm and clean three or four buildings. To properly care for a building a janitor should stay right by it the whole day and every minute in the day. It would take more coal, for it is a matter of common knowledge that ten rooms is one building can be heated for half what it would cost to heat ten rooms scattered about singly. The children could not have such excellent ventilation nor other hygicale facilities. Such a system would be a step backward and would be almost suicidal. In many parts of the country in the country districts they are finding it cheaper and more satisfactory to build a large contral building and hire the children hauled to and from their homes rather to have a number of isolated schools.

Any one who carefully studies the question can not for a moment feel that there is anything in the littlebuilding theory.

The proposed building is the best the district is able to build. It does no provide as far aboad in the future as the board would like. The pobood up at present thirteen rooms, and the district owns practically only eight, the two lower back Maple avenue rooms are to small and should merged into one, as originally built. The new building provides eight new rooms, but since two are removed to make room for the new building, it gives fourteen rooms in all the buildings. This is only one room more than will be occupied as soon as finished.

When another building will be reguired it is understood that the board look with favor to the erection of similar eight-room building in a suit able place on the north side

It is earnestly hoped that this very excellent plan which is before the people will meet their cordial and unanimous support. Every one knows that renting is a failure. The only hope is a new building. It will help the town as possibly no other enterprise would. Our schoots will suffer if we can not house our children properly and therefore our town will lose pres There has been some suggestion that tige. A vote against the proposition is a vote of obstruction, and a vote for it, one of enterprise. Do your duty and vote for it next Saturday.

THE SCHOOL CENSUS.

O. M. Searles, superintendent of pubof the modern school are would lie schools in this district, who has not entertain it for a single moment. been actively engaged in taking the It may do for a man to suggest it who school census during the past few days, has not been inside a public school for makes the following interesting re-

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SCHOOL REPORT.

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..Local and Personal Paragraphs...

Cream flour at Haller's. Boys' blouses at Haller's. White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Bura Muzzey's Pennsylvania oil. Additional local news on fifth page. John Hersche was here yesterday vis-

iting friends. Mrs. A. Johnston's bakery goods are

best, Try them. Mrs. Gust, Johnson and children are

visiting relatives at Rachie. The best and largest assortment of

home baked goods at Rang's. Downers Grove was well represented

at Burlington park yesterday. Have Johnson's wagon call for your

laundry. Good work guaranteed. Frank Pardee, of Chicago, was the It would cost more in the end. More guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bryce yes-

> E. Wohrel has moved his cigar bustness into the building next to the bank

Mrs. J. B. Cobb, of Eaglewood, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Wisegarver, this week.

Rev. H. H. Rood was out from the city with his family this week visiting their many friends.

Send in your news items. Stop us on the street and tell us the personal items you know that are of interest.

Rev. John B. Robinson, D. D. will preach in the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening.

M. L. and H. R. McMaines, of Chicago, spent the Fourth with their brother and sister, Mrs. J. I. Round and H. B. McMainen.

Orders for Pennsylvania and Standard oils and gasoline may be left at Bush & Simonson's drug store, Muzzey will promptly fill your cans.

Mrs. William Blanchard and daughter, Melita, left on Wednesday of last week for California, where they will visit relatives and friends.

A cutting and shooting scrape Lombard Tuesday necessitated the ser vices of States Attorney Slusser to fake the aute-mortem statement on one if

E. H. Prince, near the depot, has been leased by the Downers Grove Baseball 3, 9 and 17, August 1, 7 and 21. Inclub, and it will be baseball headquarters for the season.

Commencing Sunday night, the electric light plant began running until 1:30 a. m. While this is much better than shutting down at midnight, the

The REPORTER desires to print all Chicago, soloists, personal notes of interest. If you are entertaining or visiting friends, let us know. We would appreciate the favor if our readers would drop us a note or leave the item in the REPORTER box at the entrance to the office.

feel very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. John sisters, the violin solo by J. I. Rounds ing could be heard but "crack! crack! garver regarding excessive charges of Stanley, who have presented the church and the vocal solo by C. K. Roe were every member of the club making a his lawn sprinkling service and asking with a valuable lot, adjoining the specially marked and highly appreci- desperate effort to lose the ball or break rebate was referred to the water comchurch property on the west, 66 feet frontage by about 200 in depth. This the success of this first program it is had not proceeded far before A. E. is one of the most valuable and desirable lots in the village, and was presented by the donors voluntarily and without conditions by complete title and warranty deed.

Orphanage was blessed. The ceremonies were participated in by two train at the orphanage chapel, and a sermon was delivered by the Rev. Matthias Farnik, pastor of St. Ludmilla's church in Chicago. The Right Rev. Nepomucene Jaeger then blessed the orphanage building. At 4 p. m. the Right Rev. L. Haid consecrated the corner stone and caused it to be laid in place. The ceremony was concluded with the singing of hymns in Latin by the clergy. Bishop and the Very Rev. Francis Tichy, dean of New Prague, Minn., spoke in Bohe-

out most happily on life's journey.

Oil. Family Safety.

No smoke; no more dim chimneys. The best oil in town, only 14c per gal lon, at C. S. Hughes & Co.'s hardware

Croquet sets and hammocks at Mertz & Mochel's.

Mrs. C. S. Foote is recovering from a very serious illness.

Ice box for sale. Inquire of Mrs. Buck, 12 East Curtiss street. Mrs. Elizabeth Meehan was out from

Chicago this week visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray are spending a week with relatives at Somonauk. Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bordwell spent the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mertz.

The ladies' library association served ice cream yesterday in the Steere building on Main street. The Misses Patterson, of Parkside,

were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson Sunday. Miss Mabel Messuer left Saturday for

her home, near Aurora, where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. J. D. McVean will leave today for an extended visit in Nebraska and other western points.

Fancy California prunes, the cream of California fruit, 10c per pound; other prunes 5c to 8c, at Nash's.

The sacred rite of baptism was conferred last Sunday at the Baptist, Episcopal and Congregational churches to

Lost on Belmout street or Middaugh avenue, a gold ring with small diamond setting. Reward by returning to this office.

baundry done right at Johnson's steam laundry. We protect the clothes from wear as well as make them clean and attractive.

For Sale or Exchange Steel tested pit games, pointer and setter dogs, broken and unbroken. Don't ask what have, but state what you want, Charles White, Olathe, Kansas.

Officeral summer excursion rates to Colorado, Utah and the Black Hills The little office formerly occupied by Cheap round-trip rates to principal points in above territory on sale July quire at ticket office.

tional church. Morning, communion service. In the evening the sacred concert as postponed from last Sabbath will be given by Mr. Tucker and the general public is in favor of all-night choir, assisted by Miss Anna Wetten and Miss Madison and Louis Cram, of

Anditorium last Friday night was an the way. A. Duncan was moved to side of Main street, between the B enjoyable affair, with a good-sized au- center, while Petry played in right and Grumbrell property, and also for a dience in attendance. The superior field. Promptly at 3:30 Umptre Graves cross walk on Summit street, was re work of Miss Messner as a leader was said, "Play ball!" and Dave Colville farred to the street and alley commit manifested in the excellent work done immediately found the sphere for a safe | tee. The Congregational church people by the choruses. The duet by the Puffer single. From that on to the end nothated features of the program. From all the bate on the ground. The game mittee. confidently expected that the June song Courtright, Levi Mertz, Henry Wool- cerning charges for wiring his hour festival will become a very popular as- fersheim and several other prominent on Gilbert avenue was referred to the

Notwithstanding the intense heat, hundreds of people at Barlington park The corner stone of first Bohemian were attracted to the ball grounds to college in America was laid at Lisle witness the game played between the Monday and the Bohemian St. Joseph "Chicago Deweys" and Downers Grove. It proved to be one of the best games game. The star plays of the day were special committee, consisting of True yet played by the local club, and !f the loads of people. Mass was delebrated clubs had played nine or seven innings instead of four the result would have been very different. The "Deweys" for three bases. The following explains had an excellent battery, only three hits and as many runs being made off their pitcher. They were about the toughest proposition our boys have yet tackled and played well enough, thank you, to cover themselves with glory, and deserve credit for beating us. The outfield was in such bad shape, owing Haid delivered a sermon in English, to the high weeds and grass, that it was almost impossible to get through it.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago once more announces a special course A very pretty wedding was solemn-lof biblical instruction covering the ized last Thursday at the home of Benj. | summer months, under the conduct of Prentiss, south of the village, when the Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., of Bos-Rev. C. J. Pope united in bonds of mat- ton. The great benefit which this rimony Miss Effic Prentiss and Mr. course has proven to certain special Charles Otis Stevens, of Chicago, Only classes of persons hitherto led Mr. immediate relatives were present. The Moody to plan for it again this year ceremony was at high noon, and the almost immediately after its close last company immediately sat down to a year. While it extends from June 1st sumptuous wedding breakisst. Many to October 1st, yet the curriculum is of beautiful presents were received. The such an accommodating character that That is the title of a very beautiful young couple were tendered a recep- pastors, public school, teachers and seventy-two-page book published by tion in the evening at the residence of others can arrange to take in part of it the C., B. and Q. ratiroad. It is most the groom's mother, \$58 Perry avenue, during their vacation, and, as a matter entertaining and informative, besides City. After a lake trip they will be at of fact, many of them thus avail them- being illustrated with exceptionally home at the above number. The bride selves. These privileges are absolutely is much loved by her many friends in free to all. Inquiries about further Downers Grove, and the groom is a details, including terms for board, etc., most estimable gentleman. They start may be made directly to the Institute, 80 Institute place, Chicago.

SATURDAY'S BASEBALL GAME.

Downers Grove Defeats the West Y. M. C. A. Club-Fine Game,

Last Saturday, when the fact became known that the home club was to "mix up" with the "terrible" West Side Y. M. C. A. club, composed of exemplary youths of Sunday-school proclivities, all-around athletes and gymnasts, the information was volunteered by the "knowing ones" that Downers Grove would be annihilated, so to speak, and that not a grease spot would be left them at the conclusion of the game. Well, they will have to show us said Dick Morden. "The Y. M. C. boys may be able to run and jump, but my 'unsophisticated farmers' can beat anything that ever came down the pike." The weather was all that could be desired, and the turnstile showed the largest attendance so far this season, quite a number of society and

BOARD OF TRUST

P. L. SLOAT APPOINTED SUPERIS TENDENT OF WATER WORKS

D. Fowler Resigns-The Residents of Prince's Subdivision Position for Am nexation to the Village.

The July meeting of the village board Monday night was one of more th usual interest. All members were pres ent except Trustee Kneazel. After the reading of the minutes of the Jun meetings the board proceeded to p vass the returns of the special ele held June 80th. The total vote cast was 76, of which Louis Elein received 75 votes. On motion he was decis duly elected as village trustee a sworn in to fill the vacancy caused h the resignation of M. K. Bush The collector's report, showing re-

ceipts of \$324 84, and the treasure

PROPOSED NEW MAPLE AVENUE SCHOOL MOUSE.

usiness men and a "good sprinkling" | report, showing a balance on hand a of ladies venturing out to Downer's last report of \$4,686.88; receipts, \$204.3 field to witness the "slaughter of the expenditures, \$981.90; present bal Sunday services at the Congrega- innocents." Owing to the absence of \$4,029.82, were read and placed on \$1 Jack Duncan and Fred Innes it was Mrs. E. Meshan was present to found necessary to make some changes test against an order compalling her in the positions of the regular players, build a drain on Foote street from Harry Bateman occupied the pitcher's property to the north side sewer, box for the first time this year, and upon her request she was permitted what he did to the visitors was suffi- build a catch basis on her own on The first annual song festival at the bag and was strictly in the game all A petition for a sidewalk on the west "rooters" became so enthusiastic as to | water and light committee. offer premiums for home runs, and Manager Morden as well as all mem- part of Prince's addition lying outside bers of the club desire to return many of the corporate limits, praying for an thanks for the substantial assistance nexation to the village of Downer and liberality of the patrons of the Grove, was on motion referred to a beautiful double play by the visitors, | tees Bunge, Kuenzel and Klein, to can a home run and a long-run catch by sider advisability of granting reque Rice in left field and Davis' "touch" ABR HPO A E

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COLURADO.

Umpires-Graves and Winchester. Scorer-

Darnley. Time of game-Two hours.

fine engravings. The rates to Colorado are so cheap this year that many will take their vacation there. They should pleatons. The propos sak the C., R. and Q. ticket agent for this book. Price, 6 cents.

A communication from A. C. Wise.

A communication from Gjerde con

A petition from the residents of that and report at next meeting.

The resignation of J. D. Fowler at superintendent of waser works was

The bond of J. W. Rogers as village treasurer, in the sum of \$6,000, was read, approved and accepted.

The matter of the consolidation the offices of street commissions poundmaster and health officer was d ferred until next meeting.

Claim ordinance No. 98, providing for the payment of bills against the village, was passed.

The village attorney was anthto make a settlement with Mike Polowicz, whose property was error

sold for taxes. The improvement committee was structed to have necessary repair on the public fountain in the

A representative of the Steam Boller and Insurance presented a proposition for the four botters at the village station at the rate of \$185 insurance for three years, and \$12 500 insurance for three insurance to cover cla