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THE GARY MEMORIAL

M. E. CHURCH AT WHEATON TO BE DEDICATED DECEMBER 15.

Most Magnificent Edifice in the County—Fest Hog Burning at Western Springs—Other County News.

One of the finest memorial churches in the United States will be dedicated at Wheaton on December 15th. It is the gift of Elbert H. Gary, President of the Board of Directors of the United States Steel corporation, to the Methodist congregation of Wheaton, and is erected in memorial of his parents, who were among the earliest pioneers of Du Page County, settling there in 1834. The church, valued at over \$100,000, is said to be the most elaborate and expensive memorial structure in the West.

In its outer vestibule, where it is visible from the street, is an artistic bronze tablet inscribed:

"To the memory of ERASTUS GRAY, 1806—1888, and his wife, SUSANA VALLETTE GRAY, 1819—1874. This church was erected, 1900—1901, by their Son."

The church has many conveniences not found in modern churches. It has a steel fireproof vault for storing of church records and communion service, a fully equipped hotel kitchen, a banquet hall, several cloak rooms and lavatories, janitor's apartments, dressing rooms for participants in entertainments, a nursery for babies who are brought to church, a large parlor with fireplace and easy rockers, a room which may be fitted up for a gymnasium, and a pastor's reception room, as well as a private office. Three hundred electric lights will be used in the building. The tower lantern, when lighted, will illuminate not only the whole square but can be seen from every township in the county. The building, which was designed by Brown F. Davis of Chicago and Cincinnati, is of Gothic architecture, constructed of stone throughout. The stained glass windows are made in opalescent mosaic, harmonious in color. In the north window is a picture of the three Marys at the tomb on Easter morning. In the east window is a picture of the Nativity.

The steps in both entrances are of clear white Italian marble, with a white body of mosaic floors. The pews and organ chairs are heavy, quartered sawed oak, with polished antique finish, of special Gothic design, to suit the building. The organ, costing \$5,000, is said to be one of the best in the West.

The auditorium has a seating capacity of 900 on the ground floor. The total seating capacity is 1,500. In the basement an assembly room seats 500. Altogether the new building is something new in church architecture and equipment, and will be a center of religious and social activity in Wheaton.

Western Springs is fighting a bog fire that has been burning off and on for 30 years. The fire department has been ordered out to flood the bog with water in hope of drowning out the fire smoldering somewhere within its mysterious depths.

Western Springs is a Chicago suburb on the Burlington railroad. Half a mile west of the town is a low piece of low ground a mile long, parts of which have the character of a slough, especially in wet weather. During the ages of depression the land has become filled with vegetable matter, which has been transformed into peat. The records show that this bog was on fire at least 30 years ago. No flames are to be seen for the fire is under the surface. At times great volumes of smoke are thrown off, and when the wind is in the right direction the smoke blows over Willow Springs like a great pall and fills its streets and houses like a London fog.

One of the common experiences of the householder in that suburb is to be awakened at night by the smoke and to rush around the house trembling. Although he is aware of the pranks of the bog nuisance he is never certain it isn't his own home that is burning until after he has made an examination. For long periods, especially after a season of heavy rains, the smoke may be seen rising from the bog, and some observers conclude the fire has been extinguished. However, the smoke is sure to make its appearance again, and many residents of the neighborhood are of the opinion that the fire has never been out since it was started. They argue that it is only smoldering when the smoke disappears. The fire department has been called out several times to flood the bog with water in the effort to put an end to the nuisance, but it has not been successful.

The Burlington's track crosses the slough, and the company has had some trouble in keeping its roadway in perfect condition because of the tendency to sink. There is a tradition that a locomotive and train of cars once sank in this bog and are now hidden away in its depths, but the officials at the railroad office declare they have no knowledge of such a catastrophe.

The Chicago Great Western, east bound limited, collided Saturday with a Symons milk train at Marshall's crossing,

four miles west of St. Charles. Rose Boot, aged 18, of Sycamore, was instantly killed the lower part of her body being crushed. A Chicago traveling man named Murphy, was probably fatally injured. Simon Chaffee, of Wasco, Ill., and the engineer of the limited, were seriously injured. Several others were slightly injured. The limited was running fifty miles an hour dashed around a sharp curve into the milk train. The rear coach was thrown upon the top of the limited's engine. It immediately caught fire and was consumed. The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping, but the former was seriously injured. The limited was derailed, but the passengers escaped with slight bruises.

Dr. James E. Cross is up against the real thing this time. He was taken to the penitentiary Saturday last, by Sheriff Gorham. It depends very much upon himself how long he remains as the guest of the state. Under the indeterminate sentence he is up any where from three to fourteen years.

NO BURIALS WITHOUT PERMIT.

An act of the legislature which goes into effect, January 1st, 1902, contains some new provisions in regard to the recording of births and deaths and makes some different regulations in regard to the work of the coroner.

The act provides that births shall be reported to the county clerk on certain blanks as has heretofore been the case, but to each doctor or other person reporting a birth a fee of 25 cents shall be paid by the county treasurer.

Death are to be reported to the city or village clerk if they occur within the city or village, and when outside the city or village, to the town clerk of the township in which they occur.

The new law is strict in regard to the work of the coroner and makes it necessary for the coroner of each county to hold inquests more often probably than under the present law.

The law states that where a body has been buried without the proper permit it will be the duty of the coroner to disinter the body and hold an inquest.

A list of causes of death where it is necessary for the coroner to make out the certificate is given. The list of causes is as follows: Alcoholism (acute), asphyxiation, bullet wound, crushing, burning, cutting or stabbing, drowning, electricity, explosion, exposure, fall, freezing, hydrophobia, sunstroke where death occurs within 24 hours after, kick, lightning stroke, poison, railroad or street car accident, ruover, scalding, strangulation and suffocating, as well as any form of homicide, suicide or sudden death from unknown causes.

SLAYTON CONCERT COMPANY.

The Slayton Grand Concert Company opened the Downers Grove entertainment course at the Auditorium Tuesday evening. Probably no company was ever greeted with a larger or more appreciative audience in Downers Grove. The company is an excellent one gauged by all standards and the individual efforts of its members met with a hearty reception. Madam Linde, the contralto soloist has a wonderful voice, full of power, elegance and tone. Frederick Carberry made a distinctly favorable impression. He has a tenor voice of remarkable compass and purity of tone. Miss Georgia Bentley is a brilliant pianist and her selections gave ample opportunity for the display of her musical talent. Paul C. Beebe the violoncellist gave several selections which were greatly admired by the audience. It is safe to say that if the remainder of the entertainments in the course are up to the standard of the first company Downers Grove will have had far and away the best course in its history. That the people appreciate first-rate attractions was amply demonstrated by the large attendance.

DEATH OF HENRY SASS.

Henry Sass, for years a well known resident of Downers Grove, died at his home on Ross Court, Wednesday, November 20th, at seven o'clock p. m., after an illness extending over a period of several months. The direct cause of his death was the results of rheumatism from which he had been a constant sufferer for many years. The funeral was held from the Congregational church Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The Modern Woodmen of which deceased was a member conducting the ceremonies. The pastor of the Hinsdale Lutheran church, preached the funeral sermon. Burial was made in the west cemetery. Henry Sass was a native of Germany, having been born in Mecklenburg in 1849. He came to America with his parents in 1871, and settled in Downers Grove. Here he was married to Miss Minnie Schroeder, in 1874. Seven children were born, two of whom are dead. The widow, his mother, and five children survive him.

Western Kansas editors have a unique way of prodding up delinquent subscribers, as this will indicate: "If you have frequent headaches, dizziness, fainting spells accompanied by chills, cramps, corns, bunions, chilblains, epilepsy and jaundice, it is a sign that you are not well, but are liable to die any minute. Pay your subscription a year in advance and thus make yourself solid for good ordinary notice."

Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair.

White Rose gasoline, Nash's. National Light oil at Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Mrs. Edward Herzberg has been ill during the past week.

D. Graham and family will spend Thanksgiving in Plano.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Woelfersheim expects to spend the winter in California.

W. R. Colwell started Tuesday evening for his future home in California.

John H. Shurtle is spending Thanksgiving with his mother at Lowell, Ind.

F. G. Lane of Chicago is employed at W. S. Carpenter's drug store as relief clerk.

Herbert A. Winton, representing the Central Lyceum Bureau, was here yesterday.

Miss Elsie Patterson is spending Thanksgiving with her parents at Normal, Ill.

Seven adults were received into the Methodist church on probation last Sabbath morning.

School closed yesterday for the Thanksgiving holiday and will remain closed until Monday.

The fire plugs have had a general overhauling and put into condition. A number of them had been leaking badly.

The Chicago Telephone Company has established a public telephone pay station at W. S. Carpenter's drug store for long distance service.

WANTED—Farm to rent—Farm of about 100 acres; not more than 30 miles from Chicago, in Du Page county. W. H. Thomas, Downers Grove, Box 22.

Attend the union Thanksgiving services at the Methodist church at 10:30 this (Thursday) morning. Evangelist Shawhan will preach the sermon.

Frank Stanton and Miss Mary Wise, Will and Miss Fannie Storrs and Frank McKenzie of Chicago, will spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. John Davis.

D. G. Graham has legal blanks and all facilities for execution of wills and has had years of successful experience in that line. Give him a call. Charges reasonable.

Into each life some ruins must fall, wise people don't sit down and bawl; only fools suicide or take to flight, smart people take Rocky Mountain Tea at night. Ask your druggist.

E. C. Ohsann has disposed of his market here to A. H. Marshall of Iowa, who will continue the business. This change was made necessary owing to the ill health of Mrs. Ohsann.

Isaac Mason expects to leave the latter part of the week for California. He will be accompanied by his daughter Mrs. G. H. Bunga. They will spend the winter at Los Angeles with Mrs. J. D. McVean.

A small but commodious house to rent on the North Side, convenient to R. R. station. Reasonable payment. Suitable for man and wife, or two ladies. Address box 97 post office; or inquire of M. E. Stanger at Downers Grove post office.

Evangelist Shawhan will preach especially to the High School pupils and teachers on this Thursday evening. He will also preach Friday afternoon at 3:00 and Friday evening. Prof. Elderkin of Chicago, will sing Friday evening and at all the services on Sunday.

W. H. Edwards, the treasurer of the Downers Grove Entertainment Course, reports the following receipts from the sale of tickets: Season tickets sold 266 at \$1.50, \$384; from single admissions \$4.50; total \$888.50. This amount assures the financial success of the course and is very gratifying to the business men who vouched for the financial part of the undertaking.

The "Remembrance" social given at the Congregational church last Thursday evening was an innovation along the line of amusement and drew a large audience. Articles donated from absent members were sold, and letters accompanying them read. The pyrographic exhibition was interesting and the readings by Wm. Parker were well received. Refreshments were also a feature.

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Oil. Family Safety.

Haller keeps Lipton's teas. Fancy sage cheese at Nash's. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes. Aunt Jemima pancake flour at Nash's. C. F. Adams has been ill the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dent has been quite seriously ill the past week.

Joseph D. Horton has been granted a patent on his new door for grain cars.

Leroy Bunning begins a course in the Chicago Business College, December 2d.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hickman are spending the day with her people here.

Dr. and Mrs. Cash of Maple Park, are visiting their daughter Mrs. C. F. Adams.

Mrs. Frank I. Mason left yesterday for a two weeks visit with her parents at Quincy.

Mrs. Fannie Baiden is slowly recovering from a fall and dangerous illness of the past three weeks.

WANTED—A Florence sewing machine—Enquire of Mrs. Catherine Black, Maple avenue.

St. Andrews choir will meet for rehearsal Friday evening. Every member is urged to be present.

Mrs. Green, 100 Curtiss street, Downers Grove, nurse, best of recommendations from physicians and patients.

Fresh country eggs are worth 28 cents in the local market while the storage article commands 24 cents. By January they will be out of sight.

The Burlington railway company has at last commenced work on the brick walk ordered laid on its right of way on Main street, some months ago.

Mrs. F. N. Bond will be pleased to receive pupils in drawing, painting and French. Address, Post Office, or call at 123 Prince ave., Downers Grove.

Fred Bunge of Neligh, Neb., formerly of Downers Grove, has returned here and taken a position with the American Forwarding and Mercantile Company.

Every department of the Downers Grove schools had Thanksgiving exercises yesterday afternoon and each room had a number of visitors to witness the events.

Buy Wrisley's white borax and Old Country soap, and get the latest art pictures for the wrappers. The only genuine white borax soap on the market for sale at Nash's.

In calling last week the pastor of the Methodist church left his umbrella and would be glad to have the finder leave it at the post office. The umbrella has a rough crooked handle.

All signed members and also all who have been solicited as members of the newly organized military company are requested to report promptly at eight o'clock Friday night, November 29th, at the Auditorium.

To-day being Thanksgiving the REPORTER was published Wednesday night and mailed this morning, and the office will be closed all day to-day. Owing to the holiday the bank and most of the stores will be closed a part of the day.

"We are pressing hard on the line of a 60,000 membership in the subordinate lodges and the quality of the membership was never higher," says Grand Master J. R. Kewley of Illinois Odd Fellows, in his annual report. Few odd lodges have been dropped or suspended temporarily during the past year, and a number of new and much stronger ones have been organized.

Mr. A. G. Prince, Agent, Downers Grove, Ill. Dear Sir: We have been using the Blue Flame Oil Gas Burner in our kitchen stove for several weeks and it has given great satisfaction, it is not a bit of trouble. The heat is so steady the cooking is much better than it would be with a coal fire. After once lighting it will run all day without looking after it. I consider it a first class heater and burner. Yours truly, Frank E. Mayer, Oct. 26th, '01.

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FIREMEN DANCE LAST NIGHT.

Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Ball Given At Auditorium.

The Firemen's fourth annual ball last night was, as usual with the social functions of the organization, a success both from a social and financial standpoint. The attendance was everything that could be desired and the large Auditorium was filled to its utmost capacity. A program of 24 dances was given to excellent music and it was only this morning before the party broke up. The firemen in their nobby uniforms conducted all the arrangements and it is due to their excellent management that the party passed off so successfully. The grand march began at nine and led by John Woelfersheim, the firemen and their ladies, and a long line of guests opened the ball and with light hearts and feet danced away the swift flying hours. Refreshments were served in the basement of the building and oysters and attendant fixings were dispensed to all who cared to partake. Thanksgiving was welcomed before the guests' departure closed one of the most pleasant social functions of the department.

ECONOMIC LEAGUE.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Economic League was held last Thursday evening. J. Rutherford and H. E. Saunders presented interesting papers on the subject of "Trades Unions." There was a good attendance and intense interest was manifested throughout. Both parties are familiar with the subject and evidently had made careful and thorough preparation. The history of these unions was traced from the beginning—their advantages elucidated and also their disadvantages and the evils connected with their administration. Remedies were also suggested for the injustices connected with them and the sentiment of both parties seemed to be that Trades Unions are here to stay. One prominent remedy suggested was that these unions should be compelled to incorporate under the law so that in case of damage resulting from the wrongful acts of the members the union would be amenable legally for such damage. Other members followed with brief and pointed suggestions appropriate to the subject and more would have been said had time permitted. We are sure that every one present received new ideas and intelligence from the thorough discussion of this intensely interesting subject.

THANKSGIVING.

To-day is Thanksgiving, so set apart by a custom as old as the nation. It is a family day, when relatives get together from far or near, reunite in family reminiscences and enjoy a grand dinner. It is a day which was set, primarily, for giving thanks to Almighty God for the result of the harvest and for His guardian care of the people. It is a day when the Creator is to be remembered and a part of the time given to His service. We are derelict in the matter of Divine service—more than we should be, and the day is made one of a general holiday and a good time by too many of us without regard to the original purpose. It is not because of the evil that is within us, but the social side and the amusement side is too strong for the spiritual side, and excusing ourselves as an over-worked people, we give the time to our own pleasures. But even the matter of the family reunion is worth much. It softens the heart, brushes away the serious things of life, and we grow loving and kind, one to the other. It is a day that has become national, and should be enjoyed rationally. It is a day for remembrance, for closer relationship, and for the building up of faith in the Giver of all good. Then, on Thursday, November 28th, let us not forget that it is Thanksgiving, and give something, it only a moment to say—"Thank God!" and as we meet around the family table, let it be with happy hearts and a faith in all that is good. If we have troubles, pass them by for the day and have a few hours of solid enjoyment. Our troubles can wait—they will be on hand Friday—but the previous day's rest will have strengthened us to bear, and we may be encouraged to look only on the cheerful side of life and be happy. Don't neglect the observance of Thanksgiving Day.

The annual season of settlement of subscription accounts has arrived and all subscribers who know themselves to be in arrears are requested to contribute to the general fund. It takes money to run newspapers the same as any other business. The accounts are principally small ones but amount to a high figure in the aggregate. Therefore we ask each one to do their best to settle what they owe before the first of December. We will message in due time to acknowledge receipt of funds promptly.

PENNY SAVINGS BANK

SCHOOLS ESTABLISH BRANCH OF PENNY SAVINGS SOCIETY.

In Operation about a Week and Deposits Amount to Over \$25,000—Plan of Operation.

The spirit of thrift and saving among the pupils of the Downers Grove schools is being incited by the establishment of a penny savings bank which is meeting with decided success. Though in operation but a short time the deposits by the scholars already amount to a considerable sum and there is every reason to believe the institution will prove a decided factor in the business education of the pupils. Jason Littleford one of the officers of the society tells of its purpose as follows:

"There has recently been established in our schools a branch station of the Chicago Penny Saving Society. Its purpose is to encourage the children of the schools to save their pennies and nickels and thus teach the children thrift. The plan of operation is very simple and book-keeping has been avoided. Any one wishing to open an account receives a deposit book with its leaves ruled into squares. When a deposit is made, the child receives stamps to the amount of his money and sticks these on the squares. At any time he can draw on his account by returning the deposit book and receiving for it. If he desires to leave the money in the bank, the society will deposit it for him in the Northern Trust Company, when it amounts to a dollar, and get for him a savings bank book. His money here will draw 3 per cent interest.

"These deposit books must not be lost. If any one does the depositor loses his money. The business is carried on chiefly by the pupils. In this way, business dealings are made familiar to the child. The bank is open every day 15 minutes before school in the morning and 10 minutes at noon.

"If any of the citizens of the village desire to open accounts for children too young to go to school, such depositors will be very welcome. In fact, it is recommended that this be done.

"While the branch has been open but about a week, over \$20 have already been deposited. The children seem interested. It was suggested to the parents that they encourage regular deposits of small sums rather than irregular deposits of larger amounts. The true saving spirit looks after small sums constantly."

JASON LITTLEFORD.

HOPKINS NEXT WEEK.

Denman Thompson's splendid drama, "The Two Sisters" will be the stock company offering at Hopkins theatre next week, beginning with the matinee Sunday, December 1st. The two sisters, one of them treads the straight and narrow way and the other of whom goes along the one that ends in destruction, will be portrayed by Miss Maude Odell and Miss May Kennedy. The play as those who have been fortunate enough to see it can testify, abounds in strong situations, and the interest of the audience is held until the end. Sam Norris, the excellent comedian, will add spice to the play in the part of the sleepy and fat bell boy. The vaudeville bill will be of the usual strength, headed by Dixon, Brown and Dixon and Hank Whitcomb and there will be some more interesting biograph pictures.

MEETINGS CLOSE SUNDAY.

Evangelist Shawhan will conclude his engagement at the Methodist church on Sunday evening. The meetings are proving very helpful and have grown in interest and power. A number have already united with the church as a result of this special effort and others will do so later. Mr. Shawhan goes from here to conduct a large union service in Valparaiso, Ind. He has engagements for about six months ahead and is constantly receiving calls for his services. He will preach three times on Sunday, viz at 10:00, 4:00 and 7:30. Every one is cordially invited to hear this very able and well-spirited man.

FAMILY IN DISTRESS.

The attention of the local authorities has been brought to a family of the name of Anderson living on North Peoria street, who it is stated are in destitute circumstances. The family consists of a mother and several children. The husband having deserted them and left them in actual need of the necessities of life. They are cared for at present by Mrs. Anderson. The man is a particularly bad one. The mother is ill and there are several young children. They are in a very destitute condition.