

About the Schools

In Mahaffy's "Social Life in Greece" occurs a passage of profound political wisdom given as a comment upon the government of Athens during the time of Pericles. New ages bring new men and new conditions, but the principles remain the same. History repeats itself; on different scales, to be sure, but it is essentially the same. The citizens of Athens were not ready for self government. It had been offered them under Solon, but they could not use it. Anarchy followed. Says Mr. Mahaffy: "Let the reader remember that without sound intellectual culture all political training is and must be simply mischievous. A free constitution is perfectly absurd, if the opinion of the majority is incompetent. Until men are educated, they want a strong hand over them. A despotism may in some cases be better for a nation than a more advanced constitution. No student of history can fail to observe that even now very few nations in the world are fit for diffused political privileges. These nations are so manifestly the greatest and best, and consequently the most prosperous, that inferior races keep imitating their institutions instead of feeling that these institutions are the result and not the cause of their national greatness. Of course the result reacts upon the cause and becomes itself a cause in due time, but only when it has grown up naturally, not where it has been superinduced artificially. Even a moderate despotism may be more successful and humane than a democracy."

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plant one evening and was unable to do so. He emphasized what this would mean in case of a fire. President Mochel said he had ordered a gong attachment placed on the waterworks' phone. Trustee Hughes—Our committee has been after the superintendent to have this attachment placed for the last ten months. The bond of superintendent Babel was received, read and accepted. The sewer petitions were next considered and the advisability of engaging a man to take the petitions around and secure signers was considered. No action was taken, as the board of local improvements has full power to act. The members of the board being present stated that they would do as suggested. Moved by trustee Staats, seconded by trustee Hughes—that the superintendent of the waterworks have the whistle blown every morning at six o'clock and evening at six o'clock. After some discussion the motion was duly passed and the superintendent was instructed to begin on Monday, December 12, so that proper notice could be given through the local press to prevent the public from mistaking the whistling for a fire alarm. Superintendent Babel said that the fire alarm whistle was different, as the whistles were blown after the first long whistle. Trustee Heatt said he had been informed by several persons to have a light put near the lake on the north side for the benefit of the skaters. The president said it had been before the board several times and was dismissed because it was not considered a general benefit. Trustee Staats thought it was a benefit to many. Superintendent Babel said it would cost at least twenty-five dollars, and after consideration, the matter was dropped.

Among the Churches

At the First Congregational church, the pastor, Reverend Charles Reynolds, will preach next Sunday morning, at ten-forty-five, upon "The Times in which we Live." At the vesper service, on the following Sunday, December 18 at five o'clock in the evening, the subject of discourse will be "The Rock of Ages," closing with eighteen beautifully colored stereoscopic views and attended by singing that beautiful hymn by the choir. All seats free and everybody welcome. Parents are invited to bring their children.

At the auditorium on December 22 a Christmas cantata will be given. Among the participants will be "Mother Goose," Santa Claus, "Old King Cole and His Fiddlers Three," "Jack Sprat and His Wife," "Doctor Foster," "Jack and Jill," and many others. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the ladies' aid society of the Baptist church. All who enjoy a good hearty laugh should attend. Admission: adults, 20 cents, children 10 cents.

The ladies' aid society of the Congregational church will serve a noon day lunch in the church basement on Thursday, December 15. A Christmas sale table will be in charge of Mrs. George Hughes. The menu will be meat pie, creamed potatoes, cabbage salad, jelly, bread and butter, mince pie, and cheese, coffee and mince meat, specially made by the ladies.

The subject of the sermon at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, for Sunday, December 11, is "Is the Universe, including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" Text: "Except a man be born again, he can not see the Kingdom of God."—John iii: 3.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal church—Services on Sunday afternoon, December 11; Sunday school, two-fifteen o'clock; evening prayer with sermon by Reverend John A. Carr, at three o'clock. A cordial invitation to all.

At the Baptist church tomorrow the subject for the morning sermon will be "Paul's Passion for Souls." In the evening the subject will be "Power of Decision."

Speaking of the Chicago Lady Entertainers, (who will be here on December 17) the Wichita, Kansas, Daily Beacon, October 19, 1904, says: A large and appreciative audience gathered at the Toler last night to hear the Chicago Lady Entertainers, a number on the Lyceum course. Estelle M. Clark is at the head of this excellent organization—in fact she is almost the whole show. She is ably assisted by the Misses Mildred I. Langworthy, Marcia M. Moorehead, and Bessie M. Morcer, all of whom are artists of high degree. Mrs. Clark as a singer, reader and impersonator, won enthusiastic applause. She was clever in all she undertook and was a constant source of amusement and entertainment to the audience. As a quartette, the entertainers demonstrated that they were finished musicians; as soloists the voices showed careful training, good range and exquisite taste in singing. Miss Langworthy as a soprano and Mrs. Morcer as contralto soloists, were warmly appreciated. The latter has a resonant tone quality that is seldom heard and always appreciated and Miss Langworthy's soprano was distinguished chiefly for flexibility, sweetness and tones that were clear as a bell.

Board of Education Meets

The board of education met on Tuesday evening at the south side school building. All members were present except trustee Slusser. After the usual routine of opening, the following bills were duly passed, having been first examined and recommended by the finance committee: O. M. Seales, supplies \$ 17 15; Briton Printing company 5 23; Atlas School Supply company 3 00; Village, water rates 15 00; Rand, McNally & company 14 62; Chicago Telephone company 14 80; Thomas Luning 1 05; Kelmscott Press 10 10; Joseph Hatterham 32 00; Robert Olinger 32 00; Ginn & company 32 02; Teachers' salaries 832 50.

The president stated that the teachers wished to be paid on December 23 for the current month, owing to the holidays following, and if no special meeting was held authority would have to be given to the president and secretary to sign the checks for the salaries. This permission was given.

Judge Slusser sent in his resignation, to take effect not later than the first Tuesday in April next, as all questions of tax levies, and other matters pertaining to the schools, come before the county judge he could not retain his seat. The matter was considered, and as the annual election will take place about that date, the matter was left over. The Middle West Publishing company, of Chicago, sent bill of fifteen dollars for an atlas. Different members of the board expressed themselves adverse to paying for the atlas, as it was not as represented. The secretary was instructed to write the company that the atlas not being as represented, and inaccurate, this board refuses same.

The Atlas School Supply company wrote demanding freight charges, on some school seats, which had been deducted by the board because goods were ordered in Chicago and had been shipped from a factory somewhere in Indiana.

Mr. Blodgett moved that the secretary be given power to settle the matter to his best judgment.

Secretary Dowe declined. Superintendent Seales stated that the predecessors of this company for years had charged only freight from Chicago and that was sufficient precedent.

Mr. Bunge moved that, owing to the custom in the past of the predecessors of the Atlas company paying freight charges on goods shipped from outside of Chicago to that point, and that the goods were bought in Chicago, this board refuse to pay the freight.

Misses Graves and Stowell, teachers, were given permission of a half holiday on December 23.

Mr. Blodgett reported that some repairs had been made to the cellar way at the north side building and that the repairs which were begun on the south side building had to be discontinued, till the holidays, owing to the noise. President Graham reported that he had visited several of the schools and found the same in good condition.

The superintendent reported about some defective doors and unsanitary water connections, and the attention of the building committee was called to the same.

The president informed the board that there was some cases of truancy, but, before prosecutions could follow, it would be necessary that there be a truant officer duly appointed to serve notices. He presented a form of a resolution, with the name of the truant officer blank. After some discussion the board accepted the resolution and filled in the name of Robert Olinger as truant officer, with fees the same as those of a constable when serving papers.

The superintendent reported that the recent musical held by the pupils, to aid in buying new books for the library, netted \$47.00.

Mr. Blodgett then brought the matter of the annual tax levy, notice of which he had given at the last meeting. He claimed that the levy had been made too high and that it exceeded that allowed by law. He said that \$10,900 was asked for school expenses, while \$9,500 was all that could be secured on the two and one half per cent. levy, as according to law, and that the board was therefore trying to get \$1,330 more than it should have. Further, he contended that in the levy for building fund \$450 for interest on teachers' orders had been inserted illegally and also a demand for \$1,000 to pay a bond which he claims does not exist.

The superintendent then requested the secretary to produce the letter from the treasurer stating that two \$500 bonds were due and would have to be paid, and on this, he stated, the levy had been made.

Mr. Blodgett wanted the levy to be revised, and produced a letter from the state superintendent that such could be done, but he received no second to his motion and the matter was dropped.

Death of John T. Pinches

John T. Pinches, well known here, died very suddenly, in Brooklyn, a few days ago. He was a brother of Mrs. Lester Naramore. The Brooklyn Times contains the following: There was a large and sorrowful assemblage of craftsmen at the funeral of John T. Pinches, 181 Madison street, yesterday afternoon. The deceased was one of the best known members of the Masonic fraternity in this city and for more than

thirty-five years was a member of Marsh Lodge, No. 188, and had few equals and no superiors as an exponent of the unwritten work. His particular forte was in the middle chamber work or as historical lecturer, and his services were in frequent demand. He died very suddenly on Friday last, of rheumatism of the heart. The Rev. Cornelius L. Twing, rector of Calvary Episcopal church, recited the burial ritual of that denomination in an impressive manner. When he had concluded the brethren of Marsh Lodge gathered around the casket of the brother and past master, while the master of the lodge, worshipful brother A. K. Thomas, recited the Masonic burial service. During the service a brother sang, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The brethren in concluding the service, passed by the bier and deposited a sprig of evergreen in the casket, with the exclamation, "Alas! My Brother!" There were many beautiful and significant floral offerings appropriately inscribed. There was a large delegation of the Brooklyn Masonic veterans at the solemn service. The interment was made in New York Bay cemetery to day. Mr. Pinches was 68 years of age. A few months ago the brethren of Marsh Lodge gave him a tangible token of regard and esteem. The lodge, at its next session will take formal action on his death. The deceased is survived by a widow.

Miscellaneous Locals

The Woehrl Cigar. Beef by the quarter at L. Klein's market.

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Guardian's Notice

Of Application for Sale of Land of Minors. To all persons whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Allen E. Newberry, guardian of Perry Perkins and Edith Perkins, minors, will make application to the County Court of DuPage County, at a regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the City of Wheaton, on said Monday, the first Monday of January, A. D. 1905, being the second day thereof, for an order of said Court directing that as said guardian to sell the following real estate belonging to said minors, or so much thereof as to said Court shall seem to be for the interest of said minors, situated in the county of DuPage and State of Illinois, to-wit: Undivided one-fifth (1-5) interest of lot Fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) in block Thirty-nine (39) in E. H. Prince and Company Third Addition to Downers Grove, for the support and education of said minors, and for the purpose of investing such of the proceeds of said sale, as shall not be immediately needed for said support and education, and in other real estate, or of otherwise investing the same. ALLEN E. NEWBERRY.

C., B. & Q. EXCURSIONS

Home-seekers' excursions—West, northwest, southwest, November 1 and 15; December 6 and 20; at one fare, plus two dollars, for round trip, food twenty-one days. A top-over of ten days at Saint Louis will be allowed on tickets reading via Saint Louis upon a deposit of one dollar to the validating agent upon arrival at Saint Louis, except that the going transit limit of final limit of round trip tickets will not be extended in any case. Louisiana Purchase Exposition, Saint Louis, April 30 to December 1; sixty-day round trip tickets, ten dollars; season round trip tickets, twelve dollars. For particulars call on or address.

Winter tourist rate to Colorado and return \$47.50. Special rate on special dates. Tickets via the Burlington to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, good returning until June 1, 1905, are now on sale daily for \$27.50. If you never have thought of Colorado as a winter resort, I should like to talk with you about it. If you cannot make a protracted stay there, you might use the twenty-one day round trip tickets, to be on sale December 6 and 20; rate for the round trip, \$31.14.

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Statement of attendance for the month of November:

Table with columns: Teacher, Male, Female, Total, Daily average, Punctuality, Absences. Lists teachers like G. N. Maxwell, Grace E. Moore, Carrie L. Hall, etc., and attendance for November, September, and October 1904.

(An inspection of the tardiness totals shows a steady decrease during the last three months which is very commendable.)

The high school bazaar, which was held on Friday evening, December 2, was quite successful in every way. The net receipts were about fifty dollars, so that the high school pupils and teachers feel very grateful that their efforts were appreciated by their friends. There was a great deal of work required on the part of the pupils and their enthusiasm made possible an evening pleasant in every way. The booths of fancy work, Christmas dolls, candy and ice cream were all managed well by the committees in charge. The high school boys gave a very creditable exhibition in club singing and Mr. Sucher, their trainer, kindly assisted in the program by a fancy drill. Miss Virginia Stowell, the science teacher, had general management of the bazaar and deserves credit for carrying it to a successful end.

The fifth and sixth grade at the south side school are making a very interesting experiment in the study of geography. Instead of using their geography as a text, they are using it as a reference book, much as they would use a dictionary. Their studies center around current events as found in the "Little Chronicle," and they pass from the events to the geography connected with them. They try to see each country as a traveler sees it; they study the cotton or wheat or any other product regions of the world as a unit; they take zig-zag journeys from place to place of current interest over the world; and are accumulating a fund of geographical knowledge which is unusual. The pupils are deeply interested as is also their teacher, Miss Cassa B. Graves. In the experiment, and its success depends upon the skill she is showing in teaching the subject. Parents are requested to call and see what the pupils are doing. The classes recite from one-fifteen to two-fifteen in the afternoon.

New Rural Mail Carriers

George T. Hughes and Alex Cairo have received notice of their appointment as carriers for the new rural routes to be started from here on January 2. The former will in all probability have the route covering the northwestern section and the latter the northeastern route. Some changes will likely be made in the re-arrangement later.

There is an assessment in the Woodmen order for December. The semi-annual dues are also payable with this assessment, which must be paid on or before December 31st.