o Man That Is Ahead In every newspaper we pick up we're wre to find a lot of gush about the man sehind the counter and the man hind the gun; the man behind the buzz saw and the man behind his son; the man behind the times and the man behind his rents; the man behind the plowsbare and the man behind the fence; the man behind the whistle and the man behind the bars; and the man behind the kodak and the man behind the cars; the man behind his whiskers and the man behind his fist; and everything behind has entered on his list. hit they've missed aonther fellow shout whom nothing has been saidthe fellow who is even or a little way abead, who always pays for what he gets, whose bills are always signed he is a blamed sight more importan than the man who is behind. All w editors and merchants and the whole commercial clan, are indebted for existence to this honest fellow man. He keeps us all in business and his town is never dead, and so we take our hats off to the man who is ahead.

Du Page County Tax Books First The tax books are finished and have been delivered to the various town collectors during the past week. County again and Du Page county is first in the state to get the report of the taxes for 1906 in the hands of the state auditor at Springfield. The valuations were received from the auditor on Jan. 2, a week later than last year, and the books were completed one day sooner than in 1906 With the methods of extending taxes

which prevailed twenty years ago the books could not have been gotten out before the middle of February, but many time-saying devices have been adopted in late years that make it possible to get the books into the hands of the collectors in time for them to make collections, notwithstanding the delay at Springfield in furnishing the valuations to the county clerk.

The total amount of taxes for collection in Du Page county is \$358, 724.62, an increase of \$24,341.73 over last year. The railroads pay \$51,227.24. "of which the Northwestern's share is \$15,969.59, and the A., E. & C., \$6,-770.11.

The tax is divided as follows: State \$36,611.19; county, \$44,658.82; town, \$12,018.02; road and bridge, \$54,337.10; city and village, \$59,198.24; school. \$113,170.78; library (Naperville), 882.10; hard road, \$15,108.68; dog. 2.140; district road, \$527.18; Canada thistic + 132.27; assessment survey.

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washin High School Organisa-

In response to invitations issued by at Naperville last Wednesday erening. Fire members of each board of education in Naperville and a number of directors of county schools The object of the meet was the discussion of the question starting a movement for the estabmt of a union township high col by the townships of Lisle and file. The establishment of such hool was enthusiastically advocated eral of those present, and it was tion for the purpose of carrying on

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le can afford should rally to its

The Lombard public schools have seen closed for several weeks, owing to a case of scarlet fever in the home of Antone Rozeck, janitor of the school The mayor of Lombard issued a proclamation which prevents public gatherfigs and every precaution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Twenty-Five Care Jumped the Track A west-bound freight, No. 77, pulling twenty-eight heavily-laden cars of merchandise, was ditched Monday night 11 o'clock, near Naperville, through the agency of a broken rail. The cause of the breaking of the rail is not known definitely, and it is attributed to the continued cold of the past few days.

The engine and the first three cars remained upon the track, while twenty five carriers and the caboose thrown from the tracks in a hopeless jumble. None of the crew was hurt.

The Aurora wrecking crew was summoned and after hours of labor in the cold the men succeeded in lifting the cars back upon the rails, and the train pursued its way eastward.

Surprised on Anniversary On Saturday evening, February 2. J. C. and Mrs. White entertained at dinner in honor of the seventy-fifth birthday of the latter's father, P. P. Foskett. The affair was a complete surprise to Mr. Foskett. The guests from Chicago were members of Masonic bodies in which Mr. Foskett holds membership. The following were the Commander of Cheveller Bayard Com-Doolan, Thomas McMahon, Wm. M. Thexten, Wm. J. Boyer, Geo. M. Gross, Henry R. Hopkins and E. E. Dexter. members of the "Old Timers' Club, of Dearborn Lodge, No. 310, A. F. and A. M., of which Mr. Foskett is president; also J. W. Nash, Dr. W. W. Gourley and C. G. Graves of Grove Lodge, No. 824. The friends brought several handsome reminders to Mr. Foskett and best wishes for a long life. Mrs White was assisted in receiving by her cousin. Mrs. R. S. Black, and daughter, Louise, of Chicago.

Scarlet Pever in East Grove At last what was feared has happened. The scarlet fever scourge is in our midst and our health officials and school board has a problem to deal with. The attack broke out in a family of the name of Mielke of East Grove. A little girl of four years has fallen a victim to the disease and is now under medical attendance. She has not been attending school for a week, and another member of the family had not attended for three days, so it is hoped that the infection has not been spread very much, and it will not be necessary to close the schools. The house has been quarantined. The board has taken every pre-Some parents thought the require-

ments of the superintendent for physician's certificates for children who were at home sick before re-entering was barsh measures, but all will see the farsightedness now. One day this week Superintendent Avery had a dozen or more children in his office until they were satisfactorily "certificated" by physicians either in writing or by telephone before they were admitted to the class rooms. It may have been a hardship, but often these cases are absolutely necessary. Every precaution should be taken by the parents. The authorities should be notified at once, as should a physician, as soon as there is the slightest possibility of an attack. In this way there Liste-Phil Corel, Wm, McDowell, will be no great attack of the disease Phil Hammersmith, Frank H. Rath- In Lombard the schools have been closed. We believe that with great Larson. Jos. care such may not be necessary here.

Among the Churches

Services at Congregational church next Sunday as usual. Preaching service, comning, 10:45; vesper, evening at Winfield-Byron Player, J. Hosford, 5; Sunday school, 12 m.; Christian Endeavor at 6 p. m.

Milton-F. E. Wheaton, W. B. Hopf. First Church of Christ, Scientist, for How do you do? I have my dignity. York-J. T. Emery, Henry Timke, February 10 is "Soul." Text taken from Psalm 130:5-8. Reading room opened how things really happened between every Wednesday afternoon at the Joe and the Ellison girl? I can't conhome of Mrs. M. J. Farrar.

> St. Andrew's Episcopal church. There will be a celebration of "Holy Communion" at 8:30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; evening prayer, with sermon by the Rev. H. E. Chase, at 3 p. m. cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.

At the Baptist church Sunday, Febthe school committee of the Woman's | ruary 10, the pastor, Rev. B. L. Presclub, a very interesting meeting was cott, will preach at the morning and evening hour. Morning subject, "What is Christianity?" Evening subject, "Should I Send a Valentine?" Good

music and a cordial welcome.

NOTICE

by would to form an organi- | Special Assessment No. 17

Notice is hereby given that the Board of nously decided to apaled with the County Clerk of Du Page County, its certificate of cost and completion, for the construction of vitrified tile bound drains opposite various lots, blocks



Give Us Good Reads. It is, of course, too soon to pass ar opinion upon the permanent value of the work accomplished by the Good Roads conference. The years alone can give judgment that will be final. there is little reason to doubt that val uable progress has been made; and reason whatever to question the tremendous need of such progress.

There are few drains on the weal and life of a community so insidious, so unceasing, so deadly, as the drain caused by bad roads. Bad roads are to the body politic what bad circulation is to the individual; and it needs no physician to point the grim meaning of this analogy. The loss is not merely economic; though even here it is beyoud computation. It is a civic loss every sense of the term, a loss of the neighborly touch of elbows that does such a world of good in so many ways a loss of opportunities for education, a loss of interest in the doings of those

whom the evil thoroughfare makes it difficult or impossible to reach. America is the land of bad road Among enlightened peoples, we few rivals and no superiors in the struggle for the bad eminence in impassable Bell Phone Naperville 438. highways. Yet no country has so vital an interest in good roads as we have. In no other country is the amount of land in actual cultivation by each farmguests: Edward G. Tennent, Eminent | er so large, and by consequence, is the rural population so scattered. It is the mandry Knight Templars; Edward R. sign of a much-needed awakening to Roe, E. H. P. of Lafayette Chapter have the road question coming upper-R. A. M.; Wm. K. Forsythe, James most in so many parts of the country .-Rocky Mountain News.

> Rural Free Delivery Helps. The report of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General bears down hard on the question of good roads. In many of the States the rural service lacks efficiency on account of bad roads, and petitions for additional routes have been rejected. The department is making considerable headway with its movement for co-operation with State officials looking toward road improve ment, and is now aiding road officials in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, New Jersey and Maine. Indiana has a new law requiring that roads traveled by rural carriers shall be kept in a passable condition throughout the year, and legislative action along similar lines has been had in Pennsylvania, in both instances with marked improvement of conditions.

> > DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF T A CIVIL QUESTION.

Neighbors' Sympathy and Interest Are Not Well Received. We-"Of course some people do grow irritable with age," said Mrs. Crombie with a stately air. "But the Fendersons are such an amiable family, and considering that Alicia and I have known each other since we were bables

-I'll own I was astonished. "Alicia's back door wasn't hasped when I went to return a pitcher, so I walked right in, and there in the next room she and those nieces of hers were talking over her nephew Job's affair with the Ellison girl.

"It's off, you know, and they do say he was jilted. Well, all I caught was that Joe was going out to Colorado. and naturally I wasn't satisfied. not inquisitive, I hope, but I take a kindly interest in the neighbors' young folks. So I stepped to the threshold and asked politely:

"'Where's he going, who's he going to stay with, why did she do it, and was there another man in the case?' "You'd think a person would give a civil answer to a civil question! Alicia looked at me as if I was a toad, with guarantee. Circulars free. Address and then drawled in the most aggravating soft voice

"That sounds like a single question, Mrs. Cromble, the way you say it, but it requires four answers. Four installments equal a serial story, and I'm afraid in a busy morning there would not be time to finish. You've heard one installment to-day-suppose we leave it

to be "concluded in our next?" ' "As if there would be any next! It will be a long day before I ask a question of Alicia Fenderson again, not if she went on her knees to me, I The subject of the lesson sermon of wouldn't. No, not so much as plain

"You don't happen to know, do you, descend to ask Alicia now."-Youth's Companion.

Too Deep.

The story is told of a lank, disconsolate-looking farmer who one day during the progress of a political meeting in Cooper Institute stood on the steps with the air of one who has been surfelted with a feast of some sort.

"Do you know who's talking in there now?" demanded a stranger, briskly, pausing for a moment beside the disconsolate farmer. "Or are you just going in?"

"No, sir, I've just come out," said the farmer, decidedly. "Mr. Evarts is talking in there."

"What about?" asked the stranger. "Well, he didn't say," the farmer answered, passing a knotted hand across his forehead.

Conspicuous.

The minister had preached to the graduating class of a girl's college. The girls of the class were on the platform all round the pulpit, and all dressed in

"I felt," confessed the preacher to

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