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Local Happenings

Mrs. E. E. Easton of East Grove is visiting at Libertyville, Illinois. Rev. F. F. Farmilee is the victim of

a severe cold caught on his journey to Cass on Tuesday. The little child of Ray Cramer, of

East Maple avenue, has been very ill, but is better again. Mrs. R. J. Darnley spent part of last

week at Allegan, Mich., visiting with her mother, Mrs. Frankel.

A. L. Tenney is confined to his bed by la grippe. He was very sick for a while, but has taken a turn for the bet-

Hinsdale board of education called a mass meeting to discuss the township high school project for Thursday even-

James Shearer and wife, of Austin, Illinois, were guests at H. W. Dutton's on Highland avenue on Friday evenladies' aid of the Congrega-

tional church met on Thursday afteron Highland avenue.

of Fullersburg, for road commissioner, Mrs. C. T. Gillette, of Billings, Mont. is here on a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Gillespie, of Fairmount avenue. portion of the summer.

We learn that the plate glass factory at Allegan, Mich., is doing a good business. This is the factory that J. C. F. Rommeiss, formerly of East Grove, is a large owner in.

From the Hinsdale press we learn that the general sentiment in that villaire is all for the township high school and no doubt a big vote will be recorded when the matter comes before the

Thomas Drew's little 2-year-old child is very ill at the home on Curtiss street west. Drs. Bebb of Downers Grove and Hench of Hinsdale are doing all that they can for it. At this writing it is a little better.

C. Ford Davis is making an enermetic canvass for the township collectorship. He seems to be receiving the nanimous support of the taxpayers of this end of the township and also many from the contern end. Mr. Dayle is a wary able and competent person and one fust adapted to the position.

The Btate convention of the Lady Macrabees was held this week on Tues day at the Palmer House at Chicago. Him Rose Kline, of Downers Grove, was the delegate from the local hive. Mim Nora Kline, Mim Cora Blodgett and Mrs. L. Hannum also attended the convention as guests. Considerable business was done. About one hundred and sixty delegates were present Among other propositions discussed was the building of a home for orphana and old members. The delegates were banquetted at the Palmer House a

A game was played on Wednesday

at the local alleys between teams rep counting the merchants and the Kelmscott Press. Below we print the score Merchants. L. Klein-1, 154; 2, 125; 3, 164

L. Beidelman-1, 114; 2, 129; 3, 115. H. H. Woelfersheim-1, 175; 2, 162; 2 147. PMHID Vis-1, 144; 2, 134; 3, 164. Charles Mochel-1, 116; 2, 104; 3

Total-1, 708; 2, 684; 3, 705.

Kelmacott Press. A Gamen -- 1, 111; 2, 125; 3, 127. Oscar Carlson-1, 120; 2, 188; 3, 112 M. A. Cogley-1, 144; 2, 139; 3, 152. M. N. Nye-1, 146; 2, 148; 3, 180. A. Duncan-1, 142; 2, 170; 3, 138. Totals 1, 683: 2, 718: 3, 709. Beare keeper-C. Innes. Pin boys-

There is nothing better for chapped ands and roughness of the skin than Cocumber Cream." Sold and recomended at Modaff's Pharmacy.

Dant, Met Binder, Geo. Vix.

Among the Schools Friday was a holiday in the public Memorial exercises were held in all the grades. The programs were well prepared and presented the virtues of Washington as well as the manners metame of the times in a most table way. Many of the patrons

the school were in attendance. The board of education of Hinsdale ed the matter of acting on the waship high school to a public meetof the citizens. This meeting was realy aftended. Supt. Avery was into attend this meeting for the e of stating the plans and purout of the school and explaining cerpoints of law governing the eshment of such school.

Links News Mary Mey has been on the stcl but in better now.

Link visitor last week, George Dumolin entertained an

om Belvidere on Sunday. Her prayer meeting was held at the of Mrs. Orville Willard on

in at Line every lect taxes for the town-

Most men live a life of going to de Link, died at his home and die with nothing done,

Mrs. Fred Schults has been very sick for some time, but we are glad to say she is improving.

Wm. Reddick has gone to Cary, where he will work for Percy James during the coming season,

John Rebm spent two weeks in Texas and in the South looking at land and enjoying the warmer climate. Joe Prochaska will have an auction on the Lindon farm next Monday, Feb.

25. Atter the sale he will return to

Percy James has moved to Cary. where he will farm. Mr. Dubbs, from McKinley Park, will occupy the Mey farm that be vacated.

An "experience sociable" will held at the bome of Charles Lacey on Friday evening, March 1. All friends of the church are invited.

For that cold use "Laxative Syrup of White Pine with Quinine. Large bottles 50c. Guaranteed at Modaff's Phar-

"BACON AND EGGS."

Countryman Did Not Know What

Else to Order in City. The roar of the city greeted Duncan as soon as he stepped out of the ferry station, says a writer in the a cab. This was his first visit to New York and he was determined to make the most of it.

For three years Duncan had lived in a Pennsylvania town with little that was new to vary the monotony of a quiet life. He boarded with the Ainsleys. There were no better people on earth than the Ainsleys, but Ainsley, felt every now and then as Last week we were unable to get in though he would give anything on our issue the announcement received earth to be away from them. by us of the candidacy of John Mohr, that Mrs. Ainsley wasn't a good cook and a good housekeeper--there was none better; but somehow the Ainsleys had drifted into the habit of hav ing bacon and eggs every morning for Mrs. Gillette may remain the greater breakfast. Duncan was an uncomplaining man, but he did sometimes wish for something other than bacon And eggs. The Ainsleys bacon, to be the eggs were fresh laid; yet, good Duy. as they were, the eternal sameness of the breakfast dish was like a horror

> to the patient man, And now be was to have a change. see the city and he would enjoy himself to the fullest. Above all things he would have some breakfasts to his liklug before he returned home.

It was about 6 p. m., when Duncan's cab landed him at the botel. The visitor felt his importance as he stepped within the portals of the great cara vansary. "Ah!" he thought, "this is something I have dreamed of." As he wandered about the corridors of the botel that evening he felt it was grand to be there. This was the most famous hotel in the country and its guests were in keeping with its magnificence. Superb women, dressed to perfection, swept by, attended by well groomed and prosperous-looking men faultlessly attired. The music that floated in from the dining rooms was soothing and Duncsa felt the spirit pervading the place penetrating his

He diped well and at his case, later going to a theater. After the show he strolled along Broadway, where he enjoyed the brilliant lights, the crowds. the calls of the cab drivers, the cries of the newsboys-all the component men love to call the great white way.

That night Duncan slept the sleep of an undisturbed digestion and an unclouded mind. He arose early and after a shave and a bath felt his spirits rise to the top notch as he entered the breakfast room. An obsequious walter bowed him into a chair and handed him a menu card with a flour-

Duncan felt that his hour of deliverance had come. He ran his eye down the menu in search of some dish that would tempt him. Somehow he did not find anything there that appealed particularly to his taste. He started once more at the head of the list. The waiter stood patiently by and gazed at him respectfully, his ear turned attentively to catch the slightest whisper. Duncan wished that the fool would go away and let him think out his breakfast in peace. To have a man stand ing there with his ear cocked up like a jackrabbit made him nervous.

The second perusal of the card brought out nothing satisfactory and Duncan began again, going down the list more slowly. He became pervous as the walter shifted from one foot to the other, and he seemed to feel that he was making himself ridiculous in the eyes of this menial.

At that moment he would have given a great deal to know just what to order, but for the life of him he could not discover anything on the bill that suited his fancy. Angry with himself and angry in his heart at the waiter. he cast the menu from him. The wait er, pad in hand, and keenly attent ive, leaned over to take the order. Duncan looked at him a moment without speaking. Then, almost in a whisper

"Bacon and egga."

There are no seasons for the New York merchant. Spring flowers bloom in the florist's window in midwinter and the dry good stores show lingerie frocks and fur coats side by side. The markets are full of new potatoes. strawberries, artichokes, mint, spring Edwards, of Downers Grove, lamb and other delicacies of the early nummer, and the shops are perfect trenomy and partly of trade, is dismountains of thin muslin underwear, tressed at the aversion shown by the which by common custom is always eel for its shores. The fish is now, lighting the water up with electric displayed the day after Christmas. and for some years has been; abandon-Daisies, sweet peas and white Hiscs ing the Little Belt in great numbers appear at all the florists' and the furnishings for summer cottages are being prepared for immediate display.-New York Sun.

United States Passing from Age of Individualism raternalism

By Dr. Lyman Abbott. N industrial activity we are moving from the principle of every man-for himself toward what I call fraternalism, where the common good is the main consideration. Upon this country God has poured out untold wealth, and we have said, "Go in and get it," and men have done it. A man of whom I knew put \$60,000

into a gold mine and in two years, without doing a stroke of work or using his brain, took out \$2,000,000. This system is not just and we are going to leave it in the rear. When

I say this I do not mean that we will leave it in the rear by socialism. Socialism assumes that all functions can be done by the government. This may be so, but it is not proven. We do not want the State to own all the tools of production, but we want the democratization of industry and the control of industry by the people for their own good.

A corporation is in its essence a democratic contrivance by which a large number of men combine their money and share in the distribution of profits. If a corporation was honestly administered it would be beneficial. The thing to do is not destroy it, but to make it serve the purpose for which it was intended. What we want to do is to bring the corporations under government control, the same as we have the banks. A labor union is a fraternal organization. We want to make the unions broaden out and realize that labor and capital are partners in a common enterprise. The individualism which has inspired our country in the past has led to vices for self-conceit, self-will and

greed. The reme'ly lies in the recognition of society as a unit. In government, too, we are petting away from the old individualism. old idea that the only function of government is to protect life and property and liberty is wrong. We no longer regard government as simply a night watchman. Municipal government owns water and lighting plants and exercises sanitary functions. The State educates the children, the federal government widens harbors and does many other things for the welfare of the ble

ria," he announced, as he climbed into Saving the Farmers' Millions

By James Linn Nash.

OW much Professor Bolley, of the North Dakota Agricultural Collegs is accomplishing for the farmers of the world through his patient and thorough investigations and unique experiments in plant life it is not easy to estimate. A single one of his discoveries-that of the formaldebyde treatment for smut-has already been worth many millions of dollars to the agriculturists of the United States and the entire world. Thirteen years ago

he found that fais hitherto unconquerable enemy of the grain-grower could be effectually prevented by bathing seed in a simple and inexpensive chemical solution made by dissolving one pound of formaldehyde, forty per cent. strength, in forty-five gailons of water and using three-fourths of a gallon of this solution to a bushel of wheat, oats or barley and one-half gallon to a

For man, years he could not persuade a single farmer to adopt his plan. They looked upon him as a scientific dreamer, an impractical experimenter, and laughed at his theories. It was in 1900 that the farmers first began to regard Professor Bolley and his ideas seriously. Then a few of the more progressive and wealthy ones, who owned large tracts of land and felt that they could afford to experiment, decided to test his prescription for wheat smut. This was the first time the treatment had been tried on an extensive scale by practical agriculturists, and the experiments proved to be remarkably successful. The farmers suddenly awoke to the fact that there was much to be gained by the scientific treatment of plant diseases.—The World To-

the had worked hard and long and the Unwisdom of the Ancients

By Agnes Repplier.



ATIN finds mischief for idle hands to do." He doesn't. How can he, when every moment of his valuable time is taken up with laying out work for busy hands, with planning and contriving some new invention to keep the industrious going? It has always been as much as Satan could do to run panting along with the active ones of earth, and turn into channels of his own the tide of their activities. Was it idleness that fought the Thirty Years' War, or sent Napoleon's armies to Moscow? is

it idleness that pokes us out of our comfortable ways into a whirl of dust and progress? Have the gentle hands of idleness fastened the Philippines upon our backs, or sent us down to be a nursery governess to fractious little Cuba? Are the idle rich who eat early strawberries as devastating as the thoughtful and industrious rich who run up the price of mutton chops? Is it idleness that would snatch from our hands our old familiar spelling books; that, not content with depriving us of our bonor and our homospathy, refuses even to let our cats purr (as if any cat in Christendom could pur!)' and that has laid implous hands upon the Decalogue? Societies for badgering the universe have never been organized by the idle. Automobiles and gramaphones were not invented by the idle. Maxim guns and torpedo boats are not the pet playthings of the idle. And if Satan, with all these object lessons on his hands, finds ever a moment to spare, he isn't going to waste it hunting up some trifles of mischief for idle hands to do. The busy and capable hands of earth await his inspiration .- Life.

flowing through the thoroughfare that The Mind of a Child.

By E. S. Martin.

HE littler they are, the better, because farther removed from the world that is ours, and deeper placed in their own world. A good baby radiates peace. Every one who is rightly constituted smiles at the sight of it.

They are busy, they are cheerful; as a rule, they seem to be kind to one another. They are not bored, and unless the weather is insufferable, or they are sick, they are not depressed What philosophers! What heroes, is it strange that the attitude of an

unperverted child should be the Christian ideal; The great merit of children as companions lies in the breadth of their tolerations. They are easy to please, agreeable to most propositions, and not

They do not "know better;" that is one of their delightfulest traits. . . Children will trust you, and that it one of the most gratifying compliments

In the company of children you have relief in considering what will pay. The things that they do, and prefer to do, do not pay, as a rule, except in the doing of them.

Wise elders who are qualified to train the mind of a child are pretty scarce. The next best thing is the elder who is wise enough to respect the child's mind, and give it a chance to develop in a sympathetic atmosphere by

Sound of a Chinese Gong.

By Latcadio Hearn.

Y the way, did you ever hear a real Chinese gong? I don't mean a d-d hotel gong, but one of those great moon-disks of yellow metal which have so terrible a power of utterance.

A gentleman in Bangor, North Wales, who had a private museum of South Pacific and Chinese curiosities exhibited one to me. It was hanging amid Fiji spears beautifully barbed with sharks' teeth, which, together with grotesque New Zealand clubs of green stone and Sandwich Island paddles wrought with the baroque visages of the Shark-God, were depending from the walls. Also there were Indian ele-

phants in ivory, carrying balls in their carven bellies, each ball containing The gong glimmered pale and huge and yellow, like the moon rising over a Southern swamp. My friend tapped its ancient face with a muffled drumstick, and it commenced to sob like waves upon a low beach. He tapped it again and it mouned like the wind in a mighty forest of pines. Again, and it commenced to roar, and with each tap the roar grew deeper and deeper

till it seemed like thunder rolling over an abyss in the Cordilleras or the crashing of Thor's chariot wheels. It was awful and astonishing as awful. I assure you I did not laugh at it at all. It impressed me as something terrible and mysterious, I vainly sought to understand how that thin, thin disk of trembling metal could produce so frightful a vibration. He informed me that it was very expensive, being chiefly made of the most precious metals-silver and gold

Eelless Denmark.

for the Atlantic-never to return. People are beginning to ask themselves if the taste of eel pie is to

ways glide off in dark waters. This Denmark, for reasons partly of gas has suggested the bright Mea of running a deep sea cable along the track most frequented by the emigrants, and lights, so as to fascinate the fish into remaining where they are.- New York

No live creatures except bees will vanish from Denmark forever. An be carried by post between Great Johthyologist who has spent some Britain and Nicaranga, according to time in observing the creatures has a parcel post agreement just concludsome to the conclusion that they al- ed between the two countries.

SAVINGS OF THE SOLDIERS.

The Paymaster's Department Has \$2,911,737 of Regulars' Money. The American soldier is not highly paid, yet he is a thrifty chap. Last year 54,260 enlisted men saved and deposited with the paymaster's department \$1,495,228. This is a respectable sum and represents about 12 per cent of the total pay of all the enlisted men for that period. Had every enlisted man made a deposit the average saving for the year would have been \$27.50, but that is the least interesting

feature of the system. The figures show that the soldier can deposit, under the law of 1872, only sums of \$5 and over. As the pay is small, the total deposits for the year show that the saving habit is continuous with many enlisted men.

These deposits bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent a year, but they can not be withdrawn unt!! the soldier receives his discharge. Last year there was repaid to soldiers the sum of \$1,168,236; interest was also paid to the amount of \$70,112. The number of men discharged is not given, but the amount repaid shows that their average saving must have been considera-

Since the enacting of the law of 1872 the total deposits have amounted to \$27,789,555 and discharged soldiers have received \$1,582,993 in interest on deposits withdrawn. There remains on deposit with the paymaster general the sum of \$2,911,737.

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to the approval of said certificate, prior to the hour of ten o'clock A. M., March 4th, A. D. 1907, or appear at the hearing and Dated this 28th day of December, A. D.

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