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Local Happenings

The Arcadian club will meet might, Saturday, at the home of Miss Emma Skinner.

Mrs. Judge Blodgett and daughter of New Hampshire were guests at James Burns' this week.

E. G. Lemon is having his residence considerably repaired. A new root has been placed thereon and a new porch graces the front.

mewspapers to sell to a Chicago dealer. Anyone having old papers or magazines should notify some member of the League and they will be sent for.

The annual meeting of the Downers Grove improvement association will be held at Modaff's hall Thursday even ing, April 25, at eight o'clock sharp. Matters of importance will come up for discussion, the election of officers for the ensuing term will be held and reports of the present officers will be read. The association has some money to spend and they want the members' opinion as to how best to spend it in a of this year. Not many years will manner which will do the greatest elapse before it has become practic April 25.

Village Board Meeting

The village board held an adjourned meeting on Thursday evening. All members except trustees Davis and Brunson were present.

The ordinance providing for the building of a subway under Maple avenue was duly passed. The motion for the passage of the ordinance was made by Messrs. Schultz and Graves. Vote unanimous.

The ordinance for the paving of Maple avenue was then duly passed The ordinance for the paving of Highland, Warren, part of Poote avenues and Belmont street was duly

The vote of the election was duly eanyassed and the elected men were duly declared cutitled to the officea. Board adjourned till April 25.

The Fire Wards.

passed.

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AERIAL NAVIGATION NEAR, SAYS FRANK H. LAHM,

Public Demonstration Expected Soon From the Wright Brothers-Prediction that Their Work Will Be Accepted by the Public.

Scientists are expecting soon a public demonstration of the Wright brothers' flying machine, whose ported success has been a subject of continued controversy on both sides of the Atlantic, Frank H. Lahm, an American resident of Paris, who will be the foreign representative of the Aero Club of America in Europe this year, believes that this trial will settle once and for all the actual value of the Wright brothers' invention.

Mr. Lahm is not given to fads, nor has he wasted much time in idle theory. He is a conservative American business man, representing one of our largest industries abroad. the same time, he is an enthusiastic balloonist. While at home in Ohio on a visit, he called upon the Wrights The Epworth League is collecting old at Dayton, and talked with bankers, business and professional men of that city who have seen the Wright brothers operate their invention at will in the air, and make both long and short flights. Mr Lahm declared without reservation his belief in the success of flying machines, that their permanent use is assured, and that

"The public can hardly realize what the Wright brothers have accomplishsaid Mr. Lahm. "I am so thoroughly convinced of their results that I predict the flying machine will be accepted publicly before the end Remember the day and date, able. It may seen premature to talk about aerial lines of transportation, but the near future holds surprises in store in that direction.

the public must take them seriously.

"I was already convinced before I went to Dayton that the Wrights had accomplished everything they claimed to have done, but I had never interviewed any one who had seen them in actual flight. Daring my recent visit I talked with a number of witnesses, and received full confirmation of the most enthusiastic reports sent me. Persons have asked me why, if the Wrights have flown, do they not make a public demonstration. That they have flown, and claim the longest continuous flighttwenty-four miles made in a circuit around a large field, such is the truth, but the Wrights are not yet ready for a public demonstration, for reasons best understood by them-

selves. Nevertheless, we will not lose anything in waiting for them. Tho Wrights are making the best use of the intervening time to perfect their motor, in order that when they do attempt a public fight, the results will in all probability go far beyond what they have already done. In order that there may be no hitch in the working of their machines when the time comes, they are rebuilding 'wo complete machines-motors and all-each with duplicate parts, so that in case of accident they may not be nelated as they have already been on one

"It is doubtful if they know them seives when this next trial will be made, or if they can predict what the outcome of their invention will be. One thing is certain—the Governments of the leading countries can no rouger afford to ignore what has been accomplished by these flying machines, as there is no doubt but that it would be of great auxiliary value in case

'My confidence in practical flying, as expressed above, is based entirely on what I know of the Wright brothers' machine and the faith I have in the two men themselves. They are modest, intelligent, honorable gentlemen, whose names will certainly be honored in the future more than we can foresee at present, for patriotic pride is admissible when we consider that these two young men have in reality solved the problem that has attracted the attention of scientific men of many countries, and interested bumanity almost since the beginning of time. We are on the eve of practical aerial navigation; and, without in any way wishing to detract from the brilliant results that others have accomplished. I can say with confidence that the Wright brothers have gone much further and obtained greater results than any other inventors I know,

"So much for the scientific side of the subject. As for the sport, I know of no other which is so calculated to tune up the nerves, fit men to make prompt decisions, and teach them confidence. I have only one son but if I had several I would expect each one to make at least one balloon ascension and encourage them to continge the sport if it appealed to them, just as I would expect each one of them to learn to swim.

"The sport, while calling out in an eminent degree the qualities we like to see in young men, is ...o more dangerous than most sports, for, given the proper material and a capable pilot with ordinary precaution which must always be taken, there is no reason why there should be any accident. We have proof of this in the long list of ascensions made by the Aero Club of France, amounting to more than a thousand, without any | and after the match he expressed his serious accident ever occurring.

"I have just returned with other members of the committee who went to St. Louis with a view to locating the big international race of this year. We found what we wanted-most valuable assistance and encouragement dren. from the leading business men of that city. The international cup race promises to be an important event and will draw attention to aerial navigation in this country in a way that

was never done before. "Every effort will be made by England, France and Germany to re-take the frophy that America won last fall. They will send their most cap-able aeronauts to St. Louis and leave nothing undone to carry off the vic-

FLYING MACHINES and again compe. the foreigners to cross the ocean for the race in 1908." -New York Post.

TESTS OF RAILROAD SPIKES.

The Grip of Different Woods for Ties Also Tried.

In circular No. 46 of the forest service of the Department of Agriculture an account is given of some tests recently made, the object of which was to ascertain the holding qualities of different styles of spike in different kinds of railway ties. For common spikes the woods ranked in the following order: White oak, red oak, loblolly pine, hardy catalpa, common catalpa and chestnut. With screw spikes the order was somewhat changed, chestnut ranking third instead of sixth, loblolly pine fifth and common catalpa sixth. White and red oak invariably proved superior to the other woods. Generally speaking. the holding qualities of the screw were twice as great as those of the common spike in most kinds of wood, but the difference was most noticeable with chestnut, where the screw held three times as strongly as the common spike.

Two other kinds of spike were tried. One was called a "channelled" spike, and had a vertical groove on the side away from the rail. It showed a slightly better grip than the common spike, but did not compare with the screw. A fourth style was a screw, and is a favorite of the Illinois Central Railroad. It differed in appear ance from the common screw merely in the way the thread was finished under the head. Apparently it has a trifle better hold on the wood. The advantage of the channelled spike is said to be that it distorts the wood less than the common spike. The report declares that seasoned tles have a greater holding power than steamed ties; that a knotty tie has about 25 per cent less holding power for common spikes than a clear tie, but about 35 per cent greater holding power for screw spikes, and that the holding power of a natural tie and one steamed for four hours at thirty pounds pressure is about the same. Steaming for four hours at less than thirty pounds appears to increase the holding power, while steaming for more than four hours at twenty pounds decreases it. Ties steamed and creosoted or steamed and treat ed with the chloride appear to have less holding power than those simply

WHERE THE MOON BROKE OFF

steamed.

A Guess Concerning Its Separation From the Earth.

Astronomers are inclined to think hat the moon and earth were once united in a single mass of soft (perhaps molten) material. By the attraction of the sun, it is assumed, a hig lump was raised, and this was eventually detached by the revolution of the original globe on its axis. The lump was the moon. At first, it is thought, this body moved around the earth in about the time required for a revolution of the globe. If so, the length of a day and a month must have been about the same. Though the moon seems to be travelling in the opposite direction, it really moves to the eastward, as the earth does, only much more slowly.

In a recent magazine article (contributed to "The Journal of Geology" of the University of Chicago, Professor William H. Pickering expresses the opinion that the place where separation occurred is indicated by the bed of the Pacific Ocean. The snggestion is mere guesswork, of course. but guesses are sometimes interest ing. Another of Professor Pickering's surmises is still more startling. He believes, as many other scientific men do, that the highest forms of life on the globe were developed from lower ones, external influences more or less affecting the operation, which was pushed on by an internal creative force. Well, so big a cavity was left on the globe when the moon was thrown off that most of the water hera accumulated in that depression. whereas if the surface had been nearly level the water might have been so distributed as completely to cover it. In that case, says Professor Pick ering, the course of evolution might have led to the development of noth-

ing higher than fishes, or at least aquatic animals of some sort. It would be easy to pull this argument to pieces, but as there is no danger that any one will take it too seriously, the task is needless. Spec ulations on such subjects are enter-

accept them as his own beliefs. How an Earl Won a Bride.

taining, even if a person cannot quite

The "ashes" were not trophy Lord Darnley brought in triumph from Australia. brought back a bride as well. At one of the cricket matches the tall young Englishman lost his handkerchief, and the day being extremely hot, inquired of his friends if any one of them had a spare handkerchief that

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The acquaintance so romantically commenced ripened under the kindly chaperonage of Lady Clarke, an engagement following which stood the test of a long absence in England after the cricketing tour. Then the faithful swain, who is now a representative Irish peer, returned to Australia, claimed his bride, and bore

Among the many curious and unusual animals which have been found by Sir Harry Johnston, the African explorer, in the Uganda Protectorate,

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Henry Malokofsky, Deceased

The undersigned, having been appointed executor of the last Will and Testament of Henry Malokofsky, late of the County of DuPage and State of Illinois, deceased, here by gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of DuPage County, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the June Term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said Estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment Dated this 1st day of April, A. D. 1907 EFFIE MALOKOFSKY, F. KELLERSMAN, Attorney.

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Estate of Mabel Gertrude Austin Puffer, Deceased

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the Estate of Mabel Ger-trude Austin Puffer, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of DuPage County, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the June Term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same ad-justed. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. Dated this 1st day of April, A. D. 1907

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