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News of the Neighborhood

Get a move on you, then keep going. The larger the bluff the smaller it looks when called.

Some people's troubles are enough to make others laugh.

The pool room, billiard hall and bowling alley is closed.

The gas company is busy putting in mains on Elm street.

Mrs. D. K. Foote is visiting in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. D. Brown has been a guest of Mrs. Lyons of 121 Carpenter.

Work is progressing nicely on the South Main street pavement.

Some people derive a lot of satisfaction from their dissatisfactions.

Mr. Herrick of Rockford, father of W. D. Herrick, is here on a visit.

A son of Julian Banks now occupies the Smart house on Elm street.

When it comes to underestimating himself a man seldom overdoes it.

F. Self attended the Aurora races on Thursday and reports a good time.

A brother of Judge Graham from the south was visiting him this week.

A new cable is being strung on the Chicago Telephone poles on Main street.

Miss Mildred Whitney is visiting in Ravenwood Park for a couple of weeks.

Rev. Dr. Prescott is visiting in Minnesota with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Coons.

Mrs. H. T. Skolding of Milwaukee was a guest at the home of H. P. Jones last week.

The storm sewer contractor is hustling forward his job, as is also the pavement contractor.

Miss Genevieve Cartwright from Oregon, Illinois, is visiting at the home of Miss Mabel Keiser.

J. A. Toland left Monday night to spend his vacation with his father at Plymouth, Illinois.

Howard Kraut of Chicago was a guest at E. L. Clement's on Linwood avenue this week.

Miss Fannie Whitney, who is visiting at Springfield, Mass., will go to Cape Cod, Mass., August 1st.

The village board held a special meeting on Monday night and transacted some special business.

It requires a lot of strenuous will power for a girl of twenty-five to act as if she didn't care to get married.

Harvey Thatcher has leased the Children's home on Franklin and Main streets and will move there soon.

H. E. Fairweather left last week for

a trip through Yellowstone Park and other points of interest in the west.

The ladies' aid of the Baptist church held one of their regular meetings at the church on Friday last week.

Mrs. V. Simonson was home from her outing for a few days last week. She is spending a few weeks at Culver, Indiana.

The editor returned from his Niagara Falls trip on Tuesday somewhat tired, but ready to pick up the business ends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Toland spent Monday in Elgin visiting the watch factory. They also spent a pleasant hour with Rev. and Mrs. Root.

Owing to the absence of several members of the Royal League with the village fire boys at Kewanee the meeting on Tuesday night was a slim affair.

Frank Sine is having his restaurant fixed up in fine shape. The decorators are busy and when it is completed it will be a very neat and cozy dining hall.

W. H. Barnhart is enjoying a trip to Pottsdam, N. Y., the scene of his barefoot days. He will visit Northampton with a sister before his return.

V. Tholin has moved into the Heatt block where Moyer and Company formerly was. He has a beautiful display of goods and is now ready for business.

Mrs. W. Harry Spears is visiting in St. Catharines, Canada, with relatives. She accompanied the Chicago and Suburban publishers' excursion party, but remained.

Mrs. Mattie Thomas of Wheaton, superintendent of the medal contest work for the W. C. T. U., attended the meeting of Y. W. C. T. U. on last Friday evening.

Mrs. Thos. Stevens and daughters of Chicago were among the Chicago and Suburban publishers' excursion party. Mrs. Stevens formerly was a Downers Grove resident.

M. E. Stanger had the honor of seeing John D. Rockefeller get out of his carriage to go into the postoffice building when he was held into Judge Ladd's court.

Don't forget the ball game to-day (Saturday). Turn out and encourage the boys and don't forget to drop a dime or quarter in the hat to help the boys for expenses.

Down on Maple avenue the weeds have grown to a great height near A. J. Dent's and long opposite William Hry's. These should receive attention from the street commissioner.

Miss Jennie Smart and Sister Alberta leave this evening for Burlington, Iowa, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hammond, who were formerly residents of Downers Grove.

A small fire started at the home of E. Wood on Belmont avenue, on Monday after the firemen had left for Kewanee but luckily Peter Johnson of the brigade and some others put the fire out before serious damage was done.

The meeting for the report of all officers and election of new officers of the entertainment course was not held last Monday night, because a quorum was not present, but another meeting will be held on Monday night next at Judge Graham's office.

Please tell us who "Mr. McVein" is. Possibly the south side who sees in the "rising young journalist" of three weeks' experience may know the gentleman. We have always known there was a citizen known as John McVein, but no McVein resides here.

A brother of George Whitney has a couple of very fast race horses. They recently won three blue ribbons and one red at the Springfield, Mass., races. On July 29 he will enter another horse at Worcester, Mass. It is named "Bert C" and he has great hopes of it winning.

Somebody might tell us who the "Rev. J. Haller" is. We have a speaking acquaintance with nearly all the reverend gentlemen of this village, but the "Rev. J. Haller" is a new one. If any one was here visiting him will please assist us, as the fact that there is a reverend here that we have not on our visiting list is a sorry to us.

Last week we reproduced an article written last Christmas time, and by some means the printers forgot to put the caption explaining the article over it, and of course the article referred to Christmas. However, outside of the one paragraph, the article was applicable past now. We reprinted it with urgent request.

Glenville Priddyham while riding on a wheel collided with Harry K. Blodgett's delivery wagon on Wednesday on Belmont street. Priddyham was thrown in a heap and the wheel was demolished. We have not heard that Blodgett or his wagon was seriously injured. "Glenzie" should be a little more careful about going up against serious things. He might get "bumped."

Did anyone who was at the regular board meeting on July 9 hear any of the members state that if the athletic society was given a rebate on their license fee because they would be closed part of the year that "it would be a dangerous precedent, as the beer man could put in the same claim?" Such statement was put in currency by the "buttnski" rag over in the alley and the writer who did it should be taken

to task. What the village authorities did say was that the plumbers might make the demand for portions of years on license fees, but the "beer man," as the writer sarcastically refers to him, was not mentioned except that it may have been whispered into the ear of the writer of the quip by someone at the little table in the middle of the room, but not in a public manner. Better tell the truth.

Mrs. F. Keiser called at our office this week and asked that a statement, given currency in a small way by the few papers issued and scattered about in the stores where they are used to tie up parcels or go into the refuse, of a would be Downers Grove newspaper, is untrue. Mrs. Keiser states that their family is from the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, and consequently they are Swiss and not Americanized Germans from Alsace-Lorraine. While they have no disrespect from the Alsace-Lorraine people, still they wish to be properly accounted for. We assured Mrs. K. that she need have no worries on the score. Possibly outside of the immediate nomination employes who are working on the "scab" sheet not a score are readers. We only know of one on the south side and he was evidently so anxious to see his name in print that he had to write to the world he editor right after being in this office with a similar pushing commendation for our paper, but which failed to see its way in print.

The Elieers is a Chicago organization that has unique printed matter, and if they have as unique an outing they must be the climax. We are in receipt of an invitation to be one of their parties, but having regard for a whole anatomy, we are likely to decline. The invitation reads as follows: "Third annual tour the Elieers, August 11 to 25, inclusive. Pass W. Harry Spears to all camp privileges. F. M. Bailey, Admiral. Issued regardless of state or federal anti-pass laws. Good for passage on yacht Elve, 1907, from Clinton, Sharon, Princeton, Cordova. Rules and Conditions—Each pass recipient must attend, send a substitute or pay a fine. Parents must bring all children born May 23, 1907. You must notify the admiral at Clinton of time of your arrival. You must come prepared to be a good fellow. You must go to bed when the admiral says so. You must drink when the harbor master says so. You must rise when the chief engineer says so. You must get the pilot to steer you when three sheets are flapping. You must bring your own or somebody else's wife. You must come early and stay late. You must bring your bathing suits. You must not miss a meal or pay a cent—no leave a cent. J. H. Clappitt, pilot; O. L. Etnier, harbor master; H. W. Jones, chief engineer. Fines payable in bottles, cases or kegs. No bread accepted."

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THE NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION

Chicago and Suburban Publishers and Friends Have Enjoyable Tour

On Friday evening at midnight the Chicago and Suburban Publishers started on their trip to Niagara Falls, Detroit, Buffalo and Toronto. The party was in charge of W. Harry Spears, president and founder of the association; Theo. A. Kolb, secretary, and Frank Furstenheim, treasurer. The route was over the Wabash railway and that company provided one of its famous "blue" chair cars which are fitted up with every convenience for comfort and easy travel. There was also sleeping and dining cars. The party was composed of upwards of a hundred of the publishers of the leading weekly and monthly newspapers and magazines in Chicago and the suburbs. With them were their wives and friends. The train was run at a great pace and by seven o'clock a. m. the men of the quill found themselves in the beautiful "City of the Straits," Detroit, where a two hours and a half stop was enjoyed in breakfasting and riding about the city. This city is one of the prettiest in the chain of great lakes. It abounds in little parks, fountains, beautiful parkways, palatial residences grown over with ivy and Virginia creeper. A trip was taken up Woodwag avenue past the beautiful Campus Martius, the magnificent plaza right in the very center of the downtown district where fountains shoot forth magnificent streams of water and ferns and flowers grow in abundance.

Aboard again the party viewed the crossing of the Detroit river by the mammoth ferry which permits of a train of eighteen cars being loaded on board. All detained and went on the top deck at the special request of the captain who learned that he had a special trainload of Chicago newspaper people aboard. Here the beautiful scenes about were witnessed. In the river boats were passing nearly every minute. Across the water lay Canada with its little old ancient city of Windsor whose population is said to be composed according to a witty Irishman of "one-half colored people, one-half French people and the balance English people." Receding was the beautiful city of Detroit with its wide, clean and splendidly paved streets, good business houses, here and there a small staid sky scraper and splendid residential streets. To the north could be seen the St. Clair lake, and off to the south lay Lake Erie. Soon the party was in Canada and while they were always of the opinion that the Canadians are "slow," yet the first thing the guide of the party told them to do was to "smoke all watches ahead one hour." The Canadians have a time that is one hour ahead of Detroit and Chicago. Now started a great breakneck trip by the Wabash railway crew. They stopped at few places and the fences, fields, funny little houses, some built away back in the seventeenth century, flew by like a fast revolving kaleidoscope. At Glenview a dining car was attached and a splendid repast was served as the Wabash dining car service know so well how to do. It is needless to say that the party did great justice to the culinary product of the Wabash chef. About seven o'clock the party caught a glimpse of the lights of Buffalo and after the International bridge was passed and the site of the battle ground of old Fort Erie was viewed the "Queen City of the Lakes" was reached. Here all disembarked, their beautiful home, the chair car, was stowed away on a side track to await their return, and all repaired to the Hotel Broedel where nine hot Henshaw, was awaiting them. A special dinner was served and a general inspection of the city was made by the visitors. The Buffalo newspaper men met the party and viewed their colleagues from the west up and down, then went back to their sanctums and "wrote 'em up in good style."

Sunday the party started for Niagara Falls in a Wabash special train. At the Falls they were met by representatives of the press and soon were registered at the Hotel Imperial, where S. A. Greenwood did everything in his power to make things pleasant for the party. Every member of the party expressed his appreciation of Proprietor Greenwood of the Hotel Imperial, which is located at the corner of Falls and Second streets, and is fitted up with every convenience for comfort, pleasure and enjoyable realization. After luncheon was served the party was taken about the Falls and grounds in surreys and automobiles and shown the many sights to be seen. The president of the association, W. Harry Spears, spent several years at Niagara Falls and he proved a handy acquisition to have with the party. Goat Island was the first point, then followed Luna Island, Luna Falls, Hennepin's point, Rock of Ages, Split rock, Cave of the Winds, Hurricane bridge, Three Sisters Islands, the power plant, the shredded wheat company plant, the park system, Prospect Point, the Canadian side, Horseshoe and American Falls, and the great scenic trip over the belt line which goes seven miles along the river to Queenstown on the Canadian side and returns by the American side. On the trip the party viewed the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls park, Chippewa, Navy Island, the Canadian power development where half a million horsepower is being developed every hour of the day, the Carmelite Monastery, the Convent and Hospice, the old Canadian town of Clinton, now called Niagara Falls, Brock's

Monument; the trip on the Maid of the Mist, the little steamer that goes up to a short distance from the very spot where the water falls into the river; Brock's Monument, the scene of the battle of Queenstown Heights, where General Brock was killed, the site where the first paper in Canada west was printed by William Lyon McKenzie, who in 1837 rebelled against the government of Canada; Queenstown village, a quaint little burg which looks like an English village dropped down in a wilderness; the suspension bridge to Lewistown on the Canada side, Lewistown and the trip back on the American side at the water edge where the great rapids were viewed, past Devil's hole where the Indians massacred white people, the steel arch bridges and cantilever bridge.

On Monday some members of the party went to Toronto. It had been planned for the entire party to do so, but somehow the slumbers of the third party were so enjoyable that the sixty-four car was too early and many got left at the Falls. Those who went to Toronto had a very short stay as the boat was compelled to make up lost time and start at once to return. Those who remained in the Falls made good use of their time. The many sights were viewed and it was with longing eyes that a last look was taken of the most beautiful of the seven wonders of the world. At six-thirty a special conveyed the party to Buffalo where the special cars were boarded and the trip back began. All arrived in Chicago about ten-thirty Tuesday morning somewhat tired but all ready to acclaim the first tour of the Chicago and Suburban newspaper men a grand success. Below we append some newspaper clippings about the trip:

Niagara Cataract Journal, Niagara Falls, N. Y.—A delegation of Cook county newspaper men, comprising members of the Chicago and Suburban Publishers' Association, spent yesterday the night in Niagara Falls. W. Harry Spears, a well known newspaper man of the Windy City, who is well known here, having been connected with the Record of Niagara Falls, Ont.; the Niagara Falls, N. Y. Gazette, and this paper, some years ago, is president of this association and he is a member of the party. Arriving in Buffalo at seven o'clock on Saturday night the party came here yesterday in a special Wabash car over the Erie railroad. To-day they went to Lewistown and thence by boat to Toronto, returning at eight-thirty to-night, when they start for home.

The Buffalo Express.—Nearly one hundred members of the Chicago and Suburban Publishers' Association arrived in Buffalo at seven o'clock last night and are stopping at the Broedel hotel. The association is made up of proprietors of one hundred and forty-five weekly newspapers of Chicago and vicinity. The party left Chicago by special car over the Wabash on Friday night. W. Harry Spears, the president of the association, formerly lived in Buffalo and published a labor paper here in 1901, which became quite a factor in local politics. Mr. Spears being an ardent advocate of industrial democracy commonly termed socialism. Mr. Spears is with the party. Last night the newspaper men visited Luna Park. To-day a special train over the Erie will convey them to Niagara Falls. On Monday the excursionists will take a boat trip to Lewistown and Toronto, returning to Buffalo at 8:30 o'clock on Monday night to take train for Chicago.

The Buffalo News, Niagara Falls, July 15 (Special).—Fifty newspaper men, employes and owners of publications of the Chicago and Suburban Publishers' Association, arrived here at nine o'clock yesterday and passed the day sight-seeing. They went to Toronto this morning and will return this evening. At the head of the party is W. Harry Spears, a former resident of this city and Buffalo. Mr. Spears published a labor paper on the East Side in Buffalo for several years before going to Chicago, where he has made a success in the publishing business.

Niagara Gazette.—About one hundred members of the Chicago and Suburban Publishers' Association arrived in the city yesterday morning and registered at the Hotel Imperial. They spent the day at the various points of interest and this morning a number of them left for Toronto. They will return this afternoon, leaving for Buffalo and the west at eight-thirty p. m. W. Harry Spears, a former resident of this locality and a news writer of the Gazette, sending out some very accurate descriptions of the dynamiting and the subsequent events. He covered the matter for a number of newspapers at the time and had the honor of being the only American correspondent to be requested by Renter's Cable company of London, England, to send a cable report of the affair. He was at one time located at Niagara Falls, Can., where he published a paper. He was in Merritt at the time of the big cyclone which did so much damage in the village and vicinity. He handled this story for the Gazette and other papers. After leaving Niagara Falls he went to Buffalo where he established a labor paper on the east side. The paper attracted much attention on account of its vigorous style. Later he went to Chicago where he embarked in newspaper work with consider-

able success. He now publishes the Downers Grove Reporter.

The secretary of the association is Theodore A. Kolb, editor of the Norwood Park Sentinel, while the treasurer is Frank Furstenheim, editor of the Weekly Reminder at Auburn Park. These officers are with the party. Another prominent member of the association who came along on the trip to the Falls is H. C. Paddock, editor of the Dupage County Register, who has been in the business for considerably more than a quarter of a century.

ALMOST A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Little Child Gets Tangled Up With a Horse

The little four-year-old daughter of Gus Johnson came near being the victim of an accident last Tuesday. The facts of the case are that a birthday party was being held in honor of the anniversary of the little child of Mr. Johnson, and while it was being wheeled up and down the sidewalk in a baby carriage by a little child of John Gustafson's, the carriage got away from the latter and ran away with the baby. Nearly was a horse and buggy hitched to a post, when it went trundling right between the horse's legs. The horse stood up on its hind legs and pawed with its front feet, then kicked the buggy behind it. The baby was thrown out and was rescued uninjured. John Gustafson, who was near, ran to the scene and succeeded in getting the baby carriage pushed through under the horse's body and quieting the animal and the baby picked up. Luckily the little one only suffered a shaking up, but the baby buggy was a mass of sticks and wires.

A SURPRISE ON E. L. CLEMENT

His Friends Remember His 73d Birthday Anniversary

E. L. Clement was agreeably surprised on Monday night at his home. E. L. has known for some time that he was nearing the three-quarter century mark in his life, but he did not think his friends were aware of it until they swooped down on him in numbers at his beautiful home on Linwood avenue. About twenty were present, and a right royal good time was spent by all. Among the outside guests was Miss Evelyn Booth, of Chicago. Philip Roth, our local entertainer, did some splendid piano playing, as did Miss Shannabrook, and Miss Bella Kirchgasser entertained all by her beautiful singing. All left wishing Mr. Clement many, many more anniversaries.

WHITNEY BROTHERS' QUARTET

The delightful concert given by the Whitney Brothers' quartet at the Baptist church last Friday evening even more than fulfilled the hopes of those who attended. The main room of the church was filled, and those present received the excellent musical numbers and readings in a most appreciative manner. The splendid character of the numbers rendered was truly an indication of the character of the entertainers. The readings of E. M. Whitney were worth double the price of admission alone. Mrs. Whitney's readings were of the very highest order and were so well given that one almost seemed to see with his own eyes the scenes which were being presented. Everywhere persons are lavish in their praise of the entertainers and the concert given by them, and some have said that the church would not hold the crowd should these people again visit our town. The B. Y. P. U. is very grateful because of the very highest class, and that the main purpose in giving any at all shall be to provide clean, wholesome entertainment, and not to see how much money can be made. They also desire to thank their friends for the patronage given them.

DANCED AT STEBENS'

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Steben gave a party at their home, on the corner of Highland avenue and Butterfield road, Saturday evening, July 13. Although it was the thirteenth, it could hardly be called an unlucky evening, for it was clear and cool and no one could have wished for a better evening for dancing. Miss Martha and Miss Lucy, both popular in this neighborhood, are known to be good entertainers, and so all those fortunate enough to be amongst the invited were there. The floor was in fine trim, as could easily be seen as the merry dancers whirled their partners over the floor to the strains of Plimmon's orchestra from Chicago. All honor to the musicians, who did their best to amuse the guests as they played all night with hardly ten minutes' intermission, except when the refreshments were served. It was in the wee small hours of the morning when the guests departed, and all report a royal time. The musicians and their friends, however, spent Sunday at the Stebens home and treated them to some more of their inspiring music. It could be heard by neighbors on all sides, who also sing their praise. Sunday evening Martin Steben took the musicians to the station at Downers Grove, the musicians playing all the while. When they arrived at the station they had not long to wait before the train came that took them back to Chicago.

Late Insurance Figures.

Statistics show that there are now in the United Kingdom 27,840,000 persons carrying life insurance for a total amount of nearly \$2,000,000,000. The total amount of premiums paid is about \$37,000,000.

Cass Correspondence

Mrs. Geo. Mochel is reported as being sick last week.

Rinold Zielke will occupy the vacant farm just vacated by Henry Welch.

John Heatt is preparing for farming next year. He now drives a handsome pair of mules.

Orville Chivers and Charles Oldfield, Jr., visited LaGrange, Grove and Lyonville last Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Craigville of Lyonsville, Illinois, spent a couple of days with her father, Mr. J. E. Oldfield.