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Local Happenings

Is the war on persons who attempt suicide and fail in the interests of efficiency?

As long as men will do anything for money the toy pistol business may be expected to flourish.

Portugal, the prolific mother of colonies, is beginning to show signs of rheumatism and palsy in her old age.

There was a real joke at the dinner which Ambassador Reid gave in honor of Mark Twain. He was Alfred Austin.

Secretary Cortelyou has called for the return to the treasury of all outstanding $10,000 bills. Have you forwarded yours?

Conditions in Ireland tend to moderate our admiration for the missionary zeal of England in India, Egypt and other remote regions under imperial care.

It has been ascertained beyond a doubt that a college education does not impair a young man's prospects for distinguished success in life as a baseball pitcher.

From New York comes the story of a woman whose illness has baffled six physicians for a long time. She is in luck. Were they to agree, she might succumb in a week.

A few obscure young men, who have no muscular development worth mentioning, have closed their college career with nothing to their credit except high scholastic honors.

Experts declare that the world's supply of anthracite, at the present rate of consumption, will be exhausted in seventy-five years. The prudent man will order his coal for the winter of 1982 at once.

A rich man of New York committed suicide on the evening before his wife and daughters were to take him to a fashionable seaside resort. Perhaps he had reason to believe he was going to be the only man there.

A motor road from the Atlantic to the Pacific is proposed. If it is built most of the people who yearn for peace and quiet will be sure to settle down beside it and then begin to kick because of the noise and danger.

A periodical devoted to aeronautics is to be started in New York. We may be assured now that the problem of aerial navigation is about to be solved. Whenever anything succeeds in having an organ it may be accepted as having passed the experimental stage.

Emperor William is planning a state visit to his uncle, King Edward. He can do this owing to the fact that the people who were going to make England and Germany fight have given it up and are now trying to pull off a war between the United States and Japan.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, has lately suggested that the imperial government grant subsidies to ships plying between the British colonies and the mother country, and in that way give a preference to trade within the empire. The present Liberal government of the United Kingdom will not grant to the colonies a preferential tariff, and the advocates of imperial union are urging the accomplishment of preference in another way.

The old New England Fast day still lingers in the fastnesses—no pun intended—of the New Hampshire hills, but it has been driven from the wilds of Maine. The Pine-Tree State this year, as became a daughter of Massachusetts, abolished Fast day and substituted Patriots' day—April 19th, anniversary of the battle of Concord and Lexington. An effort was made in New Hampshire, mostly by clergymen, to secure similar action in that State, but without success. The reason the ministers and religious people oppose the continuation of Fast day is that it has lost its original significance, and being no longer observed, is a breeder of hypocrisy. They say its only significance is to mark the opening of the baseball season, and that its right name is "Farce day."

LETTER FROM JAMES C. AULD.

Philip, S. D., Aug. 5, 1907.

W. Harry Spears, Downers Grove, Ill.:

Dear Sir—I thought perhaps you would be interested to hear from me, so I will write a few lines to you. I arrived here all safe and have taken up one hundred and sixty acres of land. Have a nice claim on the new railroad, the Northwestern from Pierre to Rapid City. It is all completed now. They will start trains in a few days. Am living seven miles north of the Milwaukee, twenty-five miles east of the Black Hills and about seven north of Cheyenne River. They have fine crops, and will cut some hay. [illegible] appointed [illegible] the [illegible] low. More business and building all the time; three newspapers. There are lots of people coming in. The land is all taken along the railroad and river.

Lots of wolves, grouse, prairie dogs and rattlesnakes here. I enclose you the rattles of one I killed. I have killed six since I landed. I like it out here. I think it is a good healthy country and I expect to stay and become a farmer. Well, I can't think of any more, so I will close. My sister, Mrs. Kinnie, takes the Reporter, so I get the news from the Grove. Yours respectfully, J. C. Auld, Philip, South Dakota.

(We got the rattler's "business" end all right. There were "nine rattles" and a "button," showing it to be in its tenth year. The editor is pleased to hear from our former citizen, and hopes he will be successful.—Editor.)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

For Change of Name

In the Matter of the Petition of Delbert Austin Kennedy for Change of Name

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Delbert Austin Kennedy, has filed his petition in the Circuit Court of Du Page County, Illinois, for change of name from that of Delbert Austin Kennedy to Delbert Austin; that on the first day of the October Term, 1907, of said court, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, the undersigned will call up said petition for hearing and will ask the court to enter an order changing the name of the undersigned from that of Delbert Austin Kennedy to that of Delbert Austin, in accordance with the prayer of said petition.

DELBERT AUSTIN KENNEDY,
Petitioner.

CARNAHAN, SLUSSER & COX, Attorneys for Petitioner.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Special Warrant No. 22.

Public notice is hereby given that the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, has rendered a judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following improvement. The construction and laying of vitrified tile storm and surface water drains in and along that portion of the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois, lying south of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company tracks, as will more fully appear from certified copy of the judgment on file in my office, that the warrant for collecting the said assessment is in the hands of the undersigned. All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed, at my office in the Hardware Store of Plevka & McDougall, in the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois.

Dated, this 5th day of August, A. D. 1907.

SAMUEL CURTISS,
Village Collector.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Special Warrant No. 23.

Public notice is hereby given that the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, has rendered a judgment for special assessment upon the property benefited by the following improvement: The grading, draining, paving with brick, South Main street from Maple avenue to the south limits of said Village, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office, that the warrant for collecting said assessment is in the hands of the undersigned. All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed, at my office in the Hardware Store of Plevka & McDougall, in the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois.

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FATE OF A REALIST.

Writes About a Haystack and a Field Not Existing.

George Moore, the doyen of the Irish realistic novelists, has a rather curious manner of speaking, every now and then his words burst out of him in violent exclamation, says the Saturday Evening Post.

He set out with young artists, Will Rothenstein and Walter Sickert, to see the pictures in the Dulwich gallery. They rode on a street car through dismal mile after mile of London suburb, growing very gloomy.

Then Rothenstein said: "We're going through Peckham now."

"Peckham?" cried George Moore. "We must get down and look at Peckham! I've written a story about Peckham!"

They got down and looked at Peckham; they walked along dismal streets and the air of George Moore grew more and more harassed. At last he cried, "I do not see that haystack and that field! There was a haystack and a field in my story! Where are they?"

They walked along more dismal streets, and at last they came upon a policeman.

George Moore stopped and said to him: "Could you kindly tell me where I can find a haystack and a field?"

"There aren't no 'aystack nor no field in Peckham," said the policeman.

("But there must be haystack and a field in Peckham!" cried George Moore.

The policeman shook his head stolidly.

George Moore tottered on a few steps with a broken air; then threw up his arm to the skies and cried in a tone of anguish: "That is the fate of the realist! He writes a story about a haystack and a field in Peckham and there aren't any there!"

The only woman who ever ruled for an American colony was Lady Cartaret. Lord Cartaret married for his second wife a New York widow, Mrs. William [illegible] appointed [illegible] the [illegible]

TELEPHONES ON CARS.

Useful in Train Dispatching—Connections Quickly Made.

There are three methods followed in the application of the telephone to electric railway dispatching: (1) Fixed telephone substations in booths placed at suitable points along the line. (2) Jack boxes at poles to which portable telephones carried in the cars may be hung and connected for temporary use. (3) Portable telephone sets hung upon the front of the car, the vestibule platform of which serves as a booth, and attachment made by flexible wires to jacks at numerous poles along the line.

On some railway lines, says Technical Literature, the method of connecting a telephone on the car with the line is not by means of a jack at the side of one of the poles, but by a long slender rod carrying the wires, which may be hooked upon the main lines any place.

The telephones used on electric railroad systems must give transmission which is clear and loud, and must be of types not liable to be placed out of service by the jar of continuous transportation on a car.

Application of the telephone to train dispatching on electric railways has resulted in a marked economy of both plant and operation and that the ability of the superintendent to be informed as to the position of the various cars and to communicate with their operators gives a greater service efficiency to the road.

The telephone is of great service in severe snowstorms by reason of the facility which it affords for information to be given the train dispatcher as to the condition of the road. In cases of mishap the telephone affords means for quick clearance of the track by the facilities of obtaining wrecking cars or repair hands. In cases of accident not only can medical help be summoned for the injured but means can be taken to procure information relative to details of the occurrence which may be of great importance in ascertaining the liability of the company.

OF CORN HUSKS AND CARPET.

Two Grinding Wheels Used for Polishing the Teeth of the Combs.

There are many kinds of grinding wheels, but, perhaps, as curious as any is the cornhusk wheel, which is used for grinding combs.

The teeth of some sorts of combs, after they have been cut, still need to be be rounded on the edges and smoothed and finished all around, which could not be done on a solid, flat-faced wheel, says the New York Sun. For this there is required a wheel of some material that will work around the edges of the teeth and also in between them. The corn-husk wheel serves this purpose well.

For the making of such a wheel dried corn husks are used. They are laid together and tied in little bundles of a dozen or so, the butts all at one end and the points at the other.

The corn-husk grinding wheel is 20 inches in diameter, made up of such little bundles of corn husks placed with their butts against and secured to the spindle on which the wheel is to turn, the husks radiating from it all around. When a sufficient number of bundles of husks to form the wheel have thus been placed against the spindle, the wheel is compressed, to make it not solid but compact and give it the width of face required.

The wheel built up in this way of corn husks is mounted and run by power. The workman, using water and powdered pumice stone in the grinding stands, with a tray of combs to be ground on a table at hand, and one after another holds the combs against the wheel. The life of a corn-husk grinding wheel is only four or five days.

Another interesting wheel to be seen in the shop where they finish combs is a polishing wheel of carpet covered with muslin. This wheel has a smooth mill, when in use, flat rim, which, however, will yield anywhere under pressure, and so when a comb is held against it, this wheel adapts itself readily to all the comb's rounded or molded surfaces, and thus can be made to polish it perfectly everywhere.

A GOOD LAWN.

The Best Way to Prepare the Ground and Sow the Seed.

A good lawn may be made either by laying sod or growing seed. If turf is used, the lawn is sometimes ready for use in less time than when seed is used, but practically the difference is very slight. Fewer lawns are made from turf every year. The turf or soil is nearly always obtained from a nearby field. It abounds in course grasses and pernicious weeds. The former may be got rid of after considerable trouble, but the latter rarely ever. Sod laid lawns are nearly always uneven, seamy and varied in color and texture. Their cost, too, is much in excess of seeding the lawn down.

A lawn produced from a mixture of good, new, recleaned seeds of the finer grasses and clovers is superior in quality and texture to the best sod obtainable. To obtain the best results from sowing, the ground should be carefully dug over—not too deep, six or eight inches will be enough—and nicely leveled off; then sow on broadcast a good fertilizer, 600 pounds to the acre, or about ten pounds to every 15 by 15 square feet. Rake this in and roll it or flatten it with the back of a spade; then sow seventy pounds of some good lawn seed to the acre, or one pound to every 15 by 15 feet. Sow half this quantity walking one way and half walking at right angles to it, so as to get even distribution. Do not sow in windy weather, and be sure to rake the seed in, and after sowing roll it well or beat it flat with the spade.

Those seeds that are deeply buried will not germinate, and those that are exposed will be scorched by the sun, blown or washed away or taken by the birds. Whenever necessary to sow in summer it is better to mix with rye or oats to protect the tender shoots from the hot sun.—Suburban Life.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

School District No. 58,

Downers Grove, Du Page Co., Ill.

Expenditures from Aug. 1, 1906, to Aug. 1, 1907.

For Teaching.

L. G. Avery	$ 1,500.03
M. Maud Manley	720.00
Lucenia Ripley	230.00
Lillian Clark	402.50
Nellie Knox	517.50
Grace L. Gainsley	495.00
Zell Field	495.00
Carrie L. Reeves	467.25
Anna Herring	405.00
Clara Hull	459.00
Frances Googin	458.06
Retta Latham	472.50
Maud Whiffen	472.50
Florence Walker	467.50
Agatha Sweet	585.00
Grace Huling	405.00
Jane B. Baldwin	180.00
M. M. Lockwood	300.00
Lydia W. Dearborn	100.63
Substitute teachers	59.24
	$ 9,182.71

For Janitor Service.

Robert Olinger	$ 722.40
Geo. Heintz	450.00
Fred Mochel	20.00
	$ 1,192.40

For Secretary Service.

Fred E. Dowe	$ 50.00
	$ 50.00

For Miscellaneous Services.

R. Olinger, police	$ 2.00
Geo. Heintz, police	2.00
W. H. Spears, election	1.50
Geo. Jones, election	1.50
	$ 7.00

Supplies for School Use.

High school	$ 101.15
Grades	380.93
	$ 482.08

Supplies for Janitor's Use.

South Building	$ 109.44
North Building	22.32
	$ 131.76

New Work and Repairs.

South Building	$ 265.79
North Building	122.87
	$ 388.66

Water.

South Building	$ 112.39
North Building	5.11
	$ 117.50

Gas.

South Building	$ 6.45
	$ 6.45

Coal.

South Building	$ 423.77
North Building	261.36
	$ 685.13

Telephone Rentals.

South Building	$ 23.08
North Building	15.00
	$ 38.08
Miscellaneous rentals	$ 33.00
Printing and postage	101.55
Graduating exercises	56.58
Freight and express charges	15.07
Special assessments	143.66
Insurance	90.00
Manual training	248.19
	$12,989.52
Interest on bond paid by treasurer	300.00
Interest on teachers' orders paid by treasurer	65.99
	$13,356.51

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1906	$ 1,998.58
Received from L. G. Avery for tuition	330.58
Feb. 28, 1907, received from taxes	5,000.00
March 11, 1907, received from taxes	5,000.00
March 19, 1907, received from taxes	503.50
March 30, 1907, received from trustees' distribution	495.25
July 8, 1907, received from delinquent taxes	4,391.52
July 15, 1907, received from delinquent taxes	69.08
Total	$17,788.70
Paid out on school orders	15,363.64
Balance on hand Aug. 1, 1907	$ 2,425.06
Orders outstanding Aug. 1, 1907	235.37

FRED E. DOWE,
Secretary, Board of Education.

Copy of report made to the township treasurer July 1, 1907. School District 58, Township 38, Range 11 E., in Du Page Co., Ill.

No. of males under 21 years	733
No. of females under 21 years	752
Total	1,485
No. of males between 6 and 21	484
No. of females between 6 and 21	506
Total	990
No. of graded schools	2
No. of months graded schools were in session	18
No. of rooms in graded schools	15
No. of male pupils enrolled	325
No. of female pupils enrolled	337
Total	662
No. of male teachers	1
No. of female teachers	16
Total	17
No. of months taught by male teachers	9
No. of months taught by female teachers	144
Total	153
No. of male [illegible]	107.[illegible]
No. of volumes bought for library	31
No. of volumes in school library	1,424
Estimated value of school property	$43,000.00
Estimated value of school apparatus	800.00
Estimated value of school library	825.00
Amount of tax levy, August, 1906	16,418.00
Outstanding indebtedness, June 30, 1907	4,000.00

Board of Education, District No. 58.
FRED E. DOWE,
Secretary.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Local Improvements of the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois, will receive proposals or bids until the hour of 7:30 P. M. on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1907, at the Village Hall of said Village, for the grading, draining, paving with macadam, and otherwise improving Linscott avenue from the north line of Belmont street to the south line of Franklin street, East Parkway from the east line of Linscott avenue to the south line of Franklin street as a connected system, including all labor and material.

Approximate Quantities.

1273 cubic yards excavation.
2775 sq. yd. granite top macadam pavement.
435 ft. concrete combined curb and gutter.
2230 lin. ft. sod edge.
5 inlets.
145 lin. ft. 10-inch inlet pipe.

Plans and specifications for said work may be examined at the office of G. H. Bunge, attorney for said Village, second floor of the Security Building, Chicago, Illinois, or at the office of J. S. Lozier, engineer at the Village of Downers Grove.

Said proposals or bids shall be delivered to the President of the Board of Local Improvements of said Village, and will not be considered, unless accompanied by a check, certified to by some reliable Chicago or Downers Grove bank, payable to the order of said President in his official capacity, for not less than 10 per cent of the aggregate amount of said proposal or bid. Payment for said improvement to be made by special assessment bonds or vouchers, said bonds shall draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum. Said proposals or bids will be opened, examined and publicly declared by said Board at a meeting to be held at the Village Hall on the 20th day of August, A. D. 1907, as herein provided.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

J. W. HUGHES,
J. W. GRAVES,
GEO. B. HEARTT,
E. SCHULTZ,
Board of Local Improvements.

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eter to find out how much walking she did in the house discovered that under the most favorable conditions she traveled 7.38 miles daily in her household tasks. If the thirty-three and a third per cent of unnecessary steps, or 2.46 miles of daily travel, had been added, calculates the Delineator, she would have walked in one year in doing her housework more than thirty-five hundred miles.

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