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A CANTATA AT THE AUDITORIUM

LOCAL VOICES TO BE HEARD

A Fine Performance is Promised to All Who Attend.

Don't forget that there will be lots of fine singing and acting by our local talent at the Auditorium on the evening of September 5. Miss Minnie Herman will take the part of Rosalie. Miss Herman takes her part wonderfully well for a girl of her age and her singing is fine. Miss Mildred Prentiss takes the part of the Queen of the Fairies. Miss Prentiss has a very sweet soprano voice and although she is a little afraid of it she does beautifully. Miss Mildred Briggs, who takes the part of the Gypsy Queen, also does well and she has a lovely alto voice. Miss Herman, the Queen of Tyrolans. There will be a chorus of about fifty voices and the accompanists are Miss Bonnie Nash and Miss Bertha Mochel, both of whom we have heard a great deal. The writer has attended their rehearsals and those attending the cantata on the evening of September 5 will not be wasting their time, but will enjoy themselves to a full extent. The participants are being instructed by J. H. King, who is a first class instructor, and the patience of Job. We hope that there will be a popular attendance on the evening of the performance.

Local Happenings

Banned skin always looks better than bleached.

Miss Jane Bateman is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. H. W. Martin is nursing a badly sprained hip.

Helena Anderson has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Bertie Willis and daughters are visiting in Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. Shamba returned Wednesday from an extended eastern trip.

Master George Bunge has two little cousins visiting him this week.

Mrs. Frank Kellerman entertained a party of ladies on Thursday.

Edward Heintz and Arthur Johnson are spending their vacation in Colorado.

Miss Ella Schuster, of La Grange, spent Sunday with friends in this village.

Miss Latham will have charge of the fifth grade of the Maple avenue school this year.

The crushed stone industry is affording a great deal of work at the Leasport quarries.

Mrs. Clara Dent gave a shower Thursday evening for Miss Edith Handy.

H. M. Bateman returned Friday from a vacation trip to Sangateck, Michigan.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. W. Martin have returned from their recent trip to Michigan.

Mrs. John Stanley and Miss Clara Cole have returned from their Michigan trip.

Secretary Taft is said to be "rolling around the world." Ought to make the roads good.

Miss Helen White, of Chicago, has been the guest of Lillian Dawes the past week.

Miss Margaret Moyer, of Naperville, visited Miss Hattie Bryce the first part of this week.

Miss Evalena Emery, of Chicago, made a short visit at Mr. Turnbull's on Maple avenue.

J. W. Rogers was confined to his home by severe illness the first part of the week.

A son was born to John Diener, on the twentieth. The baby has not been named as yet.

Miss Mable Messner, of Yankton College, S. D., visited friends in Downers Grove the past week.

No man should allow himself to become so rich that he will have more dollars than sense.

Both meat markets will close Monday, Labor Day, at ten a. m. There will be no delivery.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. H. Sasm returned Friday from South Haven and other points in Michigan.

Mrs. Guy L. Bush and family and Mrs. C. V. Carpenter and sons are expected home to-day.

Rev. H. H. Libby, former pastor of the Congregational church, spent Sunday with friends here.

H. C. Holdbeck and son Arthur are attending the Young People's convention at Lynnwood Park, Ohio.

Rev. Bert Lacey and family, of Bloomington, Wisconsin, are visiting at the home of Frank Lacey.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Lynn Wheeler to Miss Miller, of Evanston, Illinois.

After considerable traveling through the west we find that Marion Stanley says "There is no place like home."

A great many of our residents will agree to that. Capt. Rogers

has been on the sick list again this week.

Miss Helen Downer leaves the early part of September for Yankton College, S. D., where she will take a course in music.

Miss Lena Penner returned Wednesday from Canton, Ohio, where she has been visiting friends for the past eight weeks.

Edgar Dent leaves Saturday evening to spend a couple of months with his sister, Mrs. H. E. Handy, of Coon Rapids, Iowa.

Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Leech spent Sunday in Hammond, Indiana, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Werner, formerly of this place.

Miss Marie Weiss, who has been making her home in Downers Grove, for the past year, has returned to Manilla, Iowa.

Have you noticed that our telephone service has improved? We have several good responsible girls at the board now. That's the reason.

The railroad has been permitted to put a switch across Foote street for the lumber company and they are making exceedingly rapid progress.

The Gypsy Queen with her court will be at the Auditorium Thursday evening, September 5, 1907. Pretty solos and bright choruses. Don't miss it.

Jason Littlefield is being kept busy these days making landscape plans for residence grounds. The demand for this class of work is constantly increasing.

Dr. B. C. Davis is visiting at the home of E. C. Stanley. He expects to remain there two or three weeks. Dr. Davis formerly boarded at the Stanley home.

Mrs. F. F. Farmilow and daughter Lillian are spending a week with their father at Rockford, Illinois. Dr. Farmilow is superintending the chalet there.

Lennie Potter, who has been associated with Bud Hansack at Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the past few months, is in a hospital there, the victim of typhoid fever.

Miss Ella Diener left on Thursday to attend the state convention at Freeport, Illinois. She is the delegate sent by the Young People's society of the German church.

Mrs. Anna Mink, of Wheaton, Illinois, and son, Dr. J. Mink, U. S. Navy, of Washington, D. C., were guests at the home of Mrs. Mink's brother F. M. Moyer, over Sunday.

Miss Ella Riel spent the later part of last week with her friend, Miss Irene Hassel, of Chicago. While there the two young ladies visited several places of amusement.

Our local band will be on hand at their usual place, corner of Washington and Cortis, Saturday, August 31. The boys promise some extra good music this time. Be sure you are there.

Miss Myrtle Shaw, who has been in the military field in Japan, under the direction of the Y. M. C. A., has returned and is spending the summer at the home of her mother on Highland avenue.

It is claimed that a silkworm was found in Naperville a few days ago. If this is doubted just call at the Reporter office and we will show it to you, but whether it is a silkworm or not, we do not know.

Mrs. J. C. Austin, Maple avenue, entertained at lunch Friday, Mrs. A. J. Dent and her sister, Mrs. Evelyn M. Yonld, of St. Paul, Worthy Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Minnesota, were the guests.

There will be a nice little dance given by the ladies of the St. Hedwig's society, on Sunday, September 1, at three p. m., also two prizes are to be given away. All welcome. Admission twenty-five cents a person.

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hamilton and little daughter, of Friend, Nebraska, have been visiting at the home of W. R. Turnbull, Mrs. Hamilton's father. They went to Dixon, Illinois, Monday to visit a few days before returning home.

Dr. Bobb's new home on West Cortis street is nearing completion and the doctor expects to occupy it about the 1st of September. The interior certainly shows the artistic ideas of both the doctor and his wife. He has a new telephone number.

The forty-second annual reunion of the 105th Ill. Regt. will be held at Maple Park, Illinois, on Monday, September 2. We have only a few members of this regiment left. They are Captain T. S. Rogers, J. G. Wallace, W. J. Beidelman, A. L. Palmer

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A DETRIMENT TO THE VILLAGE

OFFICERS SHOULD STOP IT

Boys Should Not Be Allowed to Congregate on Our Streets

There is a crowd of boys that congregate at the corner of Mr. Penner's store and on the steps of the G. A. R. hall and they are becoming very bothersome. It appears from several complaints that these boys are not doing good by "hanging out" at this corner. We will not mention the instances, but on Thursday, the 22nd, two little girls were passing by and one of the boys threw a hard green apple at them. It hit one of them in the side of the face



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DOWNERS GROVE STAGE STATION.

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Memories of other days will fill the minds of those who gather next Thursday noon at the pioneer banquet, the first day of the County Fair at the Auditorium. In place of discussing the necessity of paving the streets of the north side



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very close to the eye and had she been looking towards the boys it might have put out the eye. We hope that our village authorities will cause those boys to discontinue their loafing as we do not want a reputation that it is unsafe for girls and young ladies to walk our street unmolested.

SHOPLESS TOWN.

There was a man of Shopless Town. His name was Shadiah Brown. He said the town did not improve. But ran along its ancient groove. He liked to see it spread and grow. And yet he did not help, you know. Instead of buying things for sale. Right here in town, he sent by mail for many years and bought his things. From those far off Mail Order Kings. No wonder, Shadiah Brown. This home of yours was a Shopless town.

GALESBURG CELEBRATES.

The semi-centennial of the incorporation of the city of Galesburg will be celebrated with a "home-coming" week to all the former residents of Knox county at Galesburg during the week of October 7-12, 1907. Invitations have been sent to thousands of former residents of the county to come back to Galesburg and renew old acquaintances and make new ones. The most elaborate arrangements have been made for a week of pleasure. The general public is also invited to come and enjoy this event. Every one of the six days will be a big day. Monday will be "semi-centennial day"; Tuesday, "old settlers' day"; Wednesday, "fossil day"; Thursday, "harvest home"; Friday, "governor's day," with probably the entire Illinois state legislature in attendance; and Saturday, "the big day."

CORNER STONE TO BE LAID

On Sept. 2, Labor day, at 10:15 a. m., Bishop P. J. Muldoon of Chicago will lay the corner stone of the new Catholic church situated at Main and Franklin streets. Bishop Muldoon will be assisted by the Rev. J. A. Bollmann and Rev. Dr. Goodwin of La Grange, and about six other of the prominent Chicago Catholic clergy. After the ceremonies incident to the corner stone laying a sermon will be preached. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the bishop and visiting clergy will be entertained at luncheon by Mrs. W. W. Gourley.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the laying of the corner stone.

Among the Churches

Subject of the lesson sermon of First Church of Christ, Scientist, for September 1 is "Man." Text taken from Genesis 1:3, Ecclesiastes, 2:26. Reading room open every Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Farrar.

German Evangelical church.—Sunday, September 1, 1907. Regular morning and evening services will be conducted by the pastor in the German language. There will also be preaching every evening next week. The evening meetings will begin at seven thirty o'clock with a song service, fol-

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or extending a cement sidewalk to Belmont, the speakers will dwell on the times when there was no railroad through the town and the principal business of the community was to watch the semi-occasional trips of the stage coach at the cross roads now known as Maple avenue and Main street.

THAT BOY JIM'S SWEETHEART

By the Rev. B. L. Prescott.

"When Jim" was a little fellow—his fond mother parted his hair in the middle and they called him "Jimmy." Then he grew to be a rough, tumbling, enthusiastic, good-hearted, good-natured boy, named "Jim"—no prefixes, nor any suffixes, all he needs is "Jim." But now he has grown beyond that period and has become "James." "Jim," excuse me, I meant "James," has made several discoveries. He has found that he has some hands—so many that he doesn't know what to do with them, when in the presence of other people. He has also discovered that he has some feet, awkward fellows, too. (Here the poet, for took occasion to ensure the practice of young men wearing shoes too small for their feet, for the sake of "style.") "James" makes another discovery also—he never noticed before how beautiful the girls were—how old acquaintances and make new ones. The most elaborate arrangements have been made for a week of pleasure. The general public is also invited to come and enjoy this event. Every one of the six days will be a big day. Monday will be "semi-centennial day"; Tuesday, "old settlers' day"; Wednesday, "fossil day"; Thursday, "harvest home"; Friday, "governor's day," with probably the entire Illinois state legislature in attendance; and Saturday, "the big day."

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of the trustees of the church, is interesting a great many in the village.

After the dinner and oratory automobile rides will claim the attention of those who care to avail themselves of the opportunity to "see the town."

Those who remain will find things to interest them in the various displays of handiwork and farm products.

At three o'clock in the afternoon the judges will award blue ribbons to the best vegetables and fruits, the culinary exhibits will be inspected and needlework and hand-painted china will receive their praise.

On Saturday afternoon at three o'clock the first and second prizes will be awarded for bread and cakes baked by girls under sixteen years of age, also bread and cakes baked by young ladies from sixteen to twenty years of age. Beautiful prizes will be awarded in the shape of lace handkerchiefs and aprons for the above. The judges for the different departments are as follows: Geo. B. Hearty, Geo. N. Jones and J. W. Worley for vegetables; Mrs. J. H. Bateman, Mrs. Ballard Waples and Mrs. G. H. Nourse for bakery goods; Mrs. W. W. Bourley, Mrs. H. D. Wylie and Mrs. Victor Fredenhaus for needlework.

An elaborate cantata, in which forty-five voices will be heard, has been prepared for the evening of the first day of the fair. Under the leadership of J. H. King three chorus bands of Gypsies, Tyrolans and Fairies will present the musical measures of the "Gypsy Queen."

Friday afternoon the various exhibits will be the main attraction and in the evening a hearty supper fit to banish hunger for at least twenty-four hours will be served. After supper will be the auctioning of what is known as "The Autograph Quilt," the work of the ladies of the Congregational church. This quilt is adorned with the autographs of one hundred and ninety-two citizens of Downers Grove, and by reason of the intricate design is an artistic creation in addition to its local interest. Bids for the quilt have already been received and much rivalry for its possession is expected. It is planned to exhibit the quilt at the Wheaton county fair before it passes into the actual possession of the successful bidder.

The supper program for Friday evening is as follows:

Roast Veal, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Succotash, Pickles, Coffee, Bread and Butter, Ices and Desserts.

Later in the evening J. H. Ehlers of Chicago will entertain the company with impersonations and readings of tragic and humorous nature. Mr. Ehlers has already achieved a wide reputation by his ability as an entertainer and his coming is awaited with pleasure by those who have heard him.

Saturday afternoon will be devoted to the children.

Each little girl in the village is invited to come and bring her doll. The parade of the little ones will be followed by the distribution of blue ribbons to the little misses who make the best impression on the judges.

In the evening a series of moving pictures never before displayed in the village will greet the audience. This feature of the entertainment will be under the charge of T. S. Baldwin, whose ability in that line is known to all.

Throughout the fair candy and popcorn booths will be in active operation, and many of the articles in the different exhibits will be on sale.

At times through the fair the Priscilla quartet and the boys' orchestra will enliven proceedings with song and music.

Tickets are on sale at Judge Graham's, Moffatt's and Bush & Simonson's. (Only a limited number will be sold.)

YOU'LL SEE

When the frost is on the pumpkin And the bleak winds coldly moan You'll hesitate to walk the streets And wish you had a phone.

We have rates for any purpose. Chicago Telephone Company.

All that remains of the great royal library at Nineveh, founded by Assurbanipal (688-625 B. C.), the last of the great Assyrian kings, is now in the British Museum.

The Bank of France holds a reserve of \$80,000,000 in gold, which is more than any other bank in the world has.

ARRESTED

HELD IN LEASPORT

Henry Sahr Gets in Trouble

Fritz Weck—Said to be Sahr's Lawyer

On last Sunday afternoon, Henry Sahr was called out to Leasport, Ill., for the arrest of Fritz Weck, a grocery store proprietor, who was charged with the murder of a woman named Lemont, and as it was in Du Page County, the case was taken to Leasport.

It seems there was a dance in that section of the county and there was a good deal of liquor given away. A row was started from cause that we have not been able to follow up on and Sahr took vengeance on Fritz Weck, a resident in the vicinity of Leasport, and after a close battle Sahr secured a knife from a bystander and struck Weck in the breast, inflicting a severe and probably fatal wound. Weck was taken to the hospital in Chicago as soon as possible and Sahr immediately went to his attorney and there was advised to give himself up to the authorities, which he did.

As the assault was committed in Du Page County, the Leasport authorities were unable to file a complaint against Sahr; however it was not long before they received a telephone message from Du Page County to hold Sahr until a complaint could be filed. George Heffert, our local officer, armed with a warrant for arrest, rapidly made his way to Leasport, where he captured the prisoner, who was held at the Leasport jail and returned with him to Downers Grove. States Attorney Heffert arrived in Downers Grove Monday afternoon, where he met J. W. McCarty, the defending attorney, before the court of Du Page County and he was then they decided to postpone the trial until a later day, as the prosecuting attorney, Heffert, had not had time to look into the case, but it was stated that Weck's condition was very serious and that he may not live for a week. A bond of \$50,000 was set on Sahr, but the attorney was unable to secure bondmen. Sahr consequently being detained at our jail.

JUST ASK DAD

Our family is the queerest one I'll let you ever see; I'm not but one in all the best. With a good quality, The rest of us have lots of traits. But all of 'em are bad, An' if you don't believe me, why, You just ask dad.

There's sister Kate an' sister Nell, Their fault is makin' bread; They ain't like no single bit, Because they make mistakes. They ought to have been better with The trainin' they have had, But if you don't believe me, why, You just ask dad.

Next comes my sisters, Rose and Nell, With fault of too much style; They seem to think o' lookin' nice, They talk it all the while. They keep us in hot water with Some fool, expensive fad, An' if you don't believe me, why, You just ask dad.

Now last—not least—comes Bill an' me, Fergittin' is our trait. It ain't no habit we've acquired, It seems to be our fate. We all take after me, we do, No wonder we're so bad— An' if you don't believe me, why, You just ask dad.

In Hungary the narrow gauge railroads are of fifteen different gauges, from 18 inches to 30 1/2 inches. The government has now decided that henceforth such railroads may be built of only two gauges, 27 1/2 inches and 30 inches.

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I wish to make the following announcement to the people of Downers Grove and vicinity. In view of the fact that the report has been circulated that I have gone out of business, that thru this misstatement a local firm has posed to the school book publishers in Chicago being my successor and has made an attempt to steal this trade from my business, I make an announcement to the public that this trade is still a part of my business and that I have the complete line of school books for all grades from the first grade through to the last High School work.

I also carry a complete line of tablets, pencils, pens, penholders, and in fact to complete the school children's outfit.

Thanking you for