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## CONDITION OF CREEK

### AN EYESORE TO RESIDENTS.

#### The Stench is Awful and the Creek Is Full of Disease—A Little Job for Our Health Department.

Our creek is absolutely filthy with papers and rubbish of different kinds and the water has become so low that it is stagnant. Why can't this creek be flushed every so often, or else have it cleaned out in some other manner? It endangers the health of all those passing over it, and if it were kept up and cleaned it would not require nearly as much work as it will now. We have a health department in our village and they should look after such things as that. We feel that it is our duty to bring these things before the public in such a light that they will be notified. It is not our intention to throw any blame on any certain person or persons, but merely to direct the eyes of the people of our village to improvements such as this is for the betterment of the village. During the two or three days of this week when it was so hot the stench from the creek in our office and at the telephone office was terrible and was almost more than one could stand.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

For the M. E. Church—Presiding Elder, Rev. H. V. Holt Takes the Chair.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. church was held on Saturday evening last, Presiding Elder Rev. H. V. Holt in the chair. Written reports from the different departments of the church were received, and large plans for future work considered, and officers chosen for the coming conference year. Resolutions of appreciation of the work and service of the presiding elder and pastor were adopted, and by a unanimous vote the bishop was requested to continue them both in their present fields of ministerial activities. The reports received showed a healthy condition of church affairs and the indications are the annual report to the conference will be in keeping with the excellent standing this church has attained.

The following are the officers for the incoming year:  
Trustees—H. W. Martin, president; Dr. A. S. Washburn, Irving G. Heurtt, Geo. B. Heurtt, O. M. Searles, Jon. Battersham, Wm. Bryce, Wm. J. Herring, Jos. Tyler, secretary.  
Stewards—Wm. J. Herring, R. E. Bateman, Mrs. Eva Clifford, Miss Grace Battersham, Chas. K. Roe, Fred Gerwig, Mrs. Mary A. Thomas, H. W. Bryce, Claus O. Lundquist, John R. Heurtt, Mrs. Jane Bateman, Miss Emma Fletcher, Victor Peterson.  
Class Leaders—Geo. B. Heurtt and Wm. F. Goltz, Sunday school superintendent; Wm. J. Herring, president Epworth League; Ralph E. Rasweiler, Junior League superintendent; Miss Eva Jones, president Ladies Aid; Miss Emma Fletcher.  
The pastor nominated a full list of conference committees.

## Local Happenings

Plan your life and live your plan.  
Miss Nettie is spending a week with Miss Nettie Atzel.  
Mr. John Atzel, Jr., is spending a week with his sister in Iowa.  
Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Milley spent Friday at the County Fair at Wheaton.  
One's being must show in his bearing; his worth in his words and works.  
Mrs. John Conn and Miss Elizabeth Strong are taking in "Old Home Week" at Burlington, Iowa.  
Announcement is made of the marriage of Leonard T. Root and Stella E. Kenyon, September 16, 1907.  
Mrs. J. G. Goodspeed and Miss Goodspeed returned Monday from a two weeks' visit in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and vicinity.  
Mrs. D. G. Graham left for Fremont, Indiana, on Monday. Her father was sick and died Wednesday evening. He was eighty-five years of age at his death.  
Miss Dora Witt returned last Friday night from Michigan, where she spent two weeks with friends and relatives in Kalamazoo and other Michigan points.  
The firm of Bradbury & Caldwell has changed hands, William Furlong buying out C. R. Caldwell's interests. The firm hereafter will do business under the name of Bradbury & Furlong.  
Mrs. J. D. Gillette entertained a dozen ladies at her home on Fairmount avenue, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Gillette, who leaves for Spokane, Wash., where she will join her husband. Mr. Gillette is in business in that city.  
A delegation from the Baptist church was in attendance at the Aurora Baptist Association, held with the Ridge-

way church, of Joliet. Those constituting the delegation are Rev. B. L. Prescott, Deacons Roswell Curtiss and W. C. Cooper.

Among the prize winners of fancy work displayed at the Wheaton County Fair were a lace table cover made by Mrs. Emma D. Wheeler, a sofa pillow cover made by Miss Bertha Mochel, and a pair of embroidered pillow-cases and sheets made by Mrs. L. Hamm.

Don't forget to purchase your season ticket for the Downers Grove entertainment course to be given at the Auditorium. The first number is to be the Lyric Glee Club, on Monday evening, September 30, at eight o'clock p. m. sharp. Tickets for the entire course of six numbers, \$1.50.

On Saturday, September 14, 1907, at Netherwood, New York, the country home of Mr. Arthur F. Stanley, occurred the marriage of his sister, Miss Mabel, to Mr. Fillmore Moore, of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. After a trip to the mountains and the Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Moore will be at home in Lake Geneva. No cards.

The opening exercises of the Northwestern College and Union Biblical Institute, located at Naperville, Illinois, were held in the College chapel Wednesday morning, September 18. A large number of students, both new and old, were present, and present indications predict a large attendance for the new year, which has already begun. The new science hall and library will be ready for use soon, and will apply a much needed addition to these schools.

## Liste Local Items

John Rehm is on the sick list this week.  
Thomas Dohler entertained company from Tinley Park on Sunday.  
Albert Metzel, of Chicago, was out at Lake Mead on a business trip.  
Ethel Stearnes, of Havenwood, spent a few days with friends at Lisle last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Chatfield and daughter Cleo visited with friends and relatives in the vicinity last week.  
Mrs. A. C. Baker and daughter Tillie attended the Fair last week and spent several days here with friends.  
Mrs. W. O. Briggs entertained some of her relatives on Sunday to celebrate her birthday.  
September, the fifteenth, was Mission Sunday at the Lisle church. Over sixty dollars was raised at that time for mission work.  
Mrs. Alice Lacey is having some improvements made on her house. She will have a furnace put in, besides many other conveniences.  
Frank Pelling, who formerly lived at Lisle, died at his home in Naperville on Sunday. The funeral was held at the Naperville church on Tuesday.  
Many of our Lisle residents laid aside their work and took time to go to the County Fair last week. On Friday a hayrack load of young folks drove over and spent a pleasant day there.

## SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.

How a Change in Name Improved Prospects of a New York Doctor.  
"It's strange what a little thing may make or mar a man," says a New York physician. "When I first moved into this office, just after being graduated, I stuck a shingle in my window labeled 'J. K. Smith, M. D.' An occasional patient dropped in and sometimes I got an emergency call from one of the residents of the same apartment house here; but all the fees I got didn't suffice to pay my board bill. I was particularly surprised that the people living in the house didn't patronize me more, as I saw other doctors coming in and I knew there was illness here."  
"One day a chap who had been graduated from the same college two years ahead of me, and who already had a thriving practice uptown, asked me how I was getting on. I told him."  
"Well, now, John," he said, "let me give you a tip. I see your sign in the window reads, 'J. K. Smith, M. D.' What does the K stand for, anyhow?"  
"Kinard," I answered.  
"Fine," he said. "Get a new sign and have it read, Doctor J. Kinard Smith; just that and nothing more or less. And now another thing; the appearance of your office is all right, inside and out, but your clothes look a little worn. Have you any money left?"  
"Yes," I replied, "but I am clinging to my last hundred."  
"Get out right now and buy a new suit. Get a cloth of the best quality and see that it fits. Then go to a haberdasher's and lay in a fresh line of furnishings. Then put 'em all on and try to look as if you had just stepped out of a bandbox."  
"I did as he said. I put on the new sign, reading 'Doctor J. Kinard Smith,' and I bought the new clothes. Within two weeks I had five calls from strangers. Business brisked up till now I have no reason to complain."  
"I reasoned out the psychology of it afterward," J. K. Smith, M. D., was common. Any one might be named J. K. Smith. But 'Doctor J. Kinard Smith' was different. It imparted 'tone' and that 'Kinard' differentiated me from all other Smiths. The new clothes gave me a prosperous 'front.' And there you are."

A public speaker, in order to become popular, must know when to quit.

## ALWAYS ROOM FOR MORE

B. E. KEHLER WEDS EDITH HANDY.

They Visit Several Points in the West and Will Make Their Home on South Main Street—Both Are Very Prominent in the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Kehler, who were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Handy, on Carpenter street, August 31, returned last Friday evening from a delightful wedding trip.

They first visited at the home of Mr. Kehler's mother in Abilene, Kansas. Here they passed many pleasant hours among the scenes familiar to the bridegroom in his childhood. From Abilene they went to Denver and Colorado Springs, where they saw nature in some of her grandest manifestations.

While much pleased with the country they visited and enriched through the new friendships made, they are glad to be at home again with old friends.

The young couple are keeping house in a cozy cottage at 135 South Main street, and they will be at home to callers after October 1.

## AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

**MAJESTIC.**  
For the week of September 23, at the Majestic theater, Chicago, offers more than the usual in the way of dramatic and comic novelties. Mr. Robert Hillard, one of the best known and most popular legitimate artists in the United States, who has starred in all the principal theaters of the country, will appear in a beautiful one-act play by Campbell Mc'Clung, entitled "As a Man Rows." In quite another vein will be the offering of Viola Gillette and George McFarlane, who contribute a delightful novelty called "A Little Musical Nonsense." For those who enjoy absolute fun "The Traveling Man" played by Searle and Violet Allen, will prove to be a most pleasing interlude. It pictures a traveling man and a lady tourist in a Pullman car and enveloped some of those convincing incidents and accidents which might occur under such conditions. Ben Welch, who represents Hebrew and Italian types and who is quite at the head of his class, is the monologist and chief impersonator of the guild. Ned Waytome, the Four Golden Graces and a great many other enterprising specialties by skilled performers.

## GARRICK.

Mr. Sothern will open a two weeks' engagement at the Garrick theater, Chicago, beginning on Tuesday night, September 24, during which time he will appear as a lone star for the first time in three years. He will appear before the Chicago public in three characters as follows: Rodion, Rasnikoff, in "The Fool Hath Said in His Heart," Francis Villon in "If I Were King," and Hamlet in Shakespeare's tragedy of that name. During the first week of Mr. Sothern's engagement in Chicago will be "The Fool Hath Said in His Heart." During the second week of his engagement he will appear in Francis Villon in "If I Were King," with exception of the matinee and Saturday night, when the bill will be "Hamlet."

## M'VICKEY'S.

There is a scene in "The Straight Road," the new Clyde Fitch play, which Blanche Walsh is presenting in McVicker's theater, Chicago, which makes the spectators sit up and "take notice." The heroine of the drama, Houston street, Moll (played by Miss Walsh), has determined to sacrifice her happiness, her reputation and her sweetheart to save her benefactor, Miss Thompson, from an unhappy marriage. Moll has discovered that the man is false and a wicked man, but she manages to turn Miss Thompson against her and so save herself. Moll makes an appointment with him to visit her in her rooms and also begs Miss Thompson to come to see her, asking her to be at her rooms half an hour after the bad man has called. Both consent and the third act takes the audience to Moll's room, a bare enough place, but honest. One of the decorations is a large chromo of the Sistine Madonna, a present from Miss Thompson. The hour of the meeting arrived and with it the bad man. He makes violent love to Moll and when she hears what she believes to be Miss Thompson coming she allows him to take her in his arms. The door is thrown open and Moll's intended hus-

band enters to find her clasped in Aines' arms. There is a fight between the men as Miss Thompson comes into the room. She believes Moll is wicked and refuses to hear her explanation of the situation. Bill, the sweetheart of Moll, lets Aines go with Miss Thompson and he chokes Moll and throws her off. Then the poor girl, bereft of friends and lover, swears she will drink and carouse and be as mean and ornery as they think her. She tears the curtains from off the windows, breaks up the furniture and generally upsets her room and as she is about to take a glass of whiskey she sees the Madonna and falls on her knees and asks to be forgiven and to be saved. Miss Walsh's acting in this scene is wonderful—the best she has ever done in her life. The engagement at McVicker's will end Oct. 5.

## SID J. EUSTON'S.

"Vanity Fair," Bob Manchester's big extravaganza, pays its annual visit to Sid J. Euston's theater with the week beginning Sunday afternoon. A two-act comedy, "Dr. Dippy's Sanitarium," will be the burlesque vehicle, and will enlist the services of the full company in six brilliantly arranged scenes. Tom Mack and Billy Bart, two original and quick-witted comedians, will have charge of the fun-making, while the chorus will be headed by Belle Wilton and Bessie Sharp. The specialty list looks above the average, and will include the Eight English Rosebuds, Dawson & Mack, in their farce, "A Circus Day"; Bessie Sharp, soprano; the Four Quaker Maidens, comedienne; Smith & Baker, in new

## READERS OF THE REPORTER

will confer a favor on the publishers by patronizing those merchants who advertise in its columns. The Reporter is your paper and the merchants who aid it with their advertising patronage are worthy of your encouragement. The merchants who are best able to supply your wants are those who show some enterprise in soliciting your business through the advertising columns of the home paper. Everybody likes to do business with a live business man.

## LOSING CHICKENS.

A certain party on the north side and on Lincoln avenue has been losing a good many chickens lately, and by careful watching they have traced them to the guilty parties. Officer Hoffert has been notified of this case, and if the chickens are not returned or their value in money received trouble is liable to follow.

## CARRYING OUT THE BARGAIN

It was Mr. Sedwick's first visit to the new country home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Drake, and he was much interested in the place. As he and his host were strolling round the grounds after dinner, he asked, "Who was your brawny friend who are with us?"  
"Oh, didn't I introduce you to Ole?"  
"Yes, you introduced him, but you didn't explain him," was the smiling reply.  
"He is an old Norwegian wood-chopper, and he has two more of my kind coming to him." Mr. Drake chuckled. "The fact is, I'm not used to dealing with these rural workmen, and Ole got rather the best of me. I think you see that great pile of stone wood stacked up by the barn? Well, I engaged him to split it, and when I was trying to get him to name his price for the work he said it depended on how hard it was to split—that some wood was much easier than other wood."  
"Can't you tell how much it would be worth a cord to do it?" I asked.  
"No," he answered, "for maybe it would be hard and maybe it would be easy."  
"Will you take ten dollars for the job?" he looked at the cord-wood meditatively, and after a moment, said, "Yes, if you'll give me my dinner."  
"But how many dinners will there be?" I asked.  
"Can't tell how long wood's so different," he said. "But we needed the wood for immediate use, and laborers are scarce in the neighborhood, so I said, 'I'll give you my dinner for two weeks, but after that you'll have to bring your lunch.' I didn't intend to have him dawdling over the job for the sake of the dinner."  
"He accepted the offer, and he didn't dawdle. He completed the work in eight days, but he's faithful to his dinner engagements. He comes regularly every noon and eats a hearty meal, and I half believe, from the twinkle in those blue eyes of his, that the old man enjoys the joke on me as well as he does the dinner."

## Among the Churches

German Lutheran service Sunday, September 22, 2:30 p. m., at the Congregational church, conducted by Rev. H. C. Gubbert of Hinsdale. All are welcome.  
Services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday and will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. L. Prescott. Any change for the evening will be announced at the morning hour. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. at the usual hours.  
The morning services at the Methodist church, on Maple avenue, will be held at the usual hour, 10:45 a. m., sermon by the pastor, Dr. F. F. Farinole. Sunday school at noon, class meeting will be held at 10 o'clock a. m. For the evening services they will join hands with the Congregational church at 5 p. m.  
There will be German preaching both morning and evening at the Evangelical church. These services will be evangelistic and will be probably the

## STREETS BAD

### PAVING PROGRESSES.

#### Recent Rains Make Our Streets Almost a Solid Mudhole.

During the middle of this week teams have found it very difficult to carry a profitable load on their wagons as the streets were in such a bad condition that it was almost impossible to do any hauling that was at all heavy. The coal orders have had to delay all of their orders for this reason. The installing of our storm sewer system also makes things bad. On South Main street the paving is beginning to work into shape, and Mr. Fletcher has already gotten the tar on the ground and soon expects the brick. Our recent rainfall will delay him for a few days, but nevertheless he will push things right through. He was held up for a few days this week on account of not being able to get his steam roller out from the city, but it has arrived and there is that much to the good. On the other hand Mr. Rutledge, the contractor that is putting in Maple avenue, has succeeded in getting down to Washington street with his curbing, and he has also begun to excavate to the proper level at the west end of a Goddard to our village when these streets are paved, as one will readily see after driving around town a day or so after a heavy rainfall.

## PRICES SOAR

#### Our Local Milk Dealers Raise Price One Cent on Every Quart.

Not to be outdone by the great provision trusts, the milk dealers, Central Market, added to the cause of general alarm with the announcement that milk, already at a prohibitive price for the poor, will cost the user one cent more per quart, the first of next month. In the winter eight-cent milk will go to eight and a half and nine cents and cream will rise with it. Our local milk dealers will raise their prices beginning October 1.

## A Case of Scotch Shrewdness.

In a small town in the Midlands there is a rich congregation which is not characterized by lavish liberality, says a London paper.  
Time after time the minister had vainly appealed to his people to contribute more generously to the funds of the church. The members would, indeed, give something, but it was nearly always the smallest silver coin of the realm that was placed on the plate.  
A shrewd Scotchman, who had recently come to the place and joined the church, was not long in noticing this state of affairs, and a remedy soon suggested itself to his practical mind.

"I tell you what," he said, to one of the officials, "if you make me treasurer I'll engage to double the collections in three months."

His offer was promptly accepted, and, sure enough, the collections began to increase, until by the time he had stated they were nearly twice as much as formerly.  
"How have you managed it, Mr. Sandyman?" said the pastor to him one day.  
"It's a great secret," returned the canny Scot, "but I'll tell you in confidence. The folk, I saw, mainly gave three-penny bits. Well, mainly I got the penny every Sabbath evening. I carefully picked out the men's coats and put them by. Now as there's only a limited number of three-penny pieces in a little place like this, and as I have mist' of 'em at present under lock and key, the folk must give sixpences, at least, instead. That's the way the collections are doubled."

## Loam Ago.

Lady—"I suppose, sir, you have seen better days?"  
"Tramp"—"Yes, there was a time when I could get a hand out without a lecture."—Detroit Free Press.

closing exercises of the protracted efforts which have been put forth during the past three weeks. The Sunday school will meet as usual at 10 a. m., and the young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. Every one is invited and welcome.

Congregational church, Sunday, September 22—Morning service at 10:45, Sunday school at 12 o'clock noon. Men's and women's Bible classes meet at same hour. Children's meeting at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. C. E. at 6:30 o'clock, topic "God's Omnipotence," led by Mrs. C. E. Graves. This will be the opening day of the "special service campaign," led by the noted evangelist, Rev. J. W. Fifield, D. D., of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Fifield will preach at the morning, 3 o'clock children's service and in the evening at 7:30. The services will be held every evening during the week at 8 o'clock. Beginning with Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock Dr. Fifield will deliver his famous "afternoon Bible talks," which were so successful when he was here before. This is a splendid opportunity to become acquainted with one of the best Bible expositors and preachers of the present day. You are welcome to every service and it is hoped that the church will be filled to overflowing all the time. Begin to attend the first day and keep at it or you will be sorry when it is all over. He can only stay fifteen days.

## TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Word is received from Mr. A. T. Arnold, field worker of the Illinois Sunday School Association, that the date set for the township convention for Downers Grove is Sunday, Oct. 13. Last year this convention was held in Hinsdale, so this year it will come to Downers Grove.

A goodly number of workers will be present and an afternoon and evening session will be held. Program with more extended notes will appear later. The county convention is scheduled for the following week.

## POULTRY EXHIBITION

#### Pioneer C. B. Blodgett Takes Charge at the State Fair.

A few days ago C. B. Blodgett received a letter from the officials of the State Fair at Springfield asking him to take the entire charge of the poultry exhibit. Mr. Blodgett has accepted the proposition and expects to leave here on Wednesday, the 25th of September, and to be gone until Monday, the 7th of October.

## SPECIAL NOTICE.

All who order telephones within thirty days will secure service without delay. Cold weather may prevent attention to your order after October 15. Order before it is too late. Chicago Telephone Company.

## PREPARE FOR WINTER.

If new poultry houses are to be built or if there are to be any changes made in the old ones, it is now high time to be about it. Very often these things are left until it is too late to attend to them in time to make proper shelter for the chickens, therefore the bid is low the comfort they are entitled to and the owner of the chickens loses the expected supply of eggs.

## The Tasmanian Aborigine.

The visitor to Tasmania can have an experience that is novel—he can call on the last of the native race of the land. She is Trucanini, and she holds her position in a glass case in the national museum. There is only the skeleton left, but judging from that she was a well organized little body of about 4 feet.

## Who Always Does Just as She's Bred.

She's learning piano; 'tho' no more than that he said.  
That her talents should only make her a pianist.  
But it takes years of patient and arduous practice to make.  
A proper performer, they say.  
Her small fingers frequently ache.  
Oh, why do they ask her to play?  
—Washington Star.

## Why Does Mrs. Brown's Own Baptismal Name Always Appear on Her Card Instead of Her (Hand)?

"No, but I understand a batch of cards were printed which she signed. Edger Brown was actually her name at the time she was baptized."  
A man's narrowness is one of the things he doesn't want his neighbors to know.

## LADIES' CLUB HELPS

### TO KEEP STREETS CLEAN.

No doubt everybody has seen the new waste paper baskets in a few of the business streets. These were put out by the Ladies' Club for the purpose of keeping the streets clean, so far as rubbish is concerned. Let us all endeavor to help the Ladies' Club in its improvement.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURE

#### By Mr. Vanburgh.

A lecture by Mr. Vanburgh on Christian Science faith, was given to an appreciative audience at the Auditorium last Sunday afternoon. In spite of the severe heat there was quite a goodly number present. A very large delegation of scientists from Le Grange were in attendance, and also many from other nearby towns.  
Mr. Vanburgh was introduced by Judge Blodgett, who asked that he be given a fair and unbiased hearing. We are sorry to say that we were unable to get all of Judge Blodgett's introduction. There were no preliminary exercises such as scriptures reading and prayer, and the speaker proceeded to immediately after Judge Blodgett's introductory remarks.  
The lecturer mentioned the phenomenal growth of Christian Science and said that it had come to recognize human need. He said that Christian scientists find that God is not only the one that forgives their iniquities, but also the one who heals their diseases. He mentioned some instances of healing according to Christian Science and stated that the Apostle Paul had not cured any wounds ever. Christian Science was defined as "the law of nature and man's ability to heal."

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The lecturer mentioned the phenomenal growth of Christian Science and said that it had come to recognize human need. He said that Christian scientists find that God is not only the one that forgives their iniquities, but also the one who heals their diseases. He mentioned some instances of healing according to Christian Science and stated that the Apostle Paul had not cured any wounds ever. Christian Science was defined as "the law of nature and man's ability to heal."