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TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

ON "Q" SUBURBAN SERVICE.

An Expenditure of About \$38,000 Will Be Used for Electric Lights on Our Suburban Service.

It will be a pleasure to our readers to learn that the T. & Q. railway company has decided to equip about eighty cars in our suburban service with electric lights instead of the old-fashioned oil lights, at a cost of about \$38,000.00. The system on each train is controlled by the engineer, the motor being over the boiler just in front of the engine cab. The first train will be equipped with this new system will be No. 25 which leaves Chicago at 5:11 p. m. The next will be No. 24, which leaves Aurora at 6:38 p. m. This has been the subject of a great deal of conversation particularly on the 5:11 train and it is expected that this system will be installed some time the later part of this month.

Local Happenings

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this page should be accompanied by the name of the author, and necessarily so, not only for the purpose of identification, but as a witness of good faith on the part of the writer. Write only on one side of the paper. Be particularly careful in giving names and dates, to have the letters and figures plain and distinct.

Mrs. Archie Farrar is now settled in the Kiel cottage.

A. D. Setty has moved into his home on North Main street.

Mrs. A. P. Kellogg was in town this week visiting old friends.

Miss Lillian Lower is the guest of her brother, Mr. F. A. Lower.

Mrs. W. R. Turnbull is visiting old acquaintances in Bureau county, Ill.

Mrs. D. G. Graham is in Plano attending her daughter, who is sick.

Miss Anna Swanson is the guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Olson.

Miss Theo Aldrich has moved to Chicago, where she will spend the winter.

John Penner is taking a trip to Canton, Ohio. He will stay for a few days.

Mrs. M. H. Bates left on Monday for a visit with friends in Galesburg, Illinois.

Mrs. F. A. Root, of Mt. Grove, Missouri, is the guest of Mrs. A. P. Daniels.

Bradbury & Furlong are prepared to furnish oyster suppers at residences in this village.

Miss Matilda Vernon was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. C. Lancaster, this week.

The pastor expects a large congregation at the Congregational church next Sunday.

Mrs. Homer VanLeer, of Pittsburg, Pa., is a guest at the home of Mrs. I. Brandenburg.

W. A. Hutchinson, of Oak Park, was the guest of his brother, E. L. Clement, this week.

Rev. Allingham is taking his post-graduate course at the theological seminary in Chicago.

The Epworth League Bible class was organized Thursday evening. Come and join the class.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lipsey are rejoicing in the arrival of a son at their home on October 1st.

Mrs. Pease, of this village, is still in the east traveling through Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Remington, of Nebraska, are spending a few days at the home of G. H. Bunge.

Miss Garretson, of Newark, N. J., is spending a couple of days at the home of Mrs. F. E. Dore.

Dr. Fifield left on Tuesday morning for Cleveland, Ohio, where he will attend the national conference.

Master Loren Sutherland, who fractured his arm by falling from a pair of stilts, is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Staley, of Ohio, are spending the winter with their daughter, Mrs. M. Sacksteder, of Hillstead.

C. B. Blodgett has returned from the State Fair and has resumed his duties as inspector of the paved streets.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. Murray, of Hinsdale, spent an evening with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Murray this week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Downer returned on Thursday from their trip to the Jamestown Exposition in the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Alber Metcalf, of Onondago, Illinois, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Gray.

Next week we shall endeavor to publish an article on the condition of our schools and those in the vicinity.

Miss Thomas Fisher, of Graniteville, and Miss Minkler, of Rochester, Ill., spent their week with W. H. Turnbull and his friends.

at the home of the latter for the past few days.

The Happy Thought circle will hold their regular Saturday afternoon meeting at the Cook home, 138 North Main street, to-day.

The trial of the State of Illinois vs. M. A. Sacksteder was continued to Friday, October 11, but was too late for this paper.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Evelyn Booth, a sister of Mrs. L. H. Clement, to Howard Krout, of Chicago.

A basket ball team, of Chicago, surprised our Crescent team last Saturday evening and a game was called but no score was kept.

Professor and Mrs. Krout, of the Northwestern Business College, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Clement last Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Murray has severed his connections with the Downers Grove football team. Our team will now battle for themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Smith, of North Main street, will soon remove to Mendota, Illinois. We are sorry to lose good citizens like these.

Lost—An old-fashioned lace scarf, black. Some time during our county fair. Reward for returning same to Mrs. J. R. Foster. Jp.1010

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Murray celebrated their wedding anniversary in Hinsdale at the home of Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. Ross, last Wednesday.

T. H. Murray has been appointed as a member of the art jury for the Arts and Crafts Exhibit to be held at the Art Institute in Chicago this coming December.

Mrs. John Gardner, Mrs. Fred Gardner and Miss Dress, of La Grange, spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. H. D. Wyllie and her daughter, Mrs. W. H. M. Elliott.

V. Tholin has just put in a fall line of ready made suits and trousers. Get his prices. He has doubled his stock of gent's furnishings at Meyer's old store.

Plans are being drawn up for an electric line between Chicago and Aurora. This is getting to be an old story, and we would like to see more done than mere plans.

Mrs. W. H. Radell, of Sheffield, Alabama, is the guest of Mrs. William Straube. Mrs. Radell was at the time a resident of this village and her many friends are glad to greet her again.

Mrs. A. G. Prince and son Herbert, of Iowa City, Iowa, returned to their home after a pleasant visit with old neighbors and friends. There were several luncheons and afternoons given in her honor.

Mr. H. A. Mosher has sold his beautiful home at the corner of Maple avenue and the Belmont road to a gynecologist. It is expected that the premises will be used as training quarters for prize fighters.

A new signal tower is being built just west of the old one, and it is to be half again as large as the old one with twelve new levers. The railroad will also install signals for the different switches in the lower yards.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church will hold a kaffee klatch in the church parlour Saturday evening, October 12. There will be some musical numbers and an advertising contest. A silver collection will be taken. All friends of the parish are cordially invited.

A letter from Miss Lakely, former principal of the Downers Grove school, was received by Mrs. Berner this week. Miss Lakely has been to Europe for the past three or four years, and she wished to be remembered by old scholars and friends in Downers Grove. She is now living in Chicago.

Miss Ella Riel was entertained at luncheon on Monday of this week by Mrs. J. Juno, of Chicago. Mrs. Juno is an accomplished musician and has been Miss Riel's vocal teacher for some time past. Mrs. Juno was formerly Miss Agnes Stewart and a few years ago was a resident of Downers Grove.

Our collector has called on all subscribers to Chicago papers that are handled through this office. We find it necessary to say that unless the paper is paid by the fifteenth of this month the delivery boy will not leave you a paper. The Chicago publishers stop us if we do not pay them, and we have to follow the same course.

The Philathea Bible class held their regular quarterly meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas, on Saratoga avenue, Monday evening, October 7. Miss Baranmore gave a very interesting "Look Ahead" into the quarter's work. The only fault with it being that it was too short. Light refreshments were served and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Harry Slusser, son of Judge Slusser, who was recently graduated from the University of Michigan, has associated himself in the practice of law with Messrs. Keahn and King, with offices in the Rector building, Chicago. Mr. Slusser has also opened an office with Judge Graham of this place, where he may be found every evening from seven to eight o'clock.

Miss Annie D. Martin, niece of Walter Scott Bryan, returned from England on Sunday afternoon, after spending three months with her parents and friends in Cornwall. She left South Hampton on the steamship St. Louis.

MRS. WERTZLER ENTERTAINS.

POLLY PIPER PARTY.

A Very Unique Party is Given in East Grove as a Farewell to Mrs. A. Wertzler.

Twenty-five ladies of East Grove met at the home of Mrs. A. Wertzler last Friday in response to her invitation, and everyone had a delightful time. The house was decorated with dahlias, yellow and white being the color scheme. The party was called a "Polly Piper" party, and after all had arrived the ladies were requested to take seats at small tables scattered throughout the house. The ladies were given a needle and thread and tissue paper to dress a clay pipe. Mrs. W. E. Chessman received the first prize for the daintiest dressed lady pipe. Mrs. Daniel Dunn received the consolation prize. After the contest dainty refreshments of ice cream and cake and fruit were served. These same colors, yellow and white, being prominent. After singing and music the guests prepared to depart and all united in saying that Mrs. Wertzler was a superb hostess. This is probably Mrs. Wertzler's farewell reception, as she is now packing to move to her new home in Allegan, Michigan.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETS.

The Downers Grove Women's Club held its opening meeting in Modaff's Hall Wednesday afternoon, October 9th. Miss Fannie D. Stewart, the new president, opened the meeting with a few appropriate words of welcome. The response to roll call was "Vacation Notes," and after some necessary business the meeting was turned over to the Domestic Science Committee, of which Mrs. George Hughes is chairman. The first number on the program was a vocal solo by Mrs. Thomas Murray, accompanied by Miss Martha Downer. Miss Downer then gave a piano selection. Miss Jessie Bryce read a paper on "Labor Saving Devices," after which Mrs. Murray and Miss Downer gave another selection. The members and guests were asked to relate some anecdote of their house-keeping experiences. The meeting closed with a social hour, during which dainty refreshments were served. Among the guests were Mrs. F. A. Root, Mrs. H. E. Saunders and Mrs. C. R. Caldwell, all former members of the club, and we were very glad to have them with us again.

John Huling and Frank Huling were summoned to appear before the grand jury at Wheaton this week to testify in the case of the People vs. S. Burkhardt, better known as "Frenchy." Mr. Burkhardt is charged with criminal negligence in the handling of a deadly weapon, by which the lives of three boys were endangered. This incident occurred on Sunday night, August 4th, the closing night of the Chautauqua Assembly.

CROWDED HOUSE FOR DR. FIFIELD.

The Baptist church was crowded to the limit of its capacity to hear Dr. Fifield give his last Sunday evening service, Oct. 6th. The interest in these services has steadily increased and everywhere people are speaking highly of the preacher and his work. One of the principal things, which are most commended, is the permanent character of the work he is doing. Another thing which has appealed to many is that finances has not been the dominant note, as it often is in meetings of this kind.

He spoke from the familiar passage of scripture, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?" In his opening remarks Dr. Fifield stated that he had been endeavoring to bring messages from the Bible and incidentally said that if people would go down into the Bible instead of trying to get away from it, their doubts regarding the scriptures would soon cease.

The address was divided into three parts: Salvation—what it cost; its essentiality, and the question in the text itself. The speaker spoke of the sufferings of Christ and said that this salvation which had cost so much was able to accomplish much. He defined salvation as the fulfillment of our highest destiny and the filling out of our life as God intended it should be. Sin was defined as anything that causes us to fall short of that highest destiny. "Salvation, if it means anything," said Dr. Fifield, "is going to lay hold of your life and fill it out."

True religion lays hold of a man's inner nature, works it out, and makes a man what God desired him to be. It is better to be a purified sinner than a spiritual cripple. If your spiritual self has

check" religion—that is one that would check their lives before they died and insure their being put off in Heaven and not hell. They were likened to a man who had no education and went to school on graduating day and found a diploma lying around somewhere and then thought he had an education because he had possession of the lost diploma. Dr. Fifield said that if a man wanted to go to Chicago he would have to get on the train as well as come to the depot. That it was not sufficient for men to simply say that churches were "good things" and desire their children to attend Sunday School and their wives go to church, but that there was a part which they themselves must fill.

MUST HAVE SUPPORT.

Everyone knows that it is impossible to run a business without an income. We find it the same. We have the income, but the only trouble is that it is still coming, and we must say that our subscribers surely don't expect us to send them our weekly issue when we don't receive any subscription money. We therefore request that these subscriptions must be sent by the fifteenth of this month or we will be compelled to discontinue sending the Reporter to delinquent subscribers. We find that it is necessary to do this in order to meet our bills. We trust that you will give this your immediate attention so that we will not be compelled to stop your paper.

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THE SIGHT OF A CENTURY.

To miss the National Corn Exposition, to be held in the Coliseum and Annex, Chicago, October 5 to 19, will be to miss the largest and most elegant exhibit of this character ever conceived. It will be interesting and pleasing to every individual, but particularly to corn growers and those in any way concerned in corn.

AMUSING LETTER FROM A LONELY COLONIAL.

Girls are scarce in British Columbia, so scarce indeed that a Colonist has sent home to England a plaintive letter begging that a wife may be found for him. The writer addressed his letter to the Guildford Board of Guardians, and it was made to that body on Saturday. It speaks for itself:

"Gerrard, British Columbia, August 23, 1807.

"Dear Sirs—I guess you will be kinder surprised at my writing to you, as you don't know me or I you, but I want you to help me if you can, and I think you can. Well, I come right to the point. I am in want of a wife—women are scarce out here, and I know there are plenty in the old country, and I guess some of you gentlemen knows of some nice girl who would like a husband.

"I am in a position to live comfortably, but I ain't a millionaire. I am a tradesman, and I've got a good job and earning five dollars a day, or in English money about a pound; and if I got a good helpmate I am going to start a business of my own.

"I am an Englishman. I came out to this country about five years ago. My home was in a Midland county. I am the son of a respectable tradesman. I am 29 years of age, and big and strong; stand 6 ft. in my socks, weigh 15 stones, am of a dark complexion, and ain't bad looking.

"Sounds like selling a horse, doesn't it? Well, I kinder guess I am putting myself up for sale all right. Well, if you know of a nice girl who stands anything over 5 ft. 6 in. up to 6 ft., and who ain't bad looking, and who has got nice ways and dispositions—I don't want an angel—but a sensible girl about 20 to 23 years old. Don't care whether she be dark or fair.

"If you would carry out this little order for me I should be very much obliged. It is a nice climate here—just like England.

"I guess I'll close now, hoping to get a reply from you or some nice girl—I remain, yours respectfully,

"HARRY NEWBURY."

The reading of the strange missive by the clerk caused roars of laughter.

The Handy Man.

Strange duties fall to the lot of staff-officers on service, if we may judge by a story in the Cornhill Magazine.

The late Sir Archibald Alison, who was connected with the Ashanti expedition in 1873, suffered from the malarious climate, and was ordered to take a specific dose, which, although probably most salutary, was certainly rather nauseous.

PART SONG CLUB

OF CHICAGO CONCERT

Twenty-five Voices to Render Program with Robert M. Buck as Director.

On Thursday night, October 17, will occur the second entertainment of the lecture course given by the Epworth League of the Methodist church. The organization of 25 voices will render a program of excellent and pleasing numbers as noted in the program given below. Robert M. Buck is director of the club and has the assistance of Miss Lucie W. Whitney, soprano; John S. Coats, tenor, and Miss Grace Leach, pianist.

Mention was made in last week's Reporter concerning the concert and the pictures of the soprano and tenor soloists shown. Miss Leach has taken part in a musical program in our village before and her ability as a musician is well known and her work highly appreciated. All who attend this concert will be fully repaid and a thoroughly enjoyable evening is assured. All who have not yet purchased season tickets for the course are urged to do so for this concert, the two remaining lectures and stereopticon entertainment. Tickets are for sale by all members of the Epworth League. Don't forget the date, Thursday night, October 17, in the Methodist church.

OCTOBER GRAND JURY.

The October grand jury are now in session at the county seat, Wheaton, Ill., and are busily engaged hearing evidence in many cases both criminal and civil. Judge Linus C. Ruth is presiding over the jury, the personnel of which is as follows:

From Addison: William Piaper and H. D. Holders; Bloomington: William Fene and Conrad Bender; Wayne: D. A. Rinehart; Winfield: Henry Bradley, Andrew Campbell, and F. H. Chandler; Milton: R. B. Stevens, Arthur Douglas, and Bradford Hill; York: John Mueller, Charles F. Meck, and Frank Maas, Sr.; Downers Grove: D. H. Preston, Charles K. Roe, Charles Milm, Sr., and W. H. Smart; Lisle: Valentine A. Dieter, Adam W. Kohley, and Philip Corel; Naperville: Ed. Jenkins, Joseph Hapst, and Thomas Beta.

Superstitious persons who may admire Mr. Foraker and Mr. Knox will probably be impressed with the fact that no senator of the United States ever stepped directly from his senatorial office into that of the Presidency. In fact only two or three ex-senators have been elected President, although some of the most distinguished members of the upper house have been disappointed aspirants for the office. Among the Presidents who held office subsequent to the time of John Quincy Adams is to be recalled Andrew Jackson, who resigned from the Senate to be a candidate for President, but who was defeated. That was in the campaign in which Jackson was opposed by J. Q. Adams, resulting in the election of Adams by the House of Representatives. When at last Jackson was elected President he had been out of the Senate four years.

Liste Local Items

The school house is being painted, which adds much to its appearance.

Wille Hunt of Chicago visited friends here on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Richter of Chicago spent several days with friends at Lisle last week.

Wille Dohbs has accepted a position in Chicago. He began work on last Monday.

A party was given at Orville Willard's on Saturday night in honor of Florence Willard.

Mr. Thompson, who formerly lived here, has a very large quail farm near Wheaton. He has now hundred homer pigeons and will add more.

George Atkinson of California spent Saturday at Lisle. Many of his relatives wishing to see him on his brief visit, met at the home of Harry Hatoh and spent the day with him. Among those present were Mrs. George Chisholm of Elgin and E. P. Hatch and family of La Grange.

Among the Churches

St. Andrew's Episcopal church, corner Foote and Franklin streets. Rev. Edward A. Sibley, minister in charge. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Matins and Litany, 11 a. m. Vespers, 4.30 p. m.

Subject of the lesson sermon of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, for October 13, is "Doctrine of Atonement." Golden text taken from 2 Corinthians 5:20. Reading room open every Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Farrar.

Baptist church: The pastor will preach morning and evening. Morning service at 10:45. Subject of sermon, "Unconscious Influence." Sunday school at the close of morning service. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. At the evening hour the subject will be, "Seeking Opportunity for Worship." This note at all these services. A cordial invitation to the public to worship with us.

Ship Sunday School association will be held in the Lisle church, October 19, at seven-thirty p. m. A good program.

Congregational church, Sunday, October 13, 1907. Morning service at ten forty-five. Theme, "The Message of the Cross." Baptism, reception of members and communion at this service. Sunday school at 12 noon. The Bible classes meet at the same hour. Vesper at five o'clock. The orchestra will begin its services for the winter at this time. The pastor will begin a series of sermons on "Evangelism." C. E. at six o'clock. Topic, "Remember Eternity," led by Mrs. Barnhart. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock will be led by Mrs. M. W. Mills. You are welcome to every service.

TRAIN RUNS OFF TRACK.

On Monday night, about eight o'clock, the trucks slipped from underneath one of the cars of a passing freight train just in front of the signal tower. The trucks were torn up quite badly for about fifty or seventy-five yards before the train stopped. The wrecker was called from Aurora, and with its aid they succeeded in clearing this wreck in a short time.

PRECEDENT WILL BE BROKEN.

If Any of the Present Presidential Probabilities is Nominated.

Since 1824 no member of the cabinet has been elevated to the Presidency of the United States, and only three in the whole history of the government. In 1824 John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts, was the candidate of the Whigs against Andrew Jackson, but there was no choice by the people, and Mr. Adams was elected by the votes of the House of Representatives. At the time of his election Adams was Secretary of State in the cabinet of President Monroe. The two immediate predecessors of President John Quincy Adams were also members of the cabinet at the time of their nomination for the Presidency, James Madison being President Jefferson's Secretary of State at the time of the nominating convention of 1808, and James Monroe holding the same portfolio under President Madison when he was nominated in 1816.

Madison, Monroe and J. Q. Adams found the cabinet a stepping stone to the highest position in the gift of the people, but this political history has never repeated itself. No man now alive can recall a time, however, when four members of the same cabinet were prominently mentioned as candidates for the Presidency in the same year. Secretary Cortelyou, Secretary Taft and ex-Secretary Shaw will find no precedent for the elevation of a cabinet minister, other than a Secretary of State, to the office of President.

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GREAT CLEARING OFFER

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