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WEEKLY WEATHER BULLETIN

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Illinois Section.

For the Week Ending September 28, 1908.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Great contrasts in temperature obtained during the week ending Monday, September 28. The week opened very hot with maximum temperatures over 90 degrees in all sections, and closed with minimum temperatures closely approximating the freezing point.

The average rainfall was above the normal. Beneficial and satisfying showers occurred in many localities, and the protracted drought is ended.

As the season grows toward a close a statement relative to the dates of occurrence of killing frosts is opportune. The interval between the last killing frost in spring and the first killing frost in autumn averages about 176 days.

The latest killing frost in spring ever recorded in the Southern District was May 14, and the earliest in autumn, Sept. 14; in the Central District, the latest killing frost in spring, June 6, and the earliest in autumn, September 14.

GOOD NEWS.

Many Downers Grove Readers Have Heard It and Profited Thereby.

"Good news travels fast," and the thousands of bad back sufferers in Downers Grove are glad to learn that prompt relief is within their reach.

Jacob Helm, living on Douglas avenue, Naperville, Ill., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills at different times during the past several years with entire satisfaction."

Clarence, who was approaching the final year of his high school course, could scarcely give sufficient time and attention to his studies to pass his examinations creditably.

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A HOME SONG.

I turned an ancient poet's book, And found upon the page: "Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage."

A Girl's Success

They were brother and sister, the children of an inventor, whose life story had been the old one of an inventor's woes, the lack of appreciation, the failure of practical acknowledgment of his powers, and the struggle with poverty.

The wife, brave little woman, who had eaten uncomplainingly the unuttered bread that her husband's efforts had provided, now set forth, as many another earnest mother has done, and earned, not only bread enough to satisfy their hunger, but butter with which to make it palatable.

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"Oh, mother, do let me fight it out alone!" "What is it, Ida? I must know what the trouble is."

Reluctantly, yet submissively, Ida opened the door. "I have been thinking, mamma," she began hesitatingly.

"You may have your own way, dear, and fight your battle in your own fashion. Lock your door, if you choose."

Soon after she returned, bringing to the door a tray containing Idaho's breakfast. After the girl had eaten it she sat for a long time in intense thought.

Her books and her fancy work, the dainty belongings that girls delight in, were recklessly pushed aside.

She needed her table for sterner occupation. Shortly before tea-time on Saturday evening, the key turned in the lock, and a slender, pale-faced girl descended the stairs wearily but unflinching.

"Fought and won, mother; you shall see my invention to-morrow." It was not of intricate mechanism, but underneath its simplicity lay a thought.

Before a battle in former times the priests solemnly devoted to the gods the whole of the hostile army then in sight, and, if possible, no man of it was left alive.

A few days later, Mr. Gilman, himself a mechanic, and a tried and trusted friend of the family, came in, and the invention was shown to him.

"That's a first-class idea. I'll send Harper around to see it, the next time he is in town."

By the time Mr. Harper made his appearance, Ida was ready to talk freely about her improved lamp-burner.

"I will give you one hundred dollars for the right to get it patented, and the use of the patent," said Mr. Harper.

Mrs. Allan was a silent figure in the conference, being, as I have said before, a wise woman, but she could not keep from sending Ida a look, which entreated her to accept the offer.

educated herself, leaving her mother free to help Clarence in his study of civil engineering. One day a schoolmate inquired why, having been successful once, she did not try again.

"I shall never do any more inventing," laughed Ida. "I proved the capability of the feminine mind, and that is all I set out to do."

Remarks by the Guests Which Are Susceptible of Misrepresentation. "Women viewing another woman's wedding presents any things which are liable to be misinterpreted," said the bachelor who declares he hates weddings but always goes when invited.

"Now, why is it that the most common remark of the women who are inspecting the lay-out of silver and cut glass and other gifts more or less useful is: 'What a lot of presents she got?'"

"Of course, they vary the remark. 'What a lucky girl' says one, as if she would like to add, 'Some persons have too much luck.' And another says, 'I wonder where they all came from, implying almost that the bride couldn't have enough friends to make so many gifts and must have sent some of them to herself just to make a showing.'

"Now, these women don't mean any harm. It's just their way of expressing admiration usually. But there are others who subtly evince an uncharitable, petty spirit."

"The pick up and examine every article and appraise it in loud whispers. They express vague wonder as to whether the silver is solid and doubt the genuineness of the cut glass. Even if they do like a thing, they will decide that it won't wear well."

Human Sacrifices. Before a battle in former times the priests solemnly devoted to the gods the whole of the hostile army then in sight, and, if possible, no man of it was left alive.

Lathan, in his edition of Tacitus, quotes six contemporary authorities to show that this practice of concluding a victory with human sacrifices was customary among our Teutonic ancestors. Some crucified their prisoners.

Gibbon describes how, before the blazing altar, every hundredth man's arms were hacked off him and, before his eyes, thrown into the flames. All that a red Indian would have done in the eighteenth century was freely practiced by our ancestors of twelve centuries ago.

The Wrong Question. An interviewer having obtained access to the presence of a famous actor asked the great man if he would be kind enough to describe some of his early failures.

And the lack of money makes the mare go—hungry. An humble lover often makes a very dominating husband.

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for a Village Forester in the Village of Downers Grove, Du Page County, Illinois.

Be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Ill., that Section 1. That the President by and with the consent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, appoint a suitable person to act as Forester in said Village of Downers Grove.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of said person so appointed to have charge and control under the direction of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove of the parkways and other public places in said Village, and in particular of the trees, shrubbery and plants thereon.

Section 3. Said Forester to serve without compensation, and report from time to time to the Board of Trustees of said Village, and make such recommendations as to the maintaining of parkways and other public places, and the trimming of trees and shrubbery standing thereon, and the planting of trees and shrubbery in such parkways and other public places.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to plant any trees or shrubbery in the parkways, streets or other public places in said Village without the consent of said Forester.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be in force and effect from its passage, approval and publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed.

Approved this 29th day of September, A. D. 1908. D. G. GRAHAM, Notary Public.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE. By virtue of an order and decree of the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, in and to the effect that the undersigned, D. G. GRAHAM, administrator de bonis non, with will annexed, of the estate of J. D. MORTON, deceased, for leave to sell the real estate of said deceased, at the September term, A. D. 1908, of said court, to-wit: on the eighth day of September, 1908.

NOTICE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, NO. 32. Public notice is hereby given that a local improvement, consisting in the drainage, grading, paving with brick, and otherwise improving Highland avenue, Warren avenue, Foster avenue and Belmont street, in the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, known as Special Assessment No. 32, has been completed and accepted by the Board of Local Improvements of said Village of Downers Grove, and that said Board of Local Improvements has filed its certificate of cost and completion of said improvement in the County Clerk of DuPage County, and that the 17th day of October, A. D. 1908, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, has been set for the time of hearing of said certificate of cost and completion.

NOTICE. (Official Publication.) REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers and Merchants Bank at Downers Grove, State of Illinois, before the commencement of business on the 21st day of September, 1908, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts, for the State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES. Rows include Loans and discounts, Real estate owned, Bank building, Cash on hand, Capital stock paid, Surplus fund, etc.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

PRINCESS AND LA SALLE THEATERS.

The La Salle Theater, known in Chicago as the home of musical comedy, is also noted for its many brilliant successes and the long runs that musical plays produced at that theater have enjoyed there since it came into the management of Mort H. Slinger some four years ago.

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE. It required the services of a small army of police to keep in check the throngs of people who crowded about the Chicago Opera House, for blocks around, last Sunday night, to witness Henry W. Savage's authorized version of Franz Molner's great play, "The Devil."

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