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...'S CLUB.

... original song of the class ... by Miss ... Miss Bradden ... of the social committee ... with hot choco ... was enjoyed. ... to roll call ... a prophecy, and ran

... you see
... days
... two weeks I have
... would have to say.
... Plummer, with her
... the mind,
... accept what is to fol-
... most kind.

... poem,
... will prove a Gem,
... the Hum
... Fringe's you.

... wish, of course,
... hence, heavily with glory
... according to
... the original story.

... after this program I trust I may draw
A box that will prove ample;
From my appearance you can judge
I would not appreciate a sample.

Now in these few lines
The fact is quite evident
That they come from the brain of
Your most humble President.

HARD PLAYING TECHNICAL AND ARTISTIC.

Arthur E. Fisher is in Downers Grove every Friday, and can take two ... the Downers Grove Re... address 832 Kimball ...

... young men, and ... than five of them are mak... to save money. The In... that the poor home of ... will have to be six stories ... folding beds in every room.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

We little wonder that old Santa Claus took time to call at the Baptist church Christmas Eve, and leave on the children as they enjoyed the premiere of all Christmas entertainments ever given by the Sunday school, entitled "Johnny Doubter."

How they did sing! It seemed as though Mother Goose Melodies had been transferred, as by magic, into a real, live edition, and we regretted to hear the final "Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good-night."

Miss Gwendolyn Griffith, whose head was little more than visible above the choir railing, assured us, in a solo beautifully sung, that Santa Claus was coming. But still Master Rudolph Swartwout (in spite of the sweet singer) maintained his stand as "Johnny Doubter."

Then came Mother Hubbard, also Mother Goose, to convince the young man, but 'twas all of no use. Then appeared the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe; but still he refused to believe it was true. With basket in hand, came Red Riding Hood, and Jack Horner who ate all the pie that he could. Miss Muffit, Bo-Peep and Little Boy Blue did their best to make him believe it was true. Uncle Sam, Johnny Bull, an Italian Prince, came together at once Master John to convince. A Frenchman from Paris, and a real African, tried hard to convert this doubting young man. "Miss Nobody," a friend of poor, homeless Joe, and "Uxtra"-told Johnny they just knew it was so; but he maintained his stand 'til the very last thing, when his doubts were dispelled, and he crowned Santa, King.

Although each character in turn caused no end of merriment, yet the true Christmas sentiment was not for a moment lost sight of.

Do *you* doubt to-day that the manger at Bethlehem cradled a King? Doubt you that wise men have journeyed from afar to tell us the wondrous story? Can you doubt when all nature showeth forth His handiwork? Are you a doubter, or will you crown the Savior King of Kings?

At the close of the song service gifts were distributed from the tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Prescott were the recipients of a beautiful slumber robe, presented by the members of the B. Y. P. U. It was a pretty creation of pink and white, each block bearing the name of some member of the church. There were those of former years, long since removed either to the far away West or the sunny South, thus making it a gift greatly valued by both the pastor and his wife.

THE CURFEW LAW.

Several times within the past year the need of a curfew law in the village has been suggested. We append here with a clipping from the Reedsburg Free Press and one from the Streator Free Press, both of which will commend themselves to the people of the village, and which would no doubt be a material aid to the teachers for the better behavior and control of the pupils in their charge.

"Every family should have a curfew which should positively 'ring to-night,' and every night, if needed. These curfews are inexpensive and can be home-made. Take a piece of siding two feet long and whittle one end to a handle; then take the child that needs the curfew and bend him over a barrel. Now take the piece of siding in the hand and use it for a clapper. Put it on hot. Divide the strokes evenly and see that none miss. Good for a boy or girl up to the age of sixteen, and three applications are warranted to cure the most pronounced case of street-loafing that exists. The music that this curfew makes is finer than singing, 'Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?'"—The Reedsburg Free Press.

That parents and not the members of the high school faculty should be blamed when a student is not proficient in his studies, stays out at nights, has severe cases of "puppy love," with numerous young affinities and then, to cap the climax, get gloriously "stewed" whenever a new class yell is invented, or some other praiseworthy thing is done, is a portion of the opinion expressed by Superintendent J. Stanley Brown of the Joliet township high school, on the existing conditions among a certain percentage of students, which, while not large in numbers, is sufficiently so to cause a deal of worry and trouble for every one connected with the institution, says the Joliet Republican.

SUPERINTENDENT IS BLAMED.

"Complaints are coming in every day," Mr. Brown says, "from parents regarding their 'John,' or their 'Willie' who is reported engaged to this or that girl (she may be a green freshman or a senior) and 'won't Mr. Brown please use his influence to see if he can't break up the affair.'

"Or it may be a case of the young man sleeping away from home at nights, or carousing in one of the chop suey joints or a saloon.

"In every instance, however," Mr. Brown continued, "I, or the high school are blamed for the actions of the boys, who, if they belonged to me would get the tannings of their lives.

A CURFEW LAW NEEDED.

"A curfew law might influence the younger children and prevent them from forming bad habits before they entered the high school, but the high school student can only be made to behave himself outside of school by his natural guardians.

"This 'puppy love' business is encouraged in a great many cases by the mothers of the girls themselves, who invite the boys to their houses. Whether they do this because of their matchmaking instincts, in every case, I do not know, but I do know that it has been done several times and is being done now.

ISSUES A LETTER.

"This affair last year, where two students had been married for several months and did not reveal it until some time after commencement, is an example that proves what the conditions may be between some of the students now attending the school who are not married."

A STORE THAT IS NOT WORTH ADVERTISING.

A writer with a gift for phrasing once wrote: "If your store is not worth advertising, advertise it for sale." His phrase runs trippingly, but his logic halts.

To sell a store that is "not worth advertising" would be to defraud the buyer—so that the advice is ethically unsound.

Of course there are not many stores that are not worth advertising—in this village, perhaps, none at all. The fact is that no store ever gets to be worth ... much beyond the mere open market value of stock and fixtures—until it has been adequately advertised. Until then it has exerted no influence as an organization, equipped for useful service to the people. It has simply been a place where certain things were kept for sale.

After it has had the breath of life put into it by advertising it becomes a ... in the highest sense—intent upon ... upon the problems of ...

... after in this town can be discovered in three months with it ... but ...

NOT YOUR MONEY!

We just want to give you a **SQUARE DEAL** on

FLOUR

Did you know, that there is a vast difference in the quantity of Bread made from different brands of flour? **TEST** your flour and see how you stand.

BEST OF ALL

is made from straight No. 1 Northern hard wheat and is the best **FLOUR** that science and skill can produce. We want your Flour Trade and expect to get it by giving you more **QUANTITY** and better **QUALITY** at the very lowest market price.

BUY A SACK OF BEST OF ALL

Compare it with any other brand on this market, see the result then govern yourself accordingly.

J. W. NASH

Phone 641 ... SOUTH MAIN ST.

... you must be comfortable, ... you must have heat ... you must have coal. ... your coal and keep you ... for the winter.

The Minstrel ... be given on Thursday and ... evenings, January 14 and 15. ... tickets for 75 and 50 cents are ... sale at the drug stores and the ... of the Athletic Association.

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There will be a ... contest at the Minstrel Show. ... will be surprised to see how ... neighbor can dance.

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Have you got your ... to the Minstrel Show? Don't ... anyone but yourself if you fail ... tickets when you are ready to buy. ... are selling and the show is ... three weeks away.

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Johnnie Cassidy will sing "What's the Use?" adapted for ... conditions. It will be only one ... "hits" of the evening.

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When Miss Ida ... Babcock sings "The Alabama Coon," ... accompanied by picaninnies, the audience will make known their opinion of the act and the singing of the young lady.

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Come to the Minstrel Show and learn who's the "meanest man in town." You can't guess. Mrs. Willie Clerk White will tell.

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Lon Daniels has shown that he knows how to select talent for a minstrel show. You'll know something about that after you have seen the show.

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Probably you have heard about the nigger in the woodpile. At the Minstrel Show you will be told about the nigger in the brick yard and also why the streets on the North Side are going to be paved with brick notwithstanding the fact that the majority of property owners wanted macadam paving.

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Forget that "grouch" and come to the Minstrel Show.

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Parson Jones will be at the Minstrel Show, and Sylvester will be there, too.

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The stage in Dicke's Hall will be enlarged to twice its present size and will have real scenery. What do you know about that?

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Little Donald Stevenson's singing of "A Big Time To-night" will make every mother in the hall want to give him a hug.

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For that tired feeling spend an evening at the minstrel show.

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Mr. Daniels, the impresario, has now in preparation at his studio in Chicago some beautiful scenery representing a Southern gentleman's home, which will be used at the minstrel show and will add very much to the stage picture.

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If you can leave the "grouch" at home, Doc., we would be glad to see you there. We kind of feel that you would enjoy it.

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Come and laugh; it's better than medicine. "The Blackville Wedding" will make you scream.

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Not in any suburb on the Burlington will there be a stage to compare with that in Dicke's Hall after the stage carpenters and scenic artists complete their work for the minstrel show.

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Don't lose any sleep, Louie, worrying about the minstrel show. What if they have a joke on you? Come and laugh at the one on that man next door.

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Oh, ho. Dad Walter will make a political speech as a representative and leading politician of Coontown. He will tell the people why they should vote for him.

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A full week has gone by and Walter Jasper Hansen hasn't made a kick. There is hope for him yet. By the way, Jasper is going to sing a song to get even, and it is entitled "Parson Jones." A very good song when it is well sung.

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One of the real features of the show will be Mr. Sullivan's singing of "Old Black Joe."

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Never mind the cost—it's results that count. After the show is over if you feel that the price of tickets was too high, walk into the office of the athletic association and tell Mr. Macgovret ... and without ... you the ... Hall. ... are go...

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE.

... occupied the home of Mr. Wie... at 4:30 a. m. Thursday. The ... which came in the woods ... from the rear back of the German church on Maple Avenue, was a ... of flames from cellar to garret when the firemen arrived and stood helplessly around watching it burn, as it was impossible to get any water to it. The fire had gained such headway when discovered that it was with difficulty the children were saved. Mrs. Dr. Roberts, who was in attendance at Mrs. Wiebrecht, lost some of her personal belongings. Mrs. Wiebrecht went to the home of Mr. Huth on Maple avenue, where she gave birth to a 10-pound boy at 4 a. m. Mother and son both doing well.

OLD SETTLER KILLED AT WEST HINSDALE.

Joseph Luthin of Hinsdale was killed at 6:20 p. m. last Friday evening, while crossing the track at W. Hinsdale. He had been visiting at the home of Jake Lehman and was on his way home.

He waited for an east-bound train to go by, not noticing the west-bound, which was running at a high rate of speed, throwing the old gentleman quite a distance and killing him instantly. The funeral was held Sunday, interment being made in the Lace cemetery. Mr. Luthin came to this country 56 years ago from Germany and went to farming in this vicinity. He retired to private life some years ago. He was 84 years of age and leaves a wife, six sons and three daughters to mourn his sudden death.

ON A HIKE.

Five members of the Dellwood Athletic Club, 7434 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, started from the clubhouse last Saturday morning at 6:15 o'clock to walk to Aurora, going west on Sixty-third street. They arrived in Argo, the new manufacturing town, in good time. They spent three hours in inspecting the town and dining with the superintendent of construction. Starting west, they arrived at Downer's Grove about 4 o'clock, calling at the Reporter office to see the editor, and to inquire about the road to Aurora. The party was composed of the following young men: Elmer Illg, Joseph O'Connor, James W. Cross, Edmund P. Young, and William J. Collins.

Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications for this page should be accompanied by the name of the author; not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence 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 write the letters and figures plain and distinct.

—Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Smile, once in a while!
'Twill make your heart seem lighter;
Smile, once in a while!
'Twill make your pathway brighter.
Life's a mirror; if we smile,
Smiles come back to greet us;
If we're frowning all the while—
Frowns forever meet us.

—Sweet cider at F. Gerwig's.

—For bowling news see page 8.

—Alice Bell is reported quite ill.

—Fine large pineapples at Gerwig's.

—New York Sweet Cider at Stanger's.

—Marion Cook is out again after a serious illness.

—Try Friendly pure milk, 14 quarts for $1.00; phone 472.

—Inquire for hot and roast articles at the Reporter office.

—Kindergarten opens on Jan. 4, under Mrs. E. W. Lewis.

—Swift's premium hams and bacon at Mochel & McCabe's.

—Rev. F. F. Farnlico and family spent Christmas at Elgin.

—Beef at reduced price in quantity or by the quarter. L. Klein.

—Miss Carrie Barmore spent Christmas with relatives in Nebraska.

—Do not miss the poultry show at the Auditorium Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2.

—Miss Isabel Bliss of Detroit is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington.

—Installation of officers Maple Grove Lodge No. 520, Wednesday evening, Jan. 5.

—W. H. Edwards is contemplating a pleasure trip to California in the near future.

—New York Buckwheat flour, guaranteed absolutely pure, 100 lbs. $3. W. Nash.

—Rowan Administrator's Sale this morning after 9 o'clock, one mile west of Lisle. Kan.

—Mr. and Mrs. ... have ... Mr. ... phone ...

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DOWNERS GROVE ...

28 and 30 South Main St.

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BEGIN THE NEW YEAR RIGHT ...

Ceresota Flour

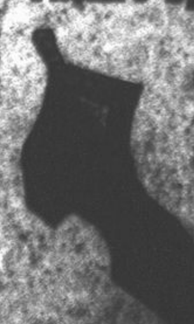
FOR SALE AT THE ...

Downers Grove Fair will be closed New Year's ...

A HAPPY NEW YEAR ...

V. THOLIN

Tholin's Special Ov...



FULL LINE ...