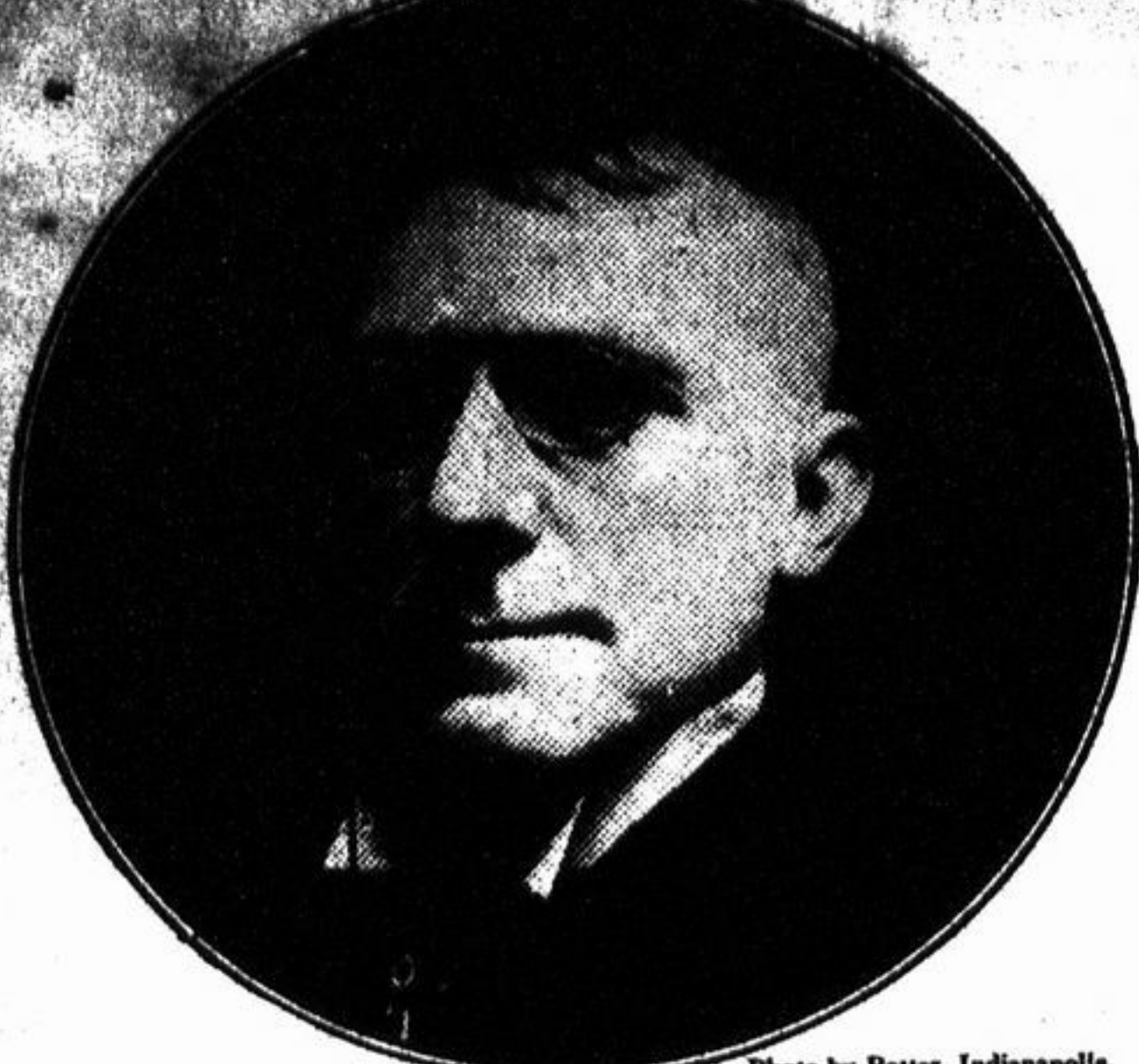


FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

The Peerless Poet.

There are some poets—like Milton—we look up to with awe, so reverent are we that we do not approach their sacred work near enough to read a line of it; others, like Browning—whose beautiful thoughts we accept as pearls for which we must dive bravely through a sea of words to capture them; others—like James Whitcomb Riley—we regard with tender affection and sympathy. His writings seem autobiographic, not merely of Riley but of the unspooled part of all human nature.

The verse habit was growing on him in the meanwhile and he secured a position on a weekly paper at Anderson, where his first poems appeared. His poem, "Leonine," paraded as a discovery of an unknown poem by Edgar Allan Poe, deceived the ablest literary critics and made him famous and notorious; but it brought him before the public and started him on his wondrously successful career.

Diagnosed but one instrument in Riley's hand, it does not contain all his music; for some of his beautiful sonnets and other poems which should give him a worthy place as poet, if he had written nothing else, have no trace of the vernacular of rural Indiana.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATERS.

CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE.

On Sunday, Feb. 21st, "The Melting Pot" enters upon the last week of its tremendously successful Chicago engagement. In its long run of six months in Chicago it has established a record of having played more performances and to the largest receipts of any serious dramatic play ever presented on the boards of a Chicago theater.

MAJESTIC.

At the Majestic Theater, Chicago, for the week commencing on Washington's birthday an unusually entertaining bill has been arranged, headlined by the great Chicago favorites Cecil Lean and Florence Holbrook.

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Relieves Stomach Misery Almost Immediately. If the food you ate at your last meal did not digest, but laid for a long time like lead on your stomach, then you have indigestion and must act quickly.

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WANTED. Those interested to know that this is the most favorable time to have their catch basins looked after. A stitch in time saves nine, so by having yours cleaned and repaired now you may avoid a clogged up sewer; also a heavy bill of expense.

SALESMEN WANTED. To introduce our New Commercial and Statistical State Chart for office and general use. The work is congenial and profitable; the earnings being according to your ability. A thorough training is given before the work is started. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago.

PIANO PLAYING TECHNICAL AND ARTISTIC. Arthur E. Fisher is in Downers Grove every Friday, and can take two more pupils. Apply at the Downers Grove Reporter office, or address 512 Kimball Hall, Chicago.

THE HOME, ITS OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITY.

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It is of Abraham should be followed immediately by the record containing the untimely of Lot for the sacred office of fatherhood and the destruction of the City of Sodom. Still more significant is the fact that the same chapter which records the sad condition of Lot and his family, records also the feeling of this model 'personal liberty' village of Sodom toward the preachers of righteousness who entered it to warn Lot what was going to befall it.

"Now, what is the definition of a home? It is more than furnished apartments; it is even more than furnished apartments with a bachelor in them; even more than the same apartment with a husband and wife and pampered pug dog. The definition of an 'ideal home' is a place comfortably or uncomfortably furnished, where fatherhood and motherhood are realized and an intelligent and appreciative attitude toward and co-operative interest in the full responsibilities of the sacred office.

"Where does a home begin? Not as is generally understood. We generally say that it begins when a young man and woman mutually agree to be man and wife. The ceremony is performed, the home furnished and life is begun together. Those two lives, now brought together are largely the product of heredity and environment. Their chances are either made or marred by the controlling circumstances which have directed their lives up to this time, and now they are merely the instruments of those agencies which have moulded their lives in childhood and till now.

"No man can read the statistics that are issued by the health department of our great cities without sighing at the ignorance and crime that prevails under the disguise of 'mock modesty' and 'superficial sentimentalism.' The official organ of the American Health League should be in every home. Thousands of the inmates of our insane asylums, jails and penitentiaries are there through an ignorant and beastly assault made by a drunken or debauched husband in a fit of temper upon his wife in a critical moment of her life.

"The 'home' is the place where the child gets its first impressions of life. The child first learns, then reasons. Stories heard in childhood are rarely forgotten. What are parents doing to leave right impressions on these young minds and store away in these human receptacles knowledge of the right kind?

"I shall cite a few things that should be in every home: First, the Bible; the story of Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Samuel, David, Daniel, Jesus. They should commit psalms and special chapters to memory. No girl should be allowed to open the pages of a modern novel until she has committed to memory the four chapters of the Book of Ruth. Some religious paper should be in every home. By no means allow the Sunday paper across the threshold. Its dirty, ink, illiterate pictures, more like ink blots than human characters, destroy and demoralize the aesthetic sense of both young and old alike.

"Sunday is the Lord's day and should be spent in thoughts of Him. No man who reads the Sunday paper in the morning is in a fit frame of mind to go to church and worship God. Let the men of the world read their news, but let our Christian families abhor them.

"Take the responsibility of raising your own family. The public school teacher and the Sunday school teacher are not responsible for your boy or girl coming into the world. You are. Don't let the club and the lodge deprive your boy or girl of the time that rightfully belongs to them. God helping me, I shall never let the church rob any boy or girl of their father's and mother's time if I know it.

"Parents co-operate with one another. I have seen fathers transfer the whole responsibility of training the family to the mother. Poor thing, she was already too burdened, a nervous wreck. The burden was too much and she went down to the grave prematurely and broken hearted. Because the boy or girl was disgraced. She did all she could, but it was more than she could bear. Fathers, what of it?

"Above all, mothers and fathers, be candid, open, free, honest; be logical. Your boy may not know the science of logic as the college graduate may know it, but never in his life is he keener than when a boy to detect and despise double dealing and deceit. If you smoke your cigar as if it were a part of your 'manhood,' don't forget that your boy, if he loves you thinks 'papa' is alright and immediately takes note of the cigar. Of course he may begin on cigarettes. I have seen fathers whip their boys for smoking when they themselves were slaves to the habit. Don't swear, don't tell lies. Don't fust on Johnny going to Sunday school if you never go yourself. Such logic is only fit for stone walls and iron bars.

"The 'home' and 'children' are not yours. They belong to God. You are entrusted with them. What of your stewardship?"

INTERESTING FACTS.

Modaff's Pharmacy Offer to Cure Catarrah—The Medicine Costs Nothing If They Fail.

When a medicine effects a cure in 98 per cent of cases, and when we offer that medicine on our own personal guarantee that it will cost you nothing if it does not cure catarrah, it is only reasonable that people should believe us, or at least put our claim to a practical test when we take all the risk. These are facts which we want the people of Downers Grove to substantiate. We want them to try Rexall Mucro-Tone, a medicine prepared from a prescription of a physician whose specialty was catarrah, and who has a record of thirty years of cures to his credit.

We sell more bottles and receive more good reports about Rexall Mucro-Tone than we do of all other catarrah remedies sold in our store, and if more people only knew that a thoroughly dependable remedy Rexall Mucro-Tone is, it would be the only catarrah medicine we would have any demand for.

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We urge you to try Mucro-Tone, beginning a treatment to-day. At any time you are not satisfied, simply come and tell us, and we will quickly return your money without question or quibble. We have Rexall Mucro-Tone in two sizes, 50 cents and \$1. Modaff's Pharmacy, 34 S. Main street.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR SOLDIERS.

The Board of Supervisors are planning to place a tablet in the court house giving the names of all Spanish-American war soldiers who enlisted from DuPage county. In order to get the names, addresses and companies correct for the tablet record, every person holding any mistake in this list, or knowing any name which has been omitted, will send same to Alvin Chur-dill, Glen Ely, or A. H. Fairbank, West Chicago.

- Noel E. Alpaugh, Naperville, Co. A, 1st Reg. Ill. Vol. Inf.
Nicholas Ehr, Naperville, Troop K, 1st U. S. Cav.
Charles Gosanka, Naperville, Battery A, 2d U. S. Art.
Albert C. Prigritz, Naperville, Co. K, 4th U. S. Vol.
Williams Prigritz, Naperville, Co. L, 4th U. S. Inf.

- Frank G. Prescott, Naperville, Co. F, 4th U. S. Vol.
Lester R. Marvin, Naperville, Co. G, 10th U. S. Inf.
Charles Daniels, Naperville.
Henry W. Wheaton, Wheaton, Co. D, 1st Reg.
Daniel R. Styles, Wheaton, Co. D, 1st Reg.

- John Schultz, Lombard, Co. A, 1st Reg.
Joseph M. West, West Chicago, Co. G, 1st Reg.
Henry H. Dobby, Glen Ely, Battery K, 2d U. S. Art.
Roy Ashby, Glen Ely, Co. I, 10th U. S. Inf.
Louis H. Lither, Glen Ely, 10th Battalion I. S. Signal Corps.
George E. Catlin, Glen Ely, Battery G, 5th U. S. Art.
Charles A. Johnson, Glen Ely, Troop C, 1st U. S. Cav.
Erderick H. Surkamer, Glen Ely, Troop A, 1st U. S. Cav.
George Assman, Glen Ely, Troop A, 1st U. S. Cav.

- Fred N. Johnson, Glen Ely, Battery G, 5th U. S. Art.
Charles F. Maurer, Glen Ely, Troop C, 2d U. S. Cav.
J. J. Lator, Glen Ely, Co. M, 2d Ill. Inf. Vol.
William G. Lator, Glen Ely, Co. D, 2d Ill. Inf. Vol.
Edward Barnard, Glen Ely, Co. C, 2d Ill. Inf.
Florence Elliott Feurstein, Glen Ely, Troop L, 2d U. S. Cav.
Charles M. Fox, Bloomingdale, Co. E, 2d Reg. 36 Inf.
Oscar Stegman, Bloomingdale, Co. E, 2d Reg. 36 Inf.
William R. Wells, 1st Ill. Vol. Inf.
Ben Weatherbee 1st Ill. Vol. Inf.
Maurice L. Puffer, 1st Ill. Cav.
Earnest L. Smith, 1st Ill. Cav.
Frank T. Kramps, 1st Ill. Cav.
David G. Colville, 1st Ill. Cav.
W. H. Edwards, 7th Cav.
John L. DeGroot, 7th Cav.
Otto F. Nachtigall, Co. G, 2d Miss. Inf.

It cost \$4,000,000 to bury the late Emperor of China, yet he probably isn't any more thoroughly buried than he would have been if the funeral expenses had amounted to only \$50.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, having ordered that a local improvement be made, consisting of the construction and laying of storm and surface water drains in Summit street and Fairmont avenue, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the Clerk of said Village, having applied to the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvement according to benefits, said assessment being payable in five installments, each bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and an assessment therefor having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 20th day of March, A. D. 1909, at the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

All persons desiring may file their objections in said court before said day, and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

Dated February 13, A. D. 1909. Downers Grove, Illinois. FRANK J. KNIGHT, Appointed to Make Said Assessment.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, having ordered that a local improvement be made, consisting of the construction of cast iron water mains with hydrants and valves and necessary specials in Fairmont avenue, from Maple avenue to Orchard street, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the Clerk of said Village, having applied to the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvement according to benefits, said assessment being payable in ten installments, each bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and an assessment therefor having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the 20th day of March, A. D. 1909, at the County Court of DuPage County, Illinois, at 10 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

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NOTICE

Report of condition of Farmers and Merchants' Bank, located at Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, before the commencement of business on the 4th day of February, 1909, as made to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Illinois, pursuant to law.

RESOURCES. Loans on real est. \$ 96,379.72. Loans on collateral. 6,172.03. U.S. bonds and discounts. 57,050.85. Investments. State county and municipal bonds. 11,200.00. Public service corp. 6,500.00. Total resources. 182,302.60.

LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in. \$ 25,000.00. Surplus fund. 12,500.00. Undivided Profits. 12,500.00. Less current interest, expenses and taxes paid. 3,252.48. Dividends. Demand, subject to check. \$ 91,584.93. Demand certificates. 149,152.99. Total liabilities. \$ 272,479.40.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrah. Hall's Catarrah Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrah being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrah Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer one hundred dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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