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## BUSINESS MEN'S HOLIDAY.

The business men of the village have decided to take a holiday next week, Wednesday. Housekeepers and others will confer a favor on the merchants by ordering their supplies early Tuesday morning for delivery, as it will be impossible to get anything on Wednesday.

Signs as to closing are displayed in the following windows: Mertz & Mochel, M. Plevka & Co., J. W. Nash, Fred Gerwig, S. F. Haller, A. J. Thompson, J. N. Modaff, Bush & Stinson, C. P. Davis, L. Klein, Mochel & McCabe, Fowler & Frankfield, H. J. Hawkins, M. E. Stanger, Ed. Diener, Ludwig Huth, Miss Clara Selig, Walter & Hermann, D. Uhlhorn, P. A. Lord & Co., C. E. Baker, F. Baker, S. Hoffer, Dr. Shaffer, Dr. Barber, A. P. Tholin, Vic Tholin, Mrs. Wimmer, Philip Mochel, S. J. Perkins.

## PHILATHEA BIBLE CLASS.

Tuesday evening, July 27, the Philathea Bible Class held their monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. Bert Stevenson on Belmont avenue. There were thirty present. After an interesting business session delightful refreshments were served, the meeting resolving itself into a social function, which is a most enjoyable feature of these meetings, the Philatheas having the happy faculty of combining thorough business qualifications with the graceful amenities of social life.

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

An ice cream social will be given on the lawn of the Episcopal Church Thursday evening, August 12th. Proceeds are to be devoted to the annual outing of the choir boys. Come, and, by your presence, encourage the choir boys.

Some of the Italian employees of the mammoth smelter in Shasta County have queer ideas of "English as she is spoke." A recent applicant for attention at the company hospital, when asked what ailed him, replied, "Sick finger on foot," and another described a familiar, old-fashioned complaint as "sick in de belt."

A woman's figure, like her age, is something a doubtful quantity.

## MRS. MALAPROP OF TO-DAY.

Modern Nival of Famous Character That Made Sheridan Famous. In an uptown social circle it is a matter of gossip that a certain charming young woman never lets her mother out of ear shot because the older woman's conversational transports need to be continually checked. She is rich even for New York, but she outdoes all the Mrs. Malaprops in town.

When she returned from Paris last year some one asked her if she had seen the tulletries. "Why, certainly not!" she responded, drawing herself up majestically. "I've too much sense to push in where I am not wanted, and if the tulletries had wanted us to visit them they would have called first. They didn't, did they, Carrie?" she asked, turning to her embarrassed daughter. The latter explained to her mother that the tulletries was a palace of the French kings, and that it was filled with works of art, like the Louvre. The mother thereupon rejoined: "Speaking of works of art, you can break up all the rest if you'll only leave me the belladonna and the dying gladiolus. Did I ever tell you of the artist my daughter met in Rome? He went mad over the shape of her hand, and nothin' would do but he should make a bust of it."

The daughter had one thing to rejoice over, however, and that was that nobody on this side of the Atlantic would be likely to hear of the message that she had heard her mother send to a visitor by a servant in a London hotel.

"Just tell him," she said, gazing languidly through her lorgnon at the card that had been handed to her, "that he'll have to excuse me this time, as just at present I am decomposing on the sofa."—New York Press.

Alexandre Dumas could not refuse a request. One day he gave a man a letter to one of his intimate friends in Brussels. The latter, a wealthy merchant, did everything in his power to make life pleasant for Dumas' friend. After the lapse of a fortnight, the man suddenly disappeared, and with him the best horse in the merchant's stable. Six months later the merchant visited Dumas, and upbraided him for the kind of people he recommended to his consideration. "Dear friend," he added, "your friend is a shark. He stole the best horse in my stable." Astonished, Dumas raised his hands toward heaven and cried: "What, he stole from you, too?"

## THIRD ANNUAL LINCOLN JOHN A. LOGAN, JR., CHAUTAUQUA ASSEMBLY. MISS LOUISE KERBER

As we go to press the Chautauqua Assembly is running in full blast. The large colored tent arrived Monday morning early and was quickly moved to the grounds on West Court street and soon placed in position. Fortunately the tent was up and well staked before the storm that came early in the afternoon so that the ground underneath the tent is dry. While the rain was so heartily welcome by everybody, it delayed the opening session a little, as it prevented getting all the equipment together as quickly as planned; but about 30 minutes after schedule time the assembly opened. Prayer was offered by Rev. Stam at the invitation of Rev. Reynolds. The tent was well filled in the afternoon. Col. Sobieski spoke most entertainingly, his theme being "Mexico's Greatest Character." Sobieski himself is a son of nobility and one of the most remarkable and charming orators upon the prohibition temperance platform. In the evening our village band gave a splendid concert at the opening, and by actual count 730 persons were seated in chairs and nearly 100 more stood during the entire evening, many being the guests of our business men. Everybody had a happy time. A change was announced in the program on account of the illness of President Dickie. Rev. Farmiloe stated that every name announced on the program had been under positive contract for some months and that the purpose of the management of the assembly was to give Downers Grove the very best talent that could be secured. When word was received of President Dickie's illness strenuous effort was made to fill his place with the best talent available, resulting in the calling from important work Dr. Aaron S. Watkins, President of Ashbury College, and Prohibition nominee for Vice President, 1908, for the afternoon lecture. As he could not be held for the evening the celebrated Miss Belle Kearney was secured for the evening address. She is one of the most celebrated literary women, a fine platform speaker with a most charming personality. This is the only book which is likely to occur.

The program as announced will be carried through, closing with a union service on Sunday. The churches of our village are to unite in the Sabbath services. No admission will be charged on Sunday, but a silver offering will be taken. The additional expense incurred in the change of talent gives the committee some little anxiety as the price of admission is so low that unless the response is generous it will barely cover the expenses. The local committee are managing matters as economically as they can, but have not been able to secure as much volunteer service as in former years. All indications are that both in attendance and excellence of program the third assembly will be a record breaker.

—Christian Science church will meet at Modaff's hall Sunday at 10:45 a. m. —St. Joseph's Parish, Mass at 9:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month, Pastor J. A. Bolman. —Services at St. Andrew's Church Sunday, August 8th: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock. —St. Paul's German Evangelical Church, Grove street, Sunday school at 1:30 p. m.; services at 2:30; Bible class Thursday at 8 p. m. Rev. Merbach. —Gov. W. Phillips, of Tuscola, Ill., who occupied the Baptist pulpit during a greater part of last winter, will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday morning; subject, "Pillows and Pillars of Stone." —Congregational Church morning services at 10:20; theme, "A Good Sunday Habit." Sunday school, 12 m. There will be no C. E. meeting, and no evening service, on account of Chautauqua. Prayer meeting as usual Wednesday evening. Pastor will lead. —Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. F. F. Farmiloe, pastor. Class meeting at 9:20 a. m.; preaching at 10:30 by Rev. Mr. Squire; Sunday school at noon. The other services are merged in the gathering at the Chautauqua tent. —There will be preaching at the Evangelical Church on West Maple avenue next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 10 a. m. There will be no afternoon and evening services, as the congregation will join with the Chautauqua services.

A Western school journal is responsible for the story that a youthful pupil in the history class wrote the following statement: "The American War of Independence took place because the Colonies refused to submit to taxation without temptation." Denatured alcohol has been successfully manufactured from flax straw at the North Dakota agricultural college. The yield of thirty-five gallons a ton does not make it a paying proposition. Japan's interest bearing debt in 1873 was \$32,000,000. In 1909 it is in round figures, \$1,120,000,000. The interest bearing debt of the United States was \$1,200,000,000 in 1873. It is \$912,000,000 to-day. While our debt is only about half as great as it was thirty-one years ago Japan's is thirty-four times as large as it was at that time; and while we were reducing our indebtedness our population was growing rapidly. France has 7,282 postal savings banks.

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## ELGIN GIRL BEHIND AFTER ELOPEMENT.

The following appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday morning, Aug. 3. The young couple to whom it refers were in Downers Grove during the entire afternoon waiting the arrival of Rev. F. F. Farmiloe, who was well known to them both during his pastorate in Elgin. The wedding took place at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage at 5:30 and the young couple started for the city immediately. The happy bridegroom is the son of Mr. Logan, the contractor who has charge of the street paving in our village. The young couple are being congratulated by their hosts of Elgin friends. It is hardly fair to call it an elopement when it was simply a little surprise on the part of the young people to outwit some of their friends.

Forgiven by parents. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Logan, Jr., whose elopement last Saturday afternoon, culminated a romance of several years, have returned to Elgin and are being showered with congratulations by hundreds of friends at the residence of the groom's parents. The bride, who is Miss Louise Kerber, is the daughter of Charles Kerber, president of the Kerber Packing Company of Elgin. Mr. Logan is a son of John A. Logan, a member of the Democratic Central Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District and a wealthy banker. The elopement of the young couple was the result of a plea entered into Jan. 1, this year, by some members of the Phi Gamma Pi fraternity of the Elgin high school, of which the bride is a member. The contract was made several months ago, as yet Miss Kerber alone has kept her vow.

## MADAME DE LEMSEPS.

Her Noble Behavior. The Time of Her Husband's Conviction. Never was it more truly true than in the case of Ferdinand de Lesseps that upon the innocence of children, a woman's life may weigh more heavily than upon the offender. When the first sod was proudly turned at Panama by his young daughter, Ferdinand, how little she could have guessed that the great enterprise of the canal would one day pass from the hands of her father and her father's country to the Americans; or that the career of the world-famous man who had carried the Suez Canal to triumphant completion would close in dishonor! The death last winter of the Comtesse de Lesseps at La Chesnaye, the country estate where she had lived for fifteen years in seclusion, recalls anew the poignant and impressive scenes of De Lesseps' downfall. It was there that Madame de Lesseps, the mother of twelve of his thirteen children, awaited, with her family about her, the verdict from Paris.

Both her husband and his eldest son were accused of complicity in the frauds of the Panama Canal Company; but the old count, too aged, childless, and physically infirm for such an ordeal, had not been required to appear in person, and he, too, was at La Chesnaye, quietly drawing in a neighboring room. One little girl played softly on the piano to soothe him to rest; at his hand, should he wake, were the daily papers—but papers of corresponding dates a year ago; for should any allumer of comprehension of his position reach him—and the newspapers were filled with denunciations—it might be fatal; nor did his weakened mind perceive the tender deception. Even his bitterest enemies respected the noble woman who, believing in their innocence until the young man's confession destroyed her faith, had then devoted herself with beautiful dignity, tact and devotion to trying to allay the public indignation, and recall the past services of father and son; the father's, she believed, must protect him, saying, with mournful pride: "They will not dare to touch that glory!" But when at length the news came. It was that both were sentenced to five years' imprisonment, although she was assured that in the old man's case the sentence would not be carried out. She neither wept nor protested; she seemed dazed at first, then turned to comfort her children; but at intervals they heard her murmuring to herself, half under her breath: "Ferdinand de Lesseps in prison! Truly, I am dreaming."

The glory she lamented had departed, not when it was touched by public condemnation, but when it was first degraded to serve as a decoy to ignorance and a cloak for fraud. Japan's interest bearing debt in 1873 was \$32,000,000. In 1909 it is in round figures, \$1,120,000,000. The interest bearing debt of the United States was \$1,200,000,000 in 1873. It is \$912,000,000 to-day. While our debt is only about half as great as it was thirty-one years ago Japan's is thirty-four times as large as it was at that time; and while we were reducing our indebtedness our population was growing rapidly. France has 7,282 postal savings banks.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS.

CONGREGATIONAL S. S. Four large wagon loads of young people, ranging in age from two months to fifty or sixty years, left the Congregational Church last Saturday for Fullersburg. Upon their arrival at the grounds the oldest in the lot became just as much of a youngster as any two-year-old in the crowd. Boating, baseball and other amusements were indulged in to the limit. The boys furnished good fun for an hour or so with a ball game between the Reds and Blues, which resulted in a decided victory for the Reds. In the afternoon two teams were chosen and they proceeded to show the onlookers how not to play ball. Mr. Allingham surprised everybody by making a two-base hit, and C. F. Davis surprised himself by sticking up his hand and catching a hot liner, making a double play and retiring the side. By the way Davis pitched he had the opposing batsmen scared, as they were afraid they might be fit subjects for a funeral. Harry Slusser, who also pitched, had to be awfully careful every time Pa Downer came to bat, for he kept reminding him to be good. John Golan, who stopped one of his swift inshoots with his head, quit the game. After five strenuous innings the game ended in a tie, 10 to 10, being the final score, each team insisting that the other was afraid of another inning. At 5:30 the teams were hitched up and all the young old folks piled on and returned to the village, a happy, tired, well satisfied crowd of merry-makers. A few of the old young folks stayed for the late wagon which left the grounds about 8:30. No accidents were reported, and this day will long be remembered as one of the happiest in the history of the Sunday school.

## ST. PAUL'S S. S.

The Sunday School of the St. Paul's Church of the Evangelical Association on West Maple avenue will hold its annual picnic Wednesday, Aug. 11. The picnic will be at Brush Hill, near Fullersburg. The grounds will be open from 10 o'clock to 5 o'clock. Everybody is invited. Since this is the holiday for the business men a large attendance is expected. Come and enjoy the day with us.

## Local Happenings

10 CORRESPONDENTS. All communications for this paper should be accompanied by the name of the author, not necessarily in publication, but as a reference 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 bear the letters and figures plain and distinct.

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The following letter is self-explanatory: Aug. 3, 1909. Downers Grove Reporter, Downers Grove, Ill.: Gentlemen—From time to time for the last twenty-five or thirty years there has been some agitation about moving all bodies out of the downtown cemetery. As you probably are aware, the only body we had in that cemetery was moved to Hinsdale last Tuesday and I have this day sent to the president and trustees of the village of Downers Grove a quit claim deed of father's lot in the cemetery. This cemetery is bound to be moved sooner or later and it occurred to me that the idea of individual lot holders moving the bodies at this time and then conveying their interest in the cemetery to the village of Downers Grove was an excellent one, because it would rid the village of the cemetery and would also insure them of a large lot in the downtown district for village purposes. I take the liberty of directing your attention to this matter, because I thought it was a subject you might want to discuss in the columns of your paper.

It may not be amiss for me to add that I do not think it is necessary for people to have any compunctions about moving bodies from that cemetery. I found everything in excellent condition, and although my sister had been buried for forty years, the rough box was still in such good condition that we were able to take up the coffin and box together, and to rebury the body without the use of a new rough box, thus insuring absolute removal of the body intact. Yours very truly, EMIL C. WITTEN.

In giving space in the paper for a discussion of the feasibility or advisability of the removal of the downtown cemetery, we will impartially consider any communication for or against the removal. Let us hear from those interested. Mrs. Newthout, who is of the sect that finds no evil and no ill in life, has a maid who sleeps at her own home. One morning she failed to materialize, and, upon being questioned as to the cause of her absence, gave an excuse that her father was very ill. "There is no such thing as a free lunch. Your father only thinks he is ill." "Yes, mum," agreed Mary. Several days later Mary again failed to put in an appearance. The following morning she took up her duties as usual, but gave no excuse. As an opening to a reprimand, her mistress said: "I suppose it was your father again. Mary, does he still think he is ill?" "Oh, no, mum," said Mary, warmly; "he thinks now he's dead—we're going to bury him tomorrow." He had never been to sea before. "Can you keep anything on your stomach?" the ship doctor asked. "No, sir," he returned feebly, "nothing but my hand."

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