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## LIBRARY NOTES.

A large number of the boys and girls of the village are regular patrons of the Public Library, but there is still room for more. All the young people are especially welcomed and are urged to make use of the library as much as possible. The librarian or her assistant will gladly help either old or young in the selection of books and no one need hesitate to call on them.

The current issues of the following magazines and periodicals can be found on the reading table at the library and all are invited to make use of them:

Saturday Evening Post, Hearst's Magazine, the Garden Magazine, Sunset, the Pacific Monthly Magazine, St. Nicholas, Harper's Bazaar, Good Housekeeping, the American Monthly Magazine, the Library Journal, Technical World Magazine, Ladies' Home Journal, the American Boy, the Review of Reviews, Cosmopolitan, Popular Electricity, Popular Mechanics, Everybody's, the Downers Grove Reporter.

The following books were placed on the library shelves the past week:

1. A Daughter of the Rich, Mary E. Waller. 2. Sanna, Mary E. Waller. 3. Garden of Allah, Robert Hickens. 4. From Atlanta to the Sea, Byron Dunn. 5. Aeroplane at Silver Fox Farm, James Otis. 6. Clover, Susan Coolidge. 7. Princess Polly's Playmates, Amy Brooks. 8. Two Little Savages, Earnest T. Seton.

The two following volumes were kindly presented by Mr. J. R. King: The Potato, Grubb and Gullford; Highways of Progress, James J. Hill.

## FISHING CLUB SEINES SALT CREEK.

Under the supervision of Deputy State Warden Merrill, the Hinsdale Fishing Club seined Salt creek this week, taking out several hundred pounds of legal size carp. This was considerably less than was expected, but they will profit by the experience

gained by their first attempt, and before undertaking the work again will make several experiments to learn the best method to pursue in order to secure the large carp, which seek safety by burying themselves in the soft mud.

About 3,000 pounds of carp measuring twelve to fourteen inches were returned to the water.

The Board of Fish Commissioners recognize the conditions which exist in our small lakes and rivers where commercial fishing is not carried on, and expect to secure an amendment to the present fish law at the next General Assembly which will authorize them to issue permits to fishing clubs to remove all carp possible, regardless of size, from such waters. This will be joyful news to all interested in recreative fishing.

A considerable number of nice sized pickered were taken in many of the hauls, but no black bass were in evidence. One small boy was present with casting rod and tried in vain to entice the pickered to take the bait after they were returned to the water from the seine.

The club was unable to meet the demands of the crowds which were present to watch the work and to buy fish, and it was a difficult matter to reserve enough to provide a good meal for the workers.

As usual, there were a few present who could not understand why they, as individuals, should not be allowed to use a seine in Salt creek. They evidently belonged to that class which is opposed to being governed by laws enacted for the benefit of the people as a whole.

## NO BISMUTH MINED.

So far as known to the United States Geological Survey the only bismuth-bearing ore produced in this country during 1911 was in La Plata County, Colorado, which carried 6 to 8 per cent of bismuth. This ore, however, was sold for its gold and silver content. Another lot of still richer ore was mined from a claim about 35 miles southwest of Tularosa, New Mexico. The imports in 1911 amounted to 172,093 pounds, valued at \$311,771.

## EDITORS ESCAPE FROM SANCTUM

### Annual Picnic of Cook County Press Club a Success.

Starved Rock Scene of Outing. Starved Rock, the new State park on the Illinois river, was visited Sunday and Monday by the members of the Cook County Press Club in their annual outing.

The old rock the last stand of the heroic aborigines who faced death rather than surrender, and one by one died of hunger, giving the name "Starved" to the sandstone pillar, never saw more interested visitors than the editors who looked at its steep sides and listened to the story of the last fight on the Illinois.

The trip to the rock was made on special cars over the Chicago and Joliet Electric Railway, and the Chicago, Ottawa and Peoria Railway, which might well be called the "Come Out and Play" line.

Scenes of interest along the route were pointed out by General Manager J. R. Blackhall of the Chicago and Joliet Railway, and General Superintendent F. E. Fisher of the C. O. & P. Railway, who were the hosts of the party and supplied two special cars for the trip.

At the park the editors were taken in hand by A. Richards, resident State Park Commissioner, and his assistant, Horace Hull, who guided the travelers through the many wonders of the reservation.

Not the least enjoyable feature of a trip crowded with happy incidents was a view of motion pictures showing the last stand of the "Illini" besieged, starved, dying, but undaunted on the sun-scorched top of Starved rock. The film prepared by W. E. Emerson of Ulica, Ill., took an added interest when shown in full view of the broad river and aweeping valley, the last scene on which the brave "Illini" closed their eyes. Instead of fierce Iroquois the editors saw groups of friends and relatives, but the pictures were so realistic that the last stand of the old days stood sharply forth, and Starved Rock took on an added meaning.

A trip through the many canyons of the park, gigantic crevices in the rocks, resplendent with almost tropical abundance of ferns and flowers, was a treat which all enjoyed.

Those who feared that Starved Rock might live up to its name were happily disappointed, for the needs of the inner man were amply provided for by Charles P. Touton, manager of Starved Rock Hotel. The boniface demonstrated that starvation is a thing of the past on the Illinois river and proved himself an excellent host.

Enthusiastic approval was voiced by the editors of the project to have Deer Park and nearby points of interest added to Starved Rock Park by the State. This would assure to Illinoisans forever a State park which would always be a source of pride and pleasure.

From this district there were among the party: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nickles of the La Grange Citizen, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Merrill of the Hinsdale Poings, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Staats of the Downers Grove Reporter.

## TRAVEL A PLEASURE.

All the commuters using the Burlington line feel like giving a rising vote of thanks to the management for sprinkling the roadway with oil. It has effectually laid the dust and makes the trip to or from the city a pleasant ride.

On a hot day there is nothing that can add more to one's discomfort than to have sand and dust blowing in the window, and to close the windows is little better than suffocation. The Burlington could not have done anything to contribute more to the comfort of its patrons than to oil the tracks.

## ADVERTISED LIST.

July 29, 1912. The letters and cards advertised below will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Aug. 5, 1912, if not called for prior to that date. A charge of one cent on all advertised matter:

Letters. From. Mr. Will Anednelor...Northrop Minn. Mrs. S. Kelley...Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Margaret Kinney...Local Terej Mehr...Foreign Viola Rhinehart...Downers Grove, Ill. Yee Tom...Denver, Colo. Mr. W. Tyler...Hinsdale, Ill. Cards. Mr. Wm. Arendt...Chicago, Ill. Mr. Warn Brayman...Chicago, Ill. Mr. George Hart...Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Geo. Hart (2)...Chicago, Ill. Kerellen Hieshaw...Foreign Miss Addie Hooper...Weiser, Ida. Mrs. Wyatt...Chicago, Ill. ELBERT C. STANLEY, P. M.

—Mrs. Roy Morris is rapidly recovering from a serious operation, a fact everyone will be glad to hear.

## 90-CENT GAS NOT FAR AWAY.

The new \$1,000,000 gas plant of the Western United Gas & Electric Company near Joliet, which is to make gas for the entire district supplied by the company, is just about completed and, according to Joliet advices, will be ready for operation about Sept. 1.

Operation of the plant, which will centralize the manufacture of gas, will be followed at an early date, it is said, by a reduction in the price of gas to 90 cents a thousand.

About a mile and a half of the Lisle pipe line has been completed from the Joliet end and about three and a half miles from the Lisle terminus, leaving nearly fifteen miles yet to be constructed.—Beacon News.

## LOCAL NEWS

—Mrs. Edward L. Rohlfing and daughter Marion of Chicago are spending the week visiting Mrs. Rohlfing's sister, Mrs. C. H. Dicke.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerwig and Mrs. Gress took a day off Monday for a joy ride on the electric roads to historical Starved Rock. They were so taken with the beauty of the place they expect to repeat the trip in the near future.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eager, on July 1st, a baby boy.

—Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Roskopf spent Sunday in Naperville.

—Chas. H. Poole of New Zealand, E. L. Morgan and Bland's Band are attractions which would each be considered worth the price of a season's ticket if they appeared anywhere but on a Chautauqua platform.

—R. J. Harper, the new superintendent, took charge of the water and light plant Thursday.

—Highland Acres, Mr. Straube's new acre subdivision, has filled a long felt want in Downers Grove among people who want more than a lot to build on. Mr. Redell will occupy his house, which is completed, and Frank Frisbie, a former resident, has started to build a bungalow.

—H. J. Hawkins is having the old frame building at 63 South Main street moved to a location two blocks south on Main street and will erect a two-story store building on the site.

—Mrs. Disher and two daughters of Lincoln, Neb., are guests of Miss Carrie Barrimore, who is a sister of Mrs. Disher.

—Dorothy Plain is visiting in Oak Park for a few days.

—Every Illinois town in which Bland's Band has appeared with the Lincoln Chautauqua this year has been very loud in their praise of this feature. This band or orchestra has exceeded the expectations of both patrons and the management and the popular demand for their return has compelled the management to close a contract with them for 1912. If you miss hearing them you will probably miss the best musical treat this village will enjoy for a year, as the changing of the Auditorium into a garage will more than likely mean no entertainment course next winter.

—W. H. Blodgett and wife and Howard Jones and wife joined the Graves camping party on the Fox river and remained over Sunday.

—Ben Myers and wife had friends visit them from Hinsdale on Sunday.

—Jay G. Butler is not responsible for any of his actions since Saturday, July 27. Cause—A baby boy arrived at his home on Belmont street and his name is James Ambrose Butler.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Gollan had visitors at their home on Sunday last.

—Mrs. W. S. Ellis and two children are spending a pleasant vacation at Lake Bluff. The honorable President of the Village Board joined them and spent Sunday.

—Miss Lillian Devereux visited her brother Warren at Aurora.

—Miss Idella Binder has returned from Desplaines, where she spent several days visiting friends.

—Mrs. Mary Cossitt is now located at the Allen residence on Middaugh avenue.

—More than thirty people appear on the Chautauqua platform August 7 to 12, every one of whom is star in his or her particular feature. By buying a season ticket you can hear each of these stars for only 4 1/6 cents, and each complete entertainment costs only 10 1/2 cents. Truly the cost of being entertained is low, even if the cost of living is high.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and children of St. Joseph, Mo., are visiting at the home of Dr. Puffer.

—Mrs. F. W. Glessman of Saratoga avenue will visit at the home of her sister at Walnut, Ill., for a few weeks.

—Mrs. Martha Berry and granddaughter, Miss Marion Gordon of Alberta, Va., are guests at the home of F. M. Lucore.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Guston left Monday for South Bend, Ind., where she will spend several weeks visiting friends.

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## SALT AND GYPSUM IN VIRGINIA.

Along a belt of country 20 miles in length, extending northeastward from Plasterco, Va., and lying in Washington and Smyth Counties, are large deposits of salt and gypsum of much historic interest. Salt seepages were known to exist in the vicinity of Saltville in pioneer days, for this swampy flat was one of the salt licks frequented by wild animals and was sought by hunters and trappers and before them by the Indians. The early settlers dug shallow wells and extracted the salt from the brine that flowed from the springs. As early as 1836 two wells were in operation, each 212 feet deep. The brine was conveyed 2 miles in wooden pipes, and after the crude impurities were allowed to settle in large tanks, it was treated in kettles, of which there were 500. About 30,000 gallons of brine were boiled down daily, yielding an average of 1,000 bushels of salt. During the Civil War the wells of Saltville were the main source of salt for the Confederacy.

Gypsum or land plaster has been employed for farm use in this region for many years, and as early as 1835 mention was made of the great possibilities of the deposits as a source of supply for the agricultural lands of Virginia. It has proved very beneficial to certain soils and for certain crops,

being highly recommended for peanut cultivation.

The United States Geological Survey has made a study of these salt and gypsum deposits, and a report on the subject by G. W. Stose has been issued as Bulletin 530-N (an advance chapter from "Contributions to Economic Geology," 1911, Part I), a copy of which may be obtained free on application to the Director of the Geological Survey at Washington, D. C.

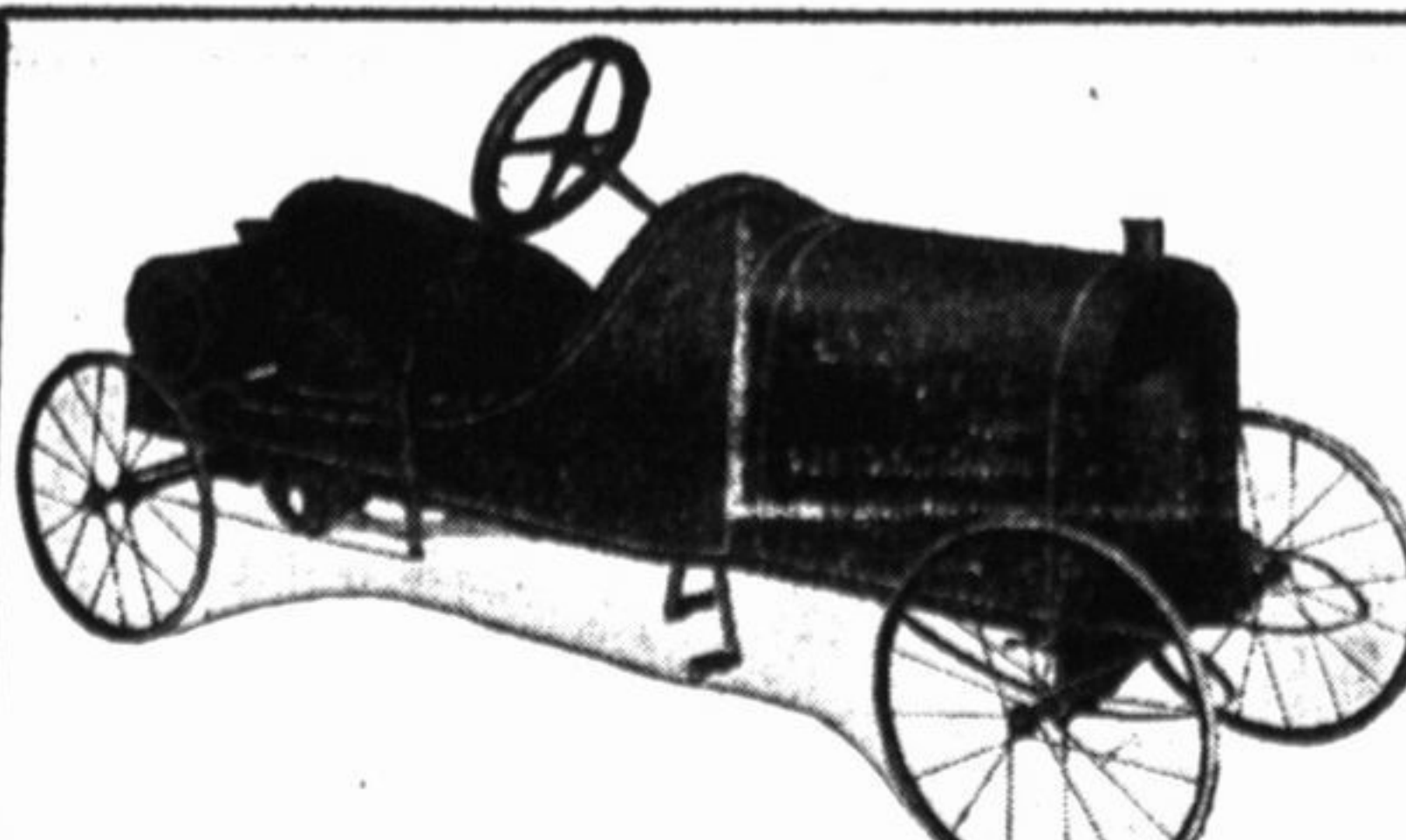
## HAYRACK PICNIC.

Last Sunday a party of young people from Downers Grove and surrounding towns, seated on a hayrack, made an eight-mile drive to hold a picnic.

They drove to the old Sag bridge on the Des Plaines River, where they picnicked in the approved style. Some disciples of Isak Walton cast their lines in the river with the hope of catching a few fish, but were doomed to disappointment. Some explored the windings of the river and the beautiful hills about a half mile back from its banks, while the rest just lolled around reading and resting.

But believe us, they were all back for lunch, of which there wasn't any too much after some of the half starved (?) boys got after it.

They left about 6 o'clock, getting back to town about 8:30.



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