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TO OPPOSE

DEPOT CHANGE.

Hinsdale Leads General Suburban Fight Against 12th Street Plan.

A strong movement against the proposed removal of the Union Station to 12th street has been started among the suburban residents along the Burlington Railroad.

The railroads running into the Union Station have already expended more than \$20,000,000 on the site, and plans have been prepared for one of the most beautiful railway stations in the world.

A removal to 12th street, it is argued, would not only defeat all the good work that has been done, but would subject thousands of Chicago business men and suburban residents to a great loss of time as well as extra car fare in getting to their business. Besides, there would be enormous loss of real estate values on the West Side and in the business and suburban districts.

A meeting of a committee appointed by Mayor Wood was held Wednesday evening at the Hinsdale Club and attended by the following: R. W. Burns (chairman), F. D. Meacham, T. R. Weddell, H. C. Knisely, F. O. Butler, L. H. Freer, William Coffeen, W. H. Knight and Charles W. Higley.

It was decided to call a mass meeting at the Hinsdale Club auditorium for Tuesday evening, to circulate petitions and plan a general educational campaign. F. T. Bowles, E. P. Welles, C. A. Brown, D. H. Preston, J. C. F. Merrill, F. S. Cable and Walter Bufington were added to the committee. The campaign will be rapidly extended to all suburban points on the Burlington.

Extra!

Crawford—"Is the postscript always the important part of a woman's letter?" Crabshaw—"It is when it's a wife. That's where she always shows how much money she

Gems In Verse

"THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH."

(An incident of Gettysburg.) GENERALS Barlow and Gordon, the Blue and the Gray? Mid the carnage of Gettysburg one of them lay In the path of the other, life not yet extinct. Now, with Gordon to do ever followed to think.

Commanding his troops to pass on "double quick," He dismounted and, kneeling, asked: "Sir, can you speak? I am Gordon of Georgia. Let me know who you are." "General Barlow—New York—if you live—it's not far—

"My wife is with Meade—oh, tell her I died. Doing my duty?" "Whatever may betide, Your message shall reach her. Aught more I can do?" "Her letters—I know I can trust them to you.

"Please read one to me, sir. Let that be the last I shall hear till all sight and all hearing are past. Then tear them to fragments, lest some else see. They're in my left coat pocket—words written for me."

Gordon took up the latest as told by the date, But his eyes dimmed with tears—it might be his own fate— Then, throwing the bits o'er the bullet strewn sod, He whispered: "Goodby! Let your trust be in God!"

Leaving his brandy flask lying at hand, He remounted his horse to rejoin his command. But managed to write as he forged on ahead. Then, calling up one of his staff, to him said:

"Tie a handkerchief fast to the point of your sword And ride to Meade's quarters. I've given my word. Mrs. Barlow shall know where her husband now lies. She may possibly get to him yet ere he dies."

Time passed with its years till they numbered eleven When to Gordon, United States senator then, Was given a banquet, where it happened their host Introduced to him one who had answered the taunt

"To the North and the South." But Barlow's eyes shone As Gordon, on hearing the name asked, "And one Of the family of that General Barlow who died On that first day near Gettysburg?" "Nay," Barlow replied,

"But he did not die there. It is he whom you see. And you, General Gordon, the man who saved me My wife got your message that same afternoon. She started at once, and so opportune

"Was the gift of your brandy that it kept me alive With the hope your words kindled that she might arrive In time, as she did. How we treasure that flask Not one in our circle needs ever to ask."

The tears lay thick on the cheeks of both, And they turned to their host, as men being loth To be in the limelight when the strained heart chords thrill. Lest some one should charge them with weakness of will.

Oh, never before had men heard when at war Of love as a balm for the wound or the scar! Heaven's blessing be on them, the Blue and the Gray. Privateers, officers, all, this Memorial day!

What if feeling ran high and some still oppose! In emergencies few ever showed themselves fona. How could they be such? On north, south, east and west Ingrained lies the thought that our flag is heaven blessed.

But again we are one, and with hearts full of love We can join in a prayer to the Ruler above, Entreat His care this Memorial day For our country and flag, for the Blue and the Gray.

And the downtrodden race one great cause of the fray. Yet the lesson was learned and impressed upon all While "united we stand," if "divided we fall!" —Emma T. Kilmer.

WHAT TO TRUST.

BEST trust the happy moments. What they gave Makes man less fearful of the certain grave And gives his work compassion and new eyes. The days that make us happy make us wise. —John Masfield.

SONG ON MAY MORNING.

NOW the bright morning star, day's harbinger, Comes dancing from the east and leads with her The flow'ry May, who from her green lap throws The yellow cowslip and the pale primrose. Hail, bounteous May, that dost inspire Mirth and youth and warm desire! Woods and groves are of thy dressing; Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing. Thus we salute thee with our welcome song And welcome thee and wish thee long. —Milton.

LABOR WASTED.

YOU may lead some men to business, But they'll never make a start; You may show some men their duty, But they'll never do their part. You may dress some folks in satin, But you'll never change their looks; You may give some folks a book store, But they'll never read the books. —W. J. Burtscher.

THIS WORLD.

THIS world that we're a-livin' in Is mighty hard to beat. You get a thorn with every rose, But ain't the roses sweet? —Unidentified.

DEVELOP TRADE BY CO-OPERATION

What a Wisconsin Town Did Merits Emulation.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT TELLS.

Grass Once Grew In the Streets of Delavan, Wis., but That Was Before the Citizens Learned to Keep Trade and Profits at Home—Three Hundred Per Cent Tax Increase in One Year.

Delavan, Wis., is an excellent example of a village center around which has developed one of the most prosperous and cultured agricultural communities. Twenty-five years ago, weighted with a \$50,000 railroad mortgage, it was a sleepy town, with grass grown streets and untidy yards. Poorly kept roads radiated through the rural districts. Little was done for the farmer other than to supply in an indifferent manner his simpler requirements, and farm lands were not valued as highly around Delavan as near two of the larger towns in the county.

About this time an awakening took place. The citizens paid the railroad bonded debt in one year, even though the taxes were increased nearly 300 per cent. Then followed a new high school building, city waterworks, sewerage, electric light plant, improved streets and country roads. A woman's improvement club cleaned and raked and scrubbed the town and established a standard of civic pride that has made



FINE STORES ARE A BIG ASSET.

Delavan one of the show towns of southern Wisconsin. The Chautauqua assembly was organized in 1895, and an additional opportunity for intellectual and spiritual uplift was given our countryside. The business part of the town was practically rebuilt. Enterprising merchants, with fine stores and excellent stocks of merchandise, actively competed with the larger neighboring cities of Beloit, Janesville, Whitewater, Burlington and Lake Geneva for the farmers' trade with ever increasing success.

The merchants, in addition to the excellent values offered throughout the year, established a Delavan week sale in midwinter, at which time every storekeeper made especially low prices on goods and also contributed money to provide free entertainments at the opera house and picture shows for all visiting farmers and their families. In trying out a new process creamery \$80,000 was spent. Farmers institutes and poultry shows were held. Concerts, theatrical entertainments and winter lecture courses were maintained and were patronized by town and country people alike. Baseball games, field days, carnivals and celebrations were of frequent occurrence. A free public library was established, and out of about 1,300 patrons' cards outstanding over 400 are held by farmers and their families living from one to seven miles outside of the town.

The result of all these things has been that the town has made the farmers prosperous and the farmers have made the town prosperous. Real estate is fully 20 per cent more valuable in Delavan township, according to the last assessment figures of Walworth county, than any other township in the county.

A live town is a better market than a dull one for all kinds of farm produce, with keener competition among business men. And if the farmer can readily sell his produce in a town he is certain to buy the town merchants' wares in return. Fine stores with large and varied stocks of up to date merchandise are big assets to any town and are equally valuable to the neighboring farmers. They spell prosperity for both.—American Agriculturist.

Smoke Costly to Chicago.

Smoke belched by locomotives costs Chicago \$7,938,276 every year, according to statistics just published by Alderman Theodore Long, which will be submitted to a committee of the city council that is considering an ordinance for the electrification of railway terminals. The total smoke damage exceeds the city's receipts from saloon licenses, and the average loss to each family of \$15.48 is figured as greater than the annual personal property tax. Alderman Long's figures give the daily number of locomotives in Chicago as 1,636 and their daily coal consumption as 5,601 tons. Damage by smoke of all sources is estimated at \$18,461,106 annually.

Tulips Always a Garden Favorite. There is nothing more attractive than a tulip bed placed in an appropriate part of the grounds around the house. The multicolored flower must always be a favorite by reason of its beauty and variety.

Church Notes

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

"The Narrowness of Jesus" is the subject for the Sunday morning service at the Baptist church. "The Great Temptation" will be the subject of the evening service. This is a sermon to the young people on the great problem of life. There will be good music and a very cordial reception to all.

"The Price of Peace" is the subject of the G. A. R. memorial service, to be held in the Baptist church at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. L. Wilbur Babcock will preach the sermon. The school children will furnish the music. This is an opportunity to honor the old soldiers. Every patriotic citizen ought to come and bring his children. The time will not be long when we can no longer honor our nation's brave men.

The Sunday morning service at 10:45, the memorial service at 3 p. m., and the Sunday evening service at 7:30. Come and worship the Lord with us if you have no other church home.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

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G. PAHL, Pastor.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A., at 6:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m., and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. Next Sunday a German preaching service at 3 p. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor, Sunday services: Class meeting at 10:00 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12:00 m. Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday, at 8:00 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Friday, at 7:45 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Worship with preaching at 10:30 in the morning, and 7:30 in the evening. Bible school assemblies at noon. Mr. Warren Wells will lead the Endeavorers in discussing the topic "Industrial Missions." The topic for the mid-week meeting is "A Song of Acceptance."

Sunday afternoon, May 25, at three o'clock, the Memorial service will be held in the Baptist church.

Sunday Services. ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

E. A. Lemoine, Rector. Week days: Altar Guild the first Tuesday of each month. Woman's Auxiliary, the second Tuesday of each month. Woman's Guild, first and third Wednesday. Choir practice Friday at 8 p. m. Sunday. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Morning Prayer, 11:00 a. m. St. Andrew's Junior Club, 5:00 p. m. St. Andrew's Club, 6:00 p. m. Evensong, 7:00 p. m. Choral Eucharist, the second Sunday in each month.

COMMON SENSE.

Good common sense is not, as some think, the inborn property of the first comer, a trivial baggage which costs no labor to any one. I compare it to those old popular songs, imperishable and anonymous, which seem to have come from the very hearts of the people. Good sense is the capital slowly and painfully accumulated by the labor of the centuries.—Charles Wagner.

Young America. "Oh, dear!" sighed five-year-old Gladys, seeing her father hurry down to breakfast, while she was still undressing the agonies of the coiffure, "how soon it takes a man to dress himself!"

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