

LOCAL NEWS



fine specimen on account of its size and perfection. Mr. Lindley also informs Mr. Briggs that the weather is at present like our June weather.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Recent gifts to the public library are:
 The Forest.....White, S. E.
 Peg O' My Heart.....Manners, J. H.
 The Sky Pilot.....Connor, Ralph
 The Life of Frances E. Willard.....Gordon, Anna
 Late juvenile books not included in last week's list are:
 Boy Scouts in the White Mountains.....Eaton, W. P.
 The Young Alaskans.....Hough, Emerson
 Merrylips.....Dix, B. M.
 American Indians.....Starb, Frederick

NAMING BABY.

She ransacked every novel, And the dictionary, too, But nothing ever printed For her baby's name would do. She hunted appellations From the present and the past, And this is what she named him: When they christened him at last:

Julian Harold Egbert
 Ulysses Victor Paul
 Algernon Marcus Cecil
 Sylvester George McFall.
 But after all the trouble She'd taken for his sake, His father called him Fatty. And his schoolmates called him Jake.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters advertised below will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Feb. 21 if not called for prior to that date. A charge of 1 cent on all advertised matter: Martin Bauer (2), letter, Pilot Knob, Ind.; R. E. Downey, letter, Chicago; M. Powell, letter, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; C. A. Robertson, letter, Chicago; Sherman, F., letter, Chicago.

BERT C. WHITE.

FROM FARM TO TABLE VIA PARCEL POST.

The Chicago postoffice has been directed by the Postoffice Department to extend the facilities of the parcels post service in an effort to offer the public opportunity of enjoying the advantages accruing from a system permitting closer relations between the producer and consumer.

A list of producers is now being compiled by this office and as soon as a sufficient number of names of farmers and other producers are received the list will be published and distributed to consumers.

One of the objects sought to be obtained is to assist and secure a market for producers who have been unable to dispose of their products to advantage, for reasons too numerous to mention here. On the other hand, it is the purpose to assist the consumer by placing him in contact with the producer who is willing to sell on a reasonable basis.

In order that this office may be fully informed on the operation of this plan and to secure information to determine the approximate results of the undertaking, it is deemed advisable to have producers submit prices at which they will sell their products. (These, however, will not be published.) The prices quoted must be on a reasonable basis and reference should be made as to whether the same includes postage or not.

On account of the fluctuation of prices due to change of season and other causes, the parcels post list will be revised from time to time. Farmers and producers in submitting prices should state the duration of period for which the prices hold good—prices should hold good for at least thirty days, and at expiration of that period new prices submitted.

Farmers and other producers who desire to have their names published in list of producers should forward the same at once to Postmaster, Chicago, or to the undersigned, stating the kind of produce they have for sale, which should be listed under three heads: Butter, Eggs and General Produce.

The parcels post, as yet, is in its infancy and it is thought that the publication of list of producers will formulate arrangements whereby the producer to consumer plan may become of the largest possible benefit to the public and to give it the wide extension which it merits.

Your postmaster will be pleased to give you all the information possible on this subject upon application.

BERT C. WHITE,

Postmaster.

The Unhistoric Acts.

Her full nature, like the river of which Alexander broke the strength, spent itself in channels which had no great name on the earth. But the effect of her being on those around her was incalculably diffusive; for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.—George Elliot.

Heat Through Friction.

Heat is developed in almost any substance which is subjected to continuous or very violent friction. It is an old trick for a blacksmith to forge without fire. Long-continued and violent hammering on two pieces of wire will heat them to such an extent that they can be welded together.

COMMUNICATION

Downers Grove, Feb. 1, 1915.

The Editor,
 Downers Grove Reporter,
 Downers Grove, Ill.

Dear Sir: My modest appeal to the voters of Downers Grove to get out and vote on all important public questions, published in your issue of Jan. 15th, was apparently not appreciated by our village attorney, Mr. Snow.

In a communication from him in your last issue, he refers to a "sentimental" vote which he says was cast "for the purpose of determining how the people felt about selling the plant"; the result was 2 to 1 against selling, and Mr. Snow "fails to understand how a larger vote would have changed the results." He evidently assumes that the 2 to 1 vote against selling, mathematically represented the views of the entire community; this is exactly where I beg leave to differ with him, because I feel that if a larger vote had been cast, the result would have been entirely different, hence my appeal to the voters to "GET OUT AND VOTE."

Regarding my statement that our water pressure is not what it should be with our limited fire-fighting apparatus, my idea was, and is, that with our necessarily limited facilities for fighting fires, we should at least have a reliable water pressure. Mr. Snow's remark, therefore, that "I do not think the statement can be proved that the water pressure is lower and the fire-fighting apparatus less," is entirely misleading. I made no such statement, but the diversion has given him an opportunity to impress upon the community that although handicapped by the recent vote on the liquor question, the present administration has actually purchased 200 feet of additional hose and two additional nozzles, and, of course, we are glad to know this.

Again, Mr. Snow voluntarily credits me with a criticism of voters for "not voting to sell the plant," although elsewhere he tells us that the village could not sell it by means of a popular vote even if it wanted to. However that may be, I offered no such criticism; I merely suggested that any voter "who failed to vote on the questions leading up to our present unfortunate predicament" was hardly in a position to blame the Village Board.

Further along we find that the board assumed that two of the concerns who had been asked for prices on current were working pretty close together, saw our predicament and were laughing up their sleeves. "Their thought was that we would have to sell." A very clever piece of mind-reading, but this habit of assuming things naturally raises the question whether the figures given by Mr. Snow for buying current for street lighting, cost of pumping water, etc., are not also assumed. For instance, Mr. Snow tells us that "The present street lights would have cost the village about \$8,000 per annum had we sold the plant"; yet I find published in your issue of Oct. 17th, 1913, a letter from the Western United Gas & Electric Co., dated Oct. 15th, 1913, in which the following offer is made:

"In the event a franchise was granted to us, we would be willing to pay not less than \$29,000 for it, which would include your present distributing system. We would be willing to accept a twenty-year franchise, under which we could operate, and sell current for 10c net per kilowatt, or we are willing to offer a rate of 13c net per kilowatt, and furnish street lights free, under an arrangement similar to the one we have with the village of Glen Ellyn."

Regarding the cost of pumping water, Mr. Snow informs us that had the village sold the plant, it would have cost \$7,000 per year to pump our water, and in addition to this, the village would have had to hire two or three men to take care of the pumps, and spend over \$4,000 to change the system of pumping from steam to electricity.

This sounds quite formidable, but I find in that same issue of the Reporter, a proposition from the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, dated Oct. 9th, 1913, which includes the following offer:

"We would furnish the energy for pumping the village water, and this energy, based on a pumpage of 60,000,000 gallons per year, should not exceed \$1,800."

Any further comment on this subject would seem to be quite unnecessary, except perhaps to call attention to the closing paragraph of President Backus' appeal to the voters, published in the Reporter just before the vote for a bond issue was taken. Referring Stories for Children, at the meeting he says:

"I wish we had a little of the same kind of failure and from the same cause—AN OIL ENGINE." "Don't forget to vote—and vote right."

The complete fulfillment of that "wish" is what is bothering us today.

Regarding the personnel of the Village Board, since Mr. Snow raises that question, I can only say that in the general intelligence, honesty, etc., they compare favorably with our average citizen; no better and no worse; and there is no justification for Mr. Snow's caustic interpretation of my remarks on that point as expressed in my letter to which he refers. I repeat, however, that men better informed on such technical questions as naturally pertain to electric lighting, oil engines, etc., would have hesitated to undertake the responsibilities so willingly assumed by the board, without competent expert advice. That they "spent many nights until 11 and 12 o'clock delving into this proposition, wrote letters all over the country for information, vis-

ited all the places they could, etc., with such poor results, is all the confirmation necessary to justify these views. I venture to say that what it has cost the village for these perfunctory deliberations and investigations would have gone a long way toward paying for the services of a competent electrical engineer, familiar with oil-engines, and with far more satisfactory results.

As Mr. Snow says, they were undoubtedly honest and conscientious, but unfortunately that does not help matters much. True, our village president is reported as well pleased with the operation of the plant, and we are now informed by Attorney Snow that "its efficiency is being demonstrated more every day," but, however encouraging the opinions of these gentlemen may be, they are far from convincing.

Aside from their efficiency, however, and nobody would be better pleased to see this demonstrated than myself, unless they can be operated without annoyance to the neighboring community, they are nothing short of a PUBLIC NUISANCE.

In an eloquent but somewhat premature eulogy of these Snow engines, published in the Reporter as long ago as last November, it was stated that one of them had been equipped with a SILENCER, and that the other would soon be similarly equipped. Nearly three months have elapsed, but that everlasting bang! bang! bang! goes on just the same, day and night. Perhaps Mr. Snow or some other reliable authority, can tell us what, if anything, is really being done along these lines for the relief of a long-suffering community. Respectfully,

H. D. WYLLIE.

Legal Notices

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF MENA S. VIX, DECEASED. The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Mena S. Vix, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Du Page County, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and required to adjust the same by filing the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 1st day of February, A. D. 1915.

EDDIE VIX, Administrator.

BUNGE & HARBOUR, Attorneys.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF DU PAGE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF DU PAGE COUNTY.

February Term, A. D. 1915. In the matter of the application of William M. Carpenter, Guardian of Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, minors, for leave to sell real estate.

Filed for record in the County Clerk's Office, Du Page County, Illinois, on the 21st day of February, 1915, at the north entrance of the Courthouse of Du Page County, Illinois, in the City of Wheaton, offer for sale and sell at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest which the said Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, minors, have in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

Undivided two-ninths (2/9) interest—one-ninth (1/9) interest for each minor—in and to the south (S) 1/4 of lot five (5) and all of lot four (4) in Blanchard's Subdivision of part of the southwest quarter (S. W. 1/4) of section eight (8), township thirty-eight (38) north, range eleven (11), east of the third principal meridian, situated in the Village of Downers Grove, County of Du Page, and State of Illinois.

Subject, however, to the dower right of Gussie Carpenter, their mother, in and to said lot four and also subject to the dower right of Emma A. Carpenter, widow of Charles Carpenter, in and to the north ten feet of lot five. No deed or deeds will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers until said sale has been reported to and approved by the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois.

Dated 1st day of February, 1915.

WILLIAM M. CARPENTER, Guardian of the Estate of Robert W. Carpenter and Charles V. Carpenter, Minors.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO PAY DEBTS.

State of Illinois, County of Du Page.

—In the County Court of Du Page County, in the matter of the estate of Arthur P. Hosmer, deceased.

James A. Wagoner, Administrator of the estate of Arthur P. Hosmer, deceased, vs. Ines Hosmer, Winifred Johnson and the unknown heir or heirs, if any, if living whose names or names, address or addresses, residence or residences, are unknown and cannot upon due and diligent search and inquiry be ascertained, heirs at law of said decedent, defendants.

Order to sell real estate to pay debts. General No. 3659.

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decretal order made and entered of record by said Court, in the above entitled cause on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1914, the said Administrator will, at the hour of 11 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, the 20th day of February, A. D. 1915, at the corner of Main and Curtis streets, in the Village of Downers Grove, in said Du Page County, and State of Illinois, offer for sale and sell at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash, to pay the debts of the estate of said deceased, all or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the debts now due from said estate and the cost of administration now due and to accrue, the right, title, interest and estate which the said Arthur P. Hosmer, deceased, had at the time of his death in and to the following described real estate, situated in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois, to-wit:

Lot Three in Block Seventeen of E. H. Prince & Company's Addition to Downers Grove, Illinois.

The above described property will be sold free and clear of mortgage or incumbrances. No deed or deeds will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers until said sale has been reported to and approved by said County Court.

Dated this 15th day of January, A. D. 1915.

JAMES A. WAGONER, Administrator of the Estate of Arthur P. Hosmer, deceased.

Live as on a Mountain.

Live as on a mountain, for it makes no difference whether a man lives here or there. Be like the promontory against which the waves continually break, but it stands firm and tames the fury of the water around it.—Marcus Aurelius.

The Dividing Line.

A statesman is a politician with whom you agree. A politician is a statesman with whom you disagree.—Life.

Auctioneer I have sold 1000 farm sales in ten different states in my twenty-five years experience. I know how to sell the goods and get the most money out of a sale. That's what I do—that's what you want. DR. BLAIR, 33 Calendar Av. Lagrange, Ill. Telephone Lagrange 457

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Threat or Promise?
 A prominent Eastern astrologer cautions his readers to bear in mind that "the effects of lunation are subordinate to those of the quarterly ingresses." If only he will tell us now whether this is a threat or a promise our relief of mind will be great.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Cleans Paint and Varnish.
 Here is a good way to clean painted and varnished surfaces: To half a bucketful of warm water add a tablespoonful of salts of tartar; wash the paints with a rag dipped in this, and it will remove every speck of dirt. Rinse in clear warm water and dry with a shamois.

Proper Sympathy.
 Don't fancy that you will lower yourself by sympathy with the lower creatures; you cannot sympathize rightly with the higher unless you do with those.—Buskin.

Golf and Bowling.
 "Then you think that as a sport bowling is superior to golf?" "Yes. There are times in golf when you are liable to get yourself about half a mile from a bar."—Fash.