

# LOCAL NEWS



Miss Grace Peterson visited in Oak Park and Edgewater this week.

Mrs. Mahoney was hostess on Tuesday to the "17 Club."

Mrs. Emerson Stanley is improving after her late illness.

Mrs. J. M. Riel is suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Carl Jenkins and Elizabeth spent Thursday with Miss R. W. Bond.

Richard Clark spent Sunday with friends in Chicago.

Mrs. E. Gustin is spending her two weeks' vacation in South Bend, Ind.

Mrs. Victor Studley, of Neponset, is visiting relatives here.

Bert Stevenson visited relatives in Bushnell over Sunday.

Frankenfelds are occupying their new flat over the shop on Main street.

Mrs. L. G. Avery, of Chicago, spent Sunday with Mrs. B. C. White.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Simonson, July 8th, a son.

Mrs. Warrender, of Chicago, visited last Thursday with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Moberg.

A. P. Mehren and a force of assistants are busy re-wiring the court house and jail buildings at Wheaton.

James Perkin has added another barber to his force, Ed. O. W. Lee, of Chicago, is the third man.

L. H. Biedelman and family, of Kansas City, is spending a week's vacation with his parents on Rogers street.

Fred Michollet is busy this week treating his house on Washington and Railroad streets to a coat of paint.

Bessie and Sarah Smith greatly enjoyed a trip to Niagara Falls and other points of interest in the East.

Mrs. Mary Sucher will leave next week for an extended visit with relatives in Texas.

Miss Lillian Devereux is enjoying a two weeks' vacation from her duties at Fields.

Mr. Coe returned Saturday from a two weeks' vacation with relatives at Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. L. Ingraham, of Chicago, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Walter Barry.

Mrs. E. L. Dickerson will spend the week in visiting her sister in Chicago.

William Ellis, Jr., is enjoying the school vacation at his grandmother's at Bluff Lake, Ill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ve-nard, Wednesday morning, July 14th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Redell and daughter Fanny spent Sunday with F. Redell and family at Logan Square.

Mrs. Wm. Ellis visited her mother, Mrs. Pierce, at Lake Bluff, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. A. E. Bryce and Mrs. E. W. King spent Thursday of last week with Mrs. Fred Busse, in Oak Park.

Mrs. F. Frisbie, of Riverside, spent last week with her son, Frank Frisbie, on Blodgett avenue.

Adelaide Kinner spent a few days with friends camping at Walnut Lodge, Yorkville, Ill.

Ruth Werner has returned to the Grove after spending a week in the city with relatives.

R. W. Bond and wife spent the week-end at the Norton farm at La Porte, Ind.

Weekend hooks are an everyday occurrence. Why don't some inventor get busy on a weedless garden?

Mrs. Ada Lynch entertained a few friends at an informal afternoon on Monday.

Miss Gladys E. Rogers, who has been visiting friends in Boston, Mass., and Capitol Island, Me., returned home Saturday.

Miss Lydia Willard, of Naperville, is spending her summer vacation with R. C. Ellsworth, of Wellworth Greenhouses, at Belmont.

C. Briggs and Miss Ruth are spending their vacations visiting relatives and friends at Columbus and Marietta, Ohio.

J. Ralston is busy, just doing his vacation from his duties at the "Q" local office.

Master Jack Riley has returned home in Bushnell, Ill., after a few weeks' visit with his aunt, Mrs. Bert Stevenson.

Dorothy Pfaff, Evelyn Brown and Miss West are spending a two weeks' vacation at Colorado Springs and other western points.

Mrs. Agnes returned from a three weeks' tour of the Great Lakes. She and eleven other women were the guests of the owner of the large boat on which the trip was made.

George Staiger, Ed. Mochel, Frank Dewey and Lester Gerwig are "cot-taging" at Sangateck, Mich. Carl Staiger expects to join them the latter part of the week.

Lester Barry, Chas. DeWitt, Carl Kallgren and Don MacKen spent all day Tuesday at the Naperville V. M. C. A. perfecting themselves in Boy Scout routines.

The Congregational Sunday school picnic, which was held at Park View on Saturday, was called on a moment's notice. The day started with a shower.

but the weather man spoiled it.

Mrs. E. W. King entertained a party of friends on Sunday evening. Music and songs being the feature of the evening. All report a very pleasant time.

Warren Wells returned Tuesday morning from his long Western trip. He says: "I enjoyed myself immensely, but am glad to be back to the old burg once again."

The Reporter has another feather in its cap. Experts at Wheaton say the local Assessment List printed in last week's issue was handled better than any in the county.

Miss Anna David is spending part of the school vacation visiting relatives and friends at Ipava, Summum and Bernadotte in the central part of the state.

The Downers Grove Suburban League ball team will play Hinsdale on the local diamond next Saturday. Last Saturday's game at LaGrange was postponed on account of rain.

Jack Carpenter returned the early part of the week from San Francisco and other western points of interest. He reports the "Fair" great, just great.

Lew Beidelman, wife and boy, are spending the week in Downers Grove at the home of his father, A. F. Beidelman. Lew says Downers Grove is improving but will have to go some to beat Kansas City.

Members of the Congregational Church and friends will be glad to hear that the pastor, Rev. Paul G. Viehe is enjoying favorable weather and improved health in his vacation at Lake Benton, Minn.

One of the most severe thunder storms of the season hit Downers Grove Saturday night. Several trees were shattered by lightning and the residents in general were very much frightened by the concussion.

The Chicago Magic Co. have opened permanent local offices on Curtiss street. This company is becoming the largest in the United States in the sale of magical apparatus for stage and amateur workers.

Capt. Rogers takes this method of thanking the G. A. R. for the beautiful roses they sent. Also Mrs. Blodgett for the beautiful lilacs; the Thimble Club for roses, and all other friends for the kindness shown during his illness.

The Philatheas met at the home of Mrs. John Drees on Monday evening, about 30 members being present. After a short business session the hostess and her committee served ice cream and cake and a very pleasant social hour was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Prince, of Iowa City, Ia., stopped off in Downers Grove Thursday to visit old friends on their way east. Mr. and Mrs. Prince are former residents, having at one time owned the Well's house on Staroga avenue.

A young couple went wandering up to Crown Point (Ind.) street last Wednesday afternoon on a still hunt for a license and a minister. Finally the two were located and Miss Ella Severus and Mr. Albert Nelson of the Grove were united in marriage. They will reside on Grove street.

A pleasant two-day auto trip to Lake Geneva and Delavan Lake was enjoyed last week by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lehmann and family, Miss Mohr and Miss Rahmanop. The occasion was the twenty-seventh anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Lehmann.

Two weeks ago the Needle Crafts Club met with Mrs. Downer on Maple avenue. During the afternoon Mr. Baker appeared with his camera and the ladies grouped themselves on the lawn. The pictures must be good considering the subjects. After dainty refreshments the ladies adjourned, appointing the next meeting in two weeks.

The Baptist Sunday School will hold their annual picnic at Brush Hill tomorrow (Saturday). Brooks' truck will leave the church at 8:30 and 9:30, and the hayrack will leave at 8:45. The truck will also meet the 1:15 train from Chicago and the 2:00 from Downers at Hinsdale to take picnickers to the grounds. A new departure this year will be a commissary department for those who do not wish to bother with a lunch.

Downers Grove was well represented at the Illinois Theatre last Thursday, when a party of sixteen attended the afternoon performance of the film masterpiece, "The Birth of a Nation." The following were present: Mesdames M. Dutton, J. W. Graves, A. R. Snow, E. H. Huntington, W. H. Blodgett, M. K. Bush, G. R. Smith, T. M. Campbell, Wm. Barfield, E. J. Matson, G. L. Bush, Jno. DeWitt, A. F. Bordwell, H. P. Jones, E. D. Peck and Jno. Heart.

Six members of the local branch of the Affiliated Order of the Sons of Rest leave for "the cottage" at Naperville Park next week to spend the balance of the summer. Small donations of food will be cheerfully accepted. The secretary has changed the slogan "Feed the Belgians" to "Feed the Hungry at Home." He says "We will furnish the appetites if the town will furnish the fodder." The grass at Curtiss and Main streets will now have a chance to grow during their absence.

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## DICKE THEATRE

Thursday, July 22—"The Valley of the Moon"—Story of the Play.

"Our race has been on the tramp since the beginning of creation, just like we are, looking for a piece of land to settle down on." And with this Billy Roberts and Saxon, his wife, leave the life of the city and start out for the farm of their dreams, which must be so ideal that they ought to look for it, they are told, in a valley of the moon. But it is only after stirring experiences that they take this decisive step.

At the opening of the play Billy is successively a pugilist and a teamster, and Saxon works in a laundry. They meet at Weasel Park picnic, the afternoon of the lively "roughhouse" between San Francisco and Oakland. They find each is of the race of sturdy pioneers which crossed the plains on foot and founded the new empire of the West. "We're just like old friends, with the same kind of folks behind us," says Billy.

We see their simple wedding, and the happiness of the new life. Then comes the Teamster's strike, with its consequent poverty and unhappiness and the embittering of Billy's spirit.

A remarkable succession of scenes shows the rioting that ensues when strike-breakers are imported. A thousand men were used in this part of the play. The swift crescendo of action does not pause from the moment the strike-breakers leave the train until the riot culminates in front of Saxon's eyes, the killing of Bert, Billy's chum. Things go from bad to worse, but it is when their fortunes are at the lowest ebb, when Billy is in jail and Saxon destitute, and while she sails on San Francisco bay, that the great inspiration comes to her: The city is just a place to start from; beyond the circling hills, out through the Golden Gate, somewhere they will find what they most desire.

After his release and fired by her enthusiasm, Billy agrees, and, with the thought that they are only following in the footsteps of their ancestors, they start out on foot to find a new home.

Charming glimpses of the country through which they tramp are given, in the course of which we make the acquaintance of that delightful group of artists who call themselves the "Abolition Katers," at Carmel; and attend a boxing match at which Billy earns a much-needed camping outfit in twenty-seven seconds.

Finally they come to a cairn and view from it a valley that is all they have looked for. It is Sonoma, an Indian name which means "The Valley of the Moon," so that even their joking wish to find such a valley is fulfilled. Our last view of them is in the midst of busy ranch life, and in a dell in Wildwater Canyon, where Saxon whispers to Billy the secret that crowns the summit of their happiness.

The play is preceded by a twenty-foot moving picture of Mr. London overlooking his ranch at Sonoma from the same cairn on which Billy and Saxon stand when they get their first glimpse of their Valley of the Moon.

## EARLIEST ECLIPSE ON RECORD

Chinese Astronomers Were Punished for Not Predicting One That Occurred 2127 B. C.

Meers, Hirasama and Ogura have published in the Proceedings of the Tokyo Mathematical-Physical Society the results of their attempts to fix the dates of some early eclipses recorded in Chinese literature.

The earliest is mentioned in one of the books of the Shu Ching, where it is recorded that in the reign of Chung K'ang, the fourth emperor of the Hsia dynasty, there occurred an eclipse of the sun which had not been predicted by the astronomers, who were neglected to have been drunk and to have neglected their duties. Hence the customary rites for delivering the sun, which should have been arranged in advance and superintended by the astronomers, were in the emergency performed by other officials without proper preparation. The emperor accordingly ordered the army to punish the astronomers.

A later document makes it possible to fix the date of this event as October 13, 2127 B. C. (Julian calendar)—the earliest recorded eclipse in the world. Calculation shows that there actually was a solar eclipse on that date, but probably not in China, though the elements of the motions of the sun and moon are not accurate enough to indicate certainly the path of so remote an eclipse. The authors are inclined to think that the information fixing the date of the eclipse is due to Chinese astronomers of a later age, who calculated that an eclipse occurred on that date and erroneously supposed that it was visible in China.

## BISMARCK A FINE LINGUIST

However, Prolonged Discussions in French at Congress of Berlin Strained His Faculties.

Although a remarkably fine linguist, Bismarck found that the prolonged discussions in French at the congress of Berlin were a strain on his faculties. Shortly after the congress closed he told a friend that, "apart from the importance of the negotiations, it proved extremely exhausting to express myself in a foreign language so correctly that my observations could be embodied in the protocol without having to be altered. Before I proceeded to the congress I used to drink two or three beer glasses full of the strongest port wine, in order to get my blood to circulate properly. But for this stimulant I should have been quite unable to preside."

Bismarck's English was noted by Lord Randolph Churchill, who met the great Prussian at Kissingen in 1893. Lord Randolph describes him as "speaking English very carefully and slowly, frequently pausing to get the right word, but always producing it or something like it in the end." One word that puzzled him was supplied by Lord Randolph. The talk had turned on Gladstone, who, Bismarck said, "had always been like an ungovernable horse, whom no one could ride in any bride and was not to be controlled in any way." He used some German adjective to describe the horse (Lord Randolph forgot it) and asked what was the English equivalent. Lord Randolph suggested "rogue," and he "turned his face to me with a smile, but said nothing, though he clearly understood the allusion."—London Chronicle.

## Branding the Innocent.

When a witness under cross-examination is admonished to answer "Yes" or "No" to all questions and is then asked "Have you ever stopped beating your wife?" he feels that something is wrong with a system of court procedure that puts him in that position. Either "yes" or "no" convicts him for beating his wife at some time or other. Such trick questions are heard in court every day and the witness gets little satisfaction out of the assurance that he can explain on re-examination if the lawyer on his side of the case thinks it worth while to give him a chance and does not forget to do so.—New York Commercial.

## Growed Out.

"I understand you are planning a new house." "I started to." "Why did you drop it?" "I didn't drop it. My wife and the contractor got together and I haven't been able to put in a word since."

## RECORD OF THE PAST.

No Stronger Evidence Can Be Had in Downers Grove.

Look well to their record. What they have done many times in years gone by is the best guarantee of future results. Anyone with a bad back; any reader suffering from urinary troubles, from kidney ills, should find comforting words in the following statement.

Martin White, policeman, 97 North Forrest avenue, Downers Grove, says: "About two months ago I had sharp stitches in the small of my back, whenever I moved. The kidney secretions were discolored, filled with sediment and passed too freely. I finally got a supply of Doan's Kidney Pills and they cured me promptly and thoroughly." (Statement given April 19, 1910.)

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## ADVICE TO SPEED WALKERS

Novice on Track Must Learn to Hold Himself "Well Balanced on His Pins."

In starting on the track the novice should hold himself as erect as possible, without, however, leaning at all backward, the arms at the sides, with the forearms in a horizontal position, at right angles to the part of the arms above the elbows. He should have a feeling of being "well balanced on his pins," says a writer in Outing.

The weight must be kept on the heels—therein lies the chief secret of walking fairly. Speed depends on two factors, the length and the frequency of the stride. Experiments prove that the length of the stride becomes greater as the frequency increases.

Arm action should be carefully cultivated. Properly used, the arms seem to act as levers to lift forward the body, besides helping to balance it. In each stride one foot should be always on the ground and at some moment of the stride some part of both feet should be on the ground simultaneously—that is the first necessity. Second in importance is to have the walk "heel and toe"—that is, the heel of each foot should strike the ground unmistakably first and the toe of each foot should be the last part to leave it. One should not walk flat-footed, with the ball of the foot or any part except the heel striking the ground before the heel does. Lastly, the knee should be "locked" at the end of each stride—the grounded leg should be stiff and taut as the loose leg swings out for the next stride.

## FORGERS HARD TO REDEEM

Of All Wrong-Doers They Are the Most Likely to Slip Back Into Crime.

All who have had experience with criminals and their reformation say that the hardest to redeem are forgers. The forger is more often than not a man of intellect and pleasant address. He is not intrinsically more depraved than other regular offenders, but the downward pull seems to be exceptionally strong on him.

The most plausible reason advanced is twofold. Forgery is a crime in which the perpetrator seldom is caught "with the goods." The pick-pocket, safe blower or burglar runs a very real and immediate risk when he resorts to his "profession;" the forger's check is either accepted or rejected and at the time he is in little personal danger. True, he is leaving behind in most instances a plain trail and is sowing seeds of determined vindictiveness, since the victim of a fraudulent check is touched in his pride as well as in his purse.

Another factor in the temptation of the forger who has "squared it" is the thought that he can pick up easy money and then speedily arrange to have the check honored so that no one shall be the loser. He is like the amateur till-tapper who claims himself by saying, "I'll put it back."

## Lots of Material.

Biz—You never saw me make a fool of myself.  
Dix—Well, it's never been for lack of raw material.

## POETESS AND TIN ROOFER

Beautifully Expressed Thoughts of Viola Skickwart to Mike Like the Ideal Smoking Mixture.

The Skickwart sitting room was bathed in the soft red light of a cigar coupon lamp, the Detroit Free Press says.

Mrs. Viola Skickwart was in a silent ecstasy, her eyes turned to the ceiling. She was a poetess.

Mike Skickwart, being just a tin roofer, was merely lost in thought. Was he again marveling that so gifted and beautiful a woman should have chosen a humble tin roofer as her heaven-sent mate?

Viola's lips began to move—a common phenomenon with her when she was speaking.

"Michael," she breathed, "always on aureolous nights like these I feel a rare beauty struggling at my soul. A celestial beauty with a halo of hyposophosates and a perfume of asphodels. And the thought creeps over me that surely the angels are with us, brushing us with their luminescent wings and whispering, whispering! Isn't it so with you, my Michael?" Her husband stirred thoughtfully.

"That's it," he said slowly, as a slow smile broke over his tinroofing features. "Just a dash o' perique and maybe a sprinklin' of Honest Pete and it'll be the perfect smokin' mixture."

## Didn't Get the Idea.

A missionary from China gave an impromptu lecture on the subject of the country and the work being done there, before an audience of Sunday school youngsters and believed he had thoroughly impressed the children with the idea of idolatry. To test them he put the question: "Children, if you were to go into a Chinese place of worship what would you see there that you would not see in any place of worship in this country?" With one voice the entire class yelled, "Chinese!"

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