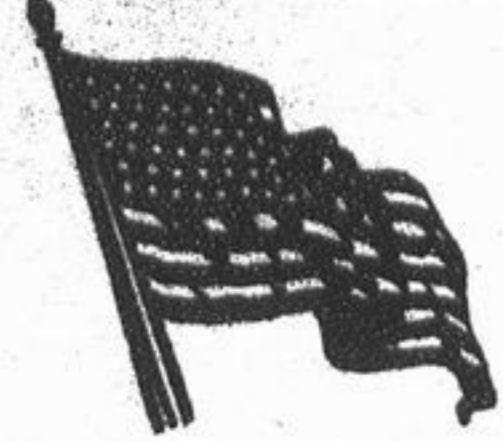


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### IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

By "The Spectator"

The report cards for the past month are due Monday. There will doubtless be some failures. Every pupil who fails a subject this month should devote a little more time and care to it than he has the past month and bring his grade up to standard. It is true the subject may be rather difficult, but it is only by mastering the difficult things that we may come up against that we can ever hope to get any place in the battle of life.

Well, we are through with the first course (Sandwich) and are ready for the next. Proviso here next Saturday.

Romano Lacey fell asleep in English the other day. He wore a look of perfect contentment on his countenance. Better get in earlier at night, Roman.

Lagrange beat Proviso 12-0 last Saturday. Easy meat.

A couple of scouts from Naperville attended the game Saturday in order to get a line on the purple squad. Now they got an eye full.

The Downers students seem to like American history. There are thirty signs in the class this year.

Messrs. Mosher and Chandler of Hinsdale visited the school Monday.

The Purple squad is putting in a hard week of practice preparing for the Proviso game next Saturday. Proviso has a stiff team and the locals will have a little harder fight than they had last Saturday. It will also be a closer game. It will be a good game to watch, so come out and pull for the purple.

The sign of the four-leaf clover held good Saturday. Downers should win every game, for Coach Hawley has found about a trunk full to date.

If Dorman & Bailey or Ringling Bros. are short of clowns next spring the Spectator can recommend several high school boys who can fill the bill.

Several of the students have been observed munching buns and other refreshments the past week. Well, perhaps they didn't have time to eat breakfast.

We publish herewith a contribution which was received this week signed "E. S." We are running it verbatim and letting the sops get as much credit as possible.

#### A PARODY.

A Senior tiptoed up the hall  
And asked if he might speak.  
The teacher answered, surely not,  
Back he went, subdued and meek.

A Junior went to Miss Marm's  
Desk and asked to get a book.  
The teacher answered, surely not,  
Get in your seat before I get the book.

A Freshman stumbled up the hall  
And asked to get the ink,  
But back he went, without the ink,  
The Freshie's face a nice bright pink.

A Sophomore walked down the hall  
And started out to say—  
The teacher answered, surely yes,  
Why, surely yes, you may.

#### THE ROSE OF THE RANCHO.

STORY OF THE PLAY.

In the year of 1850, when the government at Washington decreed that all ranch owners must register their properties, the Spanish rancheros of California, already seemingly humiliated by coming under the rule of the hated "Gringos," refused to comply and a system of claim jumping or land jaspers roamed about and chief among these was one Kincaid.

The government, learning of the land jumping and that the illicit trade was growing, sent Kearney, a secret agent, to investigate.

Kincaid, a worthless and conceited scoundrel, learns from one of his men that Senor Espinoza, a rich Spanish ranchero, has vowed that he will never register his land, and, seizing the opportunity, Kincaid and his men ride down on the Espinoza family when they are at dinner ignoring protests and refusing cash. Kincaid takes possession of the ranch, and Isabella, the eldest daughter, is captured by a half-breed, who while fighting for possession of the girl, mortally wounds Espinoza, and Isabella, knowing her fate at the hands of the half-breed, kills herself.

Kincaid and his men then sit at the table and shake dice to decide the possession of the other two Espinoza girls.

Kearney and his two colored boys arrive. Riding across country, on the way to old Monterey, Kearney encounters Juanita (Wantita), the rose of the Castro ranch. Using the pretext of strangers mutually attracted to each other, the one asks the way to Monterey and the other gives the direction. Juanita, although engaged to the rich Don Luis, continues her flirtation with Kearney.

Kearney, learning of the Kincaid raid on the Espinoza ranch, goes to warn Juanita. Juanita takes the warning in an indifferent manner and her mother, a high-strung Spanish woman of the continent school, seeing Kearney accepting a flower from Juanita, refuses to take Kearney's advice to register her ranch, and orders him from the place.

Kearney sees Kincaid surveying the Castro ranch and goes to the padre at the mission house and begs him to use his influence with the Castros to prevail upon them to register their ranch boundaries.

To church, through the padre's garden, comes Juanita, and though she has vowed never to speak to the American again, the padre, convinced of Kearney's sincerity and honesty, brings them together. Although Juanita refuses to register the ranch, she conspires with Kearney, and Kearney impulsively seizes her and presses a kiss on her lips. All coquetry vanishes and Juanita admits she loves the dash- ing Gringo.

Kearney wins Kincaid's friendship and learns that he intends seizing the Castro ranch. He prevails upon Juanita to secure the papers, rushes in the registry office and returns in time to participate in Juanita's betrothal dance.

Juanita implores Don Luis to give her up, but he steadfastly refuses. Kearney arrives at the Castro ranch just in time to meet Kincaid, who is about to raid it. Pretending friendship, Juanita mistakes Kearney's attitude as being against her family. Kearney succeeds in delaying Kincaid until Senor Espinoza arrives. A terrible fight ensues and Kincaid and his men are overcome just as they are about to seize Kearney and the Castros.

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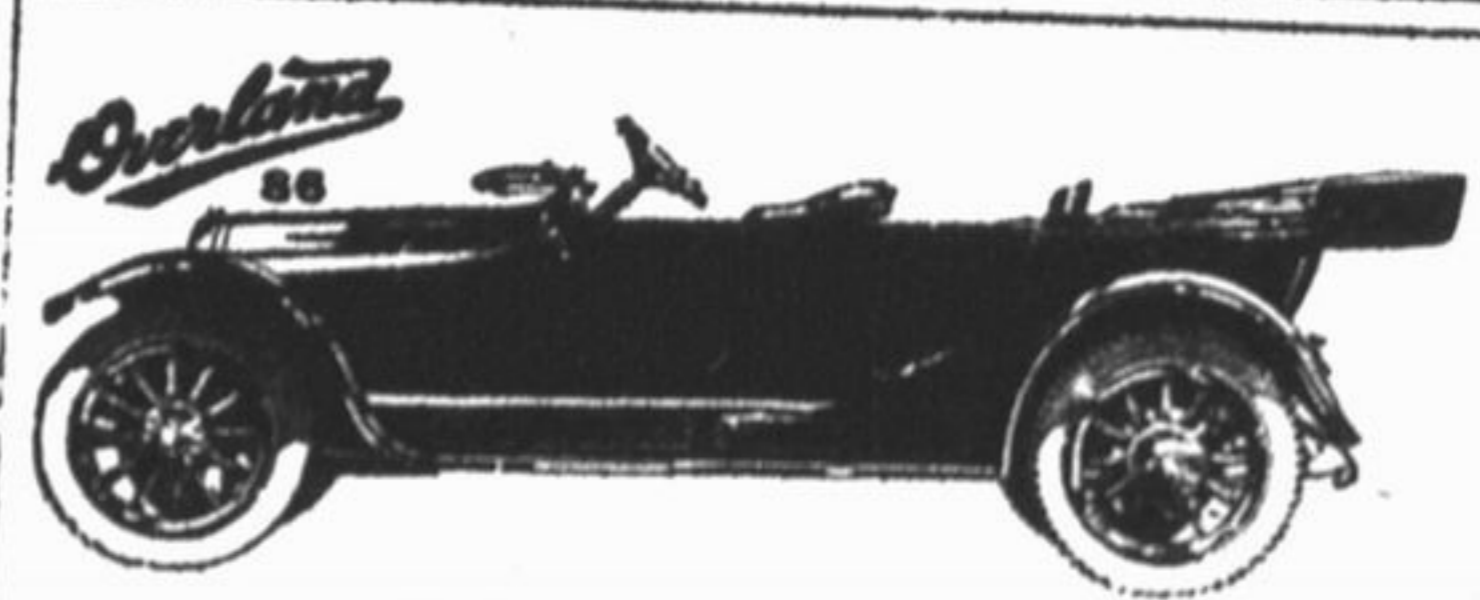
Miss Muffet to her curds and whey  
Is welcome—take the dish away  
Or let Jack Horner with his thumb  
From Christmas pastry fish a plum.  
The Queen of Hearts likewise may  
cook  
The famous tart the Knave once  
took,  
While blackberries four and twenty  
strong  
May lead to certain pies a song,  
But for pure favor, rich and nice,  
Just let me have a generous slice of  
Punkin Pie.

#### BATHING SUITS.

Hon. Thomas M. Waller, one time governor of Connecticut, is up in arms over the propensity of bathers at New London's ocean beach to wear one-piece bathing suits. He says men and women do it and at times he has been obliged to walk away from the beach to hide his mortification. The same question comes up in a modified form each year at Chicago's public beaches. Does this mean that women are going to throw off the shackles of bathing skirts and demand the freedom of the lower extremities which man has so long enjoyed? Perhaps! At any rate the authorities each year are finding it harder to enforce the rule now obtaining at most beaches that women wear skirts. Atlantic City demands that the skirts be at least three inches above the knees, and keeps policemen with tape measures at the beaches to see the rule is observed. And the women, some of them, object even to that length of skirt. Mayor Thompson of Chicago repeated the rule that women should not be allowed to go bathing without stockings, and now hundreds of them may be seen any afternoon sporting in the waves minus the usual covering. European beaches have always allowed women to wear one-piece bathing suits, and a well known woman reformer demanded that the men be forced to cover up in this country and the women be given whatever freedom they might find in the suits men are now wearing. Regulations are the expression of the community's sense of propriety at the time they were made. But when the great mass of humanity finds these regulations becoming irksome and not in conformity with advanced matters, they promptly demand that violations be winked at and eventually the regulations are relegated to the jar with the blue laws.

#### Daily Thought.

Mind is a kingdom to the man who  
hatheth his pleasure from Mass.—  
Tupper.



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30-acre farm, six-room house, large barn, on main state road. Price \$12,500.

If you are looking for office rooms to-day, best location in town, ask me about location and price.

5-room house, new, has furnace heat, bath, cement basement; in fact is all modern, near depot; a real bargain for \$2,900.

3-room house, water and gas, near station, lot 50x200. Make offer.

50-ft. lots on North Main Street. Ask me about location and price.

7-room house, newly painted, on paved street; all assessments paid in full; good neighborhood; a real bargain for \$2,000.

An up-to-date, new, six-room house, furnace heat, cement basement, bath, electric light, gas, large porch, about three blocks from station. Price \$3,600.

2 acres with 5-room bungalow, cement basement, bath, barn, fruit trees, all buildings in good repair; about 12 minutes to depot. Price \$3,500.

50-ft. lot on South Side, all improvements in and paid for, but paved streets. Price \$200.

6-room house in first-class condition, new furnace, cement basement, bath and toilet newly painted, lot 50x112, all assessments paid in full. Price \$2,500; make offer.

One of the best homes on Oakwood avenue, 5 rooms, all modern, large bath. Price \$3,000.

Six-room bungalow, new, best street in town, extra large lot, barn. Price \$1,200. Make offer.

Seven-room house on the north side, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry everything is strictly modern, large shade porch, best neighborhood, small lot, close to school. Price only \$3,100. About \$500 less. The latter is your own time.

Eight-room house on the east of residential section, all modern, bath and laundry, water heat, large porch, faces south. Price \$3,500.

Two acres, land, new five-room house, lot 100x150, chicken house, one mile from depot. Price \$2,800.

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