

PROBATION

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GERMAN EVANGELICAL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GROVE STREET.

First Sunday after Epiphany, Jan. 7. 9:15 a. m. Sunday School. Lesson: John 1:1-18. Jesus the Life and Light of Men.
10:30 a. m. English service. Psalm 8. "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God."
7:30 p. m. English song service. Matt. 2:1-12. The wise men. Begin the new year with the tendency to be a regular church goer. Come and be welcomed. GUSTAV PAHL, Pastor.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

James Freeman Jenness, Minister.
Next Sunday morning the quarterly communion service will be held. Members of the church are requested to make a special effort to be present. The theme of the pastor's evening sermon is "The Place of Christ in Our Lives."
Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Public services of worship at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION FOR P. O. CLERK

An examination for clerk will be held at the post office in this city on January 27, 1917.
Age limit, 18 to 45 years on the date of the examination.
Married women will not be admitted to the examination. This prohibition, however, does not apply to women who are divorced.

Applicants must be physically sound, and male applicants must be not less than 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds without overcoat or hat.
For application blanks and for full information relative to the examinations, "qualifications, duties, salaries, vacations, promotions, etc." address immediately
MISS ROSE M. BUNNING,
Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Postoffice, Downers Grove Ill.

Obelisk Thousands of Years Old.

New York city's most impressive monument, the obelisk, stands in Central park, between the old Croton reservoir and the new Metropolitan Museum of Art, a superb 196-ton monolith of ancient Egypt. When Augustus Caesar, emperor of Rome, took this obelisk and its companion to Alexandria, in Egypt, in the year 22 or 23 B. C., the stone was then more than 1,000 years old. Thutmose III, Pharaoh of Egypt, set up these monoliths there in 1850 B. C. Small Pasha, khedive of Egypt, presented the obelisk to New York in 1870. In January, 1881, at a cost of \$108,000, which W. H. Vanderbilt defrayed, the stone was finally mounted in the park.

Creation.

To the sum total of the matter and energy of the universe nothing has ever been added, and from them nothing has ever been subtracted. Things are perpetually changing from one form into another—from one form of matter to another form of matter from one form of force to another form of force—but amidst the eternal transformation nothing is created, nothing annihilated.

Sermon for the Virtuous.

We excuse the partial failure of our characters on the ground of their general success—we can afford to be a little bad who are so good. Temper is the vice of the virtuous. Christ's sermon on the "elder brother" is evidently a sermon pointedly to the virtuous—not to make bad people good, but to make good people perfect.—Drummond.

NOTICES

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF A. B. AUSTIN NURSERY CO.
Public notice is hereby given that A. B. Austin Nursery Co., a corporation, has been legally dissolved and its charter and franchises surrendered pursuant to a resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of the stockholders of said corporation, duly called for that purpose pursuant to notice and held at the office of said corporation in Du Page County, Illinois, on November 27, 1916.
A. B. AUSTIN NURSERY CO.,
By F. J. Littleford, President.
T. H. SLUSSER,
Attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Estate of Richard C. Giesler, Deceased.
The undersigned, having been appointed administrator of the estate of Richard C. Giesler, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the County Court of Du Page County, at the Court House in Wheaton, at the February Term, on the first Monday in February next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.
Dated this 11th day of December, A. D. 1916.
EDITH GIESLER,
Administratrix.
BENGE & HARBOUR,
Attorneys. 12-22-3c

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.
ESTATE OF DOROTHEA KLEFFEL, DECEASED.
All persons having claims against the estate of Dorothea Kleffel, deceased, are hereby notified and requested to attend and present such claims to the County Court of Du Page County, Illinois, for the purpose of having the same adjusted, at the Court House in Wheaton, Du Page County, Illinois, on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1917, being the 6th day thereof.
Dated Downers Grove, Illinois, December 15th, 1916.
LOUIS J. KLEFFEL, Executor.
T. H. SLUSSER, Attorney. 1-5-3c

Method in Her Politeness.
Bettie was entertaining Billy, and asked her mother to get them some bread and butter. Mother cut the first slice thin and the second one thick and Bettie, observing them, said with exaggerated politeness: "Now, mother, you must serve Billy first, because he's my little guest."

Preparedness.
Young Aldrich was waiting in the parlor for his loved one to appear, when her small brother came in and took a seat. "Well, Chester," said Aldrich, "what did your sister say when you told her I was waiting?"
"Why, she didn't say nothing," replied the small brother. "She just took a ring off one finger an' put it on another."—Life.

THE BARRICADE IS DOWN.
Sheridan Road Now Open Thru North Shore Suburbs—Permanent Pavement.
Sheridan Road is one step nearer to completion as a continuous improved route through north shore towns. The latest step was the completion and opening to traffic of the concrete pavement on Sheridan Road between the north village limits of Wilmette and the south village limits of Kenilworth. This stretch is built through the co-operation of New Trier township, the county, the sanitary district, the Sheridan Road Improvement Association and abutting property owners. This new concrete pavement also makes available the concrete pavement on Sheridan Road in Kenilworth, completed last summer.
A part of the brick improvement on Sheridan Road through Wilmette is not yet ready to be opened, but a few weeks of fair weather will see it completed. In the meantime, a good through route is provided on Sheridan Road in connection with Michigan avenue, the first street to the east.
Motorists who have in the last two or three years tried to find desirable routes through north shore towns will welcome the new, permanently-paved, direct route.
The completion of this stretch of concrete pavement on Sheridan Road marks a further step in the linking of Chicago and Milwaukee by means of a good highway—the aim of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association.

Report of condition of the
FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
At Downers Grove, in the State of Illinois, at the close of business on Dec. 26, 1916.

| RESOURCES. | |
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| Loans and discounts | \$170,979.04 170,979.04 |
| Overdrafts | 157.77 |
| U. S. Bonds | 35,090.00 35,090.00 |
| U. S. Bonds pledged to secure circulation (par value) | 35,090.00 |
| Bonds, Securities, Etc. | 2,600.00 |
| Bonds other than U. S. Bonds pledged to secure postal savings deposits | 21,381.50 |
| Securities other than U. S. Bonds (including stocks) owned and pledged | 33,331.50 |
| Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (20 per cent of subscription) | 1,300.00 |
| Stock in banking house (if unencumbered) | 8,000.00 |
| Value of banking house | 8,000.00 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 3,000.00 |
| Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis | 7,422.95 |
| Other checks on banks in same city or town as reporting bank | 39.32 |
| Outside checks and other cash items | 128.19 |
| Fractional currency, nickels and cents | 250.00 |
| Notes of other national banks | 70.00 |
| Federal Reserve notes | 18,644.94 |
| Legal reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank | 1,750.00 |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer | 1,750.00 |
| Total | \$296,628.78 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital stock paid in | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Surplus fund | 5,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 7,290.94 |
| Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid | 4,300.63 |
| Amount reserved for taxes accrued | 600.00 |
| Dividend notes outstanding | 24,000.00 |
| Demand deposits | 74,175.32 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 5,824.56 |
| Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days | 928.33 |
| Postal savings deposits | 55,925.59 |
| Postal demand deposits | 27,583.63 |
| Liabilities of deposit | 30,157.85 |
| Other time deposits | 112,751.48 |
| Total | \$296,628.78 |

State of Illinois, County of Du Page, ss.
I, Samuel Curtis, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
SAMUEL CURTIS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of January, 1917.
CHARLES HALLER, J. W. NASH,
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MAKING GOOD USE OF LEISURE.

It has often been questioned whether shortening the hours of workmen was a benefit to them or the contrary, because many of them do not know how to employ their leisure in a way which is either beneficial or really entertaining. Many of them spend their time and their dime in saloons or in picture shows of doubtful character.
Bookish people say that the reason for this is because they were not trained in youth to read and study, that we need more community centers where there are papers and magazines for old and young. Those who care more for athletics than for books say that the trouble with these people is that they never were taught to play when young.
Probably both are right, for the youth who knows how to play with vim will keep the play spirit into adult life and will find some better way to amuse himself than by loafing in the saloon. If the National Recreation Association could exchange leisure time from a liability to an asset for all the old and young of the United States, it would be an achievement of greater value to humanity than the pacification of Mexico.

The number of community centers and of play centers has increased at a rapid rate in the last decade. Physical training and outdoor exercise seem to be coming into their own. The neighborhood play center has been called the great discovery of the twentieth century. But there are still far too many of the oncoming generation who are not being taught how to play, and who consequently will not know how really to enjoy their leisure in adult life.

"Taught to play" sounds absurd to those who think that all children instinctively know how to play. But this is what George Eher, formerly professor of physical education of the University of Wisconsin, discovered in an investigation of the activities of children outside the schoolroom: He took 23,549 children in the six cities of Milwaukee, Toledo, Providence, Detroit, Cleveland and Ipswich, Mass., and ascertained that of these 9.4 per cent work, 39.3 play, 44.3 loaf and 7 "go somewhere." We need enough playgrounds and play directors to bring in the 44.3 per cent and make live boys out of them, boys who know how to use leisure.

The increasing number of school centers is matter for congratulation. The social center is almost the only place where old and young can take their recreation together, and for thousands of adults it is the only place where they can find pleasure and profit without drawing upon their all too slender pocket books. Parents and children take the hardships of life together; they should have a place where they can find enjoyment together. If they go apart for their pleasures the life and sympathy of the children become weaned away from their parents.

"I can scarcely believe that is my father," said one of Harry Lauder's children, for the first time seeing that genial Scotchman laugh and frolic on the stage till the whole audience laughed with him. And thousands of children never know the lighter, more jovial side of their hard-worked parents until they see them in some place where the cares of life are laid aside for a time.

School buildings are centrally located and they belong to the public. Every schoolhouse, whether in the city or the country, should be an intellectual and social center for the community around it. Chicago has fifty-one social centers in schoolhouses. One regrets to read that one of the centers has been closed because the ministers of the neighborhood object to the dancing. It is proverbial that unnatural restraint put upon children to keep them good has the opposite effect. It is natural that every young, vigorous person with music in his soul should love to dance. The babe, sitting on the floor, sways its body in response to music. Properly conducted, as it should be in social centers, there is no more delightful exercise than dancing, and neither rheumatism nor hardening of the arteries should make older people think otherwise.

There was more sound philosophy than he realized in the remark of a good old Scotchman who came one evening recently with his two sons to a social settlement in Minneapolis. The three were in highland costume and brought bagpipe and drum. While the boys played the father listened. Then while he piped the sons danced the highland fling and the wonderful sword dance, during which he explained to the settlement workers, "I brought my boys up wild so that they shouldn't go wrong."

New Use for Compressed Air.
Blowing cotton from one department to another through suitable tubes is the latest employment of compressed air in manufacturing plants. In one instance a California felt manufacturer makes use of compressed air for conveying damp wool from the scouring plant to another building across the street, in which are located the compressed drying rooms. The method is said to be clean and rapid.

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