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### G. H. SCHNABELE BANQUETED

Employees of Benjamin Electric Co. Operating Department Office Surprise the "Boss."

Last Thursday evening the employees of the Operating Department ofhee of the Benjamin Electric Co., surprised G. H. Schnabele, newly appointed head of this department with a banquet.

Two other executives of the company enticed him to a down town hotel under the pretext of discussing business matters and on their arrival into a private dining room found a table set for forty-five and Mr. Schnabele's subordinates waiting to welcome

After disposing of the good menu provided, Mr .Schnabele was premented with a large decorated basket of flowers and assured that "the flowers might wilt but their good wishes for his success would not." The spokesman also assured their new "boss' that he had their best wishes in his additional duties and responsibilities and that he could rely upon each and every one of them to support him in his new line of work.

Mr. Schnabele replied in his usual modest manner thanking them for their kindness, and good wishes. He said in part, "In these days of strentsous business life, advancements come to those who have carned it, and a good part of the credit is due to those working under the person promoted because of the nature of their work."

We congratulate Mr. Schnabele upon his latest advancement in the world of business.

#### EDWARD OTTO ARRIVED HOME FROM MONTANA

Draft Law-Hardly any Snow West of Missiesippi

Edward Otto, who has been building a coal shute for the Burlington at the tained at an impromptu house party fire hydrant in the entire vilage. ·Crow Indian Agency in Montana, ar- Saturday night. Mrs. Carlson's sis- East Grove and Straube's division Dear Friends of Downers Grove: gived for a few days visit with his ters, Helen and Alice Zell and Chas. were not forgotten in this big effort Well, I think it is almost time that family here, Tuesday morning.

in the west and the real blizzards the regions east of the Mississippi river, on the Burlington at least.

The agency where he has been located since last fall contains many members of the Crow and Cheyenne

Last fall, when the draft law was Saturday morning. put into operation, the Cheyenne braves, who are naturally a war-like About thirty-five men from here the men who did this for her and any- road the snow was piled up for eight race, went on the war path. They ob- shoveled snow in the "Q" yards at thing we could say would not be and ten feet. One large truck was jected to being drawn in the draft in- Chicago Monday. Many of them were enough. That she appreciates the stuck and I can't see how he can get as-much as they were set citizens with members of Co. H. and volunteered good deed done is evident. any of a citizens rights. Before they for the work after Walter Corah, of Good work was done and the vil- ly up to the top. And to make things were subdued they had chased the In- S. Ferest avenue, a Burlington en- lage saved the danger of a repitition worse it snowed all the morning. But dian agent with his staff off the res- gineer, had made the appeal at drill of a fire spreading which occurred at outside of that things are quiet. ervation and the white inhabitants Sunday afternoon were banded together for mutual pro-

eld. Here he found a cartridge down the street. saing thought to have been used by Caster's brave men in selling their lives as dearly as pensible.

month for Oxford, Meh., where he has Saturday morning on Friday p. m.'s the contract for another coal shute.

## SYDE-LIGHTS ON THE BIG SNOW

Short Paragraphs of Serious and Frivolous Incidents of the Worst Storm in Fifty Years

The Burlington "mothered" fiftyfour girls who braved the elements Saturday morning to report for duty at the General Office. They were taken to the Lexington Rotel where everything possible was done for their comfort and arrived here shortly aft er noon, Sunday.

A snow plow pushed by two huge freight engines, started from Clyde at four o'clock Saturday afternoon in an effort to clear at least one rail. They hit the Grove at seven and the snow drifted in after them as bad as before.

Downers Grove was Chicago paper less from Friday night until Monday "Dad" Swearingen hardly anything but stand at phone and say "No, no papers," day Saturday. The Sunday papers which were carried out by belated commuters at noon went from hand to hand.

The telephone office was the busiest place in town last Saturday. Chicago calls, both incoming and outgoing, were the largest in history and local connections more than doubled. The phone girls were on a steady jump from early morning until late at night and their good work should not go unrecognized.

Train No. 47, the Minneapolis flyer, and one the best trains on the "Q" hit a drift in the Aurora yards and before she could be pulled from the main line nine engines, besides her original one, were either pushing or pulling. The ten big locomotives finally got the train started and onto a sidetrack in the yards where the passengers lived for two days.

an effort to get here and clear the lation snow shovel,

nue, marooned in Chicago, Saturday they did. night, stepped onto the balcony of the ford, 1d. Heintz.

homes of friends is not known.

He says there is hardly any snow Grove and Walter Kelzow of Hins- do a good turn.

One not acquainted with the condi-The Crows also objected to being tions would have thought the folks the snow. drawn in the big lottery but they did who arrived on the two first trains all their objecting with their mouths. thru from Chicago Sunday noon had Mr. Otto was located but a few been away for months. They were miles from the scene of the Custer greeted with cheers and "welcome ssacre and visited this famous bat- home" was shouted as they marched

G. H. Whitney superintendent the Cedar Chest factory, whose home Mr. Otto will leave the first of next is in Congress Park, got here at 11:15 10:45 from Chicago. He was able to leave for his home Sunday afternoon at four after being buoyed up with me parts hopes of a train winning thru from west all Saturday afternoon and

> Grove Sunday. The motive power usually stationed here was either dead

all along the route or in the Chicago yards.

As usual, the Burlington was the first road running out of Chicago, to get their schedules in any where normal condition. Monday every east bound train from here ran, and at that nearly on time. A few of the west bound trains were annuled because of insufficient motive power.

Robert Bordwell left here Friday evening with the intention of leaving for California that night. Sunday afternoon h was back in Down rs as no trains had left Chicago. His trunk is now somewhere on the way.

Neither of the Uhlhorn daries made regular deliveries of milk Sunday as not a farmer was able to win his way to town with milk on the previous day. The roads are still pretty well COAL SHORTAGE highways, especially, in spite of the fact that farmers spent nearly all day Sunday breaking the roads.

"Q" shop employees from Auro: a about fifty strong worked here Monday and Tuesday getting the switch 's cleaned.

Many general office employees shoveled snow in the Chicago yards nearly all week in the big effort to break the snow blockade.

reasons. (1) No films and (2) no one for over four or five days. downtown to see them. This is the A consultation of the school board first Saturday night in nine years that was held last Saturday and the dethere has been no show at the Dicke cision reached to close up this week.

cold. He is now under the doctors has been found. That they are snow-

### VILLAGE SAVED NECESSITY OF

Members of Company H. Shouldered Shovels and Uncovered Fire Plugs

Several new commands, never hear An engine with every wheel off the before by H Company, Illinois tails stood just in front of the table serve Militia, were given last Sunday here and nothing could get either in afternoon at regular drill. In the or out of the round house. The crane morning corporals had notified their outfit from Aurora spent practically squads that rifles were taboo and the all Saturday night bucking drifts in only arms carried would be the regu-

were the preparatory commands and ten days. As W. H. Ray of East Maple ave- the real one was "dig." And dig Not many local inrustries were af-

Majestie theatre, he was greeted with either being snowbound in Chicago coal from all industries starting last cheers, seventeen Downers Grove men or at their homes in outlaying sec- night at midnight. One of them howwere scated there in one row. Among tions of the village. The forty were them were Authur Coe, W. F. Heintz, divided into two sections and told to factory of the Lord Lumber Co., is of Chas. Kester, John Grey, Fred Gif- tackle the north and south sides re. the class of firms affected by the orspectively. Each section was divided der and as they furnish us with into squads and assigned to a district steam, we will be forced to close until Sixty-five Downers Grove men were with orders to clean out all fire plugs Wednesday morning. For this reason registered at the Y. M. C. A. hotel so that they could be easily reached we will behind on many job work or-Tells of Cheyenne Uprising Over the on Saturday night. How many were in case of a fire and to help out those ders. at other hotels in the city or at the whose walks were in an impassible

The company again demonstrated Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carlson enter- their usefulness by digging out every Heinke and Chester Winter of the to save money for the village and to the boys up here thanked you for that

dale made up the party. All had left At those houses where only women how good the things tasted. sust have confined their activity to for their work Saturday morning and were at home snow was cleaned from No doubt you have a lot of snow were unable to get home, and like walks and porches. One such in- I take it from the newspapers that many others spent the night in Chi- stance can be given. Mrs. E. Morris Chicago was tied up for a few days. of Belmont street, lives alone. When And believe me, so was Camp Grant. she arrived home Sunday night from It snowed all day Sunday, Sunday Captain B. E. Balczynski had both a visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. night and part of Monday. We did tribes, mixed with a few other of the ears frost bitten while walking home Cramer, the boys had cleaned every not get any mail or papers Monday. many races that inhabited the west. from the train in the wee sma' hours walk and her delight knew no bounds. One could not go to Rockford as the Early Monday morning Mrs. Morris machines could not get through. Was called this office and said to thank out to the range this a. m. On one

> St. Charles last week on account of I was made a Sergeant the 8th. But the fire hydrants being hidden under cannot get out to drill as we have just

His Apparent Yearn.

weeks if your accommodations prove satisfactory," said the horse-faced jail. gent. "I wish a room with southern and western exposure. I observe that the railroad runs within half a block of the hotel-you will kindly request the company to refrain from blowing their engine whistles in this vicinity. Persons in adjoining rooms should be cautioned about making unnecessary notses. I wish prompt service s meals, and am especially desirous having strictly fresh peanut butter, Bata-Bitta health food, distilled water

"Uh-huh!" nonchalantly returned the landlord of the Petunia Tavern "What you want, podner, 'pears to be Outja board, not plain village board. Well, the yaw-w-w-wn! - house in full, and I can't accommodate you."-Kansas City Star.

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## CLOSES SCHOOLS

No Coal in Sight Up to Noon Today and Schools Will Probably Remain Closed.

The coal shortage has finally hit Downers Grove and the first to feel it were the local schools which were closed all week. There was not Neither the Dicke or Curtiss the a- enough fuel in the bins or near enough tres opened Saturday night for two in any of the yards to run the plants

Everyone possible was notified by phone and by word of mouth.

Homer Uhlrich, who was on the job All this week Prof. Butler and the as brakeman twenty four hours, from members of the Board of Education Friday noon until Saturday noon, had have been on the trail of two cars of both feet frozen by the below zero coal for the buildings but no trace bound in some railroad yard, is the epinion of J. L. Remmers, local agent of the Burlington.

Unless pupils are notified to the "DIGGING OUT" contrary, there will be no school next week. In case the coal does arrive in time, pupils will be notified by

Town Running Short

If the railroads do not soon get back to normal schedules after two crippling blizzards, the schools will not be the only sufferers. There is hardly enough coal in town to supply the needs for domestic rurposes. Mertz & Mochel received one car of soft coal this week and the Lord Lumber Co. expect one this morning. This Present shovels and order shovels, is the only soft coal to arrive for over

fected by the drastic action of the About forty were present, the rest Fuel Administrator in shutting off ever, is this office. The cedar chest

#### LETTER FROM BOB. DICKSON

Camp Grant, 1-11-18 package you sent. You don't know

out until Spring, the snow was near-

been quarantined for the third time. (measles) was to get out the 12th on the second one, but last night another "I expect to remain at least two case broke out, so two more weeks of

Well will have to stop for this time hoping everyone is well, I am,

Bob. .Dickson

Climbed Greater Ararat. James Bryce, former British ambaseador to the United States, climbed Greater Ararat in September, 1876, making the ascent alone. The Rusman governor had supplied him with an escort, but they were still 5,000 feet short of the summit when, overcome with superstitious fear, they refused to go on. Mr. Bryce described the sum mit as a little plain of snow, silent and desolate, with a bright green sky above, and the view as stern and me

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