

Downers Grove Reporter

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AMERICA FIRST!

G. H. SCHNABELE BANQUETED

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

Last Thursday evening the employees of the Operating Department 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 him.

After disposing of the good menu provided, Mr. Schnabele was presented with a large decorated basket of flowers and assured that "the flowers might wilt but their good wishes for his success would not."

Mr. Schnabele replied in his usual modest manner thanking them for their kindness, and good wishes. He said in part, "In those days of strenuous business life, advancements come to those who have earned 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

Tells of Cheyenne Uprising Over the Draft Law—Hardly any Snow West of Mississippi

Edward Otto, who has been building a coal chute for the Burlington at the Crow Indian Agency in Montana, arrived for a few days visit with his family here, Tuesday morning.

He says there is hardly any snow in the west and the real blizzards must have confined their activity to 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 tribes, mixed with a few other of the many races that inhabited the west.

Last fall, when the draft law was put into operation, the Cheyenne braves, who are naturally a war-like race, went on the war path. They objected to being drawn in the draft inasmuch as they were not citizens with any of a citizen's rights.

Before they were subdued they had chased the Indian agent with his staff off the reservation and the white inhabitants were banded together for mutual protection.

The Crows also objected to being drawn in the big lottery but they did all their objecting with their mouths.

Mr. Otto was located but a few miles from the scene of the Custer massacre and visited this famous battlefield. Here he found a cartridge casing thought to have been used by Custer's brave men in selling their lives as dearly as possible.

Mr. Otto will leave the first of next month for Oxford, Neb., where he has the contract for another coal chute.

Esquiro Shoes Wear Long. It is not uncommon in some parts of Spain or Portugal to hear the noise of a pair of shoes for 25 years or more.

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INTERESTING SYDE-LIGHTS ON THE BIG SNOW

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

The Burlington "mothored" fifty-four girls who braved the elements Saturday morning to report for duty at the General Office.

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.

Downers Grove was Chicago paperless from Friday night until Monday morning. "Dad" Swearingen did hardly anything but stand at the phone and say "No, no papers," all day Saturday.

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.

Train No. 47, the Minneapolis flyer, and one of 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.

An engine with every wheel off the rails stood just in front of the table here and nothing could get either in or out of the round house.

As W. H. Ray of East Maple avenue, pronounced in Chicago, Saturday night, stepped onto the balcony of the Majestic theatre, he was greeted with cheers, seventeen Downers Grove men were seated there in one row.

Sixty-five Downers Grove men were registered at the Y. M. C. A. hotel on Saturday night. How many were at other hotels in the city or at the homes of friends is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carlson entertained at an improprio house party Saturday night. Mrs. Carlson's sisters, Helen and Alice Zell and Chas. Heinke and Chester Winter of the Grove and Walter Kolzow of Hinsdale made up the party.

Captain B. E. Balczynski had both ears frost bitten while walking home from the train in the wee sma' hours Saturday morning.

About thirty-five men from here shoveled snow in the "Q" yards at Chicago Monday. Many of them were members of Co. H. and volunteered for the work after Walter Corah, of S. Forest avenue, a Burlington engineer, had made the appeal at drill Sunday afternoon.

One not acquainted with the conditions would have thought the folks who arrived on the two first trains thru from Chicago Sunday noon had been away for months. They were greeted with cheers and "welcome home" was shouted as they marched down the street.

G. H. Whitney superintendent of the Cedar Chest factory, whose home is in Congress Park, got here at 11:15 Saturday morning on Friday p. m.'s 10:45 from Chicago. He was able to leave for his home Sunday afternoon at four after being buoyed up with hopes of a train winning thru from the west all Saturday afternoon and evening.

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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.

Robert Bordwell left here Friday evening with the intention of leaving for California that night. Sunday afternoon he was back in Downers as no trains had left Chicago.

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.

"Q" shop employees from Aurora about fifty strong worked here Monday and Tuesday getting the switches cleaned.

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

Neither the Dicke or Curtiss theatres opened Saturday night for two reasons. (1)No films and (2) no one downtown to see them.

Homer Uhlrich, who was on the job as brakeman twenty four hours, from Friday noon until Saturday noon, had both feet frozen by the below zero cold.

VILLAGE SAVED OF NECESSITY OF "DIGGING OUT"

Members of Company H. Shouldered Shovels and Uncovered Fire Plugs

Several new commands, never heard before by H Company, Illinois Reserve Militia, were given last Sunday afternoon at regular drill.

About forty were present, the rest either being snowbound in Chicago or at their homes in outlying sections of the village.

The company again demonstrated their usefulness by digging out every fire hydrant in the entire village. East Grove and Straube's division were not forgotten in this big effort to save money for the village and to do a good turn.

At those houses where only women were at home snow was cleaned from walks and porches. One such instance can be given. Mrs. E. Morris of Belmont street, lives alone.

When she arrived home Sunday night from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Cramer, the boys had cleaned every walk and her delight knew no bounds. Early Monday morning Mrs. Morris called this office and said to thank the men who did this for her and anything we could say would not be enough.

Good work was done and the village saved the danger of a repetition of a fire spreading which occurred at St. Charles last week on account of the fire hydrants being hidden under the snow.

His Apparent Years. "I expect to remain at least two weeks if your accommodations prove satisfactory," said the horse-faced 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.

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

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COAL SHORTAGE 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.

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