IN AND AROUND THE HIGH SCHOOL

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As the halls of learning have been bleak and barren since last Monday and will be so until next Monday, (Jan. 21st), we find it rather hard to glean any news from them which is worthy of public notice. Of course there will be no basket ball games in the gym while the school is closed. This is rather unfortunate, for a game was scheduled with Hinsdale.

During this week of vacation we have a little time to think, a very exceptional circumstance. While we were thinking, we recalled a number of slightly comical mistakes and puns which occurred lately. We thought a few of these might fill up considerable space. Here are a few deep ones:

In the physics class recently the Cartesian diver was being explained. It was intimated that an inverted homeopathic vial would serve the purpose just as well as the little glass figure. "In fact," we were reminded, "older folks, such as you are, can have as much fun out of a bottle as you could from a toy."

"Why is Austria-Hungary called the dual monarchy?" "Because, until recently private quarrels in that country were settled by duels."

"What were the men under a suzerain called?" "Vassals." "Were the women called by any particular title?" "I understood they were called vaselines."

Several of the high school boys have been shoveling snow in the city. Others have been following that occupation out here. All of them seem to keep busy, but they say they would rather go to school and have examinations, as our neighbors in Naperville are doing.

STORMS AND FOREST TREES

Timber Most Firmly Rooted Will Endure Strain Better Than That of Strongest Wood.

It is always interesting to watch the effect of storms anywhere, but in the woods these effects are most vastly and remarkable, says a writer.

It frequently happens that a tornado or hurricane will follow a certain course and level only the trees in this line, often leaping from place to place. In such cases all trees in its swath suffer or are blown down; but where there is a general very high wind and all trees are hit with about the same force it may be noted that the best rooted ones and not those of the strongest wood survive.

Wind resistance of the whole tree has also something to do with the bending character of the trunk and branches, for where these give before the force of the storm they permit the wind to slide off. The hickory, above all, will not yield, and consequently receives the hardest strain against its entire top, whether full leaved or bare. It may be commonly noticed that in a mixed woodland, where a hard wind has driven, there are more hickories down than any other trees.

HAPPIEST PERIOD OF LIFE

Generation That Really Knows What Gladness Is Has Not Been Born, Asserts Church Paper

Some sage has arisen to remark that human life up to about sixty years ago was not worth living—that only the inventions and institutions of the last half century have made life bearable.

Unfortunately, there is no way accurately to gauge the degree of happiness of any period or even to define exactly what happiness is, says the Christian Herald.

All we can know for certain is that the happiness of our own times is the best that is attainable to us, and lucky is he who gets his share of it.

Happiness, like health, is known to us chiefly through its opposite. Health is known through disease and pain, and happiness through disappointment and misery.

The masses of mankind, until this century almost dumb, now make heard their sufferings and dissatisfaction. The woes of centuries are finding utterance in the free speech of our day. This will may cause the unthinking to suppose that the sum of human happiness is suddenly obscured. But, to the contrary, the remedies following the better understanding of wrong conditions steadily improve the conditions under which happiness may become more general. The more we hear of wrongs, the fewer wrongs we have.

Philosophers may wrangle about it until doomsday and no doubt they will; but the age which knows the least earthly misery and woe is the one that has been longest dead, and the generation that really knows what happiness is and can realize its full possession is a long time yet unborn.

THE BATTLE IMMINENT

(for the Prohibition amendment)
By Frank E. Herrick

It is the Dawn
The lines are drawn
On eight and forty plains
From deep to deep
O'er the wide sweep
Of Freedom's fair domains!

To one and all
The bugles call
That never blew retreat,
The Reveille
Of Victory
Eternal and complete!

None are exempt
And dire contempt
Shall be the slacker's share
And those who faint
Shall treason's taint
To kith and kindred bear!

The hosts of Day
And Night's array—
The white and ebon plume—
Hold in their hand
For our loved land
Deliverance or doom!

Our khaki sons
Who fight the Huns
Face not a fiercer foe
Or baser brute
Of lust and loot
Than we must overthrow!

Brave yoemen now
Forsake the plow
On the Decisive Day:—
Your fallow fields
With ten-fold yields
Shall wave after the fray!

And school and shop,
"Over the top"
With hand grenades and steel
And cleanse and purge
The liquor scourge
From our great Commonweal!

Wheaton, Illinois.

SHORTAGE OF SHIP DRAFTSMEN

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17, 1917.—There are not enough ship draftsmen in the United States to do the drafting work needed to carry out the naval and merchant ship-building programs. Our country is engaged in the execution of the greatest warship construction plan in history, comprising 787 vessels, including all types from superdread naughts to submarine chasers. Naval appropriations aggregating nearly two billions of dollars have been made since August, 1916.

Coincident with the demand for increased naval work there is an equally urgent call for an increase of merchant ship construction. It is betraying no secret to say that in both branches there is a shortage of technical men available for the work.

The United States Civil Service Commission is endeavoring to relieve the dearth of ship draftsmen by recommending to the heads of colleges and technical schools that senior students in engineering courses be given intensive training in naval architecture during the coming spring, with a view to making them available for employment as ship draftsmen in June. The Commission is also receiving applications from qualified architectural, mechanical, and structural steel draftsmen, and is certifying them for emloyment in the Navy Department and in the navy yards on ship work.

Local boards of civil service examiners at the post offices in all of the larger cities are furnishing detailed information and application blanks. Applicants are not required to appear in an examination room for a written examination, but are rated upon their education, training, and experience.

POWER OF JOY RULES WORLD

Pain, Declares Woman Lecturer, Should Never Be Resorted to in Correcting Unruly Children.

A woman is lecturing in the East on "The Influence of Joy." It is also an attack on the influence of pain, which parents so much resort to in the management of children. She declares, according to the Ohio State Journal, that pain should never be resorted to to make children good, and, hence, she advises that all spankings and whippings should be eliminated.

There is nothing in pain to reconstruct a child. Joy is the only medium that should be used. Make a child happy, instead of sad, is the gospel of child training. The power that lived, moved and ruled the world, she said, was the power of joy; and this was the influence the parent should use in training the child. This is not the way of parents. The rule is to whip the child to make him good. It cannot result that way. A kind word and a gentle association are far more powerful than a rod or any other method for producing sorrow or pain.

The other day we heard a mother shout to a little boy: "I'll skin you alive!" That is enough to make a worse boy out of a bad one.

The "mild power wins" is an old adage and every parent should take it to heart.

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Weekly War News Digest

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, Compiled for Newspapers by the Committee on Public Information at Washington, D. C.

Lower Requirements for Admission to Army Nurse Corps

Because of the great need for nurses for the Army Nurse Corps certain requirements have waived for the period of the war emergency. Registered nurses are preferred, but registration may be waived.

Nurses between the ages of 21 and 45 will now be considered, as well as those who are graduated from hospitals of less than 100 beds. Under the temporary revision of rules they are not required to purchase new uniforms.

A nurse traveling under orders is given a first-class ticket, Pullman-car accomodations, and traveling expenses not to exceed $4.50 a day.

German Paper Tells of Hardships of Soldier's Family

The Committee on Public Information has made the following translation of a story appearing in the October 15, 1917, issue of the Leipziger Volkszeitung:

"A sample of the fashion after which bloated landlords treat the wives of soldiers has been brought to our attention from Upper Langenau in Silesia. One of the hired men of Dr. Mueller's agricultural estate has been for a long time at the front. His wife, who had worked alongside her husband before the war after the usual custom, remained in the ranks of the field hands and accordingly retained her farm cottage. October 1 this woman got the following letter:

"'The undersigned bailiff of the estate hereby gives you notice as of this date to the field service for January 1, 1918. On that day you are to give up your house. The work you are doing on the farm does not compensate the farm for the loss which accrues to it through the continued support of your family. Look out for yourself away from this farm, your home is needed for other use.'

"The woman communicated the notice to her husband with these words: 'I must tell you my distress, soon I shall not be able to see the paper for my tears. What shall I do? Winter is at the door and the cottage is full of little children.'

"Thus the bailiff of the estate of a bloated landlord turns a family with eight children out of doors in midwinter while the man is at the front. Comment takes care of itself."

Food Supply of France and Neutral Countries on the Decline

According to the Food Administration, shortage of wheat in France is becoming more and more alarming each week. . The minister of general revictualing indicated recently that a further reduction of 20 per cent in the bread ration would soon become imperative.

Denmark is now looking forward to a reduction of wheat rations . Final figures for the cereal harvest show a total of about 62,000,00 bushels, which is 20,000,000 bushels less than in 1916 and about 10,000,000 less than was estimated in the summer, when the populace was put on bread rations. The authorities are already considering a further reduction in the allowed consumption.

The food situation in Switzerland is rapidly falling to the danger line. A ration that is far below the consumption in many of the countries at war has already been ordered. Under the new regulations the Swiss may have only a pound and a half of sugar per person per month. The bread ration has been fixed at about half a pound a day, and the butter ration at one-fifth of a pound a month.

Recreative Athletic Work in Army Camps is Handled by Experienced Men

Athletic work in army camps and cantonments is in the hands of 32 trained organizers and coaches. They are civilian aids on the staffs of commanding officers, and their salaries are paid by the Government.

Particular attention has been given to boxing, as it assists men in bayonet fighting. A committee of best-known boxers worked out plans, and moving pictures to teach boxing have been made. Baseballs, bats, basket balls, and soccer balls, boxing gloves and other equipment are supplied each company, in part, from a Government appropriation.

LODGE & CLUB DIRECTORY

GROVE LODGE NO. 824, A. F. & A. M.—Stated meetings, second and fourth Fridays at 8 o'clock p. m. at Masonic hall, Curtiss and Main streets. Fred Dowe, Secretary; Henry E. Tank, Worshipful Master.

GROVE CHAPTER, NO. 230 R. A. M. — Stated meeting first Thursday of each month in Masonic hall at 8 o'clock p. m. Visiting Companions always welcome. T. H. Slusser, E. H. P., H. F. Legenhausen, Secretary.

VESTA CHAPTER, No. 242, O. E. S.—Meet second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Florence L. Uhlhorn, Worthy Matron; W. F. Heintz, Worthy Patron; Ona Lower, Sec.

MAPLE GROVE LODGE No. 529, K. of P. Meets first & third Wednesday nights in Zindt's hall. L. L. Chevalier, Chancellor Commander; H. F. Legenhausen, K. of R. & S.

NAPER POST, No. 468, G. A R.—Meets the second Saturday, 2:30 p. m. of each month in G A R hall. F. A. Rogers, Senior Vice-Commander; Geo. T. Hughes, Junior Vice-Commander; E. W. Farrar, Officer of the Day; R. W. Bond, Adjutant; Geo. B. Heartt, Quartermaster.

DOWNERS GROVE HIVE Ladies of the Maccabees. Meets in Zindt's hall every 2nd and 4th Friday. Mrs. M. E. Collier, Commander; Mrs. Lavara Hannum, Record Keeper.

VICTORY COUNCIL, No 110 Royal League—Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays in each month in Zindt's hall. C. V. Wolf, Archon; C. H. Staats, Scribe.

DOWNERS GROVE LODGE No. 750, I O O F Meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Masonic hall, corner Main and Curtiss streets. W. H. Beidelman, N. G.; E. M. Brunson, Secretary.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 893 M. W. A., meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in Morris hall. A. H. Barnhart, V. C.; R. O. Miller, Clerk.

DOWNERS GROVE CHAPTER, Daughters of the American Revolution,—Hold a monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the homes of the members Officers of the chapter are; Regent, Mrs. Verne Frankenfield; Mrs. Lavara Hannum, Secretary.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA —Honor Camp, No. 379, Meets the third Thursday evening of each month in Zindt's hall. Mrs. M. E. Collier, Oracle; Miss Agnes Venard, Recorder.

DOWNERS GROVE WOMANS CLUB —Meets every alternate Wednesday, beginning second Wednesday in October and closing last Wednesday in April. Mrs. Jonas R. Foster, President; Mrs. E. H. Huntington, Jr., Secretary.

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At present I have 2 50-ft. lots ½ block from village limits, east front, a bargain at $350.

7-room stucco house with hot water heat, all improvements in best of locations, only two blocks from depot. Price $4500.

70-acre farm, all tiled, good buildings, on main stone road, near village limits. Owner is anxious to sell. Make me an offer.

6-room concrete bungalow with cement basement, laundry, furnace heat, bath, fireplace, large porch, on paved street, good location. Price $3600.00 easy terms.

3½ acres, 5-room house, about one block from village limits; owner will sell at a low figure. This house is only three years old. City gas, extra large cistern; a bargain for someone.

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1½ acres, 6-room house, garage, barn, chicken house, fruit trees, about 3 blocks from village limits, a bargain for $3200.

If you are interested in acre property let me know as I have at present several acre tracts for sale. Prices range from $350 to $600 an acre. All situated in village limits.

6-room house, hot water heat, bath, laundry, 2 50-ft. lots, chicken house, fruit, A bargain for $2600. Make offer

6-room house, all modern, lots 75x132, best of location, owner is anxious to sell at once, reasonable terms, make offer.

If you are looking for a good lot for $200 let me hear from you.

4-room cottage with stone foundation, cement basement, electric light, water, gas, also small barn. property is in good condition a bargain for $1,900.

6-room house, with steam heat, ment basement, bath, with 2 50-ft. lots, on paved street best neighborhood. Price, $3,500.

If you are looking for a cheap lot on the south side let me hear from you.

7-room house, hardwood floors down stairs, water, gas, and bath, large lot, fruit trees, chicken house. Price3000.

5-room bungalow, water and gas, about 4 blocks from station, $1,500.

50-ft. lot east front, good location, on paved street. Price $400.

6-room new stucco house on paved street, cement basement, furnace heat laundry, large living room, book cases buffay, oak trim, bath, sleeping porch near station, good neighborhood . A bargain at $4300. Terms.

6-room house, hot water heat, all modern, best part of north side. 3900.

50x142 east front lot, just outside of village limits, good neighborhood, price $200.

7-room house, cement basement, furnace heat, laundry, bath, fireplace, electric lights, large lot. $4,300.

5-room bungalow, new, all modern, good location, east front, lot 75x125, Price, $3,600.

50-ft. lot just outside of village limits gas, water, electric light. A bargain for $250.

7-room house, steam heat, bath, hard wood floors downstairs, lot 60x152. Price $3600. Easy Terms.

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158 acres on main stone road. Price $135 per acre, make offer.

If you are looking for an 80-acre farm, I have them from $125 to $225 per acre.

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