

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO IN THE REPORTER

(From the issue of March 19, 1896). E. H. Prince took a business trip to Kansas and Nebraska last week. Last Saturday was the date of a pleasant luncheon, given by Mrs. Wm. Radell in honor of Mrs. Elbert Stanley and Mrs. Grace Rogers.

Mr. Hassweiler's youngest son, John, who has been so seriously ill at Naperville, is reported as being in a fair way to recovery. He has been suffering intensely for six weeks and has made a gallant fight for life.

The Congregational A.M. Society lunch, at the home of Mrs. Geo. T. Hughes last Thursday, was a very enjoyable affair, and a large number of ladies were in attendance.

A Gostyn Polish political club has been organized under the name of Kosvizio No. 1. Officers were elected as follows: President, Nikolas Patrick; Secretary, Albert Janowski; Treasurer, John Palowski; Marshal, Dewit J. Block.

PAY YOUR DELINQUENT TAXES NOW

to N. E. Matter, County Treasurer, at Wheaton, Illinois

Statement of Township Collector gives correct amount of tax if paid before April 1st. Send statement with remittance. In writing for statement give lot, block and subdivision, or section, town and range.

COOTS—After April 1st add three cents for each description of town lots and acre property. After April 15th add thirteen cents for each description of town lots and twenty-three cents for each description of acre property.

INTEREST—After May 1st add one per cent. After June 1st add two per cent.

Judgment will be applied for on the first Monday in June against all property on which taxes or special assessments remain unpaid at that date. Tax sale begins the second Monday in June.

Remit by certified check, draft or money order. Uncertified checks will be taken only for collection and receipt sent when collected. Postage stamps not accepted.

If you want to keep out of the Delinquent Tax Sale, pay your taxes before April 10th.

N. E. Matter, Co. Treas. March 22, 3 times

Horse's Jumping Power

If the reader will carefully measure out 20 feet an idea of a horse's capacity in this direction will be gathered. Such a distance a steeplechase horse called Old Chandler is reported to have covered at Warwick many years ago; and there is more than one apparently authentic record of a horse clearing over seven feet in height.

Indolent Genius

Indolence has produced a good many works of genius. James Thomson not only wrote his famous "Seasons," but also a very characteristic poem called "The Castle of Indolence." He was himself one of the most indolent of men. It is said that he was too lazy to stretch out a hand to pick a peach from the wall, but simply stopped and pecked at it where it hung. But whether that is a libel or the truth, it is certain that most of his poetry was composed in a recumbent position. He always wrote best in bed!

AGRICULTURAL ASSN. TO MEET AT WHEATON MARCH 29th

The annual meeting of the DuPage County Agricultural Improvement Association will be held at Wheaton, next Friday, March 29th. As usual the Court House will be the meeting place and the call to order will come at 1:30 o'clock sharp.

The schedule of the afternoon calls for a regular business session, followed by the annual reports of officers. The election of new officers for the coming year is an important part of the program.

Mr. Arthur C. Page, Editor of the Orange Judd Farmer, will make an address. Mr. Paige has a vital message for all farmers which is worth while, especially in these trying days.

The association is one of the best in the state with a large and growing membership and farmers who do not now belong will be welcomed at this meeting. Their time will be well spent.

LIBRARY NOTES

Hours Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday Three to Nine P. M.

BOOKS FOR THE MEN OVER THERE

We have not forgotten that our men who are going to war are human beings. We do not want them to be entirely without home-like influences. The Literary War Service of the American Library Association has created Camp Libraries at thirty-four training camps, has furnished trained library service and is circulating books throughout the camps by means of branch libraries.

Several hundred thousand books have been placed in libraries by gift or purchase. As the army increases, more books are needed. For every man in the service there should be a book in service all the time. A big nation-wide Book Drive is being conducted and every person is invited to contribute books from his private collection to be sent to our soldiers and sailors.

In almost every home there are books purchased recently, or standard volumes still popular, which are seldom referred to. They should be put to use in these free circulating libraries for the soldiers and sailors.

All sorts of books are in demand at the libraries. Non-fiction is called for as much as fiction. The libraries need books of reverence; books on the war; books on the trades; technical and professional subjects; recent text books in mathematics, civil, mechanical and electric engineering; books of new and standard poetry, biography, history and travel.

The Library Board takes a justifiable pride in the Roll of Honor which to date has one hundred and fifty names printed on it. The public is cordially invited to the Library to view this roll which is of great interest to every one in the community.

FILE TAX SCHEDULE

In order to avoid confusion and needless labor the Board of Review has ordered the DuPage County Assessors to strictly comply with the law and add fifty per cent penalty in every case where personal property schedules are not properly filled out, sworn to and returned to the Assessor.

Owners of dogs must procure a metallic license tag from the Assessor or lay themselves liable to a fine of not less than five nor more than ten dollars.

You can procure a blank schedule from your Assessor on April 1st. and it must be returned to the Assessor before May 15th, or you will be penalized 50 per cent.

N. E. MATTER, Supervisor of Assessments. 3-22-3 times

Her Ideal

We heard a young woman say yesterday that her ideal man is one who is smart enough to make money and foolish enough to spend it.—Boston Transcript.

A LITTLE PATRIOT

French Boy Knows How to Help Country by Investing.

By ELIZABETH CONNELL.

Jean is a little French soldier. No he is not a Poilu, nor is he fighting in the trenches, but he is a soldier just the same, for he is helping France to win the war. He is twelve years old, and he belongs to the great army of school children who are bravely doing their bit to aid France.

Jean's father died fighting for his country, and his mother has to work by the day—scrubbing, cleaning, washing—doing whatever she can to make a little money. But it is very hard to get work in France, so some days Jean's mother finds nothing to do at all, and a good day's work brings in only fifty cents. This is very discouraging.

But Jean isn't discouraged. He is a man for all of his twelve years, and he shares with his mother the burden of taking care of the little family. Every morning, long before daylight, he is up and stirring. M. Boulanger, the baker, very kindly allows Jean to help him for three hours each day—and pays him the princely wage of one dollar a week. So from five to eight every morning he may be seen scurrying about the shop, doing whatever M. Boulanger requires. Then he goes to school.

At the end of the week comes pay day and Jean is given his five francs. What do you suppose he does with the money? Does he spend it for candy or toys or movies, or for any of the things dear to a boy's heart? No indeed, he takes those bravely won francs to his mother, who gives him as his share exactly ten cents! That is his lot to do with just exactly as he pleases. What does he buy? Would you believe me if I told you he doesn't buy a thing, but each week puts his money away until he has saved enough to subscribe to the National Loan? And he doesn't consider himself a hero—far from it. If you were to put him on the back and call him a brave boy, he would look at you with surprise and say, "Why every one must help to win this war, is it not so?"

I said that Jean belonged to the army—the army of French children. And every soldier in that big army of little people is working just as hard as Jean is. What they are doing for France, you and John and Mary, and all the girl and boy soldiers of America can do for this country. If you will fight in this war as Jean and the French children are fighting—by saving every penny and loaning it to the government, you will help to save the lives of the "big brothers of America" who are going over the top to save you.

Save your pennies, your nickels and your dimes—put them away until you have enough to buy a Thrift stamp or a War Savings stamp. Then, next time you pass your favorite movie theater you can look at the gay posters of Douglas Fairbanks or Marguerite Clark and say, "I'd like to see you, but I'm doing something more important now—I'm taking care of a soldier."

Do without that extra piece of candy or that package of gum, and before you know it you will have enough money to buy—oh, ever so many Thrift stamps. And then you—like Jean—will be helping and serving your country just as surely as the man who carries the gun—for, don't you see, you will be giving him the gun to carry.

CLAYTON IS OVER ITS QUOTA

Postmaster Bert Hugh Finds a Novel Way to Dispose of War Savings Stamps.

Charlotte, Michigan, has been getting a lot of publicity as a 100 per cent town because every citizen has bought at least one Thrift stamp. Now comes Clayton, Ill., with a claim to fame. Bert Hugh, postmaster at Clayton, reports to the War Savings committee for Illinois that he already has sold his town's entire quota of \$20 for each man, woman and child in the community, and \$10 more for each one in addition. And Clayton has barely begun to buy at that.

He did it without making any drive, or going out to the people with any publicity. Instead he made the people come to him and sell themselves. He simply inserted an advertisement in the local papers stating that the government was issuing five-year certificates, bearing four per cent interest compounded every three months. He requested all those interested to call at the post office for further information.

They called in droves. Postmaster Hugh explained the War Savings stamps to them, and they bought in hundred-dollar and thousand-dollar lots. Now Mr. Hugh is going out to sell the Thrift stamps. "If Clayton's total doesn't reach \$40 a head instead of \$20, I miss my guess," he says.

They Save Even the Scraps

Over in Europe the allied armies have large corps of men engaged picking up scraps from the battlefield. Every broken rifle, every battered helmet, every piece of metal and every bullet scarred uniform is picked up and used again. Over here Uncle Sam is asking you to gather up your loose change and lend it to him, so that he may provide, brand new, all the stews of war that other governments already are making out of scraps.

DOWNERS GROVE "HONOR ROLL"

Medical Corps Dr. W. S. Barber, First Lieutenant Dr. W. S. Bebb, Captain Dr. Chas. C. Butler, Corporal Aldershot, England Dr. K. Hartnack, First Lieutenant Dr. M. L. Puffer, Captain Dr. Edwin Strong, First Lieutenant

Medical Reserve Dr. A. R. Moore Officers Reserve, Active Service Robert Agee, Captain A. W. Abbot, First Lieutenant Charles Gullick, First Lieutenant I. Haebich, First Lieutenant William F. James, First Lieutenant Arthur Johnson, Second Lieutenant Clifford Reil, Second Lieutenant T. Harry Slusser, First Lieutenant L. H. Whitney, First Lieutenant

Marine Corps Stanley Baron\* John Bryan, Jr.\* John Burek\* John Caird\* Philip Jory\* John Pordol\* Albert Winter\*

Navy Walter Barrett William Brady Frank Bruns Charles Carpenter Jack Carpenter, Machinists Mate, 2nd Samuel G. Coles Ralph Dexter Roy Dexter Dan Diener Alfred H. Dowie, Chief Yeoman Walter Fredenhagen A. R. Hall, British Navy. Robert MacDougall Robert McElroy Albert Meyers\* Burley Reidler, Water Tender Logan Stanley Geo. O. Whitney

Navy Radio Corps Owen Griffiths M. J. Morton Naval Aviation Corps Earl Prince

Regular Army Clarence Axium Sergeant-Major, Leon Brunet Corporal Henry Dailey Sergeant Harold A. McAllister John Michalek First Sergeant Stanley Nebraska John Koska James Pordol Charles Urbanaki Mounted Engineers Weldon Fairchild U. S. Engineers, Ry. Etc.

Paul Bentley\* George Beyers\* Robert Carpenter\* Alfred A. Gardner Alfred Handberg\* John Kidwell Thomas Kidwell Edgar A. McCollum Alfred Straube\* Gale Washburn Warren Wells Adolph T. Winter Martin Bauer Joseph Shroka

U. S. Ambulance Corps Edwin Pfaff Melville Quincy Arno Uhlhorn

Base Hospital Corps Norman Anderson\* Aviation Corps Edmond Czechowski Arthur Czechowski Lloyd Fischer Arthur Kidwell W. Ballard Miles Leslie Potter

British Royal Flying Corps Lieutenant D. Gordon Reid George Corcoran Carl Pfau

Signal Corps Edgar Boydston Arthur G. Coe Corporal Harry E. Fraher Robert J. Fraher W. H. McElroy Fred Nelson Albert Vix C. E. Emerson

Aree Squadron Alvin Buschman Bernard Kearney Quartermaster's Corps Alex Gollan Eugene Haymond Harold Hindman Fred Plumb George Staiger Leon Stanley

364th Regiment Band Forest Nash Former Illinois Natl. Guard Regiments, Infantry Harold Clark Arthur Dent Corporal Frank Gregory Harry E. McAllister A. Ray Morgan Clarence Phillips Theron Potter Lawrence Rehn Corporal Jack Reiser Marshall Statton Thomas Poe

Saturday, Mar. 23rd Matinee 3:30 Madge Kennedy in "Our Little Wife" Burton Holmes Travel Picture—"Three Marvelous Matsuris" Also a Big V Comedy Matinee 3:30 Admission 10 cents to all. Evening one Big Show: 7:45; Admission 10 and 15c. Including tax.

Tuesday, Mar. 26th Pauline Frederick in "The Hungry Heart" Favorite Film Comedy "Betty in Lion's Den" Matinee 3:30; Admission 10 cents, including War Tax Evening one Big Show at 7:45; Admission 10 and 15c including Tax.

Thursday, Mar. 28th Matinee 3:30 Wm. S. Hart in "Wolves of the Rail" His late Aircraft picture. Never shown here before. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew in "Telegraphic Tangle" Ford weekly, and Paramount Pictograph Matinee 3:30, Admission 10c including Tax Evening one Big Show 7:45; Admission 11 and 17c; including Tax

DICKE THEATRE You see, our Gas Bill is the only one that's lower With prices of all necessities climbing higher and higher, GAS is one of the few commodities of every day use that costs no more today than it did a year ago. Western United Gas and Electric Company

- U. S. Field Artillery Manley Anderson W. H. Ballard Frank Barre Sam Bertolin Hugh Brown Corporal Stewart Burns\* Dwight Cox\* Carl Dunnagan Clifford Davenport Fred Edwards\* Harry Grant\* Chester Hall\* Donald Hawkins Richard Hawkins Gilbert Lacey\* George Nargney\* Grant Nash\* Felix Parendota\* Corporal Frederick Sacksteder\* Arthur Schlander Thomas Schultz Myron Towles\* Donald McKee Charles Roche
- Ordnance Division Melvin Binder Frank Dewey William Dexter Reuben Diener John Dressler Alphonse Engleschall Walter Johnstone Willard McCollum Clifford Siebert

Gas Defense Service Roy Burt, First Lieutenant "These are already 'somewhere over there.'"

In Memoriam ALEXANDER BURNS\*

Long Ride Before Him. A cyclist who stopped at a village inn boasted about his abilities as a rider to such an extent that the landlord ventured to make a wager with him.

"Look here, mister" said the innkeeper, "you can't ride up and down this road till the church clock strikes six."

"Done," said the cyclist. "It's just close on five now," and the next minute he was speeding down the road. After about an hour's riding the cyclist shouted to one of the bystanders, of whom many had assembled:

"I say, has the church clock struck six yet?" "No, you idiot," was the blunt reply. "Our church clock never strikes at all."—London Tit-Bits.

Apt With Her Exouse. Emily, preferring the doll her grandmother had given her to the one her mother gave her, tucked the rejected doll out of sight in a broken doll crib. Her mother asked her why she didn't play with the doll she had given her. Emily looked at her mother a moment in silence, seeming to fear hurting her mother's feelings, then gave a quick look at the crib and said, "Sh-sh! She's sick."

Don't seem Right, Some Way. "This law is a queer business," "How so?" "They swear a man to tell the truth." "What then?" "And every time he shows signs of doing it, some lawyer objects."—Louisville Courier-Journal.