

"POOR BOOB"

The Dicke Theatre, Tuesday, May 6th.

Simpson — more generally known as "Simp" — Hightower is leaving his natal village ostensibly a failure — in reality, he has been bamboozled out of the rights to the canning factory, which had been in his family for generations, by Stephen Douglas, who also wins away Tiny Parcel, the girl who fills the thoughts of Simpson to the exclusion of business and everything else.

Simp, in New York, is overcome with the thought of his successive failures, but Hope and Jimmy, the office boy, assure him he can and must succeed, originated a wild but merry plan whereby Simp is to pretend to be a millionaire, they are to be his secretary and valet, and they all are to go to some town and make a splurge for a day or two. They finally decide to go to Hightower, Simp's home town.

Simp and his "suite" arrive in Hightower and a series of events happens: First, Swanson, having made an appointment to meet Platt at a certain place, finds it impossible to do so and wires for Platt to meet him in Hightower. Platt is late, and Swanson, unable to wait any longer, persuades Simp, whom he knows as "Platt's silent partner," from a facetious joke of Jimmy's, to sign for Platt. Simp, knowing what the loss of the contract will mean to Platt, finally consents, but signs it in his own name only.

Then Platt arrives, and, overjoyed at getting the contract, magnanimously offers Simp his old job! Simp refuses, saying he wants a commission of \$5,000 — this being the sum which "Tiny," hearing of Simp's return as a "millionaire," has asked him to lend her. Platt writes him a check for the amount and hurries away with the contract. His car stopping for gas at the village garage, he learns that his factory has been burned. He rushes back to the hotel, thrusts the contract upon Simp, demanding the return of the check. Simp, having already sent the money to Tiny, cannot comply. Platt, raging, dashes out of the room.

Simp now has the factory and the contract, but not the capital to work it with. The Hightower bankers come in at this moment and beg Simp to let them go in with him on the factory deal and make a little money for themselves. Simp consents. The village band now arrives to serenade their millionaire fellow citizen, and under cover of the music Simp thanks Hope and Jimmy for their making him put up the bluff and tells them they, too, are "in on the deal." A Jimmy goes to the window to watch the serenaders, Simp asks Hope if she, too, will be "for life." She replies, "If I were sure I'd never grow fat."

So Simp rid of the incubus of the memory of a hopeless love, with a flourishing business on his hands, nominated as Hightower's next candidate for Congress, really begins to live.

Race of Boat Builders. The Irish from time immemorial have been boat builders, although the west coast mackerel fishermen, or the hake coast to the south, or the haddock fisheries on the southeast must be visited to understand the real ingenuity of the Irish native boat builder. In a large way Belfast represents the high development of the shipbuilding industry.

1ST MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD SHOWS HARMONY

Board of Education, District No. 58, Downers Grove, Ill., April 24, 1919.

The Board met in special session at the Maple Avenue School to canvas the returns of the Annual School Election held on Saturday, April 19th, 1919 and organization of the School Board.

President J. R. Shaffer presiding and the following members present: J. W. Graves, R. E. Rassweiler, Chas. Mochel, H. E. Tank and F. E. Dowe.

The returns of the Annual Election held on Saturday, April 19th were then read, showing the following results:

For President: J. W. Graves 595, J. W. Shaffer 646. For members of the Board for Full Term: H. G. Butler 781, W. R. Curtis 714, Mrs. Stacey H. Verdenius 578.

For members of the Board to fill vacancy: Geo. O. Prickett 510, Mrs. Minnie Prince 699. On regular motions Mr. J. R. Shaffer was declared elected as President; H. G. Butler and W. R. Curtis for Full Term and Mrs. Minnie Prince for two years to fill vacancy.

On motion the Board adjourned sine die. Fred E. Dowe, Secretary. Immediately after the adjournment of the old Board, President Shaffer called the new Board to order. Members present: H. G. Butler, W. R. Curtis, Mrs. Prince, R. E. Rassweiler, H. E. Tank and F. E. Dowe.

On regular motion F. E. Dowe was elected as Secretary at a salary of \$100.00 per year. Mr. H. E. Tank presented the following Resolutions which were seconded by Mr. Rassweiler and duly carried.

WHEREAS, This Board of Education is responsible to the people of School District No. 58 for the successful management, proper conduct, and finished product of our grade schools and high school; and

WHEREAS, This Board was constituted by the choice of the people of this school district at separate public elections; and

WHEREAS, The members of this Board have accepted office, and agree faithfully to perform their duties to the best of their abilities; and

WHEREAS, The people of this School District are greatly interested in the general welfare of our schools and are desirous of obtaining information concerning our schools; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Board to be guided by and to adhere to the following Covenants:

1st: That the best interests of the schools demand harmony, sincerity of purpose, and honest co-operation throughout; and

2nd: That each member is to discard all prejudice, in the consideration and execution of school matters; and

3d: That all important facts pertaining to school matters, including faculty, shall be fully and completely presented in open Board meetings and decision shall result from the careful weighing of facts so presented; and be further

RESOLVED, That the proceedings

of the meetings of this Board shall be regularly published in the Downers Grove Reporter.

President Shaffer announced the following committees:

Teacher and Schools— H. G. Butler, Mrs. Minnie Prince, F. E. Dowe.

Finance— W. R. Curtis, R. E. Rassweiler, H. E. Tank.

Buildings and Grounds— H. E. Tank, R. E. Rassweiler, W. R. Curtis.

On motion Board then adjourned. Fred E. Dowe, Secretary.

DAVIS' FOLDING CHAIRS TO BE MANUFACTURED

O. Carlson and W. P. Groebe, of Chicago of the firm of the Progress Manufacturing and Supply Co. have purchased the rights to manufacture the Davis' folding chair and will soon start turning them out in large quantities. They have rented a part of the Lord Lumber Co. building at Belmont and Forest avenues and will also manufacture other wood specialties as soon as the plant is running.

The chair is the invention of C. F. Davis who has manufactured quite a number of them in the small shop in rear of his undertaking rooms.

Many of the chairs, which are the best on the market, are owned locally and the new firm expects to push their sale nationally.

We understand Mr. Davis is to receive a substantial royalty on each one built.

EX-SOLDIERS AND SAILORS TO MEET MONDAY EVENING

The next regular meeting of men who have been discharged from the army or navy of the United States will be held next Monday evening.

Through the courtesy of Grove Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the second floor of the building at Main and Curtis streets, known as the G. A. R. hall, has been turned over to the boys and this will be used as a meeting place.

A good attendance is desired as plans will be made for those who have been in the service to take part as a unit in the Memorial Day exercises

here. Anyone who has worn the khaki of the army or the blue of the Navy during the war is urged to attend.

Mothers in Heaven. "Perhaps even from heaven our mothers see us and protect us still. I think they do."—Mothers and Children." by Frank Danby.

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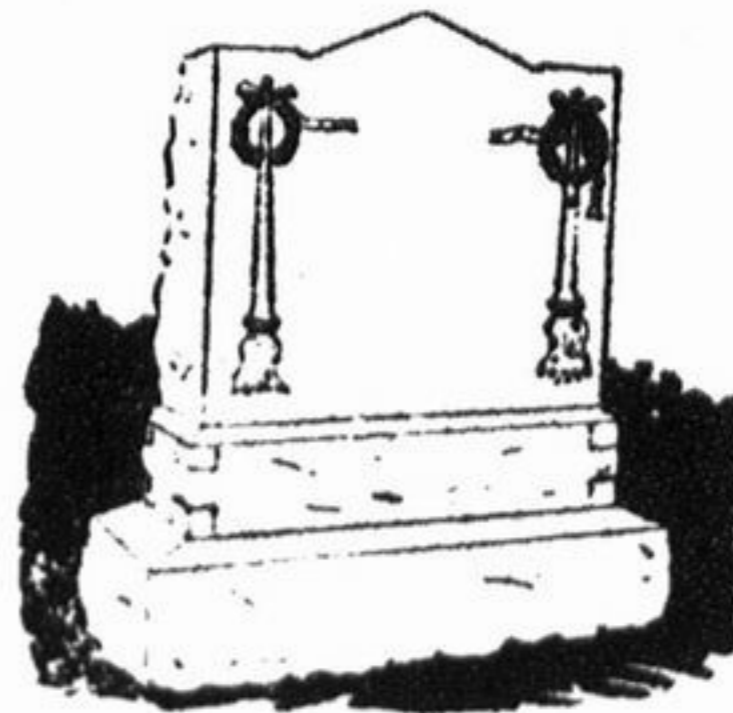
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