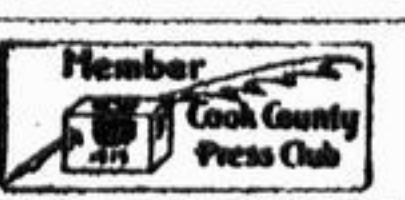


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SAVE AN HOUR OF DAYLIGHT

On next Sunday the clocks of the nation will be turned back an hour to sun time and our national daylight saving law will become but a memory.

The last Congress passed a bill over President Wilson's veto, repealing the measure which gave us this extra hour during the long summer days. It was a great boon to the man who works in a store, in an office, a factory, or any other place where he was confined all day.

It was the influence of the farmer vote of the nation that repealed the law. The farmer does not need an extra hour of daylight, there are too many for him already. It was a hardship to him instead of a Godsend as he had to, for instance, get up an hour earlier to get his milk to the same train in the summer than in the winter.

However, without national legislation, it is still possible for the city dweller, the man who works inside, to take advantage of the idea. Let him start to work an hour earlier in the morning, the same result will be achieved. We venture to say that if the majority of the employees of a large corporation, such as the Burlington office force, petitioned to be allowed to start work at seven instead of eight o'clock, and quit at four instead of five o'clock, it could be managed.

For the man who has his own business it is easy. Just arrange the new schedule next summer and—then stick to it. Our local stores should try out the plan at least. The clerks work until six and six-thirty. Five or five-thirty would give them a real little vacation at the end of the day. The merchants after years of bucking each other and squabbling among themselves finally agreed on Wednesday afternoon closing, and it has been found to be a good thing which should be kept up the year around. Saving an hour of daylight on the end of the day would also be a good thing, not only for their employees, but for themselves.

The long winter is coming to think this proposition over. It should be given due consideration. In spite of what any other business in the village does the Reporter office next year will work on the save an hour of daylight plan, 6:30 to 4:30 weekdays and 6:30 to 11:00 Saturdays, instead of 7:30 to 5:30 and 7:30 to 12.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT

Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, received a great ovation upon his arrival in Chicago, Tuesday. The cardinal is a man who was not afraid to stand up before the greatest generals of the invading German army and tell them just what he thought of them. May many more like he, increase the power of the Almighty on this earth.

St. Louis gave a royal welcome. The king, queen and crown prince of the Belgium's while stopping there were greeted by great crowds and lots of noise. If Chicago could only get a chance it would show St. Louis, the world and the said royalty what a real welcome was like. Chicago can bring up more enthusiasm for visiting notables than any other city in the world, is our belief.

The big national magazines which have suspended publication because of the printer's strike in New York are vainly trying to get firms in other cities to tide them over until the said strike is settled. The only city in the country that is making a bid for the work is Cincinnati and among printers it is known as the cheapest town on earth.

A child near West Chicago ate a quantity of "candy" pills which contained strychnine and died within four hours. No matter how careful one is with poisons every once in a while some child loses its life because they will eat anything that has a sweet taste. Seems a better way to camouflage anything containing poison is to make it as bitter as possible and then one taste would discourage any child from further eating.

The German born and German descent citizens of Elmhurst held a meeting in Gloss Hall there last week which was presided over by the Mayor. The purpose of the meeting was to gather a fund to help the starving residents of Germany and Austria. It may not be according to the dictates of humanity to ask why they are starving, but we will do it anyway. Along the Rhine, where our troops were quartered, the stories they bring back would indicate that little if any starvation was apparent there.

The United States Government on and after Saturday will make a great effort to bring to justice every man who breaks the law about making or manufacturing liquor with an alcoholic content of more than one half of one per cent. No class will be exempted from the drive against hard liquor, the moonshiner and the rich man with a still in the basement, all will be hunted down and punished. It really seems as if the United States will soon take on the general aspects of Sahara, than which as a dry place there is none whither.

Once more we are promised beet sugar from the west will soon relieve the sugar shortage which is felt by everyone throughout this part of the country. We have not kept accurate record but from a faulty memory we would say that this is the steenth time relief has been promised and it is still not in sight. Whenever a housewife wishes to bake a cake or make a little jell now-a-days she must first ascertain the extent of her supply of sugar and if it looks as if the coffee would have to go without being sweetened the cake isn't baked. That is rather hard on men with hard to fill sweet tooth and if something isn't done at once we predict a rise of these fellows and then we will get sugar. Seriously, however, in the classic words of Kipling, "Ain't it hard—!"

Conan Doyle has called down upon his head words of loathing, of scorn and of several other things because of his advocacy of Spiritualism. When Conan Doyle really believes anything he isn't afraid to say so. Probably he has been a spiritualist all these years and is just finding it out. That's the only way we can account for the solution of some of the mysteries solved by his favorite fiction character, Sherlock Holmes.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S WERE WELL ATTENDED

The anniversary services of St. Paul's Evangelical church were favored with splendid weather and a fine attendance. At both morning and evening services the house was filled with worshippers.

The speaker at the morning services was Prof. Paul N. Crusius, Principal of Elmhurst College, who spoke very interestingly on "The Value of the Church in the Community." His sermon was so timely and good that one hearer later said that that talk ought to be repeated and given in many churches.

The Rev. A. Fleer, who was pastor at the church twenty-five years ago, and organized the Ladies' Aid August 2nd, 1894, had for his subject: "Your work is not in vain." He emphasized that now is the time for work, for the hour cometh when man can work no more. He referred to the many who have passed on during the past 25 years, whose kind faces he missed at this jubilee.

The Rev. J. J. Mayer directed the attention to some auxiliaries of the church and emphasized the need of the Sunday School, the Y. P.'s. League and Brotherhood.

The Elmhurst College quartet, the duet sung by Miss Anna Grotefeld and Miss Esther Binder, and the solo by Miss Anna Grotefeld, all added much to the success and helpfulness of the services.

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and leaves of the season by young ladies of the Young People's League.

Great joy prevailed over the success in raising \$1,200. for the debt fund, giving proof of the loyalty and willingness of the members and friends of the church.

- St. Paul's Evangelical Church has
- 160 voting members
- 11 Sunday School teachers
- 108 Sunday School scholars
- 48 Home Department members
- 20 Cradle Roll members
- 57 Ladies' Aid Society members
- 35 Y. P. League members
- 16 Brotherhood members
- 14 Choir members

During the time of the church's existence, 109 children were baptized, 107 young Christians confirmed, 35 couples married and 47 persons given Christian burial. The congregation has a modern church building and a fine manse for its minister and his family. May the success of the past auger for a still greater progress in the future.

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PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED HERE

Downers Grove may expect to have within a short time a working demonstration of what a Parent-Teachers Association can do for the community. Our board of education have looked into the aims and ambitions of this organization and decided that it would be advantageous for the village. Many of the parents and the friends of the school have been asked to take steps to form such an organization. The Mothers Club, which has for some time been in existence and is a member of the Illinois Council Parent-Teachers Association has been chosen as the logical body to begin operations and with this end in view is about to take up with its members the question of resolving itself into a Parent-Teachers Association. The meeting to organize as such an organization will be held in Assembly Hall, October 31st. Prof. Geo. L. Scherger of Armour Institute, will speak on "You and Your World."

Mr. F. G. Blair, Superintendent of Public Instruction of Illinois says: "I believe that the school interests of the state, a square deal and fair chance for all the children of all the people in our common schools have been greatly advanced by the Parent-Teacher organizations of Illinois."

The problems of the child are the fundamental problems of the state and exist in some form in every community. It has been demonstrated that the parents and teachers stand a better chance of successfully carrying on this common business if they work together.

As this is a subject of interest to every person it is hoped and expected that a large attendance will be the result of this opportunity to hear a speaker on the subject. Everyone who can possibly do so is urged to come to the school on the evening of October 31st.

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the following taken from the West Chicago Press of last week will be interesting:

"Chris Wahl, the veteran conductor on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad Geneva-Aurora line, was talking 'Why do you know,' he said, 'this man Gary who is now the head of the United States Steel Company was a country lawyer over in DuPage County not many years ago. I knew him well. He came from up around West Chicago. The neighborhood was the old home town of John W. Gates and don't you ever forget it, it was Gates who made Gary. When Gates got to making millions in the steel business he gave Gary a lift. Gary was a schoolmate of his.'"

As if to corroborate the above our twenty-two year ago file of the Reporter tells about a case before the

Circuit and mentions the lawyers for the defense, E. H. Gary, J. F. Snyder and Mr. Wilke.

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