

Downers Grove Reporter

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THE LIBRARY DRIVE

Either Downers Grove people do not care anything about their Public Library or they have not been fully awakened to the gravity of the situation regarding its finances. This is plain to be seen from the slowness of the response for contributions to make the library a real force in the village thru increased equipment and bettered conditions.

For more than two weeks the Directors of the community enterprise have been hard at work trying to get together a fund of \$5000 every penny of which they could use to a good cause, but their efforts are meeting with little success. Downers Grove subscribed to thousands of dollars for the amelioration of peoples of foreign countries during the war and are still doing so. They did this with no expectation of getting anything in return. However, a real community enterprise from which they can expect returns, if not for themselves then for their children, seems to be going begging.

If you have sent in your pledge card for the rehabilitation of the Library, fine, we bless you for it. If you haven't, think of the good to the many this money will give, then make out a check for an amount you can spare and send it to S. J. Brown, Treasurer.

The Library is practically our only community building. It should be supported.

THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Downers Grove will have a Community Christmas Tree again this year. This fact was decided at a meeting of those interested held at Library Hall last Thursday evening.

The program will not be nearly as elaborate as that attempted last year but the tree will be a living one and centrally located so that people passing by on the "Q" will be cheered by its call to the Christmas spirit.

A short, fifteen minute "sing" will be the only public demonstration around the lighted pine, and this will be at six o'clock on Christmas night. Every organization and every individual in the village should take part in this short program. Songs familiar to all of us will be sung.

The money left from last year—about \$60.00, will be used for the necessary expenses.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Being the Cogitations of a Spectator of Life as it is Lived in The Present Age.

When I was asked by Mr. Staats to write this column every week he suggested that I "write my own head" as B. L. T. is wont to say. This, naturally puzzled me for a moment, but my well known ability to think quickly and accurately (if you doubt this ask the Auction sharks with whom I play on the 7:05 o'mornings) came to my assistance and I immediately, or sooner than that, evolved the rather neat, to me, head which tops this space.

"Here and There and Everywhere," would imply that I traveled to a considerable extent. I do. "Here" means Downers Grove; "There" signifies Chicago, to which mart of trade I make daily pilgrimages and "Everywhere" the rest of the world, which I visit each evening and Sundays thru the columns of the newspapers and the current magazines.

In these visits I am more apt than not to cast myself in the role of the latest society debutante, the reigning military leader of the "White" or "Red" army of Russia or the most daring train robber of the period. I lose my identity in theirs, in imagination, and live with them their lives for an hour or so. To you this may seem strange, but my ordinary round of life is so dull that this is practically my only chance to really live. Therefore, as a mere Spectator of what is going on around me I nightly cogitate on the happenings, both serious and gay, of life as it is lived in the present age.

The present Red and Bullshvevia (as my wife persists in pronouncing the word) agitation which seems to

have the world in its grasp; reminds me of the Miocene age of the Tertiary period in North America. This was the time when the giant reptiles of the Cretaceous age had disappeared and the mammals of the present day were taking form. It seems that a certain King Wawhusb of the famous Ria Toh tribe had warred on one of the lesser tribes of the land because the latter had stolen a pet Miolippus, the property of Adleremse, his favorite daughter by his fourth spouse. This led to a war of all the tribes of the region which lasted for four years. At the termination of hostilities and before a final peace was signed, conditions were such as they are today. There was raised the cry of profiteering, of Bolshevism, and the eternal contest between capital and labor was a paramount issue confronting the then established governments. However, the steady, common people of that remote time prevailed and when conditions had resumed their normal bent it was found that the period of unrest was merely that which followed all wars of which they had any record.

The other evening as I was looking over the mail which had come for me during the day, my eye was arrested by a statement in some oil literature which I was perusing. This company claimed title to the ownership of more than 20,000 acres of land in the Texas oil fields. Thru some channel or other my name is on most "sucker lists" of the country and I am flooded with literature describing companies of various kinds which promise me fifty per cent on my investing with them some of my "surplus" funds. I have a chronic delight in oil stock prospectus and I save for him all printed matter regarding oil which I receive. After seeing the figures of this latest stock offering it was but a moment until I had all the literature before me, the combined claims as to acreage owned exceeded the area of the entire State of Texas by some 250,000 acres.

In re-reading the classic of Dumas, "The Three Musketeers" last week I came upon the passage where these brave men and their lackeys held a fort against an enemy not by superior force of arms but by strategy. It reminds me greatly of the present sugar Barons and high cost of that sweetening and its scarcity. Why? I do not know.

FATIGUE CAUSE OF DISEASE

That Fact Being Admitted, It Follows That the Best of All Cures Is Rest.

From time to time somebody proposes the "rest cure" for all maladies, and for a time we hear a great deal of it. Then the subject is dropped, and little appears in the public prints concerning its value. But invariably it comes up again, and the "rest cure" is advocated for all manner of ailments.

Just why we should not go ahead and accept it as a fact that the best treatment for most diseases is rest, we do not know. It is well settled in science as anything pertaining to diseases that absolute rest is of the greatest benefit; that most diseases are the actual result of fatigue of one kind or another. The human body is able to take care of itself when it is not tired; it cannot take care of itself when it is overworked, no matter how many drugs are poured into it.

There is a splendid work to be done by the physicians in the matter of teaching the people how to rest. Not one person in a hundred understands it. Unless the average person actually feels fatigued, he doesn't realize that his body is tired—or that his mind and nervous system are crying for rest. The average person doesn't know there is anything the matter with him unless he feels pain, and yet there are many maladies that are not accompanied by pain.

In a Book Store. Customer—Have you a book of synonyms?

Green Clerk—I'll see, madame. (To department head:) Do we carry Mr. Synonym's works?

Squaring It. Some people do odd things for the purpose of getting even.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals

"ASK YOUR BANK'S ADVICE" SAYS THE C'NTY GENTLMAN

The old days when the farmer took his money home and hid it in the mattress or under the floor have passed away, but in too many instances he has not learned how to get the fullest service out of his bank, writes Charles Moreau Harger, country editor and banker, in The Country Gentleman of December 13th. And the farmer is paying in good hard cash for not telling all his troubles to the man who watches over his checking account.

Not very long ago, nice, well-dressed men in big, high-powered cars drove through the country presenting a scheme to upset the "implement trust." A million farmers could build a huge factory, get large dividends on the stock and buy farm machinery much cheaper than the local dealer could sell it. "We don't want your money"—it is always easier to get a note than cash—"just your note due in six months." Thousands of farmers gave their notes and have since paid them. They have some of the prettiest green-and-gold stock certificates ever engraved, but that's all—the scheme never got beyond the stock selling stage. It is not likely that any banker would have advised a customer to invest in such a proposition. It isn't only in the country that people are taking long chances in the hope of getting rich quick; the newspapers are full of stories of city people who have fallen under the lure of the big dividend.

The point Mr. Harger brings out is that your banker has to know about securities to do business; if you want to invest, ask his advice. And this is only part of the service he will give you. Every day in the week bankers are encouraging reliable men to borrow money to buy more land or more livestock; they are also advising men not to borrow money to buy new cars and other things they can't afford. The business man has no secrets from his banker; farmers ought to follow this example.

MEASURE HEAT OF STARS

Scientific Instrument Used at Washington Is Sensitive to an Almost Miraculous Degree.

One of the experts employed by the government bureau of standards in Washington has perfected an instrument which measures the heat of a star so far away that it can't be seen with the unaided eye. This same instrument is sensitive enough to be affected by the heat of a candle 100 miles away. "What is the practical value of such labor?" asks Thomas H. Uzzell in Everybody's. "Well, for one thing, these experiments by Doctor Kohlentz have made a substantial contribution to the theory and technology of measuring high temperatures which will melt any known substance. Making use of this new knowledge, other bureau men have greatly improved the high-temperature thermometers which are used in the steel industry to measure the temperature of molten steel. One of the biggest improvements in the production of steel in recent years is the result. "Formerly many millions of Colliers' worth of steel products depended upon the trained eye of the foreman in estimating the temperature of steel from its color. But these new thermometers don't drink; they don't fall; and their accuracy means vast savings in money, better steel, a decided step forward in America's industrial sovereignty."

NOTICE FORMER SOLDIERS

Those entitled to by disability and desiring to take advantage of the vocational training offered by the United States Federal Board can receive the necessary information at the Paterson Business Institute of La-Grange.

Under the Vocational Rehabilitation Law a single man will receive \$80 per month maintenance fee and training expenses; those with dependents up to \$150 a month.

The Paterson Business Institute has been appointed as an approved institution to take care of this work.

Soap in Shanghai. There is a big demand for soap in Shanghai, over 100 brands of laundry soap being in use. 35 made in China from the abundant native fats and oils, 20 in Great Britain, 5 in America, 4 in Japan, 2 in France and 1 German brand made locally.

Correct Definition. Bigotry is the crusade of the dead against the living.—Life.

Do your Christmas Shopping at home

COAL DEALERS CO-OPERATING TO SAVE SUFFERING

Downers Grove's coal dealers, the Lord Lumber Co., the Potter Manuf., Loring & Lumber Co., and Mertz & Moehl are co-operating as per instructions of the Regional Fuel Director regarding the delivery of coal. The fuel regulations as promulgated require that no coal be delivered to homes unless the supply has run to below a ton. This regulation will protect everyone and will so enable the dealers to distribute the supply so that no one will suffer.

People should do all in their power to help the situation by not ordering unless their supply is low enough to warrant it. One instance will show how some folks are trying to evade the rules. One woman called a dealer Monday and said she would have to have some coal immediately as she had just put the last of her supply in the stove. A wagon was loaded and dispatched to her home. The driver investigated the basement and he found nearly five tons of coal in the bin. Of course she didn't get any more.

This is only one case that has come to light in the present shortage. People are prone to blame dealers. However, they should not as these men are working hard to get more coal to the village and to see that what is on hand is delivered as it should be. They have no alternative as they are under orders.

People should help and no one will suffer.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of DuPage County, Illinois at a special meeting held at the City Hall in Downers Grove on Thursday the 21st day of November, A. D. 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to call of Chair.

Meeting called to order with chairman Boger presiding.

On roll call, all members present.

On motion of Supervisor Miller, the Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the last preceding meeting and no claims were allowed.

On motion of Supervisor Miller the work on Twelfth Street Road was accepted and it was ordered that the contractor be paid the balance due him with the exception of \$750, which is to be held until the completing of the shoulders on said Road. On roll call, all voting yes.

On motion of Supervisor Balgeman it was ordered that \$2,572.31 be paid Otto & Porter, Contractors, for extra work on Twelfth Street Contract. On roll call, all voting yes.

On motion of Supervisor Fix, the Board adjourned.

Lepp Fast Skater. The Laptander can cover 150 miles a day on his skates.

Railroad Toys. A railroad in England supplies toys to children taking long journeys, to give the monotony of riding.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals

Spring Done Away With. The use of springs is done away with in a new cord operated device for opening and closing transoms, windows, or shutters.

Just So. Save daylight as we may, night always arrives in dew time.

Do your Christmas Shopping at home

Should Be Remembered. Many people should remember that service, not self-service, was one great lesson of the war.

Buried by State. In some cantons of Switzerland all the dead, rich as well as poor, are buried at the public expense.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals

S. Andrew's Church
THE NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR THE COMMUNITY
For Christ's sake, and in His supreme cause, we must conserve and put to spiritual use the magnificent energies for idealistic action which the last two years have taught us to expect from the American spirit when a great cause is at stake.

ADVERTISE
in the Classified Column of The Reporter if you wish to buy anything, sell anything, rent anything, find anything, hire help or just to let folks know you're still alive and on the job. These "baby ads" are read every week by thousands of people in and around Downers Grove. For Sure Results ADVERTISE in the CLASSIFIED Column

Fred D. Heinke
PLUMBING
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Nowhere in the village can be found a greater profusion of "Gifts for the Home" than in this store. When one stops to think the most appropriate gift which can be purchased is one that the whole family can get the benefit from. A practical gift, which can be used, not only on special occasions, but all the year through.

Under this head could come Vacuum Cleaners and Washing Machines, which the primarily for mother, really belong to the whole family. These up-to-date electrical appliances give mother just so much more time to do the little things "Daddy" and the Children appreciate. They keep her from wearing herself out with the monotonous drudge of daily housekeeping duties. They save her from many a cross spell because she is over-tired.

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- Millers Falls Drills
- Electric Sewing Machines
- Electric Sewing Machine Motors
- Electric Irons
- Electric Washing Machines
- Aluminum Percolators
- Aluminum Kettles
- Aluminum Roasters
- Aluminum Rice Boilers
- Aluminum Fry Pans
- Aluminum Cake Pans
- Aluminum Spoons
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- Casseroles, Fancy
- Hand Painted Dishes
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- Jardineers
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