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MICKIE SAYS:

BY GOLLY, TH' OLE SHEET LOOKS PRETTY GOOD, DON'T SHE? VA SURE GOTTA HAND IT TO THE BOSS FOR GIVING TING TOWN A GOOD PAPER FER HES SURE DOING HIS DARNDEST! WE ALL ARE FER THAT MATTER, FER WE LIKE OUR WORK N WE THINK THEY AINT NOTHING TOO GOOD FER TH' TOWN AN' TH' BUNCH OF GOOD FEELERS WHO LIVE IN IT!



THE "FORUM"

On page six this week you will find a new department headed "The Forum." For many weeks we have been contemplating starting a corner of The Reporter devoted to letters from our readers on whatever subject they care to express their thoughts. Here it is, take advantage of it.

In a conversation with one of the representative citizens of the community the subject was broached. This is what he said, to the best of our memory: "Your Forum will not be a very lively place. Downers Grove people have few ideas, and the ones they have are confused. We are inarticulate—the most of us. Americans do not know how to consider an idea. The discussions of any subject soon degenerates into an argument, prejudice is excited and epithets applied. The effort is to pigeon-hole every person and every idea—it is good or bad. Everything is either white or black—for instance Lowdenism or Thompsonism. It is so much easier that way; all one sided. Our side, the one we happen to have joined, is all right and the other is all wrong. It is sad to realize that life is not so simplified and events are not confined by any formula so infantile."

Is he right? We hesitate to agree with him. In our experience with Downers Grove folks we have found that they have many ideas. Whether they think them out for themselves, or "steal" them, is not known. If they think, they must have ideas of their own on all subjects and for this reason the new department is started.

Turn to page six now and read the conditions under which we invite you to "write a piece for the paper."

LANDSLIDE

A landslide! An avalanche! Call it what you will the Nation without the slightest shadow of a doubt elected Warren G. Harding of Marion, Ohio, to the highest office in the land Tuesday.

It was a foregone conclusion that the Republican nominee would be the victor but the most sanguine adherent of the G. O. P. never dreamed of the immense popular vote which would be rolled up in his favor.

The result shows, not so much that the country is overwhelmingly Republican, but that it was nauseated with Wilsonism, with one-man government and with the entire Democratic administration.

The League of Nations? We don't think it possible that that issue changed very many votes, either for or against Cox. People know that the United States will enter a league, maybe not this particular one, but a league of nations.

Are we satisfied? You should have been around the office Wednesday morning and seen the smiles on the several countenances of the force.

GOOD BYE TRIBUNE

The Chicago Tribune commenting editorially on the the outcome of the Governorship race Wednesday morning said in part, "Only one result was possible in the stalwart Republican State of Illinois."

Ever since the primary the Trib has consistently pounded away for Lewis, the Democratic nominee, because of the fact that Small was supposed to be tied hand and glove to "Big Bill" Thompson, Mayor of Chicago. The same thing can be said of the Daily News. The result Tuesday conclusively shows that the boasted power of the press (as far as Chicago is concerned at least) is nil.

Getting down to brass tacks the reason these two Chicago papers fight Thompson so hard is a personal grudge between the owners of the papers and Chicago's mayor. Undoubtedly he has built up one of the biggest political machines this state has ever seen. But he isn't as bad as the Chicago dailies would have you think.

Len Small will be governor of this state and he will not be "Big Bill's" governor or the governor of any faction. We rejoice in the fact of his election.

When Cleaning Leather.

Don't use gasoline to clean leather, unless you want to crack it. Plain water with a few drops of ammonia will remove the dirt, after which the upholstery should be rubbed briskly with a soft cloth. An excellent leather dressing is made by combining two parts of lard with one of turpentine.

First Use of Glorious Banner.

On June 14, 1777, the continental congress passed a resolution adopting our original flag. John Paul Jones claimed to have been the first to raise the new flag over a naval vessel, and probably the first use of the Stars and Stripes on land was at Fort Stanwix, where a hastily improvised banner was raised on August 3, 1777.

MASONIC LODGE

CELEBRATED 300

NIGHT SATURDAY

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mony by welcoming the members and many visitors with a few well chosen words. He gave the reason for the occasion and told how the lodge had grown from a small Masonic club.

W. M. Repine, the first Master of Grove Lodge, was present and upon an invitation from the chair gave a short account of the formation of the lodge twenty-eight years ago.

Chas. Knoblauch read a "poem" which he had written for the occasion telling of the distinctive characteristics of some of the members of the lodge. So well directed were the shafts of wit in the verse that they drew a storm of applause and cries of encore.

In connection with three hundred night the lodge celebrated Past Masters Night and the twenty-eighth anniversary of the instituting of the lodge.

Twenty-three past masters are on the rolls. Of this number almost all were present last Saturday evening and took the various stations in the exemplification of the third degree in the evening. Every past master is still alive with the exception of but three, J. M. Barr, W. S. Carpenter and A. P. Hosmer, who have passed to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

Besides these the following in the order named have sat in the East and wielded the gavel as heads of the order here: W. M. Repine, M. Slusser, Chas. Mochel, F. F. Chessman, B. C. White, J. H. Griffiths, J. O. Olson, C. E. Graves, John W. Nash, E. H. Huntington, Jr., N. C. Pearce, Fred E. Dowe, B. L. Kellogg, J. W. Graves, R. E. Rassweiler, T. H. Slusser, A. C. Burt, Henry E. Tank, G. O. Prickett and C. F. Knoblauch.

More than two hundred Masons filled the hall to overflowing in the evening. Thirty-eight lodges besides Grove were represented by the many visiting brethren.

For the past year the members of the lodge have been looking forward to this night. On April 1, the rolls showed 290 active members and plans were then started for a celebration when the membership reached 300. Saturday evening was a fitting climax to these plans.

Many times has the lodge had "doings" in the hall at Main and Curtiss streets. They have entertained on many occasions, but the culmination of them all was last Saturday's meeting. From start to finish it was the best attended, and the best meeting ever held.

A quartet of lodge members and the Grove Lodge orchestra did their share in making it a successful occasion.

Brazil Wants Immigrants.

Brazil is encouraging immigration in the hope of opening up uninhabited territory and of supplying more labor for growing industries.

Like a Naughty Child.

When a Tartar invites an honored guest to eat and drink he will take him by the ear and lead him up to the table.

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There is also a shortage of oilers and other small items for which I am accountable. If you have anything in the way of State or U. S. property please see that it reaches me at once.

B. E. Balczynski.

You Answer.

It had been raining all day, and finally little Nettie asked: "Mamma, when God gets all the juice squeezed out of a cloud what does he do with it?"

What Next!

A New York man suggests the idea of training apes as bootblacks. That might go in New York, but Boston would never stand for such monkey shined.—Boston Transcript.

SURPRISED

A number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schrank in their absence last Saturday evening, Miss Louise Hanke having taken them to her brothers to spend the first part of the evening, and gave them a pleasant surprise upon their return home, in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent in playing bunco, refreshments were served after the game.

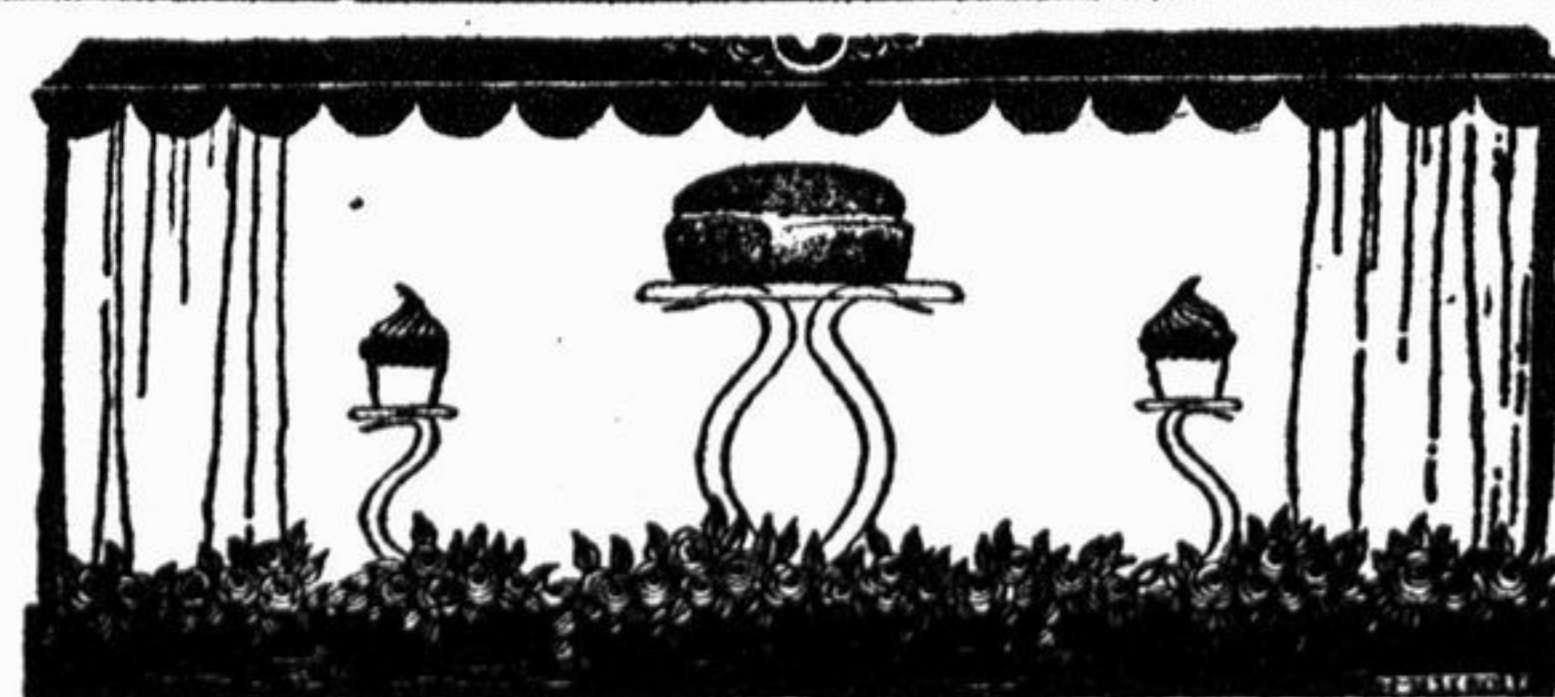
The prize winners were Mrs. Al Snyder and Mr. J. Stein, those who won the booby prizes were Miss Louise Schoen and Mr. Walter Lehman.

The following were present: Mr.

and Mrs. Frank Story, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Venard, Mr. and Mrs. A. Snyder, Mrs. A. Offerle and Mrs. R. Clarke from the Grove; Mr. and Mrs. J. Stein of Western Springs; Mrs. Chas. Schoen and Miss Louise Schoen and Mr. Wm. Schoen of Aurora; Mr. and Mrs. H. Schoen and Mr. and Mrs. A. Mellentin of Forest Park; Mr. and Mrs. A. Schoen, Miss Irene and Mr. Walter Pottker of Oak Park; Mr. H. Hauserman of Melrose Park; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aldridge, and Mr. Walter Lehman and Miss Louise Hanke of Hinsdale.

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