

PERSONALS

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Mrs. Joseph B. Sherman of North Prince avenue entertained at a St. Patrick's party last Friday afternoon, March 11th. Games appropriate to the occasion were played, Mrs. A. Lantz of the Grove and Mrs. Fred Wolf of Hinsdale winning the prizes. Mrs. J. J. Ralston and Mrs. Fred Schultz winning consolation prizes.

General Boomer booms in every act of "A Cheerful Liar" to be shown at the Dicke Theatre April 5th and 6th. Fred Drissler, who takes the part, practices throwing his voice against the roar of trains in order to get the right effect. Save one of the dates, half the net proceeds go to the Fire Truck Fund.

A meeting of the delegates to the Burlington Group of the Municipal Art League was held Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. E. Jones in North Main street. Those present were Mrs. John R. Windsor and Miss J. D. Knapp of LaGrange, Mrs. E. S. Luce of Western Springs and Mrs. S. P. Blount of Hinsdale and the delegates from the Downers Grove Woman's Club.

Mr. Harry B. Rogers, baritone soloist and organist of S. Andrew's Church Choir, whose singing has caused such comment in local musical circles, will sing the "Palms" at the five o'clock service in S. Andrew's Church this Sunday. On Good Friday at the 8:00 p. m. service he will sing the "Seven Last Words of Christ" by DuBois and will also take part in the selections from Stainer's "Crucifixion."

The Wild Flower Preservation Society presented a fine program before the Civic Department of the Woman's Club last week. Mrs. George Barry accompanied by Mrs. Wilhelm, added much to the enjoyment of the afternoon by giving several vocal selections. Miss Gertrude of Chicago gave an interesting talk on flowers of wood, field and wayside using slides to illustrate her talk. A little delay was caused by the lantern not being in perfect condition but thanks to Mr. Henry Dicke, this was soon remedied.



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SUNDAY MOVIES FROM PEN OF W. A. BRUBAKER

Downers Grove, Ill., Mar. 14, 1921.

Mr. Editor: You have expressed your sentiments on the Sunday movie question and have invited your readers who differ to express reasons for their dissent. Permit me to accept your invitation.

Every argument used for Sunday shows can, with even greater force, be used for Sunday groceries. The law of Illinois prescribes that no work shall be done on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday—works of necessity and charity excepted. No one will contend for a moment that Sunday movies fall under either of these heads. But it is claimed that people must have some diversion on Sunday; hence we must have Sunday shows. With greater force it can be claimed that people must be fed on Sunday; hence we must have open groceries on Sunday. But I hear you say: "people can lay in a supply of food Saturday."

I counter by stating that people can also find recreation on Saturday. This is simply a question of having seven days in the week in which to ply their trade especially of having the one day of the week when people have most leisure. The liquor men of Chicago used to demand the open Sunday for the same reason. But the grocer and all other classes of trade have only six days in which to ply their trade. The law of Illinois so prescribes. Do you, Mr. Editor, advocate inequality of men before the law? You failed to tell us why the movie man should be thus favored above all other classes. You are advocating a dangerous doctrine when you advocate such favoritism for one class before the law. Had this ordinance been sustained, it would have made not only the movie proprietors but the people of Downers Grove law-breakers. There stands the law of the State of Illinois, as quoted above. No village may pass an ordinance contrary to a law of the State. If the movie man may with impunity, violate a law of the State that he does not like or one that hinders his chase after the dollar, I also may violate one that sim-

ilarly hinders me. And so may you; and so may Jones and Smith and Brown and Thompson—all men. And there's an end of all law-anarchy. So that this question—seemingly harmless and unimportant—becomes one of great importance—a question of the equality of men before the law and of the enforcement of law—two of the pillars upon which rests the stability of our institutions. You seem to think that this is not a free country—for some. You are entirely right in that supposition. This country is not and I trust, never will be a free country for law-breakers.

Next you spring the "Personal Liberty" argument. If I remember rightly, we heard something similar during the settlement of the liquor question. It failed to bolster up that iniquitous cause; I apprehend that it will fail here. "The welfare of the people is the supreme law." When "personal liberty" runs athwart that supreme law, personal liberty must get "out of the way. Jesus said "The sabbath was made for man"—he meant all men. In that, he uttered a great law. The physical and moral nature of men demand one day's rest in seven. One generation is sufficient to evidence the physical and moral deterioration of any family, community that tramples the sabbath under foot. France tried it and was compelled to abandon it as a matter of the nation's welfare. Sunday movies and similar diversions are the thin edge of an entering wedge to destroy this day of rest demanded by the nature of man and provided for him by the all-wise Creator. If the movie proprietor may require his employes to work seven days in the week, so may the grocer, the farmer, the manufacturer—all employes. Therein lies the ruin of the day of rest. The laboring men—those who toil long hours during the week—need this God-given heritage. Jealously should they guard it against the greed and avarice of selfish and designing men, because along that road lies industrial slavery for the laboring men.

But your principal argument is that of "Compulsory religion." You say: "Most of the votes against the proposition were cast because of the religious side of the question." I sincerely hope you are correct in that statement. Any one must have a contempt for a man who, while professing to be religious, votes for the

destruction of the day set apart by the Supreme Being as a day of rest and worship. Your statement is a compliment to the religious people of this town. But you go far astray in applying this argument. Because the law forbids me to blow open your safe and appropriate your cash and liberty bonds, does it therefore compel me to be religious? Because the law says to you that you shall not debate the national currency, does it therefore compel you to be religious? Because the law says to the liquor seller: "You shall no longer wreck the character and destroy the lives of American citizens," does it therefore compel the saloon-keeper to join the church? Because the law says to the movie man: "You shall not break down the day of rest given to men by the statutes of God and the laws of the State," does it therefore compel him to be religious? These questions answer themselves. Your argument—if it be an argument—will apply with equal or greater force against all other laws that seek to restrain men from vice and crime. Surely, Mr. Editor, you do not mean that all these restrictive laws should be stricken from the statute book.

When you take a whack at "reformers," I have noticed that whenever a man is at his wit's end for argument on a question of this nature, he sets up a man of straw, labels him (or it) "Reformer," and then sails in and pummels him (or it) to smithereens. But "Reformers" are not such a bad sort after all and really seem to have done some good in the world. Martin Luther was a "Reformer." Savonarola was a "Reformer." Galileo was a "Reformer." Abraham Lincoln was a "Reformer." The Man of Galileo was a "Reformer." Say, Mr. Editor, wouldn't you and I give our last liberty bond and some of our spare cash to have our

names among that galaxy of the world's Greatest? These "Reformers" will be revered and loved as long as gratitude and love are attributes of the human heart.

Come, Mr. Editor, take your defeat like "a good sport" and don't ascribe it to religious bigotry, blue laws and reformers. Recognize the fact that "the world do move" and join the procession.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM A. BRUBAKER.

CORRECTION

Editor of the Reporter:

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