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MICKIE SAYS

NEAH! SOME FOLKS WHO AINT GOT NUTHIN ON THEIR MINDS BUT THEIR WAYS THINK K'S SMART TO SEE IF THEY CANT FIND TWO OR THREE TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS IN TH' PAPER EVERY TIME IT COMES OUT, TH' POOR SAPHHEADS TH' BOSS GANG HES NOTICED THAT FOLKS WHO AMOUNT TO ANNTHING ARE ALWAYS TOO DIZZY TO DO AN' SMALL-TIME KNOCKING!



CHAUTAQUA

The chautauqua brings to a community an uplifting program cannot be denied. That it leaves in its wake people who are more ready to face the battles of life with a renewed courage, cannot also be denied. That it would be a good thing if every man, woman and child, in the village could attend every session, is also a statement which we defy any one to contradict.

With these things in mind we are happy that next year Downers Grove will have another Chautauqua, bringing to the village men and women who have that power which makes life more worth-while, which makes us forget our troubles and cares and which leaves in its wake nothing but good.

After the last night of the program this year Downers Grove people demonstrated again that their purse strings can always be opened to those in financial trouble, we are more proud than ever that we are numbered among those who call Downers Grove, "home."

The way disinterested people came to the rescue of the American Legion when that body was faced with a deficit of about \$300, was a thing which made even the Chautauqua officials open their eyes in wonder. And the way the pledge cards for season tickets rolled into the hands of the collectors was an assurance that local people want the chautauqua and want it badly.

Taken from the merely "Do I get my money's worth?" angle, the chautauqua is a good thing. Where else can you get the entertainment, hear and see the things you do for that price of only 25c a performance? We know of no other place than the chautauqua. Why the play, "Nothing But the Truth" alone, was worth the price of the entire season ticket.

We congratulate the people who were instrumental in making up the deficit from this year's program and also those who signed the contract Tuesday evening which assures us that next year Downers Grove will have the opportunity of again attending a Redpath program.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Have you, in the last few weeks, taken a walk around the various new subdivisions on the edge of Downers Grove? If not, take a few hours some evening or Sunday afternoon. Walk through the Branigar tracts in the north woods, and south of the village; through the Bunge tract on the west end of Maple avenue and then east through the McIntosh land, "Westmont." Here you will get a vision of the future Downers Grove. Houses, bungalows, shacks, cottages, all are being erected as fast as possible. In five years there will be such a transformation that an old resident, coming back after a few years absence, will hardly know the town. People complain about the "shacks" now being erected. From

a personal talk with most of those building this type of dwelling we find that in nine cases out of ten, these are only temporary. If labor conditions were better, better houses would be built right now.

Downers Grove has a future. We predict that when the next census is taken it will be the largest town in the county and will also be (what it has ever been) the best place to make a home.

BACKING THE LEGION

Alexander Bradley Burns Post, No. 80, American Legion, has the backing of local people. This has been demonstrated time and time again, but never more forcibly than Tuesday evening at the Chautauqua. Here, in spite of the statement of a Legion representative that the ex-serviceman wanted no help in paying the loss of this year's program, that loss was made up in a few minutes solicitation.

Several members of that body have requested that we publish some acknowledgement of the debt they owe Downers Grove people this week. More official action will be taken, we are told, at the next meeting.

AN ODE TO PESSIMISM

In his address before the Union meeting of churches of Downers Grove last Sunday evening, Judge Gemmil declared he had no patience with pessimists. Very well, Judge, you're playing safe. Faithful to the attitude that keeps politicians in office, you have chosen the line of least resistance. The vast human herd are with you. The people hurrah for dazzling colors even at the expense of truth. Sometimes they will even tolerate information, provided such information is altogether pleasant. Furthermore, if there is no pleasant information of importance to give, just fill 'em up with mis-information — and if it is heavily sugar-coated, and does not require them to think, they will chase their heads off to vote for you at the next election. In short, if the object of life is to be popular, you have hit the right trail, Judge.

Most truly, no one loves a pessimist—for the same reason that no one welcomes the surgeon's knife. Nevertheless, Judge, as one of that eccentric minority with whom you "have no patience," I herewith submit a brief ode to pessimism. Contrary to popular notion neither optimism nor pessimism implies by definition any effort either to make the world better or not to make it better. A man may believe the world is going fine and yet may or may not be interested in making it go any finer.

On the other hand, a man may believe the world is going all wrong with deadly breakers ahead, and still may or may not care enough to intercept its course. The two terms, therefore, have no relation of consequence to a man's usefulness. It is difficult therefore, Judge, to understand your biased lack of patience. We can excuse the proletariat crowd whose education is gleaned from newspapers and movies, for having lost the taste for and the power to think. But a man of your training, Judge, ought to know that the man, who realizes that the world is growing worse, is more apt to do something to save it, than the man who goes around with an amiable smile believing and asserting that everything is lovely. And in these trying times when divorces, theft, and graft, are the most huge in volume, most brazen of type and most common of occurrence, in all the world's history—in a time like this for you to assure the public that everything is rosy and beautiful, makes it exceedingly hard for us pessimists to have patience with you, too, Judge.

All the prophets of the Old Testament reproved the people. Imagine Moses, or Isaiah, or Jeremiah or John Baptist or Jesus, telling the people everything was lovely and crying peace when there is no peace.

Why, Judge, the world is going down hill in Poetry, Art, Philosophy and Character. The news stands can not sell a serious magazine or book today. Even baseball is shot to pieces with commercialism and bribery and crookedness. The Sovereign State of Illinois never was in such

disgrace as it is today. Who are the heroes of today? Jack Dempsey, Babe Ruth and the leading movie actresses.

The world today has not a philosopher to compare with Aristotle, not an orator to rival Demosthenes or Cicero, not a poet to class with Homer or Virgil, no historian to compare to Herodotus and not artists to compare with Angelo of ancient times,—and so on through the whole list of man's expression of his own real worth.

Come again, Judge, but come prepared to tell us why the biggest and finest crop of lemons ever raised were allowed to rot in California while we now pay 80c per dozen and things like that.

And how can we improve the situation. Turn on the light. Don't throw dust in our eyes and yell lovely. That's what the big thieves want. They want just such men of station and influence like yourself to keep right on crying, LOVELY, LOVELY. That's optimism. But in the pessimist lies the hope of improving the world. The pessimist and the knocker. Those are the heroes of whom our day is in dire need. A bugle horn may stir the peoples' emotions to serve the politicians purposes,—or even drive the poor slaves to murder each other in the sacred name of patriotism. But when you want any constructive building done, you will need the man with the hammer. F. J. MILNES.

UPLIFTING PROGRAM CHAUTAUQUA WEEK DELIGHTED MANY

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With the White Hussars on Saturday the course hit its apex and enthusiasm was high. These groups of artists favored a tent full with instrumental pieces as well as song. "Nothing But the Truth" far exceeded our natural suppositions. Altho the skies poured forth a needed rain, a large crowd was present. The stage artists were handicapped, performing under difficult conditions as the rain pattered profusely on the canvas roof. Despite these conditions the play was a huge success. Altho a comedy, it's truths were manifold.

Alton Packard, the famous cartoonist and general fun-maker and "Buster-Up" man of the chautauqua, closed this successful series of entertainment on Tuesday evening. "Daddy" Grobecker's Swiss Yodlers performed in the afternoon very pleasantly. Their retinue is wholly Swiss, performing in Swiss costumes and using only Swiss songs and lyrics. After a prelude in the evening they gave way to that effervescent Mr. Packard in his "Big Joy Night." Fun, merriment and frivolity, interspersed with tid bits of serenity, formed Pack-

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ard's unexcelled raptures of mirth and profound ecstasy. Packard is a real artist, in both the literal sense and otherwise. As a cartoonist he ranks with the foremost. His program was an extraordinary fitting climax to the great week of entertainment. It is only to be regretted that the rain kept away so many who would have profited by the wonderful program of the last two days.

Those who came into personal contact with the chautauqua officials have nothing but praise for their work. "Bill" Wright, the Supt., is worthy of much praise for the smooth way in which he handled affairs and aided those in charge. His activities were never ceasing to benefit those attending and to see that the chautauqua was a success from all angles.

REV. R. W. SCHLOERB FORMER ARMY CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK HERE

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uals, which up to the present time are ranked as among our best folk songs. Mr. Parker is a member of the Mendolsohn Club of Chicago, and has sung as soloist with several of the largest choruses in Chicago.

The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Fried Frankenfled, pastor of the largest church in the Evangelical Synod at Rochester, New York. The Rev. Frankenfled captivated his audience by his subject "We Would See Jesus." Few are the sermons heard in the Grove which have surpassed this wonderful work for the benefit of humanity and Christianity.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear the Rev. Frankenfled will long remember his eloquent address. His talk was by far the most exquisite yet heard at the Sunday evening services. Being well versed in Scripture, as well as the practical side of Christianity and it's diverse problems, he was enabled to bring to his audience many uplifting and strengthening truths.

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The above speaks for itself. It is our mistake entirely. The obituary should have read, "The first white

child born in Downers Grove township."

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