

hose tower and a small store room for the library, and over the vestibule would be a small committee room, for the aldermen or any other good use. This is a general outline of the plans; we have spent some time in looking over carefully in detail and it seems to us to pretty completely cover the needs of the city now and for the future. The cost of these improvements Mr. Bock estimates at \$2,900. It would vary some but that is near enough for all practical purposes at this stage of the proceedings.

One or two suggestions now, and the rest next week. First, these enlargements, additions, etc., are an absolute necessity; everyone familiar with things knows that. Second, with one or two slight modifications, Mr. Bock's plans are complete. Third, these additions can be made this season cheaper than at any future time; labor and material are cheap and our men need the work. Fourth, long-time bonds, say 15 years, can be issued, so that our descendants and successors will pay the bills, and we hardly feel the slight additional expense. Fifth and finally, the library board have the city "on the hip," and if the city council neglects or refuses to make these improvements, and provide a suitable library room and conveniences, this library board can go on, in spite of the city council or any one else, buy a lot, put up a building and issue bonds for the same and involve the city in an expense of from \$6000 to \$10,000, and we shall have it to pay. If the council will make these Bock improvements, the library board will be satisfied. More next week.

DEVIL'S LAKE.

Excursion to this wonderful and mysterious lake Saturday, July 24, round trip only \$1.50. Leave Glen-coe 7:19, Ravinia 7:23, Highland Park 7:30, Highwood 7:32, Lake Forest 7:38, Lake Bluff 7:41, a. m. Arrive at Devil's Lake 1 p. m. Returning leave Cliff House, Devil's Lake, 6:30 p. m. For tickets and information apply to agents C. & N. W. Ry.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinn of Chicago, were the guests of Miss Mary Dooley over Sunday.

Announcement.....

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CITY BREVITIES.

Miss May Woodworth, of the north end of the town, is very sick, we regret to hear.

The sweet singers at the military academy are having delightful times bathing in the lake near Fletcher's pier.

Mrs. Jones and daughter Florence, of Western Springs, Ill., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans last Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Bergen returned from the hospital in Chicago Tuesday afternoon. She has been there under treatment several weeks and comes home much improved.

Those who heard the singing last Sunday morning in the Presbyterian church pronounce it something superb and the sermon was one, of Pastor Johnson's best efforts.

Real estate business will be awful dull in the Park, at a standstill, in fact, for a week or so, as Henry K. Coale, the dashing dealer in dirt? goes into camp with the regular army in Chicago Logan week to exhibit his patent mess chest and furniture for army officers.

Are you going on the Northwestern excursion to Devil's Lake Saturday; special superb cars and engine; trainmen in uniform. The place was named before his satanic majesty died, so he will not be there. The spot is one of entrancing beauty and loveliness. Take your best girl and a full lunch basket and go without fail.

The board of supervisors spent Saturday investigating the insane department of the county house at Libertyville. The officers once did that down east and one of the shrewd patients took a hand in showing the institution to the officials and locked one of them into his own ward or cell and walked off with the committee and the trick was not discovered till the officials had left the town on the train. We trust none of our "Sups" got in a similar fix at the county seat Saturday.

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