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ABOUT TOWN.

Don't fail to attend the "Cradle Songs of Nations" this evening at McDonald's hall. A similar affair last year was immensely popular, and of course with last year's experience, it will outstrip that event. Mrs. Green and Miss Hull are pushing it and that means a "go."

The marriage of Mr. Charles King to Miss Annie Long of Chicago, was quietly celebrated Aug. 15th. Miss Long is prominent in musical circles in Chicago, also leading Soprano in St. Jarlets Church. They will make their home in Highland Park, where we bid them a cordial welcome.

Wm. Booth's folks are just too proud for anything; they won't speak to common folks since Tuesday morning when a pair of twins came to their home. Under Dr. Direction they are doing their best to make the stay of these youngsters in their home pleasant and profitable. Congratulations for neighbor Booth.

Our old friend, Fred Gable of Libertyville, has become manager of the Hygienic Springs company of that place. We all remember the spring on the banks of the Des Plaines, with its strong sulphur odor and taste, its abundant and pure water. To anyone who needs sodium, in which it is very strong, it will be a valuable medicine and we are glad it is to be pushed.

DeWitt C. Purdy was cleaning a gun barrel last Saturday, using one of these long, straight steel bow spring wires fastened in a vice as a ramrod on which he was beating to force out the ball, when he gave a heavy stroke with the steel rod outside instead of inside the gun barrel sending the rod through the palm of his hand flatwise, just inside the bones and cords. Dr. Bergen dresses the wound every day and it is doing well. Fortunately no bones or ligaments were injured, and it now looks as though he would have a sound hand ere long. It was a very narrow escape from loss of the entire hand.

Herbert F. Evans, erstwhile business manager and half owner of the News, leaves the Park Monday next to matriculate as a freshman in Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. We shall watch his student career with interest till commencement day in 1901.

There is a rare treat in store for lovers of the choicest musical work in the Presbyterian church entertainment next Tuesday evening, the 24th. In addition to our Mrs Jones is Miss Wycoff, a noted vocalist of Chicago, Both in church and concert work. A young woman who holds her position as a suprano singer is well worth an effort to hear, therefore fail not.

There was a very choice musicale at Mrs. Benj. Jones' last Friday evening. Our program did not reach us until Saturday and hence it was somewhat difficult to report it on its merits, but we learn it was of course a success; indeed, a magnificent one, measured by the enjoyment it afforded those present. Society was out in full force, for Mrs Jones' name is a well recognized guaranty of highest success.

Earl Purdy returned Monday from his two week's trip to the national L. A. W. meet in Philadelphia. He says he had a very delightful trip; formed many pleasant acquaintances, got lots of valuable points about the business generally, besides visiting friends a few days in Washington on his return trip. Of course he was sorry to find his father with a wounded hand, and so put on his "store clothes" and went to work as though nothing had happened.

RETURN MERCY BOXES.

Those who took mercy boxes at the Salvation Army meeting at the Evangelical church last December will please deliver to Mrs. R. G. Evans, 372 Central Avenue, or notify by postal. A receipt will be rendered and a new seal put on box.

THE SHOREDITCH EXPERIMENT.

Shoreditch is the name of a certain section in London on the north side of the Thames, in the Tower Hamlets district. It is about a mile square and has 124,000 inhabitants. It is a very poor district also and manages its own affairs in that great city just as Lake County does in the great State of Illinois. Shoreditch has a board of men who manage its municipal affairs and they are its first class, honest, able men; hence its municipal affairs are managed wisely.

Just now it is the object of the world's study in the matter of electric light and garbage disposal and it has achieved the remarkable success of using the street garbage or dust for fuel to operate their immense electric plants. Shoreditch produces some 55 tons of dust, street sweepings any day, and this used to cost them 75 cents a ton, or some \$43.00 a day to haul off into the river. Now it is all used for fuel and supplies the power for all these extended municipal plants. This plant furnishes practically all the electric power for lights and machinery needed in Shoreditch, which besides furnishing all the municipal needs will leave a handsome profit of \$10,000 a year. Lord Kelvin, one of the greatest scientific authorities of the age, pronounces it one of the noted successes of this century.

We are Yankees, those fellows over there are slow, phlegmatic, thick headed, we say; Englishmen of the poorer classes, and this is what they have done. St. Pancras, Brighton, Bradford and other places over there, and in this country have their municipal light plants and the city pockets the profits, while we sit by and see private corporations do it. Why? Because we have not sense and gumption enough to make a change and we Americans do not elect men competent and honest enough to do this for our cities.