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SHERIDAN ROAD NEWS-LETTER—

Your correspondent of last week in his article on the filter-bed seems to me to have written a very fair article and at the same time touched a very popular chord when he calls attention to the fact that the poorer classes bear a much harder burden in proportion to their means than the wealthy. I am one of those unfortunate persons whose wealth is in the number of my family instead of houses and lands.

Now I must pay eighteen dollars a hundred thousand gallons for that which costs the city only four or five dollars to pump, so I am told. And this is not for one year, but for at least ten years, but worse than that, I need the water for the use of my family but must pay this exorbitant price that my rich neighbor may have a half a million gallons of filtered at \$13. to sprinkle on his gardens and lawns. But even that is not all, I must pay \$18 for what we sell to Highwood for \$8 and to the C. & N. W. Ry. for \$7. I do not see how the lawns are going to be any greener or the steam engines pull any bigger loads for having the water freed from a possible microbe now and then.

I understand that good filters for family use can be had for \$3, to \$5. I suggest instead of spending \$20,000 or \$25,000 for a filter bed that all agree is an uncertain quantity and taxing us poor fellows at the rate of \$18 for water, that the city tax us at the rate of \$9. a hundred thousand gallons and let us take the balance and buy small filters for our houses.

LABORING MAN.

The NEWS-LETTER understands there is to be another excursion to Lake Geneva Saturday next, Aug. 12th and the writer intends to go; hence all good folks will want to go.

The Pasteur filter people have been here and they modestly claim that theirs is the only good filter there is and the only one which removes the bacteria.

There is to be a select dancing party at the Highland Park Club house tonight.

Everett Millard is off for a couple weeks vacation in the wilds of Michigan.

There will be no preaching service nor Sunday school in the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Christian Endeavor meeting at 7 o'clock as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. White returned Wednesday from a six day's coaching trip along Sheridan road to Milwaukee and other points north of that place, taking in all the principal summer resorts and returning part way over old Green Bay road. Mr. White declares it a most pleasant, unique and invigorating experience. Next month Mr. White has planned going on a three or four weeks hunting and fishing trip in northern Wisconsin.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Edward Moore, Thursday afternoon. It being Mrs. Moore's 18th wedding anniversary she was presented with 18 bouquets of flowers and with each an appropriate scripture verse suited for the occasion. also a neat lemonade set. There was a large attendance, refreshments were served, and an enjoyable time by all.

Mr. Charles Koller, who was killed awhile ago down near Ravinia on the railroad, was a member of the American Woodmen. Secretary John C. Duffy received a check for \$1,000, the death benefit of the order for his widow, Thursday and paid it over to her. If he had not been a member of the order his widow and five little children would be destitute now. That shows whether the Woodmen is a good institution or not.

One of the most delightful occasions of the season was the reception at Egandale on last Thursday afternoon, in honor of the 82d birthday of Mrs. Maria Wilder Ragan, a member of the North Shore Chapter. The "daughters" were out in force, Egandale was beautiful as usual and the hostess made it a real birthday party. A lovely birthday cake was surrounded by red, white and blue candles, Mrs. Ragan's father served in the war of the Revolution. Mrs. Allen Goodridge, mother of Mrs. Colonel Clampitt, is also a "real daughter"

and was expected to be present, but could not on account of illness.

Our latest organization is a boys' club. Capt. Reddick, a member of the athletic committee, has had this in mind for some time and yesterday afternoon at a largely attended meeting steps were taken to form a club for boys between the ages of seven and seventeen. The club is for the purpose of developing the boy by association with his fellows in such a way as to bring out the best in him—physical, mental and moral. It is intended to make this a permanent organization and the boys are enthusiastic.—Daily Winonian.

Lake Excursion.

The Waukegan Chapter Order Eastern Star, will give an excursion on the steamer C. W. Moore. Tuesday, Aug. 8th. Leaves Waukegan 1 p. m., returning leaves Kenosha 5 p. m. Bring your dinners with you which will be disposed of on arrival of boat in Kenosha. 25c. round trip.

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