

### A Grand Jury Report.

"We call attention to the growing pernicious influence of saloons. Repeatedly witnesses before us have testified to the fact that in saloons, which are the resort of thieves, holdup men and dissolute women, robberies and burglaries are planned, criminals with well known records issuing from these vile dens to waylay men, women and children. In many cases, saloon keepers and saloon employes serve as receivers of stolen property. The fact that in the opinion of competent men, whose duties call them to the consideration of crime in Cook county, seventy-five per cent of the criminal offenses committed within the county are traceable to the saloon, which, in far too many instances, are allowed to carry on their nefarious traffic in defiance of police regulations, city ordinances and state laws. The regulation, not to say the obliteration of the saloons would cause an enormous saving in county expense and the lessening of county taxes."

Report of the Grand Jury of Cook County, Illinois, to Judge Waterman, after an exhaustive inquiry, in 1898.

### Caleb Wright.

We regret to learn of the death from cancer, of Caleb Wright, of Libertyville. We have known him for some years. He was a Lake county pioneer, a staunch public-spirited citizen, a friend of temperance and every good cause, and a pillar in one of the local churches for years.

He had accumulated a handsome property, and besides his wife leaves two sons, one the well-known banker over there, Frank C. Wright. His widow and two sons survive. He died the 21st and the funeral was Saturday afternoon.

Rah for our Academy football team. They have played eight games and won seven of them and the cadets claim that the eighth game vs Lake Forest Academy team rightly belongs to them, as the Lake Forest team was strictly academic. We guess our soldier boys will pass.

We trust our many patrons and friends survived the annual attack of roast turkey, cranberry sauce, mince pies, plum puddings, coffee, etc. It was a fearful ordeal we know, and one the "Pilgrim Fathers" who instituted the beautiful home gathering festival never contemplated. Nor did they contemplate 16 to 1, Porto Rico, the Philippines, etc. These with our Thanksgiving dinners are creations of our own and we must take the consequences.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Ebenezer Church gave a Thanksgiving social, Thursday evening, at the home of Mr. Geo. Brand, Second street, which was well attended. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by those present.

Attorney K. R. Smoot and family, took their turkey with the "fixin's" thereof with Mrs. Smoots brother, C. B. Eyer and family, in Evanston. Next year the Eyer's will come up here and find out what superb turkeys Gieser sells his customers.

It now comes to light that there was a ward in Waukegan which did not cast a single vote for Wm. J. Bryan. It was Will Ward of West street. — *Waukegan Sun*. Please pass the camphor bottle to Stearns, he must be faint!

The subject of Rev. Pfanstehl's sermon for Sunday morning will be "Perversion of Gifts."

Highland Park, Ill.

Nov. 28, 1900.

Editor of the NEWS-LETTER:

We have heard a great deal said, one time and another, pro and con, concerning the improvement of St. John's avenue between the two viaducts. On frequent occasions, the tax paying citizens along that avenue have ventilated what they evidently thought was their grievance, concerning the proposed improvement of the street, in that it was not what they wanted, and was not what they thought best for the public, and that the taxes were unjustly assessed. Some have doubtless agreed with them, some have not; more, probably, have been to a greater or less extent indifferent. The writer has perhaps belonged rather to the last class, but now that the street is being improved, and the public have an opportunity to see the kind of street that is to be made of that public thoroughfare, I for one, do not hesitate to say, I heartily agree with the residents on that street, that the improvement is perfectly ridiculous. Very many people thought the parkway absurd on Center avenue, but that, if we mistake not, is a 100 foot street, while St. John's avenue is only 80 feet, and the idea of dividing it up into three divisions, giving the trolley the whole of one division, and crowding a narrow drive-way clear on to the property owners on the other side, with a useless parkway between, appears to us as being more than ridiculous, a positive wrong to the public, to say nothing of the property owners, and we notice that this is a growing sentiment among the people. Not a few express their regret that the street should have been cut down, especially opposite the properties of Mr. Spencer, the Academy, and Mrs. Emerson, to the extent it is. In front of Mr. Thorne's place, it does not seem so bad, on the ground that the property slopes back from the street, and the trees injured are not as valuable trees as those, for instance, along the Academy property. When the old Academy was burned, some people in town, (the writer among them), helped by their sympathy, and to some extent by their money, to induce the owner of the school to rebuild. We feel, therefore, that we have something at stake in that institution, and we know that we voice the sentiment of many people in town who appreciated the sacrifice made by the owner to beautify the Academy property, by setting out a fine row of elms along the front. It does seem a burning shame, that without the slightest reason for it, at least apparent to the public, that that street should have been cut down, and the trees ruined. If we owned the Academy property in the place of Colonel Davidson, we do not hesitate to say that we would not have had that street cut down, and those trees ruined, for at least one thousand dollars. But aside from that, it is very apparent marring, to say the least, of that public street for travel. Whether it is the fault of the engineer, or the fault of the then council, or whose fault it is, the writer does not know; but a great many people in the town are expressing their indignation in terms stronger than elegant, and it is very apparent that the property owners were justified in their

insistence upon a compromise, which would give them a more desirable street, and it could certainly have been done at less expense, for the cutting down was a needless cost in removing the dirt. We sincerely hope the time is not far distant when we shall have a council, and an administration, that will show a little less personal interest, and (allow us to say frankly,) less "pigheadedness," and more interest in both the public and private interests of the city and its inhabitants.

### PRO BONO PUBLICO.

They have found human skeletons in a family well in Pana, this state. That would seem to be a good place to introduce a filter bed, which our people did not want; we have a strainer on our intake pipe.

### Winnetka.

Miss Elizabeth Aldrich is visiting friends in Marion, Ohio.

Miss Bertha Thorne is spending a few days with friends in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Riggle entertained a house party on Thanksgiving day.

A dance was held at the Winnetka club on Wednesday evening of this week.

Miss May Tipton and Miss Winnie Spackman visited in Winnetka this week.

A little newcomer arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Bartz, on Monday.

A football game was played in the public park at Winnetka on Thanksgiving morning.

Mr. Burt Richardson and Mr. Edward LeVine, left Winnetka on Tuesday, for Portland, Oregon.

Exercises appropriate to Thanksgiving were held on Wednesday afternoon in the Public Schools.

Mr. Geo. Thorne came out to Winnetka one day this week in his automobile to superintend the building of his new home on Sheridan Road.

Services were held at ten o'clock on Thanksgiving day at the Congregational Church. The sermon was delivered by the pastor and two anthems specially prepared by the choir were given.

Mrs. Geo. Higginson gave a talk on "Botticelli" in the Assembly room of the Horace Mann School, on Wednesday of this week, under the auspices of the Public School Art League.

The marriage of Miss Hannah Abram and Mr. Hyland, took place at the Lake Side Catholic Church, on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Hyland have gone to New Orleans to spend a part of the winter.

The Winnetka People's Club will hold their usual meeting on Sunday evening at the Village Hall. Rev. William Fenn, of Chicago, will address the meeting. Musical numbers will be given by Mr. Frank Root, and a duet by Mr. Frank Root and Mr. Jirah Cole.

The first meeting of the "Hadjins" will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Thorne, on Thursday evening, December 6. A musical program has been prepared and a paper telling something of the object of the society and the work at Hadjin. All the members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

A social will be given to the

Junior Endeavor Society in the Sunday School parlor of the Congregational Church, on Saturday afternoon. There will be the usual fun and good time, and in addition the children will spend a portion of the afternoon in tying a quilt for some person less fortunate than themselves.

The Woman's Guild of Christ church will hold their annual Bazaar in Prouty Hall on the afternoon and evening, December 4th. Admission free in the afternoon. In the evening there will be a concert. The solos will be given by Mrs. Eisendrath, Mrs. Riggle and Mr. J. D. Cole. Readings will be given by Miss Laura Lee and the "Treble Clef" Club have also kindly consented to contribute several selections. Admission, 25c.

### Glencoe.

Mrs. Howell entertained a number of friends Thanksgiving evening.

Miss Fuller was the guest of Irene Safford the first of the week.

Miss Margaret Kellogg returned from New York Friday of last week.

Mrs. Emma Sherwood has returned from French Lick Spring, Ind.

Mr. U. B. Kletzing and family spent Thanksgiving with friends at Naperville.

Messrs. Gordon and Frank King have gone to Chicago for the winter.

Miss Sutcliff, president of Rockford College, is the guest of Mrs. Andrew McLeish.

Mrs. Samuel R. Herford left Friday for a ten days' trip to Washington, D. C.

Miss Mate Lyon and Harriet Hodder were guests of Mrs. Mendow over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, of Leon, N. Y., are guests at Mr. Benjamin Newhall's.

Mrs. Ersula Goodspeed died at Eureka Springs, Ark., last week and was buried at Rosehill Saturday.

Masters Bertram and Benny Schnur entertained a number of their young friends Friday evening.

The Woman's Library Club will meet Thursday, December 6, at the residence of Mrs. Ben Marshall.

Mrs. George Blythe and daughter, Helen, of Racine, were the guests of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Daggett the past week.

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will hold a dime social at the residence of Col. Will Jacobs Saturday evening.

Profs. Darnell, Tipton and Knippen, of the Chicago Musical College, were guests of Mrs. Thomas Kings the first of the week.

Thanksgiving services at the Congregational Church, were conducted by Gen. C. H. Howard, Rev. M. W. Darling being too ill to attend.

The Women's Guild will meet in the church parlors Tuesday, at 1:30 p. m. The work to be done is for the Industrial School at South Evanston. A large attendance is deserved.

Come and have your dressmaking done at Mrs. Stroek's for the holidays.

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