

Additional Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Yates have settled in La Grange, Ill., where they will be glad to see their old friends.

Chas. W. Stoker, the high school engineer, has moved his family into the Middleton cottage on St. John's avenue near Raffin & Son's office.

The growing popularity of the Highland Park Hotel has become so great that John Dings was crowded out of his snug quarters there Friday evening.

W. O. Hipwell and family reached the Park Tuesday from their winter sojourn in Washington and Florida. He looks well, as good as new in fact, and ready to boss the erection of the \$10,000 Carnegie library building.

Herbert F. Evans, son of our mayor, reached the Park Thursday morning from Nevada via Central New York, Ohio and Chicago. He left nearly three years ago to finish his college studies at the Leland Stanford, Jr. University at Palo Alto, Cal. After doing that he located in Nevada and is home for a week or two on a visit.

A special train of Pullman cars left Salt Lake City this week with a large party of conductors and their families for a trip over the different railroad systems. The train first went west to San Francisco and then south and around through Texas over the Southern Pacific and Illinois Central to Chicago, where they will spend Sunday entertained by the Order of Railway Conductors, No. 1. An elaborate reception awaits them, consisting of tall-bo rides throughout the city and suburbs. The train goes to Pittsburg over the B. & O. system Monday, where the party will attend the convention of railway conductors.

Ross Fletcher is doing considerable work with the steam pile driver of the Fletcher Lumber Co. at Lakeside. Some of the ladies there thought the boiler would be a nice thing for their new cook to use, so they tried to move the boiler, but finding it too heavy they stripped it of the small fixtures, such as water-glass, steam-gauge, whistle, wrenches and other things they could easily carry away. It is not definitely known what use they could make of anything except the steam-gauge and whistle. Having put the steam-gauge on the coffee pot, when the pointer reached 180 it would give her nerve enough to move the boiler. The steam whistle could be used to call the cook to help her. It is not even conjectured what use they could make of the pike poles, crow bars, etc., that they carried off. The

company is not acquainted with the class of people that live down there.

DEATH OF MR. BORCHARDT.

Ferdinand Borchardt died Wednesday afternoon at his new home on Second street north, of liver trouble complicated with asthma, at the age of 64 years.

He was born in Germany and came to this country in 1880. He leaves a widow and twelve children, of whom Herman, the expert mechanic, is one and Mrs. Paul Gieser another. The funeral will be in Northfield Sunday.

He wisely carried a \$3,000 benefit in the Royal Arcanum, a great help now to his widow and younger children. He was one of those industrious honest German citizens who have done and are still doing so much to make our new America.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BURNED.

Sunday about midnight, as Albert Larsen was returning home, he was startled to see the flames bursting out the windows of St. Mary's Catholic church. How the fire originated no one could tell. He gave the alarm and in a short time the firemen were there and then it was found there was not pressure enough. Had there been the parish house could have been saved. As it was the church was completely burned and the parish house also, only the walls left in a badly damaged condition. The firemen did all that men could do and that was to help save adjoining property.

The people had just expended some \$500 on the church, beautifying and otherwise improving it, and they were working heroically to clear off the debt which had been put on some dozen years ago when this house was built after a cyclone had destroyed the old frame building.

It was a pathetic sight to see the hundreds of St. Mary's people standing in groups on all sides watching, with sad and stricken hearts, the rapid destruction of their beloved church building into which they had put so much of their money, energies and thoughts.

The insurance on the church was \$3,000 and on the parish house \$2,000, which of course does not begin to cover the loss. We all extend to this church and its devoted pastor our heartfelt sympathies in this, their time of trial.

A most noteworthy feature of the catastrophe was the kindness with which the firemen were treated by the residents in the vicinity, among the most prominent being Mrs. Jas. Grant and Mrs. Huber, who served hot coffee and lunch to the tired men during their long fight with the flames.

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