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High School Notes

Waukegan High School has challenged D. T. H. S. to a debate, the time, place and question to be decided later. The challenge has been accepted and a number of the scholars are now at work, preparing for the preliminary debate which will be held on Friday afternoon, November 2. The question for the preliminary debate is: "Resolved that Cuba should be annexed to the United States", and from those who take part, three will be chosen to meet Waukegan.

In order to stimulate an interest in athletics, the boys of the school have been divided into two athletic clubs which are commonly known as the Whites and the Blues from their club colors. Mr. A. R. Williams has offered a silver cup, to be known as the Deerfield Cup, and it is to remain in the possession of the club winning the championship in football, basket ball and track work. On Tuesday a football game was played between the two clubs, the Whites winning by the score of 2 to 0. The game was closely contested and the only scoring was done in the first half, when the Blues were forced back over the line for a safety.

Letter to Mr. Charles Warren

Highland Park, Ill.

Dear Sir: The easiest business in this world is dry-goods; the reason is: your customers want your stuff as much as you want to sell it; they come in; you show it and sell it. That's the whole business, except your buying the goods.

Devoe comes next. It saves money, and people like money. They like somebody else's more than their own; they like to make it more than to save it; they like to keep it perhaps as well as to make it.

Buildings run-down fast, without paint; poor paint is the same. Devoe is the means of stopping that leak; a big one. All we've got to do, to sell Devoe, is to show that a man saves money by using it.

E. D. Jewell, Corry, Pa. painted his house 5 years ago with a mixed paint; 14 gallons. Last spring he painted Devoe; 10 gallons. Saved \$15 to \$20.

Yours truly

F. W. DEVOE & Co.
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P. S. D. C. Purdy & Sons sell our paint.

Mark Twain's "First Appearance"

Following a musical recital by his daughter in Norfolk, Connecticut, Mark Twain addressed her audience on the subject of stage fright. He thank-

ed the people for making things as easy as possible for his daughter's American debut as a contralto, and then told of his first experience before the public. A news dispatch to the New York SUN quotes him thus:

"My heart goes out in sympathy to any one who is making his first appearance before an audience of human beings. By a direct process of memory I go back forty years, less one month—for I'm older than I look," he said, wagging his snowy head.

"I recall the occasion of my first appearance. San Francisco knew me then only as a reporter, and I was to make my bow to San Francisco as a lecturer. I knew that nothing short of compulsion would get me to the theatre. So I bound myself by a hard and fast contract so that I could not escape. I got to the theatre forty-five minutes before the hour set for the lecture. My knees were shaking so that I didn't know whether I could stand up. If there is an awful, horrible malady in the world, it is stage fright—and seasickness. They are a pair. I had stage fright then for the first and last time. I was only seasick once, too. It was on a little ship on which there were 200 other passengers. I was—sick. I was so sick that there wasn't any left for those other 200 passengers.

"It was dark and lonely behind the scenes in that theatre, and I peered through the little peek-holes they have in theatre curtains and looked into the big auditorium. That was dark and empty, too. By and by it lighted up and the audience began to arrive.

"I had got a number of friends of mine, stalwart men, to sprinkle themselves through the audience armed with big clubs. Every time I said anything they possibly could guess I intended to be funny they were to pound those clubs on the floor. Then there was a kind lady in a box up there, also a good friend of mine, the wife of the Governor. She was to watch me intently, and whenever I glanced toward her she was going to deliver a gubernatorial laugh that would lead the whole audience into applause.

"At last I began. I had the manuscript tucked under a United States flag in front of me where I could get at it in case of need. But I managed to get started without it. I walked up and down—I was young in those days and needed the exercise—and talked and talked.

"Right in the middle of the speech I had placed a gem. I had put in a moving, pathetic part which was to get at the hearts and souls of my hearers. When I delivered it they did just what I hoped and expected. They sat silent and awed. I had touched them. Then I happened to glance up at the box where the Governor's wife was—you know what happened.

"Well, after the first agonizing five minutes, my stage-fright left me, never to return. I know

if I was going to be hanged I could get up and make a good showing, and I intend to. But I shall never forget my feelings before the agony left me, and I got up here to thank you for her for helping my daughter, by your kindness, to live through her first appearance. And I want to thank you for your appreciation of her singing, which is, by the way, hereditary."

Night School For Highland Park

Business and Industrial

For the last three years there has been a growing demand in Highland Park and vicinity for instruction out-of-school hours. The township high school authorities are considering the advisability of allowing a night school to be held in the high school building three evenings each week. They wish to know whether the demand warrants it. It is proposed to hold classes from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and to open the gymnasium from 7:30 to 10:30 on Tuesday evenings. The courses offered are as follows, each student being expected to confine his attention to a single course:

1. Arithmetic and Penmanship.
2. Book-keeping and Penmanship.
3. Stenography and Correspondence.
4. Elementary Bench Work.
5. Woodturning.
6. Patternmaking.
7. Mechanical Drawing.
8. Forge Work.
9. Machine-Shop practice.
10. Gymnastics.

The gymnasium, under Mr. A. R. Williams, would be open for class instruction and athletic games. The classes in the night school are entitled to the use of the gymnasium free. Persons not receiving instruction in the night school have the privilege of the gymnasium by the payment of the regular night school fee, which would be \$5 in each class for the term of 16 weeks, beginning October 28th. The work is designed for all ages over 16, especially for ambitious young men and women employed. To find out how many there are desiring to take such a course, those so desiring are requested to fill out this blank and send to R. L. Sandwick, Principal of the High School.

Dear Sir: I would like to take the course
in in the proposed night
school for which I will pay the fee of \$5 in
advance for 16 weeks instruction.

Signed
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