

than others. These signals are rehearsed twice a month.

The school is fitted up with a large auditorium for entertainment purposes and three exits lead out of this room.

The Board of Education is certainly doing their duty along this line, and the parents can feel safe in sending their children to a building so well constructed.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION.

State of Illinois, Executive Department
SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 15, 1908.

Under the authority of the Act of the General Assembly, passed to encourage the planting of trees, shrubs and vines about the homes, along the highways, and about the public grounds in the State, I, Charles S. Deneen, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby designate Friday, April 24th, and Friday, October 23rd, as Arbor and Bird Days. A date in the spring cannot be fixed that is suitable for both the northern and southern parts of the State. The day most suitable for planting must be used.

Therefore, I urge that village and city

pupils of the public schools, and owners of homes observe one of these days by planting trees, shrubs, vines, and flowers, and that public exercises be held to encourage the love and care of trees. Especially do I urge the observance of one of these days by the public schools that we may no longer be chagrined by the fact that there are 3,205 school grounds without enough and 1,444 without any trees.

Much of the beauty of trees and shrubs is gone when the cheerful life of the birds is absent. The state is spending thousands of dollars annually, to protect and increase the number of game and song birds. Let the children co-operate in this good work by placing nesting boxes in every doer yard and park and protecting these, our friends, from their enemies.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Illinois at Springfield, this fifteenth day of February, A. D., Nineteen hundred and eight.

CHARLES S. DENEEN.

Governor.

FORT SHERIDAN NEWS.

Corporal Wm. Nevin, troop 'A' 13th Cavalry was awarded a certificate of merit on the 29th day of February, for distinguishing himself by rescuing a child from drowning.

Troop 'B' 13th Cavalry will give a dance in their quarters on the evening of March 17th. Admittance by invitation.

Company 'M' of the 27th Infantry has the following members on the sick list. R. J. Watson, R. J. Weldon and J. R. White.

Lieut. Seigle has been detailed as Acting Adjutant during the absence of Lieut. Wilen.

Mr. Dallan Matlock, who was formerly a member of Co. 'D' 27th Infantry and was stationed at this post has re-listed in Co. 'M' 27th Infantry.

The troops are drilling in the Position and Pointing Drill preparatory to their annual target practice in May.

It is rumored that Daniel F. Keller, formerly Captain of the 27th Infantry, will use the insanity plea for his defence in his coming trial for forgery.

The Post Exchange are planning to be in their headquarters in the new theatre building on or about the 22nd of March.

HIGHWOOD NEWS.

Annexing With Highland Park.

A petition has been circulated here in favor of annexing the city with Highland Park. The matter has not yet come up in any official way before the Highland Park Council, but we learn that the petition has been filed in the County Court, at Waukegan.

The wedding of Miss Irene M. Breakwell of Highwood, to Mr. Elza Buck of Beardstown, Ill., took place at noon, Thursday, at the home of the bride.

The ceremony was performed by Judge L. B. Hibbard, of Highland Park. Miss Olive Breakwell was the maid of honor, and Miss Ivy and Mr. Ira Breakwell were the bridesmaid and groomsmen.

The wedding march was played by Miss Harriet Fox, and Mr. Charles M. Schneider sang.

The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

ding trip to Vermont, and will be at home at Beardstown, April the 2nd.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

"Are you fond of Wagnerian music?" "Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, "I'm not exactly fond of it, but it doesn't disturb me as much as it used to."

Teacher (after explaining the character of the Pharisee): "And now what do we mean by a 'hypocrite'?" Pupil: "Please, Miss, a man wot says he is wot he isn't but he ain't."

Client.—"Didn't you make a mistake in going into law instead of the army?" Lawyer: "Why?" "By the way you charge there would be little left of the enemy."

A lady asked a private soldier to tell her his experience in war. Tommy, who was Irish, tried to get out of it by saying that nothing had ever happened to him, but the lady was persistent. "Something must have happened," she declared. "Now tell me, in all your experiences in South Africa what was it that struck you most?" "Well, ma'ma, said Tommy, after some cogitation, 'th' thing that shtruck me most was the number of bullets that missed me."—Blackwood's Magazine.

"What does Libby call her new baby, Mandy?" a Southern woman asked one of her old servants who had recently become a grandmother. "She name her 'Gabrielle,' miss—atter you." "Why, the idea, Mandy! You know my name isn't Gabrielle. You've called me 'Miss Katie' all my life?" "Yes'm, Miss Katie, dat I does, But, when hit come to namin' babies after folks, hit ain't what dey is called, hit is what dey is like dat you name 'em. V. V. is me like Miss Gabrielle dan you is like 'Miss Katie,' jes' like Libby says."

It was difficult to hire competent, or even incompetent, help in Eden Centre, and the commuters in that idyllic spot had learned resignation. "James," said Mrs. Crawford, "I haven't seen anything of that man who was to mow our lawn. Where do you suppose he is? There, I believe that's he now, over in Howe's orchard!" "Is he standing?" inquired Mr. Crawford. "Yes," said his wife, "he's standing under one of the big trees, looking toward our house." "That can't be the man," said Mr. Crawford. "He'd be sitting or lying down."

WHAT GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING TO PROMOTE AND SECURE SAVINGS.

European Systems.—In England the government has not only postal savings but when those savings reach a certain figure their holders may purchase annuities—insurance, in other words—insurance at low rates and with full government security. The Belgians do much the same thing, and the Germans have a compulsory insurance. In France, "mutuality" between government and individual is very well developed. France gets closest to its people and does more to help them help themselves than does any other country. It encourages thrift; it subsidizes them to save money. There the laborer puts in so much, a saving from his daily wage, the employer adds to it, not a donation, but a dividend upon the employee's labor, and the government adds something on top of that, in the shape of interest, and the result is that sick or disabled by accident, a

his saving has earned, and when he reaches the age of fifty-five, he can make way for a younger man in the shop or in the field and retire upon an earned pension that averages \$400 a year, and France thinks so well of the plan that she is contemplating spending \$20,000,000 in enlarging its scope. In Germany 60,000 of people have profited by Bismark's enlightened policy that gave that country such a form of insurance. During twenty years \$555,000,000 have been paid out in Germany for illness, \$232,000,000 on account of accident and \$13,000,000 on account of old age. New Zealand, New South Wales and Victoria already have 45,000 beneficiaries of their old age pensions. And there is a similar movement now before the English parliament to establish a similar system whereby everyone who reaches the age of 60 will be provided for.—Bulletin of American Banking.

"MOCK" MARRIAGES WERE REAL.

Fifty Brooklyn maidens are in the greatest quandary of their lives, all because of their participation in mock marriage ceremonies at a recent Coney Island jamboree. Court Tribe of Foresters gave an "affinity dance" at the Island Tuesday night. One of the features was the joke marriages performed. As a revenue raiser, prospective matrimonial candidates were charged 10 cents for fake marriage licenses. Philip Perry, a broker, acted as the "marrying parson" and tied the knots. Some fifty couples were married. Today it developed that Perry is a notary and fully qualified to perform real ceremonies. The anxiety of the fifty "brides" was increased after they heard this news by the announcement of Henry J. Burke, a telephone operator at Coney Island, that he intends to hold her to the contract. Knowski says he doesn't know where he could find a more satisfactory wife. Others of the "grooms" are said to entertain similar feelings toward their "brides," and this caused a general hurrying among the fifty girls to attorneys to seek legal advice on the subject.—Woman's Daily.

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