

Glencoe News.

The Glencoe Choral Society gave a most interesting recital Monday evening at the Congregational Church. The selections were from Jos. Rheinberger's compositions, and they were most excellently rendered. Mr. H. R. Parsons gave a very interesting address on Author Rheinberger. A large audience greeted the singers enthusiastically. He told of his wonderful versatility in creating symphonies, oratorios, operas, etc., but his most beautiful is his choral work. With the exception of Miss Brenneman, who comes from Evanston, the singers were all Glencoe people. The musical Director, Mr. Arthur G. Bennett, proved his ability in conducting the large chorus. The voices were well trained and blended harmoniously in the song.

The Children's Dancing class, which is conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Higgs, gave its annual fancy dress party at the woman's library club, Tuesday evening from 4 to 6. A large number of admiring relatives slipped in to see the pretty costumes and to watch the dancing of the happy little folks. There were Bo-Peeps, Red Riding Hoods, Fairies and Puritans, Martha Washington and Old King Cole, a Turk and a Chinaman, a sailor and a straight little Indian boy, there was a prim Puritan maiden and a gay Troubadour, pretty flowers of all kinds and a queen of hearts, a farmer boy and saucy Peirot. The event ended with a cotillon, in which many fancy figures were danced.

The young ladies of the Diligent Dozen have made arrangements to give another of their charming bridge luncheons. It is to be for the benefit of the Children's Home and Aid Society at Evanston. The luncheon which is to be held February 15th will be progressive, the first course will be served at the home of Miss Ruth Schnur, on Hawthorne and Greenleaf avenues, the second at Mrs. Frank Darlings, the Manse, and the third at the home of the Misses Ziesing. Here the guests will remain the rest of the afternoon and play bridge.

Miss Ruth Schnur was hostess Friday to twelve young ladies. During the afternoon an interesting contest was held. The question contained the menu of an old fashioned dinner. Mrs. Frank Darling was given the prize for guessing the nearest correct answers. Mesdames Thomas, Saeger and Lane and Miss Bonny of Chicago were the out of town guests.

The annual message of President Robert R. McCormick of the Sanitary District is printed in a very interesting form in a pamphlet of about sixty pages with illustrations and maps. It is of special interest to North Shore people. It illustrates in many full page photographs the Wilmette section. Copies can be had at the Chicago office.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Elizabeth Church will give their annual luncheon Wednesday, February 17th, at St. Paul Guild Hall. It will be served at twelve-thirty and the admission fee is only a quarter. The ladies are anticipating a big crowd, for these luncheons are popular.

Dr. Marc Darling had a misfortune last week. In making a short cut across his lot, on a narrow plank walk, the person in front of him stepped on a board the end of which flew up and struck him with such force as to break two ribs.

The Missionary Society of the Congregational Church held an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. James P. Brewster, Tuesday. The ladies sewed for the Chicago Home in which they are interested. There was a box luncheon.

Glencoe is badly in need of honest and competent mechanics in all lines of trade, especially in the building and repair work. Good carpenters, painters, paper-hangers and decorators could find employment all the year round.

Mrs. C. E. Nason, who has been making a visit of several months with her daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Darling at the Manse, left Tuesday for Los Angeles and other points in California to spend the rest of the winter.

Mrs. C. H. Howard will have charge of the Woman's Library Club meeting Thursday afternoon, February 11th. Subject, Historic America—Abraham Lincoln. Meeting at half past two.

Mrs. H. L. Brown and little daughter of Rensselaer, Indiana, visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Hopkins, for several days this week.

The Dancing Club which meets every second Tuesday at the Library Club held a delightfully informal affair this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto R. Barnette expect to leave on Sunday for Florida to spend several weeks along the East Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mortimer are enjoying their visit in Pasadena and expect to remain there until first of March.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Day left Sunday for Micco, Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubens left for Hot Springs, Arkansas, on Monday for a two week's visit.

Mrs. Waters of Englewood spent Sunday the guest of her cousin, Mrs. James P. Brewster.

Miss Emma Wagner of Chicago was in Glencoe for three days this week.

Highwood News.

One of the most uncalled for and mean forms of what some men (?) call amusement took place on the street at Highwood Thursday morning. Two men conceived the idea that they ought to have a dog-fight and two animals were soon tearing at each other till they were nearly killed before separated. A crowd of men and boys looked on and called it great sport. The business men of Highwood were loud in their denunciation of such "sport"—and will take steps to stop this kind of lawlessness.

SIXTEEN SUCCESSFUL

There were sixteen successful prosecutions in the Highwood "blind pig" cases.

"Well we feel most gratified over the showing of the past week," said Secretary Quayle of the law-order league today, "for we have seen paid into the county \$1,100 which has come from blind-pig cases. The county now has that amount, collected from fines and more will follow for, in some of the appeals, the county will eventually get the fine."

The Waukegan Sun says "This is, by all odds, the biggest record in the county's history."

There are a number of other cases pending and States Attorney Dady is confident of other convictions and more fines.

Naturally the "blind pig" people of Highwood are in mourning.

When the case against Frank Snow was called Monday morning it was found that the defendant had disappeared, and the judge ordered his \$300 bond forfeited.

Snow is the last but one of the Dady blind pig cases. The other missing man is Sorenson in whose place Private Ray-bun met his death January seventh.

Sorenson was never arrested but there is a warrant for him and it is believed that this, the keeper of the toughest of the Highwood blind pigs, will come like a lamb in a few days and plead guilty if he is given a chance. He is hiding out in Chicago, and is said to be in deathly fear of what is going to happen to him.

Sorenson was the employer of Snow, so it is stated, and Snow really conducted the Highwood place for him.

A STAR WITNESS.

It is said that J. J. Sweeney of Highwood was a great help to the prosecution in the "blind pig" cases. Sweeney was recently a hard drinker and a frequenter of the various dives in Highwood, spending much of both his time and money. Sometime ago he turned over a new leaf, and since has been seemingly wholehearted in fighting the places that formerly got his money. He turned against them completely and even tendered his services to the league, offering to secure evidence against the men operating the places. In this he was especially useful. He is said to have completely reformed his habits and is now a total abstainer. Mr. Quayle is quoted as saying: "Yes, he was our star witness, and the county owes him much for his valiant and fearless work in getting evidence which otherwise we would have had difficulty in getting. I may say that the great success which has attended our efforts this year has largely been due to his aid."

LEASES ZION CITY BEACH.

Is Zion city going to become a pleasure resort? According to reports from Zion City, Captain Walker, head of the fire-police departments of that city, has secured a lease of the lake front there.

It is said that he plans extensive improvements there this year to make it attractive for resorters and pleasure seekers, including a new lot of boats, a power boat, shoot the shutes, etc.

LAKE FOREST MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

Lake Forest has met another shock in the death of Bland Ballard, one of its wealthy citizens, who killed himself by a shot from a revolver on Thursday morning.

Mr. Ballard left his home about 7:30 a. m. for the 8 o'clock train to Chicago but while walking across the campus he fired a shot through his brain.

At the coroner's inquest it was shown that Mr. Ballard had suffered from low spirits, the effects, it is thought, of a fall eight years ago when he struck his head and a long sickness followed.

He was born at Louisville, Ky., in 1855 and came to Lake Forest about ten years ago.

Of recent years his athletic bent turned to golf and gunnery, in both of which he was extremely proficient. He was chairman of the house committee and a director of the Onwentsia Golf Club and a member of the University Club of Chicago. In addition to the widow he is survived by three children—Bland Ballard Jr., 21 years old, a student in Lake Forest University. Shreve Ballard, 16 years old, a student in Lake Forest Academy, and Belle S. Ballard, aged 7.

The father of the decedent was United States Judge Bland Ballard of Louisville, who received his appointment from Abraham Lincoln. His mother was a niece of Henry Clay. His marriage to Miss Adele Shreve, a member of a wealthy family of that city, was considered one of the most brilliant social events at that time in Louisville.

The coroner's jury found that Mr. Ballard killed himself while temporarily insane.

Dramatic Notes.

Whitney.—The laughing song play, "A Broken Idol", has proved the greatest musical comedy hit that Chicago has seen in years. It is now approaching its 300th performance at the Whitney opera house. Otis Harlan, for years famed as an interpreter of leading comedy roles in the farces of the late Chas. Hoyt, heads the cast which includes Alice Yorke, Carrie Perkins, Madge Voe, Ilon Bergere, George Richards, Otto Hoffman, Charles Bowers, David Andrada and Lawrence Comel's. The chorus numbers upwards of fifty. A short spring tour of the larger cities will be made, the company traveling in private pullman cars. The attraction will be taken to Boston for the summer and it goes to New York the latter part of August.

Auditorium.—At the Auditorium Theatre, F. Ziegfeld's "Follies of 1908" will return for a limited engagement of four weeks, with the usual matinees. The piece comes back with the same cast that was seen at the Illinois Theatre six weeks ago. Bickel and Watson, Arthur Deagon, Jack Norworth, Billie Reeves, Annabelle Whitford, and Dazie are still members of the cast, and Nora Bayes, with her songs, remains the special feature. Ziegfeld's beauty chorus, which is the handsomest in the world, is also a prominent attraction. The Society Prize Fight is still the big laughing feature of the show, and is said to be so funny that it defies description.

Chicago Opera House.—At this delightful playhouse Israel Zangwell's stimulating and impressive drama, "The Melting Pot," continues uninterruptedly. The play is the most prosperous the theatre has had since William Hodge appeared there in his "The Man from Home." The theme of the play is that of the fusion and evolution of the races. Mr. Whiteside is supported by a wonderful cast. Extended comment on the play has appeared in these columns before.

Studebaker.—William Farnum, in "The Renegade," is playing his initial engagement as a star here. Comment is deferred.

Princess Theatre.—"The Prince of Tonight" is the name of a new musical play by Frank Adams, Will Hough and Joseph E. Howard which Mr. Mort H. Singer will produce at the Princess Theatre, February 8. The wonderful success of "A Stubborn Cinderella" during its remarkable run of more than six months at the Princess is responsible for the removal of that extraordinary piece to the Broadway Theatre, New York.

LaSalle.—This theatre is dark till Feb. 15, when "A Golden Girl" comes for an indefinite stay.

The Christian Science reading room in Highland Park is open every afternoon (except Sunday) from two until four thirty o'clock in the church building on Hazel avenue, near St. Johns avenue. All are cordially welcome.

ILLINOIS BREVITIES

Rockford.—The Swedish United Mission is the name selected for the church body which resulted from the union of the Swedish Free, the Swedish Congregational and the Mission Covenant churches of the United States. The name was agreed upon in a joint conference of the committees. Liberality of belief was recommended by the committee with a view of government by a central body consisting of 11 persons. The churches are divided into state conferences granted strong individual government with a national organization for disciplinary purposes. Pastors will be filled by call as at present in all churches.

Chicago.—Unfortunate transactions on the board of trade are said to be responsible for the filing of a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court by William Dunn, former a well-known figure on the board of trade. The liabilities as scheduled in the petition amount in the aggregate to \$106,773. Of this amount on note to the amount of \$32,500, made by the firm of John Blyth & Sons, Limited, London, is secured. Dunn's assets scheduled amount to \$6,814.

Danville.—Delegates from all units of fourth district electrical workers, comprising states of Indiana and Illinois, sustained President McNeel of Rock Island in his removal of F. McDonald, Aurora, from the office of secretary treasurer of the organization at a meeting here. McDonald contested his removal on the ground that it was unconstitutional and refused to turn over the money.

Waukegan.—Before Special Examiner H. H. Miller was heard the first evidence in connection with the effort of Lake County Judge Jones to determine the exact value of the property filed in the inventory. John J. Well appeared on the stand and testified that stock which his father owned in the Mayflower Mining Company of Idaho, believed to be worth \$3,135, was worth only \$25,000.

Chicago.—Fred H. Blount, president and H. W. Watkins, secretary, of the Illinois Surety Company filed affidavits before Judge Ball in the superior court setting out that many old papers of the corporation were destroyed last July when it changed quarters. This was in answer to the charge that the surety bonds, aggregating \$30,000, were fraudulently removed from the Bank of America.

Chicago.—John McLaughlin, 17 years old, 309 Wells street, who endangered the lives of half a dozen families by cutting out part of the water and gas pipes in a building at 109 West street, the water flooding the basement and the gas filling many of the rooms, was sentenced to serve six months in the house of correction.

Rock Island.—A defect in the tank of the White Steamer Limosine of the Huber, secretary and treasurer of the Rock Island Brewing Company, resulted in the explosion of 15 gallons of gasoline. The car was completely destroyed by fire and the occupants were with difficulty rescued by the chauffeur.

Chicago.—Rev. Robert Morris Kenyon, former rector of St. Chrysostom's Episcopal church, was held to a grand jury by Municipal Judge Blodgett, and if indicted must stand trial before a judge and jury in the criminal court on charges made by choir boys. Bonds were fixed at \$2,500.

Sterling.—The Royal Trust Company of Chicago, which was named as receivers for the Illinois Straw Products Company of this city, the largest paper mill in the middle west, announced that it will reopen the plant and operate at full capacity.

Springfield.—A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States district court by Charles A. Bost, a prominent stock raiser from Nokomis. His liabilities are scheduled at \$26,256. His assets are valued at \$9,500.

Sterling.—Nine candidates appear for the office of circuit judge of the Fourteenth judicial district in the April primaries on the Republican ticket, and five on the Democratic ticket. Three are to be elected.

Chicago.—The employees of Cook county took steps to organize to protect and further their interests. The name of the organization, it is believed, will be the Cook County Employees' Benevolent association.

Danville.—The general shops of E. I. closed here indefinitely. Only about 350 men are affected, but the complete shut-down of the shops has caused much comment in business circles.

Sterling.—A jury in the Whiteside county circuit court gave Mrs. E. Drane judgment for \$1,500 as the result of her spraining her arm by falling out of a Sterling, Dixon & Eastern street car.

Rockford.—Charles A. Stevens of Chicago is negotiating to buy the 260-acre stock farm north of Rockford owned by J. A. Rehm, a former Chicago chief of police.

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