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BUSINESS MEN USE RED CROSS SEALS

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ALL AID WORK

Seals Purchased at Home Benefit Home Institution and Local Men are Quick to do Their Share

Red Cross Christmas seals will flash from every letter mailed by a local business man between now and Christmas and they will even appear on the post-card advertising The Reliable Laundry's special on dry cleaning; they may also appear on your Chicago papers, for the Highland Park News Co. has 500, and just what Mr. Cushing of the Moraine plans to do with his 2000 is hard to tell. But whatever they do with them the response from the local business men has been a generous one, and it serves to call attention to the fact that the home merchant is the one who is called upon to, and who does contribute to home charities; he is putting Christmas cheer on his mail in the shape of Christmas seals and he has put Christmas cheer on his shelves in the shape of Christmas gifts that are worth inspection. For both, he should be patronized.

Lest you forget, 77½ per cent of the money realized through the sale of Red Cross seals in Lake County will be used for the prevention and care of tuberculosis in the county. Those purchased outside it do not benefit this county. They are on sale at the Gsell, Sweetland and Schumacher pharmacies, Larson's Stationery store, Burrill's 5 and 10 cent store, Chas. H. Warren Co., or may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss Helen Conrad at the Press office.

SUPERVISORS AID FARM WORK

Give $2,000 to Agricultural Committee for Support of Expert

County Supervisors opened their December session Tuesday and after transacting a little routine business voted to contribute $2,000 to the support of the recently organized County Agricultural Society. In soliciting the amount the society agreed to raise an additional $6,000 and it is said the sum is nearly all subscribed. This money will be used for the advancement of farm industries through teaching the proper use and care of the soil.

Donald S. Blair, Farm Expert

Donald S. Blair, Lake county's soil expert, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he took an eight-year course in agriculture and allied branches and where later for two years he officiated as student assistant. He also has been in charge of experiment station work for the University of Washington. For the last five years Mr. Blair has been at the head of the agronomy department of the English plant breeding bureau of Garton Brothers. He now is employed by the Lake County Agricultural board, an organization of farmers and his farm improvement work, in which he already has made a deep impression, is at the service of every tiller of the soil.

LAKE FORESTERS WANT NEW CHARTER

Some Citizens Believe Millionaires Favored Under Present System

The latest thing to stir up trouble between the Lake Forest "millionaires" and the Lake Forest "those who are not" is a fight to have the city incorporated under the general incorporating law. The "nots", who have presented the council with a petition carrying 102 signatures, claim that under the special charter under which the city is incorporated the "millionaires" enjoy too many privileges and they ask that the matter be brought to vote at the spring election.

The Lake Forester comments on the situation as follows:

"Considered from a financial standpoint the petition is very weak. The assessed value of the personal property of the city this year was $825,610. Of this sum only $11,075 is assessed against the men who signed the petition. $6,952 of that is assessed against four men and $4,122 against fifteen others. The other 83 signers of the petition pay no personal property tax. The editor of the Forester believes that the men who pay the bills should control the expenditures."

DEATH TAKES THREE PROMINENT RESIDENTS

SUDDENNESS OF TWO A GREAT SHOCK

Mrs. Wm. Noerenberg Dies in Hospital Saturday; Montgomery Ward, Sunday, and Abel A. Putnam Monday

Mr. Abel A. Putnam

Mr. Abel A. Putnam died suddenly at his home 120 Lake Ave., Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock following an attack of acute indigestion with which he was stricken Sunday morning while apparently in the best of health, in fact he had attended the opera on Saturday afternoon and his club in the evening and for a time Sunday afternoon and early Monday he seemed to have recovered.

Mr. Putnam was born in Windham, Vermont, July 14, 1845. At the age of 21 he entered business in Boston and in 1875, moved to Chicago, where he engaged in the wholesale shoe business. Although he had been a resident of Highland Park but five years he had been a frequent visitor here and this together with his ever present desire to be of assistance to his fellow citizens and his work for the interests of his city made him known to all its residents. As one of his friends said, "Everyone loved Mr. Putnam, he seemed to take the whole town into his big heart, and people of every denomination and creed, high and low, rich and poor, the old and the young, grieve with his family in their great sorrow."

Surviving him are his wife, and two sons, John A. and William Dudley, and three grandsons, of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. Benjamin Stone of Camden, N. Y., and the Misses Louise and Loa Putnam of Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church at 1:45, Wednesday, Dec. 10, being preceded by a private service at the residence. Rev. R. Calvin Dobson assisted by Dr. P. C. Wolcott officiated. Interment was in Rosehill. The pallbearers were old employees of A. A. Putnam & Son.

Mrs. William Noerenberg

The death of Mrs. William Noerenberg occurred late Saturday evening, Dec. 6th, at the Augustana hospital as the result of heart disease following an operation, two weeks previous, for an ailment from which she had been a sufferer for a number of years.

Mrs. Noerenberg was well-known in church and Sunday school work in the county, having been an active worker in the First United Evangelical church and an officer in the Lake County Sunday School Association. She was born at Northfield, Ill., June 18, 1863, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hintz, and with her parents moved to a farm near this city while still a young girl. Here she met William Noerenberg of this city and they were married Dec. 17, 1885, and moved to the home on 153 S. Second St., where the family still live.

She leaves to mourn her departure her sorrowing husband, 2 sons, Clarence and Oscar, one daughter, Priscilla, 3 brothers, Ed, J., Adolph D., and Eugene Hintz, all of Chicago; one half brother, Will Hintz, of Highland Park, a stepmother, Mrs Hintz also of Highland Park, and a half-sister, Mrs. Roscoe Burgess of Evanston, besides a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the First United Evangelical Church at 12:30, Rev. Van Evera preaching the sermon. Interment was in Northfield.

A. Montgomery Ward

A. Montgomery Ward, well-known the country over as the founder of the first mail order business, died at his home on Waverly Place Sunday morning as the result of an attack of pneumonia largely induced by a fall in which he suffered a fracture of the hip about six weeks ago. Death came at about nine o'clock while his wife, his daughter, Marjorie, his partner and brother-in-law, George R. Thorne, as well as the attending physicians were present.

Mr. Ward, who was 70 years old at the time of his death, had lived in Highland Park but a short time and therefore was not known in local affairs to any great extent. It is said that he leaves a fortune of $15,000,000 consisting chiefly of stock in the concern which bears his name and which he founded in 1872 in a loft over a livery barn on Kinzie St. He was born Feb. 17, 1873 at Chatham, N. J., from which city his family moved to Niles City, Mich., when he was 8 years old. Here he attended school until he reached the age of 14 at which time he found work in a stave factory at 25 cents a day. From then on to his retirement from active business a few years ago his life of continued hard work was rewarded by success.

Funeral services were held at the late residence at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Albert J. McCartney of the Kenwood Evangelical Church, preaching the sermon. Interment was in Rosehill.

A COLUMN FOR THE USE OF EVERYBODY

"CREDIT" OUTLINES CREDIT SYSTEM

Describes Methods of Organization Such as Local Business Men's Association is Preparing to Launch

In submitting the following for publication in Everybody's Column, "Credit" must have had in mind the Business Men's Association and the fact that its members are at present engaged in forming a Credit Association such as he outlines, a fact that is little known to the public as yet. However, as such an association is soon to be established the article may prove of interest to both the credit and the debit columns of our readers.

"The purpose of a credit association is to protect its members from fradulent persons, to secure and keep reports on individuals, firms and corporations, to handle collections for members, and, in short, to do any and all things necessary to the establishment and maintenance of files of credit information for the benefit of the members of the association. Many cities conduct such associations as a department of a commercial organization with great success. Such a system is of comparatively recent origin, however, and great many cities have their credit associations a separate and distinct organization. They are many times incorporated bodies, organized and operated by one or more individuals for profit. This article however, will treat of the credit association as a mutual proposition and as a department of the business men's organization.

To organize one, an agreement is secured from as many of the business institutions of a city as possible that they will enter into such an association and will abide by the rules and regulations. They agree to stand their pro rata share of the expense of financing the association and also to furnish to the manager any and all information in their possession concerning their customers. Of course this information is strictly confidential. Even one member asking for credit information concerning some particular person does not know from whom the information comes. Only the manager and his office force know who gives it.

The best man for the position of manager is someone who has had experience in securing credit reports and who has a knowledge of the office mechanism of a credit association. However, there is nothing in the business which requires techenical training as in the case of a traffic expert for handling railroad matters.

The beginning of the association's work is rather difficult. A vast deal of card indexing is required at the outset. All the members of the association are requested to furnish a complete list of their credit customers. On this list are also included notations as to whether each customer is excellent, good, fair, slow, very slow paying, or a "dead beat;" also the amount of heaviest indebtedness to that merchant at any one time, and all other information concerning the credit-standing of that customer in the knowledge of the merchant. All this information is transferred to a card index system. With the installation of this card index system arranged alphabetically, the association is ready to begin furnishing information. A merchant wishing information concerning someone, calls up the association. If the association has a card on that individual, the information is quickly given, but in the event the customer is a new resident, it will require a longer time to secure the information. In that case the manager will ascertain the former residence fo the individual. He will write to the credit association in that other community, receive the secret standing of the customer, there and give the information to the merchant making inquiry. At the same time the association will enter that report upon a card and file it for future reference.

When the association is organized, a membership in the National Association of Credit men should be applied for. For information concerning people or business firms in nearly every part of the country this membership will secure it. A full list of members of the National Association is filed with each member and each membership entitles the holder to the privilege of exchanges of credit information. Another use of the credit association is for the collection of bad bills. After the merchant has exhausted the resources at his command in this direction he can turn over to the association the claim for collection. The association has the right to go to any legal extremity in the collection of the bill. When the

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GLENCOE FIRST ON SHERIDAN RD. PLAN

MAY BEGIN WORK THERE IN SPRING

Colonel M. W. Kozminski Writes of Meeting Between Lincoln Park Board and Improvement Association

Means by which Sheridan Road may be taken over by the Lincoln Park Commissioners to the Wisconsin State line were the subject of of a conference between the Executive Committee of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association and the Lincoln Park Commissioners according to an announcement of Colonel Maurice W. Kozminski, Chairman of the Campaign Committee as follows:

"The Lincoln Park Commissioners expressed themselves in favor of early renovation of the highway.

As a first step the resolution of Commissioner Winston that the boards investigate the legal and engineering situation at Glencoe was adopted unanimously. In accordance with this resolution the actual rebuilding of the road in Glencoe is likely to be begun in the early spring. Thus Glencoe will be the first of the North Shore villages to get the benefit of the Act passed by the last legislature which makes it possible for the Lincoln Park Commissioners to take over the road piece meal.

"This means a benefit to all the people of Glencoe," said Colonel Kozminski. "It will mean an increase in property values and in population. Good roads, or the advantages of good roads, are now beyond controversy. To object to them is to suggest the old prejudice which many backwoods communities had to the arrival of railroads. Of course the railroads made possible the development of the country."

"An erroneous impression is abroad that a good road will create a nuisance in the increased auto traffic. This argument against the North Shore improvement is as shortsighted as the old antagonism toward the introduction of machinery in manufacture.

"Obviously, good roads and the subsequent traffic will introduce the North Shore to many people who do not now know its attractiveness. All the towns will be helped. The trade of the merchants will be increased and the values of real estate will be enhanced."

"Committees of the Association are working in Evanston, Winnetka, Highland Park and Lake Forest. According to the statute the consent of the majority of frontage owners must be obtained after which an ordinance may be drawn. This is a public benefit which is backed by no selfish interests. The Lincoln Park Commissioners are only waiting for the co-operation of the North Shore officials to begin the complete reconstruction of this long neglected highway."

RAVINIA PROPERTY BRINGS $82,500

Page Home is Sold at Auction. Other Real Estate Transactions

Among the real estate transactions recorded this week is the transfer by the Master in Chancery to Babette Mandel et al, part of lots 125, 126 and 127, Ravinia. This is what was known as the Page property and is located at the foot of Roger Williams Ave., opposite the Rosenwald place. It was sold at public auction as the result of a suit to settle the estate and brought $82,500.

Other sales recorded of local interest are: G. L. Wrenn and wife to Florence M. Schauffler, lot 5, block 2, Wrenn's add, W. D. $1,290; C. A. Kimbark to R. A. Bard, part lot 8, sub of lots 5 and 6, blk. 34, Q. C. $5.00; R. A. Bard and wife to C. W. Leffingwell, same description, W. D. $2,850; David Bracken and wife to G. L. Duchane, lots 21 and 22 block 1, Hayt's resub, Highwood, W. D. $500; G. L. Vetter and wife to Theodore Greenberg, W. 50 feet lot 2 block 7, Wrenn's add., W. D. $1,010.

C. S. READING ROOM MOVED

Now Located in Beautiful new Quarters in North Shore Trust Building

The Christian Science Reading room has been moved from the Erskine Bank building to its new room in the North Shore Trust building at 119 E. Central Ave., which has been beautifully decorated and furnished. In addition to its daily hours from 9 to 12 a. m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p. m., it will be open to the public evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 except Wednesdays and Sundays. The public is cordially invited to make use of this room where Christian Science literature is available for reading, or may be purchased if desired.

WILL GIVE TALK ON MEXICO BEFORE CLUB

YOUNG MEN TO HEAR ARMY OFFICER

Lieut. H. J. Reilly, U. S. A., Secured for Informal Talk at Young Men's Club Rooms Tuesday Evening, Dec. 16

Members of the Young Men's Club, their friends and those interested in the club are invited to the club rooms Tuesday night to get some first hand information regarding Mexico and its inhabitants. Those who respond will have the good fortune to hear an informal talk by Lieut. H. J. Reilly, U. S. A., who has lately returned from a long detail of special work in Mexico.

Lieut. Reilly was at one time stationed at Ft. Sheridan and it is through the influence of the many friends made here at that time and the fact that he is at present visiting his mother in Winnetka that he has consented to give up an evening of his vacation and talk to the young men of the situation in Mexico where his work is said to have been most important to his government. He has also been an instructor at West Point but of late has been wholly on special detail and is considered one of the coming men of the army corps.

His talk will begin at eight o'clock and the club extends a cordial invitation to its friends to hear him. The rooms are over Brand Bros. at the corner of West Central Ave. and So. Second St., the entrance being on the latter street.

NEARBY NEWS NOTES OF LOCAL INTEREST

PAVE WITH BRICK IN NORTH CHICAGO

Village of Lake Bluff Plans Many Improvements. Lake Forest Council Considers Wheel-Tax Ordinance

Wheel Tax for Lake Forest

The Lake Forest city council has before it for consideration a wheel tax ordinance which will probably be passed at the next meeting. It is similar to the one in force here with the exception that the fees are higher on certain classes of vehicles.

Pave With Brick in North Chicago

The paving on State St. is the first to be laid in North Chicago. The base is of concrete and the top is of Poston paving brick which will be bound together by tar instead of sand, making one of the best kinds of pavement known in modern street paving.

Lake Bluff to Make Many Improvements

Plans of the Lake Bluff village board to make that town one of the most beautiful along the North Shore, are beginning to be realized. The old water tower, which has been regarded as an undesirable citizen for the past few years, is to be torn down. Another improvement which will be welcome is the restoration of the miniature lake along the Waukegan road, which within recent years has been permitted to dry up. This will provide a place for the Lake Bluff residents to skate on in the winter time. Several thousand of narcissus bulbs have been planted along the south ravine near the old Crystal Spring, which is also to be restored.

The Editor Picks Strawberries

Four ripe strawberries from our vines yesterday morning. Why don't you dam (mill dam) Yanks come down and enjoy a summer in the winter time?—*Winter-garden, (Fla.) Times.*

Nearby Locals

Residents of Hubbard Woods will be given free mail delivery after Jan. 1 from the Winnetka postoffice.

The tango and all the other new dances have been tabooed by the council of administration of the University of Illinois, and may not be danced in the university buildings.

WINS $11,000 SUIT FROM ESTATE

Judge Decides in Favor of Woman Suing W. L. Moss

Judge Persons last week allowed the claim of $11,000 presented by Matilda Bodge against the estate of W. L. Moss.

Mrs. Bodge held what she claimed to be a note signed by Moss but his heirs claimed the note was a forgery. The court was unable to see it in that light and allowed the full claim but the estate will appeal to circuit court.

PREPARE PLANS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING

DISTRICT 107 COMMITTEE IS BUSY

Reports on Recently Erected Evanston School Submitted at Meeting Monday Evening. Architects at Work on Plans

The Board of Education of District 107 has a special building committee which is giving considerable attention to the problem of providing additional school facilities. This committee consists of E. B. Metzel, Wm. D. Mann, and Fred Greenslade, the president of the board, Mr. J. V. Norcross, being an ex-officio member. At the regular meeting of the Board on Monday evening the committee presented a rough sketch of a building with five class rooms and a kindergarten room which the Board ordered reproduced in blue print drawings. The committee reported interviews with representatives of several firms of architects and also gave a report of a visit of inspection to the Lincolnwood school in Evanston. Mrs. B. W. Schumacher reported upon a visit to the same school made by a committee of six representing the Elm Place Divison of the Parents and Teachers' Association.

The Lincolnwood school which was completed in October is an eight-room school building with a kindergarten room and a large gymnasium assembly room. The building is one story high with overhead lighting and has no basement under it. The floors except that of the kindergarten are practically at street level and each room opens directly upon the play ground. The heating plant is depressed below an outside paved terrace at the level of the kindergarten room floor. The beauty and simplicity of the building and many of the details of construction have greatly impressed the representatives of Elm Place and it is possible that a plan for a building similar to the Lincolnwood building will be presented for public consideration some time in the near future.

RAIL RIDERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Famous Volo Case Closes with Conviction of Five Defendants

Five of the six women defendants in the famous Volo rail-riding trial were found guilty of the charges placed against them by the state, in a verdict returned by the jury shortly after 6:30 Friday night. Mrs. Kate Wagner was the one exonerated while those found guilty of rioting and of assault and battery upon Mrs. Minnie Richardson are: Mrs. Emma Stadfeldt, known as the "captain" of the self appointed vigilantes and a recognized leader of the women of Volo. Mrs. Alma Walton, who confessed to having beat upon a pail and who was identified by Mrs. Richardson as having been one of the several women who carried her on a rail. Mrs. Lavina Raymond, who also confessed to having been one of the party. Mrs. Mary Savel, who was proven by the state as having taken part in the party. Mrs. Ann Stadfeldt, mother of "Captain" Emma who denied on the stand that she had taken part. All of the five with the exception of Emma Stadfeldt are grandmothers with gray hair. The verdict which may carry with it a fine of $200 for those convicted was reached shortly after the jury retired. Their deliberations which lasted nearly two hours were as to the guilt or innocence of Mrs. Wagner. A motion for new trial will be heard this week. The following local men were on the jury trying the case: Jas. Duffy and T. E. Pierson, city, and Woodman Todd and Emil Carlson, Deerfield.

VACANT HOUSE BURNS IN HIGHWOOD

Fire Early Monday Morning Almost Completely Destroys Building

Monday morning at four o'clock fire broke out in the old Nicholas Williams residence on W. Highwood Ave. near High St. now owned by Leo Delhaye. The origin of the fire is unknown as the house was vacant at the time. The building is badly damaged as the rear and inside is completely destroyed while the front part remains untouched.

FEATURE PICTURES AT THEATRE

Lengthen Program at Local Theatre Discontinue Saturday Matinees

In order to add a feature film to his program each evening Manager Pearl of the new theatre has increased his order to 5 reels. This means an addition to the expense account but as it will also add to the strength of his program the manager believes ends will balance. The Saturday afternoon shows, not proving popular, have been discontinued.