

HE Civics committee of the Woman's Library club of Glencoe has invited the members of the Civics committees in the adjoining towns to join the class in American History and Citizenship to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10 o'clock, beginning in January. Mrs. Winthrop Girling is the l lecturer. Tickets for the course of ten lectures may be obtained from Mrs. Charles F. Pearce, of Glencoe, chairman of the Civics committee.

Edward T. Devine, editor of the magazine, "Survey," will speak before the members of the Wilmette Woman's club on "American Ideals, True and False," on Wednesday afternoon, January 12. Hostesses for this meeting will be Mesdames Frank McClure, Ernest Ford, C. P. Evans and George W. Springer.

There will be a business meeting

of the Woman's Library club, of

Glencoe, on Thursday, January 6, at

the clubhouse. A delightful program

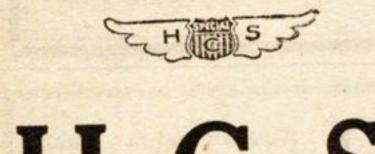
of music will be given by Mrs. Henry

The Chicago chapter of the Wild last day of the Loan Exhibit, January Flower Preservation society of 1, in Fullerton hall, at 8 o'clock. America invites you and your friends to its third annual exhibition of Nature studies. The collections are on view in the east galleries of the Art Institute at present and the exhibit will continue until January 19, 1921. Beginning January 1, every afternoon Hervey Anning, pianist of Winnetka. at 4 o'clock, one of the collectors will give an informal talk and ans-

wer questions. Six illustrated lectures will be given in the clubroom at the Art Institute, on the following dates at 4 o'clock: Tuesday, January 4-"Birds and Flowers Through the Seasons," by Mr. W. D. Richardson; Thursday, January 6, "Trees in Winter Form," by Mr. Willard N. Clute; Friday, January 7, "Ferns of the Chicago Region," by Miss Ruth Marshall; Monday, January 10, "Milk Weeks and Their Insect Guests," by Mr. Jesse Lowe Smith; Wednesday, January 12, "Birds and Flowers of the Chicago Region," by Orpheus M. Schantz; and Friday, January 14, "The Wonders of the Dunes," by Mr. Henry C. Cowles.

Programs of particular interest to children are planned for Saturday afternoons during the month, at 3 o'clock. Mr. Alvin R. Kahn will enlarge on "Home Life of Our Familiar Birds," January 1, in the clubroom. Motion pictures will be shown at Fullerton hall, on January 8, "Plant Life," and January 15, "Where Plants Live" and "Mid-Summer Wild Plants of the Central States."

Of special interest will be a "Chalk Talk on Wild Flowers," by Mr. Henry T. Bailey director of the Cleveland School of Art, given on the



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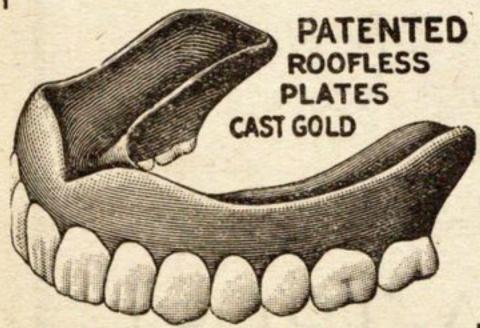
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A New Year Announcement

THE creation of one Company to handle the Bell telephone service of Lethe entire State of Illinois, for many years the plan and hope of the Bell managers, is now accomplished, and the Illinois Bell Telephone Company henceforth will supply the service in place of the Chicago Telephone Company and the Central Union Telephone Company.

The newcomer is the Chicago Telephone Company with a new name; officered by the same men who for many years in the Chicago and Central Union Companies have devoted themselves to the development and operation of this great public service in the State.

B. E. Sunny, for twelve years President of the Chicago Company, continues in that office. Edgar S. Bloom, for seven years at the head of the Central Union Company, becomes a Vice-President, and W. R. Abbott, for many years General Manager of the Chicago Company, becomes Vice-President and General Manager.

The change in the name from "Chicago Tele-phone" and "Central Union" to "Illinois Bell" will be a source of regret to many Illinois men and women of two generations. While it is now a commonplace adjunct to the daily business and domestic routine, the telephone, in its uncanny effectiveness in extending the human voice, has not entirely lost the appeal to our wonder and amazement. Illinois people will pleasantly remember the names of the two companies that were so closely associated with forty years of development and service of Bell's remarkable invention.

The mammoth proportions of the Illinois Bell are best illustrated with a few figures:

It has 810,000 telephones. There are 340 other telephone companies in the State having 340,000 telephones. The Illinois Bell connects with these companies, making a total of 1,150,000 telephones in the State system.

It has 2,300,000 miles of wire.

It employs 20,000 men and women.

The book cost of the property employed is \$107,000,000. (On the basis of present prices it would no doubt cost in excess of \$200,000,000 to replace it.)

The new work to be done in 1921 calls for an expenditure of \$14,500,000.

The traffic department has won the long contest against the conditions destructive of good service which have prevailed for two years or more—an insufficient force of operators, inexperienced operators, etc. There is now a gratifying change and a marked improvement in the service.

Good progress has been made in reducing the number of unfilled orders for telephones-the result of the war condition—and except in cases where the shortage of facilities is extreme, it is hoped that applications can be cared for without delay.

Among the many tasks which confront the Illinois Bell is the further development of the toll service throughout the State. The important centers, Chicago on the east, Rockford on the north, Rock Island-Moline on the west, Cairo and East St. Louis on the south, Peoria in the middle of the State, require connection with each other by a perfect system, and in the same degree first-class telephone service must be provided and maintained between these and intermediate centers and with the smaller cities and villages around them.

The Illinois Bell will seek not only to extend and improve its own system of toll lines, but it will seek to strengthen telephone communication with the 340 connecting companies, in the interest of a faster and better service to all of the people in the State.

The Illinois Bell begins its career with the New Year and, in extending its greetings to its subscribers, expresses the hope that through the character of the service it will supply, it will always have their friendship and confidence.

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