
SCHOOL NEWS

Everett Peterson is absent from the fifth grade.

The fifth grade are studying "The Arrow and The Song."
 The third grade have been visiting Eskimo land this week.

The girls and boys basketball teams go to Minonk Friday, Jan. 19.
 Bess Reeder and Adella Williams visited the high school Tuesday afternoon.

The attendance of the second grade has been very good considering the cold weather.

The boiler broke in the high school Thursday morning, giving the children a half holiday.

Mary Christman entered the second grade this week. This makes the enrollment twenty-six.

Miss McDowell, a senior from the Macomb, Ill., Normal school is taking the place of Miss Fox.

Three boys of the eighth grade have been seated in the high school assembly room on account of the eighth grade being over-crowded.

The children of the first grade have made a toboggan slide in the sand table. They have constructed sleds and made children to put on them.

The first six grades of the public school will give "Alice in Wonderland" Friday, Jan. 19, in the Opera House. It is dramatized from Lewis Carroll's famous story of "Alice in Wonderland."

About 125 pupils have joined the Illinois Pupils Reading Circle. Upon the completion of any six books of the course, the member is entitled to a diploma. When ten additional books have been read in a manner satisfactory to the teacher a gilt seal will be placed upon the diploma, which makes it complete. The supplies are furnished by the Association and there is no expense to the pupil.

Basketball.
 The Dwight high school boys basketball team went to Chenoa Friday night.

When they got there the Chenoa's refused to pay but a part of the expenses.

When one basketball team plays another the visitors expect at least civil treatment.

The Dwight boys refused to do anything at all but didn't want to do anything to stop Chenoa playing so they did nothing and let Chenoa do as they pleased.

The score was 115 to 18 in Chenoa's favor. But, of course, any team could do that if the team they were playing against did nothing, as Dwight did, and that certainly should not be considered anything in Chenoa's favor.

West Side Notes.
 Fifteen boys and girls of the second grade were neither absent nor tardy during December. Eighteen were perfect in spelling during December.

Annual Meeting.
 The Methodist Sunday School Board met in regular session Monday evening, Jan. 8. Reports of the past year's work were read, and officers for the year 1912 elected. See reports for the past year, in the next edition of this paper.

Wrestling Match at Saunemin.
 The wrestling public will be given a chance to see two good matches in Saunemin on Wednesday night, January 24th, when Lindelof "The Swede" from Sibley will wrestle "Cyclone" Nelson, of Chicago, and Angel Economon, the Saunemin Greek, will tackle Kid Anderson, of Chicago. Both matches to be to a finish, two best out of three falls.

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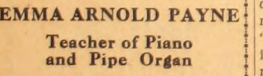
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Nevada Tax Collector.
 John Stearns, tax collector for Nevada Township, will be at the First National Bank of Dwight every Saturday.

School Money to Loan.
 I have \$5000 belonging to the school fund of this township to loan on real estate security according to law WITHOUT COMMISSION at 5 per cent.—Frank L. Smith, Township Treasurer. 2-3w

Mortgage Loans.
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Smoker Given at Garage.
 The employees of Orr's garage gave a smoker Monday evening in honor of Mr. Edward Ferguson, of Odell, who is now conducting the business formerly run by Mr. Burton Orr. The smoker was given in order that Mr. Ferguson might become acquainted with all the local motor fans of the town.

There were about sixteen present and the evening was spent in smoking and talking about the different motors and their troubles. At a late hour all departed for home wishing Mr. Ferguson plenty of success in his new undertaking.

Local Business Changes.
 In the past couple of months the Keeley Co. sold the Opera House Building, Express office and Newsstand to Henry Burke.

Maj. Judd sold the Postoffice Building to Henry Burke, who in turn sold it to John Olsen Buskov.

Seymour Bros. sold their building on Franklin Street to Lars Larsen.

George Peterson sold his building on Franklin Street to Julius Rieck, who in turn sold it to George Hollenbeck.

George Peterson sold the Grand Central to John Dieter.

These sales amounting approximately to \$75,000 were all made through the Frank L. Smith Agency, which shows that, "if you deal with him you get results."

Bar Docket.
 We are in receipt of a bar docket from Circuit Clerk J. G. Whitson for the January term of the circuit court, which commenced Jan. 9.

Among the grand jury from this end of the county are L. J. Trunnell, of Dwight; R. T. Gorman, Round Grove; Walter Houck, Union; E. S. Kennedy, Saunemin; Timothy Keehole, Nevada; Thomas Higgins, Odell; Pat Brearton, Sunbury.

Among the petit jurors are Peter Nomsen, O. Naffziger, W. G. Short, Col. Smith, Gus Matzen, E. Hamilton, W. O. Emple, O. Brown, Dwight; A. E. Steger, W. M. Larsen, Michael McGinnis, Gus Karne, Round Grove; M. Pendergast, Sunbury; Frank Kenna, Broughton; A. W. Joerned, Peter Hyrap, Odell; Wm. Smith, Union; W. J. Gordon, Odell; P. G. Canham, Broughton.

There were fifteen criminal cases on the docket; 119 common law and 140 chancery cases.

Circuit Clerk Whitson now publishes an index which is a great improvement and makes the location of cases easy.

WITH OUR CHURCHES.
 Congregational Church—Rev. F. F. Farrington, pastor. Services for Sunday, Jan. 14: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 10:45 a. m., subject, "What is the Church in this Age Doing?" C. E. Society meeting, 6:45 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m., subject, "The Married Image." A welcome for all.

Bedell Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. J. Simonsen, pastor, West Seminoles St. Sunday school 9:30 a. m. every Sunday. Services at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., first and third Sundays in the month, and each Friday evening previous to first and third Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

St. Peters Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. N. V. Holm, pastor, (corner Lincoln and W. Chippewa streets). Sunday school, 9 a. m.; church service, 10 a. m., (except third Sunday); Young Peoples meeting 2nd and 4th Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; choir practice Friday, 7:30 p. m.

German Lutheran Church—Rev. W. O. J. Kisteman, pastor. Sunday services at 9:30 a. m.

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Annual Meeting.
 At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank of Odell, held at the office of the bank Tuesday, January 9th, 1912, the following Officers and Directors were elected for the coming year:

John W. Baker, President; W. S. Allison, Vice President; B. A. Lyons, Vice President; P. E. Kane, Cashier. Directors—William Johnson, Joseph Grundler, John W. Houchin, J. H. Kane, W. S. Allison, J. H. Millay, B. A. Lyons, P. E. Kane, John W. Baker.

Danish Masquerade.
 Wednesday evening at the Mazon hall occurred the annual masquerade dance of the Danish Brotherhood. At eight o'clock the masked people started to gather at the hall and at eleven o'clock they had one of the biggest crowds that was ever drawn to the hall for a dance. Long's orchestra furnished excellent music for the occasion. Masks were furnished by Carey & Seabert. The prizes that were given for the best masked were as follows:

Gentlemen—Elmer Feddersen, first prize, writing desk; Geo. Jensen, second prize, fur cap; John Moeller, third prize, electric alarm clock.

Ladies—Mrs. H. J. Hensen, first prize, set of dishes; Miss Rickie Nielsen, second prize, silver baking dish; Henry Brill, third prize, hand-painted berry dish.

Boobie prizes were won by Elmer Hansen and Mrs. Henry Brill.

First National Stockholders' Meeting.
 The annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Dwight was held in the bank on Tuesday, January 9th. Practically all of the stock of the bank was represented in the meeting and therefore the leading business men of Dwight were in attendance as well as the representative farming citizens of this vicinity. The annual report of the bank showed a prosperous year which indicates that business generally in Dwight has been good. The bank has paid in interest to savings depositors during the year ended \$3600 and approximately \$1000 in taxes besides yielding a fair return to the stockholders. The surplus fund of the bank was increased \$5000, making the entire capital and surplus \$65,000.

The stockholders elected the following Directors for the year 1912: Curtis J. Judd, Joe Miller, C. J. Ahern, E. B. Lewis, R. H. Mills, William Wyllie and Frank L. Smith.

The Directors elected the following Officers:
 President—Frank L. Smith.
 Vice Presidents—Curtis J. Judd and J. R. Oughton.
 Cashier—John J. Doherty.
 Assistant Cashier—E. M. Hoffman.

"Sugared Off."
 Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holbrook entertained a party of gentlemen Tuesday evening at their residence. Those present were Col. Frank L. Smith, Major C. J. Judd, Wm. G. Dustin, Will and Frank Chester, B. M. Chubb, L. J. Trunnell, John Keehler, Sam Wilkinson, Phil Weicker, Dr. M. R. Keeley, C. V. Bowers.

The early part of the evening was pleasantly spent in playing progressive auction whist and the latter part still more pleasantly spent "sugaring off." Several pans of snow were placed on the tables and boiling hot maple syrup was poured on the snow, and as soon as cooled was dug out by each one with a fork. The process seems to make the sweetest maple sugar just a little warmer, and one would think so if he saw the bunch get away with it. Excellent coffee and good New England doughnuts followed, also each one was furnished with a sauce dish of syrup with orders to "beat it up," and soon it became delicious sugar.

After a pleasant evening all left for their homes, declaring that they had a good, old-fashioned sweet New England time, and none of them will side-step an invitation to "sugar off."

Real Estate Transfers.
 Mary Doherty to John J. Doherty, warranty deed, July 24, 1911, lots 7 and 8, block 21, Dwight; \$2,500.
 Frank L. Smith and wife to John Dawson, warranty deed, January 2, 1912, lot 12, block 5, Dwight; \$450.
 Mrs. Jennie E. Johnson to Jeff Marcius Smith, warranty deed, February 15, 1911, lots 8 to 14, block 13, Mary Rutz-r's second addition to Dwight; \$1,200.
 John Dieter and wife to George Peterson, warranty deed, January 6, 1912, lot 10, block 19, Dwight; \$2,000.
 Curtis J. Judd and wife to Henry Burke, warranty deed, December 14, 1911, lot 9, block 15, Dwight; \$15,500.
 Henry Burke and wife to John Olsen Buskov and wife, warranty deed, December 30, 1911, lot 9, block 15, Dwight; \$16,750.

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Kindness to Animals.
 Far out on the very edge of town is a little schoolhouse, the first and second grades of which are commanded by a pretty little normal school graduate. Her pupils are all sons and daughters of the warmer sort of impulsive foreigners and have all reached a state of adoration for their queen and vie with each other in ways to please her. One day she had dwelt especially upon loving and caring for dumb animals. The next day little Pietro remained in his seat when his schoolmates dropped out to play. Teacher was busy at her desk and did not notice him until she felt a little fist tugging at her sleeve.

"Why, Pietro," she exclaimed, "what is the trouble?"

"Nothin', teacher. I just wanted to tell you how I was good to dumb animals yesterday," he promptly replied.

"Why, isn't that nice? Pietro, just what did you do?"

Pietro drew himself up to his full three feet and proudly asserted:

"I kissed the cat."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Legend of the "Mouth of Truth."
 In front of the old basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, at Rome, there is an enormous block of marble, resembling a huge face with a widely gaping mouth. It is called the Bocca della Verita, or "mouth of truth," and in the days of ancient Rome the legend ran that if any one who had told a lie placed his or her hand within that yawning cavity the jaw would descend and cut it off. The Bocca della Verita is a large round stone of white marble about five yards in circumference. It is pierced with two holes representing eyes, an opening for a mouth, a slightly raised nose, and two locks of hair are carved on each side of the forehead. The stone is of great antiquity, and, according to some, it was laid on the altar of Jove, and these suspected of perjury were led to it and obliged to confess by much the same threats as are used to children now. It is most likely, however, that the stone served as a sluice to some ancient sewer, for others like it, used for this purpose by the Romans, have been found.—Wide World Magazine.

Inertia of Bodies.
 Lay a visiting card on the tip of the left forefinger and on it place a penny. A quick flick of the card with the right second finger will remove the card without disturbing the coin. Another trick which illustrates the inertia of bodies is to knock away the bottom of a pile of draftsmen without upsetting the pile. This is effected quite easily with the help of a flat ruler. The remaining draftsmen are removed successively by a number of smart blows.

A more spectacular and apparently risky trick consists of drawing a newspaper away from under a glass filled with water. Provided, however, that the table is smooth and the paper be pulled away smartly and horizontally there is no danger of the water being spilled. A certain well known conjurer is able to remove the tablecloth from under knives, glasses, plates, etc., as laid for a meal without disarranging them or doing any damage.

Proof of a Conspiracy.
 The following story is told in explanation of the reason why the teaching of chemistry in Turkish schools was forbidden some years ago. It had been proposed that this science should be added to the curriculum, but the ruler of the faithful on opening an elementary textbook of chemistry was the formula for water, H₂O. "Here," said the sultan, "is proof of a conspiracy to undermine my authority in the eyes of my subjects. H two O! That's nothing but a sly way of intimating that Hamid II. is a naught."

For Charity.
 A millionaire who was looking over his wife's cash account the other day said:

"I notice here, my dear, an item of \$500 for charity. That's rather steep. What is it for?"

The lady dashed as she replied:

"It's for my new gown embroidered with autumn leaves and fruit that I'm going to wear at the charity ball next week, and I think it's very mean of you to mention it, so I do!"

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A Spunky Poet.
 Ramsey Colles in a book about Ireland tells the story of a man whom he met in a public house. This person, without the formality of an introduction, presented himself to Mr. Colles as a poet. He then presented the following as a sample of his manufacture:

You should always keep yer hosses on the go.
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 The sure and steady pace,
 It's that as wins the race
 You should always keep yer hosses on the go.

Mr. Colles was not disposed to admit that the improvisatore had made his claim good.

"Why not?" said this person. "Hasn't it more sense than some of the poetry made by Swinburne or Yeats? Yeats wrote:

She brings in the dishes and lays them in a row.
 With her to an aisle in the water I would go.
 "Now," he continued, "why did she lay the dishes in a row instead of one on top of another? Simply because the poet must find a rhyme to 'go.' And where on earth should an isle be but in water?"

Inhospitable Siberian Peasants.
 The Siberian peasant, and we have stayed or lived in fourteen of his villages and had dealings with another score, is not hospitable. He, or rather his wife, will not dream of cooking any food specially for a well paying guest. It needs a distinct effort to obtain boiled eggs. A plate of soup is more the exception than the rule. Butter and milk are frequently refused in a prosperous agricultural village, and there is no joint of meat or fish. Though earning over 50 shillings a week, a family will eke out existence on bread and tea, with an occasional treat of prounishes, or hashed meat balls. You pay at a posthouse double the government's scheduled price for victuals, and the man and his wife grumble. In one instance—there is no space to detail more—a woman met us at the door with a saucer we had used, bearing an age old black crack, and demanded money on the ground that we had caused it.—Cor. London Express.

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