

## A LETTER FROM PIERSON

An interesting Article on the Local Option Bill Now Before the Legislature.

House of Representatives. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 21, 1907. This has been Local Option week. On Tuesday we heard the arguments of the friends of the bill, and on Wednesday the opponents had their day. As usual the city press has not been fair to the speakers or the measures.

Many strong arguments were presented on behalf of the bill and the abies of them all was that of Father Burke, a Catholic priest from Bloomington. The principal argument against the bill was made by ex-Judge Haney. From the accounts which the writer has seen in the Chicago papers it appears that his efforts were of little consequence. The facts are that Mr. Haney spoke for three hours and held his audience in the closest attention throughout. He made a great and powerful argument upon the unconstitutionality of the measure and upon the question of practical temperance. He surprised his hearers by the statement that the United Brewers Association, representing 85 per cent of the brewers in Illinois, has no desire to interfere with prohibition or local option territory anywhere in the state, but willingly acquiesces in the principle that local laws shall determine for themselves through their legally elected trustees and councilmen, whether the saloon shall exist in their midst or not.

Apparently the people do not fully understand this question. As the law stands today it is within the power of every city council and village board in Illinois to create prohibition districts within or without their entire municipalities prohibition territory. If the people elect men who keep their promises the control of the liquor question is now in the hands of the voters. It is true that after a man has been elected an alderman or village trustee he is not legally bound to vote for prohibition districts or against license, but in all the municipalities in Illinois, numbering 1000, not over a half dozen were named during the discussion in which men elected to these offices had failed to keep their pre-election promises.

As to saloons outside of municipalities, the law now forbids the county boards licensing a saloon within two miles of any municipal limits and the licensing of saloons outside of cities and villages is entirely within the powers of the county boards.

Much to the surprise of everybody Mr. Sheldon, who has charge of the bill, announced before the discussion began that all provisions for grouping precincts would be struck out of the bill by amendments. This will leave it in such form that it will contain the county, city, ward, village, township and precinct features as units or political divisions in which the people may vote the unit "wet or dry." It will be noticed that the feature which was most desired by the Anti-Saloon League and most opposed by the other side, the grouping of precincts, is to be cut out by the friends of the measure. Including those provisions it is a bill permitting the combination of two or more "dry" units with a "wet" unit, but not working the other way, for which reason it was denounced by the liberal interests as manifestly unfair.

As the law now stands county boards, common councils of cities and village boards have control of the liquor question in their respective jurisdictions. If the bill as amended becomes a law, the people will have the right to make by direct vote a county, a township, a city, a village, or any political subdivision of a city or village "wet or dry."

It will be noticed that this bill adds the township feature, which is something new, but it is also true that all portions of townships lying within two miles of municipal limits are now prohibition districts and all other portions of such townships can only have saloons by authority of the county boards. A strong fight will be made on the county feature and that may be struck out by amendment. Its enemies contend that control of domestic affairs of localities by counties is the very opposite of local option. Its friends insist the farmers shall have something to say by their votes.

Without expressing any opinion I hope the readers of this letter will thoughtfully consider whether or not

there is so great a question involved in the greatly modified Local Option bill as is generally believed.

What Mr. Ross and I want from our constituents is not so many letters requesting us to vote both ways, but some intelligent arguments on both sides of the question. To illustrate, will some one advise us what will be the value of the county feature in Cook county? Will it do good or harm? What practical changes from the present status will the ward or precinct features accomplish? Have any village trustees or city councilmen broken their pledges on this question in the 7th District, if so, when and where? Have any localities in any village in the 7th District been denied local option or the creation of dry districts on proper petitions, if so when and where? **LOUIS J. PIERSON.**

## PALATINE LOCAL NEWS

Miss Sarah Harris of Arlington Heights spent Wednesday with Miss Grace Beutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Chicago visited relatives and friends here Wednesday. They were bidding all farewell for a time as they leave Tuesday for Joplin, Missouri, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith arrived here Sunday from Des Moines, Ia., for a visit with relatives.

Madames Vincent of Chicago and Dyan of Arlington Heights visited Mrs. Lambert last Friday.

Miss Emily Snyder has resumed her teaching at Oak Park.

Miss McBride was unable to teach school the last of the week owing to a severe cold. She went to her home at Rockefeller.

Mrs. G. Walters and children spent a few days at the Reynolds home recently.

Mrs. Fenton is improving very slowly.

Mrs. H. C. Padock attended the club meeting at Arlington Heights Wednesday afternoon.

Fred Wildhagen is very ill.

H. Senne, Jr., and family have moved back from Maplewood. He has been quite ill at the home of his father for some time.

Plinn Arps is brakeman on the Bowman Dairy milk train.

Mr. Jaenke, a former resident of Palatine was brought out from Chicago Sunday and buried in Hillside cemetery. He owned the Dutch windmill, the old land mark of Palatine for many years.

The drama entitled "The Troubles of Mrs. Gray" will be presented by the young ladies at Lake Zurich Saturday, March 9th at the Lake Shore Opera House. A program will precede the drama and dancing will follow.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olson, Ray Caton and friend of Evanston spent Sunday with J. H. Schierding.

Miss Minnie Hauke of Sioux City, Ia., spent Sunday with Miss Amanda Harmering and friends.

Mrs. M. Reynolds spent Wednesday at Barrington.

The Court of Honor entertained at a card party last Saturday night. Mrs. Minnie Putnam won first prize and Miss Marion Taylor consolation. C. E. Julian first prize for gentleman and F. R. Sullivan consolation.

Mrs. Will Switzer entertained her mother and sister of Chicago this week.

Mesdames W. Ost, Williams and B. L. Smith visited G. Stroker and family at Wauconda this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Morrison of Arlington Heights were guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. McCauslin.

C. H. Seip and wife visited Lake Zurich relatives Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. McCauslin spent Sunday in Chicago with relatives.

The masquerade given by the M. W. A. was largely attended both by spectators and dancers. There were many beautiful costumes. The prizes were donated by the business men. The lodge cleared about \$50.

### OBITUARY

Word was received Monday of the death of Dr. E. W. Wood at his winter home at Long Beach, California. Heart and lung trouble were the cause of death. He had been rapidly falling since the first of the year.

The remains have been placed in a vault and will not be brought back until April.

Dr. E. W. Wood was born in New York state, July 18, 1828. When 21

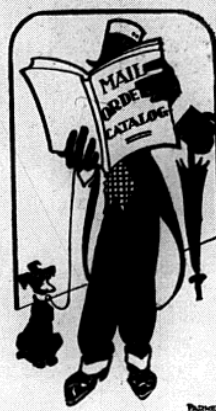
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## Don't You Like This Town?

You live here. Your business interests are here. Your home is here.

You are reading a Mail Order Catalogue. That indicates that you are not spending your money in this town. You are spending it with strangers in a big city. That city has no use for this town except to get your money.

This town has use for your money. If spent here, your money will help to build up the town. It will help to build up your own business.



In the long run more of your money will come back to you if you spend it at home than if you send it to Chicago or some other large city. You spend a dollar with Smith, up the street. Smith spends it with Brown, around the corner. Brown is just as likely to spend it with you as with anybody else. Did you ever think of that?

All of us have to spend money. There is an art in spending it where it will do the most good. If spent so that it will circulate around this town and community, it will help this town and community. You belong to this town and community. Therefore it will help you. Isn't that good logic!

Suppose you think it over next time you pick up the Mail Order Catalogue.

### DANCE HALL CROWDED.

#### Royal Neighbors and Their Friends All Attend Ball.

Everybody with "his sisters and his cousins and his aunts" seemed to be at the Royal Neighbors masquerade dance Friday evening last. Our too small dancing space was completely filled by dancers and much lessened by the spectators lining the walls. The affair was the largest dance in Barrington for several years. Many were present masked who have not been at the parties of late seasons, making it particularly pleasant to meet those of the "old dancing crowd." Make-ups and disguises hideous, pretty, odd and original were noted.

The judges felt handicapped in choosing prize-winners because of their inability to really see special costumes and dancers, due to the crowded hall, and feel that while their decisions were sincere, that a longer time to consider and a better opportunity to inspect might have made others awarded or mentioned. Miss Vivian Strook and Earl Powers were given respectively a picture and a box of cigars as the neatest and daintiest colored garments, while Mrs. Denmark of the Wetmore farm and Frank Foreman were thought the best waltzers, receiving a china dish and box of note paper.

Wagner's orchestra of Arlington Heights played until nearly daylight when the most good natured dance of the past year was ended.

The neighbors report about \$50 receipts, with a clearance of nearly \$25.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Culkins celebrated their twentieth wedding anniversary at their home in Highland Park last Saturday evening. A special train left Chicago at 7 o'clock with members of the auxiliary organization members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Mr. and Mrs. Culkins were well remembered by their friends and a very enjoyable evening passed. Mr. Culkins is an engineer on the Chicago & North Western Ry. and was some years ago a fireman on one of our local trains.

### NEED BETTER FIRE ALARM.

#### Our Fire Alarm, Even When Assisted by Local Trains, is Poor.

Considerable complaint is current concerning our poor fire alarm arrangements. The fire at Pomeroy's mill last week demonstrated the need of a better method of arousing firemen and citizens when danger threatens. The waves of sound produced by our little un-musical fire bell do not reach very far, especially at night when people are sleeping. Accompanying locomotive whistles take up the alarm at night, true, but we are all so used to screeching railroad whistles that a little added noise wouldn't always disturb us. In the day-time we have the factory whistles ready to assist. This is a private assistance willingly given, but not to be thought at the public command at all times. Therefore it is said that the time has arrived when some plans must be made for an adequate alarm, owned and operated by the village. Steam whistles are in successful use in most towns of fair size with a noise calculated to wake the dead or give the living a fear that all the furies at Satan's call had been let loose. We probably could not afford such a whistle, as a man would have to be hired to keep up steam at some place special as a pumping station. But there are other systems, such as a whistle operated by compressed air and blown by opening a valve, also electric buzzers in firemen's and officials' homes and private homes who desire service. Or even ringing the school or some church bell in a certain agreed manner.

The question is before the public and the columns of the Review are open to all who may wish to give their opinions on the matter.

The adjusters have settled the loss on the mill and contents owned by Pomeroy & Co., which were damaged by fire Thursday morning of last week for \$1,800 cash. Work on the repairing is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

### Verdict for Plaintiff.

The suit for damages brought by W. H. Gorman against Wm. Tekampe and H. K. Brockway, as agent for heirs of the Barnett estate on account of hogs purchased by Mr. Gorman some of which were unmarketable resulted in a verdict of \$33 and costs for the plaintiff. The case was tried before Justice Fox Wednesday by jury. The evidence showed that Mr. Brockway was innocent in the matter but all the heirs were held on the ground that the transaction was a partnership affair although the hogs were sold by Mr. Tekampe. Attorney Howard Castle appeared for the Barnett heirs and Attorney Joslyn of Woodstock for Mr. Gorman. Mr. Tekampe was not represented by counsel.

### NEWS OF WAUCONDA

No more mill. Mrs. H. C. Schendorf was a Chicago visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Graham entertained the Euchre club Tuesday evening.

Miss Emma Welch spent Sunday at her home in Wauconda.

Lee Brown was a Chicago visitor Monday.

Mrs. A. D. Parsons of Holland, Mich. is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown and family this week.

Three of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis' children are seriously ill this week.

Henry Schaeffer of McHenry spent Sunday with friends in our village.

A number of our people attended the Frank Thomas sale at Rockefeller Tuesday.

H. T. Graham is again in his place in the drug store after a two week's illness.

Remember—if you have any new items call up number 1 or 152 Wauconda and tell us about it.

Miss Maggie Diers has closed her school in the Muller district for a spring vacation. She will resume teaching April 1st.

Frank Roney of Lake Zurich was a business caller the first of week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Irving Park are making a farewell visit at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. G. D. Stroker, before leaving for their future home in Missouri.

Abner Cornwell was brought from the Presbyterial hospital, Chicago, Monday with very little if any improvement in his condition. The physicians at that institution were unable to suggest a successful course of treatment.

James Neville and daughter, Mrs. F. L. Carr called on Libertyville relatives Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Murphy and R. R. Kimberly were Chicago visitors the first of the week.

Miss Lora Harrison returned to Chicago Tuesday to resume treatment at the West Side hospital. She was accompanied by her mother who will be here during her stay at the hospital.

Dahms Bros. have purchased the meat market formerly owned by Frank Roney and will take possession March 1st. The new proprietors announce that they will endeavor by every means available to satisfy their patrons and make the market up-to-date in every detail.

### Struck by a Train.

Saturday afternoon August Scherf started to move a large barn from the James farm west on the county line road. When they reached the crossing of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railway permission was asked to cross the tracks. There was some misunderstanding as to when they were to be allowed to cross. An extra train came along when the barn was partially on the main track and took the end out of it. A danger signal was given the engineer, but being on a sharp curve it was too late. The train crew jumped from the engine. Fortunately one was injured. No attempt was made to move the barn further. It was torn down.

The local telephone office expects to issue a new telephone directory in March. We now have 225 phones in our exchange of which 43 had been installed since February 20, 1906 when George Knags assumed charge of the office which had 182 phones. This is a very good showing for the enterprise of the manager, although he finds Arlington Heights a better town to patronize phone service. The exchange there has increased from 172 to 245 making 23 new telephones.

## AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM

The Program Given by the Women's Thursday Club Was Best Ever!

Mrs. Etta Hawley's home was the scene of a program Thursday afternoon which perhaps has never had its equal in Barrington. Mrs. G. W. Spunner had arranged and treated the people taking part and the Thursday club ladies were patronesses. "Cradle Songs of All Nations" were sung by good soloists and illustrated by young ladies in the costumes of the nation being represented. Readings were also given and the interest was intense the entire afternoon. The nations depicted were Sweden, Germany, Japan, France, America, Norway, Italy, India, Bohemia, Hindostan, Russia and Africa.

The program will be repeated in public at the Baptist church, Tuesday evening, March 12, for the benefit of B. Y. P. U. and will be managed by one young lady member. The entertainment will draw a large crowd which is desired.

### And Again The School 'Phone.

TO THE EDITOR—

Allow me to tell a "High School Popul" where a telephone might be placed to please all concerned. The principal's office is where they are generally found in schools and when parents wish to confer with principal or teachers or vice-versa they can do so easily. Some high school student is generally delegated to answer the 'phone and the children soon grow so used to the bell ringing that they pay no attention to it. A telephone would probably put a check on some of the misdeeds of the school room. A father on notice of a teacher could give an investigating tonic and the teacher would be relieved of a great deal of hard-ship they are compelled to endure daily to some pupils.

In modern schools a piano is placed in the hallway on the first floor and used in various ways, viz: First and second grade pupils play their games to music; the fire drill is always set out by an accompaniment of the piano, and where this form of marching is used, it is no hard task to get out on time. Pupils are in marching order and there is no crowding or rushing. In case of a school building ever being visited by fire, it is no trouble for schools to make an exit if trained to march out to music. This is done everywhere now in standard schools. Telephones are considered necessities everywhere now-a-days and why do the best schools have them if they are not needed? "A Constant Reader."

### Christian Endeavor Meets.

The monthly social and business meeting of the Christian Endeavor society of the Methodist church occurred Tuesday evening at Miss Jennie Lines, who is not a member but an admirer of the organization. After business and singing hymns, a program and game were a pastime. The game was very amusing, as it took the thirty people attending by surprise and some quick thinking was necessary. Stips were distributed on which some subject for a speech was written, each person being expected to respond. And they did with quite clever remarks. Stella Harnden drew the subject "Cats" and was declared a "howling success" for she sang a little song about cats and finished with a fine bow that won her a prize.

### Gave Good Program.

The Women's Foreign Missionary society held their annual thank-offering service last Sunday evening in the M. E. church. The following program was rendered: song; by the congregation; prayer; Rev. Johnson, address by the president, Mrs. Walker; letter read by the president from F. N. Lapham; song; choir reading; Mrs. Gertrude Schwenn; solo; "What Thy Bread Upon the Waters," Miss Sadie Blocks; reading, "What a Child's Penny did in Saving a Soul," Alberta Horn; recitation, "A Little Girl's Offering," Ruby Roloff; solo, Irving Horn; song; Quartette; reading, "In Business for the King," Miss Mildred Elfrink; song; Quartette; reading, "A Living Sacrifice," Mrs. Mae Lane Spunner. It was a good program well rendered and listened to by an appreciative audience. The thank offering amounted to \$22.17.

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