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PALATINE LOCALS.

John Henry Bergman, Sr., celebrated his ninetieth birthday, May 10th. P. H. Matthei and family leave Friday to spend two weeks in Winona, Minnesota. Alderman Prellberg celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday Sunday, with a family reunion. Palatine defeated the Heights Sunday afternoon by a score of 9 to 0, and also won the Saturday game. C. R. Converse has rented his residence for the summer to a Chicago family and will leave for Prescott, Wisconsin, about June 1st. Together Schreiner was urgently requested to remain here by the members of the Lutheran congregation at a meeting recently held. H. Harmsen will rent the place he recently purchased, now occupied by Burkhardt, the shoe man, for a saloon, expecting to be able to occupy the place in about two months. Palatine village board met Friday evening in special session to consider sidewalk matters. Twelve cents was established as the standard price upon which the village would pay its contractors share. Miss Josie Comfort died Monday, May 18th, in a Chicago hospital, of heart failure. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at one o'clock. Deceased was the oldest daughter of W. R. Comfort and had been sickly for nearly a year. A petition is being circulated to lay a vertical brick road upon concrete, in six blocks of the business district. Said work would be done by special assessment. Several business men are very anxious to have the work go through. There is also some talk of making macadam roads through residence districts.

WAUCONDA.

Mrs. H. T. Fuller transacted business in Chicago Wednesday. Miss Annie Miller and Miss Elsie Walton of Volo were here Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Will Basely of Union are the parents of an eight pound boy born May 19th. Clifford Griswold of St. Paul, Minnesota, spent the first of the week with relatives here. Mrs. Henry Golding was called to Chicago Saturday, Mrs. C. A. Golding being ill with measles. Fred Fuller and Mrs. Sylvia Fuller of Chelsea, Michigan, who were here to attend the funeral of H. T. Fuller returned home Monday. The latest measles victims are Mrs. Will Lamphere and children, Mrs. Dennis Putnam, Grace and Hazel Cornwall, Leola Clark, Frank Taylor's children and the Bauer children. M. S. Hill, an old and highly respected citizen who moved to Chicago about two months ago, died here at the home of his grand-daughter, Mrs. Sadie Burdick, Tuesday, May 19th. Deceased was born May 23th, 1823.

QUENTIN CORNERS.

Our cheese factory is being repaired. Fred Ahlgren caught a 214 pound fish the other day. Daniel Sturm and daughter, Leona, were in Chicago last Friday. This seems a repeater of last season wet, rain, mud, but a big hay crop in view. Thomas Muller called at the Corners last Saturday on business and pleasure. Miss Anna Quentin has gone to work at Mrs. James Young's at Palatine for the summer. She and Mary Quentin were home Sunday. Several parties in this vicinity have taken lessons in horse buying in the Chicago market and got badly "scooped," so reports say.

IT REACHED THE SPOT.

Mr. E. Humphrey, who owns a large general store at Onaga, Ohio, and is president of the Adams County Telephone Company, as well as of the Home Telephone Company, of Pike County, Ohio, says of Dr. King's New Discovery: "It saved my wife's life. At least I think it did. It seemed to reach the spot—the very seat of my cough—when everything else failed." Dr. King's New Discovery not only reaches the weak spots in throat, lungs and chest, but sold under guarantee at Barrington, Pharmacy, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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THE CHARITY SERVICE

Legislators Given Bulletin Containing Special Report to Governor Deneen.

BOARD IN NEED OF MORE MONEY

Asks an Appropriation So It Can Proceed with Its Work Unhindered by Poverty—Points in Bulletin.

Springfield, Ill., May 10.—When the General Assembly met in Springfield on May 5, the State Board of Charities handed the members a bulletin containing a special report to Governor Deneen giving thirty-eight suggestions which the Board had done to improve the charity service, asking an added appropriation of \$20,945 to proceed with its work unhindered by the poverty which has embarrassed it from the start and submitting recommendations for a new system of public charity administration for Illinois.

In submitting recommendations the Board warned the legislature that the subject was too complex for quick settlement and urged that it plan definitely to work out the problem, elect superintendents next October, and prepare bills for the next General Assembly. The Bulletin said: "We feel that a radical change in the system of public charity administration, during the best of a primary campaign, is fraught with great peril to the public charity service of the State. The subject should be studied, we believe, with great care. However, as an evidence to the public of our activity and for the consideration of the forty-fourth General Assembly in its May session, if the members wish to try to settle the problem at once, we submit the following as our present recommendation and an alternative therefor."

Alternatives Are Submitted.

The Board goes on to submit alternatives as follows: 1. To create a Board of Administration of Public Charities to consist of seven members, three of whom shall be paid and four non-salaried, and two paid members shall be women. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold office during good behavior. The unpaid members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve two-year overlapping terms. Removal of any member may be made by the Governor, but only for cause stated in writing, after an opportunity has been given to the official to be heard thereon. The paid members each shall receive a salary of \$7,500 per annum and a sum not to exceed \$1,200 each per annum for traveling and incidental expenses incurred in the public service. The non-salaried members shall receive reimbursement for their traveling and incidental expenses incurred in the public service. Director of the Work.

The Board of Administration is divided into two committees, one with administrative jurisdiction over state and epileptic and feeble minded and all other persons or may be kept and the other with administrative jurisdiction over all state charitable institutions not caring for insane or feeble minded and epileptic patients, and supervision over other public, semi-public and private charities, except church charities, and further over child saving societies, home providing societies, orphanages, lying-in hospitals, etc. A paid member is chairman of each committee. The Bulletin says:

"The paid members shall constitute, with the superintendents of the several State institutions, a Board of Joint Estimate, to pass upon requests for supplies and fix maximum prices under elastic rules, to be adopted by the said Board of Joint Estimate, with the approval of the Board of Administration, looking to economies in the institution. Superintendents shall prepare the necessary quarterly estimates on all supplies on which more or less definite figures are obtainable. "These supplies shall be purchased by a committee, to be appointed by the Board of Joint Estimate, on open competitive and advertised bids, and distributed among the various institutions in accordance with the estimates furnished."

Make Appropriation Estimates.

A novel feature is the plan for earnestly preparing appropriation estimates in advance of the session of the legislature as follows: "The Board of Joint Estimate shall prepare, with the aid of the institutions' superintendents and state architect and consulting engineer, and further with the aid of legislative committees elected to the house and one of the senate, and both appointed by the governor, without compensation—estimates for appropriations for all state charitable institutions, said estimates, with the reasons therefor, to be submitted as recommendations to the General Assembly during January or each year the General Assembly sits. "Provided, that the Board of Administration shall sit with the Board of Joint Estimate, to the appropriation matters, and that the appropriation matters shall require the approval, in writing, of the said Board of Administration, or a majority thereof, and of the governor before they can be transmitted to the General Assembly."

Inspection of Institutions. The county boards of auxiliary visitors are given the right of inspection of district hospitals for the insane, which is a new feature. The Bulletin says:

"The Board of Auxiliary Visitors who under the old charity laws, are county alms-houses and jails, are hereby constituted also boards of visitors for the State hospital for the insane, serving districts as directed by the county board, or the board of supervisors of their county, who shall once each year, at the expense of their counties, and in each district state hospital for the insane and confine themselves to the welfare and condition surrounding the inmates there from their county, and in case such visits are made, the auxiliary boards shall prepare a detailed report, in writing, to the county judge of their county, who shall transmit one copy thereof to the Committee on Legislation of the State Board of Administration. Trustees elect superintendents and civil service extended Business managers and stewards are provided as aids to superintendents. The prisons and reformatory are not included in the Board of Charities alternative."

History of Control System.

As the home investigating committee seemed bent on securing the passage of a Board of Control bill the Board of Charities, the Bulletin seeks to review by history and business common sense that such a system will not do. It says: "The most significant adverse history is afforded by Michigan, which, about twenty years ago, created a board of control, intending, so it was supposed, that it would be a success. Within two years the board of control was dropped, we are informed, because it did not answer the purpose of the state. It conserved economy as it was supposed it would. "Minnesota abolished its board of charities and corrections, created a board of control and last winter created a board of visitors for the state board of visitors for public institutions, upon the general principle that men who do the work are not the further experience of all civilized countries in the world where execution and administrative management is uniformly protected by independent inspection."

The Bulletin quotes editorially the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the new Board of Visitors has proved the "whip and spur" to force the board of control to make more thorough inspection."

Take Best of All Systems.

The Bulletin quotes six strong statements in favor of retaining the Board of Charities. Dr. William A. White, Superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane at Washington, D. C. Alexander, general secretary of the National conference of Charities and Corrections. Dr. Henry M. Hurd, superintendent of the State Hospital, Baltimore, and formerly in the insane service in Michigan. Prof. Charles B. Henderson of the Chicago in the University of Chicago.

It would be almost an endless task to provide you excellency with all the news and costs of this long, animated controversy over board of charities and the board of control system. It seems to your board that the occasion of a central system of estimate and regulation of prices warrant the adoption of that system in this state.

It seems further that the unbusinesslike system of having a board of control of the board of charities and inspectors that work not to do better. The pendulum, it seems, has swung too far under the impulse of the economy of the board of control system. It is coming back to your excellency imagine the audit and inspection of a bank, in behalf of the depositors, by its own executive officers? We believe that by combining the best features of the board of charities and local trustees with the best features of the board of control system, Illinois will secure a broad, elastic and satisfactory arrangement, provided always that honest and efficient officials are at the helm.

Time for Study Needed.

"Our suggestions are built on the general model of a business corporation. The people of Illinois are the stockholders. The seventeen state charitable institutions and the property to be administered. Executive officers are provided to manage and be responsible for the conduct of the business. The directors, the non-paid officials, is provided to review the work of the executive officers and report to the stockholders thereon. "We have made a study of the contents of this communication, your Board of Charities believes they will desire to see a bill which seems to be a precipitate endeavor to solve a great problem in a short period of time. We believe much more study and time would be obtained if we were given time and money to work out your excellency's policy in a calm, deliberate, and studious manner. "Let the final report be the combined judgment of persons who know the ins and outs of the pitfalls of public charity administration."

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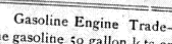
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