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YOUTHS LURED BY THE GIRLS

Report of National Investigation Committee Says That Amusement Parks Have Evil Influence.

DETROIT INVESTIGATED

H. T. Powers, Boys' Secretary of Local Y. M. C. A. Took Part in Visit Through Sium Districts.

Moral conditions among the youth of Detroit are described as exceedingly lax and are arraigned in the report made public of the National Y. M. C. A. committee appointed to investigate, and of which H. T. Powers, boys' secretary of the Keokuk Y. M. C. A. was one of the few members. It will be remembered that they thoroughly studied conditions in that city, invading all classes and sex and going to all parts of the city.

Detroit was selected as a typical American city where such a research would not only benefit local conditions but aid the work in all other cities of the country. The committee does not consider Detroit either worse or better than any other American city in respect to conditions among the youth.

The result of the investigations can be summarized in the following conclusions:

Boys of wealthy parents are no better morally than those from poor homes. Middle class boys are better off than either.

Girls are in many cases as lacking in morality as boys.

Newsboys and boys of the industrial districts patronize saloons and cheap theaters freely.

Girls at amusement parks lure boys to evil.

Suggestive and immoral pictures are displayed for the temptation of boys who visit penny picture booths.

Poolrooms are a stepping stone to evil. Fifty to seventy-five per cent of high school boys are habitual smokers.

Indecent literature and pictures are circulated freely, especially among high school boys.

Boarding houses should be regulated.

Swept Over Niagara. This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current—Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetic or Bright's disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at Wilkinson & Co., and J. F. Kiedaisch & Son.

AMUSEMENTS

A comedy with music well describes "The District Leader," which is coming back to the Grand opera house tomorrow for a matinee and evening performance. Joseph E. Howard's music, a real plot and excellent company have made this production one of the hits of the season. It is enough to say that Mr. Howard wrote the music. That fact alone guarantees the catchiness and beauty of the songs, which are plentiful in "The District Leader," but although the writing of a plot is something new for the popular composer, the story is as much of a feature as the music, and is of the same degree of excellence. As every number in "The District Leader" is a pronounced hit, some idea of the quality may be obtained. Miss Minnie Jarbeau heads a company made up in part of Albert Denier, William Hungerford, Allan K. Foster, Frank Weed, Naomi and Vera Hamilton, and is assisted by a large chorus. All the principals have made hits in their respective parts, and together with such song successes as "Heart to Let," "What's the Use of Dreaming," "Same Old Story," "Home is Home," "Something Doing Around My Heart," have made "The District Leader" a well rounded entertainment calculated to please the present up-to-date audiences.

Wallace Pittsworth of Bancroft threshed 4,326 bushels of oats from a field of 119 acres and the quality of the oats is fine.

KENNEDY HAVING WILD DREAM

Ottumwa Manager is Trying to Organize League to Make Something Out of His White Elephant.

HOW THE DOPE READS

It is Strange That in All This Redistricting Keokuk is Left Entirely Out in the Cold.

"Snapper" Kennedy is the latest stellar light of the baseball world to come forward with a new league, which is simply an effort of his to make something out of the white elephant of his in the nature of a ball park at St. Joseph, Mo. Keokuk is left out entirely, and so it seems in all of this redistricting. Here is the latest story: Ever since the directors of the Three-Eye league decided to request the National commission to redistrict their league and the Central association these two leagues have been chopped into mince meat by baseball fans and sport writers, who have been either hazarding guesses as to what the commission will do, or have tried to do the work for this supreme body. Belden Hill wants a league composed of Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Rock Island, Davenport, Burlington, Ottumwa, Dubuque and possibly Clinton. Waterloo papers have fixed up a Central association composed of Hannibal, Quincy, Keokuk, Galesburg, Kewanee, Monmouth, Bloomington and Danville, Kinesilla, of Springfield wants to trade Cedar Rapids for Quincy and leave the two leagues otherwise just as they are. Hayes, of Davenport wants to take the pick of the two leagues to make one good one and leave the little towns to organize a circuit which would qualify for class G. If classes went any lower than D.

The Three-Eye directors had no idea of disrupting the two leagues. Instead they want to secure an amicable agreement or a satisfactory adjustment of their troubles through the National commission and if possible satisfy all the cities that want baseball. However, the idea was taken up by Belden Hill, who figured that in the event of some sort of a rumpus, both leagues could be wiped off the earth to make room for two other circuits, one of which would include Cedar Rapids and Waterloo. He realizes that the Three-Eye no longer wants Cedar Rapids and informs the world that he will fight any movement towards getting back into this circuit.

When it is considered that new leagues are born on paper every day, it is not at all surprising that "Snapper" Kennedy for a number of years a manager in the Iowa State league and its successor, the Central association, has written to all the baseball men of the middle west trying to interest them in a league of his making. Last year "Snapper" bought the St. Joseph Mo., ball park, expecting to break into the Western league. The speculation failed to materialize and now he has a white elephant on his hands. St. Joseph, although a city of 130,000 population is a poor ball town. Last summer the Western league played several Sunday games there, but the results were not sufficient to induce the league to consider Kennedy's application. Unless "Snapper" creates a league of his own, St. Joe will not have organized ball next summer and the ball park will not pay much more than the taxes.

Kennedy's league is composed of the following cities: St. Joseph, Ottumwa, Burlington, Rock Island, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo and Quincy. The league would just about qualify for class B, but would be scattered over an awful territory. There would be some lovely jumps to make from Rock Island to St. Joseph and from St. Joseph to somewhere else. Incidentally it would wreck both the Three-Eye and the Central association. The Three-Eye would have to drop Dubuque, leaving the four southern towns to hunt four others for a class C league, while the Central would have to amalgamate with the I. M. to have league ball. "Snappers" dream will not be realized, and all the stationery and stamps used in presenting his idea to the managers of the two leagues are wasted capital.

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Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fowler are the proud parents of a son which arrived at their home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bennington and Mrs. Robt. Sechrist, of Dallas City, attended Rebekeh lodge in this city Monday night. Mrs. Sechrist is Noble Grand of the Fort Madison lodge.

Mrs. Frank Warren has purchased the C. O. Lovitt home and Mrs. Lovitt and children will go to Carthage to live.

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Rhea and grandson, Rhea Hull, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hollowell in Quincy.

The Gate City chronicled last week an account of a fire in a barn at Wichita, Kansas, where thirty horses and four men were burned to death. One of them was Fred George, a boy who was born in LaHarpe and lived here until the family moved to Oluatu, Okla., about three years ago. He was a son of Albert George, and a bright young man and friends here were horrified to learn of his terrible death. He lived only long enough to tell where his home was.

Prof. and Mrs. T. W. Everett visited over Sunday with the gentleman's parents at Prairie City, Ill.

Misses Clair and Fay Claycomb and Miss Harriett Wheaton were in Burlington Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Caldwell and children Ermil and Wendell came home Monday from a several days visit in Dallas City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferguson of Princeville, have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. B. Kaiser.

Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Butler have returned from a sight seeing tour in Texas. They were well pleased with the outlook there.

M. M. Moulton, for the past eight years a member of the law firm of Edson & Moulton, and one of the most public spirited citizens of Storm Lake, left this week for Kennewick, Wisn., where he will practice his profession.

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An organization of the Young Women's Christian Association for Marshalltown is being perfected, with Mrs. Ella N. McKim as secretary, and association rooms will be opened in the down town district within a few weeks.

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