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## OF A PERSONAL NATURE

### WHOM WE ENTERTAIN AND WHERE WE GO.

McHenry Entertains a Large Company of Visitors During the Week—Whom We Entertain.

F. J. Barbican Chicago Monday.

Newell Colby spent Monday in Woodstock.

O. B. Gilbert was a Chicago visitor Monday.

Anton Engeln was a Chicago visitor Tuesday.

E. Hunter transacted business in Chicago Monday.

Jacob Justen attended to business in Chicago Monday.

E. W. Howe attended to business in Chicago Tuesday.

Ed Braban of Elgin spent Sunday with friends here.

Harvard Mueser attended to business in Chicago Friday.

Mrs. H. F. Boese and son, John, spent Monday in Chicago.

Miss Frances Jones spent Sunday at her home in Hebron.

Mike Justen was a business visitor in Woodstock Monday.

Chris Nichols of Algonquin was a recent McHenry visitor.

G. C. Boley was a business visitor in Chicago last Saturday.

Wm. Burke of Chicago passed Sunday with his children here.

N. A. Humann attended to business in Chicago last Friday.

Nick Weber was the guest of Chicago relatives last Saturday.

Edwin Evanson of Chicago spent Sunday with relatives here.

F. Masquetel and son, Frank, were Chicago visitors Friday.

Mrs. S. S. Torrance attended to business in Chicago Tuesday.

Arthur Blotter of Elgin made his usual visit here last Sunday.

Mrs. F. A. Bohlender was a business visitor in Chicago Monday.

J. H. Miller was a business visitor at Arlington Heights Tuesday.

E. C. Joslyn of Woodstock spent Sunday with McHenry friends.

Mrs. E. W. Howe was a business visitor in Chicago last Saturday.

Miss Elfrida Berner was the guest of her parents here over Sunday.

Miss Kate Howe of River Forest spent Sunday with her parents here.

L. Kimball of Palestine was the guest of his wife here over Sunday.

Rev. A. Royer spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the windy city.

Miss Dora Stoffel of Chicago spent Sunday with her parents here.

Fred Goodman of Chicago passed the Sabbath with his parents here.

Miss Laura Ebo of Elgin spent Sunday with Miss Rosa Justen here.

Miss Hattie Westlake was the guest of relatives at Solon over Sunday.

Richard Wray of Chicago was the guest of friends here over Sunday.

Miss Calla Loomis spent several days last week with Woodstock friends.

H. C. Mead transacted business of a legal nature in Woodstock Monday.

C. S. Howard and son, Gilbert, were business visitors in Chicago Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mueser were Chicago passengers Monday morning.

Henry Bending and son of Chicago passed Sunday with McHenry relatives.

Peter Hesse of Johnsbrough was a business visitor in Woodstock Monday.

Math. Staffes of Johnsbrough boarded the train for Woodstock Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Block and daughter spent Sunday with Algonquin relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. August Larsen spent a recent day with Mrs. S. E. Brown at Cary.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Seal were recent guests of their son and family at Greenwood.

Mrs. Mary Keyes has returned to her home at Algonquin after a few weeks' visit here.

Miss Eva Stilling spent a few days the latter part of last week with Chicago friends.

L. A. Barnard of Chicago spent Saturday and Sunday at his cottage at Pistakee Bay.

Gus Carlson of Chicago Heights was shaking hands with old friends in town last Friday.

Miss Lucie Carey of Elgin spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother and sisters here.

J. B. Wheeler of Freeport was in town last Friday, renewing old acquaintances.

Wm. Koeppe of Chicago was out several days last week, looking after his interests here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller of Zenda, Wis., spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Frank, Will and Miss Edith Geary of Wauconda spent a recent day with McHenry friends.

R. B. Walsh of Chicago was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Walsh, Sunday.

Math. Weber, son, Joe, and daughter, Lizzie, were Chicago passengers Monday morning.

Emory Wheeler of Rockford spent a few days the latter part of last week with McHenry friends.

M. J. Walsh and James Frisby attended the funeral of Rev. Sadler at Battle Creek, Mich., Wednesday.

Miss Katie Schreiner of Chicago was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schreiner, here last Friday.

## SUES FOR WAGES.

Wauconda Young Man Asks \$4,000 From Father's Estate.

If a young man works for his father many years and has an agreement that he shall get his pay for his services, and then if the father dies and has made no arrangements to pay the son for his years' work, can the son recover under the law for the services performed?

That is a question that Lake county court will have to decide in the case of William Powers of Wauconda against the estate of his father, Warren Powers, at one time a prominent resident of that section.

It seems, according to information given, that young Powers was away from home for some time and that he received a message to come home and work on his father's farm. He responded, and worked for his father for years, until the parent died.

Young Powers then found that in his father's estate, there was no provision for his pay for all the years' work he had done, although he claims his father told him he would see to it that he was paid just like any stranger would have been paid for the work he did for him.

When he made claim for his pay for services rendered the other heirs objected and said they would not consent to the son taking that much for his work. Accordingly he started action in the county court and hopes to recover. He claims to have evidence to show that his father promised to pay him for his work and he feels certain he will recover the full amount which he is claiming.

The Powers family is well known in the vicinity of Wauconda and developments in this case will be watched with unusual interest by residents of that place and western Lake county.

After April 1 the names of all subscribers who are one or more years in arrears to The Plaindealer will be taken from our list. This we must do to comply with the new postal law. Pay up and save trouble.

K. of C. Old Folks' Dance.

An Old Folks' dance will be given at Stoffel's hall on Friday evening, February 21, under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus of this place. Floor committee: West McHenry, E. E. Mat thews; McHenry, Geo. R. Gilbert; Graylake, J. E. Wagner; Wauconda, A. Daly; Woodstock, Frank Green; Harvard, T. C. Carey; Nunda, Andrew Henderson, Jr.; Richmond, Joseph I. Lang; Emerald Park, R. J. Walsh; Ringwood, J. L. Conway. The reception committee will be composed of Dr. C. H. Fegers, Sr., Dr. C. H. Fegers, Jr., F. J. Barbican, John Walsh, Carl W. Stenger, Wm. Stoffel and Rev. Paul Bonrke. Metzger's six-piece orchestra will furnish the music and a general good time is assured. The ladies of St. Clara court of Foresters will serve supper in the basement dining hall at fifty cents a plate. All the old dances will be played during the evening, thus giving the old folks an opportunity to enjoy a treat that is very seldom afforded them in these days. Horries and baggage will be cared for free of charge. Dance tickets \$1.00. All are invited.

Very Pleasantly Entertained.

At her home on Maple avenue last Monday evening Mrs. Susie Smith very pleasantly entertained a company of friends at progressive clench. Three tables were occupied by the jolly gathering and a most enjoyable time prevailed. Three prizes were awarded, the first being captured by Mrs. W. G. Schreiner, the second by Mrs. Peter H. Weber, and the third, the booby, going to Mrs. S. S. Torrance, the latter capturing hers without the least bit of exertion. The usual refreshments followed the games.

Notice to Farmers.

The National Pickle & Canning company propose to open their pickle factory here this season provided a sufficient number of persons will interest themselves in planting cucumbers. The price, 50c for vat run, will prove quite profitable and should secure a large acreage. All those who wish to see this industry again in operation and are willing to contract will please leave their names at Bohlender's or Block & Bethke's.

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Tax! Tax! Tax!

Having received my books I am now ready to collect taxes for the town of McHenry and will be at the following places during the week: Mondays, J. C. Debrecht's store, Johnsbrough; Tuesdays at Bradley & Foss' store, Ringwood; Thursdays at M. J. Walsh's store, West McHenry; Saturdays at the store of Gilbert Bros., McHenry.

JOHN NISSEN, Collector.

Finger Cut Off in Saw.

While at work on a circular saw at the local boat works last Monday morning Will Fisher had the misfortune to get his hand caught in the saw while it was in operation, with the result that he is now minus the little finger on his left hand. Drs. Fegers & Fegers attended him.

Dance at Johnsbrough.

A dance will take place at Stephen H. Smith's hall, Johnsbrough, on Monday evening, March 2. All are invited.

One dollar a year for The Weekly Plaindealer. \$1.50 a year for The Plaindealer. Or both by our recent special arrangement, \$1.75 for fifty-two weeks of genuine news from far and near.

## EXCHANGE CLEANINGS.

### HAPPENINGS IN McHENRY AND ADJACENT COUNTIES.

A Miscellaneous Assortment of News Items in Condensed Form For Convenience of Busy People.

The Oliver barber shop at Woodstock has been sold to W. C. Dellow, who hails from San Francisco.

The citizens of Wauconda are again in a happy mood. A prospective flour and feed mill is the cause.

The Y. M. C. A. at Woodstock is in a flourishing condition. New members are being added almost daily.

The home of Horace Freeman at Greenwood was destroyed by fire on a recent morning. An overheated chimney caused the blaze.

Twelve Dundee girls have banded themselves together with an oath that they will not marry, no, sir, will not marry this year unless they get a chance.

The new electric light plant at Antioch is doing a running business and furnishing an excellent light. All the businesses of the place are falling in line and having electricity installed instead of gasoline and kerosene.

The time honored custom of racing thru the main streets of Wauconda received a body blow last week, when two youthful jockeys and an equally young and amateurish bookmaker were fined on complaint of one of the villagers.

The case was heard before Marshal Jenks and a neat fine was imposed. The boys fined are all under 19 years of age.

The Marengo board of education objects to other school boards hiring their teachers away from them, and recently sent the Elgin board of education the following letter: "To the School Board of Elgin, Ill. Gentlemen: At a recent meeting of our school board the following resolution was unanimously adopted: 'That the clerk be instructed to notify the other boards of education that the board of education of Marengo considers it dishonorable and dishonorable for the other boards of education to allow their superintendents to take away our teachers during the school year.' A. S. Norton, clerk."

The short man at last has his day. Uncle Sam has lifted the ban from men of diminutive stature. Postmaster General Meyer has come to their rescue. The regulation requiring the postal clerks and mail carriers to be at least 5 feet 4 inches tall and weigh not less than 125 pounds has been repealed. "Stature does not make the man," has been an axiom of American illimitations that the government never would recognize until now. Thousands of men have applied for positions in the different postoffices in the last few years who could just parallel the tape at 5 feet 4 inches with their shoes on but in their stocking feet failed to fill the requirements.

It is expected that after the middle of this month that steps will be taken by the leading railway companies in Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and other western states in which a 2-cent passenger rate law is in force, which will wipe out such laws on the ground that they are confiscatory. The roads operating under them claim they are losing money by reason of being required to carry passengers at the rate of two cents a mile. It will be set forth that railway passenger receipts in Wisconsin have materially decreased for each month since August 15, at which time the low rate became operative in Wisconsin, that the same is true since the law became operative in other states.

Did it ever occur to you that you can buy envelopes with your return address printed on them just as cheap as you can buy the blank envelopes at the stores? We print 500 good grade envelopes with your return card for \$1.50.

Rents Laurens Blacksmith Shop.

John Schaffer has rented the Laurens blacksmith shop on Main street and has already taken possession of the same. D. G. Nellis, the former lessee of the building, has given up the business to take up farming. Mr. Schaffer, who, previous to renting the Laurens shop was in the business on Wauconda street, has closed his former shop, thus making one less for the village. Mr. Schaffer has already secured the services of Albert Kamholz, who was employed by Mr. Nellis. Mr. Kamholz is a first class workman and will, no doubt, make a valuable man for his new employer.

Coming Attraction.

"Was She to Blame?" is a well constructed comedy drama that has stood the test, and no play ever written has been a more welcome visitor on return engagements. Particular attention is paid to every detail in regard to scenes, situations and mechanical devices that go to make a perfect performance, and with an exceptionally strong cast especially engaged to interpret a play of real merit, interspersed with light comedy, make an evening's entertainment that you should not miss. At Central opera house Sunday, Feb. 23.

Basket Social Postponed.

Owing to the disagreeable weather the basket social that was to have taken place at M. W. A. hall, Ringwood, last night has been postponed until next Tuesday evening, February 25. All are invited.

Don't forget the early closing and do your shopping during the daytime.

## HARVARD WORKMAN KILLED.

Body of Italian Railroad Employee Is Discovered in Mudhole.

A roundhouse workman, name unknown, was found dead Monday morning, with his head crushed, in a sink hole near his place of work in Harvard. The man had been robbed of his watch and pay check.

The victim was an Italian, about 33 years of age and had been employed as a wiper in the North Western roundhouse for a short time. He was well liked by his workmates and was a good workman. Saturday was pay day on the North Western and the person who robbed the Italian evidently knew this. It is not thought the crime was committed by a railroad man, as these men know the worthlessness of these checks.

A railroad pay check is no good to anyone unless that person has an identification card, and few workmen carry these with them. Therefore it is improbable the robbers got the identification card of the Italian. Another theory that might shift the blame upon a railroad man is that the man was killed with a shop hammer and the person who committed the murder was familiar with the ground.

Near the roundhouse is a small building from which a large exhaust steam pipe projects, and under this there is a sink hole for drainage. The victim of the robbers was struck by the hammer and pushed into this sink hole. The entrance to the hole was not large enough to admit the body of a man and a post had been employed to push it farther in.

Around the hole the ground is soft and muddy, and this had been used to partly cover the body. Railroad men found the body early Monday morning, and as the man had no known enemies and his valuables were gone, the motive for the crime seems to be no other than robbery.

From evidence obtained by James Burke, chief of police at Harvard, the man was struck when about ten feet from the round house door. This gives the impression that the robbers had laid in wait for their victim, and, not taking any chances on making any noise, dealt the Italian his death blow. Chief Burke has been an efficient officer at Harvard for a number of years, and will leave no stone unturned to find the criminal. It is probable the murderers are far from Harvard, having several hours' start on the police.

If you have entertained company from a distance, gone on a visit yourself, met with an accident, have sickness or death in the family, entertained at a party, had a marriage in the family or any other bit of news that may be of general interest, hand or mail it to this office for publication. All items will be thankfully received.

## The Chicago Opera House.

Anyone who thinks that the antogaphad is dying would be convinced that it is not by seeing the daily mail of William Hodge, the star of "The Man From Home" company, which still continues successfully at the Chicago opera house. Altho this is his first season as a star, Mr. Hodge had become so popular as a leading character actor during the past few years that it needed only his elevation to star to make him the prey of autograph hunters. Since "The Man From Home" opened in Chicago twenty weeks ago he has received 2,946 requests for his autograph, an average of a little over 21 for each day. And Mr. Hodge rather likes it. He has favored everyone who has sent a card for his name and an addressed return envelope. "Most of the requests come from the smaller towns of Illinois and surrounding states and it flatters me," he said, "to know that so many people take that much interest in me and my work. I have a good strong fountain pen, and am always ready to accommodate. It keeps me in practice for signing checks." Despite the fact that "The Man From Home" long ago broke all records for a continuous dramatic run in Chicago, the business the past week was larger than for any previous week. The sale of tickets for the 200th performance, March 3rd, has begun and is already heavy. Performances of "The Man From Home" are given every night and Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. At the Wednesday matinees bargain prices prevail, the best seats selling for \$1.00. Mail orders are given special attention.

Blanche Loomis Surprised.

Miss Blanche Loomis was taken by surprise at her home by a company of her young friends Tuesday evening of last week. The unexpected ones took possession of Miss Loomis' home before the young lady had time to appreciate what it all meant. However, the shock did not last long and the joy began. Everything that makes up an evening of good, wholesome fun was participated in, the hostess leaving nothing undone to give her guests a dandy time. Refreshments marked the closing of the evening's program, after which all returned to their respective homes.

Public Card Party.

A public card party, under the auspices of the Royal Neighbors of this place, will take place at Woodman hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25. The members of the society are exercising their best efforts to make the event one of great pleasure. The admission to the games and refreshments will be only 25 cents. All are welcome.

## GOOD ROADS BENEFICIAL

### TO FARMERS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

By H. H. Gross, Special Agent U. S. Department of Agriculture and Secretary Farmers' Good Road League.

There is no class of citizens that will profit so much by good roads as the farmers. No others will get so much out of them. Everything raised and sold must pass over the country roads to the market. Good roads make this delivery easier and less expensive, and the delivery can be made at the farmer's pleasure. He does not have to take the road conditions into account where a stone or gravel road exists; this is as good in wet weather as in dry.

It is an economic advantage, as well as a pleasure, to live upon a modern, up-to-date road. When a man buys a farm, if he is progressive, that is, if he is a good farmer, he at once begins to improve that farm. He tiles it, if necessary; he builds fences, plants an orchard and shrubbery; builds or extends the barns; and is constantly alert to improve and add to the value of the farm.

It is often found that for every two dollars that is expended, three dollars will be added to the actual selling value of the premises. It pays to improve farms to the highest standard of convenience and productivity. Time and again has a wide awake man bought a farm at a cost of say five thousand dollars and by expending two thousand upon it made it readily salable for nine or ten thousand dollars. In fact, the money put into improvements will pay a much larger return than the natural advance upon the farm lands without these improvements.

No money expended will add more surely or largely to the value of farm lands than the amount expended upon intelligent permanent improvements of highways. The experience everywhere is and always has been, and always will be, that for every dollar wisely expended upon building permanent gravel or stone roads, from three to five dollars is at once added to the cash value of the farms served by them. If there were no other reason for building hard roads than this one, it should be regarded as sufficient.

It should be kept in mind that the highways are public property and that at least a portion of the cost of building and maintaining hard roads should be a charge against all property of the state, instead of requiring, as now, that all should be paid by local taxation in the respective townships or road districts of the state.

The equitable plan of road building is state aid. This has been adopted by nearly all the eastern states and has proved a great relief to the farmers, and under it road building has progressed by leaps and bounds. After forty years of road building by local taxation, Ohio has just adopted state aid. This means more roads and less taxes.

Before buying a cook stove or heater see Vycital's line and get his prices.

Many Sleepless Nights, Owing to a Persistent Cough. Relief Found at Last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in an appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.

You'll find the best articles ever offered for 10 cents at Vycital's.

Is Eleven Years Old.

A happy little gathering took place at the pleasant home of Miss Villa Sherman last Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock, when a number of young friends, in response to invitations extended them, met at her home to help her celebrate her eleventh birthday anniversary. The little folks did surely merrily things lively during their short stay as guests of their young hostess, and no one felt more elated over the event than did Miss Villa, who enjoys seeing others have a good time under her direction. Dainty refreshments were served at the usual hour. Several beautiful tokens of remembrance were left by the company.

Surprised.

About twenty young friends of Floyd Thompson drove to his home south of town on Friday evening and gave him a pleasant surprise. Music and games were indulged in until the supper hour arrived, which was no small part of the evening's program, as the young ladies had not forgotten to come well supplied with goodies, to which all did ample justice. The young people then departed, voting their host an ideal entertainer and declaring they had enjoyed an evening well spent.

Taxes For Nunda Township.

Mort Ritt, collector of taxes for Nunda township, will be at the West McHenry State bank every Thursday to collect taxes of Nunda township. 34 tf

## BUSSE MENAGERIE AT FOX LAKE.

Game Birds the Latest Addition to His Farm.

The municipal "menagerie" at Fox Lake has two new members. The "cow" with the crumpled horn, which Mayor Busse purchased from former Alderman Fowler; the pet raccoon sent the mayor from the south by admiring friends, and the hundred and one other pets of the mayor at his farm have been joined by two prize fighting cocks from Mississippi.

If a baby elephant or a domesticated ichthyornis is added to the "happy family" Mayor Busse will be able to rival the zoo of "Bathhouse John" Conghlin.

The fighting birds were received by Health Commissioner Evans of Chicago from a cousin in Mississippi. One was for Dr. Evans and the other for Dr. J. B. Murphy.

"My wife doesn't like chickens unless they're fried," explained Dr. Evans. Dr. Murphy, altho appreciating the gift, added that his wife also had a similar aversion to fowls.

"Send them out to the farm," suggested the mayor. They were sent out last week in care of George Busse, the mayor's brother.

"Any chance of a quiet fight being pulled off out there?" the mayor was asked. "No, siree," was the prompt reply. "My pets don't fight. Besides, these birds are related, and so are on good terms."

## QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

Items Clipped From The Plaindealer of February 21, 1883.

James Gallagher, who formerly kept a newsroom in this village, was found dead in his bed one morning last week. We have not learned the cause.

Married—At the home of the bride's parents in this village, on Thursday evening, Feb. 15, by the Rev. J. C. Bigelow, Julius J. Vasey of Ringwood, and Miss Eloise Waite of this village.

Neill Donnelly, an old and highly respected citizen of this county and a leading merchant of Woodstock, died at his home in that city on Monday last. He had been sick for some time, and his death was not unexpected. The funeral was held today (Wednesday).

F. A. Hebard has sold the building recently erected by him opposite the brick yard to Fred Block and purchased from E. Lawrie the lot next to his store, and will, as soon as the weather will permit, erect another building thereon.

Good spring wheat wanted at the West McHenry mill, John Spencer, proprietor.

## Save Money by Buying Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

You will pay just as much for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as for any of the other cough medicines, but you save money in buying it. The saving is in what you get, not what you pay. The sure-to-cure you is in every bottle of this remedy, and you get good results when you take it. Buying cough medicine is an important matter. Neglected colds often develop serious conditions, and when you buy a cough medicine you want to be sure you are getting one that will cure your cold. When you buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy you take no chances. It always cures. Price 25 and 50 cents a bottle. For sale by all druggists.

## F. O. Gans the auctioneer. He guarantees satisfaction.

Reduced Colonist Rates.

One-way tickets at special low rates on sale daily thruout March and April from all points on the North Western Line to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Puget Sound points.

Daily and Personally conducted tours in tourist sleeping cars via the Chicago, Union Pacific & North Western Line. Double berth only \$7.00, thru from Chicago. For full particulars write S. A. Hutchison, Manager Tourist Dept., 213 Clark St., Chicago, Ill., or address nearest ticket agent.

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## Attend the Old Folks' dance at Stoffel's hall tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Place Your Order Now.

The government postal authorities have caused to be posted in every postoffice in the country a circular letter to the public, urging everyone to use envelopes with a return card printed thereon. Every business man, farmer or person of any occupation should have his name and address printed on his envelopes, thus insuring their return to the sender if any mistake is made in the address. Call at The Plaindealer office and leave orders for this stationery and it will be put up in first-class manner.

## Jed Carlton presents "Was She to Blame?" at the Central opera house Sunday evening, Feb. 23.

Ask Yourself the Question.

Why not use Chamberlain's Pain Balm when you have rheumatism? We feel sure that the result will be prompt and satisfactory. One application relieves the pain, and many have been permanently cured by its use. Pain Balm is a liniment and is applied externally to the affected parts. 25 and 50 cent sizes. For sale by all druggists.

The Plaindealer will be sent to any address on trial three months for twenty-five cents, and will be discontinued at the expiration of that time unless other wise ordered. Try it.

## OUR WEEKLY PICK-UPS

### ITEMS PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN DURING THE WEEK.

What People are Doing in Our Many Little City—News as Seen by The Plaindealer Representatives.

Butter Market.

Butter was delared firm at 32 cents on the Elgin board of trade Monday, a drop of 11 cents from last week's price.

F. Kimball of this place has charge of an engine at one of the large ice houses at Ingleside.

The assessors found 3533 dogs in McHenry county, the town of Algonquin leading with 278.

Steam heat is being installed into the Central opera house this week. Herber Bros. are doing the work.

The Willing Workers society will meet with Mrs. E. M. Owen Thursday, Feb. 27. All are welcome.

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, comes on March 4 this year, and Easter Sunday will fall on April 19.

The south wall of the power house, which was badly "deformed" by the explosion last week, has been rebuilt.

Metzger's six-piece orchestra of Woodstock will furnish the music at the Knights of Columbus dance at Stoffel's hall tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Mrs. S. S. Torrance informs us that by March first she will be located in the Stines building, just one door east of her present location on the West Side.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Mueser of Solon have a baby girl. Mrs. Mueser was formerly Miss Alta Kimball and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kimball of this place.

A nine pound boy is the cause of that broad smile worn by R. N. Patchen these days. The young gentleman arrived on a nine o'clock special last Thursday morning.

There will be a shadow social held at the schoolhouse in the Marsh district Saturday evening, Feb. 23. A fine, long program will be rendered by the school. Flora A. Churchill, teacher.

The leap year party given by the young ladies of McHenry at Stoffel's hall last Saturday evening was attended by about forty couples. A most pleasant time was had by all present.

A telegram was received by M. J. Walsh last Saturday morning announcing the death of the Rev. A. Sadler of Battle Creek, Mich. The Rev. Sadler was a nephew of the late Rev. P. M. O'Neill.

Pierce & Colby of Spring Grove, who last summer operated a boat line on Pistakee and Fox lakes, have decided to dispose of their boat business there and embark in other lines of business elsewhere.

A merry band of Miss Leone Perkins' schoolmates helped her celebrate St. Valentine's evening in a very jolly manner. Their departure found Miss Perkins with valentines enough to satisfy any young lady.

The McHenry Creamery Co. held their annual meeting at the city hall last Saturday evening. Besides the usual form of business and the election of new officers for the ensuing year, nothing of importance was done.

An attentive audience listened to the beautiful southern drama, "Knobs of Tennessee," at the Central Sunday evening. The piece was well presented and easily merited a larger audience than that which turned out to witness the production.

A basket social will be held at the Cherry Valley school house, for the benefit of the school, on Friday evening, Feb. 28. Ladies are requested to bring baskets with lunch for two. A national program will be rendered. Miss Eva Wheeler, teacher.

Peter Moritz of the McHenry House will this summer travel the waters of the beautiful Fox in an eighteen foot power motor boat. His order for a craft of this nature has already been placed with the local boat builders and will be ready when the season opens.

The masque ball given by the members of the Owl camp at Buch's hall Friday evening was a grand success. The event brought out many fine costumes, while the comical and absurd kind were also well represented. Mrs. Peter Engeln was awarded the ladies' prize, while George Schreiner drew the gents'. The usual good time prevailed.

Nunda Herald: Freeman Foster, one of the "squares" trappers in this section, has caught 47 mink this winter, the pelts of which brought \$3.50 each. He sold them to Howard of McHenry. Last year they were worth \$3. Mr. Foster also trapped 250 muskrats, the furs bringing 25 cents each. His worst trouble in trapping is the theft of his traps.

Wauconda correspondent to Libertyville Independent: A young man from McHenry, accompanied by two young ladies, was reported lost in the snowdrifts about three miles north of town last Friday evening while en route to the firemen's ball at Graylake, but we are pleased to announce all arrived safely at their destination after their gruesome experience.