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With the pleasure of the coming of the second month containing an "S" was the advent of the frost last Sunday night. It is doubly pleasing to also note that it was an official frost. Oysters and officially cold weather—or for that matter any weather so long as it is cool enough to be bracing—are the epicure's delight. The cool weather, however, was a very minus quantity during September.

No parent does his duty who fails to start and keep his children in school, and no child ought to be seen on the streets during school hours. There will come a time into the life of every boy who is neglecting his school now, when he will wish he had improved his opportunities, and he will blame his parents for allowing him to grow up in idleness and ignorance. They are the ones who are to blame.

Hereafter all assessors will be provided with a stamp and it shall be their duty to see that this stamp is placed upon every taxable bond, note or other security coming under their notice, and for the benefit of those who have been in the habit of not giving all their notes, etc., the law provides that no such interest can be collected on any such paper, not bearing the assessors stamp. Take your choice. Pay your taxes or lose your interest.—Harvard Herald.

A rumor has come from New York—a town where a good many false ones are started—that General Harrison has withdrawn from the presidential race and named Governor McKinley as his residuary legatee. As a reason for the withdrawal it is stated that Harrison feels that he could not win with Platt and Quay against him. Should this turn out to be true and the withdrawal prove something else than a modest side bid for the nomination, the contest will narrow down to McKinley against the "field." Backers of the field in the east would pin their faith to Reed and in the west to Allison. The friends of McKinley will find matters simplified if Harrison has actually quit. But does a presidential candidate ever "quit" till after somebody else has been nominated?

When the writer was a small boy and lived in Iowa, there was a friendly tribe of Indians that used to travel about the country each summer picking up a living by sports and horse trading. Each evening the young bucks would gather on the green and indulge in shooting, throwing, running and jumping. At last the men about town would take nickels and pennies and throw them onto a bare space of ground. The young Indians would run, tumble over each other, pull hair and often fight in the scramble to see who would get the money. We never saw anything like it until last Saturday when we witnessed the game of football at St. Charles. There may be skill, science, sport and sense in a game of football, but we can't see it.—Geneva Republican.

Each year the local paper gives from \$100 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his town than any other ten men, and in all fairness with men he ought to be supported, not because you like him or like his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited, and crowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the teacher or preacher. Understand us. We do not mean morally or morally, but financially, and yet on the moral question you will find the local paper on the right side. Today the publishers of the home papers do not receive the least money of any kind on the line of the north.

Most of the news that reaches the western people from Cuba is exaggerated, but nevertheless, after summing it all up it seems that Cubans can now be very confident of finally establishing their independence of Spain. That the sympathy of the American people, independent of the action of our government, is extended to Cubans is everywhere manifest and the big meetings at Central music hall and Association hall in Chicago, last Monday night, shows very clearly where Chicago people—the thinking class too—stand. To the government at Washington the voices of these people have been addressed in very plain terms—that they want our Uncle Sam to keep his hands off these Cuban patriots—and it is very evident they mean it. With such men as Dr. Gonsalvus, Thomas B. Bryan, Geo. R. Peck, Dr. Henson, and many others voicing the sentiments of Chicago people and being cheered to the echo, when they declared in favor of free and unlimited liberty for the island within hailing distance of our own shores, it means something. Americans are undoubtedly in favor of Cuban independence.

There was a time when one A. J. Hopkins, of the 8th Illinois district, thought he had a boom for the speaker. A year from today his gubernatorial boom will likewise be but a reminiscence of a thing that was, a speculation as to what might have been, an example of what never will be—only a broken stick of a rocket that never flew.—Elburn Record.

One would know that the above came from the pen of one who has to even wait a few years before hair will grow upon his upper lip. Men of judgment know that Congressman Hopkins has every county but one north of the central portion of the state, a more than fighting chance for the delegates from Cook county and in the southern portion of the state has champions among the very best republicans of both city and country. For a loyal Kane county sheet to print anything like the above insult to one of its best and most honored men, only one apology can be offered—he's too young to know better.—Geneva Republican.

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

The past week as a whole has been favorable; frequent light showers and relief from the excessive heat of the previous week have caused corn to ripen rapidly, and allowed a good week's work in the wheat fields where sowing has progressed well. Monday morning the coolness resulted in a sharp freeze over most of the state, the temperature falling much below freezing throughout all of the northern section. Corn is generally approaching the husking period and some little husking has been done in northern counties. Wheat sowing has been pushed and the crop will be in the ground by the end of this week. Rye has also been sown quite extensively. Early fields of both grains are up, but the rye shows the effect of bugs and dryness. Potato digging continues; cane is being cut and ground, and some second-growth meadows are being mowed, in many cases with good results. Pastures are generally in need of rain, water is scarce and wells and streams low. Apple picking will be in progress this week, with the fruit generally in fine condition.

NORTHERN SECTION.

Following the showers of the first of the week, scattered showers fell again on Wednesday and Saturday, which together with the cool weather admitted of such fall seeding as was undone, matured late corn, and helped the pastures, except in the northeast portion. A general and sharp freeze occurred on Monday morning, the temperature falling much below freezing in most counties. Corn is generally in the shock; some husking has been done and the grain is quite generally hard enough for feeding. Rye and the little wheat sown are up and doing well, but with pastures need rain. Wells and streams are still low. Potato digging is in progress; buckwheat and cane are being cut.

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AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Interesting News Notes Ruthlessly Hacked from Neighboring Contemporaries.

One of our exchanges is becoming skeptical. "The scriptures," it says, "tell us that man is but dust. Now dust settles; but many of our subscribers don't settle." Something wrong somewhere sure enough.

Most people would as soon be bitten by a rattlesnake as a great, nasty looking spider. It fairly makes the flesh creep when they think of having the ugly looking animals crawl over them. And there is ground for their fear of the poisonous things. A dispatch from Quincy, dated September 28d, states that Nettie Smith, an 18 year old girl residing at Columbia, Ill., died Sunday in great agony from the effects of a spider bite. Her limbs swelled, and blood poisoning and lock-jaw set in and hastened her death.

Ground has been broken at Naperville for the foundation of the soldier's monument in Court House Square. A substantial foundation has been put down upon which will be erected a monument made from Naperville marble or limestone. In course of time this may be replaced by a more imposing structure in honor of men who served their country in a military capacity. Alec Kiddle is the leading spirit in this enterprise, but is receiving muscular help from comrades to prosecute the work he has undertaken. The monument may be dedicated Thanksgiving Day.

A gentleman entered the corner drug-store last Thursday morning and took from his pocket a revolver which he desired Mr. Curtis to examine and have repaired. Mr. Curtis stood directly in front of the man, but stepped to one side when he saw the man cocking the revolver. He had scarcely done so, when the pistol was discharged, the bullet entering one of the drawers of the show case near the wall and within two or three inches of the arm of Mr. Curtis. The man was struck with consternation, as he was not aware that the weapon was loaded. Mr. Curtis says it was the closest call he ever had.—Lemont Observer.

A plan is being matured by Second Assistant Postmaster General Neilson by which the mail service between large cities and towns within a radius of fifty or sixty miles will be improved to meet the growing needs of business men. His plan is to put combination mail and baggage cars on accommodation trains running out of large cities, so that not only will the daily mail between such cities and suburban and way stations be increased, but the mail being carried on the trains, will be ready for delivery immediately upon its arrival at its destination. His expectation is to have the plan in operation in a few months.

Burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to enter the residence of Mrs. Hinchman, Maple and Seventh avenues, Friday evening of last week. The dogs frightened the marauders away and no further evidence of their visit to the village has been heard. Mrs. Hinchman was awakened by the strange actions of her dogs and awoke her son, who went down stairs to ascertain the cause. He saw nothing, however, and retired as much in the dark as before. The cause of the disturbance would never have been positively known if a neighbor, aroused by the noise, had not seen one of the would-be thieves scurrying off in the darkness.—LaGrange News.

Mrs. Mattie Simons had a narrow escape from a severe if not fatal burning with gasoline the other day. She had filled the stove, which is one of the old fashioned kind where the tank cannot be let down, and spilled some of the gasoline on the front of her dress waist. She afterward generated the stove thinking that the gasoline on her dress had evaporated, and in lighting the stove her dress caught fire. She had presence of mind enough to wrap her apron around her neck and call. Her mother was mopping in an adjoining room and came in with the mop in her hands, with which she smothered the fire. Mrs. Simons had her throat somewhat burned as was also her hand.—Turner Independent.

LEMONT, Ill., Sept. 27.—The warehouse of J. H. Tedens & Co. was burned at 3:30 this morning, with its contents, consisting of farming implements, baled hay, etc. The fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries. Mr. Tedens is a member of the Lemont Citizens' association. While the department was trying to extinguish the flames another fire broke out in the notorious Standard Theater, and before the engine could get there the wing was burned. An attempt was also made to set fire to Jacob Meyers' ice house. Several other places shows signs this morning of attempts being made to set them on fire. It is thought the firebugs are actuated by spite. Had it not been for the prompt work of the firemen it is believed Lemont would now be in ashes.

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