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It is reported that the Suburban Electric Company is to abandon its original intention of constructing a trolley line and will operate by com pressed air, says the LaGrange News So far as can be learned there is lit must be remembered that a portion of the contract of the Suburban Electric with the village of LaGrange was to furnish the village with certain electric lights along its right of The company gave little beside. LaGrange is afraid that in change from electricity to compressed air she will lose her electric lights.

rejoice lovers of civil service reform: The president is perfecting arrangements to bring within the provisions government below the rank of secretaries and assistant secretaries. This sweeping transfer to the merit system would throw the mantle of civil service protection over all chiefs of spring a reasonable amount of assistdivisions, bureau officers and highgrade clerks heretofore appointed un der the patronage system. Next will come the fourth-class postmasters and then there will not be enough youth holds a heterogeneous popula left to fight over.

the message which has passed from lip to lip, multiplied by the telephone and the telegraph, until not Chicago alone, but the whole English-reading world, is touched with a sorrow which must crown the dead poet as the best-loved man in that city. Eugene Field was a man of many accomplish ments. He was an American in every sense of the term, and by his taking away, the fields of journalism and literature loses one of its brightest and most cultured writers. The friend of all ages, babies, child, youth and old age one of few men of whom it can be truthfully said, none knew him but to love him, none named him but to praise.

It is generally conceded that figures tell hard facts. At least Dr. Bertillon, chief of the bureau of statistics of Paris, France, seems to be lieve that way. The eminent scien tist is a firm believer in the efficacy of the anti-toxin system of treating diphtheria, and he appeals to the figures collected by his department among the hospitals of the French capital to justify him in his faith. While many other members of his profession are discussing, criticising and condemning the serum treatment Dr. Bertillon simply arrays his figures in such a way as to set results against theories. The public will be inclined to agree with him and form its opinion of the method of treatment by the number of cures effected, ing of cattle will be done this winter. rather than join in its condemnation because it is courtesy to some of the abstract principles beretofore regard ed as infallible.

That the course the Board of Eduis the only lawful one, is very evi plowing and made the growth of rye ing from their accustomed pegs, together with solid silver to the value of \$150 and brices. something be done to ensure their are short and poor; stock is being comfort in school hours during the fed. Corn husking has progressed adequate to warm the building during the shock, however, has been delayed the weather we have had the past owing to the dryness and high winds. month, what can be expected of it Wells, springs and streams are very when the mercury hovers around the low or entirely dry and stock water is ero mark? The only objection that exceedingly scarce. Stock is doing was raised to the levying of a tax of well, better in extreme northern \$1,500, was that it was in opposition counties than elsewhere; hog cholera to the law. Since the board has seen is prevalent in Henry, Stark, Las mistake and took the proscribed Salle, Kankakee, Winnebago f year bonds for that amount,

BRYAN ON CHILD LABOR.

At a meeting of the members of the committee appointed by the last legislature to investigate the child labor question, held in Chicago last Saturday, Col. Charles P. Bryan, the chairman, made the following remarks

"In my own district, with the great factories at Elgin and Aurora, ample opportunity is afforded to study child labor in its most advantageous phases. Suggestions for less favored localities are easily obtainable. Short hours, thorough ventilation, a fine gymnas ium and reading and music rooms are features of the watch factory at Elgin. Conscientious enforcement of compulsory education is a special aid tle or no opposition to this, but it toward preventing any abuses con nected with child labor. In a metropolis like Chicago this difficulty is most encountered. Here, in sweatshops and laundries particularly, children are still confined for twelve and more hours who have not receiv. no takers. ed the first rudiments of schooling. Physically and mentally they are bound to be stunted.

"Child labor properly directed is a distinct benefit to a nation. Uncontrolled it is a curse. Many of the Here is a piece of news that will first men of the republic were graduated from this admirable school. But in most cases they overcame by stern efforts barriers that would have An exchange suggests that every farmgent parent in demanding of its off of view. ance while averting from the child the calamity of growing to maturity in ignorance is a problem which confronts the legislature and philanthropist in Illinois. Chicago in her giant tion hard to handle in educational matters. She is a sort of Trilby of "Eugene Field is dead!" Such is cities great, good and beautiful, but lacking through variety of heritage barmony of training. Where is there a Svengali of pedagoges for her development in this one direction?"

WEATHER CROP BULLETIN.

The month of October was the driest which the state has experienced for many years and was also clear, cool and windy; the temperature deficiency approximating six degrees daily, and the rainfall averaging less than one-half inch for the state. Fall plowing was given up entirely and late sown grain remained in the sprouted the stand is very poor and thin. Only in the northern counties is a fair condition of winter grain found, and this is generally rye. The the other side it was burned but a very acreage is much less than usual owing to the dryness and the fear of chinch bugs. Corn husking and cribbing has been pushed rapidly will be put on the road again. and much of the crop is gathered. The grain is of fine quality through out central and northern counties, but poor in many of the better winter wheat counties. Pastures are gen erally bare and brown and stock is being fed, it is, however, in good con dition, with the exception of hogs, in the head, and the wagon wheels ran which are in many counties badly affected with cholera. Water is ex. juring his spine. He lived but a few ceedingly scarce and wells, springs, and streams are very low. Fires are causing damage in a few eastern counties. Much feeding and fatten

Throughout the northern section the month was one of unusual dryness, the average rainfall being less than one-half inch, while the days were clear, cool and windy; the temcation has finally decided to adopt in perature deficiency being fully six raising funds to change the heating degrees daily. The great dryness apparatus at the north side building, caused a general suspension of late ly conversant with school law on this fair condition, however. Fall sown point. The health and well-being of grasses are either killed out or strugthe school children demanded that gling hard for existance and pastures cold weather months. When the rapidly and probably one-half of the hesting system now in use is not crop is in the crib. Husking from I method of issuing one and other counties and is causing much

MAMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Interesting News Notes Ruthlessly Hacked from Neighboring Contemporaries.

Two Aurora people who had small-pox patients in their houses during the recent showing his accurate understanding small-pox scare in that town have asked the city to pay \$1,000 and \$10,000 respectively for the privilege.

> Harry Thompson of St. Charles pleaded guilty to forgery, and was Thursday sentenced to three years at Joliet. This will keep him out of mischief for a time. He was always possessed of a spirit of reckless devilishness, and was eternally get_ ting himself or some other person into

There was an offering of 44.460 pounds of butter on the Elgin board of trade, and bidding opened at 21 cents. This advanced to 22 cents on a part of the offering and all sales made were at that figure. Some manufacturers asked 221/4 and others offered butter at 22 cents but found

While digging a trench Wednesday, at Fox Lake. Joseph Good unearthed an old cannon which was buried by the democrats in 1860, to prevent the republicans from celebrating the election of Lincoln. Nothing had ever been known of its whereabouts until its discovery in the accidental manner noted.

choked any but strong characters. er residing along a public road should put of the civil service rules all employes The task of safely legislating so as to his name on his barn. If this were done in the several executive offices of the leave the field open for individual ef there would be considerable more interest fort and development for child as in a drive along the highways, as frequentwell as man without risking the ly a freind or acquaintance would be acquisition of necessary learning is recognized as owner of a certain property. difficult. How to protect the indi- The idea is a good one, from many points

> Milton Hill, a farmer living near Eola, has been rather unfortunate of late. In a runaway near the C., B. & Q. track at that station last week, his good buggy was smashed to pieces and a member of the family slightly injured. He sued the railroad company and was beaten. On his return home the day of the suit, he found four fine cows belonging to him, dead along the track. More litigation will probably follow.

> All of Elgin's schools have been closed for an indefinite period owing to the prevalence of diphtheria. The 3,200 pupils will be given a vacation until the disease is subdued. Several of the parochial schools were closed a week ago. A large number of houses in the city are quarantined and guarded by special officers. Miss Jennie Archibaid, a teacher who attended the meeting of the Northern Illinois Association Saturday afternoon, was taken Sunday morning with diphtheria.

The Galesburg Mail says: The new engine, 590, is standing in the roundhouse ground without sprouting, or if receiving some slight changes in her fire box. On a recent trip down the engine did not steam well and it was found she did not burn her fire even, on one side the coal would be burned all right while on little. For this reason a change in the fire box was found necessary. When this is done it is thought that all difficulties will have been overcome and the engine

Washington Stowell, residing at Springbrook, on the line between St. Charles and Elgin townships, was killed in a rnnaway accident at Elgin, Thursday morning. Steam from a freight engine frightened his horses, and they ran, colliding with a telephone pole and throwing him out. One of the horses kicked him over his body, crushing in his ribs and inminutes. Mr. Stowell was 63 years of age, and came to Illinois in 1835, with his father, Seth Stowell,

Burglars were again at work in La Grange last Sunday night, making a most successful raid on the home of Mr. E. B. Martin, 504 North Stone avenue. The house is completely isolated, the nearest neighbor being two blocks away, and this point was evidently taken into consideration by the robbers, as they carried off bulky articles that would attract immediate attention if seen in any one's possession after midnight. The work was done so quietly that no one was in the least disturbed. Mr. Martin's winter numerous valuable ornaments and bric-a-

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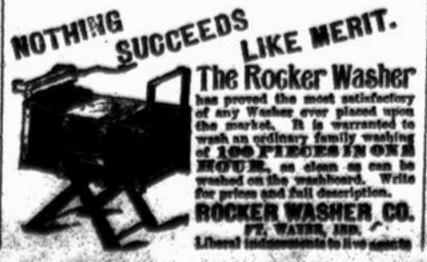
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