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W. S. Alden spent several days last week in Indiana.

Township election one week from Tuesday, April 7th.

Fancy china teacups with Shearer's Pail Tea at Nash Bros.

W. H. Barnhart is having the interior of his store painted.

Mrs. E. B. Hill of Chicago, spent Tuesday last with Mrs. Pray.

F. A. Brode paid a visit to his former home Walnut, the latter part of last week.

NURSE:—Wants confinement cases. Terms reasonable. Miss Wilms, care of J. D. Fowler. 9-4.

Hughes & Gallup have a carload of dry slabs cut in twelve inch lengths. Nice for kindling wood.

Aurora has already taken steps toward celebrating the coming Fourth of July in grand old-fashioned style.

FOR RENT—May 1st—House on Washington street, now occupied by C. V. Carpenter. Inquire of owner, next door to house.

Hughes & Gallup have quite an inquiry for small farms, from 5 to 30 acres. Anyone with same for sale would do well to list it with them.

Robert Buck has opened a real estate and renting office, in the Bryce building on Belmont street. Those having property for sale or to rent can list it with him.

Shamrock flour is sold by W. H. Colville, the north side grocer. It is absolutely the best flour for general home use on the market. \$4.00 per barrel. None so good. Try it.

The president of the board of education, two school directors, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chas. P. Stivers, and the expired term of C. B. Hodgett, are to be elected this spring. The caucus will be held next week.

Hughes & Gallup have secured additional railroad land, on which they will erect another building to be used for storing natural as well as artificial ice. They will handle both kinds the coming season, and parties who have preferences can be accommodated without being compelled to patronize outside firms.

Charles Schwamer of Bloomingdale, accidentally shot and killed himself last week Wednesday morning. He was the town collector and had closed his books Tuesday night. Wednesday morning he was getting his books and money in readiness to take to Wheaton, and was examining a revolver which he proposed to carry with him when it was accidentally discharged, the ball striking him in the head and killing him instantly. He leaves a family, and was a man well and favorably known in that section.

Many of our residents are unacquainted with the fact that C. H. Dicke has one of the leading tool manufacturing in this state. His goods are recognized as being the standard, always of good quality and workmanship and command ready sale in the markets. His specialty is the manufacture of electric linemen's construction tools, though all kinds of hardware specialties are made. Mr. Dicke is completing arrangements to enlarge his building and put in a machine repair department this spring. A side track will be laid and new machinery added. More men will be employed. He has offices in both Chicago and New York, which keeps him engaged turning out his products.

The General of the Army, the General commanding the U. S. Corps of Engineers, Vice Pres. Webb of the New York Central, and John Jacob Astor, compose The Cosmopolitan Magazine's board of judges to decide the merits of the horseless carriages which will be entered in the May trials, for which the Cosmopolitan offers \$3000 in prizes. The committee is undoubtedly the most distinguished that has ever consented to act upon the occasion of the trial of a new and useful invention. The interest which these gentlemen have shown in accepting places upon the committee is indicative of the importance of the subject, and that the contest itself will be watched with marked interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

The Downers Grove club at their last business meeting voted to reduce the admission fee to \$5. For a long time the members have been considering this step, feeling that the former fee was exorbitant when compared with the benefits derived. The same painstaking care, will however, be exercised in regard to new admissions to the club. Several new features are to be shortly to be incorporated in the club's amusement facilities. A gymnasium will be added, and horizontal bars, clubs, dumb bells, boxing gloves, etc., will admit of considerable pleasurable exercise and skill. The first bout in the athletic line with the gloves, is announced as a sparring match between Capt. T. S. Rogers and A. R. Heckman. Even bets are being made on the outcome.

The dancing party of last Friday evening made such a favorable impression upon those present, that it has been decided to form a club. The intention is to have a dance every month for the next three months, to be followed in the summer seasons by picnics, strawrides, fishing excursions, etc. The plan as outlined will furnish many pleasurable evenings for the members. Mesdames Rando and Wylie have the matter in charge, and this is a sufficient guarantee of the successful termination of the plans.

Everyone will be deeply interested in the excellent offer made by a family paper published at St. Paul, Minn. To those sending them the names of five friends who buy seeds, accompanied by 10 cents (in stamps or coin) they are sending the famous Dolly Varden mixture of over 50 choice flowers, and the Royal Mixture of 20 varieties of sweet peas, or 5 packages of Vegetable Seeds, Radish, Onion, Beet, Tomato and cabbage. In addition to this they give a three months subscription to The American Home and Garden, a bright 16-Page illustrated journal devoted to the garden and household,—the only paper of its kind in the entire Northwest. State which collection you want and the seeds will reach you by return mail. For 20 cents in stamps all will be sent. Address The American Home and Garden, Newspaper Row, St. Paul, Minn.

The Christian Endeavor gave a Longfellow social Friday last, at the residence of Mrs. Frank Keiser, which was very largely attended. Standing room was at a premium. It was a social and a double reception for Mr. Rood. By the forethought of one or two of the society Mr. Rood was given an unexpected treat—the presence of his wife and child whom he did not expect to see at the time. After a good deal of introduction and hand shaking the social took a literary form. A very interesting biography of Henry W. Longfellow was given by Miss Balcom, followed by a vocal duet by the Misses Florence and Gertrude Fraenkel accompanied by Miss Doris Fraenkel on the guitar, was warmly encored. Next was a first-class reading "How I came to write the Bridge" written by Mr. Longfellow read by Miss A. M. Elliot. Mr. Rood was called upon for a speech and after a few fitting remarks he recited the alleged first poem of Longfellow, "Mr. Pinney's Turnip." Among those present were Rev. Moor and wife and Rev. Saunders and wife. A very enjoyable time was had and at 10:30 o'clock the company broke up.

Much excitement was caused among the "wets" of Hinsdale when it was learned that twenty three of their number had been subpoenaed to appear before March grand jury at Wheaton Monday to testify regarding "blind pigs." The session was given almost entirely to examining these witnesses and a true bill was found against B. Reed. The examination was conducted by State's Attorney Batten and was very thorough. There are a number of similar cases from that township yet to come before the jury, and a clean sweep is predicted. It is said that the evidence submitted against Reed was gathered by a party employed by the most prominent women of Hinsdale. The movement has the hearty support of citizens of every class, and an effort will be made to stamp out every "blind pig" in the township. The March grand jury for Du Page county, which met in Wheaton Monday, found true bills against Edward Meyer and Timothy Buchanan for arson. They are accused of being the authors of several incendiary fires in Hinsdale recently. Both men are members of the Hinsdale fire department. They have not been seen in the neighborhood since the last fire, but officers have succeeded in locating them.

TROUBLE IN NAPERVILLE.

A few weeks ago trouble arose between one of the teachers, Miss Eliza K. Sick, of the Naperville high school and the principle, Prof. Bevis. The latter claimed to have found a letter with the former's name signed to it, the contents of which were to the effect that the professor was unfit to be principle and would be downed before the close of the school year. The letter was read by the professor to his scholars, Miss Sick was very much put out with this, and denied having the letter and demanded an investigation by the school board, by whom she was exonerated. The circumstances connected with the finding of the letter as gathered at the investigation were somewhat peculiar and rather reflected upon the principle. Last Wednesday he resigned. Thursday morning people were horrified to find dangling from a tree in the school yard in effigy Miss Sick and Mr. Strubler, one of the board who opposed the professor. The patrons of the school are worked up very much over the occurrence. The county superintendent, Prof. R. T. Morgan, appeared on the scene Thursday, and, after hearing a number of witnesses, annulled the professor's certificate.

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