

ELEVATOR ACCIDENT

LIFT AT COUNTY FARM FALLS AND FOUR ARE INJURED.

Other Matters of Prominence Concerning DuPage County and Surroundings Taken From Exchanges.

On last Sunday James W. McKee and Miss Marion Bird, accompanied by Frank George, recorder of Kane county, and wife, visited the county farm and went on a tour of inspection of the building. When they arrived in the attic Mr. and Mrs. Howe invited them to descend in the elevator and the party of six stepped thereon and the elevator started with its load of human freight.

After a session of four days duration and the examination of twelve witnesses the verdict of the coroner's jury in the Chicago & Great Western railway collision near Lombard on Oct. 10, in which four men were killed, was as follows: "We find that J. J. Coyne, operator at St. Charles, was an incompetent man and neglected his duty by not giving train order No 26 to engineer and conductor of train 2nd 72.

Over a week ago one of his playmates carelessly threw a stone striking Homer Willard, son of Maurice Willard, in his left eye. Everything possible has been done for him, but a leading Chicago oculist pronounced the sight permanently destroyed and that only a long and careful treatment would prevent further trouble.

The LaGrange Gas company is seeking to secure a franchise to pipe Hinsdale. Through James McClintock, who represents the company, efforts to secure franchise are being made, and already several large property holders have signified a favorable inclination to the project.

There is great excitement in the northern part of the county which necessitates the services of the sheriff and several deputies. Owing to the strike of the Chicago Telephone linemen several weeks ago, the company have hired non-union men who are now building a line near C. D. Bartlett's home in Wayne.

Five Aurora cigar manufacturers were fined last week for a violation of the state labor laws. The men in question all hired boys under fourteen years of age to work for them and got the written permission of their parents but forgot to have the parents make an affidavit.

The electric road now has the rails laid—both tracks—to Glen Ellyn and now have a large force of men leveling, surfacing and straightening the track.

Among the corporations licensed in the state of Illinois, Wednesday was the following: German Cheese Company, Naperville; capital \$18,000; manufacturing and dealing in milk products and milk; incorporators, Wm. A. Sigmund, Joseph A. Rouse, Harry Haight.

LaGrange is negotiating the purchase of the water and light plant there, which is owned by a private company.

The new septic tank system of sewage disposal is nearly completed at LaGrange.

YOUNG CRIMINALS BREAK HOUSES

Tony Kominiski and Joe Michalik Have Unenviable Record as Thieves.

Confronted with the strong arm of the law in the person of Constable Hoffert, Tony Kominiski and Joe Michalik aged 15 and 14 years respectively, broke down and confessed to a long list of robberies which would do shame to older criminals.

Sunday morning Will Pray discovered a shortage of \$17.05 in the cash in the drawer at the depot, and was at a loss to account for the theft.

The Illinois Lumber & Construction company has improved the appearance of its building with a liberal application of paint.

The subject of the lesson sermon at the Christian Science church, Harris and Fifth avenues, LaGrange, next Sunday morning at 10:30 is "Adam and Fallen Man." All are invited.

The next meeting of the Economic league will be held Thursday, Nov. 7. Howard P. Jones will speak on the "Present Crisis." A discussion will follow lead by Messrs. W. J. Herring, J. W. Hughes and O. E. Johnson.

The Ladies of the Maccabees are arranging to give the popular burlesque, "The Deestrick Skule," at the Auditorium some night next week.

One of the best things in the concert line heard here in a long time was given at the Baptist church Friday evening to a crowded house.

AWARDED HIGHEST MEDAL.

The Dicke Tool company of Downers Grove, has just received the highest award given for tools of its class at the Pan-American exposition.

Following is the report of the various rooms in the Downers Grove schools for the month ending October 11, 1901:

SCHOOL REPORT table with columns: TRACHERS, GRADES, PER CENT, etc. Lists names of teachers like Lela Kassewiter, Susie R. Wickel, Sarah A. Holland, etc.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Oil. Family Safety. Haller keeps Lipton's tenn. Best oil in town at C. S. Hughes.

Mrs. M. H. Bates visited in Chicago Sunday. Woolen underwear at Nash's for men only. Mrs. David E. McKee was a visitor here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fitzpatrick spent Sunday in Downers Grove. R. C. Druedon of Omaha, spent last Sunday with A. H. Barnhart.

Mrs. Alice Phillips and E. M. Blakeslee are guests at the home of G. P. Luca. Mrs. Ruby Smart has been visiting relatives in Chicago the past two weeks.

Mrs. Josephine Austin and Mrs. Wm. Stewart visited Miss Lottie Winters in Chicago yesterday. Mrs. James Fritcham who has been seriously ill for the past three weeks is slowly improving.

Mrs. Wm. Blanchard expects to leave for California soon and will hold an auction sale of her household goods tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Geo. R. Hearst, accompanied by her sons, John and Irving G. Hearst, and Mrs. Jos. Batterham, left today on a weeks trip to the Buffalo exposition.

The antique social which was to have been given tonight at the Congregational church, has been postponed until tomorrow, Friday, evening on account of conflicting attractions. About twenty-five local sports went over to Lyons Saturday night to witness a boxing contest between Joe Donkin and Jim Hennessey.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church is arranging for a social on the evening of Nov. 21, at which a "reminiscent table" will be a feature. Every former or absent member of the church will be asked to contribute some small article to be sold from this table.

Negotiations were completed Tuesday by which H. F. Courtright & Sons disposed of their livery business and stock to Eibert C. and Lee E. Stanley. Possession will be given Nov. 1st.

The "Rummage Sale" has not struck Downers Grove yet. The popularity of these sales seem to be advancing on the double quick and every city which has had one reports results exceeding expectations.

AN INTERESTING SCHOOL CASE.

Right of School Teachers to Inflict Corporal Punishment Upheld in Court.

The case of Swigart vs. Ballou was tried in the circuit court before Judge Willis and a jury last week. The case was of more than usual importance to the public schools of the county as it involved the question of a teacher's right to use corporal punishment in maintaining discipline in her school.

The jury was impaneled on Monday afternoon and the trial occupied the following Tuesday and Wednesday, a verdict for the defendant being reached by the jury on Thursday morning and returned into court.

The facts disclosed at the trial were substantially these: The plaintiff, Willie Swigart, a boy about 13 years of age, was during the last school year, a pupil in Ella-worth school at Naperville, in the room presided over by Miss Mary E. Ballou. He had been unusually mischievous and annoying. On the 21st of March last, he revolted and rebelled openly against his teacher and created such a disturbance in the school, by means of pictures, faces and other ways of annoying her, that its discipline was practically wrecked.

Mrs. Catherine Rickerick has gone to Chicago where she will reside with her daughter Mrs. Mary Miller. Misses Fanny and May Cossett have gone to Chicago where they will reside for the winter on Calumet avenue.

The Court, in his instructions to the jury, laid down the law in this state as follows: That a teacher has a right to inflict reasonable corporal punishment upon a scholar for disobedience of the rules of the school or his reasonable commands, and could only be held liable in case the punishment was excessive or unreasonable and would be so held in the general judgment of reasonable men.

Great interest was taken in the case by all the school teachers and school officers all over the county, including Superintendent Morgan. It was felt by all that if a verdict was secured against Miss Ballou, the discipline of the schools would be greatly weakened, if not entirely destroyed.

The fact that the fair defendant was to be married on the 24th, leaked out during the trial and added a touch of romance to the already interesting case.—Illinoisan.

VERY OLD PAPER.

Eilon E. Downer has presented the Reporter with a copy of the "Evangelical Magazine and Gospel Advocate," printed in the year 1859, which is quite a curiosity. The paper is printed on hand-made paper and is yellow with age.

DESTROYED BY FIRE

JAS. M. BURNS HOUSE ON PRINCE AVENUE SATURDAY MORNING.

Interior of the Building Completely Gutted—Occupied by Mrs. F. N. Bond—Insurance on House \$500.

Fire almost completely destroyed the residence owned by James M. Burns, 150 Prince avenue, early Saturday morning and nothing but blackened walls stood in mute testimony of the ravages of the devouring element.

The fire department responded promptly to an alarm turned in by Walter Wells, but the fire had gained such headway it was impossible to save the threatened property.

The house was occupied by Mrs. F. N. Bond, who was spending the summer in Michigan. She had sub-let the house furnished to a party from Chicago, and the family had but recently moved back to the city.

NOTED EVANGELIST COMING.



Rev. Herbert H. Bond and the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church have secured as a helper in the revival meetings to be held on Sunday, Nov. 17th, the Rev. E. E. Shawhan of Kansas City, Mo., one of the best known and most successful evangelists in the country.

Mr. Shawhan has within the past year, conducted meetings in Kansas City, St. Louis and Denver. He closed a great meeting last month at Leadville, Colo. Probably a larger number of eminent men have been converted through Mr. Shawhan's preaching than any other evangelist now in the field.

OPEN SHOPPERS EXCHANGE.

One of the most attractive and conveniently arranged places for lady shoppers in Chicago is the new "shopper's exchange," recently opened by the Chicago Telephone company at 55 State street opposite Marshall Field & company's retail store.

The exchange is beautifully furnished with rocking chairs, tables, desks, in fact everything has been provided for the comfort and convenience of lady shoppers. On one side of the room two sound-proof booths have been built which are lighted with incandescent electric lights so that patrons may talk with the same privacy as can be had in their own homes.