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HINSDALE ROBBERY.

THREE BURGLARS WITH REVOLVERS ROB HENRY BAUM.

Mr. Slusser Attorney for Big Corporation
County Court Jurors - Du Page
County News from Exchanges.

Three Chicago robbers visited Hinsdale, Wednesday night, December 4th, and robbed a citizen of that suburb. The police and a posse captured two suspects at LaGrange after they had threatened to kill their pursuers, who, armed with guns and revolvers, closed in on them and overpowered them before a shot was exchanged. Henry Baum was the victim of the robbers' greed and he enriched them \$10. Baum is a single man and roomed with a family living over John Bohlander's feed store in Garfield avenue. He had prepared himself to retire for the night and was just crawling into bed when three masked men pushed their way into his room.

Covering him with their revolvers the robbers forced him to lie in bed while they searched his clothing on a chair. Finding his wallet, containing \$10, they backed out of the room and down the stairs without alarming the other occupants of the building. Baum they threatened with death if he dared to make an outcry or give an alarm for ten minutes after their departure.

Twenty minutes later he poured the story of his experience into the ears of Village Marshal John Nicholson, who, with Policeman "Joe" Schneider, learned of three strange men who had been seen going east toward LaGrange. Village Marshal Huse of LaGrange, was notified by telephone of the robbery and the three suspects headed toward his village.

A suburban train was due at that time in Hinsdale and Policeman Schneider boarded it for LaGrange. Arriving there a few minutes later he joined Marshal Huse and a posse of citizens, who had been organized preparatory to the arrival of the Hinsdale policeman. A good description of the men was had and the posse, armed with revolvers and guns, divided and started back toward Hinsdale along the railroad track, the near-by highway and the suburban street car track. Before the limits of LaGrange were reached a man was found cowering in the shadow of a freight car—calling on him to surrender that part of the posse led by Policeman Schneider started to close in a semicircle.

The man threatened to shoot and was commanded to throw up his hands. He had been covered by his pursuers and his resistance would only result in his death a few minutes later the other crowd, led by Marshal Huse, discovered a strange man answering the description of one of the men getting on a street car that was en route to Chicago. He also showed fight, but was forced to surrender. The two policemen returned to Hinsdale with the prisoners. They gave their names as Henry Murphy and Henry Mortimer of Chicago. Baum identified both men, who refused to give the name of their companion, who escaped.

Both men were bound over to the March grand jury.

The Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company, recently incorporated in New Jersey with \$3,000,000 capital, elected officers, Friday, at Joliet. Senator H. H. Evans of Aurora, was chosen president and E. R. Conklin of Joliet, secretary and treasurer. The company controls the Northwestern telephone system and one or two others. It is proposed to acquire other existing lines and develop new plants. Other officers elected were: Treasurer, A. B. Conklin of Aurora; general counsel, Mazzini Slusser of Downers Grove among the western stockholders are J. F. Haral of Aurora, E. J. Miller of Sycamore, E. J. Clapp of Aurora and B. G. Richmond of Elburn. The principal office of the company is in New Jersey. Branch offices will be maintained in Chicago and Aurora.

The Law Term Jurors drawn for the January term of County Court which convenes in Wheaton, January 13th, 1902, are as follows: Addison—Chas. Strasschild, Wm. Wischstadt, A. L. Kolze; Bloomfield—Fred Mittmann, C. B. Muehlfield, Chas. Pedersohn; Wayne—W. E. Aubrey; Winfield—Andrew Campbell, C. W. Gable, E. E. Belding, H. H. Martin, C. E. Norris; York—Henry Hotz, C. J. Albert, R. M. Hall, Peter Kavanagh; Downers Grove—Thomas Shepard, T. R. Sweeney, John Hearty, S. F. Haller, Chas. Oldfield, Herbert Hesse, A. F. Beldeman, H. W. Dutton; Lisle—Wm. Corel; Naperville—Arthur Strubler, Peter Bapst, Thos. Haast, Wm. Fay, Fred Rich.

David Rogers, aged 38 years, a resident of Warrenville, and one who has been subject to epileptic fits all his life and has not been right mentally, stole away from his home Monday and was killed by the cars a mile east of South Addison on the Illinois Central Railway, Tuesday. He passed through Wheaton Monday evening. It was the first time he had been away from home and diligent search was made for him. A coroner's jury found death due to his having been struck by a train, both shoulder and his neck being broken.

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Coroner Matter began the inquest at their house Thursday, taking the testimony of Mr. and Mrs. Runge and the attending physician, Dr. Bates. The latter testified that the child died from an abscess caused by internal injuries received in the accident. The coroner adjourned the inquest to Downers Grove where the testimony of Samuel Curtis, and Dr. W. W. Gourley, eye witness of the accident, was taken Thursday night. Dr. Gourley attended the infant while in Downers Grove at the home of its mother's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zarn. Here they remained from the time of the accident until November 29th. At the time of its removal to its home the child's condition seemed improved. This, however, was but temporary and it rapidly grew worse until its death December 4th.

Monday morning the inquest was continued, and the testimony of the train crew was taken together with that of the gateman, Michael O'Donnell. All testified that the gates were up at the time of the accident and that no flagman was at the crossing of the switch tracks where the accident occurred. The train crew had seen the buggy just as it was driven south onto the tracks and had cried out to the woman, signaled the engineer to stop, which he did, but too late to prevent the accident. Mrs. Runge had not seen the train which was back of the depot.

After hearing all the evidence the jury found that the child came to its death from the results of injuries received in the accident November 19th, and the railway company was censured for its occurrence.

A horse belonging to Jas. Reidy of Lisle, was killed in a peculiar manner here last Friday evening. While driving south on Carpenter street near the Bush residence the horse driven by Mr. Reidy collided with a pony belonging to C. H. Dicks and driven by his son. The accident happened about eight o'clock, and in the darkness neither driver saw the other in time to turn out. Reidy backed his horse up after the collision intending to drive on. The animal fell down. He got the horse on its feet only to have it fall again. An investigation showed the shaft of the other vehicle had been driven into the Reidy horse severing the jugular vein. The animal bled to death within five minutes after the accident. The Dicks horse was unharmed.

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JURY CENSURES THE RAILROAD.

Infant Child of Mr. and Mrs. F. Runge who was Injured by Train, Dead.

The infant daughter Clara, of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Runge of York Center, who was injured in an accident here November 19th, when the buggy in which Mrs. Runge and her children were driving was run down by the west bound local freight, backing into it while switching, died last Wednesday, the result of injuries received.

Christmas trees at Rang's, leave your order early.

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Local and Personal Paragraphs.

Bargains at the Fair.

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BOOM HOPKINS FOR SENATOR.

Republicans from this Congressional District Name Aurora Man.

Five hundred republicans from the counties of Kane, DuPage, Will and McHenry, comprising the new 11th Illinois congressional district, together with the leading republicans from the other counties in the old 8th district, met at Aurora yesterday and launched a boom for Congressman Albert J. Hopkins for United States Senator. Every county was well represented and short addresses were made by many prominent republicans pledging their support to the Kane county man.

Judge Geo. W. Brown of DuPage county, was chairman of the "love feast," which was held in the Aurora city hall. Speeches were made by Robt. A. Childs of Hinsdale, Judge Donnelly of Woodstock, Judge Batten of Naperville, Howard Snapp of Joliet, Frank Hanchett of Aurora and others. All made open announcements of his candidacy for senator to succeed Senator Wm. E. Mason, which were enthusiastically cheered by the republicans present. Congressman Hopkins made a short address thanking his friends for the enthusiastic reception of his candidacy. Following the "love feast," dinner was served at the Hotel Bishop and at the People's church. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Aurora Republican Club and the Aurora congressman was given a rousing demonstration.

It was understood that Mr. Hopkins would not now be a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman in the new 11th district. The Chicago Tribune says that chief among the aspirants for this position are Colonel Lambert and Howard Snapp of Joliet, Will County being now in the same district with Kane. Ira C. Copley of Aurora, who has business connections in Joliet, is another aspirant, as is Judge George Brown of DuPage county.

Among the prominent DuPage county republicans present at the meeting yesterday were Judge Geo. W. Brown, Dr. J. A. Bell, Judge Batten, Guy L. Bush, C. V. Carpenter, H. H. Peasley, Wm. Hammerschmidt, N. E. Matter, Jas. Hensford, A. L. Ordinger, F. Lawrence, Levi Mertz, A. J. Fairbanks, T. M. Hull, W. B. Carleton, R. A. Childs, Ger. Hoffer, Jacob Gloe, Jas. McKee, A. W. Morrow, L. W. Ruth and Hugh M. White.

The duty of the business man is to urge not only business men but the general membership of the community to participate in politics. That duty does not arise only after nominations are made and tickets are put up between which the voter is to choose, but it extends to the primary elections and the organization of the party machinery. The business man can only accomplish results in politics by directing himself to reforms within his own party rather than by allowing himself to be used as a cat's paw by designing politicians posing as business men in the interest of some political clique or faction. If the business man undertakes to array himself in politics against other classes and to set himself up as endowed with a superior voice in the management of public affairs he will work more harm than good.

The regular meeting of the D. U. W. Club, was held at the home of Mrs. Ditz, with a large attendance. Music by Martha and Lela Puffer. Mrs. Cora Esher Hughes being unable to give her paper, the afternoon was given over to business.

The executive committee of the Illinois Press association met at Springfield recently and arranged for the meeting next year. It is decided to hold the next meeting at Chicago on February 18, 19 and 20. Thomas Rees of Springfield will deliver the annual address.

The Prohibition Club will meet in Carpenter's hall Tuesday evening, December 17th. The financial side of the saloon question will be discussed and business of especial importance to the club transacted. Rousing prohibition music under the direction of A. C. Wisegawer. All welcome.

The pastor of the Methodist church will organize a Junior League in the primary room of the church tomorrow afternoon at 4 p. m. All boys and girls under 14 years of age will be heartily welcomed. The pastor will have charge of the league and will meet them there every Friday afternoon.

The children's dancing party given at Carpenter's hall last Friday evening was a red letter day for the youngsters. The party was given by Mesdames W. A. Tope, J. N. Nargney, V. Simonson, V. Fredenhagen, J. W. Hughes, W. H. Babcock and Chas. Mocheil, and from shortly after seven until ten o'clock the youngsters made merry in various dances including waltzes, two-steps and the more stately quadrilles. During the evening dainty refreshments were served.

A location in one of the best dairy sections of Illinois and the country, and in one of the most progressive towns of the state. A program of unexcelled excellence. A promise of a display of dairy and creamery machinery and supplies that will show all the latest ideas in those lines and the most approved of the old ideas. A purse of nearly \$300 to be offered to exhibitors of butter and cheese. These are some of the attractions for the 25th annual convention of the Illinois State Dairyman's Association which is to be held in Freeport January 7, 8 and 9.

Public Sale—The undersigned will sell at public auction, at the Lamb farm, five miles southeast of Downers Grove and one-half mile west of Lane, on Tuesday, December 17th, commencing at one o'clock p. m., the following: 1 work horse, 6 milch cows, some with calves by side, others coming in, 1 two year old heifer, 2 brood sows, 400 bush oats, 60 Plymouth Rock chickens, 1 Weber wagon, nearly new, 1 Studebaker top buggy, 1 open buggy, 1 hay rack, 1 Deere walking plow, 1 riding cultivator, 1 Buckeye seeder, 2 milk cans, 1 Woods mower, hay in barn, 1 set iron drags, 1 set double harness, 1 single harness, 20 loads of corn fodder, grain bags and other articles too numerous to mention. Terms—Sum of \$10 or less cash. Over that amount a credit of one year will be given on approved notes bearing 6 per cent. interest. C. R. LAMB, Proprietor.

A love feast at Springfield may be held by the republicans during the holidays to talk over differences among the leaders. If the gathering takes place it is certain there will be plenty to talk about. The "love feast" on a big scale, has been a quadrennial function, coming in the winter before presidential election. There is a good excuse for having one precede the off year election this time, because the state has been restricted both congressionally and senatorially. The congressmen will all be at home during the holidays, which furnishes a further excuse.

The state board of health is busy preparing the forms and specifications for blanks to be used by all physicians after January 1st, 1902. At the last session of the legislature a bill was passed providing for the reports of births and deaths, and regulating the interment or disposal of dead bodies, and prescribing a penalty for the non-compliance with the provisions thereof. The bill makes it the duty of every physician and midwife in the state who attends the birth of a child to report said birth within 30 days, to the county clerk of the county in which the birth occurs, the physician receiving the sum of 25 cents for each birth reported. During the present month a copy of the laws, accompanied by a circular letter, will be sent to every city and village board of health and to every supervisor in the state. Ten thousand copies of the law will also be sent to physicians in the state.

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MAIL ROUTE ASSURED

SPECIAL AGENT BENNETT INSPECTS PROPOSED ROUTE.

Farmers Southwest of Downers Grove to Have Benefit of Rural Delivery—Course of Route.

Farmers in Southwestern Downers Grove and in Lisle townships will have the benefit of rural free delivery from the Downers Grove office, by the first of April. The petition for the establishment of such a route having finally been acted upon by the post office department, and an inspector was sent here last week to go over the route proposed.

Geo. A. Bennett of Marengo, special agent for rural mail service for the middle division, was here Friday, and in company with Guy L. Bush and Frank H. Cramer, who have been active in bringing the matter before the post office department, drove over the route. Mr. Bennett approved of the route and will recommend its establishment to the general superintendent of Rural Mail Service. Inasmuch as the Downers Grove route is but one of some five or six hundred applications for free delivery routes it will probably be served "months before the system is in operation, though Mr. Bennett thought it could be established by the first of April.

The route decided upon is about 20 miles in length and daily deliveries will be made. About 300 farmers will secure the service. Any one living on the route can have the benefit of the service by providing himself with a small box of the pattern approved by the department. The route leads out of Downers Grove on the road south of W. S. Bryan's to Prentiss' corner, thence west to the township line road at A. Hoffert's, thence south to Cramer's corner, thence west to A. Rohmer's farm, thence north Fink's corner, thence west to D. M. Green's, thence south into Will county to cross the DuPage river bridge, thence north on the west side of the river to D. D. Barnard's thence east to the Goodrich school house, where a government mail box will be located, thence northeast through Belmont to the Fuller school house, where another government box will be placed, thence east on the Plank road to Highland avenue and south to Downers Grove.

Carriers must make daily collections and deliveries, except Sunday, regardless of the weather. Carriers are paid \$500 a year. An effort is being made to get the amount increased to \$600. For this amount they must furnish their own team and wagon; must furnish bond in the sum of \$500, and also have a substitute carrier in case of the inability of the carrier to make the trip. The substitute must also furnish bond. Several applications were made for the position. The applications were carefully considered and the contract awarded to E. C. Stanley who is in a position to handle it perhaps better than any man who could have been chosen.

Considerable credit for the establishment of the route is due to Frank H. Cramer, who secured the signatures to the petition and has worked hard for the establishment of the route.

FOR DEATH REPORTS.

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