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NUMBER

Hang Italian Murderer.

Antonio Romano Expiates Crime on Gallows at Geneva Friday

Dundee Bank Closed its Doors Last Monday—Work on Wheaton Improvements Delayed—Other County News from Exchanges.

National Bank Examiner Oakley of Chicago arrived at Dundee Monday and took charge of the First National bank, which failed to open its doors that morning. The bank was organized three years ago. The capital stock was placed at \$50,000 and the deposits are \$150,000. Suspicion as to the affairs of the bank resulted from an investigation made by president Duneton, who notified the comptroller of the currency. East Dundee is building a waterworks system and the First National bank had agreed to take up the city bonds. Upon learning that \$2,500 in bonds would be ready for acceptance within a few days, it was found that the bank did not have that amount on hand. The officers of the bank are: Dolos Dunton, president; A. F. Chapman, vice-president; F. B. Wright, cashier; Dolos Dunton, A. F. Chapman, H. C. Edwards, Jacob Waterman, Geo. A. Witburn and John A. Waterman, directors. The heaviest depositors are the dairymen of the district.

By a recent decision of the supreme court rendered in the latter part of October, it may again be necessary for the city of Wheaton to delay the work on the improvements for next year. The court held that it was necessary in sending out the notices of assessments that the engineer's report together with an itemized estimate of the cost, be made a part of the record of the resolution. Prior to this, such notices were given to the public by the board of local improvement, and to individual property owners, as now seems necessary. This will certainly be discouraging to the Wheaton city council, who have already put in an enormous amount of work on the contemplated improvement, but in the event it is found necessary to do the work over again, the city has a mayor that will stop at no obstacle but death, and his associates on the board will willingly render him all the assistance in their power.—Democrat

Antonio Romano alias Michel Angeli-Filippis, a former leader of the Mafia, was hanged at Geneva Friday for the murder of Nicholas Tomasso at Aurora some month ago. The condemned man confessed that he had been prominent in the Mafia, that he had taken part in the killing of Chief of Police Hennessy at New Orleans years ago, and that Tomasso was tracked down and slain because he refused to participate in Hennessy's murder. Romano fled to Italy after the New Orleans affair, but came back a year ago to kill Tomasso. He finally found Tomasso, lured him into a box car and killed him with an ax. Romano freely confessed the murder on the scaffold and said that while he knew he deserved to die, he hated to give up his life. He was cool and collected to the end.

We are under obligations to Capt. T. S. Rogers for a copy of the statement of the property assessed in Illinois for the year 1903, from the state board of equalization. In the statement we find DuPage county has 7,827 houses with an average value of \$12.95; that average is higher than the majority of counties; 25,379 head of cattle with an average value of \$5.56. According to the table there are only seven counties out of the 103 whose average is higher. We have 818 sheep, 13,194 hogs and sows, 1,677 sewing machines, 986 pianos, 285 organs, 201,441 acres of land with an average value of \$15.07 per acre. There are 5,028 improved lots with an average value of 226.29 per lot. There are 23,997 unimproved lots, value \$14.86 each.

James E. Hardy died from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid, self-administered, Wednesday night at his home in LaGrange. Mr. Hardy was a pressman employed in the printing house of E. J. Decker & company, Chicago. Despondency over the prospect of losing his situation is thought to be the cause of the rash act. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Deceased was a member of Ashler lodge, A. F. & A. M., Chicago, and served a term as Master of that order.

The entire force in the county clerk's office are busy extending the taxes which the people of DuPage county will have to pay in a couple of months. It is a job of considerable magnitude. Every piece of property in the county has to be listed and all of the personal property noted.—Journal.

The artisan well drillers at Naperville are in trouble. At a depth of 1,000 feet they met with a cave in which will necessitate their taking up 400 feet of pipe already in.

There were 113 cases of scarlet fever in Elmhurst last week. The public and parochial schools were closed by the village board of health.

OFFICIAL BOARD PROCEEDINGS.

Minutes of Meeting of Supervisors Held Tuesday—Report of October Grand Jury.

Proceedings of the board of supervisors of DuPage county at a special meeting held at the court house in Wheaton on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, pursuant to call of chair. Meeting called to order with Supervisor Betts presiding. Roll call noted all present except Supervisor Churchill. Proceedings of last preceding meeting read and approved. All bills and communications on file with the clerk read and referred to their respective committees.

The following report of grand jury for the October term was read and ordered of record: The grand jury having completed its labors, begs leave to submit the following report: We have heard the witnesses to complaints in 14 cases and found 11 true bills and 3 no bills. In accordance with the instructions given by the court, we have visited and inspected the county buildings, including the court house, jail and county farm and find the same in excellent condition. The condition of the county jail, under the administration of Sheriff Hiser, shows that the same is being kept in excellent condition, the prisoners well cared for and a high standard of discipline maintained. Our inspection at the county farm showed conclusively that the affairs of that institution are conducted in a very businesslike manner, the farm and buildings in a very neat and sanitary condition, the crops look unusually well and the discipline and care of the inmates reflects great credit on the present management of the institution. We also believe that the vegetable building now in course of erection is well planned and will supply a long felt want, and further recommend that the board of supervisors take some action as soon as practical to improve the system of ventilation in the main building, particularly in the female ward. We feel that it would not be inappropriate to express, as we do now, their high appreciation of the services of Hon. M. Stuever, state's attorney, his uniform courtesy and manifest ability to respond promptly to any and all demands made upon him, make him a public servant worthy of commendation and therefore we take pleasure in spreading upon the record, this mark of our approval.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, Chairman Betts was authorized to sign the petitions of Harry W. Darling and the LaGrange Gas company for the privilege of laying gas mains in the streets fronting the court house grounds. The report of superintendent of county farm was read and placed on file. On motion of Supervisor Bartlett the following report of committee on claims was approved: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the board of supervisors: Your committee to whom have been referred the claims beg to report that they have examined all claims presented and recommend the payment of the following and that the clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts, to-wit:

Chicago Chair Co., 1 chair.....	\$ 29 60
E. B. Howe, material and labor.....	39 34
R. T. Morgan, clerk hire.....	150 00
Same, postage.....	17 90
Same, books.....	15 00
Merrill Printing Co., tax receipts.....	49 57
Miller Davis Printing Co., tax calculator.....	45 00
Wheaton Electric Co., lights.....	13 30
P. F. Pettibone & Co., books.....	51 22
Wheaton Waterworks, water.....	31 72
Chas. Miller, labor.....	15 90
Pelronnet & Co., coal.....	189 78
F. J. Knight, postage and ex.....	80 80
J. M. Hiser, Clerk hire.....	100 00
Same, sheriff's fees.....	69 84
E. W. Bixby, meals for jurors.....	12 25
H. C. Kinsely, material and labor.....	310 50
Jas. McClintock, com work and ex.....	4 00
J. E. Bender, same.....	57 80
Thos. Betts, same.....	10 10
Chicago Tel Co., toll.....	15 20
W. C. Fox, deputy fees.....	27 00
W. W. DeWolf, same.....	21 00
E. Northrop, same.....	24 00

The bill of E. B. Howe, for care of county inmates, which has heretofore been paid we have examined and found correct. Moved by Supervisor Hammerschmidt that the county order on atlas of DuPage county from the Middle West Publishing company. Ayes and nays being called the motion was declared lost.

On proper motion board adjourned to call of chair. H. F. LAWRENCE, Clerk.

THE REV. IRL R. HICKS 1904 ALMANAC.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks almanac for 1904 is now ready. It will be mailed to any address for 30 cents. It is surprising how such an elegant, costly book can be sent prepaid so cheaply. No family or person is prepared to study the heavens or the storms and weather in 1904, without this wonderful Hicks almanac and Prof. Hick's splendid paper, Word and Works. Both are sent for only one dollar a year. Word and Works is among the best American magazines. Like the Hicks almanac it is too well known to need further commendation. Few men have labored more faithfully for the public good or found a warmer place in the hearts of the people. Send orders to Word and Works Publishing Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Correct styles in wedding invitations and announcements at the Harmon.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

Lyon is here.

The Wheel Cigar, White Rose gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. If in need of good horse blankets C. Penner has them.

Five-A, the guarantee for a good horse blanket at C. Penner's.

Mrs. J. G. Bennett and family have moved to Chicago for the winter.

Miss Mabel Stanley visited Mrs. Addie McKee in LaGrange last week.

Miss Anna Roe is visiting relatives at Goodland, Ind., until after the holidays.

Miss Maureen Sayers of Evanston is the guest of Mrs. Hugh M. White this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Willard have moved into their new residence on Foots street.

Mrs. P. Corcoran of East Maple avenue left last week to spend the winter at Saque, Cal.

Suburban trains on the Burlington will run on the Sunday schedule today—Thanksgiving.

If you want the best value for money in horse blankets call at C. Penner's and buy the Eclipse.

Boys and girls and others not so young are enjoying the excellent skating on the north side lake.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held at the Auditorium this morning at 10:30. Rev. M. H. Lyon will speak.

Mrs. Ida Welch of Welch, La., arrived in Downers Grove yesterday morning to visit her father, Wm. Bryce.

Mrs. T. S. Rogers, who has been dangerously ill, is now steadily improving in health and her complete recovery is confidently expected.

Another great meeting for men at the Auditorium, Sunday at 3 p. m. Mr. Lyon will speak to men on "Profit and Loss." Do not miss it.

Shaving outfits for Christmas presents. Handsome designs. Order early as some time is required to burn names on mugs. Edwin Frank.

Mrs. Rosa S. Johnson of Downers Grove was granted a divorce from Olaf E. Johnson by Judge Brown in the circuit court at Wheaton Monday.

Thanksgiving weather of the old-fashioned kind, with keen winds, occasional snow flurries and floating gray clouds is predicted for the great national holiday.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Auditorium in connection with the present evangelistic meetings, Thursday morning, Nov. 26, at 10:30 o'clock.

Hereafter no trainmen under 21 years of age will be employed by the Burlington according to recent orders. No boys under 16 years of age will be employed in the company's shops.

E. Smith will sell at auction on the McGarry farm, Dec. 2, at 10 o'clock: 3 good work horses, 5 full-blooded Poland China sows, some with litters, implements and household furniture.

Adolph Offerle, who resides on the Lindley farm 2 miles south of East Grove, will hold a sale of his personal property next Monday at ten o'clock. Mr. Offerle expects to move to Downers Grove to reside.

Straube pianos are in more homes in Downers Grove than any other make, because they are superior to all others in tone, durability and finish. Price and terms of E. Herzberg, vice-president Straube Piano company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Kuzenzel are comfortably established in the home in New Bremen, Ohio. They do not forget their many friends and former neighbors in Downers Grove who also bear this worthy couple in pleasant remembrance.

The Congregational Aid society will serve their monthly luncheon on Dec. 10th at which a special Christmas sale will be given. Dolls, cushions and numerous other articles suitable for holiday presents can be procured at that time.

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Library association will be held in the library room, Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1, at 2:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested for the purpose of talking over the best means of raising funds for new books and other matters of interest to the association.

The LaGrange Gas company completed this week all the laying of gas mains that will be done in Hinsdale this winter, and in a few days the pressure test of the mains will be made, and as soon as any possible leaks are remedied the system will be ready for the use of consumers. It is likely that the company will begin to sell gas Dec. 1.

Lyon is here.

National Light oil at Nash's. Cook's Flaked Rice at the Fair. Best oil in town at Curtiss & Hearst's.

S. Hoyden of Chicago spent Sunday with E. W. Foster.

Mertz & Mochel sold three stoves to families in Lombard last week.

The Downers Grove foot ball team will play the Naval Reserves today.

The postoffice will be closed from 10 until 4 o'clock today—Thanksgiving.

J. B. Thompson of Mayfair was the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Belden, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Escher of Mantou, Col., are visiting relatives in Downers Grove.

Pickles, all kinds, at Gerwig's. Genuine German dill, sweet, sour and bottled goods.

J. W. Morford was in Springfield last week in attendance at the grand lodge, I. O. O. F.

Miss Isabel Bliss, of Albion, Mich., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Huntington this week.

The Lotus club will give a concert at the Evanston avenue M. E. church in Chicago, Dec. 11.

That reported case of small pox at Gostyn turned out to be nothing more serious than a case of the itch.

In accordance with orders from the postoffice department rural mail carriers will omit the Thanksgiving delivery.

Wanted—Good, strong girl for general housework; good wages. Apply to Mrs. E. E. Stevens, 158 North Main street.

A special meeting for women at the Auditorium Friday at 2:30 p. m. Every woman and young woman in the community is invited.

Mrs. Frank Babel and daughter of Naperville, who have been visiting G. C. Babel and family, left Tuesday for a visit at Nashville, Tenn.

The Burlington fast mail made another record breaking run last Monday covering the distance between Burlington and Chicago, 206 miles in 198 minutes.

The last meeting of the Woman's club was devoted to domestic science. Mrs. Helen Armstrong of Chicago gave a lecture and demonstrations on this subject.

What is known as the Graves farm at Belmont will be sold under foreclosure at Wheaton next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. It will be divided and sold in six pieces.

Supervisor Blodgett took Henry Dinkler to the infirmary last Saturday. Mr. Dinkler has been in feeble health for some time and it is hoped that the change may benefit him.

Do not fail to attend the entertainment next Saturday evening at the Auditorium. It is Lotus club night and will be equal to any of the other entertainments that have been given.

The firm of E. L. Sheers & Co., composed of E. L. and L. P. Sheers report the sale of the C. S. Hughes property, on Highland and Warren avenues, to A. J. Lewallyn of Chicago, for a consideration of \$6,500.

W. W. Alford has arrived home from California for a short visit. Owing to the state of his health he expects to make that state his permanent home and will sell his personal property here and move his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Schachner entertained the members of the Lotus club and a few other friends at their pleasant home on Gilbert avenue last Friday evening. The evening was devoted to music and refreshments were served.

The young people of Downers Grove will dance at Carpenter's hall tonight at a Thanksgiving ball arranged by Messrs. F. D. Lampke, J. F. Wermuth and L. E. Stanley. A program of fifteen dances will be given to music furnished by the Ideal orchestra.

Supervisors Betts, Kohley and Blodgett were summoned to meet on the 28 at the dwelling house on the farm of Wm. F. Hoermann, to hear a road appeal taken from the decision of the commissioners of highways. The case involved the opening of a new public road, and the property owners were not satisfied with the damages awarded.

Local merchants are opening their fall stocks and are showing magnificent lines of the latest styles and patterns. They are also making prices on these goods that will draw purchasers from the territory within a radius of many miles. Watch the announcements in the Enquirer. It pays to patronize the live merchants who solicit your examination of their stock of goods.

LOTUS CLUB NIGHT.

Entertainment with Novel Features to be Given at Auditorium Saturday Night.

Lotus club night in the Downers Grove entertainment course will be next Saturday evening, Nov. 28, and an especially fine program has been prepared. In addition to the Lotus club in club songs, quartettes and duets the management has been fortunate in securing the services of Windecker, the great, a prestidigitator of high class; besides Robert C. Bain, whistler and Miss Ruth E. Bols, violinist and whistler, both musicians of talent. These attractions will add materially to the pleasure of the evening. Altogether the entertainment will be one of the best of the course. The program is as follows:

- 1 Marching.....Trotter-Nevins
- 2 Whistling Solo—Social Lion Waltzes.....Friedman
- 3 A Salt in Sight.....Gassett
- 4 Violin Solo—Mazurka.....Wisniewski
- 5 Simple Simon.....Macy
- 6 Whistling Solo—Spanish Love Song—(A Gipsy Maiden).....Parker
- 7 Little Boy Blue.....Westerhoff
- 8 W. R. KING, R. L. KELLOGG, L. P. BRIDELMAN, W. B. TOWLE, W. W. DECKER, THE GREAT
- 9 Whistling Duet—Home to Our Mountains.....Verdi
- 10 Sweet Dreamland Faces.....Hutchinson

SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT.

The teachers of the public school have arranged to hold an art exhibit at the south school building during the first week in December. The exhibit will be similar in character to the one held about a year ago, which was so successful. Each afternoon of the week the pictures will be open to the public. These pictures will comprise reproductions of the best art of the world, ancient and modern. They will be classified into four groups—(1) classical art, Egyptian art, Italian art and modern art. The pictures are large, clear and of the best quality. It will be a valuable study for any one to see and know them and the village is to be congratulated that they have the privilege to see these master pieces in their own community. Admission will be ten cents. All the money taken for admissions will be used to buy pictures to hang on the school walls and beautify the school rooms. Tickets can be purchased of the school children. A prize of a valuable picture is offered to the room selling the most tickets. It is to be hoped that everybody who has an interest in the school will secure a ticket and come to the exhibit.

BURLINGTON'S TELEPHONE LINE.

After several years of labor a complete telephone service between Chicago and Burlington, Iowa, was opened Tuesday by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. The entire system is owned and will be operated for the exclusive benefit of the company. Over it they expect to transact the bulk of their business in every line, putting an end to the sending of thousands of telegrams and letters. It is the first stretch to what will be a telephone service that will connect all stations on the system. On the Chicago-Burlington line just opened there are 383 individual telephones, connected with seven private exchanges of the company. When finished the complete service will include 2,500 telephones. The estimated cost of the work is \$300,000. The only thing the railroad does not own outright are the telephone instruments, which are leased from the Bell company. All of the block signal stations between Chicago and Burlington have been supplied with telephones.

ELECTRIC CARRIES SUNDAY PAPERS.

The Chicago papers are now brought out over the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago road. This enables the people of Aurora, Elgin and intermediate towns to get a later paper than heretofore. The papers heretofore sent out over the railroad had to go to press at midnight and the Chicago people were served with a paper several hours later. Under the present management the people inside the electric belt get just as late a paper as their city counterparts.—Journal.

WOMAN'S GUILD ANNUAL BAZAAR.

The Woman's Guild of St. Andrew's church will hold their annual bazaar in aid of the church on Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 3, in the Miller block on Railroad street. They will have for sale many dainty and useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts. There will be candy booths and refreshments will be for sale. Come and bring your friends and encourage the women in behalf of the Bible school church.

Herring-Martin Wedding.

Paul W. Herring and Miss Caroline Herring Married Thursday.

Brilliant Home Wedding for Two of Downers Grove's Prominent Young People—Guests Witness The Ceremony.

The wedding of Mr. Paul William Herring and Miss Caroline Helen Martin was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Martin, 43 Grove street, Thursday evening, Nov. 19th, 1903.

Promptly at 7:30 to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Georgia Weber, of Edgewater, the bridal party descended the broad stairs and took their places beneath a floral ball suspended from the grill between the parlors. The path of the bridal party was marked by ropes of amliax, the gift of a friend in California. The brief but impressive ceremony was performed by the Rev. Herbert H. Rood, the ring service being used.

The bride's gown was silk, elaborately trimmed with silk applique and lace. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Annie Herring, the maid of honor, was charmingly gowned in pale green, silk, tulle and carried white chrysanthemums. Little Miss Marvin Norton of Joliet, niece of the bride, proceeded her down the stairs carrying a basket of white carnations and ferns. Mr. Herring was attended by Mr. Arthur Whiffin as best man.

After receiving the congratulations of the guests, the bridal party repaired to the dining room which was artistically decorated in green and white. The happy couple left on the 10:35 for southern points of interest. The bride's going away gown was a dark green tailor made with a hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Herring were accompanied to the train by a host of their young friends who showered them with rice, confetti, old shoes and good wishes. Many useful and valuable presents were received, among them being a large cut glass vase and sherry cups, from the members of the M. E. church of which the bride has been the efficient organist for several years. The groom's gift to the bride was a diamond and pearl earring. Mr. and Mrs. Herring will be at home after the holidays at 114 Fairmount avenue.

Among the out of town guests were Mrs. M. C. Harding and Clarence Luther of Evanston; the Misses Georgia and Gussie Weber of Edgewater; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clary, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ulrich and Miss Polly Batterham of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Luce and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cross of LaGrange; Mrs. J. L. Pickett, Chicago; Mrs. H. S. Norton and Misses Norton of Joliet.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS CLOSE SUNDAY.

Rev. Milford H. Lyon will close his work in the Evangelistic meetings here next Sunday evening, Thursday morning a union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Auditorium. Sunday morning at 10:30 a union meeting of the churches and a farewell in the evening at 7 o'clock. There will also be a meeting for men only again Sunday at 3 p. m. A meeting for the women only Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The services have resulted in much good and have been a source of revival and regeneration to many souls.

BIG LIVE STOCK EXHIBIT.

Illinois people will be interested to know that the commissioners for this state to the Louisiana Purchase exposition are laying plans which they hope will yield in favor of Illinois the best exhibit and carry off the largest winnings in live stock of any state in the union. Such a result as this they feel to be due to the importance of the live stock interest in that state. They desire to press this matter on public attention the more, because live stock is the only interest for which such premiums are offered in the exposition.

CASE ITEMS.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Georgia Loney, daughter of Theodore Loney of Lemont, to William Andrus. The wedding will occur at the Lemont M. E. church, Dec. 10. After the ceremony a reception will be held at the residence of the bride's parents. Miss Wanda Cleveland of Lockport spent last week with friends in Cass. M. B. Madden is now teaching the Cass church.

IMPROVING TELEPHONE SERVICE.

The Chicago Telephone company has been making extensive improvements in its line equipment. New cables have been put in the network of wires in the city and the work all over the city.