

Robbers at West Chicago

Byron McCain's Life Saved by Grafting Skin on Arm.

Senator Evans Wins Out in Senatorial Convention in Kane—Cherry and Beckus Renominated—Other County News.

Having aroused the entire town of West Chicago by blowing open a safe in C. McCartney's hardware store and wrecking the building, a band of desperadoes made their escape early yesterday morning by running the gauntlet down the main street while excited citizens in night garb shot at them from nearly every window and an exterminator posse pressed them from the rear. From time to time they returned the fire, which poured upon them from both sides, and finally vanished in the darkness at the outskirts of the town. Postmaster Creager, J. P. Hooper and others who live near the McCartney store, were awakened by an explosion and rushed to their doors with revolvers. They saw two or three men running from the hardware store and fired after them. The burglars returned the fusillade and the rattle of the guns awakened half the town. The men escaped and are thought to have reached a freight train bound for Chicago. The robbery is considered the boldest on record in the neighborhood of West Chicago. The men entered the store by prying off the lock and then attacked the safe. The charge of dynamite was so large that it not only wrecked the safe but shattered the windows in the store and shook the buildings on either side. The robbers were quick in their work, however, for before they were driven from the building they had taken from the safe \$100 in money, several diamond rings and valuable papers. The character of the work, the heavy charge of dynamite used and the daring attempt to drive back a posse of indignant citizens, instead of seeking safety in immediate flight, are regarded by the West Chicago authorities as indicating that the men were rather inexperienced.

Following are the jurors drawn for the June term of county court, which convenes in Wheaton June 13: Addison—Martin Stamer, H. B. Marshall, Bloomington—Kenner Baker, Mike Fortman, William Handicker, Wayne—Albert Noigt, Winfield—George Coleman, Fred Rohr, John Enders, Benjamin Howarth, J. C. Robertson, K. S. Brown, Milton—Ed. Yackley, Robert Lockman, Adam Derback, George J. Fortman, Warren L. Wheaton. York—Julius Most, August Schumacher, Fred Goltzman, M. C. Carroll, John Torode, H. G. Struckmann, Downers Grove—F. E. Roth, E. N. Scherer, H. J. Lehman, Louis Schultz, H. M. Kimball, John Garst, J. N. Nargney, A. H. Barnhart, Lisle—George Yackley, Charles LaCey, Naperville—Carl Knuck, Edward Laird, Aaron Distinger.

Skin taken from egg shells and grafted on the charred arm of Byron McCain of Wheaton saved his life. In a remarkable operation performed by Dr. J. W. McDonald 320 inches of skin was replaced and the patient left the Aurora hospital a healthy man. Owing to the great amount of skin required for the operation the physicians were unable to secure enough human tissue to replace that which had been short when McCain's arm accidentally short-circuited 20,000 volts of electricity. Though his wife and mother supplied some skin from their own limbs, it was found not sufficient and egg shells had to be resorted to. Dr. McDonald declares that the experiment was a success and that the grafting, which has consumed four months, has saved McCain's life.

The senatorial convention of Kane and Kendall counties was held in Aurora Tuesday. There was a determined effort on the part of some to down Senator H. H. Evans of Anrona, one of the oldest senators in point of service. When the votes were counted it was found that Colonel Evans had received 128, and his opponent, ex-Mayor Price of Elgin, 26. It will be seen by this vote that imported political speakers who undertake to under-rate a man in his own county might as well be left at home. Charles T. Cherry of Kendall county and C. H. Baekens of Hampshire, were nominated for the lower house.—Journal.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Scharenble of Anrona, met with a very painful and peculiar accident a week ago. The child while sitting in a chair, in some manner fell out, and in so doing struck her chin against the floor. As the little girl fell she clenched her tongue between her teeth and bit the end almost completely off, only a shred holding it in place. Surgeons were called and sewed the portion of the tongue back again. The child's speech will be all right as soon as the tongue heals.

Rumors of a new electric road running north and south through the county are hailed with joy by our citizens. A party of surveyors has been at work west of town following the DuPage river which has added to the interest in the matter.—Clarion.

WILL WAGE WAR ON UNTAXED DOGS.

Authorities to Enforce Payment of Delinquent Dog Tax.

Owners of dogs who neglect or refuse to pay their dog tax will have an opportunity to make settlement with the police magistrate unless the license fee is paid forthwith. The provisions of the ordinances are very rigid in regard to licensing dogs, and Monday night the board gave orders to enforce these provisions to the letter. Suits will be instituted immediately after June 1 against owners who fail to pay and judgment secured for the tax and costs, and instead of \$1 they will be compelled to pay, in addition, \$2.85 costs. If this cannot be collected by execution then the delinquents will be arrested and fined and committed to jail until the fine is paid. Then, too, the ordinances provide that any dogs running at large may be killed by the police officer. All these penalties are provided by ordinance for owners who fail to pay their dog license fees. The board has fully determined to collect the dog tax or make things decidedly interesting for the owners. Owners must pay the license or untaxed dogs will be scarce in the village.

CASS ITEMS.

Martin B. Madden moved into their new residence at Carys yesterday. Arthur Jones of Fullersburg spent Sunday with his uncle, George Littleford. Rinold, Zielko is hauling a carload of drain tile from Downers Grove this week. Mr. Clutter and family will occupy J. F. Smart's cottage and will work the Madden farm. Miss Jerusha Hearlt returned home from the city last week, where she has been visiting.

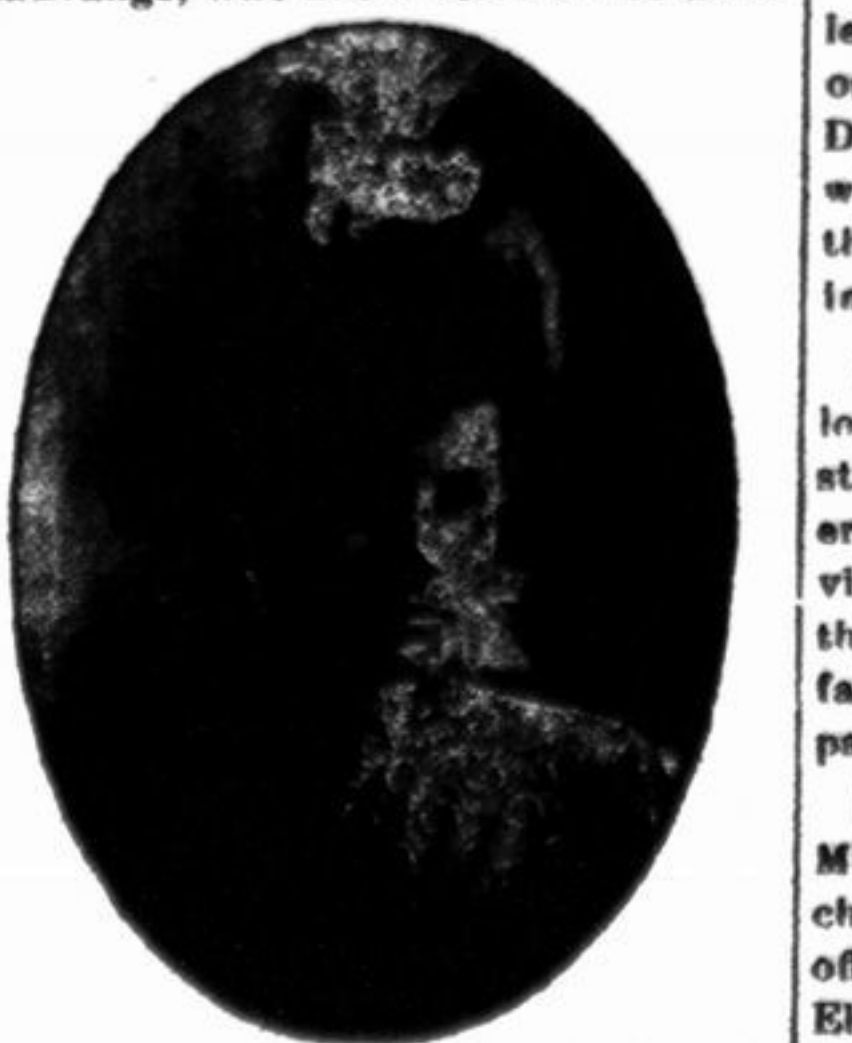
Now is the time to have your cemetery lot improved. One dollar paid to the sexton will keep your lawn mowed and cleaned the entire summer. Miss Clara Smart met with a serious accident last week. While helping to adjust a folding bed it collapsed, striking her in the eye. Several stitches were required to close the wound. There will be a phonograph concert in the schoolhouse in center Cass Friday night, and also one Saturday night at the Poppelreiter. Concert at 8 o'clock. Admission, 10 and 15 cents.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS PAY COSTS.

Those who have not paid their taxes are now liable to the assessment of costs. The county treasurer has furnished his list of delinquents and each owner of a city lot who is in arrears must pay after April 1, three cents for each description of town lots and acre property. After April 10, 13 cents for each description of town lots and 23 cents for each description of acre property. After May 1, 16 cents for each description of town lots and 26 cents for each description of acre property. Interest after May 1, one per cent. After June 1, two per cent. Judgment will be applied for on the first Monday in June against all property on which the taxes or special assessments remain unpaid at that date. Tax sale begins the second Monday in June. A large number of people make a business of bidding in property allowed to be sold in this manner, and it sometimes happens that a valuable estate is held on a tax title.

VIOLIN RECITAL TONIGHT.

Charles S. LaBerge will give a violin recital at the Baptist church tonight. He will be assisted by Miss Bessie Selbie, a talented young soprano soloist of LaGrange, who has a voice of remarkable



richness and power. Mr. LaBerge's ability is recognized by all lovers of good music and he plays with great expression and feeling. Tickets are on sale at the drug stores.

The state convention for the nomination of a governor and state officers meets at Springfield today. The delegates from DuPage county are Geo. W. Brown, A. J. Johnson, C. V. Carpenter, M. L. Raffron, Guy L. Bush, C. W. Leffer, H. H. Penales, Wm. Hamerschmidt, G. A. Fischer and C. E. Smiley. The delegation is unopposed.

Local and Personal Paragraphs

The Wochrel Cigar. White Ross gasoline, Nash's. Additional local news on fifth page. Manna bread at Rang's, the best made—try it. Wigglestick laundry blue at Gerwig's.

Dance at the Auditorium next Thursday evening. L. W. Winchester and family moved to Ravenswood Monday.

Miss Orcona Churchill left last week to visit her brother at Washta, Iowa.

For Sale—Good milch cow, will be fresh in two weeks. Enquire of J. W. Worley.

John W. Graves has commenced the erection of a residence on Highland avenue.

For Sale—Five room house on Maple avenue with large lot. Apply to Henry Selig.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Courtright left Monday for their future home at Bakersfield, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dawes left Monday for Evanston, where they will spend the summer.

J. E. Osborne, who has been a resident of Downers Grove the past year, has returned to Chicago.

Capt. T. S. Rogers will leave next week for California and will spend several weeks there before returning home with his wife.

Guy L. Bush returned Sunday from Charlotte, N. C., and left Tuesday for Springfield to attend the republican state convention.

The furniture company will build on the Rogers property on Rogers street, between Washington street and Highland avenue, instead of in Gostyn, as originally intended.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jackson, who have been living in Decatur the past year, visited old friends in Downers Grove this week before going to their new home at Lake Forest.

C. H. Coates of the Germania Insurance company was here Tuesday and adjusted the fire loss on Fred Binder's barn which occurred last Friday evening and was insured in D. G. Graham's agency.

The Glee club from Northwestern college at Naperville will give a concert at the Auditorium on Saturday, May 23. A good program will be rendered. Everyone should reserve this date and come out.

Wanted—German or American girl for general house work at LaGrange, family of two, good wages. Write or telephone 903, charging tolls to Mrs. Geo. B. Dunbar, 300 South Spring avenue, LaGrange.

I desire, through the columns of this paper, to express my thanks and appreciation to the Modern Woodmen and also the Yeomen for their prompt payment of insurance on the life of my dear husband. Mrs. E. F. Lindley.

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Naramore & Foster have opened up a local real estate office at 24 South Main street, where they will conduct a general office business. They cordially invite the public to call and make known their wants, and hope by courteous and fair treatment to receive a fair share of patronage.

Next Sabbath evening the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church will hold their annual thank-offering meeting at 7:30. Miss Martelle Elliott of Chicago will give the address. Miss Elliott is an unusually fine speaker and has recently returned from India, where she spent five years in aggressive missionary work.

About a thousand school children, together with a liberal sprinkling of adults, witnessed the passage of a special train loaded with machinery of J. I. Cass company's manufacture yesterday morning. The special train drew a larger crowd than a circus and had some of the features of the latter. A steam calliope rendered popular music.

Private cars will be quartered on the World's fair grounds at the rate of \$10 a day, including switching charges and sanitary service. This is pleasant news to most of us who were fearing that we would have to leave our private cars outside where the cows would eat the lunch and the feed for the team. We may now safely proceed.

There is a notice at the east gate entrance to the Ducat grounds to prevent driving through. We find many persons pay little attention to it. On Sunday a party well known in the village had the impudence to drive over the lawn between the two houses. Such lawlessness will not be tolerated any longer. For the future both gates will be kept locked on Sunday and the south gate always. The Northern Trust Company. Walter Scott Bryan, Manager.

F. A. Beby, who for a number of years resided at the Belmont railroad station, died at the county farm Tuesday morning. The remains were brought to Downers Grove, where the funeral was held from the Raby home yesterday. Rev. H. H. Rood officiated.

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SEEK BRIDES FROM FOX RIVER VALLEY.

Men of Middle West Attracted by Industrious Girls of Illinois Towns.

Western ranchmen, business and clerks in the prosperous towns of the middle west would like to find wives in the Fox valley of Illinois. They have expressed the desire to take them from among the small army of shop girls who are earning their own way in the busy world.

Long before this offer was made it had gone forth that the prettiest and brainiest girls of the industrial world belonged to the beautiful prairie land through which the historic Fox courses its way, so when the offer reached the valley it was nothing more than the expected that had taken place.

During the winter some of the girls in Aurora were locked out of work by the operations of the strike. The reports of the trouble traveled many hundreds of miles and more than half of the nation knew what was taking place in the Fox river metropolis. One day one of the town officials received a letter from Nebraska saying that he had been keeping track of the troubles of the shop girls and he would do his part in the matter of helping to take care of them in this season of adversity. He owned a large farm and he would marry any good, honest girl that the mayor would pick out. There were more letters of this kind, and from them Capt. H. has already made himself busy.

All of this brings out the fact that the Fox valley shops have furnished more good, honest, industrious girls for wives than any other section of country in the middle west. They are employed in Aurora, Geneva, St. Charles and Elgin. All of these towns are connected by the Elgin, Aurora & Southern trolley line, and they go back and forth, working, some of them, in their own town, and others in the concerns of the other places. They make concerts in Aurora, work in the starch factory at Geneva, condense and can milk in St. Charles, and several hundred are making watch movements in Elgin.

When the evening whistles blow the hives of the various localities turn out a collection of young women among which few sensible men would have trouble in picking a wife. Thousands of men have already had that experience. More wedding parties have come out of the Fox valley in the last two years than any other section of similar area in the state of Illinois. Not long ago a passenger conductor of one of the Northwestern trains said he hauled all the way from two to five bridal pairs a trip.

The Ladies' Library association will serve a lunch in the basement of the Congregational church on Thursday, May 19th. Lunch will be served at 12 o'clock for 15 cents. Proceeds to be used to purchase books.

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"Steps to Success," a lecture by Rev. W. H. Nugent, will be given at the Congregational church Friday evening under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society. Admission, 30 and 10 cents.

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Will Pass Sewer Ordinance

Board Will Order Sanitary System Built at Meeting Tonight.

Plans for South Side Storm Water Sewer System—Public Hearing to be Given Monday Evening, May 23d.

The ordinance ordering the sanitary sewer system for the village of Downers Grove will come up for passage at the adjourned meeting of the board of trustees tonight. All the preliminaries have been arranged and the ordinance ordering the improvement is ready for passage. The plan is the same as that outlined at the public hearing, no change having been made by the board subsequent to the hearing. The assessment will be spread over a period of ten years and this, the board feels, will not prove a hardship on any property owner. It is hoped to have the assessment for the improvement confirmed at the July term of court.

At the adjourned meeting Monday evening permits were granted Bush & Simonson and W. S. Carpenter to sell liquors for medical and chemical purposes.

A resolution was adopted increasing the salary of the village collector to \$30 per month and J. W. Nash was appointed as village collector.

Claim ordinance No. 148 was passed providing for the payment of an electric light bond and interest, also interest on the general improvement bonds, and other claims, the total amount of the ordinance being \$1,225.50.

U. C. Rabel was reappointed as superintendent of the water and light department. Bonds of the clerk, policeman and street commissioner were approved.

A requisition from the fire department for one dozen rubber coats, one-half dozen pairs of rubber boots and two axes was referred to finance committee with power to act.

The board of local improvements held an adjourned meeting Monday evening to consider the plans for the south side storm sewer. Engineer Shields presented the plans which provide for the cleaning and improvement of 4700 feet of the creek by widening and deepening the channel so it shall have a width of ten feet at the bottom and a uniform depth, from Carpenter street to East Maple avenue. A 15-inch tile drain to be laid west from the bridge in Maple avenue to Benton avenue and south in this thoroughfare to 130 feet south of Randall street; thence a 12-inch tile south to Summit street and west in Summit to Fairmount avenue. Also a 12-inch drain connecting with the southern terminus of the 12-inch drain in Benton avenue to be laid southwesterly through blocks 7, 8 and 5 in Straube's addition and through lot 1, block 6, Lyman addition to Park avenue. The drains to be equipped with 8 man holes and 15 inlets. The improvement will cost \$2,500, including the costs of levying, spreading and collecting the assessment, and will be paid for by special assessments. The public hearing will be held for the consideration of the matter Monday evening, May 23, at 7 o'clock.

ANNUAL MAY FETE.

The annual May fete given for the benefit of the Congregational church choir will be held in the Auditorium Friday evening, May 20. The Queen of the May, with her six attendants, will be there, and Rebecca will quench your thirst with cooling draughts from her well. Twelve little Indian huntresses will give an exhibition of their skill with the bow and arrow. The committee has succeeded in preparing an exceptionally fine program. E. F. Elich, the leader of the church choir, will have solo numbers. The committee has been very fortunate in securing a talented reader, Miss Vera Healy of Chicago. Miss Healy will be remembered by those who enjoyed her clever readings at a recent meeting of the Woman's club. Charles LaBerge, violinist, will also be one of the features. Tickets are 15 cents.

WOMAN'S CLUB VISITS JOULET.

Ten members of the Downers Grove Woman's club attended the Reciprocity meeting of the Joliet Woman's club Saturday and were entertained at luncheon at the penitentiary, which institution they were shown through by Warden E. J. Murphy. In the party were Miss Jennie Lyman, Miss Myrick, Saunders, George T. Hughes, Dietz, Rutherford, Waples, Radell, Miller, Daniels. They drove over to Lemont and from there went on the electric road to Joliet. After the club meeting the ladies visited the Joliet library.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, holds Sunday services on the top floor of the Oldfield building at 10:45. Sunday school for children at noon. Subject for May 15, Soul and Body, Psalms 35:9. This church holds regular Wednesday evening testimonial meetings at 8 p. m. in Oldfield hall. Reading room for the benefit of the public open every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at 102 Gilbert avenue. All are cordially invited.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We beg to announce to our patrons and the public generally that we will begin delivering Wisconsin lake ice, for the season, Wednesday, May 18. We will endeavor to give all orders careful and prompt attention. Call cards furnished upon request; terms cash. Phone 488. Illinois Lumber & Construction Company.

DOG TAX NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given all owners of dogs within the limits of Downers Grove that the annual dog tax is now due, and that all dogs upon which the license shall not have been paid by June 1, 1904, will be dealt with according to the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Revised General ordinance of the village of Downers Grove.

BEAT C. WHITE, Village Clerk.

MAKES A CLEAN SWEEP.

There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the sweepers ever known of Dr. Beckles's Ammonia Sweepers are the best. It sweeps away and cleans every crevice, cuts holes, and sweeps down stairs and piles. It's only 35 cents and feeds to give satisfaction.

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