

News of the Neighborhood

Tramps Live on the Fat of the Land
Winfield farmers complain of insolent tramps who camp in their groves and fields and live on the fat of the land by raiding chicken roosts, orchards and gardens.

An Elgin Man Loses a Foot
Gust Johnson, of Watch street, Elgin, lost a foot in a railway accident at Elgin on Thursday. He was working around the cars, when he slipped and fell, the cars passing over his foot.

All the Farmers Are Happy
There has not been so much grain on the market for years, nor has it commanded such prices, and farmers are wearing beaming faces in consequence.

Scattered Glass in Swimming Hole
Jacob Gietzelman, a farmer owning land near Wing park, Elgin, believed that boys disturbed his cattle in the pasture, so he scattered bottles and broken glass in the swimming pool in Tyler creek. Parents of boys who have cut their feet talk of suing him for personal damages.

Joliet For a Hygienic City
Don't spit on the sidewalk after this when in Joliet. If you do you are liable to arrest and fine. The ordinance prohibiting expectorating in public places, and especially on the walks, is now in effect, and the police propose to enforce it as rigidly as possible.

Organized Against the Tramps
The Batavia police have organized a crusade against hoboes, with the object of making the travelers shun the inhospitable burg. They are given to understand that in the future they will get thirty days in jail.

A Mason a Hundred Years Old
Rockford claims the distinction of having the oldest known member of the Masonic fraternity. The person is Otis W. Eddy, who celebrated his 100th anniversary on August 28th. The occasion was properly observed by the members of the lodge to which he belongs, and also of others. Up to a year ago he has been in good health, but now is growing feeble and is blind and almost deaf.

Telephones Put in Street Cars
Street car telephones, in which crew or passengers may converse at any point reached by telephone, were installed on the Chicago division of the Pittsburgh Railway company on Saturday. These are the first ever installed.

War Waged on Theatrical Posters
Billposters are beginning to arouse considerable indignation in Wheaton, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, together with the mothers society of the town, are filing a complaint against a Chicago advertising company for posting an advertisement of "Walters" which is to play at a Chicago theater in the near future. The women are standing in behalf of the young, claiming that the poster, which represents women scantily attired, is a corruption of their morals.

Used Gasoline Instead of Kerosene
Mrs. Coughlin, of Freeport, had run out of kerosene and she went to a neighbor's to borrow some, taking a gallon measure. Instead of getting kerosene she was given gasoline, and an explosion resulted, throwing the burning fluid over her clothes. She ran out into the yard and tried to put out the flames about her hands, which were saturated with gasoline, and did not notice her dress had caught fire until it had got a good start. By the aid of neighbors the flames were put out, but she received several severe burns about the limbs and back.

Farmers Experiment With Electricity
A dozen or so responsible farmers of Kane county have been experimenting, for a year past, with electricity. Their purpose is to make the electric motor supplant nearly all human and horse labor on the farm. Their success has been so marked that in this greatest milk and butter section of the world it is now only a question of installing motors before every farmer of importance will do the heavy and past costly work of his land through the mere turn of an electric switch.

New Light and Power Company
The Du Page County Electric Light, Heat and Power company, of Wheaton, with a capital stock of \$30,000, has been licensed to incorporate. The incorporators are E. C. Faber, D. J. Poffers and C. E. Fleener. It is the purpose of the new company to supply Wheaton with electric currents for commercial and city use. The concern is also figuring on supplying Glen Ellyn and Lombard with electric light and power. The power station of the company will be located in the substation at Lombard. Machinery of the latest improved pattern, and modern in every respect, has already been ordered and as soon as it arrives it will be installed and operations will commence.

Big Oat Crop in Kendall County
Farmers of Kendall and adjoining counties are much elated over the showing in the oat crop since the commencement of the threshing season. A month ago things looked rather dubious; the straw was light, and the oats were said to be of poor quality. But the opportune rains and nice weather coming just as the oats heads were beginning to fill, worked wonders, and now one of the biggest crops of the past ten or fifteen years is being harvested. Exchanges throughout the state are full of the expressions of satisfaction of farmers and correspondents.

Girls Whip Their Tormentor
Thomas McIntyre, of Wheaton, was taught a lesson at his home town, last Thursday, that he will remember for many a day. He, it is said, insulted Mabel and Anna Budd, two young women from the city, and they in turn tied him to a telephone pole and laid

the lash. No light blows were struck, and the young man was not allowed to go until they considered that he was severely punished. They then released him and sent him home. The whole town is torn up over the public whipping. According to the story of the girls, the boys threw stones at them and also cast uncomplimentary remarks. They pursued him and solicited a whip from a peddler's wagon and gave the youth sharp cuts across the legs and back. When the boy begged for mercy he was allowed to go. The parents of the youth will not prosecute, as they believe he got what he deserved.

Farmers' Picnic in Order
While organizations and societies are having meetings and picnics for the discussion of business methods, would it not be well for the farmers of the county to have a picnic, get acquainted and get posted on soil and soil conditions as well as modes of farming in various parts of Du Page county?

Remains of Mastodon Found
The skeleton of a mastodon was recently found on a farm in the southeast part of Kendall county, near Minooka, by John L. Bamford. A spring, which was used for watering stock, ceased running, and it was found necessary to do some excavating. A few feet below the surface were found some large bones, which were proved to be those of a mastodon. One of the tusks measured nine feet in length. Evidently many animals of different kinds had fallen and given up their lives in the mire about the spring, for there were found a variety of skeletons. As they dug deeper the water came in such volume that it was impossible, with a common pump, to excavate and remove the entire skeleton, and it was abandoned for a while. Professor Riggs, of the Field museum, Chicago, upon hearing of the unusual discovery, came to the Bamford farm while the excavating was being done, for the purpose of securing, if possible, the specimen. Mr. Bamford received the flattering offer of \$400 for the mere privilege of removing the remainder of the skeleton. He refused it. It is needless to say that great numbers of interested spectators have been attracted to the spot. It has been suggested that the Maramesh Historical society buy the specimen and keep it within Kendall county.

Marshall Field Heaviest Taxpayer
Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant, is quite likely the heaviest taxpayer in the United States. He is assessed for \$10,000,000 worth of property, estimates having been recently made by the Chicago board of review. Thirty million dollars of that sum is represented in real estate, and his personal property assessment is \$500,000.

Attacked By Her Pet Cow
Last Monday Mrs. H. G. Lane, of Sandwich, went to the yard with her atom full of clover for the Jersey cow that has been the pet of the family for months. Whether in play or in anger, the cow jumped at Mrs. Lane and threw her down, one horn hitting her just below the eye. Mr. Lane, who was near by, saw his wife's danger and rushed to her assistance. The cow showed no inclination to attack or molest Mr. Lane, and both are inclined to believe the attack was one of playfulness rather than of anger. Nevertheless Mrs. Lane is congratulating herself that the sight of one eye was not ruined, and will take the affections of the Jersey cow in a milder form and at a safer distance hereafter.

One-Armed Prisoner at the Jail
Among the inmates of the county jail is Charles Mason, who received a charge from a shotgun while attempting to rob a store at Lombard, necessitating the amputation of his right arm at the elbow. He has been having a serious time, owing to his weakened condition through loss of blood. The danger point is considered passed and the man will pull through.

Preparing For a Great Crop
An order was issued by the North western railroad that no freight cars suitable for carrying grain be allowed to leave the company's lines. The management has been contracting its cars in the northwest for some time in anticipation of the crop movement, which latest reports show will be so heavy as to tax the system's transportation facilities to their utmost.

In Duraneer Vile at Wheaton
Two men named Kane and Murray were sent up from West Chicago last Friday for a six months' stay in the county jail. They were arrested under the vagrancy act. The jail now has twelve inmates. Two are United States prisoners, two vagrants, and eight who are awaiting a hearing before the grand jury.

The Teachers Were Rummaged
Word comes from Geneva of a clever swindle which has been worked on about forty teachers throughout Kane county, by a Chicago concern, the management of which claimed to operate a circulating library composed of teaching books. By means of a "phony" recommendation, supposed to be from County Superintendent Dean, but which Mr. Dean says he never saw, a number of teachers were induced to pay \$12.50 for the use of the library. The teachers were not asked for money but gave their notes for the sum, which were all cashed at Geneva banks. After the first installment of the books, no more arrived, and upon going to Professor Dean for information the victims were told that the scheme was probably a fake.

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