

News of the Neighborhood

Smallpox Epidemic Breaks Out

A great smallpox epidemic has broken out in the cities of La Salle and Peru, and especially in the latter city. Fifteen cases of the disease are reported in Peru and one in La Salle.

Seek to Merge Phone Lines

Efforts are being made, it is said, by the Bell Telephone company to consolidate the farmers' system of telephones in Madison county with its own. The farmers claim to have 1300 telephones in use, and it is proposed to establish an exchange in Bethalto, where connection could be made between the two systems.

To Hold For \$1.20 Wheat

The American Society of Equity, with headquarters in Indianapolis, has issued an appeal to farmers in the spring wheat states to hold their crops for \$1.20.

Bees Attack and Kill Horses

A Sterling, Illinois, dispatch says that a swarm of bees attacked and killed a team of horses owned by Charles Bort, of Jordan township. Mr. Bort was badly stung, and his condition is serious.

A Clever Blind Singer

Though totally blind, Miss Della Pittsford, of Selma, Indiana, has practical charge of a Sunday school class and of the choir of a leading church of Selma. She also does considerable literary work and is a skillful typewriter.

The Latest in the Automobile

An American just returned to Berlin from Baireuth tells of a funny accident that befell him and his family while autoing twenty miles from Baireuth. The \$10,000 auto got out of gear and wouldn't budge. Horses were not procurable and so a cow team had to be hired to pull the party to Baireuth.

The Largest Cow in the World

The largest cow in the world is now on exhibition at Dixon. She is a Hereford-shorthorn, weighs about 3000 pounds, measures 17 feet and 6 inches from nose to tip of tail, girths 13 feet 9 1/2 inches, and stands nearly six feet high. Her name is Lady Acme, and she is shown to advertise a stock food.

Shot While Hiding in Car

William Sinn, of Elgin, experienced a peculiar accident on Sunday afternoon while on an Elgin, Aurora and Chicago electric car, riding from Wheaton to Elgin. Mr. Sinn sat in the seat, resting his elbow on the window sill beside the open window, and found that it was covered with blood and that he had been accidentally shot. Sinn did not mention the accident to any one, not even the car crew, until he reached Elgin, when he visited a physician. It is thought that some one hid at random and the bullet struck the car and glanced off, hit Sinn. It is thought probable that the bullet will be found lodged in the wood work in the interior of the car.

Will serve on the Petit Jury

At the term of the county court held last week the following jurors were drawn for the October term of the circuit court: Addison E. A. H. Warner, H. L. Franzen, L. W. Chessman, Bloomington, F. E. Miller, John Rucker, Wayne Joseph Heckman, August Hitzeman, O. H. Munger, Winfield E. L. Naeck, F. W. Krimbill, C. O. McChesney, Milton C. W. Ferry, Otto Mau, Reuben O. Ott, A. W. Kelley, A. R. Hanson, P. C. Jordan, Wallace Campbell, York, Frederick Deick, Henry Lutz, Dick Goltzman, Downers Grove, Fredrick Lempe, George McDougall, W. S. Waples, W. R. Wells, D. J. Miley, F. E. Scottford, E. F. Davis, James P. Downer, Darwin Kimball, Frederick G. Allen, Lisle, F. E. Shimp, Frank Seiler, Adam Neff, Naperville, Henry Seiler.

Child is Very Badly Scalded

The two year old son of Albert Metzler, of south River street, Aurora, fell into a pail of scalding water, on Saturday morning of last week, while his mother's back was turned. The child received terrible burns about the back and body and suffered a great deal of pain until Dr. Prantz arrived and relieved the suffering. The mother had been engaged in scrubbing the floor and the child was playing around her. She turned her back to the little one and he stepped backwards and sat in the water. He screamed and his mother lifted him out. Medical aid was called. The back and body where he was scalded are a mass of blisters. The child is at Saint Charles hospital, where he was afterwards taken for treatment. It is not thought that the child will die from the injuries, although they are of a serious nature.

The Burlington is Swindled

The forging of bills of lading by elevator men along the line of the Burlington has been discovered. The result of the forgeries has caused a loss of \$500,000 to the Burlington and also a loss to the Chicago stock market. The forgeries were discovered ten days ago by a bank in New York making inquiries of the Burlington regarding the bills said to have been issued by the local agent at Saint Joseph, Missouri. Investigation showed that the bills had been sent to New York by W. M. Harroun, of Chicago. Judge O. M. Spencer, solicitor general of the railroad, saw Harroun and received a full confession from him. Many banks and trust companies of Saint Joseph, Omaha, Chicago, Saint Louis and Kansas City are said to have been swindled to the extent of \$400,000.

The Meanest Man in the State

George Heckman, of Lee county, is mourning the loss of a fine hunting dog. The dog was killed last week, and as the animal resembled a wolf it is supposed that it was scalped and a bounty of \$5 was collected from Lee county for the same. Mr. Heckman loaned the dog and also his gun to Alva Lockwood, who wished to go hunting. On returning in the evening Mr. Lockwood brought back the gun; the dog failed to return. In a

day or so afterward Mr. Heckman had occasion to go through the woods, with another dog that he owned, and this dog led him to the carcass of the missing dog, which was partly buried. He found that the animal had been scalped, and suspecting that the scalp had been turned in to the county as a wolf scalp he made inquiry at the court house and found Mr. Atwood had turned in a scalp there and made affidavit that he had killed a wolf in Lee county, and for which he was allowed the \$5 bounty. No trace of Mr. Lockwood can be found, so it is supposed he must have left town.

Elgin Farmer Killed By Fall

Frederick W. Linneman, living on a farm nine miles northeast of Elgin, fell from a tree on his farm, Friday morning of last week, and received a fractured skull, from the effects of which he died about ten o'clock. An inquest was held. Mr. Linneman was sawing a limb from a tree, and the limb on which he sat gave way, letting him fall to the ground. The accident happened about nine o'clock in the morning and he died about ten o'clock that night.

Lions School Principal Injured

Professor E. R. Cole, principal of the Lyons township high school, was delayed from resuming his duties at the opening of the school term, being temporarily disabled by an accident. He hopes soon to return to his work.

Buffer Car on Electric a Success

The many discomforts usually attending long distance travel on electric lines are reduced to a minimum upon the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago railroad by a unique innovation in the form of the new buffer car "Carolin," which made its initial trip Tuesday night of last week, when for the first time in the history of suburban lines a splendid dinner, equal to the best modern dining car menu, was served to friends and representatives of the officials of the road. The business acumen of the officials of the road has been rewarded by the steadily increasing patronage of the travelers, who are enthusiastic in regard to the new departure. It is especially regarded as a great boon by the society people.

They Finish Their Work

The Du Page county board of review finished its labor and adjourned Monday. The total assessed value of all property, real and personal, is \$6,924,000, a net increase of \$32,229 over the 1903 assessment. Elsewhere will be found a report with reference to Downers Grove township, as settled by the board.

It Was a Bad Mixup All Around

A peculiar accident occurred near Earlville recently, on the farm of Charles Tuntland. It was a threshing day at this place, and John Johns, a neighbor, was one of the haulers. He was unloading bundles at the machine when one of his horses, while snapping its tail at flies, caught the attachment in the cylinder pulley and had it pulled out. All the wheels were thrown off the machine by the accident and several castings were broken. The team of horses started to run and collided with a road cart. The front end of the hay rack was thrown upon the cart, and with the rear end upon the wagon the horse attached to the cart and the team to the wagon made things lively as they started in a race across the fields. The horses were finally brought to a stand still by a wire fence.

A Boy's Wild Ride For Life

With a family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, eighteen miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Indiana, endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like many sleepless cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colic and Grip prove its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed to cure, 25c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all druggists.

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Real Estate Transfers

Charles W. Lefler to Charles H. Lutz, lots 1 to 6, and lots 19 to 23, and lots 44 to 48, Lefler's re-subdivision of block 6, Richmond & Whitney's addition to Downers Grove, \$4500.

Charles W. Lefler to Andy L. Jacoby, lots 42 and 43, block 6, Richmond & Whitney's addition to Downers Grove, \$4500.

\$100,000 Gas Plant at Joliet

There is a big project in the air. It is the building of a huge gas plant at Joliet, on the banks of the drainage canal. The plant will supply three counties with gas for heating and lighting purposes. With the building of the new plant, the gas works in Aurora and La Grange, the latter modern in every respect, having been built only four years ago, will be closed down, and gas will be piped from Joliet to Aurora and Elgin and the surrounding towns. The new plant will cost \$400,000 and will be equipped with the most modern appliances. Colonel Copley has spent the past month visiting various large gas houses in different parts of the country, and getting ideas. He will set to work on the plans and probably before this time next year the new works will be well under way.

The proposed location is just suited for the purpose. It is situated on the new deep waterway extension of the canal, with a frontage of 1000 feet, and was bought with the idea of locating there. It is in the northwest part of the city, just outside of the limits, and near the railroads. The gas will be piped from Joliet to Aurora and then up the river as far as Elgin. From there it will also be run to

La Grange, Hinsdale, Downers Grove, Western Springs, Crossdale, West Crossdale, then across to West Chicago, Glen Ellyn and Wheaton, supplying farmers on the way.

The plan is the scheme of Colonel I. C. Copley, who is a heavy stockholder in the Joliet, Aurora, Elgin and La Grange gas companies, and who has been at work on such an idea for a long time, ever since he first conceived the idea that it is feasible to pump gas. Just why Joliet has been chosen is because of the big saving of the cost of manufacturing at that place. Coal alone can be secured there at a saving of \$35,000 a year over either Aurora or La Grange.

Miscellaneous Locals

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The committee on the winter entertainment course, and all citizens who are interested in such a course, will meet at D. G. Graham's office on Saturday evening, September 17, at 8 o'clock, to take into consideration arrangements for the fall and winter. It is hoped there will be a general attendance. By order of committee, D. G. Graham, president.

Extending the Gas Lines

Workmen are now laying 4 inch gas mains from Gregg station north to Utopia. The line will pass through York Center and then directly west on the Chicago and Batavia road to Wheaton, with the turn and main trunk line on Wheaton avenue, going north to Harrison avenue. The ordinance calls for twelve miles of pipe mains, and we are authorized to say that all lines will be extended from there to West Chicago next year, where a franchise has been secured. Elmhurst and Glen Ellyn have granted franchises, with one at Lombard pending. These three towns will be given service next year. Where gas pipe lines are laid along farm roads, in nearly every instance farmers avail themselves of the opportunity to use the gas. The gas company has about fifty men laying mains on the country trunk line.

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Wheaton Happenings

E. L. Roberts and wife and baby spent a part of Labor day in Wheaton. They live in Chicago.

The city marshal's report shows that the arrests since January have averaged just one a month.

Miss Lucy B. Ott will teach the Christie school this year. This is her fourth year there as teacher.

Reverend Jonas G. Brooks, of Dixon, Illinois, made this town a flying visit, on Monday afternoon, calling on college friends.

Miss Martha Armstrong and Doctor John S. Twinen, both former students here, were married on September 7 at the bride's home in Iowa.

The Republican club is thinking of organizing a troop of "rough riders" in honor of our chief executive. We will all turn out to see the broncho busters.

Miss Maud Galusha, a former student here, is teaching the school near the Dunkard church, a little distance north of Naperville. Her work is sure to give entire satisfaction.

Robert Woolston spent last week in town among his old college friends. He goes this week to begin teaching at Jacksonville, Illinois, in the state institution for the blind.

Miss Mary A. Cook, formerly of this place, and George D. Chaffer, of Elgin, were married on Wednesday, September 7, Reverend E. A. Cook, a brother of the bride, officiating.

The Allegro club, a company of college young people, gave a farewell reception, last Saturday evening, to Paul Phillips, the young lawyer who is about to go to the Pacific coast to take up the practice of his profession.

Miss Winifred Smith is teaching this year at the Big Woods school. She took her teacher's course at the Illinois state normal and has had experience in kindergarten work. The district is fortunate in securing her.

John S. Congdon, for several years a well known student here, is teaching at Fort Collins, Colorado. His wife was Miss Ellen Kellogg, of this city. They just announce the birth of a son, who will answer to the name of George Kellogg Congdon.

Charles H. Poole, of New Zealand, a very prominent prohibitionist of that country, will speak in the prohibition tent at Wheaton, Tuesday night, September 20. New Zealand is one of the most advanced countries in all social reforms. Reverend J. A. Cusdy will probably speak in the tent on Monday night.

While sheriff Hiser and deputy W. W. De Wolf were driving near Elgin last week the horse became frightened at an engine and, in trying to get away, the line broke, the horse became unmanageable and a runaway followed. The sheriff escaped uninjured, but Mr. De Wolf was caught in the buggy top and dragged several rods, receiving a number of very painful but not serious injuries.

The stereopticon lectures by I. R. B. Arnold began in West Chicago on September 15 and continue until the 18th. The last meeting will be held on Sunday night. Besides the regular lecture, Reverend J. A. Cusdy, of Aurora, prohibition candidate for congress from this district, will speak on Thursday night, and B. Lovelock, of Wheaton, will speak on Sunday night. These ten meetings have drawn fine crowds in the southern part of the county. About 400 attended every night at Naperville. Marion Gallup, of Pontiac, prohibition candidate for lieutenant governor of Illinois, has been with the tent for the past week.

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The population of Downers Grove is composed of sturdy American people who conduct the affairs of the municipality in a truly democratic manner, ably and conservatively, and render to the tax payer value for every dollar of taxes paid.

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