

News of the Neighborhood

Marriage Licenses Were Issued

The county clerk has recently issued marriage licenses to the following persons: Edward Falck, Downers Grove, and Augusta Hinz, Melrose Park; Julius C. Bicker, Arlington Heights, and Louisa Crane, Fullerburg; George Binder and Tillie Estenfelder, both of Wheaton.

Elgin Man Sues Traction Company

Attorney DeGoy Ellis, representing P. G. Nelson, of Elgin, has commenced suit in the city court against the Aurora, Elgin and Southern Traction Company, for \$2,000 damages. A year ago last August Mr. Nelson was injured while attempting to board a Douglas avenue car in Elgin, and ever since, it is claimed, has been a constant sufferer. His back, side and one limb were more or less injured by the fall. Mr. Nelson is seventy nine years of age.

Asleep With Stolen Goods

James Fisher, who came to Elgin from the vicinity of Dundee, was found asleep under a tree bank in Aurora avenue, on Friday night, by Officer Linkfield. Near Fisher was a new coal coal scuttle containing six grass sickles, two corn knives and a pair of overalls. As the Kimball-Dietrich hardware company claimed the goods were stolen from its store, Fisher was held to the grand jury under \$200 bonds.

Trials of Iroquois Fire Cases

It is probable that if a change of venue is given in the celebrated case against the proprietor of the Iroquois theatre, which is now on preliminary trial in Chicago, the case will be tried at the Kane county court house in Geneva. It is understood that in considering some place to try the case, Geneva has received favorable mention. There are objections, it is said, to trying the case in either Joliet or Wheaton and Geneva is the next place considered.

Tried to Wreck a Trolley

A bold attempt to wreck a car on the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago line was made at Ingaton, four miles west of Wheaton, on Tuesday evening, between seven and eight o'clock. It is reported that a tie was placed across the track but the motorman discovered it and slackened the speed of the car, and as he did so three men appeared. It is said their plan was to wreck the train and rob the conductor and passengers, but they were foiled and captured. The car was in charge of Conductor Colton, of Wheaton. The motorman is also a resident of Wheaton.

Hartington Mall Is Ditched

Fast mail express number eight, east bound on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, was ditched a short distance east of Alton station on Thursday morning. The engineer, fireman, brakeman, flagman and several mail clerks were hurt, but none seriously. The wreck was caused by the train striking a car door which had fallen from a freight train on the west bound track. The entire train left the track and plowed into a ditch. One of the mail cars alone was overturned. At the time of the accident the train was running at nearly fifty miles an hour. The train carried no passengers being strictly a mail train, and all those injured were employees either of the railroad or the postal department.

Book and Magazine Review

In the October "Cosmopolitan," T. P. O'Connor, member of parliament, discusses at length "The Immediate Future of Ireland," and after describing the outlook from the points of view of both the optimist and the pessimist, reaches the conclusion that "the light is not over; our forces cannot be disbanded; on the contrary, it is the hour of hours for union, for resolution, and for work in the Irish ranks." It is the opinion of Mr. O'Connor that the Irish people are now very united, that faction has done its work, and that "no man in Ireland in our time will have the power to create another split." The danger of the moment for Ireland he considers is apathy, but he believes that this is only a temporary mood.

The birth of a son to the king of Italy has aroused interest in the youngest royal family in Europe. Therefore, of especial timely moment is Grace Ellery Channing's article on "Two Baby Princesses," in the October "Twentieth Century Home." It tells much about the home life of the Princesses Iolanda and Mafalda, the little daughters of the Italian royalists. The article is well illustrated.

Youthful Elgin Couple Wedded

Knowing that with the consent of their parents it would be at least three years before they could be married, Miss TOLLIE BARTLETT and George Renwick, both of Elgin, decided to take immediate action, and on Wednesday left for a short vacation, and returned, wedded. When neither appeared at their accustomed places of work, the supposition was made by their friends that they had eloped. The bride is but fifteen years old, her sixteenth birthday occurring on November 23, next. Her boy husband will celebrate his nineteenth birthday on May 25, 1906. Mrs. Renwick has been employed as errand girl in the motion room of the watch factory and her husband is a laborer.

Somonauk Woman Commits Suicide

Mrs. John Obrecht committed suicide at Somonauk on Wednesday morning by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid. Shortly after eight o'clock Mrs. Alexander Myer, who occupies a portion of the house, noticed Mrs. Obrecht lying upon the lounge, but thought nothing was wrong with her. Whether she had swallowed the fery liquid at that time is not known. A few minutes later Mrs. Myer had occasion to go through the room and found Mrs. Obrecht upon the lounge in terrible agony. She sent for Mr. Obrecht and Doctor C. T. Carr. Mrs. Obrecht was unconscious when found by Mrs. Myer and lived but about

fifteen minutes after the doctor arrived. Restoratives were applied, but the deadly acid had done its work and the unhappy woman was past all earthly help. John Obrecht, her husband, has been drinking heavily of late, and the village board laid him off as street commissioner, a position he has held for many years, as a punishment until he sobered up. The condition of her husband, Frank Obrecht, a most exemplary young man, who died May 11, 1905, at the age of eighteen years, and whom she idolized, was doubtless responsible for her act of self destruction.

Illinois Unitarian Conference at Hinsdale

The thirtieth annual conference of the Illinois Unitarian and other independent societies was held at Unity church, Hinsdale, October 5 and 6. At this meeting there was assembled some of the brightest minds of the liberal church and many pastors whose reputation extends beyond their own denomination. Reverend W. Hanson, of Chicago, is president of the society; Reverend E. C. Smith, of Unity church, is secretary, and P. F. Temple, also of Hinsdale, treasurer.

Divorce Gets Married Immediately

There is a real, live romance on the circuit court at Geneva, on Monday, Mrs. Marie Lintner, of Aurora, was granted a divorce from her husband, John J. Lintner. He formerly lived in Aurora. The proceedings occupied a very few minutes of time, and no sooner had the decree been granted than the woman went to the county clerk's office and took out a license for the marriage of herself and Theodore Ferrer, of Aurora. This beats all previous records in Kane county in this line.

Wife Files Embrella

When Mrs. Edward Carter, of West Chicago, found that her husband had pawned two of her best gowns to a saloon keeper, as she alleged, she attacked him on the street with an umbrella, and after giving him a severe beating, took a train for Chicago. The assault occurred on the main street and was witnessed by a crowd. Carter tried to escape his wife's blows by running away, but she pursued and overtook him. When Mrs. Carter went to her room at the Briggs hotel, in West Chicago, she found that her gowns were missing. She says she learned that her husband exchanged them at a saloon for credit. Giving him no chance to explain she attacked him. Then she called in Marshal John Schmidt, who got the gowns from the saloon.

Wheaton Embroider of \$41,000

The county town was all a-stir last week over the flight of Edward J. Lewis, clubman, golf player and attorney of that place, and warrants have been sworn out for his arrest, charging him with forgery and embezzling \$41,000. Lewis, with his wife, has disappeared, and it is believed that they are now on their way to South America. Lewis is charged with spending the money on the Chicago board of trade and in poker games. Among his victims the one to suffer the greatest is Mrs. Mary Lafabre, a widow, who lost \$6,000. She is prostrated over her loss and is confined to her bed. Lewis' plan of operations was to secure a mortgage on a piece of property and then make duplicates of the document, forging the names of the mortgagee, as well as that of Thomas M. Hull, the recorder of deeds in Du Page county. These duplicate mortgages he would sell, and as the interest came due he would pay it on the forged notes, as well as on the original ones, with the money which he secured from the forgeries, according to the charges. Among those who are known to have lost money and the sums which they lost are the following: J. Foxen, \$2,000; Henry Eggert, \$1,000; Mayor Peironnet, Wheaton, \$5,000; Mrs. Hyatt, \$1,700; Mrs. Mary Lafabre, \$6,000; Mrs. J. Gorham, \$2,000. Four warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Lewis and placed in the hands of Sheriff Joseph Hizer. Lewis has lived in Wheaton for over ten years and was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the place. Mrs. Lewis entertained on an elaborate scale, and the couple were particularly popular with the members of the Wheaton Golf club. A great portion of their leisure time was spent on the links. Lewis came to Chicago from some point in British Honduras. His disappearance and the discovery of his dishonesty created the greatest stir in social circles in Wheaton, while his victims, most of them women, are frantic with grief over their losses.

Later.—Developments in the disappearance of Edward J. Lewis, the Wheaton real estate dealer and society man, who is charged with defrauding his customers, show that he even drew his own sisters into his trouble. James Campbell was the man who claims to have discovered Lewis' shortage and Campbell's loans were covered nearly altogether by the sum of \$5,000, which Lewis is said to have borrowed from his sisters, who are school teachers. It is said that the shortage will reach considerably more than \$41,000, as at first reported. Lewis' wife has returned to her home in Wheaton and she says that she does not know where her husband is.

Rock River M. E. Conference

The sixty fifth annual Rock River Methodist conference convened October 4 in the Evanston avenue Methodist Episcopal church, near the north end of Lincoln park, Chicago. Bishop W. F. McDowell, the resident bishop of Chicago, who was elected last May, presided. The conference opened with a reception given by the Chicago Methodist social union, of which president E. J. James, of the university of Illinois, is president. The guests of the evening were Bishop McDowell, Bishop J. Berry, Bishop S. M. Merrill, Doctor Herben, editor of the Epworth Herald, Doctor Thomson, editor of the North-

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