

News of the Neighborhood

Chicago Man Dies On Train

An inquest was held in the Downs undertaking rooms, Aurora, on Friday afternoon over the remains of August Volmquist, of Chicago, who died on Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train number twelve on Friday morning, near Somonauk. A verdict was returned of death from tuberculosis of the throat. Deceased was accompanied by his brother, Charles, of Cody, Wyoming, at whose home he had been since April, in the hopes of curing the disease. He leaves a wife and one child in Chicago to mourn his loss. The remains were taken to Chicago for interment.

Shot In Eye By Companion

Harry Graham, of 121 Wilder street, Aurora, aged twenty-one years, was shot in the eye by his companion, Cass Woodward, while hunting west of North Aurora yesterday afternoon. The two were hunting for snipe. In going through a cornfield, Woodward's gun caught on a stalk of corn, and in jerking it away the trigger was pulled. Graham was standing by his companion's side and a stray shot struck him in the left eye. The rest of the load buried itself in the ground some distance off. Graham hurried to Aurora to the office of a physician, where the injury was attended to. It is not yet known whether or not the young man will lose his sight.

Marriage Licenses For These

The county clerk has issued marriage licenses to the following from this section: Daniel S. Stiefbold, Anna L. Xander, Naperville; Julius Plentie, Arlington Heights; Louisa Graup, Fullersburg; Edward Falck, Downers Grove; Augusta Hinz, Melrose Park; George Binder, Tillie Estenfelder, Wheaton; John T. Karthelner, Aurora; Anna K. Augsburg, Naperville; Charles E. Sites, Wheaton; Eva Reynolds, Warrenville; Sofus Browning, Downers Grove; Augusta Meyer, Aurora; B. C. Wetherbee, Carrie Leubundguth, Downers Grove.

New Electric Railway to De Kalb

Work on the new traction line to De Kalb was started last week. The train for the new line were kept busy hauling material to the Williams farm west of Aurora, where the start was made. An official of the company stated that they had had no trouble to get men but could use more trains.

January and May to Wedded

January nuptial with May on Monday night at Aurora when Henry C. Schumacher and Miss Cora N. Smith were joined in marriage by Justice L. A. Lockwood. Schumacher blushingly admits that he has seen seventy-eight summers, while his wife is a full half-century younger than he is. However, no one would guess the groom's age to be anywhere near the actual figure in years, and he declares that if a man is as young as he feels, he has not yet reached his majority.

Found Dead Near Juliet

The body of William Seefeld, sixty years of age, a retired resident of Plainfield, was found in the drainage canal, south of Juliet, a week ago Sunday, about noon and the supposition is that he had committed suicide. Mr. Seefeld left about two weeks ago for a trip to Dwight, and since then nothing had been heard of him until his body was found in the drainage canal.

Elgin Youth Shoots His Friend

D. L. Royer, the fifteen year old son of Galen B. Royer, a prominent citizen of Elgin, was fatally shot on Monday by Emerson Cobb, a boy about his own age and the son of elder E. M. Cobb, editor of the Inglewood, a religious publication. The affair, which was accidental, occurred in a woods about two miles from town, where the two boys were hunting. Young Cobb had a twenty-two caliber rifle. The trigger was out of order and Cobb was endeavoring to fix it. He did not notice the direction in which the gun was pointing, and when, after a few minutes of pulling, the trigger worked the gun was aimed straight at young Royer. The bullet struck his arm and penetrated his lung. Cobb picked his companion up and carried him almost a mile to a roadway, where a resident of Elgin, George Cook, was riding in an automobile. The latter took the boys into his machine and young Royer was taken at once to a hospital. The surgeons claim there is no chance of recovery. Young Cobb is prostrated over the accident. The two boys were well known in Elgin and were fast friends.

Wheaton Happenings

Fremont Lounsbury and family have moved to Aurora.

Charles A. Smith and Miss Elsie Carr, both of Chicago, were united in marriage on Monday by Justice Herrick.

George E. Lapsley and Mrs. Lizzie M. Porter, both of Chicago, were married here on Wednesday by Justice Herrick.

The senior class had a delightful picnic in the woods at Glen Ellyn on Monday afternoon, from five to eight o'clock.

Reverend George R. Wood, of the First Baptist church, preached a very able sermon on "National Righteousness" on Sunday night.

James Malay, who was sent to jail from West Chicago on a charge of vagrancy, was discharged on a writ of habeas corpus, by Judge Willis, on Monday. His commitment was irregular and unauthorized. He has been in jail for a few months.

One of the most skillful pieces of burglary and safe blowing took place at the Du Page county court house on Saturday or Sunday night. The vault in the office of the county treasurer was blown open

and a safe within the vault was treated the same way and the contents of both ransacked. The amount taken is thought to be not very great. How the robbers entered the court house or the treasurer's office is a mystery, as not a trace is visible anywhere. The criminals went to the blacksmith shop of Henry Eggers, near the temple of justice, and took a heavy hammer, a bit stock and a screw driver to help them in their work. These instruments were found in the office.

Tomlinson & Nall, an insurance firm, have moved into room five, central block. They are both well seasoned in the insurance business.

William Reath, one of the college boys, had his ankle splintered in a mix up during a practice game of football on Lawson field a few days ago. His injury is getting well finely.

George E. Hagenan has opened an office in room four, Central block, and will carry on the insurance business. Mr. Hagenan has had a great deal of experience in this line of work and represents some of the very best companies.

Mrs. Mattie De Wolf Van Ness, daughter of William W. De Wolf, died Sunday night in a Chicago hospital, after an operation. Mrs. Van Ness has been a sufferer for several years. She was a very amiable woman, and her death will be a sad stroke to many people in this city.

Cass Correspondence

John Stoyard is somewhat improved in health.

P. K. Hathaway was calling in Cass last Saturday.

Edgar Andrus spent last Sunday with James West and wife.

Mrs. Thomas Welch, of Chicago, is visiting friends and relatives in Cass this week.

Patrick Corrigan and Homer Andrus are working on their gravel contract this week.

Erwin Oldfield's imported fox hound called "Spot" died last Saturday in a choking fit.

Elmer Oldfield's auction sale last week was well attended and nearly everything brought fair prices.

Mrs. Henry Mumm has been seriously ill the past week but is somewhat improved at this writing.

The new artistic iron fence for the Cass cemetery has been ordered and is expected to arrive in the near future.

A mad dog scare was created in Cass last Sunday. A dog thought to be mad was seen near Byrville last Sunday morning. It started toward Cass with three men in pursuit. It was overtaken at Ira Heatt's farm in Cass and shot. Whether the dog had bitten anything is not known.

Local Happenings

(Last week we had an overflow of local reading matter and many good articles were crowded out. Among them were the following.)

Special Board Meeting

The met on Monday evening, Oct. 10 to hear the report of the board on local improvements and to recommend the awarding of the contract for the sewer work.

All were present but trustees Staats and Davis.

In the absence of the clerk, trustee Graves served in that capacity.

Messrs. Mortimer and O'Heron, both bidders on the sewer work were present and addressed the board.

After some consultation it was decided to recommend to the board of local improvements, that the bid of T. G. Mortimer of Glencoe be accepted and a motion to that effect was duly passed. Attorney M. Slusser then presented his resignation as village attorney stating for his reason that he had been nominated as county judge. The resignation was received and accepted and G. H. Bunge was appointed village attorney by the president and the appointment, on motion of trustees Heatt and Hughes, was confirmed.

The two drainage sewer ordinances were then duly read and passed.

Trustee Graves brought up the matter of fire escapes on certain buildings and the necessity of exit doors of public buildings to open outwards. The matter was discussed.

The board adjourned and the board of local improvements went into session. The recommendation for the village board was read and same on motion was concurred in. F. G. Mortimer will therefore be the contractor. He told the board that he proposed to begin work at once.

Woman's Club First Meeting

The opening meeting of the Woman's club on Wednesday afternoon, October 12, was very enjoyable. A paper on Indian basketry, by Mrs. Gertrude Darnley, was very interesting and the

display of baskets from various tribes of Indians proved interesting and instructive. The largest collection was loaned by Marshall Field, and an interested worker loaned several pieces. The value of this display was over \$100. A letter was sent by Mrs. Sara S. Platt Decker, of Denver, Colorado, president of the state federation of women's clubs, which was very carefully listened to by all present. Mrs. Decker made a strong appeal for the "dependent, defective and delinquent" as they are referred to by state institutions, in the following words:

"In 'club' language, we should call them the 'poor and unfortunate, the sick and the sinning.' Because we have a living—because we have bodily and mental health—because we have been kept, by inheritance and circumstance, from sin and crime—how great, therefore, is our obligation to see to it that proper conditions surround those who have not had similar fortune."

The general tone of the letter was to solicit the assistance of the male population to inaugurate reforms so that the merit system of appointments shall prevail, irrespective of politics, in all state institutions, that the greatest good may result therefrom, instead of the present partisan appointments of people wholly incompetent and deteriorative to the institutions.

A "Treasure Party"

The "treasure party" given at Carpenter's hall, by Mesdames E. J. Miller and M. E. Stanger, on September 30, was largely attended, nearly all responding to invitations. The decorations in yellow flowers were abundant and artistically arranged, jardiniere being filled with immense bouquets and grouped in every available place. A large table was placed in the center of the hall, with beautiful bouquet in center, where the many treasures were displayed. The frappe table was presided over by Mrs. J. M. Nargney, assisted by Misses Jane Tope and Beulah Simonson. Opposite this table stood another table, handsomely decorated with the yellow in the center, on which stood an immense cake with yellow frosting that excited much curiosity. The hostesses were gowned in white, with yellow ribbons, and received the guests as they were ushered in by little Miss Evelyn Brown. Each treasure was numbered, and the owner related in turn how and why she prized her treasure. The collection was varied and amusing. Mrs. L. B. Waples caused much comment by drawing into the hall a "float" handsomely decorated, containing her three treasures. Mrs. Bunge and Mrs. Heidehman, also, brought their babies as their treasures. After all treasures were thoroughly inspected by those present, it was decided by majority vote that Mrs. W. S. Carpenter should receive the prize for her historical treasure. The color scheme was carried out in the refreshments, which were served very daintily by the young ladies. It proved that the mammoth cake, that aroused so much curiosity, contained a prize, which fell to Mrs. L. B. Waples. Harmony prevailed and all agreed that their hostesses were original and ideal entertainers.

Burglars Visit Town Again

The village was again visited by petty burglars on Monday Oct. 10. This time they entered the store of Mertz and Mochel and succeeded in carrying away about one hundred and fifty dollars' worth of goods. Night Policeman Hoffert left the village hall about ten o'clock, where a meeting of the trustees was being held, and made the usual trip up Main street, examining the fastenings of the doors. As he passed Mertz and Mochel's store he turned his light on and tried the door, but everything was alright. On his return he did the same, when he saw that the door of a gun case on the wall of Mertz and Mochel's store was open and that a lot of boxes were piled on the show case. Flashing a light the chief saw a burglar near the safe behind the counter, but before he could get to the rear the night marauders had decamped. The chief then ran to the village hall and the session was adjourned hastily and a hunt for the thieves was made. Tracks of a man and a boy were found in the rear of the store and a window had been raised with a "jimmy." Possibly a buggy had been used, as tracks were found where a vehicle had been driven in and turned about behind the store. An examination was made and it was found that two double-barrelled shot guns, 240 pocket knives, three dozen razors and the contents of the cash drawer, about seven dollars, was missing. The safe had not been meddled with, nor had a cheque which lay in desk, having been taken in after safe had been locked. Mr. Mertz was the last to leave the store, about eight o'clock, and the place was locked up. About two thirty in the morning Chief Hoffert says he saw a man looking into the post office window in a very suspicious manner, and on being told to stop he ran, when the chief awoke the midnight echoes with several ringing shots and says that the fellow ran away through the back lots. The boxes in which the razors and knives were packed were found on Tuesday in the rear of the Stanley barn near the scene of the robbery. No trace of the robbers has yet been found. A couple suspicious looking men and two boys were seen by different parties about town on Monday, but as there are a number of strangers here they were not noticed at the time.

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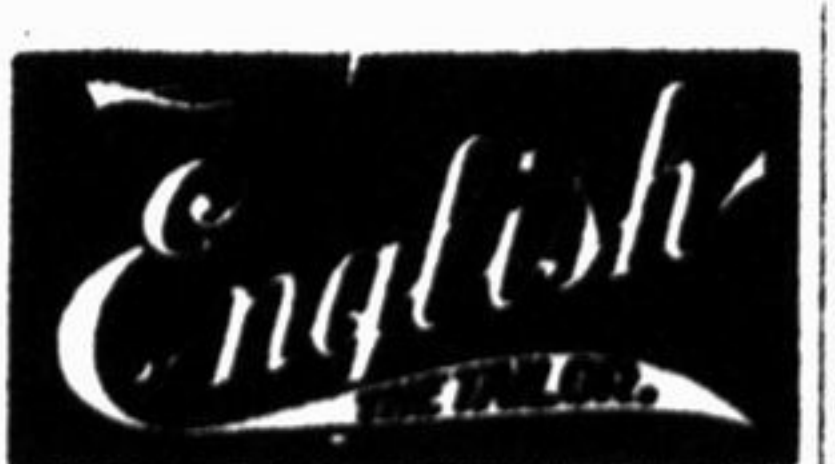


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