

News of the Neighborhood

Thugs at La Grange

As a consequence of several recent attempted hold-ups, La Grange citizens are aroused and have put on a number of extra police. The thugs have not been successful in their attempts as yet, nor have any arrests been made, but the precautions are well taken.

Physician Victim of Smallpox

Dr. J. H. Cory, a prominent physician of Geneva has been attacked with the dreaded disease, smallpox. The doctor has been vaccinated several times but this seems not to have prevented his being taken down with the disease. Precautions are being taken to prevent the disease spreading.

Hunters Kill 450 Rabbits

Over 200 men took part in a wolf hunt today in Red Oak ground, twelve miles north of Princeton Saturday. Forty square miles were covered, but no wolf or fox was seen during the day. The final roundup turned into a slaughter of rabbits, over 450 being killed. The hunters came together one mile east of Walnut.

Another Klondyke Fortune

Will George, who left Perkin, Illinois, several years ago, for the Klondyke region writes to friends that he has sold his mining interests for a snug sum and will leave the Alaskan fields soon. Mr. George went to the Klondyke to make his fortune, and though meeting many hardships and adventures, has kept this goal in view until he won.

Here And There

This comes from Minnesota: A Swedish girl just arrived from the old country, attended evening service at a Duluth church. The minister, seeing she was a stranger, shook hands with her at the close of the meeting and said he would find pleasure in calling upon her soon. Whereupon the girl, blushing, hung her head and bashfully murmured, "Thank you, but you have a..."

Financed for Drawing Color Line

A negro of Peoria was awarded \$25 damages against a theatre of that place because the management would not allow him to enter the lower balcony at a performance given recently. The negro purchased his ticket, but the ushers refused to seat him, on account of his color. The negro promptly brought suit, and the damages were given by a jury composed of representative business men.

Alleged Forger is Caught

Nick Arvidson was the man who forged checks on various Wheaton merchants last week and was located in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday. The location came about by Arvidson sending to Chicago for his mail. Deputy Sheriff Gorha left for New Orleans Monday evening to bring the prisoner to Wheaton. He was compelled to stop at Springfield and Baton Rouge to get extradition papers, consequently will not be able to get back home with his prisoner before tomorrow.

Canadian Dislikes American Flag

John Barwick, a boy of Canadian birth and parentage, was attending a public school in Pomona, California, where his parents now reside. The American flag is hoisted over the schoolhouse every morning and all scholars are expected to salute it. This was too much for Johnny's rich Canadian blood and he refused the general custom. Thereupon he was sent home by Miss Hill, the teacher, who has been sustained by the local board of education. The boy's parents uphold him in his refusal to raise his cap.

Election Still in Doubt

The state canvassing board though attorney general Hamlin has announced the result of the election for minority representative in the 41st district. It was decided that the face of the returns showed Wm. A. Bowles, democrat to have received 11,789 and Altonzo E. Wilson 11,738. The certificate of election has been issued to Mr. Bowles. Mr. Wilson has served a notice of contest and will ask the committee on elections of the House to recount the ballots because of many irregularities and mistakes. Mr. Wilson asserts that a recount will show he is elected by several hundred plurality.

Burlington To Build Big Tank

The Burlington company are preparing to construct a water tank at Montgomery sheep yards that will have a capacity of 150,000 gallons. The work of excavation is being done now and the tank will set in the ground to a depth of ten feet and will protrude above the ground for six feet. It will be fifty feet square. The water to be used will be obtained from a well at the pen and a large pump will be used to fill the tank. Another large pump will be used to draw the water for fire use. It has been figured that in case of fire the tank of water would last three hours and a half with six lines of hose playing. In this length of time the fire would either be extinguished or the yards would be destroyed. A new fireproof house will be erected and it is thought that a new fire engine will be put in the yards in place of the one there at present. The sheds will be made as nearly fireproof as possible.

Engage in a Pistol Duel

Two colored men, T. J. Weathers who works for the Elgin American Gas company, and Walter Kerney, a porter at the Kelly hotel, engaged in a pistol duel December 21 on Hickory avenue and as a result Kerney is in jail and Weathers is in the Sherman hospital with a bullet in his throat. Weathers' case is said to be not fatal. The two men board at the home of Benjamin Downs on Hickory avenue and they have been having some lively discussions of late. Last night they continued the discussion in the street and Weathers, who is a big man, became enraged and rushed at Kerney, who is a small man, striking him with a cane. Kerney

pulled a revolver. Weathers also whipped out a weapon and the duel was on. Kerney dodged Weathers' shots but one from his pistol struck Weathers in the chin and then sped downward lodging in the throat. This morning Weathers' pistol was found lying in the snow near the scene of the encounter where he had thrown it. Kerney has been here only a couple of weeks.—Beacon.

C. B. and Q. Now Double Tracks

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy has just finished the double tracking of its system from Chicago to Omaha. The Burlington has spent about \$15,000,000 in the rebuilding of its line across Iowa, and has changed the routing in about twenty places.

Essay on American Composers

The following paper was read at the last meeting of the Woman's club by Miss Rutherford, and we consider it worthy of publication:

"Music is the universal language of mankind. No matter where you go, among the nations of highest culture or among the most benighted of the peoples of the earth, you will find the love of music and some form of its expression. Every people has its own peculiar form and distinctive musical characteristics.

"Among the most enlightened nations there are a few who stand pre-eminent, notably Italy, Germany and France. Our own country stands alone in not possessing music that reflects distinctively American influence, thought and ideals. Arthur Farwell, himself a composer, has made special study of the folklore and music of the American Indians. He believes that the American composer has at hand a 'wealth of musical material of the highest order, sufficient wholly to revolutionize the present German aspect of our musical life.'

"In one important respect, writes Louis Elson, the United States leads the world. There is no other country where so much is being accomplished in the musical education of the masses. Contrasting the past and present state of musical composition in America, Mr. Elson reminds us that in 1876, when the great series of American world's fairs was inaugurated in Philadelphia, only two American composers of note were obtainable, a choral work by Dudley Buck, sung by 1,000 voices, and a hymn by John Paine. Today when an American world's fair opens there is no longer any thought of seeking musical aid from any foreign composer; the difficulty is rather how to choose representative native works without slighting any of the prominent American composers.

"The festival 'Jubilato' by Mr. Beach, played at the opening of the woman's building at the Chicago fair, was very appropriately, one of the first works of magnitude that has been achieved in music by an American woman.

"The London Spectator says: 'The debt of modern music to America, though it may be hard to set down in achievement, is none the less worthy of recognition. The rapidity of progress which has marked the material development of the United States finds an analogy in the musical education of the cultivated classes. Music now forms as large a part in the social life of the laured Americans as it does with us, and in point of efficiency of performance there is little to choose between the great American cities and those of Europe.'

"As a striking proof of this fact I will mention the name of one of our American composers, Frederick Root.

"Among other American composers we might mention William Mason, Arthur Foote, and Gottschalk, who is noted for that beautiful melody 'Last Hope,' or 'Evening Prayer,' as he himself calls it. And perhaps it would be interesting to know what prompted this man to write this sweet melody. Another composer who, we might say, has just sprung into prominence, is George Aple, one whom we often read of in our city papers, and perhaps all have enjoyed hearing his operas.

"Time will not allow the mention of the many composers, but just a word about one who, not noted as a composer, ranks among the highest in our land, Theodore Thomas. For forty two years this conductor, composer, student, artist and father of modern music on the western continent has been creating and leading orchestras. For sixty two years he has been before the public as an interpreter of good music. He is the only orchestra leader who plays classic composition with the tricks and figure ornaments as originally written by the old masters. In brief his life has been resolutely consecrated to one object, the advancement of the cause of good music. Chicago enjoys the distinction of being the first city in the world to establish a permanent orchestra by popular subscription, and it was directly inspired by the single efforts of this one man. And this month sees the opening and dedication of the new home of the Thomas orchestra.

"And last, but not least, our 'marching king,' John Philip Sousa, at one time leader of the marine band at Washington and now touring the world."

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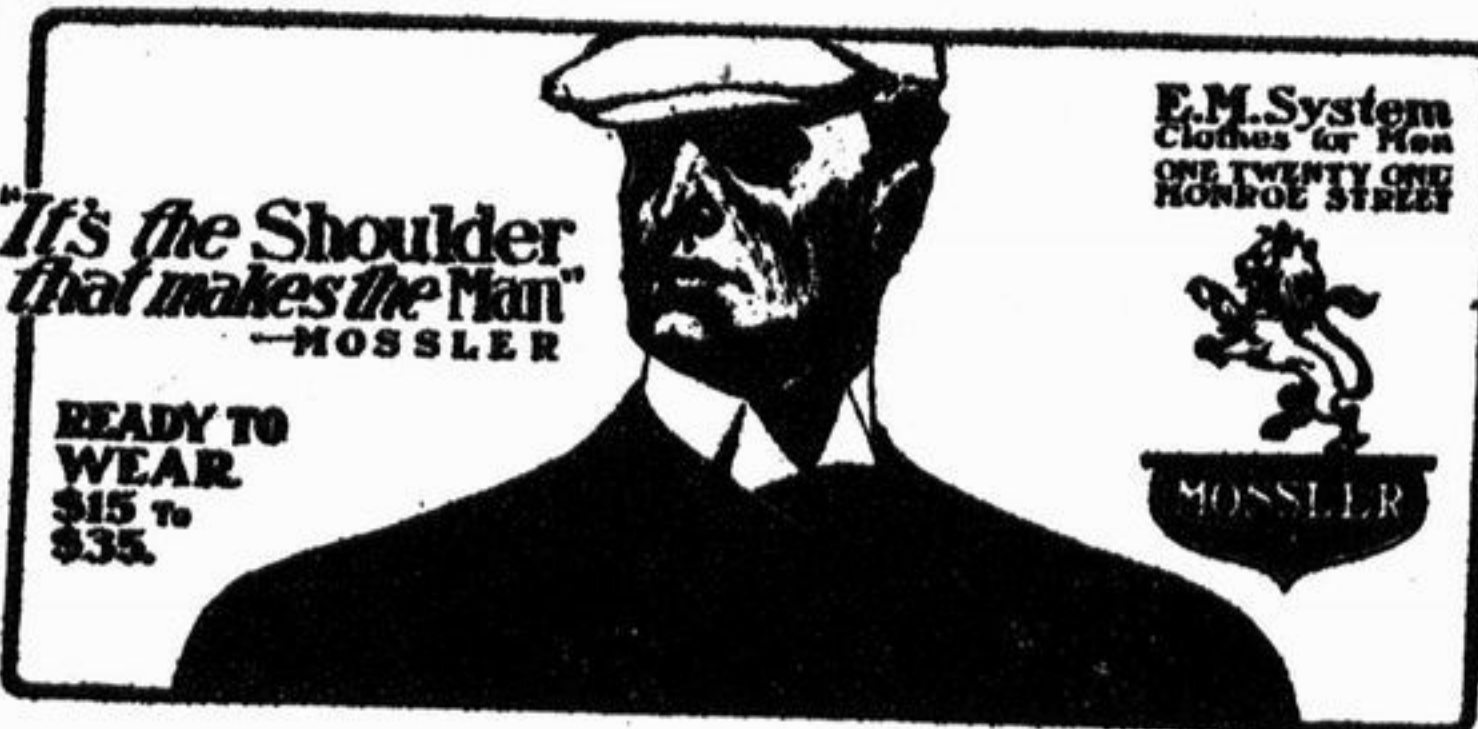
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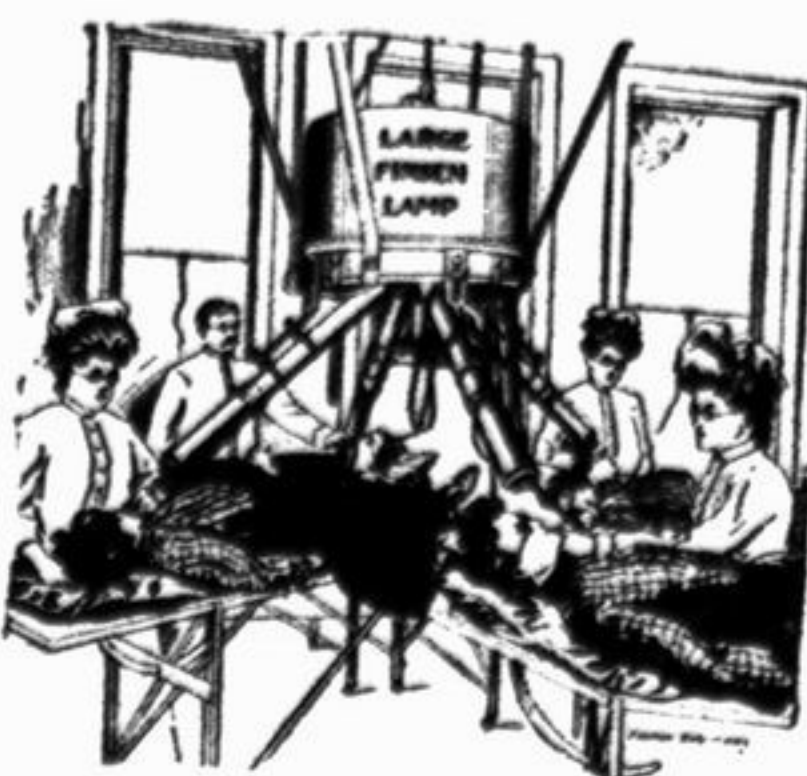
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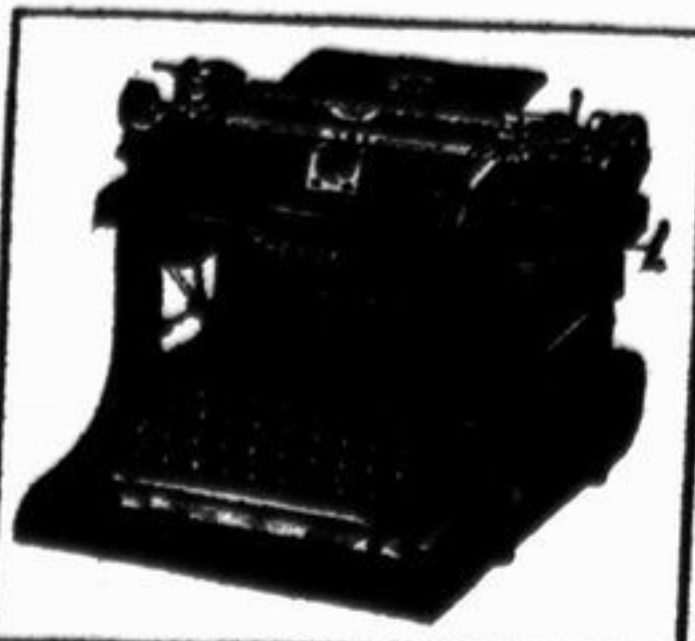
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