

LOCAL NEWS

G. H. Bunge and V. Simonson have purchased new Auburn automobiles.

Miss Ruth L. Puffer, of La Grange, spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. The Allison family have returned from a trip to Starved Rock.

Miss Elsie Nelson spent a few days last week visiting Mrs. Marie Barr.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rogers spent Sunday visiting relatives in Aurora.

Mrs. Fred Kettenring returned from Muskegon, Mich., last Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. Barry is visiting relatives in Duluth, Minnesota.

Mrs. Esther Smart and daughter, Ruby, are visiting with Mrs. Smart's daughter, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, in Chicago.

Miss Hazel Sweet spent a few days with friends at Shabbona, Ill., this week.

Mrs. A. P. Mehren and daughter, Dorothy Marie, visited relatives in Chicago over Sunday.

Mrs. D. T. Kahl, of Freeport, Ill., is visiting at the home of her brother, Ed. Frank, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jenkins were guests at the Huntington home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. N. C. Pearce entertained sixteen ladies with a luncheon and card party Tuesday.

Miss Jane Tope, formerly of Downers Grove is visiting her brother and wife in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Walter Wells and Miss Ina Elliott, were guests at Mrs. John Wells on Washington St.

Melvin Butler and Walter Freedman, are back from their trip to California.

Miss Grace Towlesley and Miss Edsall are having a three weeks trip on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. Andrew Muir, of Springfield, Ill., visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. O. Schindler, last week.

Mr. John Harthorn is able to be up and around after a severe illness of five weeks.

Len Puffer and family, of La Grange, spent Thursday at the Foster home, on Curtiss street.

The architect of the Library Building spent some time in town on Tuesday inspecting our new building.

Misses Vera and Emily Staley, of Woodlawn, are spending the week at the Sacksteder home.

Mrs. Curtiss, on Washington St., has been suffering with a severe cold the past week.

Mrs. John Rutherford will spend the winter with relatives in California.

Mrs. P. J. Roshoff has issued invitations for a luncheon and card party on Friday.

Geo. Allison has a new Abbott "X". The first eight cylinder auto in the Grove, and it is a beauty.

Chas. Aldrich and family, of Hinsdale, spent Sunday in the Grove with his father.

Master Vernon Frank returned Saturday from a week's visit with relatives at Aurora.

Mrs. Bert Stevenson spent Sunday with the Sullivan family at their cottage in Electric Park, Plainfield.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gulik, Tuesday, August 24th, a daughter.

F. W. Zetsman and Geo. Pribyl visited over Sunday with relatives in Omaha.

Mrs. George Reed, who is staying with her sister, Mrs. C. E. Nevitt, spent a few days last week at Neponset, Ill.

Mrs. Carrie Baker spent Saturday with Mrs. Kliminger, in Chicago, and helped her celebrate her eighty-sixth birthday.

Mrs. H. B. Tooner and sons, Harry and Robert, of Ravenswood, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. George Prickett.

Miss Gladys Bunge of Neeley, Neb., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. G. H. Bunge, and taking a course in shorthand with Miss Shaw.

Winston Roth had his tonsils removed at the Illinois Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat hospital in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Orlando Noble visited with Mrs. Heckman and Miss Colwell last week, also calling on other friends.

Mr. George Knox, wife and daughter have returned from Wisconsin where they spent a few weeks fishing, etc.

Mrs. Jos. Wing and sons of Mechanism, Ohio, are visiting her sister Mrs. M. A. Sacksteder, coming overland in their car.

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Mr. Emile Matson returned from Cleveland, Ohio on Monday evening. Mrs. Matson and daughters remaining in Cleveland for a longer visit.

Miss Blodgett of Franklin, N. H. was a guest at the J. M. Burns house on Tuesday. She is enroute to the East from Alaska.

Wm. Dickinson, formerly connected with the Downers Grove hicles, utensils and articles of all last week.

Miss Rilla Chaddock has returned to her home in Vermont, Ill., after a two weeks' visit with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. L. R. David.

Mrs. T. E. Haines and children, of Aurora, visited with her sister, Mrs. W. Harvey, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Miss Gabrielle Perkins accompanied her sister, Mrs. C. Taylor, to St. Louis where she will spend most of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Ravenswood, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Taylor, of St. Louis, spent a few days visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Perkins, on Highland avenue.

Mrs. Fannie and Miss Sara Smith attended a family reunion of their branch of the Smith family at Johnstown, Pa., last Saturday. There were 321 Smiths present.

Chas. Haller has sold the Geo. Willard lots on Saratoga and Prairie avenues to Geo. Rohlfing, of Chicago. Mrs. Dick's brother, who has started the excavation for a model bungalow.

The Misses Elsie, Hildegard and Gertrude Bruns, also Stella Cigrand have returned to Chicago after having spent an enjoyable week with their Aunt Mrs. K. Young.

The Grunhouse and Darnley family and Youngs and Chevalliers spent Saturday afternoon and eve. enjoying a pleasant auto drive through the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raymond, and son, of Yorkville, motored here Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Chithero, and other relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Bertolin accompanied her brother, who has been visiting her for a few weeks, back to Minnesota where she will take a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerwig, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sans, of Austin, spent the fore part of the week viewing the wonderful scenery in Starved Rock and Deer Park State Parks.

Miss Cora Mertz and Roy Miller visited with Mr. Miller's relatives in Peru last Sunday and while in that territory "took in" Starved Rock and Deer Park.

Tom Bunning is suffering with a bad cut on his wrist. While wiping a tumbler the bottom fell out and the jagged edge just missed the artery. Dr. Bobb was called and took four stitches in the injured member.

The petition for a commission form of government was presented to the county judge yesterday. The petition had a large number of signatures, including a majority of the present board and President Backus.

The new home of Elmer Chithero in Gilbert avenue will soon be ready for occupancy. It is being built of tile and cement of the bungalow type with seven rooms and an ample basement containing five rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Bush, entertained with a dinner and cards on Saturday Messrs. and Mesdames P. C. McClure, R. J. Darnley, E. H. Huntington, G. L. Bush and H. P. Jones.

Mr. Harry Gully, father of Mrs. A. E. Cummings, was taken to a hospital in Chicago, Tuesday, for treatment. A few weeks ago he was overcome by gas and steady fumes have affected his whole system.

J. L. Remmers, our own station agent, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation. A short visit at St. Paul will conclude his travels. A. J. Carnow is taking "John's" place in the meanwhile.

A dinner party in the city composed of Charles Mory and wife, Wm. Harris and wife of Clyde, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bond. Following a theater party at the Illinois, viewing the great fascinating play "The Birth of the Nation."

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Pearce of Prince Ave. have rented their home and will leave Downers Grove in a few days for the winter months. Mrs. Pearce will spend the winter with relatives in Arizona and Mr. Pearce will make his home in the city.

The Rev. Eneas H. Goodwin will preach in St. Joseph's church, Sunday morning, on the first reports of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations. The results of the investigation of this commission are exceedingly important in their bearing on the prevalent unrest in the country.

SMITH FAMILY REUNION

Misses Fannie and Sarah Smith attended a Smith Reunion at The Luna Amusement Park, Johnstown, Pa., Saturday where over 400 relatives assembled from cities throughout the East and West, one being an old Aunt at the age of 102 from Johnstown, Pa., and another being an old soldier close to 100 years old, from Iowa.

The entire park was devoted to this reunion and also the use of the many amusements. A picture was taken of the group which is thirty-two (32) inches wide.

ILLINOIS STATE CENTENNIAL

Every man, woman and child in Illinois is to have an opportunity to take part in the celebration of the State Centennial in 1918. This has been decided upon by the Illinois Centennial Commission, created by the legislature of 1913 and re-created by the last General Assembly to arrange for the observance of the event.

It is the intention of the Centennial Commission to send one of its members into every county to lay before the people, the plans for the Centennial celebration and to arouse the patriotic pride of each community so that the anniversary will be marked in a fitting manner in every city, town, village and hamlet of the State.

A special appeal is to be made to the school children, whose minds are in a state to receive and retain vivid and lasting impressions from the extraordinary demonstration. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Francis G. Blair, has consented to direct the school children's portion of the celebration and it is his desire and expectation to have every one of the five million school children of the State present, either as participants or spectators at one or more of the celebrations.

The children's part, however, will be only one feature of this most notable demonstration. The groups in every community will be invited to join a local organization to arrange for the community celebration, as well as to contribute their active support toward the general observance of the event.

As outlined by the Centennial Commission, the form of the observance will include patriotic exercises, unveiling and dedication of statues, monuments and other markers of individuals and events looming large in the pioneer history of Illinois; pageants depicting early events of his- torical significance; expositions of primitive and modern machinery, etc.

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ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL BOARD REPORT.

From reports of crop correspondents to the Illinois State Board of Agriculture under date of August 1, the following information is obtained:

Corn.

There were 8,976,842 acres planted to corn for the crop of 1915, northern Illinois reporting 2,635,430 acres, central Illinois, 3,952,440 acres and southern Illinois, 1,388,972 acres. Corn on lowlands has been practically drowned out.

Excessive rains and cool weather have retarded the growth of corn, but the August 1 condition, 85 per cent of normal, is 24 points better than the condition of a year ago. The August 1 condition of corn is reported as 84 per cent of normal in northern Illinois, 92 per cent in central Illinois and 77 per cent in the southern division of the State.

Wheat.

The area seeded to wheat for the crop of 1915 was 2,620,675 acres, all of which was winter wheat with the exception of 42,482 acres.

Eight per cent of the winter wheat area was winter-killed, or destroyed by floods or Hessian fly, leaving 1,871,638 acres of wheat (spring and winter) for harvest.

The average yield per acre was 29 bushels in northern Illinois, 23 bushels in central Illinois, and 14 bushels in southern Illinois. A State average of 19 bushels, the total yield amounting to 35,752,952 bushels. The ruling price of wheat on August 1 was \$1.09 per bushel, the total value of the crop at this price amounting to \$35,727,193.

Oats.

The area seeded to oats for 1915 was reported as 4,922,027 acres, of which 2,671,163 acres were reported from northern Illinois, 1,990,860 acres from central Illinois and 870,004 acres from southern Illinois. In northern Illinois the yield was 47 bushels per acre, in central Illinois 45 bushels, and in southern Illinois 32 bushels, a State average of 44 bushels. The total yield amounted to 216,385,726 bushels and the value of the crop at the average price of 37 cents per bushel amounted to \$79,722,556. Oats harvest was delayed on account of rain and some oats reported growing in shock.

Rye.

There are 171,574 acres of winter rye reported this year. The average yield per acre was 17 bushels and the total yield amounted to 2,936,804 bushels.

The average price on August 1 was 87 cents per bushel and the total value of the crop amounted to \$2,560,370.

Barley.

There are 44,963 acres of barley reported this year. The average yield per acre was 25 bushels and the total yield amounted to 1,144,225 bushels. The ruling price on August 1 was 73 cents per bushel and the total value of the crop amounted to \$835,700.

Hay.

The crop reported in meadows is 10

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