

CITY BREVITIES.

You'll miss it if you miss it—
The Lake County Fair, Sept. 14 to 17.

Miss Florence Evans, the eldest daughter of the mayor, is visiting friends in Western Springs.

W. J. McKinney has a new sign up over the news stand, where he will take orders and talk painting and decorating generally. A skilled workman is he.

Robertson & Nolan say their business is steadily increasing. Just as we expected, for McKinley telegraphs he has found prosperity down east where potatoes are \$1.25 per bushel at wholesale.

One of our would-be excursionists wants to know if the real genuine sea-serpent will be on exhibition at Lake Geneva Saturday. Undoubtedly, as the Northwestern always makes a point of meeting all the reasonable expectations of its patrons, and hence his serpentship will be asked to perform several times for the exclusive benefit of the excursionists!

John T. Raffin, formerly of this city, starts to-morrow morning with Mr. Allen Clappitt and wife (nee Miss Marie Raffin) for the Raffin ranch in Wyoming. They will be gone the balance of August and when they return to civilization they will be as bronzed as Indians and with voracious appetites. No place like a ranch for health and fun also.

In looking over the archives of the City Building a few days since for a certain blue print, we found a lot of old left-over G. A. R. and special assessment postals, on one of which, dated July 29th, 1883 was written this message: "Dear Aunt Aggie: I thought I would write and tell you that Children's day is day after to-morrow, or Saturday, August 1st". Those were the days when the late Jonas Steers and other public spirited citizens used to have a "Children's Day" picnic for all the school-children in the old town of Deerfield, down on the lake front park and have a happy day for all the children, with songs, speeches, music and a new tin cup for every child to take home.

Still another excursion, tomorrow (Saturday) to Lake Geneva. The old and tried Northwestern's summer excursions are proving so immensely popular, that they have to run one somewhere as often as once in two weeks and sometimes oftener. This excursion, the train leaves the Park at 8:10 and reaches the lake at 10:15, where the party will remain until 6 p. m. or over seven hours.



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