

THE COUNTY FAIR

Opens next week Tuesday and everything now promises one of the best fairs of the county, and everyone knows that Lake county stands among the first of Illinois' 102 counties in the matter of fairs. There will be full displays in all the unusual lines, besides the several special attractions of this year. For 44 years the best farmers of the county have been working over the premium list to make it as near perfect as possible. There are a few features that ought to be improved, one we will mention—a premium on farmers, with five prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$5 each, to include all improvements on the farms in the county. We saw the plan in operation once for a series of years, and we never knew anything to give such a spur to good farming. The judges had a list of farms by July first, and then took a team and visited everyone, being shown all the improvements made during the year.

The fair folks have special attractions of a unique character, so that all things considered the week promises to be one of rare interest.

The races, which despite the fact that many people look upon horse racing as wicked and cruel, are always the main feature of a fair, will be better patronized, by a better class of horses than ever before in the history of the Lake County Agricultural society. There will be Indiana horses, Minnesota horses, Iowa horses, Michigan and Illinois horses, some that have travelled all over the country in the grand and lesser circuits, and the "hoss" that draws the farmer's best carriage on Sundays, all entered in their respective classes to try for "a piece of the money" as the stable boy would say.

The Onwentsia club polo teams will play a game of polo in the center field Thursday, September 16.

On Friday, September 17, at 11 o'clock a. m. the bicycle race will start. The race will not be a hippodrome affair.

Happy Jack, the greatest of all lone pacers, a beautiful little animal, superbly bred pacer, and capable of turning off miles without the assistance of rider or driver to the time of a 2:09 gait, will here, as he has at all other fairs and race meetings throughout the country, prove the greatest attraction at the fair.

Commodore Foote and sister, the Fort Wayne midgets, will be present.

To Waukegan and return for 25 cents by the Bluff City Electric railroad—before Christmas. What do you think of that?

THE MACK CASE.

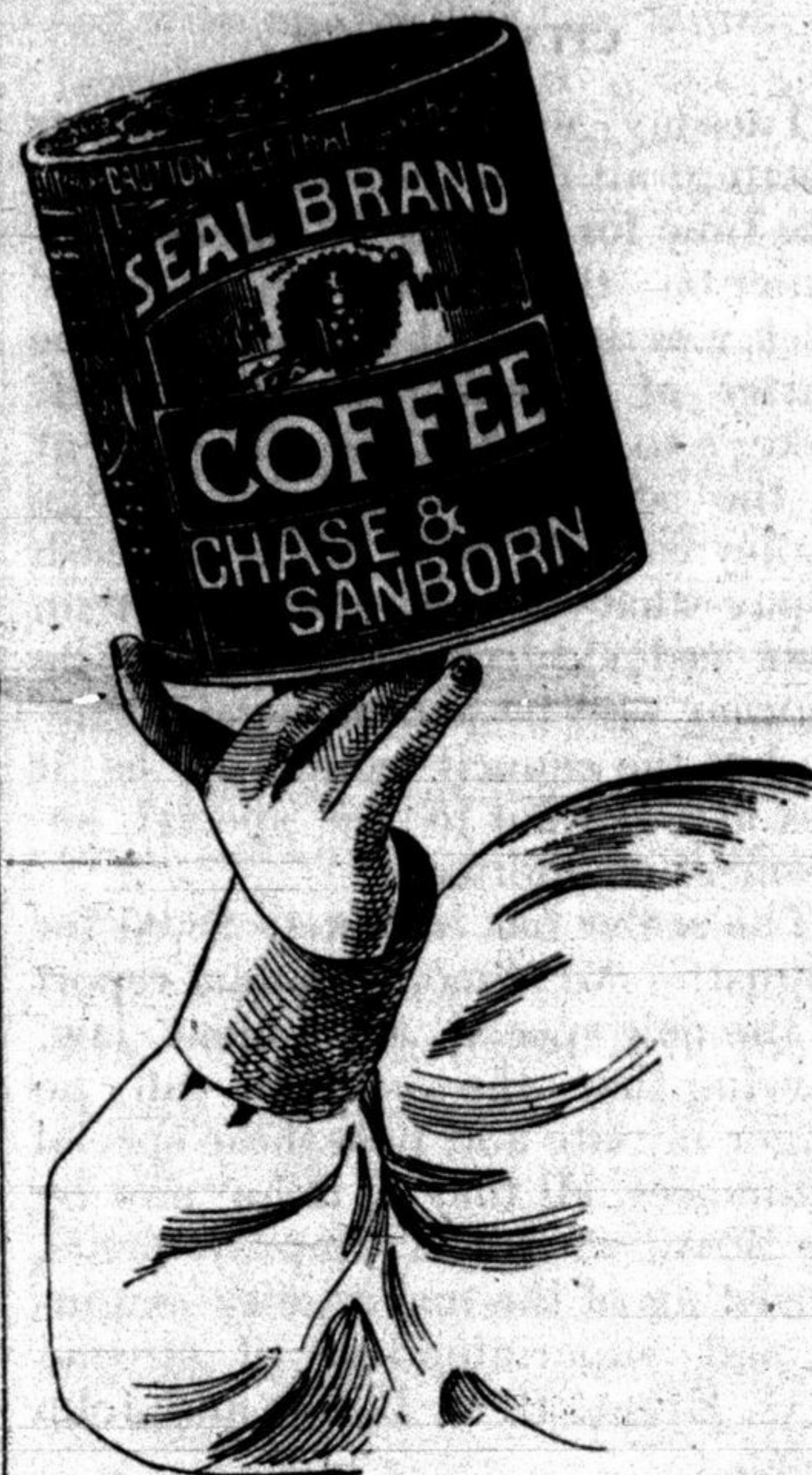
The Park has had excitement galore this week. Sunday night Mr. Mack, the baker and restaurateur in Heinrich's old stand, took a horse and buggy and left town. Monday morning the people found it out and there was a hurrying to and fro, as on the eve of the battle of Waterloo. His creditors, of which there were many, gathered on the street corners, in the stores and postoffice and mingled their tears and their bills, and compared "I told you so's," and one or two swore out state warrants as a man fires at a burglar in the dark. sent Rudolph and Edwards to Chicago Tuesday, where they were arrested and released and came back to the Park with Mack, and put him in one of the Queen Anne apartments in the non-Gothic city building.

The air was lurid; men slept with their revolvers under their pillows, and Wednesday morning with that kind of feeling which makes all men kin, the talk of compromise or settlement that was in the air, and so far had matters progressed under the skillful legal guidance of Lawyer S. F. Knox that when it came time to try the cases, there was no one to prosecute and he was of course dismissed. We believe the terms of settlement were half spot cash, the balance in notes secured some way.

For a "scoop" it seemed well-planned, but it failed to make "connections" at the proper time and place and so the toils of the law were wound about him. How much better to have come up like a man and told his creditors the truth instead of carrying this black smirch for life. There is a book which says, "The way of the transgressor is hard." How does it look in the light of this event?

Major Royal P. Davidson, the commandant at the military academy, has succeeded in perfecting arrangements for a United States army officer, Lieut. Winston, 5th U. S. Artillery, to give instruction in military science and practice at the academy for the ensuing year. The government will also furnish all the arms and ammunition necessary for practice by the cadets. The major's bicycle trip to Washington in June is yielding early fruit.

Our neighbor, Frank C. Brown, is happy; his American liner, the St. Louis, broke another ocean record by sailing from New York to her British pier in 6 days, 10 hours and 14 minutes. 'Rah for neighbor Brown, the stars and stripes and the St. Louis!



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