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ST JOHNS AGAIN.
Events have moved even since last week. Two points need especial emphasis at this time, as follows:

First, the electric road does not want to pave or macadamize its road bed and for two of the best of reasons one is that it makes repairs of the track so much more difficult, as any one can see, and the other is that it will not be as well for the public. Of course in a city like Chicago with its immense traffic, the road-bed must be paved and used as a part of the public street. But here, in this country village kind of a place, except the block against the depot grounds, no such necessity exists. The more the public travel can be separated and kept away from the trolley roadbed, the better and safer for the public it will be. Especially is this true on such a street as St Johns, with its large amount of pleasure carriage travel. In a short time horses will become accustomed to the trolley cars and not take fright at them; and then if the road-bed is not paved the danger of being run down by a motor car, or of a collision with one is reduced to a minimum. It will also be much more satisfactory to the public to have a 25 or 40 foot wide paved road way all clear and free of rails and tracks and cars, than to have one of which one or two tracks and constantly passing cars are permanent parts. In many respects St Johns will be, and if necessarily so, a boulevard, the great thoroughfare for pleasure travel, and hence we have regretted very much having those tracks laid in St Johns as they are now above the Electric light company's plant. That track right in the traveled street, as there now practically spoils the street as a boulevard or pleasure driving street.

Rut go to work and crowd the track to one side and then put in curbstones and a 25 foot roadway well paved and over nine tenths of the difficulty disappears at once; the annoyance of passing cars would be slight and the danger reduced to a minimum. It is not always that the interests of the corporation and the interests of the public are so nearly identical as in this case, and it is certainly fortunate for us the citizens that such is the case. The managers of the road are first of all business men, but they are also shrewd and sagacious, with no disposition to injure themselves for the sake of injuring the public. They have some good degree of common sense also, which recognizes the fact that it is much better for them to meet the public, out of whose pockets their revenue is to come, half way, to deal fairly and open handedly with the public, than it is to deal so as to anger and sour it into an attitude of sullen hostility. Therefore if the company is ready to give the city a good 25 foot roadway along its tracks in St Johns, for the sake of having its own roadbed free from the expense, inconveniences and dangers of being paved, the city should accept the proposition. Whatever this might save to the abutting property owners would probably be accepted by them as adequate compensation for the damages which the tracks in front of the property inflicted.

Second, briefly. It is not wholly a matter for the residents of that street, but for every family in this city who keeps a horse and carriage, however simple or inexpensive. That

would ensure the immediate paving of St Johns from the Sheridan road south to Vine avenue on the north; or in other words, it would put in the big, long and most important "connecting link" of paved roadway, between the widely separated streets of the city. Hence it is, that the residents of Vine avenue, of those way up on old Port Clinton, and those down farthest south on the Sheridan road, with all those on Central, Laurel, Prospect and connecting streets are all very anxious to have this scheme put through, so as to ensure immediate action toward the improvement of St Johns.

A NOBLE DEED.

History repeats itself. Yes, it does with variations. A little over a century ago the great business men of Boston formed a tea party and threw every chest of English tea in the ships into the harbor. The other day the successor of those historic great men formed another beverage party, only these latter ones decided that it would be wiser and better all around to put their beverage into men instead of into the sea. So those importers, packers and distributors of the famous Chase & Sanborn coffees, had the manager of their Chicago house—who lives in the Park, by the way—take five of his experts, ten ten-gallon coffee urns, bags of coffee, a barrel of sugar, cans of milk and cream and all the utensils and appurtenances and come out to Fort Sheridan Friday night, set up their plant in the Mess Hall and be ready to serve hot coffee etc. to the home coming soldier boys as they arrived from Chickamauga.

It was done, and at 4 p. m., Saturday morning the first train came and in those ten big urns they had and kept on tap all the time 100 gallons of hot, savory, stimulating coffee serving to the men all and as much as they wanted and one fellow declared he drank a full baker's dozen cups full. Poor fellows they had not had a square meal since breaking camp and on moving trains constantly over two nights and a day. They served till Saturday at 4 p. m., and as the Ladies Auxiliary who had been feeding the men gave each soldier a little package of choice things, the boys marched up in order and thanked the ladies and gave rousing cheers for Chase & Sanborn for their noble deed so thoughtfully, generously and wisely performed.

We may add as a part of the "statistics" of the affair the following to wit: Men helpers, 5; gallons of cream, 49; pounds of sugar, 180; pounds of coffee, 225; cups of coffee, 9,000.

Quite a number of our people went to Milwaukee this morning on the Y. M. C. A. excursion from Waukegan. They went up on the electric and then on the Whaleback and will have a fine time.

Miss Brockunier of Wheeling, W. Virginia, is spending a few days in this city as the guest of the family of L. G. Yoe at their elegant home, "Wincanton," near the lake shore.

The city schools begin work again Tuesday next. Several of the teachers are on hand already and nearly all will be here before Sunday.

Charles A. Kuist has just received a car load of nails, so you can go on, making all the repairs you need, nails are plenty.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL.

It never rains, but it pours. Just as we were getting settled down to the comforts of the electric railroad, there comes along Clarence E. Runey of Waukegan, the local business man of the Burke Transit company, with a proposition for a daily steamboat service between this city and Chicago similar to the service they have given Waukegan. Up there they have a new dock and superior facilities for landing and handling their freight. Here we have the Fletcher pier with a depth now of only 9 1/2 feet but they hope to make arrangements for lengthening the pier. At all events they will make a trial trip here in the near future.

At Waukegan the boat is getting about all the local freight business, and saving the merchants up there big freight bills. One says the saving to him since the boat began operations is enough to pay his rent each month. Only a short time ago the Northwestern which has had a monopoly on the local freight business, has cut its rate from 25 to 15 cents per 100 lbs, and the boat folks will make another cut lower still. We don't want any rate war, but we want lower freight rates. Every business in this town is handicapped by high freight rates, higher than necessary.

This boat traffic is a thing sure to come sometime; if not now then later on, but come it will. Hence the question now is, do our merchants and business men generally want lower rates, such as they have secured in Waukegan. The best folks are not in it for fun or philanthropy, but to make money, and they do that and give our business men freight rates way below what they are paying now. We hope something will be done at once, so the boat folks may know at once what they can depend upon.

SUNDAY'S EXCURSION.

The steamer will stop at Waukegan Sunday next and run on the following schedule:

GOING SOUTH.	
Leave Kenosha	8:30 a. m.
" Waukegan	10:15 a. m.
Reach Chicago	1:30 p. m.
RETURNING.	
Leave Chicago	6:00 p. m.
" Waukegan	9:00 p. m.
Fare for round trip 50 cents.	

THE FAIR

Everything now promises to make the county fair this year superior to any other in its forty-five years history. The grounds, buildings, track and all the other appurtenances of a fair were never in as good condition as now. The storm which a few years ago seemed to paralyze everything, was really, like the Chicago fire, a blessing in disguise. It demanded herculean efforts and a heroic spirit to meet that disaster, but it was safely, triumphantly met and passed, and by leaps and bounds the fair has gone on its career of favor and success till today none in the state stand ahead of it: very few anywhere equal it. It has no "entangling alliances" at home or abroad; it is conducted on broad business principles, by alert sagacious men: and its promise is as good as a gold bond. It has and will keep its pledges and hold sacred the faith of the people. No set of politicians, local or state, can use it as a foot-ball to further their schemes. It has just one object, to make the best fair possible and to that every energy is given, hence its success.

On its achievements then it bases its claim for public patronage and support. And it is further entitled to this on the ground of the good it rendered the agricultural interests of the county. Every consideration then calls upon us all to make an effort and effort enough to put in two or three days at the fair Sept. 13-16 inclusive.

GOLFING.

For several weeks, as our readers well know, playing for the President cup has transpired Saturday afternoons at the Exmoor Club grounds. They worked off the players to sixteen, then a week later those down to eight, last week down to four where the game now stands namely: J. M. Cutter, R. W. Hawkins, C. N. Scott and H. C. Towner. Next Saturday two of those will drop out. And that is the problem these players and any one else is trying to solve, who will remain for the final contest September 10th, and that may be a tie and have to be played a second time. To say the contest has become exciting is not putting it too strongly.

The cup is an elegant affair. It stands some twelve inches high, is made of sterling silver, is solid and heavy and substantial in every respect. In fact President Fullerton would have nothing else. Its intrinsic value we do not know, though it must be a couple hundred dollars including the material and work. Hence the contest is one well worth the making. But the value of such a prize lies so much in the associations that no fixed price can be set upon them. All we need say is, this attracts unusual attention on account of its own worth, its worth as a work of art and as a prize to be won, as it becomes the permanent property of the winner.

A SNIDE JOB.

The News is not alone, of the county press, in complaining of the kind of sheets the Gazette-Register office is sending out on its contract for printing the proceedings of the Supervisors several meetings. The board called for bids, to supply a certain number of supplementary sheets and here are the bids for the work for a year.

Libertyville Independent	\$280.00
Antioch News	275.00
Waukegan Sun	234.00
" Gazette Register	104.00

A very ignorant and incompetent printer would know enough about the business to know that such a job as that could not be done in the manner contemplated by the board for any such sum of money as that.

But that was the Gazette-Register's own affair. As skilled, honest printers and publishers it was their one duty to give Lake County such a job as was promised, one printed in a neat, legible manner and in the style specified in the contract. They contracted to give the county a good job: they have not done it. The fact that their bid was lower by more than one-half that of any other printing house in the county shows there is something "rotten in Denmark." The others made what they evidently regarded as fair, square, business like bids. Lake County is not poor, it can pay a fair, honest price for its supplies, but rich or poor it is entitled to what it pays for.

A NEW JEWELRY STORE.

For nearly fifteen long years we have waited for a first-class jewelry stores such as they have in Waukegan and Evanston and some other suburban towns. But our waiting is past—the store is here in the east end of the Basye block and Messrs. Schneider & Cooke are the men, and they are bright intelligent young men of ten or a dozen years experience in the business in Chicago, with a purpose to do a straightforward legitimate business. They have a fine assortment of staple and fancy goods in their line, all the latest styles and other novelties of the trade. We noted a specially fine assortment of silver novelties, now so much in vogue, full line of silverware, watches, chains, cuff buttons, clocks, etc.

They will make a specialty of optical work and goods, will examine and test your eyes free of charge. A first-class watchmaker will be employed for that kind of work and they will do as is done in Chicago, call at your home for your mantel clocks, clean, repair and return it to its place all in running order. They will also carry string and musical instruments with a big assortment of strings of all kinds. We trust they will have remunerative encouragement in their attempt to establish and maintain a first-class establishment of that kind in this city. Give them your patronage.

FORT SHERIDAN PARK.

A first-class vaudeville entertainment has been arranged for next week at the Fort Sheridan theatre. The program will include, besides the usual band concerts and cinematograph, Perry and Dutton, comedy sketch artists; the great and only Mareena, the human snake, in his wonderful feats of contortion—secured by the management at great expense; Harry and May Howard, the renowned dancers, in buck and flat foot dancing, who will introduce several new and novel features; Miss Lillian Starr, who will sing all the popular ballads of the day, and Perry and Imhof in their comedy knockabout and side-splitting act, "The Tramp and the Tad."

Taken all in all the above is an attractive program, and one which few theatres in Chicago can duplicate; every artist on the bill is a star—the Sheridan Park folks believe nothing is too good for their patrons as the attractions of the past will testify, and those who attend can rest assured of seeing nothing but the best of everything. That the public fully appreciates the above fact is evidenced by the large attendance nightly.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Antidel, western manager of the American Express Co., returned from an extended trip into Wisconsin, with their own teams and are spending twenty-four hours at Judge Hibbard's planning to drive to their home in Chicago in the morning. They can't go by the Park either way without stopping here.

With his accustomed thoughtfulness William A. Alexander invited the cavalry officers at the Fort down to the Exmoor Club House Wednesday evening for one of the Club's famous dinners. To say the officers enjoyed the courtesy of our neighbor would be putting it very mildly.

Miss Debra White of Chicago is visiting with the Misses Shields.