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Jimmy, but were unable to gain an entrance. James Nolan, 29, of 2424 West Erie street, Chicago, said by the police to have different aliases, was detained by the Waukegan police as a suspect, as he had been loitering about the postoffice for an hour and was there when arrested.

The great influence for peace that Uncle Sam could have in Europe, according to our internationalists, is fully evidenced by the way they rejected our naval accord at Geneva.

If it be prohibition that has checked the coming on British lecturers, that is a strong point in its favor.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

WAUKEGAN SCENE OF FIRST MOVIES

HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

Colby of Ill. C. of C. Includes a Story of Lake Co. City in His Notable Series of Sketches

By Lester B. Colby
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Waukegan is a Pottawatomie word meaning Little Fort. And right there we run into a lost chapter of Illinois' romantic history. Maps have been found dating back approximately to the Revolutionary war period. These show two infant outposts on the western rim of Lake Michigan.

One is where Chicago now stands and the other, about forty miles north, is marked Little Fort. But written records of man tell us nothing whatsoever about this Little Fort. Yet the exact spot where it stood is known. The fort was on the north bank of the deep ravine that cuts through Waukegan. Its east face was almost at the top of the bluff overlooking the lake.

How is this known? Earliest settlers found rotted and fallen-in remains of what had once been a fort. Digging into the ruins they turned up bits of metal, buttons and buckles, fragments of things clearly indicative of white man. But what white men and when? Nobody knows. The veil is drawn. Mystery everlasting. Jesuits, perhaps, harking back to Marquette and LaSalle, before 1700. Maybe later men. All that is known is that there was a spot where a fort was sometime built and that the Pottawatomies knew the location as Waukegan—Little Fort.

Movies Originated Here
Waukegan once was Hollywood. That is a newer romance. Motion pictures were born in Waukegan. The first motion picture show ever given was held in Waukegan. Not so long ago, either. That was in October, 1895, if the memory of those I've talked with serves.

George K. Spoor held the lease on the old Phoenix opera house on Washington street. Ed Amet, a local inventor, came in one day and said to Spoor, a bit excitedly, "I can make pictures move." And he could, and he proved it. The motion picture show was advertised. People flocked in. The motion pictures were little more than shadowy forms but people cheered.

Many men plunged into motion pictures about that time. Litigation came. Amet tired of it, sold out. Spoor, at heart a showman, persevered. He built up the Essanay company and is held to be the first man ever to make \$1,000,000 out of films. Some months ago it occurred to me that here in Waukegan, probably, lived the first girl who ever appeared in a motion picture film. I began to hunt her. I believe I have found her—two of her, in fact. For the earliest recorded film, showing girls in action, was two girls.

The girls were Miss Bess Bower and Miss Isabel Spoor. Both are living today, both in Waukegan. Miss Bower is Mrs. B. T. Dunn and Miss Spoor is Mrs. A. W. Rogers. Some of the old timers may recall the film—girls, in dresses that came to their toes, laughing and slamming at each other with big boxing gloves.

In all these years, until now, the professional film, mechanically, has never changed. The measurements are the same; perforations for timing, the same. But in this year, 1926, I find two great evolutions at hand.

Still at it!
George K. Spoor, this same Waukegan boy, has spent \$2,000,000 developing the "third dimension" in films. He is about to launch films that are no longer "flat." The actors walk out of the films. Recall the old "stereopticon" pictures we used to know? It is like that.

Also, the last few months have given birth to the "home movie" film;

NORTHBROOK DAY TO BE NEXT SATURDAY

Second Annual Celebration in That City to be Held August 14

"Northbrook day," the second celebration of its kind to be held in Northbrook, is coming Aug. 14, and the public is cordially invited to participate in the parade in honor of the day.

The parade will form at Western and Walter avenues, west of the railroad tracks, as follows: All commercial vehicles will assemble on Walter avenue and 3rd street. Pleasure automobiles and floats on Walter avenue, north side of street. Foot parade, bicycles and organizations, also other features of the parade, will form on Walter avenue and 3rd street.

The line of march will start on Walter avenue, west of the village triangle at 10 a. m. (day light saving time) sharp and continue east. Follow the parade.

The parade will be led by the Elks band of Highland Park. Immediately after the combined parade, the automobile section of the parade will continue making the neighboring towns.

narrow, only 16 millimeters wide. A few nights ago Hiram P. Maxim in New York organized the Amateur Cinema league. These "little films" all date back to the baby days of motion picture photography—in Waukegan.

Some day, perhaps, Waukegan may build a monument or fix a bronze tablet inscribed—"Here motion pictures were born"—and thus establish another national shrine.

Industrial City
Waukegan today is a city of seventy diversified industries. I have certain statistics before me. These record that Waukegan, in 1925, had 22,023 inhabitants. The value of Waukegan's products, my figures show, is a little more than \$24,000,000 a year.

Lake county's chief industrial district is centered about Waukegan and North Chicago. Though politically two cities they are in reality but one, an imaginary line between them.

I asked how they are growing; what new developments in industries. Four plants, all new industries, I was told, have been placed in newly built homes within the year.

Lake Port Also
Waukegan is a lake port of importance. Because of its harbor Waukegan began. Here thousands of settlers in the stirring 1830's disembarked. Land sold for \$1.25 an acre. Farm land back of Waukegan today, coveted by wealthy city men, is selling for \$1,000 an acre!

Wheat was the early day cash crop. Trains of grain-laden wagons poured in from the western farms. Belvidere street, leading west across the DesPlaines and Fox rivers, was planked with solid oak boards sawed from native forest. Oldtimers still call it "the plank road." But that is obviously wrong for now it is a concrete road. Motors whirr where once the wheat wagons crawled. No longer the sailing grain schooners come to Waukegan for their loads. Railroads changed that. Instead great steam freighters bring cargoes of coal to the factories.

Mother Lived There
And, may I add an intimate word or two? When I go back to Waukegan, to dig up facts for this story, I vision my mother playing here, a little girl, more than seventy years ago. And I can see my father, more than fifty years ago, coming here a-courting driving horse and buggy.

She sleeps, the sleep of Forever, in a hinterland hill in Lake county with green grass upon it. Father, who came here from Vermont in homespun, still lives in these backlands west of the lake. Sometimes he tells me rugged yarns of primitive pioneering. So in putting down this story I am writing, you see, of a part of Illinois that somehow I feel is mine.

Playing With Fire



BIG CHICAGO RODEO HELD AUGUST 14-22

Second Annual Event of Kind to Be Staged on Soldiers' Field Soon

All roads will lead to Soldiers' Field, Grant Park, on Chicago's lake front, from August 14 to 22, for the Chicago world's championship rodeo contests are on again. This year the number of daring cowboy and cowgirl contestants from the heart of the western frontier country is 50 per cent greater than last year. A troop of the Flathead Indian tribe, more than 50 strong, with their ponies, squaws, braves, medicine men, and camp equipment, are adding their aboriginal native riding and dancing contests to the thrills that have made the Chicago rodeo famous.

Cash prizes totaling \$35,000 are announced by Tex Austin, who has the rodeo under his personal direction again as last years. The Chicago Association of Commerce is also awarding the world's championship trophies and belts to the cowboy and cowgirl winners.

WINNETKA STREET PART OF HIGHWAY

Bids Received for the Paving of Center Street in That Village

Bids for the new Center street improvement were taken by the Winnetka village council last week and the contract will be awarded probably this week. Several bids were received and the low bidder was H. G. Goeltz of Oak Park who was the contractor in charge of the paving of Sheridan road through the village a number of years ago.

Link in Highway
The new Center street improvement is to be a link of the through traffic highway which will extend from the north terminus of McCormick boulevard, at Railroad avenue, Evanston, to the county line on the north, and eventually to Waukegan. It will be of concrete construction and forty feet wide. The new paving in front of the village hall is a section of the highway.

The new road will extend from Oak street on the north to Winnetka avenue on the south, along the west side of the Chicago and North Western railroad right-of-way intersecting Winnetka Avenue at a point about 200 feet west of the railroad tracks.

MRS. INSULL TO BE HEAD OF STUDEBAKER

Lease of Chicago Playhouse Is Indication of New Policy; Plans Resident Co.

When, several weeks ago, the law firm of Schuyler, Ettleson & Weinfeld took a lease on the Studebaker theatre in Chicago, for five years, starting Oct. 1, 1927, in the name of the Sovereign Theatre corporation, they were acting for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Insull. They leased the playhouse directly from the estate of Charles A. Chaplin, owner of the Fine Arts building. They have since then concluded a second deal, whereby Mr. and Mrs. Insull take over the remaining year of the lease held by the firm of Hanks & Gazzolo, who acquired it in 1922. The Insulls take possession with the end of the indefinite engagement of "The Great Gatsby," which started last Sunday night. Hanks & Gazzolo have canceled all other bookings, definite and tentative, made by them for the current season.

Mrs. Insull, shortly after she made her revival of "The School for Scandal" in June of last year, told her friends that she would like to be the director of a theatre in Chicago, and to assemble and maintain therein a resident company for the production of new plays and the revival of old works entitled to be classified as "classic" or "standard." She will install this policy when she comes into possession of the Studebaker.

FOREST PRESERVE IN LAKE CO., A PROSPECT?

Reported List of Selections by State Includes Cites in This Section

R. B. Miller, Illinois, first chief forester, who started his services a few days ago, has reached a decision as to the location of the land to be bought for state forests, from the \$100,000 appropriation made by the state last year.

The lands are to be surveyed before the locations are named and the preservation for either preservation or planting are set forth. Although there appears to be no good reason for it, a report is persistent that one of these locations may be in Lake county as it is said that at least two or three sites in this county were submitted for approval when it was known that the state had set aside money for forest preservation purposes. It is expected that within a few days Mr. Miller will be ready to make his announcement of the locations.

Each year the state plans to make an appropriation for this purpose so that the forest of the state may be preserved as far as possible.

FORMER LAKE CO. MAN LEAVES BIG ESTATE

The will of August Coe Gurnee, filed in New York recently bequeaths \$300,000 in bonds and a \$20,000 annuity to his secretary, and provides for nearly \$4,000,000 in specific bequests to relatives and charities. The residuary estate is left to Harvard university.

Mr. Gurnee was a son of the late Walter S. Gurnee, Chicago capitalist, and is recalled to many residents of the north shore. He was the man who laid out the village of Lake Bluff and the man for whom the village of Gurnee was named. Mr. Gurnee died at Baden Baden, Germany, on July 25.

He left \$25,000 each to the Presbyterian hospital, St. Luke's hospital, the Nursery and Child hospital, and Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, all of New York. The Bar Harbor hospital gets a like amount, and the Children's Aid Society of New York receives \$20,000. Legacies of \$10,000 are given to the New York City Mission society and the University Settlement both of New York and the Y.M.C.A. of Bar Harbor.

SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT GLENCOE BEGUN

BROKE GROUND LAST WEEK

Contracts Let and First Dirt Turned; Prospects Good for Rapid Progress; Building Is Needed

Ground was broken last week for the new Glencoe public school auditorium, being built and given to the schools by residents of the village.

Contracts for the structure have been let to the firm of E. L. Archibald company of Chicago, and the first spadework was done for the excavation on Monday. F. W. Goodrich, a member of the contracting firm, is a resident of Glencoe. The board in letting the contract announced its pleasure in having a resident of the village engaged in the work. With a local architect, J. A. Armstrong, and a local contractor, Mr. Goodrich, on the job, the board feels that it is assured of a building which in every way will be a credit to the village and the public spirited residents whose contributions have made the auditorium possible.

Opposite Grove
The site chosen and upon which work has begun is immediately south of the present building and facing on Grove street. It will join the present building at the main south entrance near the present stack. The main entrance will be on Grove street south of the present entrance to the gymnasium, though further back from the street. The site has been fenced in by the contractors to facilitate the work.

No estimates have been given as to the time when the new addition to the school will be ready for occupancy. But the board and school authorities plan to rush it to completion, that the building may be available for use as soon as possible.

Funds Being Raised
Need for an auditorium has been stressed since the old room on the upper floor of the present building was cut up into necessary school rooms several years ago. A report by a large committee of the Glencoe Circle, under the chairmanship of Mr. Clarence T. MacNellie, now president of the school board, favored it. During the last eighteen months, after careful study by the board and public committees, the plans for building it from popular subscriptions instead of taxation, have been perfected and carried to conclusion.

While the entire cost of the building has not been subscribed, funds sufficient to insure the success of the campaign seem assured. The board and the committee in charge of the campaign for funds decided that in view of the great need of the schools, construction should be started at once, even though there is still a considerable sum to raise.

WINNETKA DAY IS TO BE THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

With Winnetka day only a week in the future, various committee chairmen are making enthusiastic reports to the general chairman, Thos. J. Lynch, in the matter of progress on all plans for Thursday, August 19, which at this stage gives every assurance of being the biggest day of its kind that Winnetka ever has seen.

L. TIFFANY TO BE LAKE FOREST CHIEF

Lester Tiffany, chief deputy sheriff of Lake county, has been appointed to the position of chief of police of Lake Forest, to succeed Albert Hopman, who will retire on Sept. 1. The appointment was announced by Mayor Farwell Winston. Tiffany is the third chief of police in the Tiffany family. His brother, Frank, is the chief at North Chicago, and Clayton, another brother, is chief at Mundelein.

The Family Next Door

