

### Lake Michigan Water Levels Dropping at Steady Pace, Report

The water levels in Lake Michigan are steadily dropping according to the reports of the United States lake survey department for the month of January. While high water levels are expected in the lake this spring due to the great amount of snowfall, the stage is expected to be near normal during the latter part of summer.

The survey showed that the lake

had fallen .17 of a foot during the month and is but .05 of a foot higher than in January of last year. It was 1.61 of a foot higher than the average for the past 10 years and is 2.06 below the stage of January, 1886 which is the highest ever recorded by the lake survey department.

Based on past records the monthly mean level for February is likely to be between 580.4 and 580.7 above sea level.

Local boatmen and others accustomed to the vagaries of the lake do not anticipate high water conditions such as existed last year.



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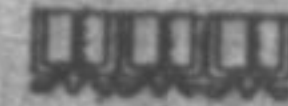
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When does Spring commence?

If we could take a census of opinion on the question, "When does Spring commence?" the answers would be almost as variant in character as in number.

The majority of people would most likely declare that the twenty-first of March was the first day of Spring, though there still exists a sentimental preference for the fourteenth of February, the feast of St. Valentine, while a large number of people over a certain age would insist that Spring no longer exists.

It is, however, from the gardener's point of view we must regard the question, and the wise one will follow Bacon, and be content with nothing less than Ver Perpetuum in his garden.

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Bring your suggestions and the titles of your favorite garden books for our collection must be complete.

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All Four in One

The Incredible Marquis, by Herbert Gorman.

This biography is nearly as dashing and romantic as any of the D'Artagnan romances, since it deals with their author, Dumas, who had some of Porthos, Aramis, and D'Artagnan in himself. Dumas, who could so easily with his energetic pen and many collaborators, make a fortune, could still more easily lose one. An interesting picture is given of the vicissitudes of the early literary romantics in French literature, of which group Dumas and Hugo were the leaders. Dumas preceded O'Neill by nearly 100 years in producing lengthy plays, one of which stretched over nine hours.

Whether interested or not in the careers and escapades of the "Four Inseparables," one can thoroughly enjoy this most interesting biography.

"Talent alone cannot make the writer. There must be a man behind the book."—Emerson.

Forty Books for Boys and Girls.

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spirit of the pirate-swarving seas in Treasure Island; Defoe caught it in Robinson Crusoe long before; and some shipwrecked traveler longed for the comforts of home on a desert island, and the result was Swiss Family Robinson. Then we have the series of misfits in The Man Without a Country and Captains Courageous. There were the vast open spaces, too, of continents to be explored, broad wastes of land holding as many terrors to overcome as did the ocean. Of these Francis Parkman wrote in the Oregon Trail.

15. The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy—Padriac Colum.

16. Treasure Island—Robert Louis Stevenson.

17. Robinson Crusoe—Daniel Defoe.

18. The Swiss Family Robinson. Johann Davis Wyss.

19. The Man Without a Country—Edward Everett Hale.

20. Captains Courageous—Rudyard Kipling.

21. The Oregon Trail—Francis Parkman.

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According to the usual costume the Library will be open as usual on Lincoln's birthday, but will be closed on Washington's birthday, Saturday, February 22.

Drunken Prisoner Bites

Thumb of State Officer

The carnivorous tendencies of a drunken prisoner almost cost State Highway Policeman Joseph Earnshaw his right thumb in an incident which occurred in Rondout last week.

Earnshaw while passing through Rondout was stopped by residents who asked that he take charge of a drunk who was terrorizing the community. Earnshaw took Martin Matak, 2920 West Madison street, Chicago, and a companion of the latter, Victor Carey, into custody and started for Libertyville.

While enroute Matak became unruly and during the scuffle he seized Earnshaw's thumb between his teeth and nearly severed it from the hand.

Earnshaw succeeded in bringing the two before Justice Lyell Morris in Libertyville, who fined Matak \$175 and costs and his companion \$10 and costs. Both paid their fines and were released. Earnshaw received treatment for his injury at the office of Dr. J. L. Taylor.