

Pontiac Pick-ups.

A great many of our people celebrated the Fourth in Fairbury. Others picnicked on the banks of the Vermillion, and spent the day pleasantly at home and otherwise. It was a quiet day in the county seat.

The contract has been let for the new Baptist church, which is to be finished by Nov. 15.

There is considerable opposition springing up against paving the streets around the court house. The county, we understand, has to stand half the expense, but there is no telling what the people want. It is generally understood that if the board of supervisors would pave the whole block that the taxpayers would drive over the pavement and do the blowing about Pontiac's progressiveness, and look up at the clock and say "us Pontiac people are the stuff."

Bob McIlhuff and his family took in the fair last week and also visited in Dwight.

It is generally conceded that the Fairbury Record man really had a contest with himself as to whether he needed a hypodermic injection of brains. Sure thing. And if it had been anybody but Brydion on the jury, the case would have went against him.-(E.O.)

GARDNER.

Wm. Marvin spent the 4th in Joliet.

B. O. Lutz came down from the city Saturday.

H. Wetmore, of Kankakee, was in town Saturday.

Tom Martin sold to I. Pope lots 6 and 7 in block 8.

Miss Jean Cantner, of Dwight, visited here Sunday.

George Booth, of Kansas, is visiting with friends here.

Harry Palmer was in Gardner Monday doing business.

Albert Smith, of Peoria, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiller were Mazon visitors Saturday.

Miss Allie Martin visited the world's fair last Saturday.

Dan Sematt, of Essex, was in town Monday on business.

Joe Kewin is enjoying the benefits of a lay off at present.

Mr. Balchler spent the Fourth with his best girl at Chenoa.

L. Hawley has purchased the Harry Snyder driving team.

Geo. Goodson, of Joliet, visited old friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. Cantner is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Howe Colstock.

Jack Bryant is laid up with a sore foot caused by a stone bruise.

Wm. Lee went to Verona Saturday, remaining there over the 4th.

Wm. Mandigold who has been visiting in the west, returned Sunday.

Geo. Sutton's daughter from Streator, visited friends in Gardner the 4th.

Fred Sutton, of Cauker City, visited relatives here a few days this week.

Elder Green, of Peoria, interviewed old friends in Gardner Wednesday.

Miss Anna Larsen, of Chicago, arrived in Gardner Sunday last for a short visit.

Jack Jenkins, of Chicago, is enjoying a two weeks' visit with his mother and sisters.

Miss Lena Underwood, of Morris, was visiting with friends and relatives here last week.

Mr. Elwood Cole and family, of Joliet, visited the past week with relatives and friends here.

Fred Baber, of Normal, and Bert Baber, of Chicago, have been visiting with friends here.

H. E. Snyder and family returned to Joliet last Friday after a weeks visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith went to Chicago Saturday to enjoy the beauties of the world's fair.

Mr. Ed. Clover and family, of Morris, were visiting with relatives and friends here over Sunday.

Prof. Harper, of Harper, Kansas, was on our streets Thursday, shaking hands with old friends.

A. W. and Mrs. Root and son Claude, were taking in the wonders of the White City, last Thursday.

Geo. Cumming went to Joliet Saturday where he will visit for a few days. From there he will go to St. Louis, spending the last week of his vacation in Indiana.

polis. Sam West is filling his place at Coster during his absence.

Prof. Galbraith, a former principal of our high school, was talking with old friends here last week.

Mr. Carter and family, of Chicago, have been visiting with Lou Germaine and family a few days this week.

Messrs. Crocker, J. H. Melhuish and F. Root, accompanied by their wives, attended the world's fair last Sunday.

The world's fair drew a large crowd from here the Fourth, and there is no doubt that they were perfectly satisfied with what they saw—the crowd especially.

J. E. Gowey and wife, Wm. Smith and wife, R. W. Beame, Amos and Emma Clover, and a number of others, were in Morris last week, in attendance on the Sarah Dodge insanity case.

Dr. Harry Ferguson who has been absent from Gardner for a few days, returned home Saturday night, accompanied by a lady, who in the future will share both his sorrows and pleasures through life. May they live long and be happy. We extend a cordial welcome to Mrs. Ferguson as an acquisition to our social life.

Round Grove.

George Pfefferman and wife and Mrs. S. Pfefferman spent last week at the world's fair.

Bert Grand and Roy Seymour spent the 4th at Kankakee.

E. H. Kneeland and son Frank, of Dwight, spent last Tuesday calling on friends in Broughton and Round Grove.

Wm. Chapple will build a new home in Reddick in the near future, and retire from farm work.

Corn continues to look fine. Haying will commence next week and will be a light crop.

The youngest child of Wm. Stacy was buried in the Round Grove cemetery last Sunday.

Campus.

Fourth of July is over for another year.

Most of the Campus people spent the 4th in Kempton.

Everybody is crying for rain as the crops are almost suffering.

The circus last Friday was the best that ever came to Campus, and a large crowd was there.

Braceville Items.

R. Ramsay was a Chicago visitor Monday.

S. L. Jacobs took in the world's fair city Tuesday.

R. M. Agard had business in Gardner Tuesday.

J. P. Cumming was in Joliet on business Tuesday.

David Thomas and wife visited in Joliet the Fourth.

Miss Nellie Moffat was a Dwight visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. Sawyer, Z. Bailey and Wm. Rogers, visited Chicago Thursday.

Mrs. Isabel Archibald has sold her house and it has been moved away.

Mrs. George Pope and Mrs. De Los Pope, were doing Wilmington Monday.

John Cumming and family, of Iowa, are visiting a few days in Springfield.

The Joliet News observed the 4th as a holiday and did not issue any paper.

Miss Lena Lagerquist has returned home from an extended visit at Morris.

Geo. W. Reitzel and Charles Holmes visited Gardner Friday evening of last week.

S. H. Warner and John Mainwaring visited Coal City, Thursday evening, of last week.

James Radford and Thomas Roberts came down from Chicago Sunday, and visited in our city.

The M. E. sociable, held at the home of T. T. Smith Tuesday evening, of last week was a success.

There was no work going on at shafts No. 2 and 4 the 4th and 5th. Everybody were celebrating.

Miss Emma DuClos departed last Monday morning for a visit in St. Anne, among old time friends.

The smiling countenances of Wm. Watt and Miss Lizzie Allison were Braceville visitors during the week.

A son of H. Davis' met with a very painful accident the other day. He was on a box car that was standing on the side track, and from some unaccountable rea-

son lost his balance, falling off breaking both his wrists.

Robert Kline had the misfortune of having one of his legs broken at No. 4 shaft Friday of last week.

F. Schultz and family, James Hamilton, Wm. Waters, C. Adams and Mrs. Archibald were Chicago visitors Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. Bradley, of Coal City, were among the number who attended divine services here Sunday evening.

Prof. Francis Williams took his departure on the morning of the Fourth, for an extended visit in Wales, his mother country.

John Allison was off to Wilmington on a fishing excursion one day last week. We are unable at this time to state how he succeeded.

The fire department were out in full force Wednesday evening of last week, drilling new members, trying hydrants, sprinkling the streets, etc.

Mrs. Bailey's residence, until recently occupied by E. O. Rathfon, has been sold and moved up on the Evan Davis lot, on the east side of the Alton track.

Our genial druggist, Mr. W. H. Smith, was called to Lexington, last Sunday, on a sad mission, owing to the death of a sister, which occurred in Bay City, Mich. The funeral was held in Lexington Monday last. This is the second sister Mr. Smith has lost by death during the past year.

The K. of P's. of this place held a picnic in Glasgow's grove on the 4th, following up the festivities of the day by a ball in the evening at the opera house. The Pythian Sisters combined pleasure with business, and gave a supper in the Huston building. All were well attended and a good time enjoyed.

Mrs. J. A. Sawyer and family, E. D. Scott, Miss Jesse Hanna, Geo. W. Reitzel, Miss Maggie Chivers, Mrs. H. W. Reitzel, son and daughter and Mrs. James Mainwaring, drove out and picniced at Custer Park on the 4th. In the afternoon the TRIBUNE man took a three or four hours sneak to Braidwood to wile away the time.

A rare treat was in store for those who attended the Methodist church last Sunday evening. Rev. A. R. Morgan, of Joliet, delivered an impressive and interesting sermon. He took for his subject, "Our Nation's Birthday," holding the attention of his hearers during his entire discourse. The music rendered by the choir was very good; and presumably every body went away filled with enthusiasm.

Peace and quietness prevailed and our streets presented a deserted appearance on the Fourth, owing to so much going on outside in the neighboring places. Most of our people availed themselves of a day's outing; and who could blame them. In the evening quite a display of fireworks could be seen from a number of residences, and thus closed the scenes of another 4th of July, only to be a matter of the past, while awaiting the coming of another of like character.

While a number of people stayed at home on the glorious 4th, and enjoyed the comfort of home life, still quite a number visited neighboring towns and enjoyed the day. Among those we saw three young bewitching ladies at Gardner who were at the depot waiting for the train that would convey them safely to Braceville. But what did these ladies do? They got on the Denver and did not realize their mistake, until Gardner was left far behind. They became so frightened that they forgot what day it was, and the plans they formed before they reached Dwight were numerous. But as good fortune would have it, in their favor at least, the train north had been delayed at Dwight and they arrived there in time to return home on it. A TRIBUNE man was on the same train and can truly say he never saw three young people more anxious than these girls were, yet their attempt at seemingly indifference to the situation was truly amusing.

REV. WM. WILSON.

Further Particulars of His Sad Fate --Funeral--Obituary.

We clip the following from the Tonic news, the contents of which will be understood by the unfortunate man's many friends in Dwight and vicinity: William Wilson, eldest of 7 living children, 10 in all, of John and Sarah Wilson, was born in Glasgow, Scotland May 11, 1841. He came to this country when 16 years of age, in 1857. He was educated at Lincoln University (Cumberland Presbyterian) at Lincoln, Ill., graduating in June, 1871. He always carried the honors of his College Society. In this school he gave some attention to theological study and occasionally preached.

Desiring to complete his theological education, he entered the Chicago Theological Seminary and about the same time the pastorates of churches at Thawville and Roberts, Ill. Graduating in 1880, he became pastor of the Congregational church at Dwight, Ill., and subsequently at Tonic, Ill.; and last, at Lusk, Wyoming, covering 21 years of service in ten different fields. Genial and sympathetic in his nature he made many and warm friends wherever he labored.

Closing 20 years of uninterrupted service at Tonic, Ill., never having had any vacation, he felt the need of rest. He also felt a great longing for a home and thought to secure both by a trip through the West. He partially secured a piece of government land in western Nebraska, but was chiefly occupied in selling some of the more substantial publications of the day. He found the farther west he went the better such business was, and thus he went into Utah and Wyoming. Besides sending to his family the means for their subsistence he had gained possession of 3 horses and other incidentals and was now returning through Wyoming and Nebraska (where he meant to leave his horses with a brother near his home) and come on to his family and again to return to his ministerial labors. He had already held communication with Rev. Tompkins, Home Mission Secretary, to that effect.

He found that he could shorten his homeward trip by taking a certain road through the mountains which led away from the railroad. His intention caused much uneasiness to his family, but he assured his wife that the roads were in fine condition, that the weather was all that could be desired, and that he was constantly going back and forth; besides the people were very hospitable and a stranger would welcome everywhere.

His letters home had been frequent: always once, often twice a week; but now he said they might be two weeks without hearing from him. On Dec. 27, 1892, the date of his last letter. Leaving Ham's Forks on the Union Pacific railroad in southwestern Wyoming, that morning, he went forth and through what is known as Pomoys Basin—a section hemmed in by mountains, forming a valley 7 to 9 miles wide, 20 to 25 miles long. It seems that this is a terrible storm center, and there are tremendous falls of snow in the winter, but never any rain in summer, so that no one has ever settled there though it is full of flocks of sheep in the summer. On the night of the 27th it turned cold, 40 degrees below zero, and the next day and night were colder, with a terrible blizzard. At the head of the basin—where it ran east and west—it is evident Mr. Wilson encountered heavy snows. Some 1/2 mile from the road were found his cart and trunk. No doubt he here abandoned his horses, and taking his bedding (which it seems every traveler carries in that country) wandered across the valley, finding a gulch washed out which in a measure protected him from the fury of the storm, made his bed in the bottom of it on some poles. Here he probably stayed till the force of the storm was over and seeing his driving horse took the back track for 5 or 6 miles, where, away from the road and up on the mountain side, a shepherd's summer cabin stood, boarded up on the sides and covered with brush. Here it is supposed he stayed while, perhaps through a secon storm, from inhabitants in the cabin, with a brief interval, it stormed some ten days. Leaving horse, harness and blanket here, he extemporized a pair of snow shoes from a board off the cabin and parts of the harness, and took to the ridge above the valley where he abandoned the cart. In sight of the cart but on top of the ridge and 1/2 of a mile northwest of it, these snow shoes were found. A mile and a half farther along the ridge his body was found on the morning of June 4, badly decomposed he having apparently famished and partly frozen to death.

It is said that more or less perish in this region every year by being caught in storms. Mr. Wilson is the fourth to perish in this vicinity within a year and only his body and one of the others were recovered.

Mrs. Wilson, when three weeks had elapsed after her husband left Ham's Fork and she did not hear from him, began writing to the postmasters at the different points he was expected to make. Mail was awaiting him at points he had directed it should be sent, but nothing could be heard of him after leaving Ham's Fork. Feeling sure he had been waylaid and murdered, she took a few friends into her confidence, and also wrote to his brothers living in Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska, who took steps to institute a search, but found because of the deep snow that they could do nothing till well along in April. The last week in April it began, Dr. John Wilson, of Kansas, conducting it. They first found the harness and effects in the cart, and one horse feeding on the mountain side, (the other horses have not been found); then later the cart and trunk; again the bedding in the washout; then the snow shoes and last the body. For 40 days the Dr. searched, assisted by the shepherds who came in with their flocks as the grass came on. The body had not been mutilated in any way, strange to say.

Though there was a trace of familiar look to the features, one would hardly have been willing to swear to their identity by that; but the identity was placed beyond all question by the effects found on the body, viz., his name in full stitched by a machine on a strip of cloth and sewed in one of his pockets; the photographs of four of his children; and the business papers in his pockets. \$53.60 were found in his purse.

The body reached Loda, Ill., for interment on the 9th inst., where the aged father and mother, also two brothers and a sister. Funeral services were conducted in the home of a brother, Mr. James Wilson, by Rev. Scotland, assisted by Rev. Helms.

The long and terrible suspense to Mrs. Wilson and her family is now over. It is some comfort to bury our loved ones when death overtakes them, which at one time it seemed would be denied this family, as well as all knowledge of his fate. Terrible as was his fate the suspense and anguish of loving hearts has been well nigh overwhelming.

Mr. Wilson carried a life insurance of \$2,000 in the N. Y. Life Co. which will aid somewhat the financial loss caused by the death. In this school he gave some attention to theological study and occasionally preached.

The sympathy of the entire community has gone out to the bereaved and sorrowing family.

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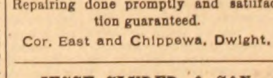


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WEST. Accommodation Freight except Sunday..... 5:30 a. m. Mail Leaves except Sunday..... 4:45 p. m.

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I. I. I. Time Table.

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