

Potatoes.

MASSACHUSETTS—Dry weather has injured potatoes badly. Hay crop above the average in quantity. CONNECTICUT—Very dry; potatoes suffering. Grass crop fair. NEW YORK—Early potatoes a failure; late crop may be good with rain. NEW JERSEY—Dry weather has shortened potato crop. Hay crop not over one-half, may not average that. WEST VIRGINIA—Drouth has injured potatoes badly. Hay not fifty per cent of a crop. ILLINOIS—Dry weather has reduced potato crop both early and late. IOWA—Late potatoes need rain. Situation badly mixed. Grass crop an average one. NEBRASKA—Late potatoes more or less injured by drouth. INDIANA—Early potatoes one third less than last year; late potatoes suffered badly from dry weather. OHIO—Dry weather has injured the potato crop badly. MICHIGAN—Potatoes have not suffered as much in this state from drouth as in some others. WISCONSIN—Early potatoes a very light crop. Cannot expect under any circumstances anything but a poor crop of late potatoes. NORTH DAKOTA—The late potatoes looked well until about the twentieth of July. Since that time, the weather has been cooler, but too dry for the good of the crop. SOUTH DAKOTA—Have suffered considerably from dry weather. Will not be over half an average crop. COLORADO—Potato crop will be short of last year at least twenty-five per cent. Whether August and September rains would benefit late potatoes now, is quite a question. Bugs have been more abundant and destructive this season than for several years. The early potato crop has proved to be very light and I should say that the late potatoes promise now to be even lighter than the early. I think the country has gathered a fair hay crop. Nothing excessive and owing to the dry weather which now prevails, a much larger proportion of hay will be needed at home than usual. I believe it is as good property as a farmer can have at the present time, when all values are so low and subject to such rapid fluctuation.

Announcements for 1893-94.

HENRY A. FOSTER. At this time we deem it proper to make the following announcement of the work for the coming year. Copy for the Educational Column will be sent to all papers that will publish it, so that the paper that any teacher happens to read, is a subscriber to does not have said column it will be because it has no space for the educational interests of this county, or because it is unfriendly to the common schools of this country. We trust that due notice will be taken of the following announcement, and that all who may be friendly to education will lend a hand to help the cause along.

The educational column will not be used to answer the attacks of self-styled "Friends of the Little Schools," who are so desirous of the fact that the unification of books and the classification of the schools of this county has cost the enormous sum of 12 cents per pupil, neither will it be deemed necessary to defend our work against the attacks of any ex-educators, who were so enthusiastic in their work in the remote past, that their pupils even threw paper wads at them while they calmly slept between recitations. These individuals will be properly castigated and so labeled that even the unwary though he be a fool will not be taken in. With the opening of the schools in September we will begin a systematic visitation of the county schools. It is our purpose to visit schools during the day and hold a Town Meeting in the evening, at which both the Superintendent and his Assistant, will be pleased to meet the friends of the common schools, and among other things consider what will be the most conducive to their advancement. To hold thirty consecutive meetings will require six weeks. At the conclusion of this first series we will begin again and hold two meetings per night, the Superintendent at one and the Assistant at the other. Besides visiting the schools, conferring with the teachers, and attending their needs, we will organize the teachers for the Reading Circle and arrange club work in the course of study for teachers soon to be issued.

In accordance with the arrangements agreed upon at the Institute, this course of study will be designed to lift the industrious teacher from a second grade scholarship to a first grade scholarship and from a first grade scholarship to a five year state rank, from that rank to the life certificate grade. In the furtherance of this plan it is hoped that a township organization of teachers may be formed in each township and that an appropriate leader may be chosen. Once every month a local assembly will be called at one of six chosen centers, at which there will be a competent person to direct the work. One half the time will be given to a discussion of club work and one-half to the discussion of methods and ways and means.

[There was a paragraph of a personal nature in this communication, which the editor took the liberty to scratch out. The STAR AND HERALD has always published the "Educational Column" and hopes to continue to do so, but will not under any circumstances allow anything to appear under that head of a personal nature. Several personal mentions do not tend to the right kind of education.]—Ed.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES & NEWS.

GARDNER. Mr. Scott was a Dwight visitor last Tuesday. John Barton took in the world's fair Thursday. Geo. Booth was in Kankakee last Wednesday. S. Hartley went to Morris on business Monday. Mrs. Dave Cumming visited in Braidwood Friday. Geo. Cumming is now exercising on a new wheel. Jerry Govey was doing business in Chicago Tuesday. Byron Miller, of Dwight, was on our Streets Thursday. Mrs. Wm. Kewin was a Braceville visitor Thursday. Tom Cumming was in LaSalle Saturday and Sunday. Wm. VanHouton, of Braceville, was in Gardner Saturday. Miss Nora Pope was visiting in Braceville last Saturday. Geo. Booth has been taking in the fair for a week or so. Ed Reynolds and Farney were visiting in Joliet Monday. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peck were among our visitors Sunday. Fred Barber, of Chicago, visited here with his parents Sunday. Lou Germain and wife were in Chicago visited the fair Tuesday. Chas. McDonald was in Chicago on business Friday and Saturday. F. W. Peck, of Chicago, was visiting with his folks here Sunday. Mr. Keller, an old citizen of Gardner, was on our streets Tuesday. Miss Maggie Jenkins visited in Dwight the later part of the past week. Geo. Smith was doing business in Kankakee the fore part of the week. Jack Horrie, of Morris, visited with Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson last Sunday. Harry Traver, of Davenport, Neb., is visiting friends here for a few days. Miss Nora Kewin visited with her sister, Mrs. McLane, at Dwight last week. Dr. Taxis was called to Braidwood Monday by Dr. Eldred of that place. Be sure and attend the social given by the M. E. church Saturday evening. W. H. Fenton went to Quincy Saturday, to see his sister, who is reported quite ill. Harry Charlton, of Wilmington, visited with his mother, Mrs. Witmore last Wednesday. Dave Melbourn, of Bloomington, visited here with his mother Wednesday and Thursday. E. Rigby was doing business in Chicago last Saturday. His son Artie, accompanied him. Lou West and Ed. Wirmer started for Minnesota last Monday for the harvest there. Mr. Campbell and daughters, Maud and Mary, were visiting with friends here Tuesday. Mrs. James Bell, of Carbon Hill, and her sister, Miss Walters, was on our streets Monday. Chas. Butterfield and Jack Stean, were taking in the sights of Chicago, Sunday and Monday. Miss Collins, who has been visiting with friends here for a few weeks, returned to her home Saturday. Mr. Villiers and family left for Logansport, Ind., Thursday morning, where they will reside in the future. The carpenters, masons and painters, are fixing up our school house in fine shape, which it needed very badly. B. F. Barnes, of Petersburg, Mich., who has been visiting with B. F. Barber for a week or two, returned home Friday. Quite a number of the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Underhill, enjoyed a very pleasant evening at their home, last Friday. Mrs. Lucy Melbourn went to Braidwood Friday to see her daughter, Ella, who has been quite sick, but is slowly improving. Mrs. R. N. Beame, Mrs. John Spiller, Mrs. Bert Strahl and Mrs. Jackman, visited with Mrs. Stevens, at the Creek, last Tuesday. Mrs. Ella Davidson, of Braidwood, who has been quite sick for some time, was able to come down and see her mother and sister Sunday. The body of William Stone was brought up from Lexington Wednesday, and laid to rest in the Wheeler graveyard. He was killed in the wreck at Danville on the Big 4, Saturday night. He leaves a young wife and a six

week old baby, besides his mother and one brother and a host of friends to mourn his loss. S. H. Roe, who has been agent for the Big 4 and E. J. and E. for some time at Coster, left last Friday for Unionville, Ohio, to accept the agency at that place. Mrs. Dr. Taxis and daughter, Irene, and Mrs. Eli Eldred, who have been visiting at the world's fair for the last two months, returned home Thursday evening. Round Grove. Geo. Stener and his mother did business in Pontiac Monday. Irving Potter, of Joliet, visited friends in Round Grove this week. Elmer Clover will shell the company's corn at Wilson this week. Billy Yates Sundayed in Essex which pleased his best girl very much. Dan Reinmiller got badly injured by having a wagon run over his head last Monday. Pontiac Pick-ups. Dick Thornton, of Dwight, was down to the circus. The Cook & Whitby show was fairly good and fairly well attended. We expect to be heated by steam this winter by a public steam heating plant. The corner stone of the new Baptist church building was laid yesterday. Our bicyclists are having a good time and their club is a strong one. The boys are a lively set, sure. Goodfarm. Orié States is visiting with relatives in Marsailles. Lillie Pierce spent Sunday with friends in our locality. Rev. Schaaf and family spent Sunday with the Thorpe family. Lura Wheatley, of Dwight, spent the week with Eva McClary. Bert Jones and wife visited with R. G. Thompson's family Sunday. James Swane and family entertained relatives from Morris last week. Mrs. J. Keepers and neice, of Mazon, visited with friends in our vicinity last week. Mr. Stubenrauch, wife and son, of Streator, attended quarterly meeting held at the German M. E. church, Sunday. Clark City. Wm. Jones commenced work here last week. George Shultz was in town on his high priced wheel Sunday. Mr. List and son and Joe Underwood, of Essex, were in town Friday. Charlotte McCuen is staying with her sister, Mrs. Sambrook, at present. Mr. Frank Howland, of Harvey, Ill., and his brother of Gardner, were in town Tuesday. Peter Walstrum had his foto hurt while at work Monday. He is now working again. Archie Miner, of Hammond, Ind., is spending a few days home with his parents, during his week's vacation. Dr. Allison was in town Friday performing an operation on Mrs. Andrew Wilson's hand. She has been suffering with an abscess for some time. Herman Eichler, of Essex, and his brother-in-law, had a runaway Wednesday. Their horses became frightened and the lines broke. Both men escaped injury by jumping out. While Miss Kate Nelson and Mrs. James Alderson were riding from Gardner, their horse became frightened at a bicycle, both being thrown out. Miss Nelson received slight injury. Railroad Notes. Evangelical Association Sunday School convention, and German camp meeting, Vermillion, Ohio, Aug. 9 to 22, 1893. Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare and one-third for round trip, good until Aug. 25, 1893. Home seekers' excursion to points in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Manitoba, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wyoming, at very cheap rates on Aug. 22, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10. For information apply at depot. Rates to the west and to the northwest, and to the Pacific coast, are lower than they have been for some time years. Probably you will not have an opportunity again to go and return as cheaply as you can now. Remember that the C. & A. is the favorite route. Full information about rates, routes and connections cheerfully given at the C. & A. ticket office.

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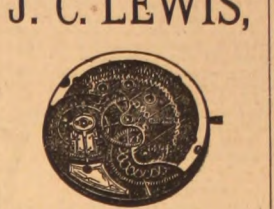
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Illinois Central Time Table

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