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Pontiac Pick-ups.

The candidate is abroad in the land. The K. of P. banquet proved a grand success.

There was a small fire in M. Rose's store Thursday. An oil stove was acting bad.

The attention of the circuit court this week is being given to the Ross-Payson case.

Mrs. Chas. Baker was thrown from a cutter Sunday and quite badly injured, she is recovering.

Editor Clark took in the Republican Editorial convention at Peoria this week and reports an excellent, enthusiastic meeting.

It is said that Attorney Norton will try to be county judge, and R. F. McIlhuff will shy his castor into the ring for congressional honors. A great deal is said.

The following marriage licenses were granted recently: Samuel Fager, Pike, Edith Peterson, Fairbury; G. H. Landreth, Chicago, Mary Caviezel, Pontiac; John F. Kennedy, Emington, Marcella Ferguson, Campus; Frank Hubert, Nevada, Clara Gutel, Odell; C. F. Hamline, Harriet Crouch, Fairbury. We wish you all joy and prosperity.

Reddick.

John Malton, of Coal City, spent Sunday with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Ambrose are in Emington this week.

Mr. and Miss Ferriter and Miss Guest were in Chicago Monday.

Wm. Unz is still confined to the house with rheumatism, but is improving.

The Reddick tent of the K. O. T. M. gave their first ball in Johnson's hall Thursday evening.

Quite a number from Dwight and Campus attended the masquerade Friday evening. All report a good time.

Wm. Chapple and wife left for Chicago Tuesday where the latter, who has been sick for some time, will take treatment.

Rev. Puffer is holding meetings at the M. E. church here this week. All should go and hear him as he is a good speaker and a sincere worker in the cause of Christ.

George Kenney, of Joliet, formerly of this place, and Staria Lawless, of Round Grove, were united in marriage last Wednesday at Campus. They are stopping at E. Johnson's at present.

Gardner.

Will Bull is tending sewer pipe now-a-days.

Harry May, of Braceville, was in town Monday.

Everett Converse, of Joliet, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Lees, of Verona, was visiting here Monday.

Rev. I. O. Mallory, of Buckley, was on our streets Thursday.

J. F. Peck and Joe Kimber left for Virginia, Ill., Wednesday morning.

E. Rigby was doing business in Chicago Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. L. F. Jeffers and Mrs. Daner went to Braceville Thursday.

Geo. Spencer is very low at this writing, but has hope of his recovery.

S. V. Allison went through here last week on his way to Mazon to attend meetings of the M. W. A., and K. P., of that place.

A few of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Ferguson's friends gave them a surprise last Thursday, the evening was spent in different games, and all had a good time.

George Allison died at his home two miles south of Gardner, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31, at 5 o'clock. He had been suffering for some time with pneumonia. His death was not unexpected.

Dr. Taxis and wife, Miss Daisy Lees, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Will Howland, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Eldred attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Leach, of Joliet, Friday afternoon. Rev. Mallory, of Buckley, officiated.

Three of our trappers went out to examine their traps last Saturday and found several nice mink and one large possum which they brought in for our inspection.

They were hungry on the way back and gave a little girl fifteen cents and asked her to go in the house and bring out a lunch, she brought out one slice of bread and butter to be divided among the three, which looked as if it was one that was left over from last year. Ask Harry Augustine.

CORBETT-MITCHELL.

Talk about the above named gentlemen, Jacksonville, the Duval club, etc., they "can't hold a candle" to Gardner and its "Push Club." The last meeting under the auspices of the club took place in the K. & S. elevator in the north part of town at three o'clock last Sunday afternoon. The principle contest was between two local sports representing Corbett and Mitchell. Corbett succeeded in knocking his man out in the second round, and so completely that he did not regain consciousness for six minutes. "Peter Jackson" immediately stepped forward and challenged the winner, the fight to come off on the spot. The challenge was accepted, "Corbett's" seconds threw up the sponge at the end of the second round, as it was his right jaw was broken by a stunning blow planted by "Jackson" early in that round. These contests with several minor ones were the cause of so many swollen cheeks, scab faces, distorted necks and sprained thumbs seen on our street during the week.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Wednesday morning after the opening exercises, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the halls were made to walk through.

Resolved, That there shall be no congregating in the halls.

Resolved, That there shall be no talking in the halls.

Resolved, That no child shall

go out after the main line has passed.

Resolved, That each teacher shall report such grievances to the principal.

Resolved, That no scholar shall go into another room unless he first gets permission of his teacher and stating the object of his visit.

Resolved, That no scholar shall rap at the door when he wishes to enter.

Resolved, That on entering the room each scholar shall take his seat and not communicate above an undertone.

Resolved, That no pupil shall leave his seat at intermission without permission from his teacher.

Braceville.

Dr. Coltrin was in Chicago Saturday.

Z. Bailey received a car load of sawdust Wednesday.

W. J. Malcolm went to Colfax, Ill., the first of the week.

Chas. Morton, of Carbon Hill, visited friends her Monday.

Mrs. J. Feeney, of Carbon Hill, visited friends here this week.

Miss Bessie Smith, of Gardner, spent last Friday evening here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bull, of Chicago, called on Braceville friends on the 29th.

Mrs. Philip Radford is not improving in health as rapidly as was hoped for.

A private dancing party was given in Malcolm's hall last Wednesday evening.

Joseph Horton came up from Gardner last Friday evening to call upon friends here.

Dr. Warner still continues his visits to Odell although his patient there is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Harry May intends taking a trip to California in the near future, in company with Mrs. Dr. McMann, of Gardner.

The young people enjoyed a pleasant party in Malcolm's hall, last Monday evening, everyone present reports a very enjoyable time.

John Carswell, who was burned out a short time ago, left Wednesday for his new home in Thuber, Texas, where he will work in the mines.

The state law concerning vaccination will be enforced here after Feb. 5, and then no pupil or teacher will be allowed to attend school until vaccinated.

A pleasant surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Jeff. Smith at their home, two miles west of town, on last Wednesday evening. A number from town were present.

Quite an interesting law suit came before the Squire Tuesday. Peter Peterson vs. Mat Cairns, the latter winning the case, the costs fell upon the plaintiff, who says he will appeal the case.

home last Wednesday evening, it being the fourteenth anniversary of her birthday. A delicate lunch was served and all the young folks say they had a splendid time.

Wm. Hess had the misfortune to step on a rusty nail the other day, while chopping kindling and has been compelled to use a crutch. Better get some nail proof boots, or let Mrs. H. chop the wood.

We stated, a week or so ago that our good, whole-souled friend who has for a long time mixed medicine in the Miner's drug store was about to leave, and now it has happened, W. H. Smith left for his home in Lexington, last Thursday.

The new clothing store pulled up stakes and left Thursday. They only stayed a week but it was long enough, and "Cheap Charley" again has things his own way. Charley is a good citizen and sells good clothes at reasonable prices and so it was that he was not frightened when the auction man settled down so close to him.

Our town is greatly disturbed each week by a certain element (extremely tough) on our neighboring towns, which always seem to get around here on Sundays and have a big time. There is no great amount of good resulting from these weekly gatherings, and they ought to be stopped.

At the regular meeting of the I. O. G. T. Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: C. T. George Reay; V. T. Miss J. Valley Strong; Sec. Ray L. Smith; F. S. Hugh Evans; Treas. Guy Small; Chap., Rev. G. W. L. Smith; Marshall, Ed. Makepeace; Guard, Miss Zula Smith; Sentinel, James Aichibald. Installation will take place next Wednesday evening. The membership of this lodge is steadily growing.

Robt. Menaugh had some little trouble with a calf last Tuesday; he had it in the butcher wagon and was driving off with it when the calf was seized with a desire to go the other way and accordingly walked out at the rear end of the wagon. Had not some kind friends hailed Bob, he would be looking for that poor calf yet.

Some of the boys last Sunday evening conceived the idea of "hanging for entertainment only," and as the plan seemed to strike the crowd favorably, the question arose as to what member of the gay throng should be "strung up." At this point there was considerable hesitating and debating, for there were two great difficulties in the way, first; the one who should consent to thus entertain the rest, would necessarily miss the fun, and might, in the operation, experience some little inconvenience. At last, however, a man from Gardner stepped out and, posing for a moment, a la Winklereed, he bared his neck to the rope; at this, the crowd raised a glorious yell, and it was but the work of an hour or so to place the victim on a table, slip the noose about his neck and then make it fast above and kick the table from beneath—but the affair was a failure, the rope or the man was too long and the feet of the latter just reached the

floor. But it afforded a great deal of "amusement" for the crowd, and upon such elevating and refining entertainment, some seem to linger tenderly.

Central City.

Wm. Lonie visited Coal City Sunday last.

Edward Turner, of Carbon Hill was in town over Sunday.

T. Y. Husband, of Chicago, was visiting with Edward Hardy last week.

Wm. Fox had a fine baby boy arrive at his home last week, mother and child doing well.

Miss Fox from the farm and J. R. Jones and wife, of Gardner, visited Miss Moss on Sunday last.

Edward Spiers has got his house about finished, it is a very neat little cottage, we wish him prosperity.

A social dance was held by the young folks at Adam Brooks hall on Saturday night, and a good time was had by all attending.

Eli Brooks had a fine baby boy arrive at his house last week, mother and child doing well, you may be assured he is a big man.

Rev. Young, of Coal City, will preach, in the P. M. church on Sunday evening, Feb. 4th. Turn out and hear something that will do you good.

Arthur Green preached in the P. M. church on Sunday night to a good congregation hoping that the house of God may be filled to hear the glad tidings of great joy.

Country Roads.

Quite an interesting feature in the question of the improvement of our country roads, has arisen lately in Illinois in connection with giving work to be unemployed in Chicago upon the roads. The movement went so far as to ask Governor Altgeld if he would be willing to convene the Legislature an extra session. He does not seem to favor it on the ground of its great expense and time it would take to get the Legislature together and also the amount of time which would be lost before any practical work could be done.

I have addressed quite a number of inquiry upon the same subject to prominent farmers in Illinois, asking their ideas with regard to the Road question. The answers to these letters have brought out a good deal of useful and practical information on the improvement of our country roads and I make several extracts for the information of my readers at large.

No. 1. "I think there is a great deal of foolish talk as to the state and Government aid for roads, except it may be building large bridges or works of that character. Each township should make its own roads.

Some compare this country with older countries and the older part of this country where roads have been worked for years; in fact, for centuries. Our road making does not date back over fifty years. I have been forty years in this state and if there is as much improvement in the next forty years our roads will compare favorably with those of any country.

No. 2.—"Country roads cannot be made in the winter to advantage. The average farmer needs as much work as the unemployed." Our town built three miles of good roads last fall. One and a half miles in the corporation. They were built from funds of saloon

No. 3.—"Our county is a poor one and if we had the means we could have as good roads as there are anywhere. We have an ocean of gravel and are making good hard roads as fast as we can."

No. 4.—"If the enterprise of making permanent roads in the winter, was undertaken, justice to the farmer would seem to indicate that he should be given the first chance of doing the work, as it is the season of the year above all others when he could utilize his leisure time. The farmer being (theoretically) the party who would be most benefited by the proposed work, will consequently be expected to bear the brunt of the financial burden of the proposed improvement. Whereas, the farming class of taxpayers, the only class which I am acquainted with, who now pays more than his just proportion of all taxes. His property all being in sight while bonds and mortgages and many other kinds of practical wealth are kept in hiding."—Prime's Crop Bulletin.

A Delightfully Unique Gift.

There is a newly made bride in New York who received a most delightfully unique gift from a wealthy aunt whose boast is that she never gives a present other folks think of. On this occasion the petted niece was presented with a full washstand set in renouveau silver. Of many pieces the set consists. First there is a great silver platter, oblong and with handles at the ends, that covers the marble top of the washstand and is exquisitely etched with the story of the mermaids. In the center of this platter stands the washbowl, a deep, wide, capacious bowl, and the repositure work on it shows sirens and dolphins. The bowl has handles, and with it goes the pitcher of silver, that holds a gallon of water. The accompanying pieces are two smaller pitchers, one for hot water, with a top and ivory handle, and one for water to use when cleaning ones teeth. There is a crystal cup that fits into a cut silver cup, a silver soap dish, tooth brush rack, a porcelain lined box for toothpaste, and a stand with four glass lined silver bottles, for holding the washstand perfumes, tooth washes, and toilet ammonia. The owner's monogram is prominent on every piece.—From "Society Fads," in Demorest's Family Magazine for February.

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