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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The senatorial fight is virtually over and Senator Shelby M. Cullom will succeed himself in the United States senate. He is a good, clean, safe man.

Senator Craig introduced a bill this week in Springfield making it a misdemeanor for any assessor to assess property at less than a fair cash value.

A new writer has appeared who bids fair to rival Barrie and Crockett on their own ground. He calls himself "Ian MacLaren," but in reality he is a Mr. Watson, a minister of the Free Church of Scotland. He will have a story in McClure's magazine for February. The editor of McClure's has introduced to us several new writers, but perhaps none more promising than Ian MacLaren.

In both houses of the Michigan legislature there is but one democrat and his name is Donovan. The republicans put Mr. Donovan on all the important committees and gave him the choice of seats in the house. In return Mr. Donovan made the election of the republican speaker of the house unanimous by voting for him. He also did the same thing when Senator McMillan was re-elected. Donovan is a great man in Michigan. Flanagan, of Texas, is not in it any more.

Senator Bogardus, who represented the old district and is serving a term from here now, introduced a bill into the legislature Tuesday which will undoubtedly secure the attention of that body. It is regarding states prisons, and gives a chance to a prisoner to make a little money for himself so he can go out with enough to assist him until he can get something to do, or in other words to give him a chance to be honest if he will. Also that one of the prisons be made into a reformatory so that those persons who wish to reform can do so without mingling with the hopeless charges.

Dwight C. Morgan has just finished and forwarded to Springfield the matter for the forthcoming report of the railroad and warehouse commissioners, covering the railroad situation of our state. The report is unusually full, brings out a vast amount of most facts to everyone who is interested in the growth and progress of our state. We are greatly interested in the details of the report with regard to the situation of the Illinois Central railroad, as it bears upon the taxes of Illinois. This vast corporation pay now nearly one-third of the entire taxes of the state. We have always regarded Stephen A. Douglas' work in pushing through the great land grant which congress gave this railroad, as one of the most sensible acts of any man in this country. This whole report does credit to Mr. Morgan.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Varna has natural gas and a boom is expected. A boom is a good thing if it is sense with it.

A colored barber at Paxton, named Dunn, eloped last week with a white girl.

During a quarrel last week at Archer, McLane county, C. Mooberry struck C. Henshaw and killed him. It was an old quarrel. Ex-Governor Fifer has been engaged to defend the man.

The call for aid for western sufferers is being answered all over this state. Well filled boxes and money are being sent from every town around, as well as Dwight.

Herr's great truth from an exchange: Newspaper men always know more than they write: they always shield more than they expose; they are always more merciful than cruel. The man who trusts an experienced newspaper man may rely on the fact that he will be treated fairly. It is the mean, contemptible, sneaking, suspicious hypocrite that the newspapers are always after. No manly man was ever hurt by a newspaper. And no one is quicker to see the manner of a man one is than the newspaper man, who studies men and their actions day unto day.

The Indiana candidates for legislative appointments were partially successful. James E. Cook was elected in the republican caucus as assistant sec-

retary of the senate. John D. Smith, who was a candidate for assistant clerk of the house of representatives, failed to get there, but will probably secure committee clerkship. Major James R. Cross arrived at Springfield at 12 o'clock m. and at 3 p.m. had secured the appointment as one of the capitol policemen. Bert Merrifield, we expect, will be appointed clerk of a senate committee.—Streator Free Press, La Salle county still holds its reputation for wanting and getting the earth. They are pretty good fellows over there, however, and we forgive them.

Use the Sewer.

The highest authority in this country, on sanitary drainage and sewerage in villages, is Colonel Waring, formerly of Massachusetts, but now the new street cleaning commissioner of New York City. He has just written an article upon this subject to the New York World. As Dwight has now been thoroughly seweried, it ought to be the duty of every citizen, as far as it lies within his power, to avail himself of the privileges and indisputable, far-reaching and lasting benefits that "the sewer" now offers to anyone who is willing to avail himself of its privileges. Statistics show that there are only about twenty families in Dwight who have any sewer connection.

Colonel Waring says that in a sewered town, the disposal of the waste is provided for. But when no sewerage is available, the case is always serious. It is easy enough to make the plumbing of a country or village house all alike. But when we come to the question: What to do with the sewerage? then the real trouble begins. The question is shirked by the architect, ignored by the owner, and a cesspool is dug in the ground to get it out of sight and out of mind. This may almost be called the universal custom all over the land and it constitutes the great sanitary curse of the time. Sewerage matter is stored in holes in the ground, allowing liquids to leak away in the crevices too deep for the access of air and leaving the solid matter to purify en masse with no exposure to air, except at the immediate surface.

This leads to the development of foul gases which return through the ground, or are exhaled by "ventilators" and it fills the ground water by which wells are supplied, and by which cellarars are invaded, with the poisonous product of incomplete decomposition, often accompanied by the living germs of infectious disease. It is probable to this pernicious practice, more than to all other agencies combined, that we owe the conservation and spread of typhoid and other fevers and the deleterious influence on the health and power of resistance of the people which paves the way for the development of weakness and disease.

Col. Waring goes on to say that all organic wastes are most safely disposed of when they are so placed that they can undergo their inevitable decomposition in the full presence of the air. The decomposition to which such wastes are destined, is a process of oxidation. If oxidation is facilitated to the utmost there will be no intermediate process producing poisonous and offensive results. Practically, all oxidation of such matters is due to the activity of special bacteria. Bacteria which depends on aeration for their development and work produce a harmless inoffensive result, while those which can grow without air produce opposite results.

A pan of dirty kitchen slops filtered over a grass plot and over a fresh spot each day, will be absorbed by the surface (aerated soil) and will have its impurities decomposed by bacteria of the first sort. If stored in a tight vessel or vault or cesspool its impurities will be rotted by those of the second class.

Without going into the somewhat elaborate details of the manner in which better results may be secured, it is to be said that any suitable process by which sewerage whether for any house or from a town is spread over the surface of the ground or only a few inches below the surface, will be in all respects wholesome and satisfactory and that any method of disposal which prevents such sufficient exposure to air is pernicious and dangerous. Many of our most serious diseases, some of them often fatal, are communicated from man to man, by "germs" or "bacteria," which discharge from the bodies of the sick and entering the bodies of the well make them sick. This is probably the controlling condition of all epidemics. Sanitary improvement should seek to secure (1) the suppression or avoidance of infective germs, (2) and the establishment of such surroundings and such conditions of living, as will obviate injurious and depressing influences, in and about the residences, the working places and the general surroundings of the people.

This very valuable article closes with this advice:

What we need for our best sanitary conditions is the proper protection of food and milk from the invasion of infective germs, the proper sterilization and filtering of the drinking water and the immediate decomposition of organic wastes, in the presence of a sufficient supply of fresh air. Mr. Waring also adds that the cardinal requirements of safety in our houses are the thorough ventilation and the effective

frequent flushings of all outlet pipes and drains and the immediate complete disposal of the outflow. All discharges of all plumbing appliances, should be as large and by protected strainers of such ample capacity as to insure the flow of a copious volume whenever they are opened. A wash basin, a bathtub and a sink should always be emptied with a rush which will insure the perfect washing of the waste pot. Anything less than this demands attention. Water closets should always be flushed from an overhead tank, used for no other purpose, delivering several gallons of water in a flush. This is needed not only to keep the closets in good order but to flush the soil pipe and the house drain as well. Nor should we be deterred from this condition on the ground that the water for it cannot be spared. It is not by such use nor by any use that the great volume of water is consumed. It is by waste and by constant trickling, leaks and drips from imperfect faucets. Make the whole water supply system tight as a bottle and there will be no lack of water for proper flushing whenever flushing is called for.

A Horse on John.

PONTIAC, Jan. 16, 1895.

EDITOR STAR AND HERALD—Dear Sir: In your issue of last week I notice that Mr. R. M. John, of this city, under the nom de plume of "Selah" has addressed you a rather lengthy, cumbersome and—from a literary standpoint—very inelegant communication. The letter throughout bristles with the impressive urbanity of the writer's many idiosyncrasies, but conveys the idea, that while his writing of it doubtless was a "labor of love" yet it shows evident signs of severe mental labor to that gentlemen in its construction. It surely must have been a sense of righteous indignation and the consequent disturbance of his nervous system that caused Mr. John to mar his otherwise even temperament by holding up the "Quarto" (he means quartette) to ridicule; or perhaps it was only a recurrence of individuality and supposed personal greatness which is so apt to attack all mankind sooner or later in life; but more particularly about the time a young man becomes teacher of his first country school. That Mr. John is mentally a strong man and determined, goes without saying, and that he is honest and earnestly desirous of attaining to the higher walks of life, will be freely admitted by all who have the extreme pleasure and honor of his acquaintance. It is possible therefore that this style, as evinced by his letter, is due more to an unfortunate slip, which after careful consideration, I am convinced was due to excitement only and will not become a permanent feature of his later day productions. The striping usually mistakes his superiors in the consciousness of their imaginary ability until their epistles burst with helpless verbs that know not when to look for subjects. The sense of incomprehension one experiences after reading his half done, half intelligent and utterly ridiculous letter could not be made more painful unless perhaps it might be to sit and listen to Mr. John talk on a subject he knows nothing about and cares less. Judge Tipton's criticism on the letter, which by the way was handed him to read by Mr. John himself, hits the nail on the head. The learned Judge said: "Well the letter is all right for John but it betakes too much of the personality of the author, and, to tell the truth about it, it is a conglomeration of adjectives plentifully interlarded with adverbs, and means absolutely nothing."

[When Mr. John confines his literary efforts in writing on "Assessment" for the Pontiac Leader or on "Titles to Graveyard Lots" for The Free Trader and Observer, he is more in his sphere and should always confine himself to that kind of material. Even in his ordinary letters treating on other subjects his "ghoulish glee" crops out and he is found—as in his last letter—interpreting epitaphs suitable for tombstones. These epitaphs, however, are always "quotations," as to catch Mr. John making an original remark, or giving utterance to any new idea, save those he picks up through associating with superior minds, would be a greater task than for an ordinary mortal to compel the earth to cease revolving on its axis. His reference to the orthographical mistake of "Gene" Baker—which by the way are more to be regretted than laughed at—comes with bad grace. In this regard, as in many others, if Mr. John would but "Correct those errors in himself which he condemns so in his Neighbor," the justice of his comments would have more telling effect.

This letter is written in the hope that Mr. John will—even though late in life—"take a tumble to himself" and instead of consuming his spare time in writing valueless contributions to the press, if he would devote those periods of relaxation to storing his mind by careful and selected reading from the well known authors whose books now stand covered in his well stored library with the dust of years—he would then have something to comfort him in his declining years. Faithfully yours,

A HEDGE SCHOLAR.

This paper and the Inter Ocean for \$1.75.

THE HUMAN EAR.

A Notable Lecture on the Sense of Hearing by Dr. Hartman.

During the course of one of Dr. Hartman's latest lectures at the Surgical hotel he said: "Good hearing is essential to health and safety. A continual roaring, crackling and buzzing in the head, which is always produced by partial loss of hearing, is a constant nervous irritation which will gradually undermine the strength. Besides this, even a slight loss of hearing renders any one more liable to accident, many persons being killed every year because of partial deafness. Many people think that a gradual loss of the sense of hearing is inevitable, and that everyone must submit to it sooner or later. Hence they make no attempt to find a cure. This is a great mistake. Loss of hearing, either in the old or young people, is nearly always due to chronic catarrh of the head or middle ear."

Catarrhal deafness is due to catarrh of the throat passing up through the Eustachian tubes to the middle ear. The catarrh in rare cases originates in and remains confined to the middle ear. The symptoms are: Roaring, crackling, buzzing in the ear, with gradually increasing difficulty in hearing. If not cured the hearing will be entirely destroyed. When the case has not already gone too far before treatment is begun Peru-na will cure every case. It is only after catarrh has destroyed portions of the middle ear that Peru-na fails to cure. All such cases should write Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, for further advice.

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You take our remedy, which is pleasant to the taste, and we take pleasure in relieving you of such troubles as constipation, indigestion and sick headache. Try Caldwell's Syrup Peppermint, 10 doses, 10 cents. (Large size \$6 to \$1.00) at Barr & Davis.

Soft Water.

If you are out of soft water call on Will Morris for a tank (15 lbs.) for 75c. Drop me a card or leave orders at the express office and they will receive prompt attention.

O. W. O. Hardman, Sheriff of Tyler Co., W. Pa., appreciates a good thing and does not hesitate to say so. He was almost prostrated with cold when he procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He says: "It gave me prompt relief. I find it to be an invaluable remedy for coughs and colds. For sale by Barr & Davis, Dwight; Smith & Melhuish, Gardner and Augustine & Son, Braceville, Druggists.

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The test Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt, Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Erups, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Barr & Davis, Dwight; Smith & Melhuish, Gardner, and Augustine & Son, Braceville, Druggists.

Mrs. Emily Thorne, who resides at Toledo, Washington, says she has never been able to procure any medicine for rheumatism that relieves the pain so quickly and effectively as Chamberlain's Cold Balm and that she has also used it for rheumatism with great success. For sale by Barr & Davis, Dwight; Smith & Melhuish, Gardner; and Augustine & Son, Braceville, Druggists.

Death of Rev. Wagner.

The death of Rev. B. C. Wagner occurred at his residence in Renfrew addition last Friday morning. He was sick but a few days. He was pastor of one of the German churches and greatly beloved by his flock. The Reverend gentleman recently attended his denomination conference at Naperville, and he informed the writer a few days before he died that he had taken a bad cold returning from Naperville and was failing fast from well.

The many friends of the deceased extend sympathy to his widow under her present trying ordeal.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. B. C. Wagner and family wish to return their most sincere thanks to their many warm friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of the husband and father.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd Harrisburg, Ill., had running sore on his leg of eight years' standing, and three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklin's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box of Bucklin's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by Dr. Barr, Dwight, and at Augustine's Drug Store, Braceville.

Attention Woodman!

Every member of the M. W. A. should be present at the next meeting on next Tuesday night. There will be about twenty-five new candidates. Deputy Martin will be present and assist in the work. The meeting will be held in Keeley hall.

JOHN LEACH, V. C.

W. H. DOTY, Clerk.

We are in receipt of a paper from Washington, Kansas, announcing the death of Miss Nora George, which took place in Denver last week, where she had gone for her health. She was 26 years old and a young lady of high and lovable character. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. George, who formerly resided near Dwight. The deceased young lady has many friends and relations in this neighborhood who will mourn her loss and extend sympathy to the surviving members of the family.

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With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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