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Odell.

Miss Clara Walker is visiting in Elgin, Ill.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowes Jan. 29, a son.

Horses sold very low at the horse fair last Friday. Prices averaged about \$45.

Mrs. Anna Finefield, after a ten days' siege of grippe, is able to be about again.

Mr. Wm. Allen took possession of his handsome new residence a mile south of town.

The Gospel Temperance meeting will be held in the Congregational church Sunday evening.

The McCormick-Barker concert has been postponed for two weeks, owing to the illness of Mr. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Nowotny have gone to Kendallville, Ind., where they have purchased a restaurant and ice cream parlor.

Revel services at the Congregational church closed February 5. A large number have professed conversion, and the church has been strengthened by the meetings.

Father Selva has purchased the Carpenter lots, one block south of the Catholic church, as a site for the proposed convent school. The building will be erected in the spring.

Frank Watson won the prize (donated by E. A. Hunter) in the February Outlook competition. John A. Hossack and James A. Hunter received honorable mention. There were eight competitors.

Miss Clara A. Graves, formerly of Odell, was married at Pasadena, Cal., to Rev. Clark Crawford, pastor of the M. E. church of that city. Miss Ella Morse, of our town, was one of the guests at the wedding.

Mrs. Cuddy, one of the early settlers of Livingston county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Turner Union Township, Jan. 29, 1895, at the advanced age of 80 years. Deceased was widely known and respected in this vicinity. Three daughters survive her, Mrs. M. Foley, Mrs. P. Foley and Mrs. D. Turner.

Mystic Lodge, No. 45, I. O. M. A., will hold their annual reception and ball at Buchanan's opera house, Wednesday, Feb. 13. Prof. Willis' orchestra, of Ottawa, has been engaged this year again. Hon. Alexander McLean, grand secretary of the I. O. M. A., will deliver an address. Supper will be served at the Eastern Hotel.

Hon. B. A. Gower has his talent appreciated at Springfield as well as at home. He is chairman of the committee on fees and salaries of the House of Representatives and is also a member of the committees on state institutions agriculture, roads and bridges, and fish and game laws. His long experience and sound judgment will enable him to render good service in these connections.

Advertising locals in this column 5 cents per line.

Mr. and Mrs. Downie come to us warmly commended by the people of Chenoa. We wish them every success. They will find Odell a very pleasant town. Under their management the Eastern hotel, we hope, will even increase in popularity.

Mr. Herbert W. Blanchard and Miss Mary D. Martin were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Martin, three miles southeast of town, Jan. 15, 1895, by Rev. I. J. Swanson. Nearly one hundred guests were present. The bride received a large number of beautiful and valuable presents. The happy couple are to go to house-keeping on the farm two miles southwest of town, lately occupied by Mr. A. Burns.

A partial list of the literature, regularly upon the tables of the reading room, is the following: Chicago Daily Record, New York Sun, New York Tribune, Atlanta Constitution, Louisville Courier-Journal, Toledo Blade, Harper's Weekly, Frank Leslie's Weekly, Youth's Companion, Harper's Young People, Harper's Monthly, Century, Forum, Chautauquan,

Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Peterson's, and Current History.

Contrary to the fears of many, the project seems to be a success. The attendance thus far, in spite of inclement weather, has been so much above the expectations of the Board of Control that already additional equipment in the way of lights, chairs, tables, etc., have been supplied.

We are informed that the Board of Control desire contributions of books, so that a circulating library may be put in operation. Money is also needed for current expenses. Each subscriber has a voice in choosing members of the Board of Control. The reading room is distinctively a town affair. It is for all classes. Let all help. Contributions may be sent in to Mrs. P. A. Leonard or Eben B. Gower.

Col. and Mrs. Edmunds, having leased the Eastern Hotel to Mr. and Mrs. James Downie, of Chenoa, left Odell, Feb. 6. They are to make their home in Washington, D. C., after visiting friends in Kansas City, Mo. Their departure is regretted by all. They made many warm friends during their seven years residence here.

Mrs. Edmunds has been very active in church and temperance circles. She will be missed very much in our Sunday school, and especially by her large class of little folks. As a primary class teacher, she is possessed of unusual tact, and has made an almost ideal teacher. Her beautiful christian character made her beloved by all.

She received numerous tokens of esteem on leaving, from the W. C. T. U., a beautiful gold ring; from a few church friends and former boarders, a handsome set of silver coffee spoons.

The Congregational church misses in her a very warm supporter and member. We trust that both she and Col. Edmunds may find many good friends and meet with prosperity in their new home.

Emington.

Mrs. Brady is quite sick.

Mr. Wilkof has been quite unwell for a few days.

John Close, of Streator, is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Bayler has been layed up for a few days with neuralgia.

Isaac Hodgson goes to Vermont this week on a business trip.

James Short is in town for a few days. He will take his mother, Mrs. Kain, to Nebraska.

Mrs. Kain, widow of the late Archy Kain, goes to Nebraska this week to live with her sister.

Rev. C. H. Corwin, of Kankana, Wis., will preach in the Emington Congregational church next Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave a quotation soiree last Tuesday evening. The proceeds go toward finishing the new chapel inside.

Last Saturday horses belonging to Messrs. Walter and Miller were sold at sheriff's sale. As usual, the horses sold very low, from \$8 to \$100, some of which were bought a few years ago for as high as \$1000.

There is complaint in our schools that some of the younger boys are unfitted for school work because of cigarette smoking. Let our merchants remember that there is a fine of \$20 for each offense of selling cigarettes to minors under 16 years of age.

Nevada.

Miss Alice Reardon was in Dwight last week shopping.

Edward Grennan has been very sick with a grippie, but is now some better.

The correspondent was on the sick list last week. That was the cause of the vacancy.

Mrs. George Mitchell is reported as being very much better. That is good news indeed.

Everyone that could go went to Chicago last Saturday, and very nearly froze to death too.

Revel meetings are in progress this week, but the weather is too cold for many to venture out.

The fair has taken the attention of nearly everyone, but something else will have to transpire to keep things lively now.

We understand Mrs. Michael Whalen is in Joliet receiving medical advice and treatment. There are a good many sick about here.

The diamond ring and bicycle came right where they were expected. Mr. Cahill and Miss Ryan worked hard for them and deserved them. The two articles brought in nearly \$1600.

Campus.

Advertising locals in this column 5 cents per line.

T. T. Maloney's brother, of Buckley, Ill., is here on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Mamer spent a few days in Chicago last week.

Tom Reel, of Chicago, is here visiting his sister, Mrs. T. J. Maloney.

The mercury stood at the lowest point this winter last Tuesday. It was 20 below.

We are still having a snug winter. People are wishing the weather would moderate soon.

Mrs. T. J. Maloney is still on the sick list but is improving slowly. We hope she will continue to do so.

Oley Nelson has been manufacturing a cutter the past week. Hurry up, Oley, or the winter will be gone.

Miss Lizzie Stager is home again from her visit at Joliet, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Kraker.

We are sorry to say the weather was fine last Saturday and the wood-chuck had to return to his winter quarters for six weeks longer.

Some of our citizens took in the one dollar excursion to Chicago from Dwight last Saturday. They said the crowd was as large as during the worlds fair.

The M. W. A. had a meeting last Tuesday night and initiated three new members. Four of the Emington camp and two of the Buckingham camp came over to assist in the work.

Round Grove.

Look out for our tax collector.

Another school marm expects to resign.

Thos. Guest and his best girl visited O. J. Mulford Sunday.

Ask George Jenkins how he came out at the shooting match.

O. J. Mulford is doing a land office business in the poultry line.

Mrs. A. Reinmiller is on the sick list, but is a little better at present.

Mrs. Frank Bunting has been on the sick list, but is a little better at last report.

Bert Grant made a flying visit to Kankakee one day last week. Be careful, Bert.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Jeffers are visiting at Grand Ridge for a couple of weeks.

Mr. G. Jenkins' children have been on the sick list with enlargement of the glands.

Look out for two weddings around Reddick. We won't give it away boys. Send us a piece of cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns, of Odell, expect to move back to Mr. B's farm in Round Grove. Alf is welcome.

We think we will have to call troops out to Wilson. They came near having a strike there the other morning.

We think the boys north of Wilson had better not attend any more dances at Campus. It gives bad results.

Geo. Jenkins says he will cure any bald head on earth or no pay, with Dr. White's new hair grower treatment. If anybody wants to try any drop him a line at Dwight. Remember, no cure, no pay.

Reddick.

Emil Graff visited his parents over Sunday.

Byron Ambrose returned from Elgin Saturday.

Wm. Chappell was a Kankakee visitor last week.

Mr. Folly, of Ottawa, visited Wm. Chappell last week.

Mrs. Dolan, of Mazon, visited her mother over Sunday.

Miss Minnie Gastin returned from Clarke City Monday.

Chas. Cumming came over Friday evening to the dance.

James Smith attended the dance in Essex, Friday evening.

Dr. Smith and G. S. Boyer attended the inquest at Union Hill last week.

Luke and Miss Kate McGowan, of Manhattan, visited their brother several days last week.

The Loyal Temperance Legion held a meeting Sunday evening. All were very much pleased with the exercises.

Wilson.

Geo. Orr, of Dwight, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Herbert, of Pontiac, is the new teacher in District 2.

Peter and Matt Mathison were in Joliet and Chicago the first of the week on business.

On Monday Chas. Butler moved into Geo. Orr's house, recently vacated by John Gavin.

Last week while W. H. Grant was in Kankakee on sick leave Joe Prey looked after the station on the 3-E.

Shorty Mathison and wife returned Saturday from Grand Prairie, where they had been visiting friends for a few days.

Last Friday the pupils of District 2 under the management of the teacher, Miss Belle Williams, gave quite a long and interesting entertainment. A number of her former pupils from district 1 were present and furnished some very nice music and recitations.

Gardner.

Hida Gould is able to be out again.

Peter Erickson was in Chicago, Saturday.

We are glad to see Tom Cumming out again.

Mrs. Stohl, of Braidwood, was in town Monday.

Mr. Fox, of Dwight, was on our streets Wednesday.

W. S. Allison was in Chicago on business Friday.

Dolph Fennel, of Joliet was visiting here Saturday.

Lou Jeffers, from Dwight, visited in town Sunday.

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C. Y. Hamilton and son Charles were in Chicago Sunday.

W. C. Jones and H. Rigby were in Chicago on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiller visited with Joe Walters and family, Sunday.

Miss Grace Germaine was home from Lockport Sunday visiting her parents.

Miss Mary Fifield, of Dwight, is visiting with Miss Butterfield, at Stace Hartley's.

About 100 took advantage of the cheap fare and went to Chicago Saturday and Sunday.

H. M. Alvoort went to Chicago Saturday from where he will leave for Nebraska in a few days.

Joe Walters was hauling stone Thursday for his new house which he is going to build in the spring.

Tom Martin was discharged from the United States service, 30 years ago the 7th of February, 1895, having served thirty-eight months.

The Hasty Bros. show given here Friday evening was the best show that was ever in our town. If they come back again they will be sure of a crowded house.

Mr. Bronsky was called to Chicago Sunday by the death of his brother's wife, his brother being very sick also.

The Cherry sisters were, billed here for Monday night, but owing to the crowd they did not play. There was one ticket sold.

Mr. Abram died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Young, Sunday morning. Mr. Abram has been an invalid for a number of years and a great sufferer. He was an old soldier, having served all through the late war, in proof of which he carried many scars. He leaves two daughters and two sons as well as a host of friends to mourn his loss.

We are in receipt of a letter from Fred Rogers, now in England, and he wants the people to know that he didn't run away when he went to the old country. He says the gun was his when he traded it to Charley Butterfield; that his uncle kept the gun through spite, but when he gets back in the spring, he will show who is to blame.

SCHOOL NOTES.

We, the pupils of the Gardner high school, wish to thank the editor of the school notes for the information he so kindly gave us in the last issue, and we will try and heed it in the future.

Following is the program rendered by Division A, Gardner high school: Song, School; essay, Maggie Daley; recitations, Lena Donelson, Clarence Speller, Lottie Eibe, Geneva Barber, Myrtle Marvin, Irene Reynolds, Augusta Walters, Chester Eversole, Alice Green; reading, Wade Eversole; music, Emma Glass; speech, Prof. Hardin. The exercises will conclude on Monday morning.

Braceville.

John Powell, jr. took in the sights in Chicago Sunday.

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F. Schultz took in the great English circus Monday.

Supt. Ramsay was down from Chicago the first of the week.

The ground-hog is having his way about the weather so far.

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Chas. Williams, of Joliet, did business in our town Wednesday.

Mr. Lantry, of Joliet, did business in town the first of this week.

We noticed Byron Miller, of Dwight, on our streets the first of the week.

The doctors report considerable sickness on account of the severe cold weather.

Evans Davis, who has been sick for some time, is reported as improving slowly.

Coal is being sold very cheap here now, much to the advantage of those who have to buy.

The intense cold weather the past two weeks causes people to stay in-doors, consequently business is dull.

The dance Friday night of last week given by the band boys was well attended. Parties from Coal City, Mazon, Carbon Hill, Gardner and the surrounding country. It was considered a success both socially and financially.

Quite a number of our people took advantage of the cheap excursion rates Saturday and Sunday and visited Chicago and the Royal English circus. We understand there were forty-six tickets sold.

"Yes," says the big fat man, "the sausage saw his shadow and we will have six weeks of cold weather." "You mean the groundhog saw his shadow," put in the lean man. "Well what's the difference, what is sausage but ground hog?"

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS. In 1895 examinations for Teachers' Certificates will be held on the third Friday of each month and the Saturday following except that the only examination in July and August will be at close of the annual institute. An average standing of 80 per cent will be required for second grade certificates, and of 90 per cent for first grade, and no grade may be less than 70 for a second nor 80 for a first grade certificate. The law provides that applicants for second grade certificates shall be examined in Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, U. S. History, and Physiology, and for first grade Natural Philosophy, Botany and Zoology are added; it also provides that an institute fee of \$100 be collected from each and that certificates shall not be granted to males under 18 nor females under 17 years of age. Examinations will begin at 9 a. m. and those candidates not well known to the superintendent must furnish satisfactory evidence of good moral character. The work of the office is such that time cannot be spared for private examinations.

Administrators Notice. Estate of Martin Wilks Deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Martin Wilks, late of Dwight in the County of Livingston, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will file before the County Court of Livingston County, at the Court House in Pontiac, at the April Term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said Estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 15th day of January A. D. 1895. M. WILKINSON, Administrator.

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A UNIQUE INDUSTRY.

How Lubricating Oil is Obtained in Pennsylvania.

The lubricating oil field of French Creek, in Venango County, Pennsylvania, is one of the most curious spots in all oildom. The business has its start in the well of Blacksmith Evans, at Franklin, in the '60's, and since then \$12,000,000 worth of oil has been taken from the few miles square of territory where this oil alone is found. Around its production limits is well the yield largely of the regular illuminating oil have been drilled, but none of that kind of oil has ever been found within the lubricating limits. This small but rich oil district extends into the village of Franklin, the county seat of Venango County, and there are wells in many private yards in that place. The production has fallen off greatly, though, and the price also. The monthly yield now is not more than 7,000 barrels, and the price is below \$4 a barrel. The oil is refined at Oil City, and eighty different commercial products result, besides the oil itself. Franklin enjoys a monopoly of the heavy oil trade, but the business is conducted on a much more economical basis than when Blacksmith Evans was getting his 100 barrels a day from his pioneer well and receiving \$3 a barrel for it. There is little or no gas in the lubricating oil rock, and every well has to be pumped. As many as fifty wells are pumped by one engine. This is accomplished by an ingenious device called the pumping rig. The wells to be pumped are connected with sucker rods screwed together, reaching out in all directions, frequently more than a mile from the engine. In the woods around Franklin these sucker rods may be encountered, working slowly back and forth with the regular motion of a piston, and no engine within sight or hearing. The same thing may be seen in the streets of Franklin, where the long arms reach in and out of the wells in the village boundaries.

The wells are not pumped regularly, but by "heads." Twice a day there is sufficient accumulation of oil in the wells to be pumped out, and then the many-armed engines are started, and the oil is pumped out of that "head" is pumped out. Sometimes a new well will start off with a yield of ten or fifteen barrels a day, but this phenomenal yield does not last long. Taking it all in all, the lubricating oil corner of the petroleum fields is altogether unique.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION. That Originated in the Fertile Brain of a San Francisco Man.

A San Francisco man has invented a machine which will do away with typewriters, both instruments and operators, if he succeeds in perfecting his invention. The new machine combines the phonograph and the typewriter, and a look bears considerable resemblance to a cash register. On the front of the machine are small electric buttons which you press before taking into the mouthpiece projecting from the upper part. This mouthpiece is connected with a revolving cylinder which receives impressions in a way similar to the Edison phonograph. A traveling needle regulates the position of the impressions on the cylinder according to the size of the paper they are to be reproduced on. The cylinder is placed on rollers in the lower part of the machine. Above the rollers is a supply of paper for receiving the written characters.

There are several mysteries about the new machine. The inventor, No ink is used, the written characters being produced in a bold, round hand by chemical action. It spells entirely by sound and is usable as yet to cope with the dipthong, the silent letter, the capital, the semi-colo or figure, but it will receive the sound of the human voice in any language except Chinese and reproduce them in plain English cyriography.

In Our Dreams. The Professor of Psychology was conversing with Mr. Higgins, the grocer, as that worthy man was wrapping up five pounds of coffee for the Professor. "Did you ever notice, Mr. Higgins," remarked the Professor, "that what occurs to you in dreams never seems to be at all strange or out of the ordinary?"

"Come to think of it, Professor," replied Mr. Higgins, "I have; but I never gave it much study. Now that you mention it, I recollect several dreams that I have had that seemed to be right enough until I waked up and got to thinking about them."

"Ah," beamed the Professor, "that is interesting. Tell me about them."

"Well," and Mr. Higgins shoved the wrapped-up coffee a ross the counter to the Professor, "they didn't amount to a great deal, I guess, I only dreamt that a m. wite couldn't talk."

Hers is a Good Work. Miss Wre'e consecrated herself to prison work in Finland twelve years ago. From that time she has patiently, with unostentatious heroism, visited the prison every year all the year, and every day of the year finds her steadily pursuing the same ministry. Many of the most hardened criminals have been brought to repentance through her.