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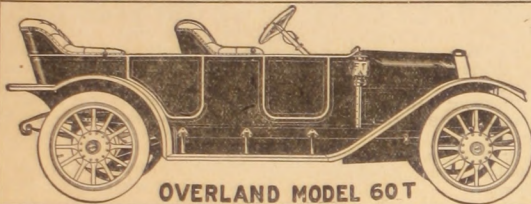
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NEWS FROM OUR EXCHANGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

According to the official report at the reformatory last Saturday there were 693 inmates in that institution, eleven being received, two being paroled and two discharged since the last report. Of the total 527 were white and 121 colored.

The new bridge soon to be erected over Five Mile creek in Saunemin township is to be 90 feet long with a 14-foot concrete driveway. The bridge will take the place of the two small bridges that have been there for years. The north bridge will be taken out and the ditch filled in.

Miss Bessie Baxter, principal of the Chatsworth high school, who was re-appointed by the board of education to the same position for next year, has resigned to take effect at the close of the present school year. She has accepted a position twelve miles from her home, which is at Astoria, Ill.

The residence of Harry Wagenseller, five miles northwest of Fairbury, was destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, with practically all its contents. A party of autoists and motorcyclists saw the flames and aroused the family, who were entirely unconscious of the fire. The house was insured for \$1,000 and the contents for \$700.

E. L. Chesebro, of Saunemin, had the misfortune to break a bone in his left arm Tuesday evening. While getting in his buggy he accidentally struck the whip with his right shoulder, which caused the horse to start, throwing Elmer against the iron on the seat with the above results. About five years ago he broke the same bone in his right arm.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Bagnall and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tate, of Pontiac, had an experience late Sunday afternoon which they do not wish to have repeated soon. They were returning from Fairbury, where they had spent a portion of the day, in the former's automobile. When about five miles north of Fairbury the car was discovered to be on fire, and before the party hardly had time to get out it was a mass of flames. The car was totally destroyed.

Prof. L. C. Smith, of Lacon, Ill., has been appointed as superintendent of the Chatsworth public schools to succeed Prof. W. A. Baylor, who was not a candidate for reappointment, having decided to devote his time to the mercantile business of Baylor Bros. Prof. Smith was in Chatsworth the fore part of the week, met the members of the board of education and a number of Chatsworth citizens, and is reputed to be a gentleman of scholarly attainments.

Mrs. Lucy Anderson, a resident of Broughton township, has filed a bill in the circuit court asking for a divorce from her husband, John J. Anderson. She also asked for and was granted a temporary injunction restraining her husband from disposing of any of his property until the suit was heard. The bill states they were married January 11, 1904, and that since their marriage her husband has beaten and choked her and that on one occasion he had threatened her life with a razor. On May 25 he again threatened her life.

Charles Clark, telegraph operator for the Wabash at Strawn, was locked up in the county jail Monday, pending the outcome of injuries inflicted on Joseph Warner, Jr., early Sunday morning. Clark claims Warner and several other young fellows attacked him while he was doing station work and that Warner struck him a violent blow in the face. Clark then fired, a bullet hitting Warner in the fleshy part of the shoulder. The injury is not serious. Clark was released Monday afternoon under bond of \$500 for his hearing which will be held in Pontiac in ten days.

The annual county graduating exercises will be held in Pontiac about the middle of July. The force in the county superintendent's office is engaged in correcting 476 sets of examination papers, the examinations having been held recently in twenty-four places in the county. An early announcement of the results is promised. In addition to the five scholarships to be awarded by the Pontiac high school board, the Dr. J. A. Marshall medals will be awarded to the three highest ranking pupils. To the winner of first place goes a \$50 gold medal; to the second, a silver medal, and to the third, a bronze medal.

Ole Hoberg, a boy attending the central school at Pontiac, was arrested Tuesday morning by Deputy Sheriff Ives on a charge of the theft of a sum of money from Miss Hazel Ash, a teacher in the east side school. It is alleged that on last Friday during the special Friday afternoon literary program in the east side school the boy entered the room of Miss Ash and took from her desk her pocketbook containing \$12. This he is said to have spent at the carnival Friday evening and Saturday. The boy is said to have acknowledged the theft after his arrest Tuesday morning.

John S. Newton, who works on the Ammon Defenbaugh farm in Reading township, sustained a fracture of the right leg Monday. He was handling a disc harrow drawn by four horses. One of the animals was very fractious and wanted to fight all the time. Newton went in front of the animal to tighten a tug and the horse jumped at him with its fore feet. As it did so a singletree broke, allowing the animal more play. The front hoofs of the beast bore Newton to the ground. It was fortunate the other animals were quiet, otherwise if they had bolted the disc would have passed over Newton and would have cut him to pieces. Newton was lying in front of the horses when the doctor arrived. He was taken to the hospital at Streator.

The farm home of Fred Tanner in Newtown township, was burglarized some time Sunday. Charles Shannon was arrested in Streator later in the day charged with the burglary. Shannon, whose home is in Chicago, has been employed at the Tanner farm Sunday. Mr. Tanner and his family left early in the day for a visit with friends, leaving Shannon alone on the farm. When they returned home Shannon was missing, also \$7 and some clothing. The matter was reported to the sheriff's office at Pontiac and late Sunday afternoon Shannon was arrested in Streator. Deputy Sheriff Ives went to Streator Monday morning, returning later with the boy, who was given a hearing Monday evening and held to the grand jury under bond of \$500 which he was unable to furnish.

William Hamilton, an inmate of the reformatory at Pontiac, committed suicide last Friday night. He had taken his handkerchief and with it made a loop by passing the end around one of the upper bars and then tying the ends together. Through this he passed his head and turning his body round, had committed suicide by strangulation. The body was cut down and hurried to the hospital at the institution, where an effort was made to revive him, but without success. Hamilton was 17 years old. He was first sent to the reformatory in 1908 from Peoria. In 1909 he was paroled, going back to Peoria. He was returned to the reformatory the following year and since his return has been of a very quarrelsome disposition. Several days ago he engaged in a fight with another of his fellow inmates employed in the foundry with him. As a punishment he was placed in one of the detention or solitary confinement cells. At 5 o'clock one of the guards found him hanging in his cell.

Mr. James K. DeMoss, of Pontiac, passed away Monday afternoon, May 27, at 5 o'clock, at his home, 425 East Elmwood street, after an illness of three years. He has scarcely been able to leave his home in all this time and was a patient sufferer and had been confined to his room for the last six weeks. The funeral was held at the family residence Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Boose, conducting. Interment in the south side cemetery. Mr. DeMoss was born at Cicero, Hamilton county, Ind., in 1845, and came with his parents to Illinois when but a small boy, and had spent all of his life (except two years) in Livingston county, having lived the greater part of the time in Owego and Avoca townships, coming with his family to Pontiac to reside in April of 1909. He was married to Miss Eliza O'Neil December 25, 1872. Mr. DeMoss enlisted when but eighteen years old to go to the south, and offer his life for his country's honor. He served as a soldier the last year of the war, being among the last to be called to go, and at the close received an honorable discharge. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and five daughters and four sons, viz: Mrs. Frank Harris, of Graymont; Mrs. Andrew Abersoll and William W. DeMoss, of Monon, Ind.; Charles C., of Chatsworth; George A., of Saunemin; Stella, Eva, James and Iva, at home. A daughter, Lillian, passed away one year ago. The children were all at his bedside at the time of his death except Mrs. Abersoll, William and George.

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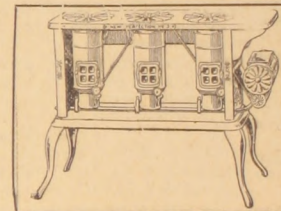
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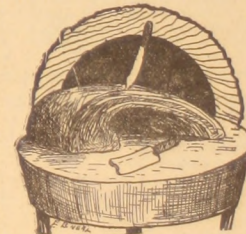
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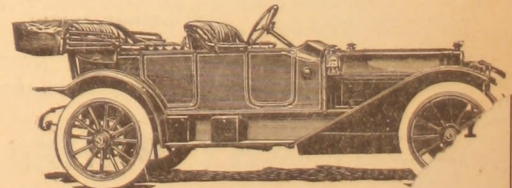
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