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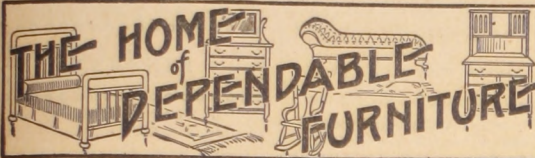
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LIVINGSTON COUNTY

NEWS FROM OUR EXCHANGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

The population of the reformatory last Saturday was 660. Two had been received during the week and seven were paroled and one discharged. Of the entire number of inmates 550 were white and 110 were colored.

Andrew Centko, who was set onto and horribly mangled by three bulldogs in Reading township some time ago, has been taken to the Pasture Institute in Chicago by Supervisor Edward Miller, of Reading township.

Fire completely destroyed the slaughter house of E. A. Blackler, meat dealer, of Pontiac, about 10 o'clock Monday night. The building was located in the timber near the Illinois Central bridge over the river west of the city. It contained a large quantity of green hides, which were to have been shipped out Tuesday to the tanners. The loss alone of the hides, not taking into account the other property, will be quite a loss to Mr. Blackler.

John Trainer, 26 years old, son of Mrs. Dan Trainer, late of Blackstone, died last Saturday afternoon at El Paso, Tex. The deceased was well known in Blackstone, living there until five years ago, when he went to El Paso. Death was due to hemorrhage. The decedent's father died nine years ago at Blackstone. His mother and two brothers, Leo and Vincent, at Blackstone, survive. The body arrived there Wednesday morning and was taken to the home of the decedent's mother, Mrs. Trainer, 403 North Vermillion street. The funeral services were held Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the Immaculate Conception church and burial was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

The house on the Schultz farm, eight miles northwest of Pontiac, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gourley, burned to the ground shortly after noon Wednesday. Mrs. Gourley was confined to her bed at the time on account of illness, but was carried out by neighbors and friends, suffering no injury. A small portion of the household effects were saved. The barn caught on fire at one time but neighbors who hastened to the scene of the fire succeeded in extinguishing it before much damage was done. The loss to Mr. and Mrs. Gourley is quite heavy, the largest portion of their household effects and practically all of their wearing apparel being destroyed. Mr. Gourley is a renter on the farm.

The eighth reunion of the Funk family of Livingston county was held Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Marsh, one mile south of Saunemin. Mr. and Mrs. James Funk, the parents, were pioneers of this county, having settled at Wolf's Grove, three miles north of Pontiac, in 1840. Eleven children were born to this union. Eight children now survive to represent this union, and were all present Tuesday with the exception of James Funk, of California. Those present were: Mrs. R. H. Beck, of Trenton, Mo.; Mrs. A. B. Cooper, of Wauponsee, Ill.; W. R. Funk, of Paxton; Mrs. James Main, of Gibson City; Mrs. C. S. Brydia, Sr., of Okmulgee, Okla.; Mrs. B. Schaub and Mrs. H. S. Marsh, of Saunemin.

A party of automobilists from Chicago attended the Chautauqua last Friday evening and as they were leaving they had trouble with one of the tires. It took about half an hour to repair the damage and the party went on. Saturday morning Dr. Middleton was passing by the spot and noticed a pocketbook lying by the curb, which he picked up and examined. He found it contained \$2,612 in currency, but there was no name or paper about the pocketbook to identify it. Dr. Middleton reported the find to the Leader office as soon as he came uptown, leaving an advertisement. In about half an hour the automobile party returned to the spot looking for the pocketbook. They called at Dr. Middleton's among other places, asking if any one had heard of the pocketbook, and Mrs. Middleton notified the doctor. It was found that the pocketbook belonged to Miss Annie Roswell, of Chicago, who had dropped it in getting out of the automobile. She thoroughly identified the purse and contents, which was given her after identification. Shoe factory employes and many other people had passed by the spot, but had not noticed the pocketbook. Dr. Middleton claimed no reward, but Miss Roswell gave his children a handsome present.—Pontiac Leader.

The village of Chatsworth has purchased an acre of ground near the corporate limits for a dumping ground.

Elmer Ridinger, formerly of the vicinity of Saunemin, who has been farming in South Dakota for some time, has an 8,000 bushel wheat crop this year.

The Cullom village board has ordered signs placed at the point where all highways enter the corporate limits of the village warning automobilists not to exceed the speed limit.

The highway commissioners of Forrest township recently purchased a gasoline traction engine, road grader and leveler, which is being used on the roads of that township with fine results. The machinery does good work, accomplishing more than several teams.

It is said that there are over 1000 automobiles in Livingston county—an average of over thirty in each township. The cost of each machine is estimated at a little over \$1,000, and from this we should judge that the people of this county have \$1,000,000 invested in buzz wagons.

Mrs. Perdelwitz, of Fairbury, accidentally fell from an upstairs window at the home of her mother, Mrs. Ramsyer, Tuesday evening, receiving a dislocated hip and other painful injuries. She was helping to care for her mother, who has been quite sick, and suddenly became faint, falling backward through the window.

Patrick Sherry, an inmate of the county farm, southwest of Pontiac, died at the hospital at that institution Thursday evening, death being due to liver trouble. He lived for many years at Planagan and had been at the farm at various periods for the past four years. He leaves no relatives excepting a nephew at Planagan.

The commissioners of highways of Saunemin township are out with an edict to the effect that the law regarding the trimming of hedges will be strictly enforced by them. All hedges must be trimmed to the height of five feet before October 1 or a permission obtained from the commissioners, or a fine of not less than \$10 nor over \$50 will be assessed.

At 11:30 Wednesday night F. A. Ortman closed down his electric light plant in Cullom and unless some other arrangements are made Cullom people will have no more electric lights. With one or two exceptions none of the business houses have made any arrangements for other lights and the town will probably be a pretty dark place in the future. David Chandler has been figuring with Mr. Ortman to buy the plant and other plans have been considered for continuing the lights, but nothing had been done up to the hour of this writing.

Mrs. Margaret Rosenberger, one of the well known residents of Owego township, died Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at the family residence, death being due to heart trouble. The funeral will be held Saturday morning, August 3, from St. Mary's church in Pontiac, burial to be in St. Mary's cemetery east of the city. Mrs. Rosenberger was a native of Illinois and at the time of her death was fifty-two years old. She leaves to mourn her death a husband and several children.

The residence at 301 East Livingston street, Pontiac, occupied by Mrs. Susan Chaffin, was badly damaged by fire Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock. The fire was discovered in the second story of the residence shortly after the family had left for downtown. Its origin is unknown. The fire department extinguished the blaze, but not before considerable damage had been done to the building and the effects of Mrs. Chaffin. Nearly all the clothes of the family were destroyed.

Operator Clark, of the Wabash, who shot a resident of Strawn some weeks ago while in the performance of his duties, has left Strawn, leaving a number of the citizens of that place with large accounts against him, so it is reported. He left suddenly one night on a south bound freight, went to Decatur, where he drew what pay was coming to him from the railroad company and disappeared. The residents of Strawn had always considered him in the highest light. They afforded him all of the privileges possible, and when it became known that he had gone they began to question one another, with the result that they found that nearly all of the business men of the village had loaned him various sums of money during the time he was there. They have given up hopes of ever recovering the amounts loaned.

Real Estate Transfers.

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