

**Telephone Line Entertained.**  
Telephone Line No. 291 was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jenkins at their home, one mile east of town, last Friday evening. About sixty gathered to enjoy a neighborly chat as well as to play games.

Music was of especial amusement and interest during the evening. Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Heckle, Angeline Steichen and Dola Radcliff each played several selections on the piano.

A splendid and appetizing supper was served at ten o'clock and there was plenty left to have served more people.

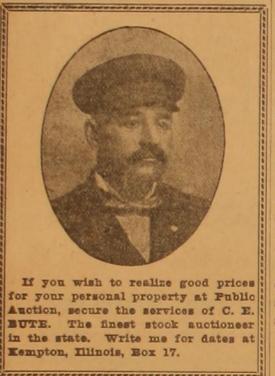
It takes this Line to have a good time, and the host and hostess made it one of the best ever held. The party did not leave until the small hours of the night, thanking them for opening their home to such a happy bunch. The night was beautiful and roads good, everything being favorable.

Ben Dippon was elected the new director, and he will now have a chance to climb poles and won't have to wait until the 4th of July either to do so.—FROM ONE INTERESTED.

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**Tax Collector's Notices.**  
The tax books for Dwight township have been received by the undersigned who will be prepared to collect taxes on Monday, January 27, at the First National Bank of Dwight.

4-6w CLARENCE E. WELCH, Collector. Adv.

I am now prepared to collect the taxes for Nevada township and will be at the First National Bank of Dwight every Wednesday while the books are in my possession.

4-6w L. J. METTLE, Collector. Adv.

I am now prepared to collect the taxes for Goodfarm township and will be at the First National Bank of Dwight on Saturdays.

4-6w BEN BOOTH, Collector. Adv.

I am now prepared to collect the taxes for Round Grove Township and will be at the First National Bank of Dwight every Tuesday until the books are closed.

M. O'KEEFE, Collector.—Adv. 5-5w

I will be at the First National Bank of Dwight to collect the taxes for Sunbury township on Tuesday, February 18th, and every Tuesday thereafter until my books are returned.

Adv. 6-5w J. H. WEBER.

I will be at the First National Bank of Dwight to collect the taxes for Highland Township on Thursday, Feb. 20th, and Thursday, March 6th. These are the only days I will collect in Dwight.

THOMAS BRODERICK, Collector. Adv. 7-3w

This season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reasons for it as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

**Pontiac Win in Bowling Match.**  
Carey & Seabert Specials were again defeated by the Pontiac bowling team in a bowling tournament held in this city last Friday evening at the alleys of Peter Beler. The Dwight boys were not bowling their usual game, allowing the Pontiac team a start of 182 pins on the first game. Welsh of the Pontiac team had the highest average, 173 pins. The following are the scores:

CAREY & SEABERT SPECIALS.			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Seabert	128	145	171
Weicker	158	168	172
Mickelson	130	171	170
Fritz	154	156	126
Boyer	138	182	126
Total	708	822	765—2295
PONTIAC TEAM.			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Welsh	199	152	168
Edwards	189	150	143
Lauy	170	159	180
Cook	161	129	160
Sennett	171	159	163
Total	890	749	814—2453

**WITH OUR CHURCHES.**  
Congregational Church—Rev. F. F. Farrington, pastor. Services for Feb. 23, 1913: Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Preaching service, 10:45 a. m. C. E. Society meeting, 6:45 p. m. Preaching service, 7:45 p. m. A welcome for all.

Zion Evangelical Church—Henry F. Ebert, pastor. Sunday services, February 23: Salem Church, Goodfarm—Sunday School, 9 a. m.; preaching service, 10:30 (English). Theme, Limitations of Prayer; Evening services, Y. P. A., 7 o'clock; evening service, 7:30. Theme, Light in the Dwellings. Dwight Church—Sunday School, 2:00 p. m.; preaching in English at 3 o'clock, at Congregational Church.

St. Peter's Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. J. C. Aaberg, pastor, (corner Lincoln and W. Chippewa streets.) Sunday School, 9 a. m.; morning church service at 10:30 (except third Sunday); evening services at 7:30 p. m. first and third Sunday; Holy communion, first Sunday; Young People's meeting, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; Ladies Aid meeting last Wednesday in each month, 2 p. m.; choir practice, Friday 8 p. m. Confirmation classes every Tuesday at 9 a. m., and every Saturday at 1:30 p. m. A welcome for all.

Bedell Danish Lutheran Church—Rev. J. Simonsen, pastor, West Seminoles St. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. every Sunday. Services at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., first and third Sundays in the month, and each Friday evening previous to first and third Sundays at 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Danish-Norwegian M. E. Church—Rev. Bagne, pastor. There will be preaching services tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

German Lutheran Church—Rev. W. O. J. Kjeteman, pastor. Sunday services at 9:30 a. m.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS MEETING.**  
Class of One Thousand Candidates Initiated in Chicago.

A large number of Pythians and a class of about ten candidates from this city, attended the monster Knights of Pythias meeting which was held in Chicago Wednesday evening.

A class of one thousand was initiated into the mysteries of the order at this meeting, the entire state being called upon to send candidates to Chicago to receive the work.

The class was known as the Omo class, being so called in honor of Jos. M. Omo, of Chicago, the present grand chancellor for the state of Illinois and Wednesday was chosen as the date for the big meeting, it being the anniversary of the order. Pustis H. Rathbun a school teacher, became imbued with the friendship as told in the story of Damon and Pythias and he with the aid of one or two friends, prepared a ritual.

On February 19, 1865, he instituted the first lodge of the order in Washington, D. C., doing so under a charter issued by an act of congress.

The Bible used in giving the obligation that night has been preserved and the same book was used Wednesday night when the Omo class was initiated.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

Report of the weather for the week ending Feb. 19, 1913, at 6 o'clock p. m., showing highest and lowest temperature, also precipitation and lowest temperature, also precipitation with same period one year ago, 1912—

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
13.....	24	-3	.00
14.....	44	15	.00
15.....	48	33	.00
16.....	39	22	.00
17.....	43	27	T. rain
18.....	58	32	.00
19.....	63	39	.00

Average—Maximum, 45.6 degrees; minimum, 23.6 degrees; total precipitation, trace.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
13.....	26	3	.00
14.....	35	23	.08 snow
15.....	40	29	.00
16.....	33	27	.00
17.....	50	27	.00
18.....	52	33	.00
19.....	42	28	.00

Average—Maximum, 39.7 degrees; minimum, 24.3 degrees; total precipitation, 0.08 of an inch.

Weather conditions of an extraordinary character have prevailed during the past week. A range in temperature of 66 degrees in a single week is a record breaker for this station, beginning with 3 degrees below zero, and ending with 63 degrees above, the warmest day of the season. The weekly mean, 34.5 degrees, was 4.6 degrees above normal, and 2.5 degrees warmer than the same week 1912. Four clear, bright, sunny days. Unsettled conditions mark the close of the week. Colder weather predicted.

E. O. WELCH, Observer.

**Surprise Party on Mrs. Skafgaard.**  
Thursday evening about forty-five friends of Mrs. Skafgaard and her two daughters, Misses Olga and Helga, surprised them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Swanson. They had been invited there for supper, and after the meal were sitting there visiting, when the door bell rang. Mrs. Swanson went to the door, but soon returned saying Mrs. Skafgaard was wanted, and upon her going out into the hall, the friends all came in and surrounded her.

Music and games were the main features of the evening, and Rev. Aaberg gave a short speech. An adjustable Dress Model was presented Mrs. Skafgaard, which is appreciated very much by her.

A delicious lunch was served, and all spent a very pleasant evening.

**E. P. & J. Railway Changes Hands.**  
The Public Service Corporation of Northern Illinois has purchased the Pontiac Public Utilities which include the light, heat, power gas and water for the city of Pontiac together with the B. P. & J. Electric railway running between Dwight and Pontiac. Only a few formalities remain and on March 1 the actual transfer of these properties to the Public Service Corporation of Northern Illinois will be made.

The amount involved in this deal, it is understood, is approximately \$750,000 and is the largest sale of property recorded in the history of Livingston county.

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**AGRICULTURE—ILLINOIS.**  
Statistics for the State and Its Counties.

Prepared under the supervision of Le Grand Powers, former Chief Statistician for Agriculture, and John Lee Coulter, Expert Special Agent for Agriculture.

**Farms and Farm Property.**  
(Second Installment.)

Farm mortgages: 1890 to 1910.—The Eleventh Census (1890) was the first to collect data relating to mortgage debt on farms. The basis of the returns was the "farm home" occupied by its owner. The same class of information was secured by the population schedules of the Twelfth Census (1900). The agricultural schedules of the Thirteenth Census (1910) secured practically the same information, except that the basis was "owned farms" instead of "owned farm homes"—a difference involving, however, no appreciable incomparability.

In 1910 the total number of farms owned in whole or in part by the operators was 145,107. Of this number 86,713 were reported as free from mortgage; 55,792 were reported as mortgaged; and for 2,602 no report relative to mortgage indebtedness was obtained. The number of mortgaged farms constituted 39.2 per cent of the total number of owned farms, exclusive of those for which no mortgage report was obtained. The percentage is almost exactly the same as it was in 1900, but is slightly larger than it was in 1890.

The average debt of mortgaged farms increased in 20 years from \$1,684 to \$3,135, or 86.2 per cent, while the average value of such farms rose from \$4,862 to \$12,314, or 153.3 per cent, so that the owner's equity increased on the average from \$3,178 to \$9,179, or 188.8 per cent. As a result of the greater relative increase in farm debt, the mortgage indebtedness, which was over a third of the value of the farms in 1890, had decreased in 1910 to slightly more than a quarter of this value.

Farms by size groups: 1910 and 1900.—Nearly one-third of the Illinois farms have an acreage of between 100 and 174; next in importance are the farms with 50 to 99 acres which comprise 23 per cent of the total. The farms with an acreage between 175 and 259 constitute 15.2 per cent of all Illinois farms. These three classes, ranging from 50 to 259 acres, together comprise seven-tenths of all farms. The number of places "under 3 acres," where agriculture is carried on, was reported as less than half as great in 1910 as 10 years ago. This decrease may be due to a different interpretation by the enumerators as to what to include as a small farm, or may represent an actual decrease in that type of farm. Farms with an acreage of between 3 and 9 increased 27.3 per cent in number from 1900 to 1910. The number of all the sizes of farms with an acreage of between 10 and 174 has decreased. The larger farms, having an acreage of between 175 and 499, have increased in number, while the farms with over 500 acres, which formed less than 1 per cent of all farms at either census, decreased by 288. Farms between 3 and 19 acres and farms between 100 and 499 acres constitute a larger proportion of all farms in 1910 than in 1900, while the proportion of farms between 20 and 99 acres in size fell off.

Of the total farm acreage of the state in 1910, 44.4 per cent was in farms of 175 to 499 acres, and 33.7 per cent in farms of 100 to 174 acres, these two being from the standpoint of aggregate acreage the most important size groups. Between 1900 and 1910 the proportion of the total acreage in farms of 175 to 499 acres increased somewhat, the proportion in farms of 100 to 174 and also that in farms of under 20 acres remained the same, while the proportion in farms of all the other size groups decreased.

In general, the percentage of farm land improved diminishes as the size of the farms increases. Owing to the fact that buildings have normally a higher value in proportion to farm acreage on small than on large farms, the average value of land and buildings is very much higher for farms of under 20 acres than for those in any other group; the average value is higher in farms of the three size groups of between 100 and 999 acres, however, than in those of the two size groups of between 20 and 99 acres.

Color and nativity of farmers: 1910.—Prior to the Thirteenth Census no attempt was made to secure information on the farm schedules concerning the nativity of farmers.

Over six-sevenths of the Illinois farmers were native whites, and nearly one-seventh foreign-born whites, only 1,425, or 0.6 per cent, being other than white, comprising 1,422 negroes, 2 Indians, and 1 Chinese. Of the native whites, 41.9 per cent were tenants, as compared with 38.2 per cent among the foreign-born whites and 43.4 per cent among the nonwhites.

Of the 33,394 foreign-born white farmers in Illinois in 1910, 17,811 were born in Germany, 4,267 in Sweden, 2,422 in England, 2,185 in Ireland, 998 in Holland, 982 in Norway, 878 in Denmark, 679 in Canada, and 626 in Switzerland. Other European countries were represented by a total of

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2,473 farmers, and non-European countries, other than Canada, by 73.

**Domestic Animals, Poultry and Bees.**  
Domestic animals on farms: 1910.—The census of 1910 was taken as of April 15, and that of 1900 as of June 1. Since a great many domestic animals are born during the six weeks between April 15 and June 1, and on the other hand a considerable number of older animals are slaughtered or die during the same period, the numbers of the different classes of animals for the two censuses are not closely comparable, and the same is true in somewhat less degree of the values. For this reason the figures for 1900 are not presented in this article, but in the general reports of the census the figures for the several states will be presented and the extent to which their comparability is affected by the change in the date of enumeration will be discussed.

Of the total number of farms enumerated, 246,333, or 97.8 per cent, report domestic animals of some kind, the number without any domestic animals being only 5,519.

Of all the farms in the state, 91.7 per cent report cattle, 90.6 per cent "dairy cows," and only 23.7 per cent "other cows." About 1 per cent of the farms reporting cattle have no dairy cows. The total number of cows increased somewhat during the decade, while the average value of dairy cows increased from \$34.02 to \$39.22. The farms reporting dairy cows show an average of nearly 5 per farm.

The census of 1900 was taken as of June 1, after all the spring calves were born, while that of 1910 was taken as of April 15, before the close of the calving season and when the calves on hand were on the average younger than at the enumeration of 1900. As a result, the calves enumerated were fewer in number and of lower average value in 1910 than in 1900, the number decreasing from 723,322 to 624,079, and the average value decreasing from \$9.95 to \$7.64.

Horses are reported by 93.5 per cent of all the farms in the state, while 33.3 per cent report colts born in 1909 and 15.4 per cent report spring colts. The average value of mature horses is reported as \$120.55.

More than one farmer out of every five reports mules. The average values of mules of the different age groups are somewhat higher than those of horses of the corresponding age groups.

Sheep and lambs are reported from 26,262 farms, or 10.4 per cent of all the farms in the state. Of these 26,262 farms, 84.5 per cent report spring lambs, the number of the latter being equal to 68.8 per cent of the number of ewes. Ewes are reported from all but 962 of the farms reporting sheep, and for the farms reporting the average is 23 ewes per farm. The farms reporting rams and wethers show an average of over 6 per farm.

Of all farms, 75.8 per cent report swine, the average number being over 24 per farm reporting. The average value of the swine reported as "hogs and pigs born before January 1, 1910," is \$12.45, while that of spring pigs is about one-seventh as much.

(To be Continued.)