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AROUND ABOUT

The La Salle county valuation was increased over \$1,000,000 by the Board of Review. Quite a bunch.

Convicts are in demand for good road building, and there will be a try out of the inmates of the southern penitentiary.

The papers are reporting that Goldstein, of Straator, has skipped out with \$14 base ball money. He couldn't get far on that in these times of high cost of living.

Lockport went dark last week. It is said that that city didn't pay up and had the lights shut off. We have heard of places going wet and dry, but not going dark before. Pay up and see the light.

The James C. O'Connor failure in Joliet and probable effect of high finance, is one of the worst reported in these parts for years. Apparently, from the Joliet papers, he has left ruin and sorrow in his trail, and his shortages are more than \$100,000. He claims to be able to pay in full but the whole thing looks badly.

Chicken thieves stole forty "fries" from the hen house of Albert Sehman last Thursday night. They left several small chickens to grow up for future raids. Sibley was bothered with chicken thieves several years ago. We advised the farmers then to use the shot gun. A couple of thieves were wounded and the stealing stopped. Bring out the old gun again and test your marksmanship if you get a chance.—Sibley Journal.

A horrifying accident was that which happened to Wm. Gardner, nineteen year old son of Jas. M. Gardner, of Nettle Creek, recently. The young man was driving in a buggy when the horse became frightened at an auto, started to run and tipped the buggy over in a ditch, throwing him against the side of the seat in such a way as to tear his side open in a terrible manner. He was taken to the hospital and chances for his recovery are slight.

While sweeping out his drug store Saturday morning W. D. Tompkins was surprised to find a rattlesnake had been dislodged from one of the back counters, at Mt. Sterling. The serpent displayed remarkable viciousness, with head and tail elevated above the rest of his coiled body. As the tail was kept in rapid motion, with the snake striking fiercely from his coil, he was classed as a prairie rattler. Mr. Tompkins executed the snake in a short time. It is thought he reached this city last Saturday in a shipment of drugs from Chicago in which prairie hay had been used in packing.

Frank Foster, a farmer living near Kankakee, has long been tired of tilling the soil, so Saturday he visited Chicago, bought the lighthouse off Randolph street and chartered a gasoline launch and went out to take possession. That night Foster returned home minus \$75 in real money, and without a deed to the property he had purchased. A stranger in a saloon told Foster he owned the lighthouse but that his wife was sick in California. He first asked \$100 for the lighthouse but finally dropped to \$75. Foster was told that every ship that went by paid the lightkeeper 50 cents. That would have been much better than farming, Foster reasoned, so he bought the thing.

Peoria Star: The venerable automobile belonging to the city editor of this paper, was destroyed by fire about two and a half miles above Al Fresco park. This is the first commendable thing this car has done in two years. The first the owner knew of the fire was when he looked behind him and discovered the rear end ablaze. A stiff wind was blowing head on and the smoke and flame were being blown out behind. When he discovered that a fire was burning within a foot of the gasoline tank over which he was sitting, he aeroplaned over the side and to the ground, landing in a heap. He was followed in record time by Zack Seibrecht, who was driving the car. The machine was insured with the Indemnity Mutual Marine Insurance Co. of New Jersey, represented by Howard Bills. All that remained

when the fire finally subsided was the front wheels.

Under the road and bridge law, recently enacted by the Illinois legislature, the commissioners of highways of the various townships are required to erect and keep in repair at the forks on the crossing places of the most important public roads, posts and guide boards with plain inscriptions thereon in letters and figures, giving directions and distances to the point to which the road leads. They are further required to prevent rank growth of vegetation in the public highway by causing the same to be cut and destroyed prior to the seeding of the same, on or before September first of each year, and to prevent thistles, burdock, cockleburrs and jimson weed from seeding, and to exterminate the same as soon as is practicable. They may, at their discretion, install water troughs for public use along the highway.

Potatoes without tops are being grown by J. C. Monney, a farmer of Oneida, Kan. Two years ago Monney had trouble in getting seed potatoes. Finally a dealer offered him some which he said, however, he considered poor, as they had few eyes. Monney bought some of them and picked out those which appeared to have the best eyes. He planted two rows. Apparently the potatoes were down to the dealer's low estimate. Very few sprouts appeared. Monney allowed the rows to run to weeds, but when he plowed the ground in the fall he was surprised to find that the share threw out big potatoes where he had expected to find only a few. Most of the potatoes appeared to have no eyes, but there were several small knobs on each tuber. Struck with this peculiarity, Monney discarded all the potatoes that had eyes and a year ago last spring planted only the eyeless tubers. Only a few sprouts appeared, but Monney kept the weeds down this time and when he dug into the ground last fall found a big crop of potatoes. He has planted of the seed again this year, after discarding the potatoes with eyes, and believes that this fall he will have a full crop of "no tops." The topless potatoes are slightly different in appearance from the regular tubers, but there is no difference in the taste. The crop averages about the same as potatoes with tops, but the big advantage in their favor is that there is no danger to them from early frosts and insect pests.

The DeKalb Review thus treats upon a phase of the woman's suffrage matter: One of the greatest arguments against woman's suffrage is the opportunity it may present for a warring of interests between the two heads of the family. As a matter of fact the man with the vote should, to do his whole duty, cast it for the interest of the entire family, and now that the women have a right of suffrage they should not make this mistake, to think only of themselves. If the women tolerate it, there will be at every election a ticket arranged for their specific use. They will be told that they must vote it or woman's suffrage will be a failure. There will be woman bosses more commanding than ever a man boss would ever dare to be. At Malta at the first election the women about town resented this plan of having a ticket picked for them in advance. They rather said, "if we want a ticket we will name it ourselves." This leads us to the great point. The husband and wife in voting should do just as they do in other life matters, work as a unit for the interests of their children and the whole family. There should be no men's ticket or no woman's ticket in Illinois. It should rather be a family ticket. The women can, by their united work, and constant voting (as long as they have the chance) help to make the family ticket of the highest possible type. In politics a community should take a high moral stand and keep it. The men have always erred by voting an extreme moral standard one year and neglecting it for two or three years until matters got so bad that they were ashamed and they would then do superlative work for one election and go to sleep for a generation. The women can help give stability if they do not make the same mistake and vote a proposition that they will not back at every election for the next twenty years.

Mankind's Foolish Strivings.
Most of us spend half our lives in fighting for things that would destroy us if we got them.—James Lane Allen.

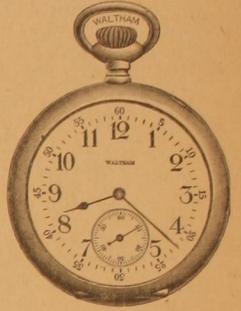
Important Motto.
Don't overlook the importance of the motto, A full day's work for a full day's pay.—Atcl'ison Globe.

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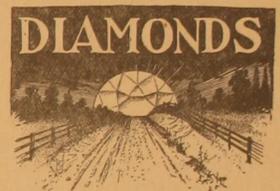
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