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Railroad Excursions.

Various Rates to Various Points on Various Roads.

Home Seekers Excursions.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway will sell round-trip excursion tickets from Chicago, Milwaukee and other points on its line to a great many points in South Dakota North Dakota and other western and Northwestern States at about one fare Take a trip west and see the wonderful corps and what an amount of good land can be purchased for a little money. Further information as to rates, routes, prices of farm lands, etc., may be obtained by addressing F. A. Miller General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Rates for Christmas and New Year Holidays.

The Illinois Central Railroad will sell tickets at one and one-third fare for round trip to points where the one-way rate is over 75 cents and not more than \$6. On sale December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 1902, good to return until January 2, 1902. Special rates and limits for students and teachers. Inquire of undersigned for particulars. S. R. SANDFORD, Agent.

Low Rates for the Christmas Holidays.

The Chicago Great Western Railway will, on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, sell excursion tickets, good to return January 2, to points within a distance of 200 miles from the selling station, at a fare and one-third for the round trip. For particulars inquire of any Great Western Agent or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

Home-seekers Excursions.

The Chicago Great Western railway will sell tickets to various points in the west, on October 16th, November 5th, 19th, and December 3rd, at one fare plus two dollars for the round trip. For information apply to any Great Western agent or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A. Chicago, Ill.

A MOST LIBERAL OFFER.

All our farm readers should take advantage of the unprecedented clubbing offer we this year make, which includes with this paper the Iowa Homestead, its special Farmers' Institute Editions and The Poultry Farmer. These three publications are the best of their class and should be in every farm home. To them we add, for local, county and general news, our own paper, the Genoa Journal, and make the price of the four one year \$1.50. Never before was so much superior reading matter offered for so small an amount of money. The three papers named, which we club with our own, are known throughout the West, and commend themselves to the reader's favorable attention upon mere mention. The Homestead is the great agricultural and live stock paper of the West; the Poultry Farmer is the most practical poultry paper for the farmer, while the special Farmers Institute Editions are the most practical publication for the promotion of good farming ever published. Take advantage of this great offer, as it will hold good for a short time only. Samples of these papers may be examined by calling at this office. The Genoa Journal.

Announcement.

Having rented the Fred Benn house on Main street, and fitted it up throughout, I wish to inform the people that I am ready to take a limited number of boarders, either by the day or week. I can give first-class rooms and board at reasonable rates. I wish also to add, for the benefit of a few that have had a good deal to say about this matter, that I expect to keep a respectable house, and have no choice as to who boards with me, so they pay my price and conform to my rules. I am not going into this because I wish to, but as the only means I can see to support my family. For a short time I can accommodate a few transients. VIOLA HARRIS.

Farm For Sale

Consisting of eighty acres. Fourth of a mile on rail road station. Has barn 24 by 58 feet. Good six room house, double corner, chicken house, windmill and plenty of water. Fifteen acres of timber, balance all under plow. Apply to D. S. & R. H. Lord, Journal Office, Genoa, Illinois.

ELD. JAMES HEWITT DEAD.

Last Saturday morning, December 7, 1901, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Elta M. Bouton, in DeKalb, occurred the death of ELDER JAMES HEWITT at the age of eighty-eight years two months and fifteen days.

Mr. Hewitt was extremely well and favorably known all through this section of country by the older population and was the parent of our townsmen, James and Asher Hewitt. The funeral services were held in the M. E. church in this place last Monday, conducted by Rev. W. H. Pierce, of DeKalb, assisted by Rev. Heeter, of this city. Interment was in the cemetery here.

James Hewitt was born in Lincolnshire, England, in the town of Burrow upon Umber, September 1813. He was the fifth and youngest child of James and Anna Hewitt. His father was a physician. His mother's maiden name was Anna Pillsworth.

He was brought up in the Church of England and at the age of ten he was converted at a Methodist prayer meeting and, although he was severely punished for going to the meeting, he went on in the work and started out a "boy evangelist" at fourteen years and six months of age. He was compelled to leave his home; the disgrace of his leaving the high church and joining the Methodists was more than Doctor Hewitt would bear; so with no blessing from his parents the young evangelist started out to work for Christ.

In a couple of years he returned and was asked to preach in his old home; he asked his father and mother to attend the service. They did so and when they had listened to the boy they had loved their hearts were melted. The father went home, locked himself in his room and remained in secret prayer until he had settled the question with his God. The mother was converted at the meeting and a brother also, who soon entered the ministry at the age of 22.

Mr. Hewitt was married to Elizabeth Regale Taylor and six children were born to them. In 1857 they sailed for America and at Albany four of their children died. They then came on to Illinois where the wife, broken hearted at the great loss of property and children, and among strangers, dropped out of her chair dead, leaving two little boys, James, seven years old and Asher, eleven months old, both of whom survive and mourn their father's death. She was buried in Kendall county.

In 1856 he was married to Susan A. Welty, near Cherry Valley, this state. Four children were born to this union, Jesse, Edward, Carrie and Etta, all of whom are dead with the single exception of the last named and at whose home in DeKalb the father breathed his last on the 7th day of December at the ripe old age of four score and eight years. For forty-eight hours before his death he never for one moment closed his tired eyes, but pleaded to "go home," and at ten o'clock on Friday evening he said to his daughter to get his hat and coat and satchel, and with a smile he added "I'm going home," but at this time he was on his journey across the shadow of death, and at the hour of four the next morning he breathed his last.

Oursler-Geithman.

Last Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geithman, the wedding of Miss Carrie N. Geithman to Albert Oursler was performed. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. E. K. D. Heeter in the presence of only a few invited friends.

Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Geithman were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Malana, Jimmy Hine and Wm. Oursler, Jr. After the ceremony a wedding supper was partaken of and then the newly married couple with their invited guests went to Woodman's hall and enjoyed the remainder of the evening at the dance.

Miss Geithman is the daughter of our townsman, B. Geithman, and wife and is prominent among a large circle of friends.

Mr. Oursler is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oursler, Sr., and has recently purchased the draying business from Chas. Geithman. The JOURNAL extends congratulations.

On Sunday a reception was given to the newly wedded couple by the groom's parents, William Oursler, Sr., and wife, at their home. Those who attended were Messrs. and Mesdames William Oursler, Jr., Charles Geithman, Fred Malana, William Oursler, Sr., Messrs. Jimmy Mansfield, W. J. Mansfield of St. Louis, Jimmy Hine, Robert Patterson, Peter White, Misses Gyla Malana and Sadie Oursler.

For Sale.

Three nearly new show cases, twelve feet long; also one roll-top desk. C. H. MORDOFF.

Found.

Lady's jacket. Owner can recover by calling at Journal office and paying for this advertisement and the trouble of drying.

The Devil Wonders

Who woke the village of Herbert from her slumbers?

SMUT NOT POISONOUS.

Cattle Die From a Fungus Growth on the Blades of Corn.

Dr. F. B. Rowen, assistant state veterinarian, has the following report to make regarding the many deaths among cattle from the supposed poisoning from eating corn smut:

"The Bureau of Animal Industry has fed large quantities of corn smut to heifers, as much as three to five pounds having been fed to each animal for sixteen days without any ill effect. Their temperatures were taken morning and evening. They appeared to be perfectly well throughout the experiment and continued in good health for several months, during which time they were under observation after the experiment closed.

"Corn-stalk disease, so called for the reason that the disease only occurs where cattle are being fed upon corn-stalks standing in the field from which the corn has been gathered, is neither infectious nor contagious.

"Cause of disease is a poisonous fungus which develops on the blades or stalks, invisible but surely present.

"Symptoms—Without warning one or more cattle may be found dead; others may be isolated from the rest, standing with their backs arched, and movement is performed with much difficulty; the animal staggers and falls, or it might be delirious, with paralysis yet absent; in a few hours the animal succumbs.

"Preventive—Remove the herd from the field. There is no medical treatment."

Not Up to the Standard.

Because they cannot spell correctly nearly 100 students are compelled by J. Scott Clark, professor of English language at Northwestern, to attend a class outside of the regular college curriculum. Nearly all these students are said to be graduates of high schools or academies, and many of them are seniors in college. Professor Clark will admit no one to the English course who has failed to pass his entrance examination. Each year about 75 per cent fail to pass. This year the class of flunkers is larger than ever. Professor Clark considers spelling a most desirable accomplishment which every high school graduate should possess.

He says something must be wrong in the method of teaching in our high schools. A word of two syllables, he says, has been spelled in five different ways in one examination.—Evanston Index.

It seems impossible that a state of affairs such as the above would indicate could exist in this day and age of advancement, when our school instructors pretend that their new ideas for teaching our young folks the "rules of ritin', spellin' and rithmetic" are intended to bring their pupils up to the mark at a much younger age than in old times.

Teachers spend many days each year in their gatherings in devising ways by which they can drop the old-fashioned way of standing on the floor, each toeing a crack, the best speller being rewarded by being permitted to go to the head of the class or going to the blackboard and demonstrating the difficult points of a problem.

We have often heard it remarked that scholars are given their graduation papers from our common schools upon their passing examinations in some higher branches who actually fall in spelling and figuring.

A Considerate Man.

I have been a farmer for forty years and I know that farmers' wives need help as well as their husbands. If a woman can milk it is not her place to do it. Gardening is not a woman's work; it may be well for her to know how, but do not let it be understood that she is to do it. Men and women were "made one" to help each other and the best of all help is love and trust. What puts life and ambition in a man like a loving kiss, a tender hand laid upon his head, or a look that shines from the heart.

If a farmer can't have a garden and look after it himself, let him cut short his acres and shorten his day's work. If a woman likes to get out and can, it is better for her, and let everything be done in harmony and love and gathered in gladness.

But there's no rainy days for the farmer's wife; tis ever the same through all her life; she's up in the morn at the break of day; tis hurry and bustle all the way. It's dinner to get and clothes to mend, dishes to wash and baby to tend. It's wash, and bake, and boil and stew, she is ever doing and never through; she continually hears the din of the kettle, "victuals and drilk, and drilk and victuals."

M. W. A. Notice.

All members of M. W. A. Camp 163 are urgently requested to be present at their next regular meeting, on Thursday evening December 12, at which time there will be business of importance that is of interest to every member.

Only Two Weeks Till CHRISTMAS. And I have been "bloomin' busy" these days getting in just the kind of goods that you want. I have always been on hand with the best on the market, but this year I find that the goods are more variable and numerous and, in consequence, I have been compelled to place at your disposal a Much Larger AND Better Stock from which you might select your Christmas goods. By buying these articles in such large quantities I have made quite a saving, provided I do not carry any of them over, and in order to dispose of every "smithereen" of them I shall give my customers the benefit of what I have saved in buying and put the prices down "to beat the band." I am right here to tell you I mean business. See? I am not in fear that any "game warden" will drop in on me, but I have a BIG ASSORTMENT of all kinds of wild and tame animals, Geese, Deer, Bear, etc. DOLLS? Well, I should say! From one cent up; big, little, old, young, white or black, blonde or any old thing. Drums, Games and Toys I have a big few. Money Banks in stock and Music Boxes by the ton. Harmonicas to blow and blow about. GLASSWARE All the Latest Novelties in these goods are on my shelves, and more will be added as soon as two pretty girls can mark them. Vases, Platters, Demijohns and Table Sets, Cut and Ground Glass in all designs, China Cups and Saucers. Books, Toilet Sets, Albums, Pocketbooks, Handkerchief Boxes, Perfumery, Face Powder, etc. E. H. LANE.





John Homrighous, a dentist, died at Mattoon from the effects of an attempt at suicide made last Thursday night.

Rev. James Hewitt is dead at DeKalb, aged 80. Mr. Hewitt entered the ministry at the age of 14 years, and was one of the early circuit riders in central Illinois.

A brilliant welcome was accorded to Captain Richard P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, by the people of Bloomington Monday.

A programme of protest against British methods in the South African war was carried out before an immense audience at the Auditorium theater at Chicago Sunday night.

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Captain Thomas N. Francis is dead at his residence in Chicago after an illness of two weeks.

Hoopston was visited by one of the most dangerous fires in its history at an early hour Sunday morning, the loss aggregating nearly \$100,000.

Pro-Boer meeting held at the Auditorium, Chicago, with Bourke Cockran as the principal speaker.

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Margaret Flemming, a Chicago patient at the northern Illinois hospital for the insane, escaped in Elgin at night and scantily clad paraded the streets of the down-town district for half an hour before she was finally captured by a police officer and turned over to the asylum authorities.

Warren H. Ellis, father of Mrs. H. D. Faxon, prominent in Chicago social circles, died of dropsy at his home in Waukegan at the age of 79.

Manager John Finley, of the Central railway company, received a telegram at Peoria from President McCall, of the Western league, offering Peoria a franchise in the league.

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"THE WOMAN DID IT."

Since the time of Adam men have been laying the blame for all the ills in the world to women.

"You'll never get me to wear a silk hat again when you are wearing that thing on your head, so you needn't ask me to," he exploded.

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