

From Ransom.

RANSOM, Sept. 10.—Rev. Wyman, of Mor-

ton, is in town.

Dave Erick has one of the finest residences

in this township. It was built by Ira Ogden,

of Streator, and is a credit to the builder.

Mr. Jas. Spink will have a public sale Sept.

17th. He has sold his farm to Jas. Steven-

son and will move to Minnesota.

Several of the Allen folks are in Chicago,

attending the State Fair and having a good

time generally.

Will. Whitmore intends to quit counter

jumping pretty soon, as he has hired to

teach in No. 8 this winter.

Miss Mary Ryan went to Morris on Mon-

day to attend school at the Holy Cross Acad-

emy.

George Whitmore and Jack Wright are

new on the way to Rock Island. They will

travel in frontier style—drive there, camp-

ing out, and living on hard tack. We dare

say by the time they reach Rock Island

there will be a scarcity of prairie chickens,

watermelons, and perhaps pretty girls along

the route they traveled, for the boys are

hustlers, and pretty ones, too.

Messrs. Barton and Hatheway were in

town last week looking after their political

interests. In Allen Barton appears to lead,

closely followed by Ferguson and Hatheway.

We hear very little said about the candidates

for any of the offices except that of sheriff.

Mrs. John McKay is sojourning at Niagara.

A telegram was received from Marcus,

Iowa, to-day, telling of the death of Mrs.

John McLintock. She moved to Marcus

from this township a few years ago, and

her many friends regret hearing of her

death. May she receive for her kind and

charitable acts a merited reward.

Will. Fisher and wife went to Chicago to

day.

Mr. and Mrs. Schoenboer are visiting in

Nebraska.

R. O. McVicker returned from Nebraska

Saturday. He is charmed with that state

and thinks some of going there to live.

Some of the Whitmore and Hayes families

took in the sights around Starvel Rock last

week.

Prof. Ward made a trial trip in his new

balloon Saturday afternoon. His perform-

ances were good. Balloon ascensions are

getting to be one of Ransom's attractions.

SCAPROA.

Vicinity Items.

Dr. Gray has sold his neat cottage home

to Eugene Miller for \$1,000.

A horse was stolen from James McGary's

farm, recently, near Earlville.

A citizen of Morris is planting water-

lilies in the ponds about that city.

The 4th Ill. Cav. will have their annual re-

union at Oswego on Friday, Sept. 24th.

The prohibition party of Will county met

last week and nominated a full county ticket.

The residence of Mrs. Belle Plumb, in

North Streator, is gradually sinking into the

earth.

Bloomington has 190 miles of sidewalk.

This year 40,000 lineal feet of brick walks

were laid.

The public schools of Earlville opened

last week with six teachers and two hun-

dred pupils.

A water works tower, 75 feet high and

containing 230 cords of stone, is to be built

at Pekin, Ill.

Mr. D. Burlingame, near Earlville, obtained

103 bushels of oats from a plot of 15

acres, this season.

Geo. Kingsbury, near Tonica, finds that

his oats, from seventeen acres, yielded over

58 bushels per acre.

The city council of Streator have ordered

six gasoline lamps to be placed in the park

for permanent use.

Mr. Warren H. Norton, of Earlville, is

constructing a fish pond of about two acres,

to be stocked with carp.

Diphtheria at Sag Bridge, near Lockport,

supposed to be insane, was arrested at Paw

Paw last week. He was wandering about

in an aimless way and could give no account

of himself.

Mr. W. F. Cook, a farmer living near Pon-

tiao, obtained forty-five bushels of clean

clover seed from a seven acre piece this

season, besides the same lot yielded two or

three tons of hay.

Farmers in the vicinity of McDowell, Liv-

ingston county, where hog cholera has been

prevalent this fall, have come to the conclu-

sion that the disease is brought about by

hogs sleeping in dusty beds.

Aurora has adopted a fire alarm system

similar to that of Chicago, and is greatly

elated over this step forward. How would

it do as an Ottawa enterprise and a stride in

keeping with onward progress?

The Aurora Beacon says a farmer was

helped on the Illinois river bridge, at Ottawa,

one night last week, and robbed of \$280.

The Beacon is twenty-two miles out of the

way; the occurrence happened at Morris.

The Streator Free Press does our "local"

"proud," in a kindly mention of his connec-

tion with the FREE TRADER. His modesty

forbids him to copy the handsome compli-

ment, and merely allows him to blessingly

bow his thanks.

The public and high schools of La Salle

opened their fall terms this season with an

attendance of only 814. The pupils in the

Ottawa public schools on the same day num-

bered 1,224, and the high school added a

large number more.

The Advocate of last week says: "Never

before in the history of Earlville, except in

time of epidemic, has there been so much

sickness as at the present time. The physi-

cians are working day and night, and new

cases are reported daily.

This is the lovely manner of brotherly

sweetness which one republican editor some-

times displays towards another: "In regard

to the Springfield convention, it may be said

that Mr. Nattinger is not the soul of honor

nor the conservator of truth."

The Pontiac Free Trader and Observer says:

"Nearly all the farmers in this section have

gone to feeding their cattle. The pastures

are literally dried up, offering no more feed

than in the winter. In addition to this

added work and expense a great many find

themselves short of water."

On Tuesday last, while the workmen were

at dinner, some one entered Kaiser's car-

riage shop at Tonica and tried to open the

A sovereign remedy for pain, Salvation

Oil—twenty-five cents. Beware of coun-

terfeits.

THE COURTS.

[Last Week's Report.]

Circuit Court.

The following new cases have been com-

menced in this court since last week's issue.

Chancery.—Lucy B. Bascom v. J. P. Byrne

et al. To foreclose mortgage.

Francis M. McIntosh v. Carrie V. Scott et

al. Foreclosure.

F. H. Poetken v. Conrad Seikamp et al.

Foreclosure.

Clara Van Orman v. S. D. Van Orman. Di-

vorce. Defendant is in the Iowa penitenti-

ary. She claims a divorce because of that

unsatisfactory fact.

George Raymond v. Thomas Keys. Injunc-

tion. Heard by Judge Blanchard on Thurs-

day and denied.

Wilhelmina Wahl v. William Wahl. Di-

vorce. She prays for an injunction to re-

strain defendant from disposing of prop-

erty. The parties live in La Salle. The in-

junction was granted and writ issued.

Jacob C. Meisenbach v. Patk. Nertney.

Foreclosure.

Law.—Michl. Morgan v. Solomon W. Egbert

et al. Assumpsit, \$1,000.

Village of North Utica v. Utica Sewer Pipe

Co. Appeal.

People v. Michael Lamb, of Kinsman.

Represented himself to be a police officer

and constable of La Salle county, but in

reality was a marshal of the former town.

In Grundy county; attempted to make an

arrest in Marseilles. Examined before

Newton Ward, Esq., and bound to grand

jury in \$300.

Probate Court.

The estate of Patrick Bradshaw declared

settled.

Estate of Burk Anderson, will proven, J.

E. Buland executor, and appraisers apptd.

John Feeney v. Cath. Dougherty, executrix

of estate of Margt. Feeney. Petition to re-

quire additional bond granted, and the

\$1,000 bond required filed and approved.

Guardianship of Gertrude and Ferdinand

Muninger, Sabra Rankin appointed guar-

dian. Bond \$1,200.

Estate of Moses S. Cochran, report of sale

of real estate approved, exceptions to be

filed by the 1st day of next term.

Estate of Joshua M. Hibbard, will admitted,

Mary J. Hibbard administratrix. Bond

\$1,000.

Estate of B. B. Blackman, administratrix give

new bond in \$9,000, approved.

Estate of Thomas J. Wade, will proven, Ann

E. Wade executrix.

Mary Cashman et al, minors; petition for

letters of guardianship to John McCormick,

also by Margaret McGuire to be appointed

guardian. Case continued to Sept. 14th.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

During the week the following have been

granted licenses to marry:

George A. Auble and Sarah E. Nattinger.

Geo. F. Spaulding and Cora M. Spaulding.

Henry Cleh and Louisa Kutler.

John H. Dennis and Eva Tillman.

Geo. S. Elkins and Mrs. Anna Price.

Alfred A. Thatcher and Mary F. Hill.

W. L. Austin and Emma Fraderick.

Frank Kluecker and Eva Bausman.

William F. Hellman and Meta Merkel.

John Doneraski and Josephine Mochay.

JESUS INTERCEDING.

DR. JOHN HALL'S NOTES ON THE

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

Lesson XII of the International Series

for Sunday, Sept. 19—Golden Text, "He

Ever Liveth to Make Intercession for

Them," John xvii, 1-26.

Never was a prayer like this offered on

earth. No wonder that the committee select-

ing the lessons could not divide this chapter.

Jesus had instructed the disciples as they

could understand him. His hour was at hand.

He set them an example by calling upon God

in trouble. He sets all of us an example by

making his prayers so scriptural. There is

not a petition in it that has not its elements

in foregoing Scripture. To show this we have

taken all the Scripture readings from the Old

Testament, and we ask study for them. We

now thus employ New and Old. The prayer

is exactly tied to the circumstances, and

while addressed to the Father, like all other

true scriptural prayer, it taught the disciples

and teaches us.

No teacher can put all the truth in it into a

lesson. We can only take the outstanding

points and set them in the light of other

Scripture and of the situation. His attitude

is not stated. It is a small matter. His look

is described, "eyes to heaven." His appeal is

his view widens. The intercessory prayer

proper begins. He prays for the disciples.

How they must have remembered this in

later days! We now come to the second sec-

tion.

II. Jesus prays for the disciples (vs. 6-20).

The description of the disciples is, "the men

thou gavest me out of the world." (See vs. 2.)

So it is with all disciples. They are God-

given and taken out of the world. He often

points this out (John x, 29). Paul explains it in

Eph. i, 4, 5. They had learned from him that

he was, all through, doing God's will, speaking

God's words, executing plans (vs. 7, 8). From

vs. 4 to v. 8 the imperfect tense is better than

the perfect. The "have" is left out. How He

taught this we saw in John xii, 49; xiv, 10. For

them He now prays (v. 9), not for the world.

They now needed his intercession. At a later

time His prayer becomes more comprehen-

sive, as on the cross (Luke xxiii, 34); now He

is thinking of those whom God had given

Him. "They are mine;" they are mine; they

are an interest common to the Father and

the Son, and they are the means of glorify-

ing the Son. They showed by following

Him how worthy they thought Him, and

would show it later, as his apostles. Can Jesus

say this of us? Paul did this (Phil. i, 29).

Titus and his associates did this (II Cor. vi,

23). (See II Thess. i, 10.)

Their position, as He had often told them,