From Dayton.

DAYTON, Nov. 11.—The piers of the new bridge are progressing slowly, one being about one-third up and the other about two-thirds. The weather has been fine for putting up stonework and it is to be regretted that the work could not be done more rapidly.

The store here has changed hands, Messrs. Channel & Ladd disposing of their stock of groceries and general merchandise to the Hewitt Bros. The boys have given the store a thorough overhauling and cleaning up and have added to their stock, and will no doubt receive a good share of the trade.

Mr. Lyle Green took in the Fat Stock Show at Chicago a couple of days this week.

Miss Hattie Weyland, who has been spending a few months with the Misses Moore, has returned to her home in Menasha, Wis. She made many friends during her visit in Dayton who expect to see her smiling face among them again.

Mrs. David Green started this week on a visit to her daughters at Clinton and Des Moines, Iowa.

A very pleasant musical entertainment was given at the school-house last evening by Prof. Thomas and his four children. Their brass music was excellent and must have required considerable patient drilling on the part of the Professor to bring them to such a high state of perfection.

They say Charles Green has grown a foot within the past two weeks. Cause, a new son and heir.

Democrats here are rejoiced over the defeat of Barton, as it will be a lesson to the party, for although they have a majority in the county yet in order to be successful the party must nominate their very best men. Ruger's democratic votes would have elected a democratic sheriff.

H. B. Williams, Esq., has traded his interest in the paper mill here to F. D. Sweetzer for the latter's interest in the agricultural store at Ottawa.

Mr. William Rich is our new station agent.

The tile works have had a good trade this fall and have disposed of all their tile.

The mill is grinding considerable wheat, buckwheat and feed. Their custom trade is increasing and they are doing a fair amount of merchant work.

The brick words are closed for the winter. OCCASIONAL.

From Marseilles.

MARSEILLES, Nov. 12th.—Mrs. L. B. Bruce who has been sick for the last four years, died last night. She has been almost a constant sufferer. She leaves her husband and two children to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place from the house on Saturday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. A. Smith puts up one of the white bronze monuments in the Millington grave yard to-day.

The Ranney & Martin Opera Company produce the "Mikado" at Washington hall, on Tuesday evening next.

The G. A. R. Post of this place will give an entertainment soon, consisting of a play, vocal and instrumental music. Miss Addie Renfrew, of Hastings, Neb., but formerly a resident here, has consented to sing a solo. Miss Renfrew is a very fine musician, and a vocalist of more than ordinary ability. We trust our music loving people will turn out to hear her and help a worthy cause.

Mrs. James McCanna returned from a visit to Sumner county, Kan. He reports everything booming.

We are informed that an old folks' concert is preparing by friends in the Congregational church.

A dance is on the boards for Thaksgiving night.

The Universalists' Fair at the rink last evening netted about $120. A large crowd were present and all seemed to enjoy themselves. Mr. C. A. Luce drew the chair.

From Rutland.

Everybody is busy picking corn that hasn't already finished. The weather has been very favorable for such work this fall, and the corn is sound and of good quality.

Now that election is over things have relapsed to there former quiteness. Of course there are a few kickers, but the majority have gracefully submitted to the inevitable. At Marseilles some one scratched the candidate's name for sheriff on one of the tickets and wrote the "Devil" instead.

Eugene Nichols will have a public sale at his place on Saturday, Nov. 13th. He expects to go west soon.

Parley Freeland has lately moved into the handsome house on the bluff opposite Cy Debolt's.

Miss Piester's school in the Spencer district closed last Friday. Quite a number were present at the closing exercises which consisted of reading, recitations, etc.

The winter term of W. H. Ourman's school commences next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Turple returned from their western trip a week ago Saturday. Mr. Turple was well pleased with the country in southern Kansas.

Where are all of the fast huskers this fall? We hear of them husking two or three acres but no hundred bushel huskers yet.

Work is progressing very rapidly on the piers for the Dayton bridge and they will soon be ready for the frame work. Dayton people are all smiles again.

From Ophir.

OPHIR, November 8, 1896.—This is pleasant weather for corn picking and all are getting on rapidly as most all average pickers can husk one and a half acres per day. The corn is good, what there is of it, but it isn't bulking out very large. It takes good corn to go 30 bushels per acre.

The Homer butchers are doing a good business.

W. E. Wylie who moved to Mendota to run a meat market has sold out and quit the business.

The brewery has been converted into a butcher shop.

The railroad company have their fifth section boss here; the company surely are a hard set of men to satisfy.

William Werner, jr., has gone to Iowa. There must be some calico out there that has taken his eye.

It is rumored that Frank Crane will be married soon to an estimable young Troy Grove lady.

David Wylie says porter as a beverage is not intoxicating. Well, Dave, as we are both democrats we will not argue the subject.

C. Krausse has no doubt the neatest general store in La Salle county. His sons take all the responsibilities on their shoulders. Both are good business men and accommodating to all and do a large business.

The first of a series of the band dances came off a week ago and it was a good one in every respect. The boys will have one every month.

L. P. Hughes' smiling face was seen in this vicinity. Come again.

Mrs. Lewis Kirstesaller last week presented her husband with a bouncing boy, the mother and child are doing well.

Saturday eve, Mrs. Frank Wilkins presented Frank with a young son. Frank feels happy as this will increase the Grand Old Party 1 in 21 years hence.

Geo. Herger, sr., who has been visiting his sister in Iowa the past three weeks returned Monday.

John Dorphner is fixing up his house in city style.

Triumph will have a new blacksmith shop at the elevator this week.

Hank Ettinger has erected a new barn.

Our genial young friend Harry Short, of Dixon, was home a few days to see his parents and to visit his best girl.

The republicans, since the returns are in, are not half as happy as they were the night they got the republican reports through the telephone. The men they did elect were elected by "cranky" democrats. Take Judge Gilbert in the town of Ophir, he was badly scratched be some because of his honest duty during a basturdy suit in Ottawa. Men who would work against a man like Gilbert are Judases in the democratic party, and if they ever run for another town office they will not get the support from the honest part of the Ophir's democracy. PEDRO.

From Waltham.

WALTHAM, Nov. 10.—The farmers are all busy husking corn and a great many of the taller ones are suffering with the backache on account of the corn being down so bad.

Dennis Burns, of Spring Valley, was the guest of the Misses Hanley last Sunday.

E. J. Curtis, our new butcher of Utica, has the neatest and best arranged shop in La Salle county.

David Muir is on the sick list.

John Gamble is one of the lucky boys who won all his bets on election. John has cigars enough to smoke during the winter.

'Squire O'Donnell, of Wallace, crossed the line and was the guest of Judge Kinnegar last Sunday.

Frank Fogarty intends going west before long, and not alone, either.

John Shannon, of Utica, was seen in Wallace last week.

Wonder what has become of our Wallace correspondent? Corn husking must be going hard with him. I'm afraid he spends too much of his time looking after the interests of the judge in his town. RANGER.

In the Methodist Church, Rev. D. J. Holmes preaches morning and evening. Subject in the evening "Yokes to Bear," a lecture to young men, who are especially invited.

Vicinity Items.

Chas. Parker, a Wenona man, reports lettuce and "spring" onions growing in his garden Nov. 10th.

Wenona is having a hitching post war similar to that in Ottawa a number of years ago.

Andrew R. Hancock, democratic candidate for treasurer of Marshall county, beaten by 15 votes, demands a recount of the ballots.

Dr. Rich, of Wenona, on Tuesday received a treasury draft for $130 in settlement of a claim 20 years old for traveling expenses on his way home from Georgia to Springfield. His claim was filed for payment two years ago.

A training school for attendants has been organized by the authorities of the Kankakee Insane Asylum. The course is designed for two years' study, and the diploma of the Asylum will be given to graduates.

A new and beautiful hotel is being erected at Cobb's Park, near Kankakee, for the accommodation of summer resorters. The owners are Emory Cobb, the I.C. and C., I. & St. L. & C. railroads. It will be called the "Riverside Hotel."

The Piano Manufacturing Company carries an insurance of $200,000 on its plant and stock.

The Will county poor farm comprises eighty acres of fine land, and there are fifty-three inmates in the institution.

Forty or fifty houses are being erected in Spring Valley by the coal company for its employes.

Henry Dimmick, of Deer Park township, has built a 30-foot steamer and launched it on the Illinois river. It will carry twelve persons.

Spring Valley polled 500 votes at the late election.

The new electric fire alarm at Sycamore will be ready for use this week.

The extension of the Elgin street railway has been commenced. Nearly all the property owners along the line have contributed toward the enterprise.

A party of school ma'ams visited the Joliet penitentiary the other day, and now they can teach the young idea how to steer clear of the fate of convicts.

Dr. E. Evans decides that it won't pay to hunt for natural gas at Streator. Now, that's curious; we had always supposed there was nothing gassy Streator did not have.

The high school building at Henry has been condemned as unsafe for school purposes, a resolution to that effect having been passed at a public meeting of citizens called to consider its condition.

Peoria work house subjects are required to make brick. There are at present sixty-five men and seven women at the work house, which is nothing more than a brick yard.

Spring Lake, near Pekin, is alive now with hunters from this state, Indiana and Ohio. It is not stated just what is the proportion of hunters to ducks.

The Joliet branch of the Aurora corset factory began work Nov. 1st with 100 machines in operation. Girls earn $4 a week the first eight weeks, after which time by hard work they can make $8.

James Rigby, for forty-eight years a resident of Peru, was found dead in his bed on Sunday last.

The latest town in this vicinity at which diphtheria has made its appearance is Odell, and considerable uneasiness has been occasioned thereby.

The village of Strawn has been prospecting for coal for some time and at last has succeeded in finding a vein of black diamonds of good quality.

The story that the Pekin road had opened a St. Louis line is not true, as part of the line has yet to be built.

Fred Wilson a barkeeper in this city made Streator a visit on Sunday, where he hired a horse and buggy. He did not return; and after a couple of days the livery man becoming alarmed sent to Ottawa where he found it; wherepon he had Wilson arrested and taken to the Streator jail where he was locked up.

Careful attention to diet is the best guard against disease. It is a fact which all should knew, that over-eating not only corrupts the blood but destroys nerve force, and induces dyspepsia, jaundice, bad breath, piles, pimples, low spirits, headache, ague, malaria, and all stomach and liver troubles. Dr. Jones' Red Clover Tonic quickly cures the above diseases. Can be taken by the most delicate. Price, fifty cents, of E. Y. Griggs.

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DR. JOHN HALL'S NOTES ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

Lesson VII of the International Series for Sunday, Nov. 14—Golden Text, "He Saith Unto Him, Feed My Lambs." John xxi, 15—Lesson Text, John xxi, 4-19

The pupils are to be reminded of the facts going before this lesson on two lines: (1) Christ's resurrection and appearance twice to the whole company of the disciples (v. xiv). It may be said: How did they fail to recognize him at once? The answer is twofold. In the resurrection "we shall be changed," though the same individuals. Jesus was the type of our resurrection. And secondly, Jesus was able to make himself known or to remain unknown, as to the disciples on the way to Emmaus, as he pleased. For his own reasons he sometimes left them to find him out by what he said and did. In a sense it is so still with disciples. Jesus is providing for, or teaching, or even chastening them, and they do not at first recognize him.

(2) The previous career and character of Peter need to be recalled. Probably the oldest of the little company, he was the most prompt and forward. He was notably a man of impulses, not waiting to raise and settle questions of principle, but acting on the "spur of the moment." This led him, as it will lead any one, into mistakes. He had professed undying attachment to Christ (Matt. xxvi, 35), and then denied him thrice. That very morning he was as truly penitent as he had been inexcusably self-confident, and no doubt he had many a time recalled his sin and shame, and desired an opportunity to confess to Christ and get his forgiveness. But he was not alone with him. How the message, "tell my disciples and Peter," must have melted his heart! These facts we must remember if we would secure a connected view of the truth set out in our present lesson. A group of disciples had been fishing all night on the lake in vain. Doubtful of what was to come and needing to secure bread, Peter had gone back to his calling.

V. 4. Morning came; they were nearing the shore. A man stood there, but the disciples did not recognize him. This was doubtless part of his plan. (See Luke xxiv, 16.) Yet his language must have roused their attention as he says, "Children," etc. Are there any Christians hard pressed for means to live? How many do suffer thus! Jesus is not unmindful of them. Many would make better way if they listened for his voice and cast the net at his bidding. "No;" they have caught nothing.

V. 6. It is said that fish can be seen in numbers in the lake at times. His words then, "Cast the net," etc., would not seem so strange to them. They did so, and their net was so filled with fish as to make it too heavy to be lifted into the boat: it was drawn ashore (v. 11.)

Specially devoted to Jesus and quick with the instinct of affection, John (v. 7) whispers to Peter—one can fancy with mingled awe and joy—"It is the Lord." Ah! here is an opportunity to show that he is no longer recreant, that the Lord is dear to him beyond expression. When he hears this he snatches his fisher's coat (he was probably in partial clothing, as men prepared for such work), and flings himself into the water. It was an impulse again, but on the good side—far better than the blow with the sword at the man's ear (John xviii, 10). He meant to welcome Jesus, to show his joy and love.

V. 8. Meantime their little boat—the one they were all in, being only about 100 yards from land (a cubit is roughly about eighteen inches), so that the voice and directions from the shore could be well heard—had neared the land. ("A little ship" is misleading; it is "*the* little ship.") They who were in the boat, failing to get the net on deck, dragged it to land. Again the care of Jesus — miraculous, undoubtedly—provides for them.

V. 9. There is a fire of coals and "fish on it" being prepared for eating, and bread. He who fed the 5,000 is the same in power and resources for the little company.

V. 10. The Master tells them to bring of the fish which they had caught. He and they are to rejoice together through all their future over the souls gathered into the gospel net, some of them directly by him, some through their agency under his direction.

V. 11. Simon Peter on the land already obeys, "went up and drew the net to land." The contents are described, and it is noted that rich as was the "take," the net bore the strain and was not broken. The number is mentioned, probably to explain the wonder of the net not breaking.

V. 12. The sympathy of Jesus with the disciples and his treatment of them as brethren are now seen. He says, "Come and break your fast" (Revision). They all had the firm conviction that it was their Master. He spake with authority, mingled no doubt with gentleness; yet none had courage to call for a direct avowal. Then he

(V. 13) comes and gives them—helps them to—bread—they had none of this—and fish likewise. Of his identity they had no doubt. This is, the evangelist says

(V. 14), "the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples." (Appearances to individuals are omitted in the count.) See the other two cases—one where Thomar was absent, the other eight days after, when he was present (last lesson). Up till now Jesus has treated them all alike in the interview. Now he deals with Peter just as we saw him deal with Thomas. He forgets nothing that is to be remembered for his people's good. He perfectly adapts the lessons to the nature of the learner. So after they had broken their fast, Jesus

(V. 15) puts a question to Peter, which must have brought up many a sad thought. But it is often for our good to have our past errors and sins recalled. "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" He had conveyed as much as this when he said, "Though all men forsake thee, yet will not I." Then he was self-confident, impulsive and self-conscious. Now he is not so. He is penitent. He remembers his folly and does not repeat it. He can truly say that he does love his Master, but he makes no comparison between himself and them. "Thou knowest that I love thee." Then the Master gives the command, "Feed my lambs." "Thou didst wander from the fold; thou hast been brought back. Remember the lesson and labor for the strayed and wandering." Read his epistles and you will see that he did not forget this direction.

V. 16. Again the Master puts the question, but dropping any reference to the objectionable element of comparison; again he gets an affirmative reply, but Peter using again a different word for "love" from Christ's. The direction is now given, "Feed my sheep." How he remembered this you may see by studying I Peter v, 2, 4. This figure Peter could well understand. He remembered the discourse of John x, in which Jesus said, "the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Perhaps our Lord spoke to the heart of Peter thus: "You are to be an under shepherd; you may after all have it laid on you to be like me and lay down your life. That may come to you in stern necessity which in a moment of impulse you volunteered." This view is rather favored by vs. 18, 19, and falls in with the idea that our Lord was not giving any special power to Peter as to the future, but teaching him in view of the guilty past.

V. 17. That the sin of Peter in denying shaped the form of this dealing with him is clear from this, "Peter was grieved * * * third time," and he made his reply emphatic and full of feeling, "Lord, thou knowest all things" (the way our Lord was teaching him now showed that); "thou knowest that I love thee." The commission is repeated, "Feed my sheep." Be a shepherd to them; warn them; love them. Peter was so. No one gives more faithful cautions against temptations.

Vs. 18, 19 are entirely in the line of the view given. They make a gentle, kindly intimation of that martyrdom which Peter volunteered prematurely, but which the Master sent later, in the right time, and one can fancy Peter saying, "After all I am glad I shall have to die for one so noble and so forgiving."

The teacher will show how fit this lesson was at this point. The apostles were to be fishers of men. But of themselves they could catch none. Under Christ's orders the net will be full, and it will not be broken. In the supper of the Lamb the joint fruit of Christ's and his fellow laborers' toils will be gathered together. To Peter the lesson was specially fit, in view of the past. Self-confidence was his snare. Christ twice uses a word for "lovest" stronger than Peter's own word. "Do you really love me as a friend, or is it only talk, as before?" So Peter appeals to our Lord's omniscience. Then the hint comes that in loving and following Christ, Peter shall have Christ's experience and really carry out all that he had volunteered, then from his own over-confidence and pride, but at last under the impulse of genuine consecration to Jesus, his Lord. The words do not give Peter special and peculiar powers for the future, but are meant to recall and save him from special temptations into which he had fallen already.—Sunday School World.

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