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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD.

A SLAVE CATCHER RAFFLED.

One evening a colored woman and her daughter arrived at the house of Mr. Wm. Stewart, in Florida, near Hennepin.

HOW NEGRO JOHN ESCAPED.

In 1849, a negro, who like all slaves, had only a given name, and that being John, scarcely distinguished him from some thousands of other Johns.

ling to molest the family, someone saw the negro mounting another horse in the rear of the barn and shouted, "there goes the nigger!"

ANOTHER NEGRO RESCUED.

While the court house was building at Hennepin, a slave who had been tracked from Kentucky, and caught by an unusually keen detective, was put in the basement over night for safe keeping.

THE ROAD FULL OF BUSINESS.

In later days public sentiment had become so wrought up against slave catchers that their lives were not safe, if caught pursuing run-aways, and the escaping fugitives came along through this region without fear of molestation or being followed.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF THE C. G. R. R.

Rev. Aaron Payne, a brother of Adam Payne, the Dunkard preacher, who met a horrible fate on the prairie north of Marseilles, during the Black Hawk war, was a Southerner by birth, and believed in slavery.

Various City Items.

Hod C. Thorne is out again and resumed work this week. Will Loucks, the photographer, has been visiting at his old home, Jamestown, N. Y.

Many of the escaping fugitives were armed by their sympathizers while on the way north. They were advised to use their weapons only when forced to do so.

A NEGRO SOLD AT HENNEPIN.

About 1835, a negro appeared at Hennepin, as others had before, and many since, but he came as a tramp. He had no visible means of support nor cash in the bank.

A LIVELY CORSE.

On one occasion, a negro, almost frightened out of his senses, came running into the house of Mr. Asa Cunningham, near the village of Henry, and begged for protection.

OCCASIONAL.

Over the County by Rail. I love to steal a while away and rummage the county over.

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Dayton Dottings. DAYTON, Ill., Feb. 7.—Another fine snow storm has commenced this morning which will make the sleighing still better.

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