

The Free Trader.

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Vicinity Items.

James Nichols, aged 12 years, was drowned at Peru last week while bathing.

The pay roll of the Ellwood barbed wire factory at De Kalb last month amounted to \$10,000.

M. Horrigan's residence at La Salle was burned on Thursday afternoon a week; loss, \$800.

Arrangements have been completed for the erection of an Opera House by the Turners of Meadota this summer.

Wednesday night, according to the Record, the old Yorkville paper mill turned out 6,300 pounds of paper in thirteen hours.

On Tuesday John Chester, aged 25 years, was drowned at La Salle while out sailing, the boat being capsized by a squall. Three others in the boat were saved.

The new St. Antonious German Catholic church, Streator, is rapidly approaching completion and its consecration is at present being viewed with a lively interest.

Judge Kinne, who has recently been nominated for governor of Iowa on the democratic ticket, was formerly a Mendota boy and studied and practiced law here.

On Wednesday morning, Frank B. Blish, book-keeper of the La Salle National bank, was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Bronson at the residence of the bride's mother in Chicago.

Streator Monitor: C. L. Hoffman, of Eagle township, reports that in his section the corn is quite promising, having a much better stand and being much less damaged by water than in the northwestern part of Livingston county.

Suit has been commenced by Judge Pillsbury in the Livingston county circuit court against the Chicago & Alton railroad company for \$50,000 damages on account of the wound he received while riding upon their cars last summer.

On Friday, June 29, The La Salle and Peru Express will make its first appearance. It will be a German paper, 8 column folio, and will be edited and managed by Mr. Carl Strack.

According to a statement just made, the C. B. & Q. R. R. own and operate 14,521 freight cars and 285 passenger coaches. If the cars were placed in a straight track they would reach over 88 miles. They are valued at nearly two million dollars. It requires 428 engines to keep them in motion.

La Salle Democrat: The La Salle county teachers' normal drill will be held this year at the high school building in this city, and will be in session about three weeks. It has not been definitely settled whether the drill will begin July 16 or July 23, but it will be one or the other of those dates.

Peru News: The Peru Business Men's Association are not altogether pleased with the manner in which the grain buyers of the city manage matters, and have directed the executive committee to investigate and devise ways and means to keep Peru on an equal footing with other towns as a grain market.

La Salle Press: For the past three or four years the miners and operators have been in the habit of annually settling mutually on the price to be paid for mining coal. This year it is stated the operators have fixed upon a scale of prices without consulting the miners, and as a reduction from last year is contemplated, a general strike is threatened.

The Streator water commission propose boring a well seven or eight hundred feet deep, to ascertain the quality and amount of water that can be secured. To this proposition there is a huge dissent, in the council and out. While the people voted for water works, they were explicit enough to denote the fact that they did not want to spend any more public money.

Aurora Beacon: In the case of O. Mason against the Town of Aurora, wherein Mason claimed for \$5,000 of Fox River R. R. bonds, Judge Harlan decided in favor of the town. This would seem to sweep away any further hope the bond holders may have of collecting, though, as the amount in this suit is over \$5,000, the parties may see fit to appeal to the Supreme Court.

La Salle Democrat: A sage of La Salle informs us that one of the troubles in raising corn is that most of the seed is planted with machines, and they always plant too deep. In favorable seasons this defect is not particularly noticeable, but in such a season as the present one it is very apparent. Agricultural matter is not our stronghold, but we give this information to our farmer friends for what it is worth.

La Salle Co-operative Coal Company, capital stock, \$50,000; has been licensed, incorporated, John P. Duncan, Jas. P. Duncan, Thos. Young, Knox Alexander and others. The new organization was formerly known as the Caledonia Coal Company and it was probably brought about or rendered necessary through the recent death of Mr. William Mitchell, who was generally understood to have had a large interest in the shaft.

The plans for the Aurora cotton mill contemplate a structure of considerable proportions, the main building 100x338 feet in size and four stories high, while the end wings will each be 50x100 feet, one designed as the picker room, and the other as engine and boiler rooms. The factory will be of capacity to employ five hundred hands. A force of men and teams are en-

gaged in clearing the grounds and getting ready to commence excavating.

The commissioners of highways of Bruce township have let a contract for building three large Joliet stone piers. Two of these piers are being built in Otter Creek on the Ottawa road and one on the town line, near Fred Benkendorf's. The three abutments or piers will require 500 perch of stone and cost about \$1,600.

When this work is completed they expect to commence grading and macadamizing the Main street road from Illinois street to Otter Creek line. The expense of this improvement will be about \$1,200.

Streator Monitor: John McDonald, who lives on Kent street, near Wauson street has a cat. There is not anything strange about anyone owning a cat, but there was something peculiar about this animal which neither pleased the owner or the neighborhood. The animal began to bark like a dog and show symptoms of hydrophobia to such an alarming extent that it became a terror to the family.

Thursday a party got after it with clubs and pitchforks and it was finally overtaken and killed by running the tines of a fork through it. We were under the impression that the canine race were the only domestic animals subject to this disease.

Streator Monitor: Another highway robbery occurred between the two bridges on south Bloomington street, last Friday night. This time the unfortunate victim was John Kemmets, an industrious young man living at No. 3 shaft. He states that he left Streator at about 8 o'clock and while on his way home was passed by two men between Main street and the bridges by whom he thinks he was robbed.

While he was between the bridges he was approached by two men in their stocking feet from the rear and struck in the back of the neck with a heavy sand-bag knocking him down. While in an unconscious state they robbed him of \$6.50 in cash, a pair of new gum boots and a watch and chain valued at \$20. This is the third highway robbery that has been committed in that locality during the past six months.

La Salle Democrat: Last Saturday, while some persons were crossing the Illinois Central railroad bridge, which reaches from bluff to bluff across the Illinois river valley at this point, and while directly over the river channel they espied blood spots. Their curiosity excited, they commenced to investigate. They found where a ball from a weapon of 44 calibre had imbedded itself in the wood work of the bridge, and they also found that the iron braces of the structure, down to the top of the pier, were marked with blood. The question naturally arises, is this a case of suicide, or is it a murder? In either event the body would fall into the water, and disappear.

The affair is a mystery. The south end of that bridge is lately getting into bad odor. But a few evenings ago it was reported that a young lady had been ravished in that locality by a gang of toughs. The story has been denied, but there are several reasons for causing one to believe the report was true.

Pains in the Back.

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From Lostant.

LOSTANT, JUNE 20, 1883

Elmer Sibley is married.

Elmer Fell came home last Saturday to spend the vacation. He has been attending school at Galzburg.

Ed. Dougan was in Ottawa last Wednesday.

Henry Hiltabrand is building a large barn for his cattle.

David Hall is erecting a large house on his farm south of Cal Morgan's.

Ed. Dougan's livery rigs are all out for the 4th of July.

The people of this place talk of celebrating the 4th by a grand picnic.

The ladies of the M. E. church contemplate having a festival some time after the 4th, said festival to be held in the school yard grove.

Mr. D. Hurd spoke to the children last Sunday afternoon and to the people in the evening in the M. E. church. Mr. H. is from Marselles.

Clara Reynolds has returned to Chicago. Mrs. Lide Adams has put out a dressmaker's sign and is prepared to do all kinds of work in the dressmaking line.

McShane boys are burning their third kiln of tile.

Part of this week was very warm, causing the corn to grow more rapidly than it has for the last week or so.

By WILKINS.

Gray hairs prevented, dandruff removed, the scalp cleansed, and the hair made to grow thick by the use of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer.

From Ransom.

June 19th, 1883.

Bricklayers are building the kiln at Hays's tile works.

A scene was enacted in town yesterday which came near ending in a hanging bee. During the forenoon Joe Hegy and Charlie Barnhart were engaged in moving the boiler from Hegy's blacksmith shop to the tile works. Barnhart made some remarks about the orders Hegy gave him when the other kicked him on the neck and knocked him senseless, in which state he remained for some time. He now lies in a critical condition. The news spread through town and it was soon too warm to be comfortable for Mr. Hegy. Had it not been for the

interference of bystanders it is probable that Mr. Bruce and Mr. Jones, two very quiet gentlemen, would have given Hegy a free pass to "a land that is hotter than this."

Officers McKay and Favorite took Hegy to Ottawa, where he may become acquainted with the interior of the Milligan Mansion, and the low-lived scoundrel may be thankful that his neck wasn't stretched before he got there. The people are not slow in expressing their opinion, and it is that none but a cold-blooded brute would be guilty of such an act.

The strawberry and ice cream festival for the benefit of the M. E. church last evening, was a complete success. Among the merry throng I noticed O. C., the genial journalist.

Porter & Co. are preparing for the harvest; they received a number of self-binders last week.

Devine & Hill have received another lot of dry goods and groceries.

O. CUTY.

Ottawa Wholesale Market.

Table with columns for various goods like Flour, Grain, and Live Stock, with prices listed.

Chicago Market.

Following are yesterday's closing cash prices on change at Chicago, as reported by H. S. Gilbert & Co.: Wheat, \$1.05; corn, 52 1/2c; oats, 36 1/2c; pork, \$17.00; lard, \$9.75.

The Great Northwest.

The great increase in travel to the northwest, has forced the "Famous Albert Lea Route" to put upon its line magnificent dining cars, in which passengers will be served meals second in quality to no first-class hotel, for the small sum of seventy-five cents each.

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Advertisement for Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil, listing cures for rheumatism, lumbago, lame back, sprains, etc.

Advertisement for Libbey Bros. & Co. featuring horses and Hereford cattle.

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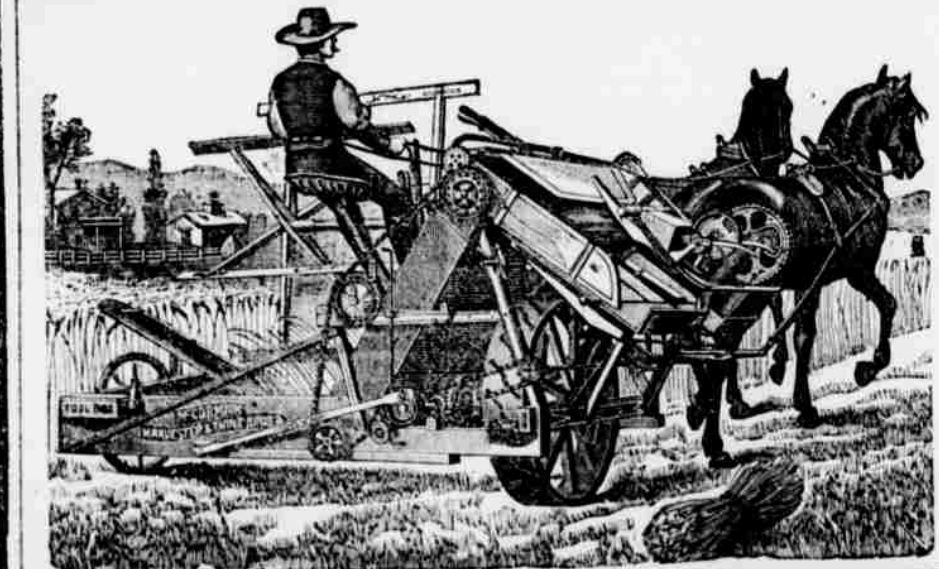
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