

## Local Happenings

—The Elgin price of butter has dropped to 29 cents.

—Dr. E. L. Shepard left for Montana again Sunday night.

—J. D. Stappenbeck has installed a handsome soda fountain.

—E. C. Hopkins is spending a few days in the Kickapoo valley.

—"The Fighting Parson" at Royal hall, Friday evening, Jan. 29.

—Who killed Cronin is another puzzle for the Janesville police to unravel.

—Miss Wilna McGiffin of Janesville was a guest of Edgerton friends on Monday.

—W. T. Pomeroy and wife were Chicago visitors a couple of days early in the week.

—Edward Haugen and wife went to Chicago Tuesday for a two weeks' visit with relatives.

—Alvin Alder has been drawn as a juror for the February term of the circuit court.

—Scott Hatch and Frank Ash attended the poultry show at Stoughton on Wednesday.

—Mrs. George Haylock and daughter Hazel spent last Thursday with Mrs. Livick of Albion.

—The Pigeonfaring is invited to meet at the home of Mrs. O. G. Hanson this (Thursday) evening.

—Mrs. Helen Johnson went to Chicago Wednesday for a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. Wilt.

—The home of August Geske and wife was gladdened by the arrival of a little girl last Thursday.

—Miss Lizzie Lund of Chicago was a visitor at the home of her parents here a few days the past week.

—Geo. E. Gary was elected a director in the Bank of Wisconsin at Madison at the recent annual meeting.

—Miss Marie Harlin of Fond du Lac was a guest of her uncle, Rev. J. E. Harlin, at St. Joseph's parsonage over Sunday.

—Don't forget to wear a red carnation on Jan. 29, "Carnation day," the birthday of the late president William McKinley.

—Miss Anna Thompson of Chesley, Ontario, Canada, and Mrs. Marie Hill of Edgerton spent a few days at Mr. George Haylock's.

—At M. E. church Sunday morning the pastor's theme will be "Death Valley"; evening, "The Man He Might Have Been."

—Weetman Dickinson was down from Readstown, where he is superintending a packing of tobacco, for an over Sunday stay with his family.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Casson of Ford River, Mich., have been visiting among relatives and old time friends in this vicinity during the week.

—Albert Hanson in Albion is now connected by telephone with Edgerton central. He can be reached by four short rings on 313 line.

—Rev. MacInnis and wife and W. H. Pomeroy and wife went to Milton to attend revival services conducted by Evangelist Caffrey Tuesday evening.

—The Kindeforening will serve lude fisk and other good things in the basement of the church Thursday, Feb. 4th. Supper served from 5 o'clock until all are served.

—Mike Collins, a former Edgerton printer, is now city editor of a daily newspaper at Billings, Montana. Dr. Shepard reports meeting him there recently.

—A telephone has been installed at the passenger depot to be used in addition to the telegraph in the dispatching of trains and the transaction of business between stations.

—Maude Humphrey has traded her residence here for the Mill property in Albion, owned by Charlie Hebel. It was an even trade, made by E. M. Ladd. Possession given March 1st.

—Another farm line circuit running along the west road to Albion is being promoted to give telephone conveniences to homes not now served. The line will doubtless be built in the early spring.

—The burning out of a chimney on the Duffy home in the 3rd ward, occupied by Miss Thomas, was the cause of sending in an alarm Monday evening at 5:30 o'clock, though it was entirely unnecessary. The trouble was soon over before the department could reach the scene, but it will cost the city \$5 for hauling the apparatus. It ought to be instilled into the minds of some people that a blazing chimney alone is not a sufficient cause for sending in a fire alarm. Naturally the department dislikes to be called out on fool errands.

—The second free lecture at the public library will be given Friday evening, Jan. 29th, at 8 o'clock. Prof. B. H. Meyer, a member of the state railroad commission, will speak on the subject, "Railroad and Utility Laws of Wisconsin." Mr. Meyer is a very ready speaker and so thoroughly informed on the subject of railroads and the regulation of rates that no one who is at all interested can afford to miss this opportunity to hear him speak. After the lecture Prof. Meyer will be glad to answer any questions which may be asked and to lead in an informal discussion of the subject.

—Michael Joyce has returned from a trip to Ireland where he has been visiting since last December.

—Mrs. Chas. Giese of Fond du Lac has been visiting her brother, Rev. J. E. Harlin, a few days this week.

—Public installation of officers of Maplewood Camp, Royal Neighbors, took place at Woodmen hall Wednesday evening, with Mrs. Eva Childs as installing officer. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

—J. M. Conway shipped his pacing horse "Dutch A.," record 2:13, to E. R. Jones, president of the Chicago Driving Club, on Friday, having sold him to that gentleman. In part payment he received a promising young filly.

—Chas. B. Gary of Stebbinsville delivered a fine bunch of April pigs to Conway this week that averaged 265 pounds. There were 26 in the lot, two of which tipped the beam as 350 and 360 pounds, all being fine enough to top the market.

—The week's program of pictures and songs at the Scenic theater has interested and amused good crowds every evening. The management is giving the best line of pictures to procure and the public appreciate this fact. Comfort and pleasure of those who attend are always carefully looked after.

—Services in Congregational church on Sunday. Sermons: Morning, "Scepticism to Faith"; evening, "Seeking the Face of God." H. E. Parr. All are given a hearty welcome to the Christian Endeavor at 6:30 Sunday evening. A bright and enjoyable evening for all. Address and discussion on "Living for to Die or for Eternity."

—Something away from the ordinary melodrama will be seen in "The Fighting Parson" at Royal hall, Friday evening, Jan. 29. The author of this extraordinary play, John A. Preston, has taken for his subject a character not very often portrayed on the stage. He has surrounded his subject with people of the slum districts of New York City, and the way that this parson, who is only a young man, handles them is something well worth seeing. Seats now on sale.

—Parents who wish to have their children take up dancing and gymnastic dancing may be interested in learning that Miss Moser of Madison is making arrangements to organize such a class in Edgerton. Miss Moser is at present conducting several classes of this kind in Madison and will come well prepared to give thorough instruction. The class will be held one afternoon of each week after school hours and will be open to children between the ages of seven and fifteen. Those interested will please communicate with Mrs. Walter Mabbett.

—The closing week of January brought us exceptional weather conditions for the time of year. The January thaw not only carried away the last visage of snow but continued mild temperature brought the frost out of the ground. At noon Saturday it was 56 above and store doors and office windows were thrown open as in summer. Some of the song birds have returned and for several days it began to look as if old Winter was loafing on his job. Since then, however, something nearer normal weather conditions have prevailed.

—Fred Beissman and wife were happily surprised last Thursday evening. It was the 15th anniversary of their marriage and friends to the number of about forty assembled at their home to celebrate the event. The affair was planned by the two choirs of the German church, of which Mr. Beissman is a member, and the company came with baskets filled with all the good things for a wedding feast and many lovely pieces of glassware as presents for the bridal couple. It was in the morning hours when the guests departed, wishing to Mr. Beissman and wife many anniversaries of the day that made them one.

—For sensation, pathos, comedy and real entertainment of a general nature, "The Fighting Parson" at Royal hall, Friday evening, Jan. 29, has much the best of the race for popularity in the melo-dramatic field. Even the sporting element can have their appetites well satisfied in the second act, during which a prize fight takes place between the Parson and Kid O'Brien, an undefeated champion of the ring. The prize for which the Parson is forced to fight is the soul of the man whom no one thought possessed a soul. The stage mounting, which W. F. Mann has given the play, is a revelation in stage craft. Mr. John A. Preston has been engaged to create the part of "The Fighting Parson." Mr. Preston will be supported by Miss Sarah Marion and a well selected cast.

**Information Wanted.**

It will be seventy years in June since Abraham Wood built the first house at Baraboo, Wis. The Sauk County Historical society would be pleased to learn something of his life. He was accidentally killed near Albion Sept. 25, 1855, by falling from a wagon. Who are some of his relatives that are living? Where is he buried? What is the address of Abigail Mills? Any information may be sent to President H. E. Cole or Secretary O. L. Stinson of the historical society at Baraboo and it will be appreciated.

**Tobacco Notes**

Julius Vetterlein and G. W. Spitzner have returned East.

The Spitzner warehouse opened Monday with a light force.

Mr. C. W. Wobbe, of Rose & Wobbe, New York leaf dealers, is in the state again this week.

L. Weil and son returned to New York Saturday evening after a week's stay in this market.

Mons Helgeson of Viroqua, representing a local firm in the Vernon county district, passed Sunday in Edgerton.

Evan Lundy of Utica took a check for \$2100 for a 15 acre crop delivered to the United Cigar Manufacturers' Co. recently.

S. C. Chambers of Milton Junction sold 150cs of '07 to a manufacturer this week at satisfactory prices. He is also putting up a packing os '08 goods.

P. H. Gorman of the leaf department and H. B. Buell connected with the New York office of the American Cigar Co., have been visiting the different branches operated by the company in the state during the week. The gentlemen with State Manager Jefferson were in Edgerton Monday.

The Janesville Leaf Tobacco Merchants' association held its annual meeting at the Grand hotel Saturday evening last when the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Samuel Grundy; Vice-president, H. S. McGiffin; Secretary, James Donahoe; Treasurer, T. E. Welch. An enjoyable banquet was served, after which resolutions were adopted defining the position of the local trade on tariff legislation, and a season of good fellowship reigned.

A number of the members of the local branch of the American Society of Equity, who have decided to hold their tobacco for higher prices, have leased warehouse No. 8 from the Stoughton Lumber association for a year, and will begin assorting there the fore part of next week. Assorting will be done on the third floor, which is now being put in readiness for the work—Stoughton Hub.

**Janesville's Pioneer Merchant Dies Suddenly.**

In the midst of a conference at the Elks' club with contractors in his employ, Joseph M. Bostwick, Janesville's most prominent mercantile and financial man, dropped dead from heart disease Sunday at 4 o'clock, January 24. Though seventy-four years of age, Mr. Bostwick was robust and active, and news of his tragic death came as a shock to many friends. During a residence of over forty years he had been actively identified with the city's growth and progress and only a short time ago he began the erection of a \$40,000 business block after having completed two other large buildings last year.

Mr. Bostwick was born in New York state in 1854. His parents moved to Janesville in 1847. At the age of 14 years he became a clerk in the store of Bailey & Dimock, general merchants in this city. Afterward he formed a partnership with M. C. Smith and still later he went into business for himself, subsequently admitting his sons into the firm.

He is survived by four sons, one of whom is with the United States navy on the Buffalo, and five daughters.

A merchant of the highest type, a lovable man to meet, a giver to charity, where it would do the most good, unbeknown to his friends, a builder and a pusher for the city's interests, free with his money for all endeavors to better the community, he stood a peer among his fellow citizens. There was nothing ostentatious about the man, he met rich and poor alike, and the pleasure of his greeting made life more worth the living. In his fifty or more years of merchandising he made a signal success, and his fame as a merchant became noted beyond the boundaries of the surrounding country. Honest in his dealings, upright and conscientious in all particulars, he leaves a heritage to his family that is worth far more than money, and which made him revered by his acquaintances.

The immediate cause of his death was apoplexy, so that crossing to the unknown shore, no suffering marred the flight.

Janesville seldom paid as great a tribute to a deceased citizen as it did Wednesday afternoon at the funeral of Mr. Bostwick. Flags on all the city public buildings were at half-mast and the streets were filled with sorrowing people who paid their last mark of respect as the hearse containing the remains of the departed passed slowly toward Oak Hill cemetery.

**Twenty-five Years Ago.**

James Sharrocks, a former resident of Albion, died at his home in Linwood, Minn.

Over 75 German emigrants have found a home in Edgerton during the past year.

Jos. Pollard of Albion delivered an 8 acre tobacco crop which brought him \$1300 at 17 cents.

The prize at the roller skating rink for the best lady skater was awarded to Miss Maggie Croft.

The country is swarming with tobacco buyers. Nathan Atwood sold his crop for 16 cents in the bundle.

At a preliminary meeting of old soldiers a committee was selected to procure a charter for a G. A. R. Post.

Rev. Thomas Walker united in marriage Samuel Strouse and Clara Learn on the 19th, and John Hutson and Ida Long on the 26th.

The Norwegian Lutheran society has started out with the determination to have a church building of their own. A lot has been purchased of W. W. Williams, a large subscription pledged and work will be started in the spring.

The fourth attack of the city authorities upon the saloon of J. W. Stroud, where, it is alleged, liquor is dispensed without a license, ended in a fine of \$35 and costs in Justice Spencer's court. An appeal as in other cases was carried to the municipal court. It is a dull day when Stroud is not served with a warrant.

Friday, Feb. 1, 1884.

**Brutal Assault on Janesville Man.**

Michael Cronin, aged about 70, and a retired citizen, was mysteriously assaulted in front of his home at 6 o'clock Thursday night by two unknown persons, and so badly injured that he died shortly after.

While eating supper with his aged wife, some one rapped at the front door. Cronin responded to the rap and when he opened the door a stranger asked to be directed to a neighbor's house. Cronin consented to accompany the fellow to the home of the neighbor. It appears that the other assailant was waiting at the gate and when Cronin got there one of the two hit him with a hatchet or hammer over the right eye.

Mrs. Cronin stepped to the door after her husband had left the house and saw the assault made upon him. She did not recognize the assailants.

The Cronin home is in the southern part of the city. There is little travel in that part of town.

The police are of the opinion that robbery was the motive of the assailants. Although not very rich, Cronin and his wife had sufficient means to live comfortably for the rest of their lives. The police believe that the robbers had planned to kill Cronin first, then bind and gag his wife and ransack the house.

Three thousand and forty dollars in gold, part of the hoard of Michael Cronin and which it is thought may have been an indirect cause of his death at the hands of an unknown man, was placed in a safety deposit vault in the First National bank by his widow. After much persuasion by Mrs. Cronin's son John of Chicago, her daughter Agnes of New York and the district attorney, John Fisher, Mrs. Cronin was induced to disclose the hiding place of the money, but was only after long arguments by her children and the fear that the authorities would search the house that induced her to reveal the hiding place.

The discovery of such a sum was a great surprise to the children as, while they knew of their father's saving habits, they did not think that he had that amount hidden in the house. The money, which was in three small tin cans, was all in gold and was hidden in the wall. A lath had been taken out and the tin cans placed within, after which the plaster had been again spread over the spot.

Mrs. Cronin was much affected at the transfer of the money from her own possession to the safety of the bank. She refused to listen to any talk of the daughter and others that the money be put on deposit and insisted she had something she wanted to put in a safety deposit box where she could get it when she wanted to.

**Obituary.**

**AUGUST F. STRICKER.**

August F. Stricker was born in Germany on Nov. 28, 1865, and with his parents came to this country in 1875, settling in Edgerton. He was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Schmeling May 14, 1886, and Monday evening, Jan. 25, 1909, death called him to the eternal home. Although ailing for several months, his confinement to the house was of short duration, and the cause of his death was acute tuberculosis, which yielded not under the treatment of different physicians.

Edgerton has always been the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stricker since their marriage and to them were born seven children, four girls and three boys. Mr. Stricker was an industrious man, a carpenter by trade, and always labored to provide a comfortable home for the family, and to assist in rearing the children to manhood and womanhood, and as a provision for them after his death he carried an insurance of \$2,000 in the Modern Woodmen of America; he was a kind husband and parent and an obliging neighbor.

To mourn their loss he leaves besides the grief-stricken widow and children, two brothers, Albert and Charles, two sisters, Mrs. C. Stanke and Mrs. Schitter of Milwaukee, and a large circle of friends in the community where his life has been passed.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Charles Spilman, were held from the home at 1:30 and from St. John's German Lutheran church at 2 o'clock on Thursday, and were largely attended. The many beautiful floral offerings at the funeral attested the esteem in which he was held by relatives and neighbors who extend to the family heartfelt sympathy in their hour of bereavement. Interment was made in Fasset cemetery.

**MAGGIE FLARITY.**

Maggie Flarity passed peacefully away on the morning of Jan. 22, 1909, after a severe illness of about a month, although in poor health for some time. She was 52 years of age and had always lived in this vicinity, making her home with her brother, W. H. Flarity, to whose children she was very much attached. She also leaves another brother, T. Flarity. For several years most of her time was spent in caring for the sick, being with the late Mrs. William Scarcliff nearly two years. Her last days were full of suffering and death came as a blessed release. She leaves many friends in the community.

**The Hillis Lecture Again Postponed.**

The lecture course committee are very sorry to announce the postponement of the Hillis lecture.

They are investigating the matter and in hopes that the Central Lyceum Bureau will be able to give a satisfactory explanation and arrange for a date somewhat later on.

The substitution of Gov. Hoch of Kansas was offered for Feb. 1st, but as the governor's reputation—good, bad or indifferent—has not reached Edgerton, the offer was promptly refused.

If something has occurred to prevent Hillis from again visiting the West, the committee will endeavor to secure some one equally as good; but it will perhaps take some weeks to arrange the matter.

Further notice will be given as soon as possible.

**To Parents.**

Parents who have children six years old and who intend to have them enter the first grade of the public school, please start them next Monday, as a beginner's class will be organized at that time. If it is inconvenient to start your child at that time, let him enter school at the beginning of the Fall term. Better organization is possible if the parents comply with this request.

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